Updates

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In the 1990s, while serving as the Director of Human Resources at The College at Brockport, State University of New York, I had annual contact with retirees to obtain any changes in their directory information (e.g. address, phone number, etc.) in preparation for the annual publishing of the Faculty/Staff Directory. One year I thought it would be nice if I had some student employees write a letter to send with the request for review of the directory information that would say something about how much the students were enjoying their experience at Brockport and to thank the retirees for their contributions in creating a great living-learning environment for them. The response to this initiative was overwhelming with many retirees sending back notes of appreciation for reconnecting them to the place where they finished their careers. We continued the practice of including an “Update” letter with the request for directory information for a couple more years and continued to get great feedback. So, when email became readily available and retirees started using it, I decided to expand the contact with retirees by creating an email address book for use in sending out periodic updates about things happening on the campus and in the greater Brockport community that I thought might be of interest to retirees, many of whom had retired in locations far removed from Brockport. The purpose included the sharing of “their news” with others on the distribution list.

Unfortunately, when I began distributing Update using email I was still busy working and so I simply created the updates in email, sent them, and then just deleted them, so I have nothing to share from the early days (around 1998-2000) of this publication, except the following:

I received the following email from emeritus Howard Kiefer just before I retired in October 2000:

Dear Bud,
Were it not for certain all too obvious reasons (age, health, time, distance, for example), Millie and I would be present from 3:00 to 5:00 on Tuesday to embrace you, tell you again how much we thank you and love you, and give you our blessing. Please give our best wishes to all present, and tell them that we join with them in honoring you, and hope all is well with them. We miss you. Please be happy, always. Howard.

I held Howard and Millie Kiefer in high esteem and appreciated their mentoring in my early years at Brockport. So, their note, and notes from others, prompted me to continue Update into my retirement years. Sadly, while I do not have the actual date, in early 2001, I had to include the following information in an Update:

Sad news:
I regret to inform you that Howard Kiefer, a long-time member of the faculty (1950-1974) who also served as chair and dean and brought an International Philosophical Year to Brockport, died on January 22nd. I remember Howard with great fondness. I remember sitting in meetings and watching his intellect at work. I remember being
amazed, from my youthful perspective, at how he had a gift to sit back, listen, and analyze as others wrangled over the issues, and then, without acting important, to make a statement that cut to the quick of the discussion and instantly brought both resolution and agreement. His loss is significant for the greater Brockport community.

Also, I have records, without details, of reporting the deaths of George Appleton, Ross Vasta, Sanford Liebschutz (husband of emerita Sarah Liebschutz), and Bertha Canuteson (wife of deceased Professor Emeritus Richard Canuteson. I regret not having saved the early Updates.

Fortunately for those who might be interested, after I really turned in my keys to the office in April 2001, I decided to start converting the emails to word documents and saving them as such.

This document is a consolidation of these updates from April 13, 2001 to the present.

[Note: This is a historical document so most links to internet sites and many other references are now obsolete.]

April 13, 2001

Greetings,

Hope you are all well and finding the signs of spring invigorating.

Just a couple of updates:

(1) We learned recently of the death of Albert Mawere Opoku, Professor Emeritus of the African & Afro-American Studies Department. Dr. Opoku served the College at Brockport from September 1, 1976 until his retirement September 1, 1986. His surviving spouse Cecelia Opoku resides at: c/o Prof J. H. Nketia ITAMT. Box 19 Legon, Ghana, West Africa

I only knew Dr. Opoku slightly but I do recall that he had a distinctively charming smile and manner about him, acted with dignity, and, if I can still characterize someone this way, he was a perfect gentleman. He died in his sleep on February 23, 2001 at the age of 86. Cherish the memories!

(2) Terry Hover, a senior member of the Brockport staff, had a mild heart attack a few weeks ago. He was lucky enough to get a warning -- he is back to work -- looking and feeling good.

(3) Sandy, my wife, who is known to many of you, brought back a surprise for me from a recent visit to the Brockport Community Library. It is Jack Crandall's autobiography. I am just getting into it, but, so far, I have found it packed full of Jack's wit, charm, and alliteration. Seeing his face on the cover instantly brought a smile to my own. I was somewhat surprised though that in the foreword Jack identified Al Brown as one of his best friends. Gee, from my experience I always thought Jack was petrified of Al Brown --- at least, as I recall it, Jack's hands only shook
in Al Brown's presence. Just kidding Al!!! Although, I must admit, there are those of us who still shake in your presence, if only from the memory of your awesome accomplishments.

Enjoy the spring!

Bud

July 30, 2001

Greetings,

Help --- I have been able to fix most of the e-mail addresses that bounced when I first created my group mailer except for the e-mail of A. Huntley Parker. If anyone knows his current e-mail address, please let me know.

Welcome --- Emeriti Don Leffler, Physics and Academic Advisement, and Tonya Satryb, Human Resources, have e-mail addresses now and they have been added to this mailing list. Also, we now have a corrected e-mail address from Bernie Petit so he will again be receiving "stuff".

Reminders ---
(1) Put me on your list of people to be notified if your e-mail address changes if you wish to continue to receive these e-mails --- likewise, let me know anytime if you wish to be removed from this emeritus mailing list. In either case, a quick e-mail to rmeade1@rochester.rr.com advising me of changes and/or your wishes will suffice.
(2) For all of you --- You have access to SUNY Brockport internal internet files, including home address directory information by using the userid: emeriti and the password: fromsundy To test this, click on Emeriti Directory (Internal) at: http://www.brockport.edu/~hr/directory.htm

Sharing ---
I am in a most enviable position as recipient of feedback from many of you. Although I do not have time to share everything I receive, I may from time to time (as now) update the group regarding some of the activities of its members. SOOOOO --- if you provide information to me about your activities, please make sure you tell me if its "for my eyes only".

John Stoller, College Relations --- John has advised me that both the Stollers and Kleimans are signed up for Jim Horn's Costa Rica trip in February.

Chuck Lang, Career Services --- Chuck has advised me that he really enjoys reading the news of people he once knew. He can't believe it's been 20 years, but he still remembers some of the names and they bring back memories.

Bob Blake, Education and Human Development --- In June Bob had an appointment as visiting professor at Towson University in Baltimore, MD. Taught the course: "Reading and Responding to Literature, K-8." Then he was off to Dublin, Ireland, where he and his daughter (Dr. Brett
Elizabeth Blake, Associate Professor at Saint John's University, NY) gave a paper at the 12th annual European Conference on Reading on "Literature as a Powerful Way of Knowing." Then they both presented a workshop on "Using Classroom Reader Response Strategies for Learners to Reflect upon Their Language and Literacy" for the United Kingdom Reading Association's 37th International Conference at Canterbury, Kent, UK. Now Bob is back to work on his book for ABC-CLIO, Literacy: A Reference Handbook. (Doesn't sound like it leaves much time for sailing!)

Neil Pfouts, Registration and Records ---
Neil and Nena fulfilled one of Neil's lifetime dreams in May -- a train trip across the U.S. -from Chicago to San Francisco, Seattle, Vancouver, and back across Canada to Toronto and thus to Rochester. He highly recommends it and would do it all over again. Then in June the Pfouts spent a thrilling 2 1/2 weeks in Europe - England, Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, and France. There were 48 in their tour group - a great group of people from all over the states, New Zealand, and Australia. The highlight point for Neil was their visit and stay in Switzerland. The beautiful Alps, the Alpine farms, the cog-wheel train ride up Mt. Pilatus - 7000 ft. incline and down on the other side in the gondolas. Neil admits to falling in love with Switzerland.

Alice Brand, English ---
In Chicagoland, Alice and Ira are enjoying the city and have recently hosted their daughter's in-laws from Bombay who are first time visitors to the U.S. They are all enjoying time with new baby Mariam! Congratulations to the proud grandparents.

Johanna H. Kraus, Theatre ---
Ted and Johanna were recently involved in an international incident --- the wedding of their Korean son to his Panamanian fiancé --- an international gathering. [Congratulations!]

War Story ---
Phil Hewitt, Earth Sciences, called with a report on how the total incompetence of his squadron (15th air force) saved the life of Stefan Pribil during World War II. Phil learned of his award worthy ineptitude at a social gathering, also attended by Stefan, at which Phil was telling war stories. The mission for Phil's squadron was to bomb an old bridge in a village that had never, before (or since), been a bombing target --- in fact, since there was a new bridge capable of carrying tanks, etc., Phil's squadron could not understand why the old bridge was the target. Likewise, the village officials did not see the old bridge as a potential target, so, villagers were advised to hide under the old bridge in the unlikely event of a bombing. Thusly, Stefan Pribil was hiding under the bridge when Phil Hewitt and his whole squadron failed in their attempts to hit the bridge - not a single bomb hit on target - and, thankfully, both Phil and Stefan could later enjoy the "success" of the mission. (Phil will be sending me a write-up later after which I'll correct any errors in this sharing).

Sad News ---
We were saddened to read that Wilma Boddie-Beaman, former EOP Counselor and UUP Vice President for Professional Employees, died July 26th. Wilma was very active in the Rochester
community after leaving Brockport.

Announcement ---
The Department of Art is sponsoring "Bill Stewart --- Recent Ceramic Sculptures" in the Tower Fine Arts Gallery (August 24 - September 23).

First will be the 'Patrons' Preview and President's Reception with lecture by Bill Stewart (5:30 - 7:30 pm on August 24. This event is $100 per person with all proceeds to go to the William Stewart Award in Visual Arts (scholarship fund). Call (888) 318-9709 for more information.

The Patrons' Preview and President's Reception fund raiser will be followed by the Public Opening (7:30 - 9:30 pm on August 24). Also on display will be "The Bill Stewart Selects: Alumni Invitational featuring the work of Bill's former students --- in the Arts Students Association Rainbow Gallery."

The Alumni Closing Reception will be held from 4 - 6 pm on September 22 during Homecoming Weekend.

Attachment --- Attached is a copy of button given out at the Whited Complex ground breaking ceremony.

We send our best wishes to all of you ---------!

Bud

October 16, 2001

Greetings,

Just a quick couple of messages ---

With sadness I must report that Rodney L. Parshall Jr., Assistant Professor Emeritus, English Department, departed this life on Tuesday, October 16, 2001. He is survived by his wife Jean and three children, among others. Rodney served the College from 1966 to 1995. My memories of him are that he was passionate about the things he believed in, and mostly sensitive to the views of others. I knew him best from bumping into him at various eateries in and around Brockport where we occasionally had a drink together and engaged in discourse about the health of the SUNY College at Brockport --- one of his passions that reflected his love of the College and its students. He has been in poor health recently and his last days were difficult. Jean is doing well.

Arrangements include:
Calling Hours: 2-4 and 7-9, today at Fowler Funeral Home, 340 West Avenue, Brockport.
Celebration of Life: 11:00 tomorrow (Saturday). Fowler Funeral Home
Memorials to American Heart Association, Kidney Foundation, or American Diabetes
Association.
Condolesences: Jean Parshall, 171 Thackery Road, Rochester, NY 14610

Brockport Statements: (Shared by Marianne Virgilio)

If anyone is not receiving Statements they can contact Eileen Sorochty at esorocht@brockport.edu or 395-2380 to update address, etc. Eileen is the member of our staff who prepares the mailing to our emeriti and will cheerfully help.

Brockport in the news!

The Rochester Democratic & Chronicle has been running feature sections on the towns in the greater Rochester area over the last few months. Today was Brockport's turn. It is a full 12-page section entitled Focus on the Village of Brockport and includes a lot of mostly very positive information about the College --- I do hope someday to see an article about Brockport that makes no reference to "party school". If we were ever really any different from other schools in that regard, we changed back about 1974 as I recall. Moreover, the most significant change is probably more related to how the media treats us than who we are or were. In any event, the section describes Brockport as a great place to live, and the College as a great place to learn. One article that might interest all of you is headed by "'Papa' proud of Golden Eagles" that features emeritus Bob Boozer, the first football coach (1947 - 1959) and the team's most loyal fan, as well as the current team and its coach Rocco Solomone. A quote from the article that answers a question I have had over the years is: "The school mascot --- a Golden Eagle, naturally -- is named 'Ellsworth,' which is [Bob] Boozer's middle name".

I tried to find a D&C internet link to the "Focus on Brockport" section to send to you but couldn't. That does not mean it’s not out there. If anyone finds one, let me know and I'll share it with the list.

Gotta run! --- Peace,

Bud

November 2, 2001

Hi,

We all have heard the cliché that timing is everything .... sometimes it creates difficulty. I must admit that I have struggled today with how to present the good news and the bad news that follows. On the one hand, I want to share the celebration of a birthday of a significant person in the lives of many of us who celebrates a significant birthday today. On the other, I need to share with you the end of life for another person who made significant contributions to Brockport and to the larger higher education community. It’s a struggle, but, I hope I can do justice to both.
First, we celebrate a significant birthday today for former president Albert W. Brown. Al had the good fortune of serving Brockport during a period of rapid growth and some reasonable budgets. (John Van de Wetering and Paul Yu -- because of recent developments, have not fared as well). However, I am convinced that Al Brown's vision during his years of leadership paved the way for what Brockport is today. Many of the people he hired, including me, have joined this emeriti group mailing list, or about to do so. With a few possible exceptions (no one is perfect), Al Brown brought some very significant people to Brockport to help him achieve his vision for Brockport during his tenure as President. One of those people is the person we will mourn in a minute. But, before we do so, let's wish Al Brown a very happy birthday brown1997@madbbs.com and give him our thanks for his leadership at Brockport and for giving many of us the opportunity to be part of the Brockport experience.

Happy Birthday President Emeritus Brown!

Now for both the mourning for and celebration of the life of a person who became a significant part of the greater Brockport community during Al Brown's tenure as President.

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With sadness, but also with a sense of celebration of the great life of a wonderful person, I have to report that John Atherton, Professor Emeritus, English Department, departed this life on Wednesday. John Atherton's passing is a particularly significant one for me. Like many others, the Athertons (John and Virginia) came to Brockport during the growth years. They made significant contributions and brought a certain grace and dignity to the campus community that was special. I cherish the memories of the social gatherings of the time -- the Brockport Symphony Orchestra concerts under the direction of the late Ascher Temkin and the parties that often followed the concerts. The Athertons were great supporters of the symphony and made many other significant contributions to the greater Brockport community as well. Those who knew John and Virginia in Brockport have missed them since John retired and they moved back to California. I am sure that John will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with John's family now of loss, but we also join them in the celebration of a life well lived!

Mrs. Virginia Atherton
703 Wellesley Drive
Claremont, California 91711

The following announcement shared by Kendra Gemmett appeared in the Los Angeles Times on November 1st.

CLAREMONT -- John W. Atherton, founding president of Pitzer College, writer and teacher of English literature, died Wednesday. He was 85.

The cause of death was not released by his family.

Atherton was a poet and short story author whose work was published in the pages of the Saturday Review and the New Yorker. He also wrote scholarly books. His most recent, published last year, was "Imperial Steel." It's a history of a steel ship company and its importance
to the U.S. economy between the world wars. Atherton led Pitzer College, the newest of the undergraduate Claremont Colleges, in its first seven years. At the time, it was an experiment in college education that mixes community involvement and social work with academics.

He left the presidency to return to teaching in 1970 but continued to play a part in the development of the college he helped found as a member of the board of trustees until his death.

"He was the founding president of Pitzer and without him there would be no Pitzer College," said Pitzer President Marilyn Chapin Massey. "He was a brave human being to start a college in 1963."

Atherton was born in Minneapolis. He graduated magna cum laude and Phi Betta Kappa from Amherst College in 1939.

In 1941, he married the former Virginia Richards.

He earned master's and doctoral degrees in English and American literature from the University of Chicago.

Literature and reading were what formed his life, his family said. The Atherton household has always been filled with books. His children remembered him as an intellectual and voracious reader.

Atherton was a gunnery and torpedo officer in World War II and studied Russian with the Navy in Boulder, Colo., in 1945.

He joined the faculty of Claremont Men's College in 1949. He became a professor of English and was the dean of faculty from 1961 to 1963 at the college that would become Claremont Kenna College.

While he was Pitzer's president, the school grew its faculty from 13 to 50 teachers and the student body from 150 to 650. He helped oversee the building and completion of the Pitzer College campus.

When he left Pitzer in 1970 he chaired the English department at the State University of New York, Brockport, returning to teaching "where my basic interests have always been."

He retired from SUNY Brockport in 1985 and returned to Claremont. He could be seen every day walking from his home to the library, where he continued to write and do research.

Atherton remained closely connected to Pitzer, Massey said, never missing a meeting of the trustees and coming to her defense as a fellow college president.

"He stayed tuned to the pulse of the college," she said. "And he has known every single class at Pitzer."
In addition to his wife, Atherton is survived by a daughter, Carolyn of Oakland; and two sons, John Jr. of Nantucket, Mass., and Thomas of Joshua Tree.

A memorial service is not yet scheduled at Pitzer College.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the John W. Atherton Scholarship Fund at Pitzer College, 1050 N. Mills Ave. Claremont 91711

November 25, 2001

Greetings,

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving. As usual there is good news and bad news to report.

A weekend ago Anthony (Tony) Piccione, Professor Emeritus, English Department, died. Tony was one of the first people I met at Brockport following my transfer from Student Financial Aid to Personnel in June 1970. He visited me to talk about his benefits and his appointment before I had a real office in Hartwell and I was holed up in the Personnel Office's file room. If I recall correctly, there wasn't even a place for Tony to sit down while we talked. Tony filled one of the 140 + brand new positions at Brockport that year. As I recall we had 80 brand new, mostly faculty, positions in the regular budget that year. Then, 60 additional new positions were added that year after Brockport agreed to participate in the full opportunity program. Tony was one of the 90% of the faculty who once hired don't burden the Personnel Office again until they retire. Consequently, I had little contact with Tony after our meeting in 1970 until he retired in 1995.

From a work perspective that was good. However, from a personal perspective, it did deprive me of getting to know him better beyond his writings. Although I am sure you will all join me in mourning our loss, we can be thankful that we are still able to connect to Tony's thoughts and feelings through his writings. Unfortunately, I have been traveling the last couple of weeks so the only additional information I can share is his directory information:

Dr. Anthony Piccione (deceased)
Professor Emeritus
PO Box 295
Prattsburgh, NY 14873
(607) 522-3289

The great news is from Director of Administrative Computing Emeritus John Zwierzynski. I'll let the words he sent to me a couple of weeks ago tell the story:

Hello Friends!

The doctor walked into his office Wednesday, looked at Cathleen and said" In September I was giving you 6 weeks. After the tests this week I can tell you that your cancer is disappearing-you are going to lick it."
We still have more Chemo to go through, and some possible surgery after that but it looks like a miracle to us. The doctor said Cathleen was one in a hundred. We still can't seem to accept the good news. It seems too good to be true. We want to thank you all for your prayers and good wishes. I am sure they all helped.

Peace, John and Cathleen"

John and Cathleen, this is really great information to receive during this thanksgiving season. We are very happy for you and will continue to keep you both in our thoughts and prayers as you continue down this winning path.

Professor of Biological Sciences Emeritus Del Smith has provided an anecdotal update to my previous note about Lennon Hall. I am presuming he has no problem with my sharing it:

"This is in reply to your comments about Lennon Hall. Lennon was opened in September 1964. I know, because that's when I arrived, so I claim to be part of the original equipment of the building. I believe that I gave the first lecture in Lennon, since, as the newest member of the department, I was given the 8:00 AM class. I recommend that you do visit the "new" Lennon - it's great!"
[Del Smith]

Emeritus Numbers:

Someone asked me today about how many emeriti receive these emails. I gave too high a number for an answer. There are currently 306 emeriti in the emeriti data base and this mailing lists includes 140 of them.

In closing, I am pleased to attach a couple of edited photographs I took of Professor William Stewart's sculptures that are in Fenton Hall at SUNY Fredonia in case you never get to see them for yourselves. I suspect that I have left a background pixel or two in the photos that I should have removed and probably deleted a pixel or two that should have been left in. So, I apologize to the artist if my editing has taken away from the artistic integrity of these pieces.

Bud

January 10, 2002

Greetings,

Happy New Year!
Fortunately, there has not been a lot of the type of news that usually prompts me to update you. However, there are a few items I thought I should share while they are somewhat current. I am particularly pleased to report that as I look out my window today I see nothing but green grass in the yard. I know that some of you, the Delmont Smiths and Joseph Kandors among them, headed south to avoid winter ---- eat your hearts out! I am especially happy about the weather
this year because I have been doing some fill-in work, first at Fredonia, more recently at Buffalo State, and have only had one day of challenging driving (Buffalo State was closed during the big storm). Here are the items I would like to share.

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Emeriti Directory:

The web based emeriti directory has not been available until recently while the college was doing some redesign of its web page. I am happy to report that the secure look-up version of the emeriti directory is now available again. To access it you will need to use your college USERID and PASSWORD. If you do not currently have such access, you can use the generic forms USERID = emeriti PASSWORD = fromsuny. It is important to enter these in lower case when you sign on. The direct link to this directory is: https://www.brockport.edu/internal/edir/

If you want to do more than just look up on individual, we have also made the full emeriti directory available to you as a word document at: http://www.brockport.edu/~hr/emeriti.doc

The links to the on-line Faculty/Staff Directory have also been changed. The secure version with home address information (will require that you use the same userid and password) is not yet available. However, the public version (campus information only) is available at: http://www.brockport.edu/publications/phone/fsdir.html

Let me or the Human Resources Department at the College know if your information in either of these files is incomplete or needs corrections. Also, if you are in touch with other emeriti who become new users of email, advise them to contact me at: rmeade1@rochester.rr.com if they would like to be added to this list.

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News from Gordon and Rosemary Gibson (from I presume snowy North Carolina -- we still don't have any):

" December 18, 2001

We are busy as ever. I’m (Rosemary) gainfully employed teaching GED at our local prison. You might say that I have a captive audience. (I know—hiss, boo.) I have anywhere from 8 to 14 students at a time. It all depends on the population numbers. I teach Math, Social Studies, Literature & Arts, Writing and Science. I’m having to resurrect everything that I learned in high school and college. Some days it is a challenge. The inmates are adult men who act like sixth graders.

I’m also working on a second masters. This time in accounting. I must take 8 courses so I can qualify to teach accounting on the community college level here in North Carolina. There were 33 openings in the system this past September and about 5 qualified people to take them. This must be the only state to require masters with 18 hours in accounting to teach accounting on the community college level. Until the CPA Board required sitting candidates to have a Masters there were no graduate courses taught except as they fit into the MBA."
As if that isn’t enough to keep me busy, I’m president of the Kitty Hawk Chapter of the 99s, Treasurer of the Fly-in Bears (out of office end of January), on the Board of the Coastal Women’s Forum as past president, and I do the scheduling of the servers for church for each service. I make one master schedule every 2 months

Gordon is busy with his Chorale, church choir, and private piano students. The Chorale has given 2 concerts so far. The first was for the community Thanksgiving Service. The second was for the Spirit of Christmas which is held in Oriental the second weekend of December. They gave 3 performances this year and had full houses each time. They perform in the local Methodist church where Gordon is the organist/choir director. He is out of the house every Monday and Wednesday evenings.

In January, we bought Gordon (sight unseen from California through a dealer in Atlanta whom we had met) a seven-foot Kawai grand piano. It was delivered in February. He is very happy with it. Right now, he is working on some Rachmaninoff pieces. He is trying to get some perfect recordings so he can make a CD. There’s a man in the area who has the correct type of recording equipment to take a cassette recording and make it into a CD. He can also “cut and paste” if necessary.

We’re also trying to get the Tri-pacer back in the air. Before September 11, I had some lessons. Then we had to do the annual. Now we’re ready to get back into the air except for a radio problem. Thursday I’m supposed to fly with my instructor over to Smithfield where the repair shop is to see if we can find out what is wrong.

There’s always something to do.

Rosemary & Gordon"

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Passings:

Two retirees from the College's facilities department who may be known to some of you died recently.

Joseph Christopher worked on the grounds crew. I believe he was a first-generation immigrant from Italy and I know that he had a special talent for gardening. He could talk plants into growing even where they shouldn't have been planted in the first place. He was a big and gentle man of few words and was fortunate enough to have had a long life following retirement. One of his daughters, Nina Christopher, works in the Facilities Office at the College and another Carmela Coccitto, is a retiree from the Housekeeping Department.

We recently learned that Kate Smith, a retiree from Housekeeping, died within the last few months. Kate was a very faithful and efficient employee who, because of her work ethic and personality, was chosen to assist in the care of the home of the president (I believe for two presidents) during her career at Brockport.
We mourn the passing of these retirees while cherishing the great memories that their names invoke.

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John and Cathleen Zwierzynski:

The good news is that Cathleen could return to playing tennis during the holidays. However, she did have some difficulty around Thanksgiving because of treatment and catching a "bug". John and Cathleen continue to appreciate our thoughts and prayers.

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World Traveler:

Although I don't want to turn this list into another form of web advertising, I will on occasion plug the activities of Brockport's retirees unless you all advise me to stop. In this regard, let me simply share the link to Associate Professor of History emeritus Jim Horn's website where he announces his trips. If you choose to, you will find it at: http://www.educationaltravel.com.mx/

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New Additions to the List:

W. Raymond Duncan ("Global" to some of us) has been added to the list. Ray will be retiring as one of the last participants in the retirement bridge program designed by Bob McLean several years ago. We welcome him to the group. Other announced retirees who will be joining us in the next few months include Edward Kumar, Vice President for Administrative Services; Marion Schrank, Vice President for Student Affairs; and Roger Weir, "wordsmith" and Associate Vice President for Student Affairs.

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Henry Bretton's War Stories

As most of you probably already know, Henry Bretton's war stories were included in a recent issue of Brockport Statements. I have heard that many of you might have similar stories to tell. I know at least that Ted Starr and Phil Hewitt have some material. Rumor has it that Stephen Dellaquila also had a special war experience. This is the last time I will make this pitch, but, if you have stories to tell, they do make interesting reading.

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Brockport Statements

If you are not receiving Brockport Statements and would like to, contact Eileen Sorochty at (585) 395-2380 or email your request including name and mailing address to her at: mailto:esorocht@brockport.edu

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REMINDER: As of January 1st, the area code for Brockport and the Rochester area was changed from (716) to (585). There is a grace period through February during which either area will work, but, I believe that after March 1st you will have to use the (585) area code for all calls to the area.

Peace, health, and happiness to you all!

Bud

January 13, 2002

Greetings,

.............more

It seems like whenever I send "stuff" out, more "stuff" comes to my attention. So, I am sharing just a few more bits of news/information.

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Henry L. Bretton

Statements, etc. places Henry in the History Department in its printing of Henry's war stories. Dr. Bretton served in the Political Science Department, now known as Political Science & International Studies. Of course, all of us on this list are now assigned to "history."

Also, Dr. Bretton has granted me permission to share the great photograph of him taken by Frau Gruber, the woman who prevented him from becoming one of the last casualties of WWII. You will find it attached.

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Jeanette D'Agostino Banker

Sharing without permission --- We regret that illness has interrupted the busy lives of the Bankers. Edward was recently hospitalized for a couple of weeks. He is now home and on the mend. We know that he is in good, loving care at home and wish him a speedy recovery. We also wish for better times for the Bankers in 2002.

"The Bankers"
20 Hillcrest Parkway
Brockport, NY 14420

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Sondra Fraleigh

We just learned that Sondra Fraleigh, Dance Department, retired at the end of the fall 2001 semester. She now joins this distinguished "history" department. Welcome Sondra.
Terry Hover

Terry Hover, who probably will be joining the ranks of the emeriti before the beginning of the next academic year, had some repair work done on Friday. He is doing well after having four stints inserted into his arteries and he should be back to normal within a few days.

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Brockport Basketball

Brockport's basketball teams are doing very well so far, this season. The women are somewhat in a re-building year. Yet, they seem to be getting stronger with each game and are now 3-1 SUNYAC and 7-4 overall. The men are undefeated at 6-0 SUNYAC and 12-0 overall. The Chase Tournament begins next week and it is hoped that Brockport and the University of Rochester will get to the final game. They are both top ranked teams in Division III and it would be an exciting game -- best, of course with Brockport the winner! The men's team is very exciting to watch this year because of their depth. The coach, Nelson Whitmore, often substitutes 5 players at a time and you don't notice any difference in the quality of play. It certainly wears down the opponents.

January 27, 2002

Greetings,

With sadness, I report the death of Alfred J. Gianfagna, Assistant Professor Emeritus, Biological Sciences, who died on January 25, 2002. Al served the College from 1963 to 1983. He was a kind and gentle man who cared deeply for his family, church, friends, students, and associates.

Unfortunately, his time on the faculty was cut short as a result of the staff reductions necessitated by budgetary problems at the College in 1983. Following his earlier than anticipated retirement, Al continued to be a resource to friends and neighbors by sharing his expertise with those who sought his assistance in maintaining their lawns, trees, and shrubs. I was always amazed at the amount of produce he harvested from a tiny garden plot in his yard.

I first met Al after placing a purchase offer on a house across the street from him. During a very fast spring melt off accompanied by heavy rains, I received a call from Al in which he identified himself, advised me that he had heard that I had purchased the house across the street, and told me that if I intended to move into it at its current address, I should come out and hook an anchor to it. To my relief, the house was still in the neighborhood when I arrived to check on it. Thanks to Al's alert, we did regrade the lot shortly after moving into the neighborhood to avoid the problem in the future.

Family, friends, and associates will sorely miss Al and his caring spirit.
Carpe diem,

Bud

March 9, 2002

Greetings,

The Brockport men's basketball team had a bad shooting night last night --- especially at the foul line --- yet they managed to perform a come from behind miracle in the last 3 minutes of the game to beat Amherst 69-64 in the Division III sectional semifinal hosted by Brockport. The University of Rochester won against Babson in the first game so the stage is set for the long-awaited showdown between Brockport and the University of Rochester at 7:00 p.m. tonight. The winner will advance to the Division III final four next week in Salem, Virginia.

Following is message from several of Brockport's emeriti:

"About one year ago, several emeriti got together to discuss the possibility of a campaign to benefit the College that would involve emeriti as a group.

We've met several times, and at this point in the talking stage, we feel we need more information from other emeriti about a project or projects that might interest the group.

Later this month, you will be receiving a short questionnaire from the College. It won't take a lot of time to complete, but it will give us valuable information that we can use to see if an emeriti project is feasible.

All the information will be held strictly confidential. The questionnaires will be returned to the Office of Institutional Advancement to tabulate the results. Once that has been completed, we will be able to consider what the appropriate next steps might be.

Will you help us by taking a few minutes to complete the questionnaire and return it? If you have questions, please feel free to contact one of us by email, mail or phone. Meanwhile, thank you for your participation.

Bill Andrews, Peg Browne, Tom and Mary Markusen, George Rentsch, Bill Rock, Fran Moroney Whited

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Peg Browne
Emeritus Larry Hjelle of North Carolina has quite an interesting physical adventure planned for the summer. Larry will be biking across America leaving from San Francisco June 8 (after putting toes in the Pacific) and going through the mid-America states, then through Ohio, Erie Pennsylvania, and Canandaigua, New York. The trip ends in Portsmouth, New Hampshire where they put their toes in the Atlantic. It takes 52 days (five days of rest interspersed) and is sponsored by America by Bicycle. About 50 people go on it at one time. Larry is currently busy training. Larry, we hope you have a safe and fun trip!

Sadly, I must report that Matilda (Maddie) Gould, widow of the late Henry Gould, Professor Emeritus, Biological Studies, died quite some time ago. Her daughter Muriel called to notify the college after receiving an endowment report that was sent to Maddie. I only met Maddie once, many years ago at the home of the late Charles Thomas. I remember that she and Henry had enjoyed international travel and that she had given a lot of support to the community and to Henry. I am sure that Maddie will continue to be missed by family and friends.

Following are excerpts from a February article in the BC Catholic journal. It is about the role of one person connected to Brockport to the aftermath of 9/11.

"Shortly after four hijacked planes ushered in a new era of terrorism when they crashed into the World Trade Center towers, the U.S. Pentagon, and a farmer's field in Pennsylvania, trauma
expert Father Matthew Kawiak received a call from Atlanta-based Crisis Management International at his home in Rochester, New York.

He was told that his counseling skills and that of other licensed therapists were required.

Twelve hours later, he found himself at John F. Kennedy Airport, working with some of the 1,800 employees of JetBlue Airlines, a passenger carrier based at JFK that flies to 17 cities in the Eastern U.S.

Father Kawiak has 30 years counseling experience and holds a doctorate in psychology, specializing in addictions. He juggles that commitment with chaplaincies at two of Rochester's trauma hospitals and a ministry at nearby Brockport College."

Mike Andriatch and Susan Parrino would like to start, with the June issue of Kaleidoscope, a short section, like the class notes in "Newsmakers," about what new and exciting events are captivating the emeriti. "George Jones, emeritus professor, biological sciences, spent four weeks in the Mediterranean in January studying xyz. For a copy of his paper on this subject, drop him an e-mail at gionesbio@abcnet.net" ... or something like that. They have asked me if I would be interested in helping with this project. So far, I have responded that I would at least help get it started if there is any interest in it among emeriti. Sooooooo.... if you have any thoughts on the subject, please share them with me at: rmeade1@rochester.rr.com. If you have information to share for the June issue, let me know and I'll pass it on. Of course, we will also have to make sure we include emeriti for whom we do not have email addresses. We will have to reach them by others means. In my next mailing, I will try to include a list of all emeriti who have email addresses so that you can review it and send me any email addresses you may know of that I/we do not have.

That's all for now! --- Peace, Health, and Happiness to all

Bud

March 10, 2002

Greetings,

FYI Brockport lost to the University of Rochester last night. We had an off-night shooting. We were especially beaten at the foul line ---it seemed that we could not make one and Rochester could not miss. We were outplayed by the UofR last night for whatever reason so they deserved the win. It’s still hard to let go of the possibility of going to the final four after such a great season because, of course, there is a lot of luck as well as skill that allows you to get this close. Even though we have a young team, who knows how long it will take to get this close again.

For those of you who may have followed Brockport High School ice hockey, the team had a great season. After completing their best season ever, they lost the Division 1 semifinal game of the state ice hockey tournament in Utica last night. They lost to a very strong Williamsville North team. However, today's D&C highlights them for "stress"...ing "the positive" by
celebrating their great season following their loss. One of the stars on the team is Casey Balog, son of Health Science professors Joe and Linda Balog.

I am always happy to hear from you and to provide information about how to contact other emeriti, so feel free to request this information. However, this is just to remind you that you can access the emeriti directory at the following website: https://www.brockport.edu/internal/edir/ When you go to this link you will likely be warned that you are going to a secure site and asked if you want to proceed. Say yes. You will then likely be advised about the safety of the site and again asked if you wish to proceed. Again, answer yes. At this point you will be invited to sign on. Your userid is: emeriti Your password is: fromsuny. The userid and password are case sensitive so they must be entered exactly as I typed them here -- all lower case. Once you have signed on, you have the opportunity of selecting a "search by" mode of: [Name, Department, Phone, or email]. Usually you will want to choose the default value which is Name. If so, just tab to where you need to enter the name and type in the last name of the person you want to look up. After typing in the last name, click on the <Search Directory> bar. Unless the last name is unique, you might then be given a list of emeriti with similar names from which to choose the one you want. A nice feature is that, if the person selected has an email address, it is hyperlinked so that you can simply click on it to address an email to that individual. As always, you can also hold down you left mouse button and copy the directory information by dragging the mouse over it. And, of course, once marked, hold down the control key and press the letter "C" to copy it. Then you can open a new document in your word processing software (e.g., MSWord) and either hold down the control key and press the letter "V" to paste the information into the document or use the select edit + paste from the menu bar. Of course this all applies to PC users (windows) --- I don't have a clue as to what you would do if you are a MAC user or how all this would work with WEB-TV.

You can follow this same process to access the directory of current employees, except that the link to that directory is: http://www.brockport.edu/publications/phone/fsdir.html Also, this directory does not currently include home address information.

Peace,

Bud

P.S. Only in Brockport can it be 70 degrees on Saturday and 20 degrees on Sunday.

March 15, 2002

Hi emeriti et al,

I am sorry to have to rush this a little. But, I just received some sad news that I thought I should pass along as soon as possible. Yet, I have another obligation to attend to soon!

I just received word from Marianne Virgilio that Debbie Emerson called her to tell her that her
dad, Martin (Marty) Rogers died last night at 87 years old. Although Marty had a great life -- "Mr. Physical Fitness" and "Mr. Brockport Supporter", among other even greater accomplishments, until the last few years, he has been such a constant in my memories of Brockport that I find his passing particularly distressing. Marty served the College from 1945-1977 and retired as Professor of Recreation and Leisure. I think he was associated with several other departments during his career as his assignments and the names of departments changed over the years. I last saw Marty at the dedication of the Whited Baseball Field. I am sure that he felt blessed to have been able to have been there as so many former associates returned to Brockport for the event and he was able to re-connect with them. Since his retirement in 1977 Marty has continued to be an asset to Brockport and his wry smile and his many contributions will be sorely missed. Although his health had restricted him recently, thanks to the caregiving of Susan Edmunds, former professor of Music at the College and others, he had, until recently, been able to get out and about. We salute you Marty Rogers --- you are one great act to follow and we will miss your presence in this world!

Calling hours will be Wednesday, March 20, 4 to 7:00 pm at Fowler Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, Marty asked friends to contribute to the Martin H. Rogers Award Fund at the Brockport College Foundation.

Other news:
I could reach Dinish Mathur by phone to day to confirm his email address. We did not have an opportunity to talk long, but, he reported that he is well.

Other news2:
I tried to reach Huntley Parker in Kansas today to see if he still had access to email. I reached a neighbor who advised me that Huntley was in the hospital now but was doing better. The neighbor said Huntley's wife was doing well and that they hoped that Huntley will be home soon. I also happened to notice that Huntley Parker will turn 92 on March 18th, so if you are inclined I am sure a combined get well/birthday greeting from some of the greater Brockport community would cheer him up:

Huntley Parker
10550 E. 21st N
Wichita, KS 67206
(316) 630-6181

His email in the directory no longer works --- I am trying to connect with his son who has email to see if he would welcome messages for Huntley.

Really gotta run.............

Peace to all,

Bud

March 28, 2002
Greetings,

Please pass the following invitation from the President's Office along to other emeriti who may not have email.

Bud

“As most of you know, Marion Schrank, vice president for student affairs, has announced her intent to retire at the close of this academic year – having spent the whole of her 30-year career at SUNY Brockport, also her Alma Mater. In that light.

President Yu, President's Staff,
and the Division of Student Affairs
cordially invite you to attend
a reception in honor of
Marion Schrank
April 15, 2002
3:30-5:30 pm
Seymour College Union Lounge

Tax-deductible contributions to the Endowed Student Leadership Fund named in her honor are welcome. Please contact Mike Andriatch at 395-5809 or mandriat@brockport.edu for information.
Letters of congratulations or remembrance can be sent to Betsy Rosser in Residential Life or at brosser@brockport.edu.”

March 29, 2002

Greetings,

News from both sides.........again.

First, for those of you who knew him and may not have heard this at the time, emeritus Milton Tatelbaum, Business-Economics (1973-1980), died more than a year ago. I think I saw his death notice in the paper but somehow failed to report it or to adjust college records accordingly. I did not personally know Milt Tatelbaum. I do remember him for his annual reappointments during the period from 1973 - 1980. If my memory serves me, he may have served full-time on temporary appointments longer than anyone on the campus --- willingly, I might add. I believe he taught in a hard-to-recruit specialty, maybe Finance, in Business-Economics. Don't hold me to correctness or necessarily a good memory, but, I believe we were indebted to Milton for his willingness to serve the College and its students so long on temporary appointments -- year after year -- while knowing that each year we would again attempt to recruit a Ph.D. In any event, Milton was a significant asset to the program and I am sure well remembered by those who knew him.
Good news! Jeanette D'Agostino Banker reports that Ed has recovered from his hospitalization a few months ago and is doing well. They could have an enjoyable trip to Florida recently.

More bad news --- I received word yesterday of the death of Professor Emeritus Herman L. Kirkpatrick at 82. Herm was one fine person as was his late wife Cathy who served as secretary to the late Vice President for Administration Burton R. Wolin. They were a beautiful couple. Herman Kirkpatrick and his sidekick colleague Lionel "Hap" Metivier were the first faculty members I met when I came to Brockport in 1967. Herm was new that year and Hap had arrived a year earlier. They were members of the School Administration Department, now Educational Administration. Dick Alexander and I worked in the Student Financial Aid Office in what was then Vanderhoof --- now Morgan III, I believe. In the morning, we would walk the tunnel (it still exists) from Vanderhoof to the Old Student Union (Lathrop) for coffee. It was a great gathering place of rows of long tables and we generally had coffee with Herm and Hap for as long as that facility existed. Those were good times! Herm Kirkpatrick was a dedicated professional who made significant contributions to the developing School Administration/Educational Administration Department during his career, and, probably even more importantly, he was an excellent role model for those who might chose to enter the profession. He touched many --- his passing brings back fond memories with which those of us who knew him can celebrate his life -- we celebrate a life well lived!

Unfortunately, Cathy Kirkpatrick was lost to illness soon after they both retired from the college. Herm was fortunate and found another companion. Although few, if any, of us know her personally, his wife Ann would probably appreciate hearing from those who knew Herm at Brockport.

Ann Kirkpatrick
12802 West Paintbrush Drive
Sun City West, Arizona 85375

Remembering of the "old" student union recalls that the "new" student union has been reborn. You may already have received your invitation to the opening celebration through the mail, but, if not, here it is:

Seymour College Union Opening and Celebration
All are invited!

Wednesday, April 3
Noon --- Women's Center Reopening, Lower Concourse
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Open House and Self-Guided Tours
3:00 p.m. Lion Dance Performance
4:00 p.m. Program and Ribbon Cutting
4:30 p.m. Reception

Program remarks by:
Vice President for Student Affairs Marion Schrank
Brockport Student Government President Brian Brady
April 9, 2002

Greetings,

A little news and a "head's up" for you to put a hold on a few dates on your calendars. There will be more calendar items soon --- it is rumored that there will be a large "emeriti-class" this year! This is good news and a good season for those of us on "fixed incomes" for when our food budget runs a little short --- there is usually something to eat at these receptions. Don't be embarrassed, the new emeriti will soon be joining us in the "scrounge line"! But, of course, come to honor and celebrate first --- the line is just an added attraction!

The Drake Memorial Library Staff Association and the Division of Academic Affairs cordially invite you to attend a reception honoring RAJ MADAN upon her retirement after 37 years of service to SUNY Brockport. The reception will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2002 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the New York Room, Cooper. Contributions towards a gift may be sent to Jennifer Quigley, Drake Memorial Library by Friday, April 26, 2002.

A "head's up" --- A reception will be held to honor EDWARD J. KUMAR, Vice President for Administrative Services upon his retirement. The reception will be held from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 2002 in the Seymour Union Lounge. Emeriti will receive an invitation from the President's Office with more details.

And don't forget .......... the reception to honor Vice President MARION SCHRANK, who has always been "here for you", upon her retirement, will be held April 15, 2002 from 3:00 to 5:00 in the Seymour Union Lounge.

Emeriti family, Maury and Liz Kleiman and John and Joanne Stoller enjoyed a tour of Costa Rica guided by emeriti Jim Horn from February 18 to March 1, 2002. They thoroughly enjoyed the tour. Although I have shared Jim Horn's website previously, I don't want to have this group-
list become overly commercialized, so I will not include a link here. However, if anyone is interested in investigating a tour with emeriti Jim Horn, let me know and I will send you the link to his website.

John Stoller, Emeritus Vice President for Institutional Advancement, has been working with the Duke Institute for Learning in Retirement (DILR). DILR has about 1200 students. John has been a member of the Board of Director's Strategic Planning group, chair of the ad hoc Innovative Programming Committee that recently produced a comprehensive report that evaluated other competitive programs and suggested several specific new programs for development. The most dramatic outcome was working with Eastman School of Music to create a music instruction program for senior adults (age 50+). As a result, Duke is launching the DILR/New Horizons Band --patterned after the NHB group that operates in the Rochester area and in over sixty other communities in the U.S. John encourages all who are qualified --- I believe and hope that age is the only requirement --- to dust off our instruments and c'mon down! John has shared with me that he has gotten in touch again with a clarinet to see if he can get "up to speed" before a September try out.

Regrettably, we have heard from a close friend/caregiver of Kathryn Dedman, widow of the late Professor Emeritus Wayne Dedman, that Kathryn has moved to St. Ann's home with advanced stages of Alzheimer's and dementia. We have been asked to remove Kathryn from our directory and mailing list. This is even sadder to report than the celebrations of life that I have frequently brought to you. Let us keep Kathryn in our prayers for a peaceful end.

Attached is a play-around photo --- something to keep a retiree occupied. Many of you will recognize the faces in it that continue to have an influence at Brockport.

Remember, Kaleidoscope is initiating an "Emeriti News" Column soon. If you, as an “emeriti,” are involved in activities you would like to share, please send me copy or forward it directly to Mike Andriatch mandriat@brockport.edu or Sue Parrino sparrino@brockport.edu. If you send it to me first, you might see if first in an email to this emeriti-group-list that now exceeds 150 recipients and continues to grow. Plus, I might edit it to make your copy unrecognizable to you and thusly, more of a surprise when it plays back. Your choice in any event, but, don't be shy.

One last note --- Emeritus Ena Farley who served the College with distinction then went on to become a Regent for the State of New York has stepped down from that role. It is noteworthy that she has been replaced by another person who had a former role at SUNY Brockport, Milton Cofield, who served as Assistant to the President a few years back. It is good to see that Brockport emeriti and former employees continue to play important roles in the larger society.

End it Bud... please! One last, last note --- tomorrow, Wednesday, April 10th is Scholars Day. Scholars Day Presentations will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. followed from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. with the Spring Honors and Awards Ceremony and Reception. If you are in the area, drop in. Scholars Day presentations are concentrated in Edwards and Hartwell Hall with three art presentations in Tower. The Spring Honors and Awards Ceremony will be held in the Seymour Union Ballroom. PASS THE WORD!
Oh, did I say finally -- for new or future retirees added to this group --- you are included at your Brockport email address. If you have a home email that you monitor more closely, please share it with me. For other members of this group, if you want to continue to receive this "stuff", make sure you email if you change email vendors/adresses. Send email addresses to me at: rmeadel@rochester.rr.com. I will forward all changes/corrections to the Human Resources staff at the College to ensure that the correct email address will appear in official publications such as the directory.

That's all, really!

Peace,

Bud

April 17, 2002

Greetings,

Reminder: The memorial mass for Sylvia Blanche Thompson will be celebrated at the Newman Oratory, 101 Kenyon, Brockport at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, April 20.

To check on SUNY Brockport campus events, the best place to go is: http://www.brockport.edu/~events/. Once there, click on the date(s) on the calendar that interest you and you will get a listing of the events of the day. I suspect that in many cases this page may be the most accurate and up-to-date resource --- better probably than going to the source (e.g. department or program) in many instances. Even on the page referenced above, you can find a link that identifies only the fall 2001 program offerings --- it’s probably even too late for emeriti to attend them! The reason for the different flavors of accuracy and currency is that someone probably is assigned the task of maintaining the events calendar while many of the subject specific pages are created by people with lots of other "stuff" to do who often do not have time to keep their information current. So, if you are looking for "current" events, click on the date on the calendar.

News from Dr. Ira-Paul Schwarz, Professor and Composer Emeritus, Theatre Department from Knapton, Norfolk, England:

Ira-Paul and wife Mary have moved into a new bungalow in Knapton, a village near the coast of the North Sea.

"...Over the fields and meadows, on a clear day, we get a glimpse of sea in the distance. We get a lot of rain here but the temperature is mild; flowers galore.

I keep occupied with composition and some writing. The Moravian Philharmonic recorded Celtic Rhapsody for Pennywhistle and Orchestra last June. This was first played by Bill Hullfish and the Brockport Symphony.
I have recently published some chamber music and am working on two commissions for orchestra. On occasion, I conduct the Norwich City Concert Band which I serve as president.

Always happy to hear from the folks at Brockport.

Best wishes to all.
Ira-Paul"

At the annual spring meeting of the New York State Forests Owners at the Environment Science and Forestry College at Syracuse, President Emeritus Albert W. Brown was given the Heiberg Memorial Award for "an outstanding contribution in the fields of Forestry and Conservation in New York State". While activities in Illinois, Michigan, the Master Forest Owners Program, and five special forestry related publications were among the items cited, the land and forests owned and managed jointly by Al Brown and Vice President for Academic Services emeritus Dr. Ralph P. Gennarino, received significant attention as well. Congratulations to both Al and Ralph for the award and for their support of the environment that earned it.

Signs of spring!
On April 11th, snowbirds Ara and Betsy Zulalian, just returned from Hilton Head, were seen on main street in Brockport with other emeriti including Mirko and Irma Pylyshenko who stayed north this year. The Pylyshenkos now reside in Irondequoit near the lake and the river. Del and Jeannette Smith apparently timed their return (weather-wise) better this year than last -- the weather in Brockport is great -- the snowbirds should be pleased, and we are pleased that they have returned.

Dr. Earleen DeLaPerriere passed on to the after-life on April 9, 2002. Earleen was not an emerita, but was a member of the faculty who served as Assistant Professor in the English Department from 1989 to 1997. I only knew Earleen casually but I am sure some of you knew her so I wanted to note her passing. In addition to her service to Brockport, Earleen was past president of the Metropolitan Woman's Network. I am sure she will be missed by all who knew her.

Announcements

The 25th Annual Bob Boozer Golden Eagle Golf Open will be played at Hickory Ridge Country Club on Friday, May 24, 2002. It will commence with a shotgun start at noon. The format is a best ball/scramble. The $ 70.00 fee includes golf, cart, beverages on course, lunch, snacks, prizes, and the Dick Mancuso Post-Tournament awards presentation and buffet dinner.
Tournament Directors: Mike Andriatch (716) 395-5809 and Susan Hoffman (716) 395-5327.

The SUNY Brockport Writers Forum and M&T Bank will present Richard Rodriguez, one of the country's most perceptive commentators about ethnicity, with the Art of Fact Award April 24 at 7:30 pm in the Rochester Public Library auditorium, where he'll discuss his latest book Brown: The Last Discovery of America. For information and to reserve a seat, call (585) 395-2576.
SUNY Brockport's talented dancers and choreographers present new works during "New Dances," April 18-20 in Hartwell Dance Studio 152 at 8 pm. Tickets available by calling (585) 395-ARTS.

The permanent signs for the Rae Conrad welcome center are up, the area is staked off, and some earth has been turned over. I don't know the schedule for completion but I was happy recently to notice that construction has apparently commenced.

Help! Recent mailing from the College to Barbara Ames, Community Relations (1975-1981) and Helen McLaughlin, Communications (1965-1995) were returned. There was no forwarding address for Barbara. For Helen, we were advised that her Texas address was insufficient. If anyone can help us update the mailing addresses for Barbara and Helen your help will be greatly appreciated.

William Zimmerli Associate Professor Emeritus, Health Science (1969-1994) reports that he continues to enjoy his roles as Professor of Health and Physical Education and Coordinator MPH at Fort Valley State University in Fort Valley, Georgia.

That's it for now .... gotta go enjoy this weather.......

Peace,

Bud

May 1, 2002

Greetings,

I'll soon have a final list for you of all the people who are joining the emeriti ranks this year. I have heard that there are still some "undeclared". For now, this is the best that I can do!

Attached are a couple of pictures for your Brockport album. If you are unable to receive them, let me know and I will place them on the web at:
http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/orlobday.htm

We thank Jeanette D'Agostino Banker for this information.....
Mary Vanni Goldfein '53 and her son Mike have just started a website in preparation for the 50-year-reunion of "Brockport State Teachers College's class of '53". I thought you might be interested in visiting it periodically as it develops. You will find it at: http://www.bstc53.com/
Make sure you check out the links at the top of the page. I could find some familiar faces including Mel and Helen Smagorinsky, Marty Rogers, Susan Edmonds, Orlo Derby, Jeanette D'Agostino Banker and Peg Hare at the 45th reunion link.

Judy Desfosses, widow of emeritus Louis, has shared information about a program that has helped her "move on" following her loss. She and I are both sensitive about using this forum for
commercialism, but, I have chosen to include her reference to a specific provider and leave it to you to recognize that there are others and that we are sharing, not promoting. Judy recently attended the Mercy Center with The Aging "Caring for An Aging Loved One" Seminar, a Ministry of the Sisters of Mercy located in Rochester. For a $35 fee, Judy received a resource guide and enrollment in a 6-week seminar held at various sites around Rochester that covered such topics as "Access to Home Care Services", "Alternative Housing Options", "Elder Law", etc.

Judy says: "I know that we don't like to think about some of these painful things, but addressing them early is vital. By the way, with the excellent speakers, light lunch and dessert/beverage for tired caregivers and those they care for, there is humor and personal support aplenty." Judy's interest in this program was generated by her personal experiences and her desire to work in Gerontology. If anyone is interested in receiving more information, let me know and I will put you in touch with Judy. Thanks to Judy for sharing --- and best wishes to her as she continues to adjust and for much success in achieving her goals.

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Follow-up on a couple of great events.

There were very good turnouts for the Richard Rodriguez presentation sponsored by the Writer's Forum, SUNY Brockport, and M&T Bank as well as for the Bill Rock endowed lecturer by Brockport graduate, John Tritak. Both presentations were very well received. Richard Rodriguez is not only an exceptional writer --- he has an excellent presentation style that was also very challenging. John Tritak is certainly a credit to Brockport and he was informative and very supportive of the liberal education he received at Brockport.

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Claribel Rockhill, spouse of Professor Emeritus Theron D. Rockhill, is an early riser so that she can get in a long walk to exercise a new hip she received in January. The Rockhill's are preparing to head back east from Arizona to enjoy the summer in the Adirondacks.

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Sandy and I were pleased to have had the pleasure to meet Dr. Tao Zhan, President of Shangdong University in China during his two week visit to Brockport. Brockport President Dr. Paul Yu will do an exchange visit to Shangdong University in October. Both schools hope for the development of an association for exchanges for faculty and students.
Peace to all!

May 8, 2002

Greetings,

Please join the college community in celebrating the life of Luck87 at aol.com, the first member of this list to leave this world. Luck87 spent 17 years at Brockport (1962-1979) and in this time, became a legend to those of us who knew him. Luck87 is none other than Charles "Chuck" Lang who served the college in several capacities such as Information Services Coordinator, Alumni Affairs Officer, and Director of Placement Services.

I knew Chuck personally because my first office in Financial Aids (actually, the office was a storage closet) was next to his in Vanderhoof Hall (now Morgan/Graduate Studies). In fact, during the period from 1967 to 1970, it seemed that the Office of Financial Aid and Chuck's operations were constantly switching office spaces. I have many great memories from those years during which the college enjoyed growth in all areas including budgets. I have especially fond memories of Chuck Lang. Along with Dick Alexander, my supervisor at the time, and emeritus Ron Davis, we sometimes walked the tunnel to the old student union (Lathrop now) for coffee in the morning and we all enjoyed our exchanges in the Vanderhoof Hallway. What made Chuck very special was that he really seemed to know how to live. I am certain that he continued to know how to enjoy this life right up until it ended for him at 86 years old on Monday, May 6th.

He was simply an expert on living as exemplified in the following:

* I don't know how Chuck selected his email handle, Luck87 -- it could have been after a big win at poker, or it could have just been from his reputation as being happy go lucky! In any event, he had a light hearted and enchanted personality and you seldom saw him without a smile for you.

* I always liked to get an early start on work, but, in my first years at Brockport, I could not beat Chuck Lang to work. His light was always on when I drove past his office to the Hartwell parking lot. But, when I entered Vanderhoof, Chuck was never to be found. Chuck had discovered this wonderful routine --- go to the office early, turn on the light, drop off the Wall Street Journal for later reading, and head for coffee. Everyone passing by to the parking lot would praise Chuck for his dedication, while he enjoyed fraternizing with the coffee group in the old student union, initially, the basement of Hartwell, in the Faculty Dining Hall (Alumni House), or elsewhere. The composition of the coffee group changed as well as the location as the campus moved westward. Of course, the "morning coffee group" was, and continues to be, a story in itself --- often accused of trying to run the college or at least trying to undermine the administration. Chuck was an early member of the coffee group and a contributor to making the college a better community.

* After coffee, Chuck's next major activity was to get back to the office, light up a cigar, read a little of the Wall Street Journal, call his broker, and get ready to go for his lunch hour handball game. There are several stories about both the smoking in the placement office and the handball.
As for smoking, once cigar smoking Chuck was joined in the "Placement Office" by pipe smoking emeritus Bob Jubenville, it was time for Marion Sargent, retired departmental secretary, to become one of the first anti-smoking campaigners in Monroe County. How things have changed in this regard over the years. You only need to review some old Saga yearbooks to see the difference. It appears that years ago you could not be a college professor or administrator unless you smoked a pipe. As for handball, Chuck kept himself in excellent condition through this activity for the most part. In fact, it is said that he could handle himself pretty well on the court if not in getting there. Once, in the 70s, he and emeritus Joe Kandor were hit by a car while approaching the underpass from Seymour to Tuttle for their handball game. Chuck received significant injuries while Joe was just brushed. But, be assured that Chuck was back in his routine as soon as he recovered from his injuries.

* Chuck Lang was so well liked and had so many friends that it is difficult to talk about him without also telling a story or two about the friends. When Chuck retired, someone came up with the idea of a Chuck Lang Memorial Golf Outing. (Chuck joked that the "memorial" idea was a little premature). Golf was another thing that Chuck enjoyed and I have learned that he was able to play a round or two until a couple of years ago. Anyway, we had the golf outing at what was then the Oak Orchard Golf Course near Albion. We had great weather, a nice round of golf, dinner and a couple of drinks with which we toasted Chuck, thanked him for his service and friendship, and wished him a long, happy, and healthy retirement. Vice President for Student Affairs Patrick Smith had left his car on campus and rode to the golf course with me. On the way home, he decided he was going to pack up his family and head to Michigan for the weekend and requested that I just take him home and he would leave his car on campus over the weekend. I argued that we should pick it up, but he won. When he returned on Monday he found that someone had broken out every piece of glass -- from windows to tail lights -- on his vehicle. For me, this event, along with the number of dents I put into a metal building on one of the fairways, sealed Chuck Lang’s retirement sendoff in my memory forever.

I think Chuck Lang would not take exception to my poking fun at him a little bit. Chuck was an effective administrator who knew how to work smart and to keep life and work in balance. As a member of this group list he has responded to me a couple of times. Most recently he wrote:

"Hi- Only a short note to say I really enjoy reading the news of people I once knew. Can't believe it’s been more than 20 years, but I still remember some of the names in your newsy emails...."

In 2003, the SUNY/Council for University Advancement (SUNY/CUAD) inducted Chuck Lang into its Hall of Fame and here is what it included about him in its newsletter:

*The late Charles H. Lang made his mark at SUNY Brockport during his 17 years of service. Between 1962-79, he worked in different capacities at Brockport — director of public relations, director of placement and alumni director. He served on the Alumni Confederation Executive Council from 1968-72. Brockport presented him with its Recognition Award for Significant Contributions in 1979. A native of Minneapolis, Minn., he earned both his bachelor and master’s degrees from the University of Minnesota. He was awarded a certificate of advanced study from SUNY Brockport. On*
May 6, 2002, Charles died in Santa Rosa, Calif., at the age of 86. He and his wife, Muriel, have four children, Joan, Sara Janet, David Charles, and T.J.

Memories: At the time of his death, Charles was remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was a sportsman fond of football, speed skating, golf, handball and skydiving. He was an avid reader and reviewer of books, as well as a renowned amateur actor. One of Charles’ favorite verses, which was shared at his funeral, went as follows:

“And, as the Cock crew, those who stood before The Tavern shouted, ‘Open then the Door! You know how little while we have to stay, and once departed, may return no more.’”

Well Chuck, we thank you for the example of your life and for the memories. You will be missed but not forgotten!

Carpe diem,

Bud

May 10, 2002

Greetings,

Lifelong learning is not exactly what it’s cracked up to be. Some days I could do without it! Today is one of them. Just as examples, here are two things I learned today that I could have done without ---

First, I learned that when you delete records from an Access database, they are totally and permanently gone even if you do not save the modified file.

Then I learned that panic is no substitute for a backup file --- I had the panic but apparently do not have the backup file.

So, the emeriti Access database containing some 360 records that I have maintained since retiring has been reduced to about 160 of you --- those who have email addresses. Fortunately, I have maintained an up-to-date copy of the emeriti directory that I can use to reconstruct most of the file, so, with a little finger exercise, I can reconstruct the database.

With trepidation, I welcome Gordie Bemis to this emeriti group list. It was upon learning yesterday that he had an email address that prompted me to mess with the emeriti database. Since he had an email address that I was unaware of, I was trying to create a list of emeriti without email addresses to share with you when I managed to delete all of them. I was hopeful that you might have been able to fill in any missing email addresses. Obviously that project will now await the completion of my finger exercises. Gordie, I do welcome you but you will have to forgive me if I do not have fond memories of the day you were added to this list.

Finally, and I mean it, the attached picture shows the faces of the people who have controlled the
money at Brockport during my memory. Rumor has it that the late Sid Eastman would not even let President Albert W. Brown have a box of pencils without a requisition. He was followed by Alexander Cameron who had had a previous role in SUNY System Administration and thusly provided some good connections to Albany during the period the college was planning for growth. Next came the late Burton R. Wolin who brought competence, intellect, and wit to the job even though at times it appeared he would have preferred to have been an academic rather than a business officer. Next -- although I believe he may have had an interim assignment between Cameron and Wolin and maybe even between Eastman and Cameron -- came Maury Kleiman who was known for managing the budgets with compassion and without prejudice. Everyone loved Maury --- he worked diligently to stretch budgets and to find solutions to provide support for all programs. Maury was followed by soon-to-retire Edward Kumar who, as Maury's protégé had learned to manipulate budgets to get the most out of them. Ed's legacy will be the great improvements in campus facilities (except for parking lots) that he was able to accomplish during his tenure. The campus community awaits the next face in the chain of administrative vice presidents.

Cheers,

Bud

May 13, 2002

Greetings,

This is just a quick note to share a couple of pictures from Raj Madan's retirement party and a couple of other things.

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2002 Recognition Dinner

The 2002 Recognition Dinner occurred on Friday, May 10th. Roger Weir served as Master of Ceremonies. Roger provided some great narrative about each of the individuals being recognized that was spiced with his usual humor and wit --- even a couple of spontaneous remarks that made the likes of Robert Gemmett nearly fall off his chair.

I am not certain but I believe the Recognition Dinner itself should have received a longevity award this year. I think the recognition dinner was started the same year that Ralph Gennarino, Vice President for Academic/Educational Service Emeritus, retired --- 1977. If so (don't ever hold me to fact, I only rely on a fading memory), this would have been the 25th annual occurrence of this event. (Some of you will remember that Jack Crandall was the first MC and he used alliteration in the writing of each recognition piece). It is interesting to note that one of the purposes of the original event was to avoid having a whole bunch of individual retirement parties and to hold just one where the careers of all retirees could be celebrated at one place at one time. Given all the retirement parties recently held on campus, it seems that the college has voided that argument over the years.

It is also noted that during the late 70s and early 80s there were so few retirees that other awards
were chosen to be recognized at the dinner just to make it worth having. Lately, and for the next few years, finding retirees to recognize probably will not be a problem as the "baby boomers" hired in the late 60s and early 70s make room for the next generation.

I won't take time to list all the employees receiving longevity awards or who have retired right now. I will share the final list of retirees when it is complete. For now, I will just share with you the names of the recipients of awards:

Brockport Auxiliary Services Awards
Michael Smith, BASC Maintenance, Jacque Miller Memorial Recognition Award
Peggy Turlington, Brockway Dining Hall, Jessie Stirk Memorial Service Award

Outstanding Service to the College
Michelle Hernandez, Facilities Administration
Robin Schepler, Bursar's Office

Outstanding Service to Students
Robin Catlin, Library
Diane Maurer, Education and Human Development
Michael Swift, Facilities-Residence Zone
Jerald Weaver, Business-Economics

Adele Catlin Memorial Award
Jacqueline Thomas, Dance

Chancellor's Awards - Excellence in Teaching
T. Gregory Garvey, English
Carolyn Green, Chemistry
Muhyi Shakoor, Counselor Education

Chancellor's Award - Excellence in Professional Service
Warren "Koz" Kozireshki, Campus Life-Communication

Chancellor's Award - Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities
Robert Strayer, History

Distinguished Professorship - Distinguished Teaching Professor
Arden Bucholz, History

We congratulate these individuals for their achievements!

Emeriti for whom I have no email address
Following is the list of emeriti for whom I have no email address. Many probably just do not have them, but, for some, it may be that they just have not been reported to us. I am sharing this list in case any of you happen to have an email address for any of these emeriti. If so, please share it with me at: rmeade1@rochester.rr.com
Herbert Bailey, Dorothy Bandemer, Charles Barr, Janet Beck, John Bixler, Jean Bobear, Robert Boozer, Eugene Bowers, Roy Bubb, Frederick Burelbach, Richard Castner, Tad Clements, Francis Clune, Claude Cornish, Eleanor Hamilton Cushing, Ronald Davis, Albert DeGroat, Francis "Bud" DeTar, Ronald Dilcher, Stu Dube, Jack Dudley, Bill Elwell, Harold Emmerson, Alice Ennis, Marguerite Fellows, Francis Filardo, Allan Frank, James Fulton, Ira Geer, Ralph Gennarino, Philip Gerber, John Goosley, Jean Gravelle, Hubert Grunwald, Miriam Hammon, H. David Hammond, Robert Hellmann, Louis Hetler, Frank Hillman, Graciella Isasi, Gerald Johnson, Peter Kane, Lewis Kluth, Teresa Knapp, Lefty and/or Connie McIntyre, John Kramer, Leslie Kuhn, Alyce Lampen, Byron Lapham, James Little, Nathan Lyons, Stanley Mackun, Will Majors, Peter Marchant, Dorothy Mariner, Victoria Markellis, Hedda Martens, Robert Marx, Eugene McCreary, Lionel Metivier, Frances Moroney Whited, Paul Mullen, Frederick Mumpton, Leila Nassar, Marion Nestle, William Nestle, Carl Neuscheler, Joyce Ogden, Martha O'Nan, Roderick Ormondy, William Owens, Luis Oyarzun, Mauro Panaggio, John Pedersen, George Pinkney, Darcey Poole, Robert Potter, Stefan Pribil, Mirko and/or Irma Pylyshenko, John Reid, George Rentsch, Donald Rith, Nellie Robinson, John Royal, William Ruf, Doris Sabourin, Akira "Ike" Sanbonmatsu, Victor Schmidt, Ann Schneider, Georgiana Shepard, George Simmons, John Sinacore, Ralph Sisson, Armin Sommer, Oliver Spaulding, Edward Stephany, Clarence Styza, Carol Timby, H. Jayne Vogan, Martha Walshram, John Warthman, Michael Weaver, Irene Weirich, Virginia Weis, Marion Wells, Jack Wolf, Edmund Woods, and Ara Zulalian. (Quite a list and a lot of memories even if we don't discover email addresses for them).

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Pictures.

As stated, I am attaching some pictures celebrating Raj Madan's 37 years at Brockport to this email. Since its a "rainy day in Brockport", I will probably send you a couple of pictures celebrating Terry Hover's 34 years later today. However, one of you has indicated some difficulties associated with pictures attached to emails --- they can slow down your receipt of more important email! So, I am considering developing an SUNY Brockport emeriti website from which you could view pictures without having them slow down your receipt of email. I'll let you know when the emeriti page is ready.

Cheers,

Bud

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June 5, 2002

Greetings,

Heads up -- mark your calendars! The dedication of the Raye H. Conrad Welcome Center at SUNY Brockport is scheduled for Friday, July 12, 2002, 10:00 a.m. at the far plateau field west of the Allen Administration Building. I have been watching construction progress and they have now framed the welcome center and I suspect completion will be on schedule. I have played with a couple of yearbook photographs from a yearbook dedicated to Raye in 1955 and have made the composition available on a webpage you can reach by clicking:
Alumni Reunion 2002 (Thursday, July 11 - Sunday, July 14) ---- Reminder  
The dedication mentioned above is one activity of many planned for the Alumni Reunion 2002. You should have received a mailing including the whole calendar of events for the weekend starting with the Alumni Golf Open on Thursday and ending with the French Wine Tasting Event on Sunday. The mailing also included a registration form. If you did not receive it or have misplaced it, and you wish to be included, contact Susan Parrino, Director of Alumni Relations (585) 395-2451 or at: sparrino@brockport.edu. 
The registration deadline is Wednesday, June 26, 2002.

John Zwierzynski has shared information that his wife Cathleen is still in need of our thoughts and prayers. The cancer cells have become active again, although the doctor stressed that they are a small fraction of what they were last summer. But they do need a response and, as a result, Cathleen is back on chemotherapy. John and Cathleen, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Emeritus Pat Baker is taking some time off this summer (she hasn't really retired yet) for a knee replacement. In the announcement I received, she did not mention which knee --- we assume that she knows --- and that her doctors will do the "right" one!

News from Mike and Nancy Oshier, former SUNY Brockport employees who are enjoying early retirement in Montana. They recently spent 5 days on the Smith River in Montana. Mike reports: "Lots of bumps and scrapes from bouncing off limestone boulders on the canoe. One rapids we just aimed for the middle and rode it out taking our lumps." Mike and Nancy enjoy hiking, fishing, hunting, and watching great sunsets. I for one, am envious!

As reported a few weeks ago, emeriti Larry Hjelle will be commencing a cross-country bicycle ride starting from San Francisco on June 8th. "Larry starts on his 3,795-mile bike ride across America this Friday, June 8. He leaves from San Francisco after putting his toe in the Pacific Ocean. He arrives in Portsmouth, New Hampshire July 30 after he puts his toe in the Atlantic Ocean."

Below is an excerpt from an article that appeared in the Chapel Hill News. I believe emeritus professor Martin Lindauer intends to see his former colleague from the Psychology department in San Francisco before Larry's departure. I love Portsmouth, New Hampshire, so depending on what is going on at the end of July, I might just plan on being there when Larry arrives.

**May 29, 2002, The Chapel Hill News Cross-country bicyclist gets Y members going, too **
Virginia Knapp Staff Writer
CHAPEL HILL -- Retired psychology professor Larry Hjelle plans to cycle 3,795 miles from San Francisco to New Hampshire starting June 8, and the entire YMCA is going to try to keep up with him. "It's an incentive for him, and it's an incentive for our members," said Evie Benson, health enhancement director at the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Y. "We want to see if the whole Y can match how far Larry's going."

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What's it all about?
When I turned 50 I received an unsolicited invitation to join the AARP. On top of that, it seems that every credit card company in the world has known where I live for years. Life Insurance Companies with whom I have never done any business know more about me than my kids -- AND I get birthday cards from the likes of J.C. Penney, the salesperson who sold me my last car, and my chiropractor (who I only visited once 20 years ago). But yesterday's mail tops them all. I received a letter from the Division of Cemeteries of the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Human Services of the City of Rochester offering me a once in a lifetime opportunity to purchase a permanent parking spot. I am kind of wondering what they know that I don't. I also am thinking that if President Bush is counting on the CIA and the FBI to find Osama bin Laden, he may have other and better choices.

Peace,

Bud

June 22, 2002

Greetings,

To write or not to write, that was the question. It was one source for discontent for SUNY Brockport Professor and Poet-in-Residence Emeritus William Heyen as he contemplated inviting American writers to contribute to an anthology following the tragic events of September 11, 2001. Fortunately, Bill answered yes to the question. The new book, edited by Heyen, September 11, 2001: American Writers Respond will be available as of July 1st from the national website of Barnes & Noble with the official publication being available elsewhere on July 31st and thereafter. Proceeds from the book will go to a scholarship fund for dependents of those lost on September 11, 2001.

“Earlybirds” can go to the Barnes & Noble website (where a discount is available) on or after July 1st and type in Heyen and find this new book among Heyen's others, or can type in the book’s title: September 11, 2001: American Writers Respond. They can also view the jacket of the book on the Etruscan Press website at: http://www.etruscanpress.org. Others can wait until July 31st, after which the book should be readily available from their local bookstores.

127 writers contribute to the book, published by Etruscan Press. There are luminaries--Erica Jong, W.S. Merwin, John Updike, Denis Johnson, Robert Pinsky and other Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award winners--and also contributors just beginning to make their mark. On the back of the book you'll find: "Written during the three months following September 11, 2001, this book catches the first, passionate reactions of our country's finest writers to the matrix of events that will continue to intensity in the American conscience, and that will inevitably define the dawn of the new century. In September 11, 2001: American Writers Respond, poets, fiction writers and essayists bare America's collective psyche during this perilous, emotionally charged time. There are searing memoirs here, letters, poems, brief fictions, essays, and contributions beyond classification."
Heyen's angst over "the question" is shared in the book's preface: "But who has any right at such a time to say anything at all? What person who was not there or did not lose a family member or friend has a right to talk personally? ...Writing anything at all can seem like an obscene indulgence to us."

We can all be thankful that Bill came up with the "write" answer! This book has promise to become living memorial of the events of September 11, 2001. In Bill's own words: "This is a spectacular book, riveting, 'monumental' many say, one of a kind. and I can brag about it because it's the contributors' book."

On June 27th, there will be a reception (public invited) for the book from 6-8 pm in New York City at the Small Press Distribution Center, 20W 44th Street. At least 20 contributors will be on hand.

Congratulations to Bill Heyen for this exceptional contribution and much gratitude to Bill and to the many contributors who responded to his invitation!

Larry Hjelle rides on .... and on, and on...........

For Jean Hjelle's version of his trip diary to date, open the attached document.

For a website of the trip being maintained by a fellow biker, go to: http://www.culverstravels.com/Calendar.html

For a picture of Larry from North Carolina (Larry Hjelle) taken this past Friday, go to: http://www.culverstravels.com/day13pictures.html. Larry, I don't think you look like you are having fun!

Personnel Director Emeritus Tonya Satryb and her husband Ron, who is an emeritus Vice President for Student Affairs from Geneseo, are moving from the Bradenton, Florida area to The Villages in July. The Villages is a planned retirement community near Leesburg, Florida. If you are a golfer, you'd have a difficult time finding a better place to be. Tonya continues to work part-time as a Human Resources Consultant to a computer security company, proctoring State exams, and working at Steinmart plus volunteering at the Bradenton Women's Resource Center. She plans to continue to be similarly active after the move to The Villages. Ron does volunteer work, including teaching a GED class, and plays as much golf as he can. Best wishes to the Satrybs as they relocate in Florida.

Reminder: The dedication of the Raye H. Conrad Welcome Center is Friday, July 12, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. It will be held at the center, the corner of New Campus Drive and Commencement Drive.

Sharing:

(1) I am just completing the "last painting" of my house. If this paint will last 10 years I suspect that by then a case of vertigo will probably prevent me from standing on the highest rung of the ladder to stretch to the peak -- so new siding will be the order of the day. Anyway, after painting
my way through high school and college and painting my own houses several times, I just
happened on to a product that I need to share with you. It’s a paint brush comb -- a truly
remarkable and inexpensive tool. If you are doing any painting and don't have one, go for it. It
almost makes fun of cleaning the brush after you're done.

(2) From this group, I have learned of possibly one place where your money might be safe as the
stock market continues to tumble. If you can find a way to invest in joint replacements, I think it
is a growing market. If memory serves me, I believe at least Bob Cassie, Arline Stephany, Bob
Ribble, and Claribel Rockhill have contributed to the growth of this industry. I've already
reported that Pat Baker will have a new knee soon and now I have learned that Benita Jorkasky is
getting a new hip in August. I'll bet there are others -- and our group is but a small contributor.
Good luck to Pat and Benita and those who buy into this investment tip.

I was fortunate enough to be invited to visit with emeritus Jim Horn this past week during one of
his returns to Brockport. He has recently traveled in Brazil and in Europe to lay out a couple of
new tours. He says his life of travel is great and I suspect we all could be envious. Don't forget
to look at the tours of one of Brockport's own when you are planning your travels.

Peace, health, and happiness to all,

Bud

July 22, 2002

Greetings,

First, we need to continue to keep Cathleen Zwierzynski in our thoughts and prayers. The last
news I have is that she was scheduled for her third chemotherapy last Thursday and that she and
John were continuing to hope to be able to travel to New York State in August.

Cathleen Zwierzynski  
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All reports about the Raye H. Conrad Welcome Center Dedication ceremony on July 12, 2002
indicate that it was a wonderful event and an appropriate tribute to Raye. I know that some of
you were probably in attendance and know that you were among approximately 225 people who
were present. The weather was beautiful as was the celebration which included remarks from
former President Albert W. Brown, among others.

If I am counting the days correctly, Benita Jorkasky will enter Center Community Hospital in
State College, Pennsylvania on July 29th for her joint replacement. She reports that she has been
promised a "room with a view" --- overlooking Penn State's football field. Benita, we hope you
enjoy the view and wish you good luck with the surgery.
Larry Hjelle is continuing his journey. As for me, after reading of Larry's adventure I am sticking to short rides around our development and an occasional trip to town to ride on the canal towpath. The short distance to town on Ridge Road and route 19 are challenging enough. The important news, however, is that Larry is getting close to Brockport. He is resting in Erie, PA today. Tomorrow he will ride on to Hamburg, New York and then on Wednesday he will be riding along routes 5/20 from Hamburg to Canandaigua where he will spend Wednesday night at:

Econo Lodge Canandaigua
170 Eastern Blvd.
Canandaigua, New York
716-394-9000

Following is an update on his trip (thanks to Jean Hjelle for sharing) since the last report that followed him through July 14th:

"July 17, 2002

Monday, July 15 Larry coasted into Indianapolis after a 60-mile spin. There the group went to see the Indianapolis 500 track and had a chance to try out a velodrome. A velodrome is a racing bike track which is banked very steeply.

Monday, the bikers learned how to change chains...guess someone thinks this might be a necessity soon.

A few asides: Those of you who saw the engaged couple on culverstravels.com might like to know that the guy did carry the ring with him the whole way, and it was not a great big surprise to the young lady, just the date and the place. It was half way through the ride. Secondly, the 77-year-old gentleman who joined the group in Springfield, Illinois, began the bike trip two years ago and had reached Springfield from San Francisco. After completing the day's ride in 2000, this clinical psychologist was involved in an accident where he broke many bones in his face and some in his neck. According to Larry, he was hospitalized for four days but vowed he would complete the ride someday. This is the year. It seems he is "sprightly, and holds his own on the road."

After the rest day in Indianapolis when Larry did important activities like sleep in until 7:30 and view an Imax production, the group again left early this morning for Richmond, Indiana, a mere 70 miles away. Now that the bicyclists have "rested" for two days, the group will be pedal two 100 plus days followed by two 90 plus days before the day of rest in Erie, Pa. Having attended
Ohio University, Larry knows well the hills of Ohio.

Wednesday was an easy, flat ride of 70 plus miles. The temperature was in the mid 80's and they traveled Route 40E, a semi-major road which had numerous small towns.

Thursday promises to be a bit dicier. Thundershowers are predicted. Additionally, the bikers will be taking back roads and going approximately 2,000 feet up (and down) to reach Marysville. The group will start by 6:00 a.m. In Marysville Larry will see Chris, our son, his wife Jennifer and their son, Alec, as well as some of Jennifer's family. After Marysville, the group will pump northward to Wooster, then on to Niles and finally Erie. After a rest day, they will go on to Hamburg, New York, followed by Canandaigua, Syracuse, Little Falls, and Albany. (Routes 5 and 20, primarily). Finally, they bike to Greenfield and Lowell, Massachusetts.

The group is starting to discuss how they will spend their final day in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Tuesday, July 30. It seems that the bicyclists meet at a local junior high school and the group is escorted by the local police to a state park where they have the distinct pleasure of putting their toes and their bicycles into the Atlantic, 3800 miles plus from the start and 52 days later. When asked what his biking goals for the future might be, Larry laughed.

July 20, 2002

North Carolina prides itself as being the birthplace of aviation. Not many years ago Ohio protested that designation since the Wright Brothers were born in Ohio. Somehow, the south won this time and many North Carolina license plates carry the invention.

The Wright Brothers might have had need of the wind, but Thursday the biking group was glad that the ride was nearly flat with no wind. Unfortunately, almost everyone got lost and the ride was, in fact, 115 miles. Additionally, there was some liquid sunshine to add to the equation. Larry, who began the trek at 6:00 CDT, arrived in Marysville at 4:30 p.m. EDT.

Fortunately, Chris, Jennifer, our grandson Alec, and Jennifer's sister Emily, mom and stepdad were there to greet him. Apparently, he spent most of the day telling his fellow bike rider about his grandchildren, and Alec. Steve and Karen treated Larry to some great Amish cooking. While he is a true mixture of Norwegian and Swedish heritage, he had a great love of this down-home cuisine.

Friday, the group biked for 105 miles, this time to Wooster, Ohio, home of Wooster College. There, the Chamber of Commerce again welcomed the group. Larry reported that he cannot believe how many hills there are in Ohio, as they are both steep and long. The bikers are taking very back roads which Larry described as "extremely countrified." Rather than try to find a lunch spot which is their usual agenda, they settled for a sandwich purchased in a convenience store.

Larry reports his shoulder that was injured in the laundry debacle is getting better, but the sunburned lip he acquired in Nevada is still peeling and troubling him. He reported that there are dogs elsewhere than in Bynum, North Carolina, but generally they bark and chase for only a short time, then turn back.
Larry will get a new shifter Tuesday as he continues to struggle with the one that was damaged in the accident. To keep their bikes safe, each rider brings in his/her bike each evening. Fortunately for Larry, his one roommate has elected to use the cot each night so he and Father John each have a bed.

Two of the other riders asked to join Larry and his roommate today, so maybe they can all be more successful at map reading. In fact, the logs they are presented are extremely detailed, generally take two pages, and note everything to the tenth of a mile as well as every Stop sign they should be passing.

Saturday and Sunday will each be 90 plus mile days. When asked if he and some of the other bikers would try to make them three or four day 100-mile days, he said the plan was to twirl the wheels in the motel rooms so they could report what the odometer read. Should you be following the ride, note that Larry is going from south to north as well as from left to right. Tomorrow a new state and some even more familiar biking territory. Thanks again to all of you for your kind thoughts. Jean

July 21, 2002

For more than 30 years Jean has written a Christmas letter. In 1993, it included a chronicle of Larry's last great ride. That bike expedition was undertaken after he had completed ONLY a nine-mile tour around Brockport. Somehow, he thought he was ready for the "big time." He used a mountain bike, a backpack, traveled alone, and went from east to west. Somehow, he went from Brockport to Cleveland, Ohio, in three days. He pedaled in 95-degree heat through incredible thunderstorms and claims he nearly met his Maker on this 260-mile sojourn. Little did he know then that he would be biking on some of the same roads again.

Wooster to Niles, some 103 miles, was hilly. Saturday night he carefully put away his reading glasses, only to find out Sunday night that he had lost a lens. Those of you who greet him from this point onward may find Larry wearing sunglasses regardless of the light.

Fortunately for everyone, his now very close cycling buddy hails from Ashtabula, Ohio. Carl's family came bearing important "gifts" of lemonade, fruit, flags, and signs for the whole group, not at one sag station, but at two!! These two roommates then completed the 92 miles into Erie, Pennsylvania, where they quickly hopped OFF their bikes and went to the laundromat.

Monday, July 22, the America by Bicycle group rests in Erie, Pa. Larry's expected highlight will be to sleep late, followed by a leisurely breakfast, with the possibility of a trip to Presque Isle State Park. It is only 20 miles to New York state, certainly very familiar territory both on a bike and in a car. Then it's on to Dunkirk, Ripley, and Hamburg.

We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.
(T.S. Eliot "Four Quartets")

Peace, health, and happiness,

Bud

August 5, 2002

Greetings,

First, congratulations to Larry Hjelle for his successful completion of a coast to coast bike ride. It has been fun to follow his story --- thank you Jean for keeping us posted. Following are the last entries into the trip log including Larry's own note. I have pasted all the "stories" into one document. If anyone would like a complete copy of the information I have about Larry's journey, just request it via an email to rmeade1@rochester.rr.com. Other news follows Larry's trip info.

July 24, 2002

Monday, July 22 was the Rest Day in Erie, Pa. Other than laundry, a chance to wind down, and a visit to Presque Isle State Park the day was uneventful. When the bicycle group flowed into New York State everything became much cooler. The best news for Larry was that his shifter was fixed and biking the last week will be just more enjoyable.

Another couple got engaged, the lady having been on the tour all the way. Her fiancé popped the question in Erie. The group had an opportunity to appreciate Lake Erie and to see the vineyards along the way.

Wednesday July 24 was apparently one of the best days of the trip. The ride itself was 95 miles and the roads hilly. The group had lunch in Avon, and, also went through East Bloomfield and Attica, although they missed the infamous prison. The white, puffy clouds, the low humidity and mid 70 temperature made the whole experience great.

While in Canandaigua Larry was greeted by someone from the psychology department at The State University of New York - College at Brockport where he taught for 28 years. Dr. Jan Gillespie said she had been reading about his ride and wanted to fill Larry in on all the departmental details. Later two neighbors from Tudor Road in Brockport, Carol and Dick Rizzo, came and chatted for a while. Larry said he became nostalgic while watching the sailboats on Canandaigua Lake. Having owned a property at Keuka Lake for ten years, we remember well the cool evenings and the opportunities to not only swim across it (which some of us did many times) but to "listen to the lake."

Fortunately for the riders, the trek Thursday is a bit shorter (63 miles) as the group wends its way toward Syracuse and the center of the Empire State. Then it is on to Little Falls and the state
capital, Albany.

Let me reiterate once again how much we have enjoyed having your good wishes come our way. Anyone who wants to welcome Larry home to North Carolina can join us Saturday, August 20 at 6 p.m. on the Upper Lawn of the Fearrington Swim Club. Please BYOB (your own beverage, not your own bike) and an appetizer for 6-8. You need not be a member of the swim club or of Fearrington Village to come. Jean

July 27, 2002

Larry is now starting to talk about how many more days of cycling are left...four, and how many more night meals together, three. The trip from Canandaigua to Syracuse Wednesday was uneventful and the weather was pleasant. That 63-mile trip Larry described as "easy." The group traveled on back country roads. However, when they needed to travel on Route 5 where traffic was a "bit busier" they would bike in the breakdown lanes. Apparently, this wider road and space is not common out west and only became common once the group reached Ohio.

Larry relates that he has not had a flat since his back tire was changed and bicycling itself is generally easier since his rear derailleur was fixed.

From Syracuse, the group traveled 85 miles to Little Falls, New York. The group got a reception by the hotel staff of cheese, wine, and beer. This has been the third such time this has happened and provides a nice interlude to eating pasta nightly on a more than regular basis.

Sunday will be the toughest day of the trip as the group goes through the Berkshire Mountains. Apparently not only do they climb 5,000 feet, the grade is the most difficult since they began June 8, including conquering the Continental Divide. Why do we always save the best for last? So, it's on to Albany, then Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and home to one's own bed. Jean

July 28, 2002

While getting ready to leave Syracuse very early Friday morning, Drew, one of Larry's bicycling friends from Fearrington, phoned to wish him well. That was nearly the highlight of his day. Thanks to those of you who have said silent prayers for Larry on this ride and especially to Stan from Fearrington and Evie from the CHCYMCA who distributed information to waiting readers. (We could also mention Kathy and Bud as well.)

Little Falls to Albany was an opportunity to see nice, small towns in what some consider "upstate" New York. That always engenders a debate since those of us who lived way beyond The Big Apple, like west of Syracuse, thought we were "upstate" while many who live just outside New York City and the five boroughs think they are "upstate." That ride was fairly flat, but the group went through Williams College.

After leaving Albany Sunday morning, July 28, at 6:15 the group crossed the Hudson River.
Then they began four incredible climbs...with the third one being "a killer." Larry described this day of almost nine hours of riding one of the most difficult of the whole trip. The difficulty was enhanced by constant rain. Of the 80 miles, fifty were climbing, including many with 10 percent grade. Unfortunately, Larry's roommate Carl (aka Father John) had a flat on the way which kept them from getting in any sooner.

After the climbs, the group flew down the mountainside to Greenfield, Massachusetts, but not exactly the way they would have liked. The biking took place on Route 2 which was busy, but all of them had to keep their hands on the handlebars due to the slippery road conditions. Those who have been through such experiences remember the tension well.

By 5 p.m. Larry had dried himself and his bike out and was looking forward to a Chinese meal at a local restaurant. Larry feels that the meals have been more than adequate as well as varied.

Hopefully, the Liquid Sunshine predicted for tomorrow will hold off a few days since Tuesday is the end of it all. So, I shall be writing one last time to tell you how "The North Dakota Answer to Lance Armstrong Hjelle" looks and sounds. Jean

(PS: Some of you have asked whether Keith of culverstravels fame works for America by Bicycle. No, he doesn't. He took those pictures and wrote the text for himself and his fellow riders.)

"""\nJuly 31, 2002

The 52-day cross-country challenge began June 9 in San Francisco and ended July 30 in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Jean and I have now returned home to Fearrington Village in North Carolina and I must admit that it's nice to be on familiar turf again.

The ride across the USA was clearly among the most memorable experiences of my entire life. There are so many highlights to recall: riding across the Golden Gate Bridge, climbing up Mt. Rose on grades of 10%, managing the salt flats of Utah against 30MPH headwinds, reaching the summit of Monarch pass and the continental divide at 11,312 ft., the feedlots of Kansas, getting dehydrated in 106 degree heat near St. Joe, Missouri, crossing the Mississippi river on a ferry near Quincy, Illinois, riding countless hours through Illinois cornfields, stopping to see the Indy 500 Speedway, enjoying the backroads and hills of central Ohio, recognizing the small towns of upstate New York where we lived for several years, heading across the Hudson river and then realizing that the Berkshires were not to be taken lightly (12% grades), and finally seeing the Atlantic ocean near Rye, New Hampshire.

I want to thank all of you for the interest and support you displayed during my sojourn across our incredibly diverse and yet unified country. A special thank you goes to my wife Jean who somehow managed to decode my rambling thoughts into a coherent account of what was taking place over the past 7 weeks. The best aspect of my experience was the opportunity to establish friendships with other cyclists from all over the USA as well as Europe. The 34 core members of our group were like a family at the end. Again, thanks for allowing me to share my cycling experiences with each of you. Larry"""
Sad news....

Last week we learned of the untimely death of Dema Daly (formerly Dema Nesbitt) at the age of 52. Many of you may remember Dema as Stu Dube's assistant in the old Research Foundation Office back when it was responsible for both pre- and post-award activities. Dema was a hard worker who enjoyed her work and her associates. She had an infectious laugh that at times could fill the whole fourth floor. Memorial services were held last week but I was out of town and missed the details. Dema will be missed by all who knew her. She had an uplifting spirit on this earth and we can only imagine that her memory will continue to have an impact.

Good news....

Benita Jorkasky's hip replacement surgery was successful. After three days in the hospital she is now at: Health South Rehabilitation Center, 2005 Valley View Blvd., Altoona, PA 16602 where she is having rehab. It is expected that she will be there at least through Wednesday. Benita's phone number there is: 814-944-3535.

Address help ...............  

Our address information for Justus Hartnack and Marguerite Fellows is out of date and we have been unable to reach them. If anyone out there has current information for them, please share it at: rmeade1@rochester.rr.com

Peace,

Bud

August 21, 2002

Greetings,

Just a quick note. I was delinquent on this one --- here is a late notice of "free food" tomorrow!

I have confirmed that the public (including emeriti) is invited to a retirement reception for Diane D. Elliott, Assistant Vice President, Graduate Education and Research. Diane formerly served as Associate Dean (Professions), Interim/Acting Dean (Professions), Chair (Nursing), and throughout her employment as a member of the faculty in the Department of Nursing.

It’s a late notice but the reception will be held tomorrow, (WRONG- week early) Thursday, August 29th, 3pm-5pm in the New York Room of Cooper Hall and refreshments will be served. If you are in the area, stop by to wish Diane a happy retirement and mingle with former colleagues.
Diane is one of a group of 2002 retirees who I did not know about when I reported on the "emeriti class of 2002" earlier. The others include:

Inaam A. Al-Hashimi, Business-Economics  
Mary Barnard, Design and Production  
Gerald Begy, Education and Human Development  
Norman Bloch, Mathematics  
Ralph Colucci, Facilities Administration  
Garth Fagan, Dance  
Robert Giblin, IT Support Services  
Mary Gorman, EOC Nursing  
Craig Hazen, Registration & Records  
Ronald Herlan, History  
Earl Ingersoll, English  
Sharon Kehoe, Educational Administration  
John Killigrew, History  
Valair Kumar, Counseling Center  
Richard Miller, Facilities Administration  
Sailajananda Mukherjee, EOC Academic Department  
Susannah Newman, Dance  
James Payton, Dance  
Eileen Rose, Office of the President  
Peter Scalia, Print Shop  
Thomas Tremer, Criminal Justice  
Karen Walter, EOC Library  
Ann Weitzen, Nursing

One member of our group thanked me for mistakenly including all the email addresses in a recent communication. He remarked that he knew more people on the email list than he knew in the current Faculty/Staff Directory. I think that will be true for most of us once the class of 2002 joins us.

Cheers,

Bud

August 26, 2002

Greetings,

Just a few quick notes....

First, two emeriti have significant birthdays this week. It is noted that "coach supreme" has rewarded Bob Boozer with number 90 for his distinguished service to team mankind. You may wish to cheer him on with a card to:
Robert Boozer, 349 South Main Street, Brockport, New York 14420. (585)
Also, Peg Browne, the grand dame of Brockport, will be blessed with a somewhat lower number (but round) this weekend. You may help her celebrate with a card to:
Marguerite H. Browne,
3822 Lake Road North,
Brockport, New York 14420. (585) 637-5573

Reminder: Area Code (716) will no longer work for the Brockport area as of tomorrow (Saturday, August 17, 2002). Area code (585) takes over for people in Monroe, Orleans, Genesee and Wyoming counties, plus parts of Allegany, Steuben, Livingston, Ontario, Yates and Wayne counties. For the past several months, both area codes continued to work during the transition, but, as of Saturday you must use (585).

Thursday seemed like emeriti day at Wegmans in Brockport. I ran into Marion Sargent (former administrative assistant in Career Services), Rita Burrell, (former administrative assistant in Delta College), Frank Hillman (former director of facilities) and Delmont Smith (former professor of biological sciences) and his wife Jeannette. Then I believe I passed Phil Hewitt (former professor of earth sciences) on route 19 (possibly heading for Wegmans?). Frank Hillman, with wife Gloria, was getting ready to do a little vacation at Allegheny State Park where he expected to also visit Don Flaherty (former catering manager for FSA). Delmont and Jeannette are getting ready for a trip to Ireland during which, among other activities during their trip, Del will walk 85 miles in 6 days while Jeannette will take a less strenuous tour.

Attached is a composite picture to commemorate Bob Boozer’s 90th. If you cannot open it and would like to see it, let me know at rmeade1@brockport.edu and I will post it to a website.

John Bixler (former professor of chemistry) was in an automobile accident recently in which his car was totaled. He was driving his son, daughter-in-law, and new grandchild from New York to Brockport. Fortunately, John, who was the only one injured, had a minor injury and he is recuperating at home. I sure John could use some cheering up at: 52 Crescent Drive, Brockport, New York 14420 (585) 637-6711

Next week brings the opening of school convocation and other opening of school activities that signal the end of the summer for many --- but not for most of us! I hope you will all enjoy the rest of the summer!

Peace,
Bud

September 3, 2002
Greetings,

I only have a couple of things to report but I am prompted to write because another member of our group has gone on to rest in peace --- free of spam emails, telemarketers, road rage drivers, anger, anxiety, stress and all the other forms of pain and suffering this life offers.

Henry F. Johantgen, MD, a well-known doctor also known as an independent thinker, died on September 1, 2002 at the age of 85. Dr. Johantgen served the college in many ways while he was a practicing physician in Brockport and as a member of the medical team in the Student Health Center from 1974 to 1983. He retired from the College at the end of the spring semester of 1983. Dr. Johantgen is survived by his wife Anne Sweeney Johantgen along with his children and grandchildren. Family and friends may call Tuesday 2-4 and 7-9 at Fowler Funeral Home, 340 West Avenue, Brockport. Funeral Mass, Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at the Church of the Nativity, Main Street, Brockport. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Lakeside Foundation. Dr. Johantgen's had a long and significant presence in this community that will be greatly missed.

Both Pat Baker and Benita Jorkasky are recovering from their joint replacements this summer. Pat is back to work --- "what retirement?" Benita is pain-free and, if I read between the lines, is happy that she had this surgery.

Higher Earnings Limits -- Last week the Governor signed legislation that raises the amount all retirees can earn through reemployment with the State/State University to $25,000 in 2003, up from $20,000 in 2002. The signed legislation also eliminated earnings limits from their state retirement program for retirees "at full retirement age" for social security benefits and over. As a result, retirees at "full retirement age" (currently 65 but increasing to 67) and over have no earnings limits under their state pension or under social security. Employees drawing social security who are under full retirement age (65-67) will still having earning limits for social security purposes even though they can now make $25,000 through state employment.

Please keep emeriti spouses Beverly Morien and Cathleen Zwierzynski in your thoughts. They continue in their struggles against serious illness.

Last week John Sapienza, Advancement Services, shared a new SUNY Brockport Alumni Screensaver with the Brockport College Community that was developed by the Division of Institutional Advancement and ITS Web Services. I downloaded it and installed it as my screen saver. It has some nice photographs of the campus. If you are interested in having it, you can download it at: [http://www.brockport.edu/alumni/screensaver.html](http://www.brockport.edu/alumni/screensaver.html)

A SUNY Brockport emeriti website is under development. Hopefully I'll be able to point you to it in the next mailing. Give me some feedback at: rmeade1@brockport.edu if you have suggestions for content to be included on the website. Right now, I envision several sections including:

(1) a Highlight on Emeriti Activities page where we can place brief statements about what you all are doing if you are willing to share them
(2) a Memorial Page  
(3) a News of Interest  
(4) a links page to resources that I think might be helpful to you (e.g., State Health Insurance Page, Social Security Administration, etc.)  
(5) a ride-match service. [Not sure how I'll do this yet, but a class of 2002 retiree recently advised me that she often received inquiries from emeriti wishing to attend fine arts events on campus or in the city seeking to find others who might be attending who might offer a ride. It seems like a nice opportunity for emeriti to share if we can figure out a "non-labor intensive" way to do it.]

For those who retired in 2000 with an incentive:  
Your third and final incentive check is "in the mail". I think that means you should have it in your possession this week or next.

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September 10, 2002

Greetings,

Sorry to load your mailbox again --- I'd really like to only invade once per month. But, I do want to make sure you receive notice that there will be a Retirement Reception to honor Eileen Rose, Assistant to the President, for 35 years of Service to the College for those of you who might be able to attend. The reception will be from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 26, 2002 in the Allen Administration Lobby with a presentation at 4:00 p.m. Donations for a gift will be accepted until September 20th (contact Connie Graves, Administrative Assistant, Office of the VP for Enrollment Management, 705 Allen Administration Building 395-2772.) Eileen has been a well-known and highly respected member of the staffs of Admissions, the VP for Academic Affairs, and three presidents during her career. We wish her a long, satisfying, healthy and happy retirement.

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September 24, 2002

Greetings,

This is just to let you know that "Your News" at: http://www.itss.brockport.edu/~rmeade/your_news.htm has been updated to include information about Homecoming events that should be of interest to emeriti. Please check the page for information about the dedications of the Raye Conrad welcome center, including a picture taken last week, and the Whited Baseball-Softball Complex (sorry no recent picture to share). Also, you will learn of the debut of a book by emeritus Roy Bubb, and find out about his book signing, and reception -- celebrate with him if you can. If you follow the links, you can even learn the name of the well-known artist with Brockport connections who designed the book cover for Roy's book.
Finally, make sure to check out the retirement reception information --- the first of the week takes place in just a couple of hours.

September 26, 2002

Greetings,

Your news at: http://www.itss.brockport.edu/~rmeade/your_news.htm has been updated. At the end of this email there is information about the loss of another long-time member of the Brockport college community, Donald Terboss, retired janitor, who died yesterday. I generally have not included support staff in my news but I occasionally make an exception when I think that the person might be known to many of you. This is one of those exceptions. But first, a couple of other items:

Reminder: Eileen Rose's retirement party is from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. today in the lobby of the Allen Admin Building.

Forgot to mention one Homecoming Event in an earlier email on this subject. The information is on the website but I understand that some of you only have access to email and I want you to know about it.

Friday, October 4, 2002, 1 PM -- Walter Brautigan '63, Tree Dedication Ceremony
The faculty in the Department of Education and Human Development will recognize the career and accomplishments of Walter Brautigan '63, Professor Emeritus in Education and Human Development (1973-1995), at a tree-planting ceremony in front of the Faculty Office Building (FOB) off Residence Drive. All are welcome.

Donald Terboss, known affectionately as "Disco Don" by his friends, departed this life yesterday, Wednesday, September 25, 2002, at the age of 68. Friends may attend his memorial service at 4:00 p.m., Monday, September 30, 2002 at Fowler Funeral Home Inc., 340 West Avenue, Brockport, New York 14420. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the charity of your choice in Don's memory.

Don was a well-known person in the Brockport college community where he was a faithful employee serving the needs of the college, its staff, and its students for many years as a janitor. Don came to the college from Craig Colony in Sonyea, New York in the late 1960s. Regrettably Don had been institutionalized because of several disabling conditions including a severe speech impediment. Fortunately, through enlightenment, it was recognized that Don had a good mind, a healthy spirit, and that he could live independently. At the time of his release, he was hired to join the Brockport College staff by the late Roger Knapp and he was a very good and reliable employee throughout his career. Don was a friendly and outgoing personality despite his disabilities. Although he was difficult to understand until you put in some effort, those who did found a light hearted and charming spirit in Don Terboss. One of my memories of Don was that he was a smoker and that a cigarette hanging from his lip (never in his hand) was a constant part
of his look -- until our non-smoking environment was adopted, of course. I always wondered how Don could stand the constant smoke in his eyes.

"Disco Don's" presence in Brockport will be missed. I often saw him trudging along on main street during trips to town. Sandy and I most recently talked to him at the dedication of the Fireman's Memorial. He was in good spirits and said he was enjoying retirement.

Don, this life was difficult for you but you made the most of it -- may you find redemption and peace in the next!

October 8, 2002

Greetings again,

Sorry, I never get away with only one email update. Based upon some of your responses, here is some additional info. Also, as usual, I forgot to include something I even knew about before I sent the first message today! So, here is attempt number 2. FYI - you'll find most of the information included in these emails and a couple of pictures on "Your News" at:
http://www.itss.brockport.edu/~rmeade/your_news.htm

(1) Although I told you where to have "Easy Money" added to your faculty/staff ID, I failed to tell you where to go for a new ID if you do not have one with the required magnetic strip. You may pose for a photo ID on the ground floor of Brockway Hall during normal business hours. I'll bet you won't like the photo but the people who take the photos are friendly and, from my experience at least, they did not poke fun at my photo. If you need an ID, drop in --- unless you are in the rush period at the beginning of a semester, it should only take a couple of minutes.

(2) One emeritus has expressed concern about emeriti not being included in the College's annual SEFA campaign. I don't know how many others might share his concern, but, unless I hear major objections, I may suggest that the College include a SEFA Campaign mailing to emeriti so that they may participate if they choose to do so. By the way, the College's SEFA campaign kick-off was Monday, October 7th and it will run for only 4 weeks. Ray Di Pasquale, enrollment management, mailto:rdipasqu@brockport.edu is the campaign chair this year.

(3) The news I had but forgot to include is from the D&C. "Mary Kay Bishop has been appointed vice president for institutional advancement and president of the Brockport College Foundation. She has more than 12 years' experience in fundraising, including major and planned gift fundraising, annual fund programs, alumni and external relations and corporate and foundations relations. Bishop previously served as vice president for development at WXXI-TV/AM, FM and earlier was director of development for Rochester Institute of Technology, College of Business." I am sure Mary Kay will be interested in getting to know each of you. Mary Kay, welcome to Brockport!

Bud

October 20, 2002
Greetings,

This is just to share a picture of the Walter F. Brautigan tree planting (complements of Pat Baker) and a couple of other items (the news has grown since I started this). I will also be placing a couple of photographs from Homecoming events on the emeriti website --- hopefully today. It was a great Homecoming Weekend for Emeriti. The services and contributions of several emeriti were recognized. The related special events included a tree planting to celebrate Walt Brautigan’s contributions (Assistant Professor Emeritus, Education and Human Development, 1973-1995), the dedication of the Raye Conrad Welcome Center to honor the late Raye, H. Conrad (Professor, Administrator, Dean, 1945-1973), and the dedication of the Whited Baseball/Softball Complex to recognize the significant contributions of both Clark V. Whited, Professor Emeritus, Physical Education and Sport, 1946-1983) and Frances Moroney Whited, Professor Emeritus, Education and Human Development, 1950-1985). Then, a special event that was not on the schedule occurred at the half-time of the football game. The football field at Special Olympics Stadium was renamed the Bob Boozer Field to recognize Robert E. Boozer, Associate Professor Emeritus, Physical Education and Sport (1947-1979). Bob Boozer is credited with starting the football program at Brockport and guided it from 1947 to 1959. The “E” in his middle name stands for Ellsworth and, as you probably know, that is where Brockport’s mascot got his/her (its) name. For additional news about the field dedication and a picture of Bob at the dedication, go to: http://www.brockport.edu/%7Eathletics/football/releases02/boozer.html For information on how the sports teams did at Homecoming Weekend (Brockport trounced Buffalo State in football), go to: http://www.brockport.edu/~athletics/

A recent flyer circulated on campus reached my attention relating to “Easy Money” that Faculty/Staff can pay to have placed on their Faculty/Staff ID. Having “Easy Money” on their IDs opens some discounts for them both on and off campus. I have confirmed with Gary Stevens, Director of Dining Services that the offer can be extended to emeriti. So, this is to announce a new emeriti benefit. You need only obtain a Faculty/Staff ID and place some money on it to benefit. If you do not have a Faculty/Staff ID that has the computer readable strip, you will need a new one. If you have an ID that meets the standard, then you just need to put some “Easy Money” on it. You can do so at the BASC offices in Brockway or at most of the on-campus vendor locations where the “Easy Money” is honored for purchases. They include Union Square Food Court, Jitterbugs Café, Tuttle Health Court, Aerie Café, Hartwell Café, TRAX Pizza/Sub Shop, Gallery Lounge and Game Room, Barnes & Noble College Bookstore, campus vending machines, Drake Memorial Library, Fine Arts & BSG Box Offices, Bursar’s Office, Office of Parking Services, or Dining Services Office). If you do not currently have an “Easy Money” account, you will receive a coupon good for a complimentary meal at Brockport or Harrison Dining Hall when you open it. There is also an additional bonus associated with this offering --- Anytime you use your Faculty/Staff Easy Money account at Brockway or Harrison for an “all-you-can-eat” breakfast, lunch or dinner, you’ll pay only $4.30 plus tax.

When you use the “Easy Money” off-campus, it also benefits Brockport Auxiliary Services (BASC) as well.
To offset some of the costs that BASC might incur by including emeriti in this offering, you are encouraged to use your “Easy Money” account for off-campus purchases from off-campus vendors that are participating. They currently include The Village Pantry Restaurant, K&K Food Mart, Jimmy Mac’s, Domino’s Pizza, Brockport USA Diner, Java Junction Coffee Roasters & Bakery, and Arjuna Florist & Gifts. I’ll keep you posted as additional vendors are added. Using your “Easy Money” at these off-campus sites helps both you and BASC. You have the convenience of not having to carry cash and receiving small discounts on purchases, and the College, through BASC, receives a small service fee from the vendor. A WIN-WIN for all! If you need more information, contact Dining Services in Brockway Hall or call 395-2570.

Please join the College community in wishing Patricia Haust all the best wishes on her retirement after 29 years in the Certification Office. In lieu of a reception, her division is asking that we send a card or a note of congratulations to her home address: 348 Squareview Lange, Rochester, New York 14626. A flood of cards would do Pat a lot of good right now so join it if you can. Donations will be accepted for a gift until October 18th. Send donations to Sandy Mullin, School of Professions.

BY: Marianne Virgilio -- Robert E. O’Brien, longtime Rochester attorney, devoted SUNY Brockport volunteer, and consummate gentleman, died on October 1, 2002.

Bob served SUNY Brockport as a member of College Council from December 1958 through December 1994. He was appointed by Governor Harriman and reappointed by Governors Rockefeller and Cuomo. He served with SUNY Brockport presidents Donald M. Tower, Albert W. Brown, and John E. Van de Wetering. His service on College Council included leadership as its president from 1978 to his resignation in 1994.

In addition, Bob served as first chairman of the Brockport College Foundation board of directors and served on the board from 1978 into the 1990’s. A practicing attorney well into the 90’s, Bob studied law by the clerkship method in his father's law office and was admitted to the Bar in 1938. One of Bob's areas of interest at SUNY Brockport was that of testamentary giving and he was a charter member of the Gloria Mattera Heritage Society.

Marianne Virgilio had the pleasure of working with Bob in two settings: SUNY Brockport and Cancer Action, where he was very involved for more than 35 years. This fine gentleman and friend of the College will be missed.

Contributions in his name may be directed to a charity of your choice.

We are saddened today to learn of the October 4, 2002 death of Margaret E. “Ellie” Ashida, PhD., wife of Associate Professor of Psychology Dr. Sachio Ashida. There will be no services or calling hours. In lieu of flowers friends wishing may contribute to university of Rochester to support a Scholarship Fund being established in Ellie’s memory, c/l Jack Kreckel, Senior Vice President, 590 Mt. Hope Avenue, Rochester, New York 14620. Condolences: Dr. Sachio Ashida, 53 Sweden Hill Road, Brockport, New York 14420 – (585) 637-3036 – mailto:sashida@brockport.edu
Greetings,

This is just a quick message to share a couple of things.

First, William “Bill” Stier, Professor of Physical Education and Sport, had a heart attack recently. As a result, he now has two stints in his arteries. I talked to Bill last night and he is home and doing very well given the circumstances. He and Veronica live at 4 Trefoil Lane, Brockport, New York 14420 for those of you who might wish to send a card.

The college is getting ready to print the Faculty/Staff Directory including the emeriti section. The draft of the emeriti section was shared with me and I provided the college with several corrections, additions, and deletions from the information that I have received from many of you. I have placed the draft copy of the directory with my corrections on the web at: http://www.itss.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti_final.doc. Some of you probably can access it to check out your information. If you do and find that changes are necessary, please email them to me at: rmeade1@rochester.rr.com

Professor of Art Emeritus Jack Wolsky (1959-1985) has been selected to receive Rochester's most prestigious annual visual art award from the Arts and Cultural Council for Greater Rochester. This award is given to him for outstanding achievement in the arts.

The award will be presented at the 19th Annual Arts Awards luncheon on October 31 at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center. Congratulations Jack!

Finally, try this link to see if you can view some pictures taken Homecoming Weekend at the dedication of the Whited Baseball/Softball Complex. Ignore the buttons on the page --- if you have a new system if probably came with a “flash” player. If not, you may not be able to view the pictures without downloading a flash player. Anyway, here is the link you can try: http://www.itss.brockport.edu/~rmeade/test3.htm

Sad News #1: We have just learned that emeriti Eileen Rose’s youngest brother, Paul, who lives in Colorado, died in an automobile accident last night. Eileen, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you deal with this loss. Condolences to Eileen’s family at: Eileen Rose, 17258 Fourth Section Road Holley, NY 14470 (585) 638-8442 hnerose@usadatanet.net.
Sad News #2: Alice V. “Dutch” Dutcher, known to many of you and lifelong friend of deceased emeriti Jean Dillenbeck, passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 16, 2002 at age 85. Alice graduated from Syracuse University and was retired from the Girls Scouts of Genesee Valley. No prior calling. A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, November 23, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. at Brockport First Presbyterian Church, 35 State Street, Brockport. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Brockport First Presbyterian Church, Girl Scouts of Genesee Valley, or Lakeside Foundations. Alice was a contributor to the Brockport Community for many years and will be missed. May she rest in peace.

Sharing a tip: Computer viruses seem to be very active recently. Even some experts at the College have advised that invasions have been attempted on their computers. When I was hit a couple of months ago, a couple of you shared a tip that I think is worth passing on given the hostile environment in which we communicate. I would give credit, but I am not sure which two or three of you gave me the advice. Anyway, the tip is to put a dummy record or two in your address book such as %0000 for a last name with nothing else. The numeric dummy record(s) will appear at the top of your address book and might confuse any virus that attempts to use address books to infest others. Supposedly when the virus encounters the dummy record and cannot execute a mail command, it gives up. I am not sure how well it works or how long it will work but it’s a simple procedure, it might work, and it does not create any other problems, so, why not?

Fall athletic teams have done well at Brockport this year. The football team made the playoffs this year and will host a division III game tomorrow. For more information, click on the ‘athletics’ link on the drop-down menu on the emeriti webpage at:
http://www.itss.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm

Several of you have inquired about the other people in the picture of Larry Humm that was shared with you recently and that also appears on “Your News” on the webpage line referenced above. This picture was lifted from the 1969 SAGA which lists the names, starting at the bottom-left as Dr. Carran, Miss Cotter, Mr. Humm, Dr. Riddell, Ms. J. Lindauer, Mr. C. Dube, Dr. Tuska, Mr. Day, Mr. Pinckney. Other members of the Department of Psychology that year included Mr. Lindauer, and Mr. Fink

Bud

October 25, 2002

Check out the newly designed emeriti website at:
http://www.itss.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm I will refresh the pictures periodically if there are no complaints – or, if there are complaints about inclusion. I also am working on making the “directory” link password protected and having an emeriti account established on the web server. I’ll take away the directory after corrections are made and shared with the college for its publication if I cannot figure out how I can protect the info by password protection. I’ll inform you of the URL for the “official” website once it is set up.
Emeriti Marion Schrank and Terry Hover have been talking about a monthly Emeriti Luncheon. It would have no agenda except social friendship, unless, of course, participants would like to develop its content further. They are checking to see if it could be held in Brockway Dining Hall. Its purpose—so that emeriti can keep the personal contact going beyond my emails, mailings from the college, contacts through Institutional Advancement, college programs and activities, and the emeriti web site. They have requested me to let you know their thoughts and see if any of you in the Brockport area would have any interest. They are working on the first date, possibly between Thanksgiving and Xmas or possibly before Thanksgiving. No commitments are necessary because it’s informal and Marion and Terry are just wondering if others who think it’s a good idea, would attend, and would want to be informed if scheduled. Share your response with me via email to: rmeade1@rochester.rr.com and I’ll give Marion and Terry your feedback.

Sad News: Adrienne M. Hawthorne, former counselor/academic advisor for disabled and international students, among other roles, was tragically killed in a thruway accident near Waterloo yesterday. We mourn her lose at only 47.

Emeriti Semie Lechebo is keeping busy. He just completed a book entitled “The Book of the Best Selected Quotes for Every Occasion”. It has been copyrighted with Library of Congress. He is desktop publishing it. One of the songs he has written about 9/11 is on a CD labeled “Stand Tall America” produced by HillTop Records, 1777 No. Vine Street, Suite 411, Hollywood, CA 90028. The title of his song is "Being an American" and it is one of 25 songs on the CD written by various authors. Some of the other titles related to 9/11 appearing on the CD are “New York in Mourning”, “Cry of America”, “The Good Old USA”, “Long May You Wave”, “Old Glory”, etc. Semie, good to hear that you are keeping active.

Johanna H. Kraus, Professor Emeritus, Theatre (1979-1995) has just won First Prize in the Children's Literature category for a Middle Grade novel in the 16th annual Friends of the Sacramento Public Library "Focus on Writers" Contest. The award will be given in the state capital on November 2, 2002. Congratulations to Johanna for this achievement!

Bud

November 12, 2002

Greetings,

Information in this email is also available from “Your News” at: http://www.itss.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm

First, I have some sad news. This morning’s paper brought news of the death on November 11, 2002 of Bess Caton, former employee of FSA (now BASC) and wife of Francis “Red” Caton who retired from facilities in 1981. Red and Bess are both well-known on the campus and in the greater Brockport community for their good natures and their many contributions. For many years, they lived just south of the railroad tracks and east of Cooper Hall. There are stories from when passenger trains ran through Brockport telling how the Catons often assisted new students
who got off the train in Brockport without any clue as to what to do next. They were a wonderful Brockport couple and have continued to support the college since they both retired. Attached, and on the web page, you will find a picture of them with others that was taken at the recent dedication of the Raye Conrad Welcome Center. I was pleased to have been able to chat briefly with them at that time. Everyone who knew her will fondly remember Bess and miss her.

Family and friends may call Wednesday, November 13th 2-4, 7-9 at Fowler Funeral Home, 340 West Avenue, Brockport. A funeral mass will be held on Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Church of the Nativity on Main Street in Brockport. In lieu of flowers please donate to Nativity Catholic Daughters or Lakeside Memorial Hospital. Condolences may be sent to “Red” at: Francis L. Caton, 90 West Avenue, Brockport, New York 14420.

Better News. Pat Haust’s friends from the School of Professions had a luncheon recently to celebrate her retirement and to honor her for her years of service to Brockport. We wish Pat good health and happiness in retirement. Attached, and on the web page, you will find a picture of Pat from the luncheon.

Robert E. Marx, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Art Department (1970-1990), was featured in the “living – Sunday Arts” section of the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle on November 10th. The article starts with: “Think of Rochester’s best-known visual artists as a triad.” Then it goes on to identify metal sculptor Albert Paley, and wood sculpture Wendell Castle, both of whom also have spent part of their careers at Brockport. But the focus of the article was Robert Marx and his art forms. It was a wonderful tribute to one of Brockport’s own! It also announced a couple of activities that may be of interest. Artist Works, 565 Blossom Road will host a display of Robert Marx’s etchings from Thursday (11/14) through December 31st. A reception will run from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, with a lecture by Marx at 7 p.m. Admission is $5, $3 for seniors and students. Call (585) 288-7170. A free exhibit and sale of sculptures, paintings, and prints at Marx’s studio on the fourth floor of 250 North Goodman Street in Rochester will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. November 23rd. Call (585) 442-2682. Congratulations Robert Marx for this recognition.

Peace to all,

Bud

November 18, 2002

Greetings,

Emeriti are invited to an "open house" reception to say goodbye and best wishes to SUNY Brockport's Larry Humm, former Registrar, and present Associate for the Banner Program, among other names/titles he has been called or operated under (1968-2002). The reception will be held in the Alumni House on campus from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 3, 2002. If you can find him three times in the attached photograph, you really ought to attend this event.
This event requires an RSVP for planning purposes so please RSVP 395-2772 cgraves@brockport.edu or 395-2385 lcicero@brockport.edu by 11/26/2002. Donations towards a parting gift for Larry can be forwarded to Connie Graves at 705 Allen Building or Linda Cicero, 205 Allen Building, SUNY Brockport. I hope to see those of you who live in the area at this reception to say goodbye to Larry and welcome him to our group! While you are at it, see how many of the other people in the attached photograph that you can identify.

Those of you who are away from Brockport who wish to send congratulations to Larry may choose to do it as follows:

Larry Humm, Banner Implementation Project, 350 New Campus Drive, SUNY Brockport, Brockport, New York 14420 or
Larry Humm, 80 Park Avenue, Brockport, New York 14420 or lhumm@brockport.edu

Peace,

Bud

November 19, 2002

No one was more surprised than Albert W. Brown, President Emeritus, upon receipt of a recent mailing from the Alumni Association that labeled him as "* deceased". I attach a picture from the last time I saw him and I am sure you will agree that he and Marge both look very fit. I also talked with President Brown last night and he assured me that the announcement was premature even though some might wish it, some might mourn it, and some might even wish he'd never been born. We are not going to propose a "CNN" type poll because, as I told him, we all thank him for his life and hope he will have many more years on this earth.

Other news:

I am doing a little "fill in" work at SUNY Fredonia and I was pleased to see some of Brockport in evidence there. If you visit the campus, make sure to go to the lobby of Fenton Hall where you can view a sculpture by Brockport's own Professor Emeritus, Bill Stewart.

Also, if you are in the Rochester area within the next few weeks, you may view recent works by Jack Wolsky (that's the one who plays tennis with Mel Smagorinsky, Ian Henderson, and Bill Andrews -- sometimes Chuck Kiehl) and his daughter Bonnie Wolsky Farid. The exhibition is at the Oxford Gallery, 267 Oxford Street, Rochester, New York 14607 from October 20, 2001 through November 17, 2001. Call the gallery at: (716) 271-5885 if you would like more information. Gallery hours are: Tuesday-Friday noon-5:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Brockport football. Although the football team has had one loss to break its carry over win record from last season, it quickly returned to winning. It has won its last three games, including a big win against nationally ranked Ithaca College.
World War II Stories -- Some time ago I asked emeriti who participated in World War II to forward their stories --- as we approach the anniversary of Pearl Harbor. Ted Starr and Phil Hewitt shared a little and have promised more. Distinguished University Professor Emeritus Henry Bretton has now shared some of his memories. I invite any of the rest of you to send me your stories.

December 3, 2002

Greetings,

We hope you had a happy Thanksgiving and are enjoying the season. I only have a few things to share with you but a couple of them are time-sensitive so, here we are again…

Reminder: The “open house” reception to celebrate Larry Humm’s retirement is today, Tuesday, December 3rd, 3:00 – 5:30 p.m. at the Alumni House on campus. If you have not responded with your RSVP and plan to attend, give Connie Graves a quick call at 395-2772.

Also, this information was just received from Sheila Strong via Connie Graves: There will be a memorial service for Eileen Rose's brother (Paul VanHouten) on Saturday, December 7, 2002 at 11:00 at the Catholic Church in Hamlin -- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's, located at the corner of West Fork Lake Road and Brick Schoolhouse Road.

Please share this information since there has not been, and will not be, a notice in the newspaper. [Connie Graves]

After my last mailing, several of you advised me that the idea of placing a “dummy” (numerical) record in your email address book to help prevent the spread of viruses is not actually helpful. I have not removed my “dummy” records just in case it might prevent one virus from spreading, but I wanted you to have the benefit of our collective wisdom. The best advice is to keep your virus protection up-to-date and do a disk scan frequently – at least one a week and, for sure, do not open any attachments from people unknown to you.

In a recent mailing, I notified you of the death of Bess Caton and attached a picture I had taken at the dedication of the Raye Conrad Welcome Center that included Red and Bess. Through David Strasenburgh I learned that Red Caton was looking for the picture since this was the last picture taken of Bess. Dave and I are making sure that Red gets to preserve this memory and I thought that you might be interested in a copy of the photograph I have been able to create from the original. I have therefore attached both the original and the new photograph.

Peace to all,

Bud

December 23, 2002
Greetings,

My intent was to just send you a holiday greeting this morning because there was not much to report. But, suddenly there is both bad and good news.

First, let’s get the bad news out of the way. Jeanette D’Agostino Banker has just notified me that Ms. Patricia A. Haust, Assistant to Dean-Teacher Certification, Professions, (1973-2002) passed away on Sunday, December 22, 2002 at St. Ann’s Home in Rochester. I only recently shared a picture of Pat at her retirement luncheon with this list. Pat spent 29 years at Brockport. For most, if not all, of that time, her job was to assist graduates going into teaching in their pursuit of their teacher certifications. She was recognized as an expert in teacher certification and many, besides our own students benefited from her services. Pat’s legacy is the large number of teachers she helped obtain certification and the continuing services they provide to our educational systems. Thank you, Pat for your life and your services to the Brockport Community. You will be missed. We hope you may now rest in peace!

Arrangements are pending. I'll try to share them when they are final.

I would like to share a comment received from Helen Maier. In response to my recent notice of Alice Dutc\’s death, Helen advised me that over the years Alice hardly ever missed “Mornings with The Professors” at Brockport – just one more way that her presence will be missed!

Holiday greetings were received from Ira-Paul Schwarz, Professor & Composer Emeritus, Theatre/Interdisciplinary Arts (1970-1992) and I pass them on to all of you. He and Mary enjoy hearing from us. They reside at:
FIELDVIEW
Mundesley Road
Knapton, Norfolk NR28 ORY
ENGLAND

A picture of Jim Fulton, Associate Professor Emeritus, Physical Education and Sport, (1948-1985) with a nurse at Rochester General Hospital appeared on the front page of the local section of the Rochester Democrat & Chronicle this morning. There is a new screening for protein in blood that can diagnose ailing heart muscle. Rochester General is the first hospital, at least locally, to obtain this testing equipment. Jim’s test results are somewhat bittersweet. The test confirmed that Jim has congestive heart failure, but the good news is that with this knowledge, the condition can be treated and first reports indicate that his treatment is beginning to work. Cards of caring and concern may be sent to Jim at:
15 Brookdale Road
Brockport, NY 14420


“Just a note to inform you of my new book Literacy and Learning: A Reference Handbook by Brett Elizabeth Blake (my daughter) and Robert W. Blake. Brett Elizabeth is an Associate
Professor at St. Johns University, New York, Associate Chair of the Department of Early Childhood, Childhood, and Adolescent Education and Coordinator of Graduate Adolescent Education Certification Programs. Her most recent book from SUNY Press is: “She Say, He Say: Urban Girls Write Their Lives” (1997), and a new book is forthcoming in 2003 from Peter Lang, entitled A Culture of Refusal: The Lives and Literacies of Out-of-School Adolescents Robert W. Blake is emeritus professor Education and Human Development at SUNY Brockport where he was director of graduate and undergraduate programs in English Education and English as a Second Language. His latest books were Literature as a Way of Knowing: Critical Thinking and Moral Reasoning through Literature and Whole Language: Explorations and Applications.”

In addition, Bob just made a presentation on "Reading and Writing Like a Scientist and Like a Poet" at the New York State Reading Association's 36th Annual Conference at the Marriott Marquis, New York City, November 24, 2002.

Sandy and I wish for peace, health, happiness, and prosperity for all of us in the New Year.

Peace and love,

Bud

February 3, 2003

Greetings,

Yesterday from about four o'clock in the afternoon until a little past six in the evening I was "eyeball to eyeball" with President Emeritus Albert W. Brown at the Alumni House. Al was not there but his portrait was there as the back panel of "the stage" in the Alumni House during the production of "The Tye More Binding" - a dramatization based on the letters of Abigail Smith Adams and John Adams (1764-1801) written by Lynn Hudson Parsons, Professor of History, SUNY College at Brockport. Richard St. George played John Adams and Sandi Henschel played Abigail Smith Adams in this very informative and entertaining dramatization. On occasion both John and Abigail (with words given them by Lynn Hudson Parsons) talked to the audience. These comments showed the quick wit and charm of the author and provided well-received and humorous interludes. The work was both enlightening and enjoyable and was nicely interpreted by the theatrical artists. If you have a chance to see it sometime, I highly recommend it. I also enjoyed the "eyeball to eyeball" contact with Al Brown's portrait while waiting for the performance to begin and at intermission. It invoked many fond memories of Brockport and of him and it suggested to me that it was time for me to write to you all again.

Some bad news -

Kathryn S. Dedman, spouse of the late-Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus W. Wayne Dedman, died on January 28th. Dr. W. Wayne Dedman worked at the college from 1945 to 1981 and served the college well beyond his retirement. Both Kathryn and Wayne were active participants in the life of the college and the life of their community. We mourn Kathryn's death and celebrate her contributions during her pass through on this earth.
There will be no calling hours and interment will take place in the spring. Contributions may be made in her memory to The Kathryn Dedman Scholarship Fund, c/o Kendall Faculty Association, Kendall, New York 14476.

Thomas W. Putney, former employee at Brockport and spouse of October 2002 retiree Katherine Putney who served many years in the Purchasing/Procurement Department, died suddenly on January 28th at 52. Tom worked in business offices, including Payroll, at the college for a few years and then transferred to the Department of Motor Vehicles. A Memorial Mass was held on Friday, January 31st. Contributions may be made in his memory to Mercy Flight, 2420 Brickyard Road, Canandaigua, New York 14424 or Camp Good Days & Special Times, 1332 Pittsford-Mendon Road, Mendon, New York 14506.

News:
I recently received an email from Associate Professor of History Emeritus Jim Horn. In addition to other information he shared that he had been in touch with Associate Professor of Communication Emeritus Helen McLaughlin. Helen shared with Jim that she is very busy with many activities and is enjoying retirement. [We would love to hear more.]

Sandy and I sat next to Professor of Biological Sciences Emeritus Robert Thompson at "The Tye More Binding" and learned that he had suffered a broken hip in July. He reported that he has mended well and is currently exercising at the new Town of Sweden Recreation Center (the former Christian center just south of Brockport). In case you are not aware of it, the recreation center at the former Christian Center was purchased by a former member of the Brockport Community (the son of Dick Booth who ran an insurance agency for several years in Brockport) and then donated it to the Town. I have not visited the center yet but Robert Thompson reports that 10 trips around the gym equals one mile and that the day-pass rate for using the facility is only $2.00. Of course, emeriti have access to college recreational facilities for free. However, they are sometimes crowded during times when we could attend. So, the recreation center is an alternative.

For those of you in the sun --- We are happy in Brockport to have had 3-4 days in a row when we have not had to shovel our sidewalks and driveways. Also, after a week or two with temperatures in the teens, we have enjoyed a few days of a heat wave -- temperatures in the 30s. There is a promise of cold and snow to come later this week, but the short reprieve and the slow increase in daylight hours provide us hope!

News has been hard to come by recently so please share what is going on in your lives so that I can pass the information along and keep this forum alive. I have talked with several of you recently who indicated that you had travel plans and I hope you will share your experiences when you return. (I have decided not to mention travel until it is completed). If you would like to share your experiences after your return, please do so. Also, I believe all of us have some interest in knowing how the rest of us are doing --- so share your news and I will distribute it!

February 4, 2003
Greetings again,
Sorry but I have one more piece of bad news to share. Thanks to emeritus Norm Frisch for bringing it to my attention.

Alyce Lampen, Associate Librarian Emeritus (1974-1985) ended her earthly journey on February 1, 2003 at age 89. According to Norman and Diane Frisch "Alyce was one of the nicest people we ever met, a sentiment shared by all others we know that knew her". I knew Alyce and I certainly agree. She was a wonderful person who provided excellent service to the college, its staff and its students in her job. She and her husband, the late Latham (Bud) Lampen were also familiar faces at many college events and activities over the years. Alyce is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy (Roy Pierce) Lampen and Sylvia (David Gulisano) Lampen and sister-in-law Thelma Lampen. There were no calling hours and her funeral will be held privately by the family. Those wishing may make memorial contributions to O.E.S. Mary Jane Holmes Chapter, Brockport United Methodist Church, or the Rochester Friendly Home. We celebrate Alyce's charitable life --- let the memory of her peaceful demeanor continue to give us guidance during these difficult times

Peace,

Bud

February 12, 2003

Greetings,

On the worst travel day of a miserable winter in upstate New York, I have some miserable news to share as well as some that is more uplifting. Let's get the bad news out of the way first.

A. Huntley Parker Jr., Associate Professor of Physical Education and Sport and Athletics Director Emeritus (1946-1971) has left us. Huntley was a consummate gentleman and human being, and a wonderful example for all whom encountered him in his journey with us. He continued to support the college and his former students and players right up until his life ended. We mourn his loss but cannot help celebrating a life well lived. Following is Huntley's obituary by Mike Andriatch '85, SUNY Brockport’s Director of Alumni Relations & the Annual Fund and formerly the College’s sports information director.

"Former SUNY Brockport men’s soccer coach, A. Huntley Parker Jr., passes away
Led Brockport to share of NCAA title in 1955

A. Huntley Parker Jr., who coached SUNY College at Brockport’s men’s soccer team from 1946 to 1970, passed away Monday night, February 10, 2003 in Wichita, Kansas. He was 92.

Parker was responsible for building the College’s soccer program from its infancy, taking over in the fifth year of the program and building the Golden Eagles into a national powerhouse over his 25 years as head coach. Brockport shared the National Intercollegiate title with Penn State in 1955 (voted co-national champions in a poll; no NCAA Tournament at that time) and was voted

In his quarter century at the helm of the program, the Golden Eagles compiled a record of 161-53-21 (.730) with just two losing seasons. He coached five unbeaten teams – and won a school record 19 straight games over two of those years, 1954 (9-0) and 1955 (10-0) – and 29 of Brockport’s 32 soccer All-Americans. He also was the school’s athletic director for several years and was the men’s golf coach for a period.

A 1933 graduate of Springfield (MA) College where he was an All-American in 1932, Parker was a charter member of both SUNY Brockport’s Golden Eagle Athletic Hall of Fame (1985) and the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Hall of Fame (1993). His teams won four SUNYAC soccer titles (1961, 1968, 1969, 1970) at Brockport and he was named SUNYAC Coach of the Year the first three years of the award (1968-70). In 1968, he was selected National Coach of the Year.

“I am proud to have coached at Brockport and had the players I did who helped me compile the records during my term,” Parker said upon his induction into NSCAA Hall of Fame in 1993. “I am also very proud of the men who played under me who have been elected to the Brockport ‘Hall of Fame.’”

Parker was back in Brockport last October when one of those men, Peter Hinchey ’56, a captain on the 1955 national championship team, was inducted into the College’s athletic Hall of Fame."

Condolences to: Mrs. Yvonne… or "the family of …" at 10550 E. 21st N, Wichita, KS 67206 [Mike Andriatch]

I have just learned that James (Jim) Fulton, Associate Professor of Physical Education and Sport (1948-1985) suffered a stroke on Friday and is in Lakeside Memorial Hospital in Brockport. As reported earlier, Jim is suffering from congestive heart failure and has been involved in some revolutionary diagnosis and treatment plans as recently reported in the Rochester D&C. Since the stroke, Jim has responded to his care at Lakeside and there has been some improvement. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jim and Alice Mae at this difficult time.

John W. Zwierzynski, Director of Administrative Computing Emeritus (1979-1991) sends his best wishes to all. He and Cathleen also send thanks for our prayers and concerns as Cathleen continues to fight cancer. He reports that Cathleen is trying a 4th type of chemo-therapy that is proving to be very difficult. She still is playing some tennis when she can but the treatments sometimes drain her too much. Please continue to keep John and Cathleen in your thoughts and prayers.

The following note from Paul Ferguson, former member of the English Department was shared with me. Although Paul is not emeritus, (budget cuts), I suspect he is known by many of you. Paul has recently been diagnosed with cancer. Given the tone on his message, I do not think he will mind my sharing this information and I am confident that he will appreciate our thoughts and prayers:
"Everyone:

Just a brief update on my situation. I started chemo today, which was a lot less terrifying than I had anticipated. Efforts to get me into an experimental study came to naught. It seems I am too healthy. So, two weeks ago, the doctor and I talked it over, and I decided that it's better to do something than nothing, and he agreed that we shouldn't wait until we get in trouble. At this stage, except for some back pain that does not seem related to the cancer, I'm feeling good. The doctor confirmed that people on chemo generally live longer than people not on chemo, then mentioned something about my life span increasing 50 years. That may have been a joke, but I'll take it.

In any event, it is now four hours later, I've just finished dinner, and feel great. No side effects so far. If luck holds as it did the last time, I shouldn't have much in the way of side effects this time.

Thanks again for all your prayers and well wishes. Keep them coming. I'll try to drop a note to you individually as soon as I can."

------Better stuff to follow______________

Robert Strayer, Professor of History Emeritus (1970-2002) has authorized me to share the following communication I received from him:

"Dear Bud--
Many thanks for keeping all of us up to date with news from the College. It's especially good for me here at the other side of the country in the foreign country called California. Suzanne and I have settled into a small village called La Selva Beach, about 10 miles south of Santa Cruz and 90 miles south of San Francisco. It's a delightful place of about 2000 souls. From our front door, it is about a 10-minute walk to the edge of eternity, which is the Pacific coast of Monterey Bay.

I've been teaching two courses (World History) at Cal State University at Monterey Bay. While I'm delighted for the chance to continue my teaching career, it makes me appreciate Brockport even more. Compared to CSUMB, Brockport is a model of efficiency and harmony. CSUMB is a new university--about 7 years old--that tries very hard to be different--no traditional departments, very high tech, "outcomes" driven, and very politically correct. Our Dean led the assembled faculty at the opening meeting of the academic year in singing "You are my sunshine." Then I knew I was no longer in western New York! But maybe Paul Yu should try it!

We've gotten together several times with Cal and Marghey Rich who live in Pacific Grove near Monterey.

It would be delightful to be in touch with any other Brockport folk in the central coast area. And we've got a guestroom for anyone who needs to get away from the snow.
We've had a very warm winter here, but life is not all roses. I must mow the grass in January!! Cordially--Bob Strayer"
Let me know if any of you are living near Bob and Suzanne and would like me to share your directory information with them.

Theodore "Ted" Starr, Professor Emeritus of Biological Sciences (1970-1990) has authorized me to share the following communication to me:

My wife Charmaine and I recently returned from France. We were with a senior tour group. I was impressed with the attention the French gave to World War 2 veterans. There were many stately monuments. I was with the 4th infantry division of the 4th med battalion. We landed on Utah Beach. It was H-hour, D-day, the water was cold as we left the LCI on a sand bar and made it to the beach. As a combat medic, I followed the 4th through France, Germany (Auschwitz and Buchenwald), and Luxemburg. I was looking the Po River Valley from the Alps (with frozen ears) at Wars end. Received 5 battle stars, several arrowheads, etc. We enjoyed our trip and have many, many stories to tell.

The following information was received concerning Irene S. Weirich, Associate Professor of Health Sciences/Recreation and Leisure Emeritus (1949-1985): "...learned she received wonderful recognition from the Home Bureau... involves a scholarship for our [Brockport] students. -- I will try and find out more and share it with you -- [Bud]

AND hopefully with his approval, here is a note from Albert W. Brown, President Emeritus (1965-1981) in which he, in effect, congratulates us all on our accomplishments on behalf of SUNY Brockport:

"Thank you for your kind words and memories. A good part of Marge, and me, remain at Brockport where we had so many good years and friends. Brockport is one of the finest colleges of its type and the great staff of the past forty years must be proud and satisfied with their achievements. Al"

AND again, hopefully with his approval, here is a note from Robert W. Blake, Professor Emeritus of Education and Human Development (1963-1995): --- [We congratulate Bob on his continuing scholastic activities and wish him the successful completion of his latest work.]

"Bud--Thanks for the update. Nice to hear about Al Brown's portrait and the performance with the Adams' family. I once congratulated Lynn about the publication of his book on John Adams and commented that it was too bad that in the same year McCullough's biography of John Adams had to appear. Lynne agreed, but I can't repeat what he said.

Nothing exciting to report from me. I'm deeply immersed in the writing of a new book, but one's daily writing is pretty dull stuff for others. I've been invited to give a paper at the 13the annual European Reading Council in Tallinn, Estonia in July, but I'm not sure I should go. I have a while to make up my mind.

Thanks for keeping us informed about happenings of the emeriti.
Bob Blake"
AND, again, hopefully with their approval, I share the travels of Karla Merrifield, Marketing Communications Director Emeritus (1990-2002) and Roger Weir, Assistant to VP Student Affairs Emeritus (1970-2002). It is interesting how small a world it is --- note their contact with the Liebes - Richard (Dick) M. Liebe, Professor Emeritus of Earth Sciences (1967-1997) and Janice (Jan). Dick et al --- Brockport beat Buffalo State in basketball last night. Buffalo was/is number 1 in SUNYAC. Brockport has talent but has been somewhat inconsistent this season, BUT they are coming together at the right time so we remain hopeful that they might still make the playoffs. On a good night, they can beat anyone! Here is the note from Karla regarding their travels:

"Hi, Bud -- Always good to hear from you and your news, both good and bad. Please send my greetings to the Parsons...would have loved to have seen another rendition of Lynn's play.

Roger and I are in Zion National Park as I write ... for a couple days before going on to Kanab, UT, to visit a friend. We ran into Helen and Dick Liebe at Saguaro National Park about 10 days ago. They're working at the visitors' center and were expecting the Vince Tollers to show up.

Just hanging out and enjoying the relative warmth of the region. .......... See you on Scholars Day...I've got a new batch of poems abrewing for my reading. Karla"

[Karla, we look forward to the sharing of your new works --- enjoy your travels and the relative warmth! We have none in Brockport.]

Finally, Marianne Virgilio has shared with me that the Office of Institutional Advancement administers both the Lathan H. and Alyce M. Lampen Award and the W. Wayne Dedman Award, to assist students enrolled at SUNY Brockport. I was not aware of these awards when I advise you of the deaths of Alyce Lampen and Kathryn Dedman.

I hope I have not exceeded my authority in sharing the information in this email. I am pleased to hear from so many of you and the feedback I receive suggests that you all enjoy hearing about what is going on in the lives of emeriti. So, please contribute when you have things you would like to share.

We hope and pray for peace and health for all of you in these difficult times,

Bud

February 16, 2003

Greetings again,

More mixed news:

First, I am sorry to report that Vivian A. Filppu, widow of the late Kaarlo Filppu, Associate Professor Emeritus of Business-Economics (1958-1985) died February 8, 2003 at age 79 in
Pleasanton, California where she resided for the last eight months. A memorial service will be held later. Donations in her memory can be made to Lakeside Beikirch Care Center, 170 West Avenue, Brockport, New York 14420. Kaarlo and Vivian were members of the Brockport "family" for many years. Towards the end of Kaarlo's career and beyond, Vivian served the College as an administrative assistant in several assignments including the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs. She was known for her good nature and the help and care she gave to students and staff. It is sad to think of her gone but we are thankful for having known her and for having been blessed by her presence in Brockport.

The family would appreciate receiving cards and letters. Please send to Ellen Whitfield, P. O. Box 871, Diablo, California 94528.

The following "good news" was just received from Rosemary and Gordon R. Gibson, Professor of Music Emeritus (1963-1985):

"Some good news!
Gordon and I moved last week from New Bern to Red Springs, NC.

Gordon is working with the Music Department at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke helping them with their new music major, "Music Theatre". They are doing "Sweeney Todd" as their first production. Gordon is helping them with the coaching at the moment.

I will be looking for work as soon as I have all boxes unpacked. I get to look forward to doing this (packing and unpacking) again in a year since we are only renting at the moment and are looking to find an airstrip that we can build a house next to so we can keep the plane in the back yard as we did in New Bern.

Our new address is:
118 West Second Avenue
Red Springs, NC 28377
910-843-3386
Our e-mail stays the same cn1161@coastalnet.com."

AND here are some excerpts from Bob Blake's response to my last update. I had responded to him that I agreed that we all should be proud of Brockport and the many roles we all played in making it what it is today. I also agreed with his comments about the teaching profession. Here are the excerpts:

"Bud--Thanks again for sharing the information about Brockport people throughout the world. As I'm fond telling anyone who will listen, we should all be proud of SUNY Brockport. Two years ago, I found that the desk clerk at the Paramount Hotel in Dublin was a student at Brockport -- a lovely, poised, socially adept young woman. Last year at a conference in Syracuse, another young woman came up to me after my presentation and informed me that she had been a student of mine in English Education, and just this last summer two young women came up to the podium after a presentation and told me that they had taken classes with me at Brockport. I always tell them they should be proud to be graduates of our college. Dr. Brown is
right … that we are a very special institution, and of course, he played a very large part --, as did a lot of us -- in creating a fine college.

I didn't know Huntley Parker but had heard nothing but nice things about him. People may not know it but he was a graduate of Springfield College (the home of basketball, so they say), which was the cross-town rival of the little college where I received my B.A. in English, American International College.

Springfield College was the physical education powerhouse, but little AIC would beat them in football every occasionally. (Springfield was noted for producing topnotch gentlemen coaches.)

I'm a little sad about hearing about the number of our colleagues who have passed on, but on the other hand they all lived exemplary lives in the service of our shared humanity. I always tried to convey to my many students at Brockport that if they wanted to something worthwhile with their lives, they couldn't do much better than to become good teachers."

I am pleased that I recently obtained the email address of Jet LaZarre, widow of the late Adam LaZarre, Dean and Professor Emeritus of Arts and Performance (1973-1991). She lives in Benicia, California near San Francisco and reports that she and Lois Wolin, widow of the late Burton Wolin, Vice President for Administration Emeritus (1971-1983) have lunch together occasionally. I was particularly pleased that Jet shared with me an article about their son Adam LaZarre that was in the Coast Weekly of Monterey County. It seems the young Adam LaZarre has become a significant player in the winemaking industry in California. I have attached a copy of the article and hope that you will enjoy, as I did, hearing about the offspring of two former members of the Brockport community who contributed significantly to its educational, cultural, and social endeavors for many years. I am going to purchase some of Adam's wine and offer a toast to the memory of his dad and to his mom's health and happiness!

Bud

February 28, 2003

Greetings,

Some of what follows may not be news to many of you. I was out of town last week and therefore I am tardy. My friend, former SUNY Brockport student and employee, Jim Wood, talked me into going skiing with him in the Canadian Rockies --- after about five "learning to ski" trips to Swain, our local 600-foot ski center. I did survive and I learned a lot about the durability of my face, the materials they make eye glasses out of today, and how your knees hold up following multiple unplanned stretching and twisting activities. Our timing was ideal-- the Calgary area had its best snowfall of the season while we were there and, as a novice, I had the opportunity to ski in 3 feet of virgin powder -- you can see your own trails from the lift as you ascend -- quite an enjoyable experience! Anyway, that is why I am tardy.

After a long and courageous battle against heart disease during which he was a pioneer for maintaining an active life despite his affliction, James B. Fulton, Associate Professor Emeritus,
Physical Education and Sport (1948-1985), took his skills to a higher level on Tuesday, February 18, 2003 at age 79. A memorial service was held at the First Presbyterian Church of Brockport at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 20th. As a lifetime swimmer and former swimming coach, as well as a dedicated Associate Professor, Jim was highly respected by his former students and swimmers. I have been told that many of Jim’s swimmers --lots of them champions-- from the 40s, 50s, 60s and 70s attended his memorial to pay tribute to this man who had touched their lives.

I did not know Jim well but I did know him well enough to be able to say that he was one of the most compassionate people I have known. He was a champion of the downtrodden -- sometimes to my chagrin. I remember at least two occasions where he showed up at disciplinary or workers compensation hearings to provide support for employees where I, as the College’s representative, was presenting our side of justice. Jim was there because he cared for the suffering and was willing to give his time and energy to ease their situations. To him the person was more important to the process, and although his presence surprised me at times, I was happy that the affected employees had such caring support. Others have many stories, I am sure, of Jim’s compassion and principles related to his teaching and coaching. One I have heard is that once in the early stages of his career he pulled his swimming team out of competition and took them home when a minority member of the team was not given equal treatment at an away-competition.

James Fulton was an exceptional educator, mentor, and example of how to serve humanity. His presence in this world and his service to the College, to his former students and athletes, to his church and to the Brockport Community will be sorely missed.

Condolences to the family:  
Alice Mae Fulton  
15 Brooklyn Road  
Brockport, New York 14420

Memorials: First Presbyterian Church of Brockport or  
Lakeside Memorial Hospital in Brockport

Please keep David Morien, Assistant Vice President for Administration Emeritus (1973-1995), and his wife Beverly in your thoughts and prayers. A dark cloud has been over Beverly for many years as she has struggled with cancer. The cloud became much darker during the holidays and knowing that we care might help ease the pain if the illness continues to win:

David Morien  
4875 East Shelby Road  
Medina, NY 14103  
(585) 798-2192  
dmorien@eznet.net

Dave, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.
Oh, there is some good news. Winter's grip is loosening, the days are getting longer, the snowbirds will soon be home, and the rebirth of spring is in the air!

Peace,

Bud

March 8, 2003

Greetings,

I do not have much to report but decided to send this out while the link to the full "Stoller" story is still available for those who might want to link to it. If you have news to share, send it to me at: rmeade1@rochester.rr.com  Also, John and Cathleen Zwierzynski continue to appreciate being in our thoughts and hearts as Cathleen courageously battles with cancer.

A recent issue of The News Observer in Durham, North Carolina includes an article about the New Horizons Band. The banner for the story is "Vintage talent finds new use". John E. Stoller, VP for External Relations Emeritus (1985-1997), shared with us his grass roots involvement with initiative several months ago. The story features pictures of both John (clarinet) and his spouse, Joanne (flute) with members of the Durham Middle School Band as they rehearse for a joint concert. The full story with the pictures can be found at: http://newsobserver.com/news/story/2292725p-2155736c.html

I have also placed the pictures in "Your News" page on the SUNY Brockport Emeriti website at: http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm  At the Emeriti Directory link from this page I have placed a copy of my current emeriti directory. It is as up-to-date as I know. If your record needs correction, let me know. If you are in contact with other emeriti and you notice that their records need updating, please have them contact me as well.

Peace,

Bud

March 15, 2003

Greetings,

Sorry I have mostly sad news to report today….

I regret to inform you that Beverly Morien, beloved wife of David Morien, Assistant Vice President Emeritus, Finance and Management (1973-1995), lost her battle with cancer on Friday, March 14, 2003 at age 59. Her family and friends will sorely miss her companionship and support. As we mourn her passing and celebrate her life and her courage, we wish her a much-
deserved peaceful crossing into the next life. Our hearts go out to Dave and his family at this difficult time of loss.

Calling hours will be held from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. on Monday, March 17th at Cooper Funeral Home, 215 West Center Street, Medina, New York. A memorial service will be held at the funeral home at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 18th. Memorial contributions may be made to the Richard Knight-Sue Kaderly Memorial Fund or the Hospice of Orleans County.

Condolences to David Morien or "The Family of …", at 4875 East Shelby Road, Medina, New York 14103.

Winter has made life difficult for a couple of current employees at the College who are known to many of you. Anne Parsons, IT Support Services, fell on the ice on campus recently and broke her hip. Billy W. Reed, Communications, fell on ice and suffered a severe fracture of a leg. Both are convalescing at home-- Anne @ 24 Havenwood Road, Brockport, New York 14420 and Billy @ 75 Hidden Valley Road, Rochester, New York 14624.

Jeff Love, well known to many on-campus as the "mail person", was struck by a car on Utica street this week. Although he had to be hospitalized to determine extent of his injuries, he was fortunate that he escaped with a few broken ribs and bruises. He has been released from the hospital and is recuperating at home.

Better news:

Walter "Walt" M. Boston, Associate Professor Emeritus, History (1969-1997) has responded to my invitation to share information. With Walt's permission, I have edited some of the content.

From Walt:
"Perhaps the best news is that Abbie [Walt's wife] has retired from the Genesee Health Service (Rochester, NY) and is doing part-time work at Lakeside Day Care and is a nurse-substitute at Brockport Central Schools.

After leaving post-retirement part-time work at Brockport after the International Business Institute Grant ended, I was invited to work with RIT's Center for International Business and teach a course in their MBA program ("Global Issues and Strategies") both of which I have found to be rewarding.

We are proud that Jessica, one of our five grandchildren, is at Delta College and will be going to England this summer through an English department program.

We had to postpone a planned trip to Italy after I injured a knee (an old football injury); we'll go later."

Emeriti Karla Merrifield and Roger Weir are continuing their travels. Following are two recent notes they have shared with me:
Received March 1, 2003:
"All is well, with the Merrifield/Weir "household on wheels." Right now, we're camped overlooking the Gulf of Mexico just south of Galveston. It's cool and has been unusually so for a week, but that doesn't keep us from leisurely walks on the beach. Heading up coast today and then into the bayou country of Louisiana for a week of exploring. We were there briefly last June, but want to linger longer in what is really a different world. Some crawfish, jambalaya, fresh shrimp and maybe a dance in the moonlight to zydeco music. Who knows?!!"

Received March 15, 2003:
"We're now on Jekyll Island in Georgia for a few days before heading further north up the coast. Some rain today, but it's been otherwise fine. We had a splendid couple of days in the Okefenokee Swamp southeast of here -- kayaking in the swamp amidst the alligators swimming by or snoozing on shore. We're both in one piece.

Finally, I must report that I think we are having our January thaw. Saw the sun and, also some people walking around the neighborhood today. First time I've seen walkers since November.

Peace,
Bud

March 23, 2003
Greetings,

Again, I am prompted to write because of mostly bad news.

After many years of suffering from several afflictions, Dorothy A. "Dot" Bandemer, Academic Advisor Emeritus, Academic Advisement (1961-1991), is now free of suffering in a place where she can have peace and rest. Dot crossed over on March 15, 2003 after several months of suffering from various ills.

Dot was a Brockport High School graduate who had a graphics artist degree from RIT and experience at the Lincoln Rochester Bank (now Chase) before she was employed as a Stenographer in the College's library in 1961. Soon thereafter she became the secretary to the late Jack Crandall, Professor Emeritus of History (1957-1985), who was director of the Peace Corps program at the time. Jack and Dot were a competent and caring team for the individuals participating in Brockport's Peace Corps program and both maintained close personal relationships with the participants over the years. Dot continued to keep in touch with Peace Corps volunteers through correspondence for as long as her afflictions allowed.

For many years, Dot and Jack worked together in what might be described as a symbiotic relationship. Jack advanced and served as Vice President for Instruction and Curriculum and Dot continued to be his administrative assistant. Jack who was the flexible and compassionate maintainer-of-the-peace was supported by Dot, who was absolute in her interpretation and
following of "the rules". Together they were a formidable and competent team leading some to wonder at times who was the real VP. But Jack, the College, and the Peace Corps program participants could not have had a more dedicated, tenacious, and caring assistant than Dot Bandemer. Her loyalty was, like her following of rules, absolute!

Dot completed two additional degrees at Brockport and, after serving as "Assistant to the VP for Instruction and Curriculum", became an Academic Advisor in the Academic Advisement Office in 1982. There she was happy to take on responsibility for evaluating transcripts for transfer students. In this capacity, she was known for her ability to work independently, to interpret the rules, and to stay at task.

I am sure that news of Dot's passing will bring back fond memories for many of you of the "growth years" at Brockport. Although Dot kept to herself in later years, she made significant contributions to the greater Brockport community during her life and she will be missed by family, friends, and pets and especially those many members of Brockport's Peace Corps family with whom she maintained contact over the years. While mourning her death, we celebrate the many contributions she made on behalf of the College, its staff, and its students during her life.

Nieces, Jeanne Davis, Laurie Mills, and Barb Lipani; great-nieces; and beloved pets, Marmaduke and Ziggy survive dot.
Condolences to: Family of… c/o Jeanne Davis, 46 Cloverwood Drive, Brockport, New York 14420.

Memorials to: First Baptist Church, 124 Main Street, Brockport, New York 14420 or James A. Baker Institute for Animal Health, College of Veterinary medicine, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York 14853.

A Memorial Service will be held later, probably, Saturday, April 12th, at the First Baptist Church. I will provide more detail when the information becomes available.

Also, FYI, Harold J. Craw, DMD, who served the Brockport Community as a dentist for many years, died on Thursday, March 20, 2003. A funeral service will be held for him at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25th, at the First Presbyterian Church of Brockport.

On the brighter side, Mike Oshier, former Assistant Vice President for Information Technology, has written that most of the news I send out makes him very happy with his decision to leave the world of work earlier than most and to enjoy life while he can. He recently shared "a day in the life of…" with me and authorized me to share some of it and a canoe trip he is planning.

"We may float the Missouri from Fort Benton to Judith Landing this summer. If you ever have the urge and want to float a river in MT let me know. The Missouri section we hope to float is on the Lewis and Clark Trail. It starts at the "Point of Decision" where the Marias and Missouri merge. L&C sent a party up each to try to determine which was the source. The only drawback, and it is big one for me, are the rattlesnakes that infest this area. There are lots of them on the river itself I hear but many people do it."
Here is a little more flavor of what I am up to. Yesterday while Nancy attended a board meeting of the friends of the Library in BS I decided to hike back in with my scope to look for elk antler sheds. It was just me among a few hundred thousand acres. I didn't find any sheds but I climbed to the top of a high barren ridge and watched a pack of wolves, not my favorite animal, interact for 30 minutes. It was a rare sighting this close to home and it is one of the packs without any collars on them so they cannot be tracked. I didn't find any kill sites but may look for one later this week. The problem now is that grizzly bears are coming out which makes life a little more stressful when you are alone. This experience represents what most of my life is all about these days. Nancy was disappointed she was not with me for this one. When I got back I called the head of US F & W service for wolf recovery and he was upset the wolves were out in the open and he hadn't been there because they have been trying to get at least one tracking collar on the alpha male or female."

Mike and Nancy--sounds like life is good. We suppose you will soon be enjoying fresh trout from a mountain stream for breakfast. Keep in touch!

News about the campus:

The new bridge connecting Drake and Tuttle North is nearly completed and looking good. It appears that about the only work left to finish is tearing down the old bridge. The new bridge greatly improves the appearance of the campus and, since it is enclosed, will be greatly appreciated by all.

The Parking Division relocated several weeks ago to the new Raye Conrad Welcome Center west of the Administration Building. Pay them a visit when you are on campus. I am sure they will be happy to show you around this building that memorializes Raye's contributions.

Peace,

Bud

March 28, 2003

Greetings again,

Although many of you receive Brockport Statements and, also have access to the Brockport website for announcements, I still thought some reminders might be helpful.

The 14th Gerry D'Agostino Memorial Lecture, "Personal Development Through Physical Activity and Sport", will be held on Monday, March 31, 2003 in The New York Room, Cooper Hall at 7:30 p.m. Featured speakers are Harvey A. Dorfman (Class of 1957) and Linda Berner Adams (Class of 1968).

Scholars Day 2003 is scheduled for Wednesday, April 2, 2003 from 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. For more information contact: Office of Academic Affairs, (585) 395-2523. You can find a schedule
of the Day's Events at: [http://www.brockport.edu/scholarsday/](http://www.brockport.edu/scholarsday/)

Steve Ullman, political science and international studies, [sullman@brockport.edu](mailto:sullman@brockport.edu) and Denny Sinclair, academic advisement, [dsinclair@brockport.edu](mailto:dsinclair@brockport.edu) are co-chairs of the Faculty and Staff Scholarship Campaign 2003.

"Every non-restricted dollar pledged for the campaign goes directly into the scholarship fund -- supporting student success through scholarships for SUNY Brockport's best and brightest… "Ullman and Sinclair ask that the SUNY Brockport community join them in supporting the College's scholarship program…” [Brockport Statements].

If you wish to contribute during this campaign, contact either Ullman or Sinclair, or contact Institutional Advancement (585) 395-2451.

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Mixed news was received today from Jet LaZarre, known to many of you for her roles in college theatrical and musical productions, for her roles in the Brockport Community, for her roles as an employee in the Office of Registration and Records, for her roles as a voice instructor, and for her roles as spouse to the late Dean and Professor Emeritus Adam LaZarre, Arts and Performance (1973-1991). The good news is that Jet's daughter Navy reservist, Julie LaZarre Miller, will be promoted to Commander on April 7th. The bad news is that she will have to place her nurse practitioner career on hold because she received orders to active duty yesterday. I have assured Jet that our thoughts and prayers will be with her and Julie during this difficult period. I imagine many of us could be directly affected by the war and we pray for the safety of all those who serve.

I am preparing to change the pictures on the emeriti website at [http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm](http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm). So far, no one has identified the unnamed emeritus face shown on the page.

We send our wish for peace in your lives and in the world,

Bud

April 8, 2003

Greetings,

We regret to inform those of you living out of the Rochester area that you just missed out on the second major ice storm to occur in recent years. They are so much fun because they create such great adventures and are so effective at getting neighbors to talk to each other, as they share their common miseries!

Of course, for many of us without power, worrying about how we were going to watch Syracuse work its way to the top in the NCAA tournament was the most significant problem. Fortunately, for some of us the power was restored before the game on Saturday.
But, here are the latest updates:

I recently wrote about the death of Emeritus Dorothy Bandemer and said that I would follow up when we learned about the scheduling of her memorial service. Please note that the tentative date I gave to you then has changed. Dottie's Memorial Service will be on Saturday May 3, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Brockport.

Lost touch --- We have lost touch via email with the following emeriti --- maybe it’s their choice. But, just in case it’s accidental not intentional, I'd like to confirm their wishes, so I ask your help if any of you have current email addresses for the following emeriti: Gerald Begy, Norman Bloch, Shirley Carmichael, Mou-ta Chen, Richard Evans, and Martha Walstrum. Thank you for your assistance. AND, don't forget, if you want to continue to get this stuff and keep your college directory information up-to-date, make sure to let me know if your email address or other directory information changes.

John Phillips Jr., Professor and Dean Emeritus, Public Administration (1976-1998) will have a significant birthday on April 15th and there has been a request from friends for contact from his former colleagues to help him celebrate the occasion. If you wish to participate please send a card, email, etc.

Contact information:
John Phillips, Jr.
28 Melvin Avenue
Cortland, NY 13045
(607) 256-1193
jphillip@brockport.edu

Larry Hjelle, Professor Emeritus, Psychology (1970-1988) will once again be taking to the roads on his bicycle - a new, and I've heard, very expensive one -- probably as you age up the bikes should be lighter but stronger! This time he will be traveling for a week across Pennsylvania during July. He will have a first-hand opportunity to learn about several college campuses including Slippery Rock and Penn State.

Ride on safely Larry!

Peace,

Bud

April 11, 2003

Greetings,

I have two quick things to report.
I told you Dot Bandemer's service would be at 2:00 p.m. --- that time has been changed to 10:00 a.m. So, the amended message is that Dot's Memorial Service will be on Saturday, May 3, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Brockport.

Dot's niece, Jeanne Davis, invites those of you who knew Dot to share memories with her for reading at Dot's memorial service. You can send your memories through email to: elise3jd@yahoo.com or send them through regular mail to: Jeanne Davis, 46 Cloverwood Drive, Brockport, New York 14420.

Gerald Begy, Associate Professor Emeritus, Education and Human Development (1973-2002) is really leaving the college after the spring semester and moving to Palm Springs, California. Betsy Balzano, bbalzano@brockport.edu and Arthur Smith, asmith@brockport.edu, both members of his department, are putting together a memory book to present to Jerry before he leaves. If any of you have memories, pictures, etc. [I know the memory part is challenging to our group -- but, you only need to concentrate on memories of Jerry] either email them to Betsy or Art or send them c/o one of their names to the Education and Human Resources Department, SUNY College at Brockport, 350 New Campus Drive, Brockport, New York 14420 in time for arrival before April 25th.

That's all for now ---

Peace,

Bud

April 19, 2003

Greetings,

On a sunny Easter Sunday in Brockport I am happy to report that most residents now have their ice storm damage neatly piled next to the street for spring pickup. From my experience, I presume there are a few remaining backaches as well. I took charge of this aging process myself though. I went out and bought some slip-on hiking shoes -- I was tired of tripping over shoestrings until I could find a curb or step so that I could reach them for re-tying. They say you shrink with age. Why is it then that your feet seem farther away -- makes no sense!

Just a couple of quick notes:

You are reminded again that Dot Bandemer's memorial service will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 3, 2003 at the First Baptist Church of Brockport, not 2:00 p.m. Brockport Statements did not have the change in time when it went to press.

The emeriti web page at: http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm honors Oliver C. "Ollie" Spaulding, Dean of Students/VP for Student Affairs Emeritus (1957-1971) for the remainder of the month. View the picture there and you will see Brockport's loveable and handsome Dean of Students circa 1969. It is a rather classic image of the times --- part of the
regalia for men in higher education -- almost everyone back then -- was the pipe. Ollie is having a birthday this week and I invite those of you who knew him to join Sandy and me in sending him a greeting at 32631 Lake Eustis Drive, Tavares, Florida 32778.

In case you did not recognize them, the previous "faces without names" on the web page were, first, Gordon Bemis and then James Cook.

Judith DesFosses, widow of the late Louis R. DesFosses, Professor Emeritus, Business-Economics, (1979-2000) has just joined the Empire Plan and is attempting to learn the intricacies of the billing/payments processes. She would appreciate hearing from any of you who have mastery in this area. You may contact her through email using "Empire Plan" as the subject at: jdesfoss@frontiernet.net

There is at least one name missing from the Brockport Statements list of retirees being honored at the recognition dinner this year --- Karla Merrifield, Director of Marketing Communications Emeritus (1990-2002).

Peace,

Bud

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May 6, 2003

Greetings,

Just a little update and some sharing……

Bob Boozer Golden Eagle Open

Here is a message from Mike Andriatch, Director of Alumni Relations & the Annual Fund.

"If you are a golfer -- and we know there are hundreds of you out there -- then you won't want to miss the traditional end-of-the-school-year golf tournament, the 26th Annual Bob Boozer Golden Eagle Open, set for Friday, May 23rd, at Hickory Ridge C.C.

Information packets were mailed several weeks ago. The deadline to register is this Friday, May 9. If you need another copy of the form, or have any questions, please contact one of us and we'll be glad to answer any of your concerns. We hope you can join us for this annual tradition.

Co-Chairs Susan Hoffman (x5327) shoffman@brockport.edu
and Mike Andriatch (x5809) http://www.brockport.edu/alumni

P.S. After less than perfect conditions the last two tournaments, we promise good weather this year!"
Dot Bandemer's Memorial Service
A very nice memorial service --- lots of singing --- was held last Saturday to celebrate Dot's life. Denny Sinclair, a friend and colleague from Academic Advisement, did an excellent job of describing Dottie's contributions to the college community. Thanks Dot for your life and the memories.

Emeritus Craig Hazen is just back from a vacation in Montana. He recently shared an enviable trip with me and has permitted me to share it with you. While in Montana Craig visited his good friends Mike and Nancy Oshier, former Brockport employees who are well known and fondly remembered by many of us.

"Had a WONDERFUL time in Montana, Bud. Mike and Nancy's area is just beautiful. I could live there in a MINUTE - - … We did some pretty intense fly fishing, (basically my FIRST time, and some pretty intense sightseeing. For someone with their (and my) interests, it's got to be close to being the perfect place - fish, game, birds, hiking, etc. I saw mule deer, whitetail deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goats, bison, coyotes, sandhill cranes, bald eagles, golden eagles, and even a grizzly bear and even "Mountain Bluebirds". Mountain Bluebirds are a more brilliant blue than our Eastern Bluebirds - or maybe they appear that way 'cause it's so CLEAR out there! We caught rainbows, cutthroats, browns, and whitefish, on the Gallatin, the Madison, and the Yellowstone Rivers. Spent about a day and a half in Yellowstone - and didn't even scratch the surface there! Just a great trip!"

[Craig, thanks for sharing.]

Congratulations to Brockport's Chancellor’s Award winners for 2003!

Excellence in Professional Service:
   Louis Spiro, Assistant VP for Finance and Management

Excellence in Research and Scholarly Activity
   William Stier, Jr., Distinguished Professor, Physical Education and Sport

Excellence in Teaching
   Roger Kurtz, Associate Professor, English
   Susan Seem, Associate Professor, Counselor Education
   Jeffrey Strieter, Associate Professor, Business Administration and Economics

Peace, good health, and happiness to all,

Bud

May 7, 2003

Greetings again,
Every time I send out news - MORE news arrives. I try not to clutter up your mail more than once or twice a month but it always seems to take at least two mailings at a time to complete an "update". Fortunately, the additional news to report this time is still the "good news" flavor.

Great News from Sharon M. Kehoe, Associate Professor Emeritus, Educational Administration (1985-2003)

"Hi Bud;

I wanted to share with you and my colleagues that I received a new kidney 20 days ago from a SUNY Oneonta friend who works in Migrant Education there, and whom I met about 23 years ago. I will be forever grateful to Robert Apicella for his most generous gift of a new life for me. His act of caring for another human being's quality of life is of the highest order. To honor him I am setting up a Robert Apicella Scholarship fund that will be administered by the BOCES Geneseo Migrant Center. The annual scholarship will be awarded to a migrant student who demonstrates true caring and support for others. If anyone would be interested, a donation to his scholarship would be appreciated. Donations can be made to BOCES Geneseo Migrant Center with a notation that it is for the Robert Apicella Scholarship. Bob does not know about this yet. It is going to be announced at the May statewide migrant consortium meeting at Lake Placid.

I am getting stronger every day and will be able to resume driving in two more weeks. Currently I return to Strong for follow-up on Mondays and Thursdays. As the months go by these sessions will get fewer and fewer until they get to once or twice a year. I wish to thank the many friends and colleagues who have been remembering me in their prayers over the past three years. I ask that you continue your prayers, so that my body manages not to reject my new kidney.

My best wishes to all,

Sharon"

This is truly great news. Sharon, we will continue to keep you in our thoughts and prayers and hope that your body will accept your new kidney as its own!

Someone pointed out that I had failed to report the recipients of Brockport's excellence awards this year. So, here they are:

BASC Awards
Jacquie Miller Memorial Recognition Award
Diann Hughes, Brockport Dining Hall

Jessie Stirk Memorial Service Award
Judy Dobson, Brockport Dining Hall

Outstanding Service to the College Awards
Clarence Juffs, Procurement and Payment Services
Scott Rodas, Facilities-Utilities
Teri Rombaut, History

Outstanding Service to Students Awards
Cindy Hewitt, Facilities-Housekeeping
Cathy Gray, Bursar
Daniel Sargent, MetroCenter
Ralph Trecartin, Business-Economics

Adele Catlin Memorial Award
Linda Hartmann, Undergraduate Education

Welcome new members to the group

Dr. Jean Bobear, Professor Emeritus, Biological Sciences (1956-1983) recently acquired e-mail services and has been added to this group.

Dorey Sweeting, President's Secretary, retired, who supported Albert W. Brown, President Emeritus during his first years at Brockport (last 60s to early 70s), visited emeritus Norm and Diane Frisch recently. Dorey and Diane had worked together in the president's office more years ago than many of us can remember! Dorey who now lives in North Carolina heard about us and wanted to be part of our group.

In addition to the emeriti group list, I also send updates to a group that I call the "Friends of Brockport Emeriti". This list includes former employees who dedicated a good number of years to serving Brockport but left before retiring. Bonnie and Steve Park fit that definition and we welcome them to the "Friends..." group.

I invite these new "groupies" to also visit the SUNY Brockport Emeriti site at: http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm

Missing Persons

Recently many of you helped me find new e-mail addresses for members of our groups who had changed them but had not notified me. I appreciate your help and I have shared the e-mail address corrections with the college. With the last mailing, I had several new e-mail rejections. The current list of "bad" e-mail addresses includes the following emeriti:

Ralph Gennarino
Charles Jenkins
Dinesh Mathur
Thomas Tremer
Martha Walstrum

Please share new e-mail addresses for these emeriti with me if you have them.
Greetings,

All sad news today…

Please join me with condolences to Emeriti Drs. Rawle and Ena Farley upon the loss of their son and stepson, respectively, Jeremy Rawle Farley. Following is information in celebration of his life. I also invite you to visit the emeriti website and click on "Your News" at: http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm where you will find this information, some pictures, and a poem by Jeremy.

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Drummer, Jeremy Rawle Farley, Poet/Amputee, Dies in Ottawa, Canada, May 7, 2003

The life of Jeremy Rawle Farley, 48, was celebrated by over one hundred and fifty friends who knew him well and wished to eulogize him on May 12, 2003, at religious services and a private gathering held at McGarry Funeral Homes, 315 McLeod Street, Ottawa, Canada. His death resulted from juvenile diabetes that had complicated his life since his late teens and resulted in amputations of both legs and numerous hospitalizations. He had just completed another surgery at Ottawa General at the time of his death on May 7, 2003.

Jeremy was lauded as an innovative blues musician/drummer well known in the Ottawa blues community and as an amateur watercolor artist and poet. The funeral program was framed by a 2001 painting by Jeremy and included his poem "Preface for the Hayloft Peanut Wars (Ballad for Bar-room Heroes)" written in the late 1970s. Despite his medical traumas, those present said he was an optimist, an advisor and a good friend who "never forgot a birthday." Brockport classmates and teachers of the late sixties and early seventies remember him as a gifted athlete, as extraordinarily cheerful, and as a lover of literature and history.

He was educated in primary and secondary schools in Jamaica (Mrs. Vidal Smith's and Knox College), Puerto Rico, the United States and Canada and lived for short periods of time as a child in England, Trinidad, Barbados and Libya. By the time he was ten years old, he had done "the grand tour of Europe" going to such places as Belgium, Holland, France, Italy, Switzerland and Malta. Friends at the gathering said that their families welcomed his point of view on the important questions of the day and their young teens heeded his advice about getting their college experiences right away. Children in a neighborhood community center listened to his talks on "living with diabetes" and "using a prosthetic foot." On one occasion a small child ran down the road with Jeremy's "foot" after his demonstration, knowing full well that the speaker would find his action amusing.

Jeremy went from New York to Ontario, Canada, at the age of 16 and became a Canadian citizen. He was born in Belize on February 2, 1955 to Guyana-born Dr. Rawle Farley and Belize-born Mavis Bowen Farley Stinson. His father, who was Director of Extra Mural Studies for the University College of the West Indies at the time of Jeremy's birth, is now Professor of
Economics Emeritus, State University of New York at Brockport. Jeremy leaves behind five younger brothers - David Stinson, an engineer, son of his mother Mavis and her second husband Canadian broadcaster Art Stinson (recently deceased) and Harvard trained attorneys Anthony and Felipe Farley, Harvard educated Christopher John Farley, Senior Editor, TIME, and mathematician, Dr. Jonathan Farley (Harvard and Oxford), sons of his father Rawle and his second wife, Jamaica-born Ena Farley.

Condolences to:
Drs. Rawle and Ena Farley
P.O. Box 206
Brockport, New York 14420

Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Rawle and Ena, as you adjust to this loss.

This information is for those of you far away from Brockport who might have known Nat "Bud" Lester Jr. Nat "Bud" Lester died on May 17, 2003. He had served as a town supervisor and county legislator while also maintaining a law practice in Brockport. He was a former basketball star at Brockport High School and played for St. Bonaventure University, and continued to be a basketball fan throughout his life. I remember him best during the 70s when he seldom would miss a SUNY Brockport basketball game, home or away. Mass was held today at the Nativity of the Blessed Mary Church, Main Street, Brockport, New York. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Sweden Clarkson Recreation Center, c/o 18 State Street, Brockport, New York 14420.

An emeriti friend received the following message from Gail and Carol Carpenter, former Brockport neighbors, pastor and friends who recently moved to Florida and asked that I share it with you as many of you know the Carpenters.

"Our daughter, Kristi, aged 43, just had a kidney and pancreas transplant and has survived the first 24 hours. The kidney is already functioning and they are waiting for the pancreas -- this is not unusual. She has a long rough road ahead and we ask for your prayers as she begins the long recuperation process. Her husband is the most wonderful guy and he too needs prayers as he goes through this difficult time also. Take care." [Carpenters]

Bud

May 28, 2003

Greetings,

Sad news to report again today…

After 43 years of marriage, Virginia "Ginger" Ioannone, retired Administrative Assistant, has lost her lifetime partner. Korean War veteran Antonio went to rest on May 26, 2003. I had met Antonio but I did not know him. But, because I know Ginger and all that she has meant to the college, her friends, and her family, I am certain that he was a loving, caring man who will be deserving of the best the “after-life” offers. For those of you who knew Ginger you will recall
that she served the college faithfully for 34 years from April 19, 1962 until her retirement on July
11, 1996. If memory serves me, Ginger worked with several senior officers during her career
including the late Ronald Watts when he was Assistant to the President for Community
Relations. At the time of her retirement she was administrative assistant to John E. Stoller, Vice
President for External Relations Emeritus (1985-1997). In this capacity, Ginger was the face of
the college to its many constituencies, including elected officials, community leaders, local
businessman, and others. Again, if memory serves me, she also provided backup assistance to
the Office of the President during the tenures of presidents Albert W. Brown and John E. Van de
Wetering. She served cheerfully, competently, and compassionately. We send our heartfelt
thoughts to Ginger and her family and hope that there will continue to be cheer in Ginger's life
after the mourning as she cherishes the memories of her 43 years with Antonio. Peace be with
you Ginger.

The family will receive friends from 2-4 and 7-9 on Thursday, May 29th at the Merrill-Grinnell
Funeral Home, 39 Geddes Street, Holley, New York. Service at the Holy Cross Cemetery,
Holley at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 30th. Memorials may be made to Lakeside Memorial
Hospital.

Condolences to:

Mrs. Virginia Ioannone
334 Willowbrooke Drive
Brockport, New York 14420

Peace,

Bud

June 25, 2003

Greetings,

It has been awhile since I've been in touch so I thought I should do an update. Don't be afraid to
send me news you would like to share with the group. Here is the update:

I have started developing a listing of names and addresses of SUNY Brockport classified service
employees. The College has shown some interest in attempting to stay connected to this group
and to provide some amenities like the treatment of emeriti from the professional service. Once
such a list is created I will probably be sharing it with you and seeking your help to fill in
missing names, research addresses, and in identifying those no longer in attendance.

Sad news was received this week from Marsha Gottovi, former Director of Enrollment
Management. Her younger brother Gary passed away on Saturday June 21st at 10:30 p.m. as
a result of the serious head injuries sustained in the auto accident Memorial Day weekend. He
never regained consciousness and was removed from life support late Friday, June 20th.
Although Marsha is not a member of this emeriti group I know that many of you knew her and
worked with her throughout her career at Brockport and I thought some of you might like to share your condolences. If so, her address is Marsha Gottovi, 722 Genesee Park Boulevard, Rochester, New York 14619.

Good news was received from Semie Lechebo, EOC Assistant Director of Academic Affairs Emeritus (9177-1993). His book entitled THE BOOK OF THE BEST SELECTED QUOTES FOR EVERY OCCASION has been published by the 1stBooks Library, 1663 Liberty Drive, Bloomington, IN 47404. For preview it can be found at the website: http://www.1stbooks.com/bookview/15829. Over the next few weeks, web sites like Amazon.com and Walmart.com will be listing my book for sale.

[Congratulations to you Semie for success with your post-retirement activities.]

A little personal update -- good news! Sandy and I have just returned from a trip to China where we visited our son Eric who lives in Shanghai. Eric lost a road battle between a motor scooter he was driving and a farm vehicle on April 23rd. He suffered a severe head injury but because he was in a remote section of China and the concerns about SARS, we decided not to travel at that time. However, we recently decided we needed to see him so we quickly put together a trip on Sunday, June 1st. Although initial medical reports were grim, we were happy to see for ourselves what had been reported to us that Eric has nearly fully recovered, has returned to work, and has resumed his normal activities. Some of you were aware of these circumstances and we are thankful for your thoughts and prayers during this period. We are blessed that Eric survived with no impairments. During our visit to China we traveled to the small town where Eric had his accident and hosted a "State" dinner to thank those who had cared for him. It was quite an experience for us as well as the members of this community who had limited exposure to non-Chinese people and probably had never been visited by a white man and his parents before. After the dinner, the head of the communist party suggested that we should buy a villa in his community and retire there. If I could convince Sandy we might just consider it. I don't know about the cost of real estate, but, if the cost of entertaining is any indicator, I think we could afford to live there even if the stock market does not recover. As evidence, we hosted thirteen for a very nice dinner in a private dining room with many drinks for toasting for a total of $56.00 USD.

More good news! Many of you know Rick Kincaid who serves as Director of Student Employment and Assistant in Career Services. I am pleased to share with you that his daughter Alison is graduating at the "top of her class" at Brockport High School. We congratulate both Alison for her achievements and her proud parents Rick and Sharon.

Peace,

Bud

July 9, 2003

Greetings,
Just a few things to share … some you know about, others, maybe not!

Alumni Reunion 2003 begins today and runs through Saturday, July 12th. Although registration for most activities was required by June 25th you still can stroll the campus and visit the tent on Hartwell lawn to see who is around. Rumor has it that at least two members of this emeriti group were members of the class of 1953 that is being given special recognition this year -- they are Jeanette D'Agostino Banker and Melvin Smagorinsky if my sources are correct -- that's a combined 100 years of service to Brockport. There may even be others from this group who are being recognized. Anyway, if you are in the area, take a walk on the campus this weekend -- you may be pleasantly surprised to run into former colleagues and students.

Many of you will remember the name Dorie Sweeting. When I assumed my Personnel/Human Resources duties in Hartwell in June 1970, Dorie was the President's Secretary working with Diane Frisch to provide support for President Albert W. Brown. Recently, Diane and Emeritus Norm Frisch reconnected me with Dorie and she has been added to the "Friends of Brockport Emeriti" list temporarily until the new classified service retiree list is established. She now lives in North Carolina where she is enjoying retirement. She recently sent me a little information about her experience and her memories of Brockport.

Dorie first started working at the College in 1946. Her first job was in the "Old Main Office in Hartwell. She took a maternity separation then returned to work for Sally Jackson, Dean of Woman and George Anselm in the Education Department, splitting each day between the two. After another break in service she returned to work in the office of Herman Lybarger in the Campus School. In 1958, President Tower asked if she would fill in as his secretary while his secretary was out on sick leave. As a result, she ended up serving as President's Secretary until 1971 when she took early retirement.

In my early years at Brockport, Hartwell Hall served both as an administrative hub and a classroom building and the Alumni House was the Faculty Dining Room. Many faculty and staff from other buildings walked the corridors of Hartwell to get to the Dining Room or downtown for breakfast, coffee break, or lunch. As a result, there was much casual contact in the Hartwell hallways that resulted in friendships and associations. In those days, it was common for faculty and staff to host Friday "happy hours" at their homes for colleagues. My fond memories of those days include attending several such gatherings at the Sweeting's residence on South Avenue.

Dorie, thanks for sharing and bringing back pleasant memories -- I am sure you have some great memories of your own about the changes that occurred as the Normal School became a unit of the State University of New York and of the people who enabled that transition. Best wishes for continued health and happiness in retirement.

I am sorry but I must also share some sad news.

George Beltri, a retiree from Housekeeping, died on Monday night after a long illness. His name might not be immediately recognized by many of you, but during his years in Brockport, George was a living, moving, early morning, "landmark". His workday was not over when the nightshift ended because it was now time for him to canvass the campus and the town for discarded bottles
and cans. Even if you don't know his name, you undoubtedly have memories of seeing George slowing shuffling around the campus with his bottle bag draped over his shoulder early in the morning. Like his friend, the late Donald Terboss, the late Roger Knapp had hired George out of the Sonyea Institute. George had been wrongly institutionalized at a young age because of some physical disabilities including poor vision. Once released he proved to be a competent and reliable Housekeeper at the College for many years. In addition to the late Roger Knapp, his caregivers included emeritus Tonya Satryb who was counselor and confidant to George during many early hours in the Human Resources Office during her career at Brockport. In recent years, current employee Denise Sinclair, Academic Advisement, deserves special recognition for caring for George during his long illness. I hope not to embarrass Tonya and Denny, but they are examples of the many special silent angels who are lifelines of support for those in need but who expect nothing in return. In saluting George "Bottleman" Beltri for his perseverance in his life filled with unique challenges, I also salute these caregivers.

George, we wish you peace and freedom from ridicule and adversity in the afterlife.

Leland Knab, another Facilities retiree, died on Friday, July 4th. Lee was a locksmith at the College for many years and was known for his easy going, friendly manner before "customer service" became just an insincere buzzword. Leland probably assisted many of you when the locks on your doors suddenly jammed, or you lost, broke, or forgot your keys. We thank Leland for his winning smile, caring attitude, and his contributions to the College community and we wish him many rewards for his service to humanity as he takes his rest.

FYI - the link to Emeriti Directory on the Emeriti page at: http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm does not work. I am leaving the link on the page and will announce when it is active for allowing you to review your directory record and make changes/corrections. For such reviews this information will only be available on the Internet for a couple of days. Generally, Emeriti Directory will be a "dead" link to avoid inadvertently making your directory information available to others outside our group.

I hope you are all enjoying the summer.

Peace,

Bud

July 11, 2003

Greetings,

Oh boy ... here he comes again!
Just a quick update ...

The picture on the main page of the Emeriti Website at: http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm has been updated to honor five members of Brockport's Class of '53 who also are emeriti and thusly have been associated with Brockport for
at least 50 years --- at least we think so. We know the names of five emeriti who were members of the class of '53 but we were unable to match a SAGA yearbook picture with one of them. We are very suspect that Jeanette D'Agostino Banker may not have really graduated from Brockport based upon the 1953 Saga. Although we could not find a picture to match, she was also not listed with those for whom no picture was available. We did however, find Edwin "Ike" Duryea on this list. If you have access, look at the pictures on the webpage and see if you can identify any members of our group. We will continue to investigate Jeanette D'Agostino Banker's credentials. She probably should be crowned Queen of the Class of 1953's 50th Year Reunion if we could only verify that she was a member of the class.

Our group is certainly contributing to the welfare of the medical community. Since last writing I have learned that emeritus Terry Hover donated his appendix at the Lakeside Body Shop in Brockport on Thursday. Current Assistant Director of Admissions Steve Kast did likewise a couple of weeks ago and complications have kept him in the hospital for two weeks with maybe one more to go. I also learned that emeritus Pat Baker has replaced a hip recently. This is one of those areas where I will refrain from saying: "Keep up the good work!"
Again, peace, happiness, and good health to all....
Bud

July 19, 2003

Greetings,

I am writing again to share information recently received and to wish Patricia Palmer well before she leaves on her new adventure.

Patricia B. Palmer, Senior Counselor Emeritus, Counseling Center (1973-1989) is about to embark on an "Adventure Retirement". Pat has been accepted into the Peace Corps and will be leaving August 1st for Bulgaria for 27 months. She does not know her specific job yet but her generic title is NGO (non-governmental Organizations) Advising. She will be working with a program called "Environment Management and Training". She will spend the first three months in language immersion and cultural and technical training in Sofia. Pat reports that this is: "A big change for me…closing my psychotherapy practice, selling my house and traveling light. Sad to say goodbye to family and friends but excited about this new adventure…"
Pat, all I can say is WOW! It takes an unusual type of courage to take on such an adventure. We salute you for your commitment to service and wish you great fulfillment from your efforts. You have indicated that you will still be able to receive our updates through e-mail so please keep us up-to-date about your adventure as well.
Bon Voyage!

Ira-Paul Schwarz, Professor and Composer Emeritus, Theatre (1970-1992) recently had another of his compositions posted on the SibeliusMusic website. His composition "Instant Opera" (1997) is dedicated to the State University of New York Brockport College-Community Chorus. You can find this composition, see the score, and play it at:

http://www.sibeliusmusic.com/cgi-bin/show_score.pl?scoreid=39479
Dr. Schwarz currently has four compositions posted --- "Toot Sweet" is my personal favorite. After checking out Ira-Paul's compositions click on home and check out some of the others. There are a lot of free compositions available on this page and it is a bit of fun checking them out to learn more about what you like and dislike. Ira, it was great hearing from you and thanks for sharing this delightful website!

"Thanks for passing on the information about Dorie Sweeting. When I came to Brockport in 1963 I believe Dorie was Dr. Tower's secretary. The whole college was run out of the office in Hartwell. There was one phone in the closet in that office and the mail room for the entire school was in that office as well. There were no phones in offices (Who had an individual office? We all shared. I had a shared office off the old Hartwell gym.) so we had to conduct all our business over the phone in the Hartwell office. I even ran an Office of Education Research Grant from Washington over that phone in the President's Office.

In any event, I remember Dorie with fondness. She was always efficient and courteous. I wish her all the good health and happiness she deserves.
Bob Blake"

[Bob, right on about Dorie Sweeting…. Of course, by the time I arrived I no longer had to see Dorie for telephone scheduling but I did visit her frequently to gain access to personnel files that were at the time still stored in the President's Office.]

More on the travels of emeriti Karla Linn Merrifield, Director of Marketing Communications Emeritus, Marketing Communications (1990-2002) and Roger Weir, Assistant VP for Student Affairs, Student Affairs (1970-2002):
7-14-2003
"We've been out of touch due to wilderness!"
Karla is writing to say hello from Dawson Creek in northern British Columbia on their way to the Northwest Territories.

"We had the most magical cruise with five other gentle folks on the Tahoma, a renovated 70-foot former salmon tender. Went from Blaine, WA, up through the Inside Passage to Ketchikan, Alaska, in 10 days of raw, powerful beauty. Highlight of the trip was when I landed -- after two hours, 10 minutes -- a 128-pound halibut. Yep, that's right: 128 heavy pounds -- and great eating. We're still munching on his filets...and left plenty for our fellow voyagers to enjoy. An experience of a lifetime, that fish -- and the entire adventure.

We'll probably be out of touch again for a while. No cell phone connections way up here on my phone, so it'll be another library like the one I'm in now."
7-18-2003 [In response to e-mail from Bud Meade]

"I'm doing some good poetry...not a lot, but ... Tonight some of that monster fish is going into a fish chowder for dinner. We're in Yellowknife, NWT, now -- literally at the end of the road. Went out all morning kayaking on Great Slave Lake dodging seaplanes and taking in the scenery. A wild place, even if it is a city."
Ian H. Henderson, Professor Emeritus, Music (1948-1954) and (1965-1980) and his wife Rita were pleased to be able to spend some time with the Class of 1953 during Alumni Weekend 2003. They were guests at the dinner and variety show for the class. Ian led the group in singing and accompanied some of the members of his "old" Men's Glee Club from that era. A fine time was enjoyed by all as they shared their memories and reflected on the traditions that were fundamental to the success of Brockport at the time.

Reports are that the Class of 1953 had a wonderful reunion with 80 members of the class in attendance including the five of our own group who are currently featured on the emeriti website --- Jeanette D'Agostino Banker, Roy Bubb, Shirley Carmichael, Eugene Orbaker, and Melvin Smagorinsky.

We have solved the mystery of why we could not find Jeanette D'Agostino Banker's picture in the SAGA for 1953. She "belongs" to the class, but because she accelerated her undergraduate program, she ended up leaving the class early for a lucrative career in higher education (?). Consequently, a distinguished Brockport graduate has to continue to prove her association to the College and the Class of '53 by hard work rather than a yearbook photograph.

I have added the link to the website of Brockport, New York - http://www.brockportny.org/index.html in the list of drop downs on the emeriti website. The drop downs now include links to the following sites: Brockport, New York, the IRS, Medicare, New York State Employees' Retirement System, NYS Department of Motor Vehicles, New York State Taxes, New York State Teachers' Retirement System, Social Security Administration, State Employees' Health Insurance, SUNY Benefits Page, SUNY Brockport Athletics, SUNY Brockport Human Resources, TIAA-CREF, and the US Postal Service (zip code look up, etc.).

For those of you living away from Brockport check out the Photo Gallery to refresh your memories of Brockport.

Correction: Emeritus Patricia Baker had another knee replacement -- now both knees are good again -- not a hip replacement as previously reported.

Emeritus musing:

"Thank you for keeping me, and others, updated. I don't know about you, but I'm increasingly feeling as tho I've traveled to the other side of a great ocean, along with those of "our time," and "back there" on the other side is "Brockport" and the young who soon will know us only as "names," if that." [Fittingly...author's name withheld.]

Finally, for those of you who enjoy outdoor activities, photographs, and canoeing [for sure Walt Borowiec, Chad Skaggs, and "Montana Mike" Oshier] here is a link to one of my favorite sites: http://outdooradventuregroup.com

Peace,

Bud
July 27, 2003

Greetings,

Some sad and time sensitive news prompts me to write once again this month.

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After a courageous battle with cancer Nancy H. Rath left this world for a disease-free environment on Friday, July 20, 2003. For many years, Nancy served the college community in various assignments in External Relations/Institutional Advancement/Alumni Affairs. She was known for her competence, caring, and general good nature. She continued to provide her excellent and friendly services after her first bout with cancer. Later after the disease reappeared she remained dedicated to her responsibilities, her colleagues, and the college until the disease got the upper hand and forced her to take a disability retirement. Even in the face of this decision she maintained a positive attitude and could astonish others with her smile and her enthusiasm for what she could still manage to do. Nancy's cheerfulness, her courageous battle, and her eternal good humor remain an inspiration for all that knew her. While we mourn her loss, we celebrate her life and her memory and wish her peace in the afterlife.

There will be no calling hours. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, July 28, 2003 at St. John's Lutheran Church of Hamlin. In lieu of flowers friends may contribute to the St. John's Lutheran Church of Hamlin or the James P. Wilmot Cancer Center at Strong, 601 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, New York 14642.

Condolences to: Charles J. Rath or the Family of … at: 856 Redman Road, Hamlin, New York 14464

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Karla Linn Merrifield and Roger Weir continue their travel adventure. Karla sent a note that she enjoys being able to keep up on things via our e-mails. She shares this update about their journey:

Roger and I are now hailing you from the public library in Jasper in Jasper National Park, Alberta. We're gearing up for hiking -- and some Rocky Mountain highs -- all natural! And the wildlife is everywhere; just on our way into the park we saw a family of bighorn sheep and a monster bull elk with a rack 5 feet up and easily 5 feet across. The mountains are calling to us, so I'll be off. Karla.

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At 92 years old, Orlo "Lee" Derby, Professor Emeritus, Education and Human Development (1941 - 1974) still cannot give up his lifelong love of teaching. The website of the Genesee Country Village features Lee in teaching garb from a period even earlier than his first days at Brockport Normal School/Teachers’ College. You can see Lee in his Genesee Country Village professorial robe at http://www.gcv.org/. Be patient and wait for the page to load and the flash movie panel to change.

James J. Horn, Associate Professor Emeritus, History (1968-1998) remained in Brockport longer than normal this summer to personally receive a Distinguished Service Award from the
Brockport Alumni Association during Alumni Weekend 2003. We congratulate Jim for the award and thank him for the services that warranted it.

Upon his return to Mexico Jim, the college, and SUNY received additional recognition. The college's associated school in Cuernavaca, Universidad Internacional (UNINTER), invited Jim to attend a program with the mayor and city council to recognize and thank program directors and groups that bring students to Cuernavaca. Each of ten language schools named two universities and two directors for recognition. Jim accepted the recognition for SUNY. Both Jim and SUNY received citations "...for...esteemed contribution in the promotion of the teaching of the Spanish language and culture." for program director and university, respectively. This was a nice recognition for Jim who has been bringing study groups to Cuernavaca, the largest center for Spanish study in the Western Hemisphere, and second largest in the world, for 30 years.

Finally, Jim is happy to report that after a couple of lean years in the tourism industry following 9/11, tourism is on the rise again and he expects his tours to be filled. For information about his tours, check out Escorted Tours at http://www.@educationaltravel.com.mx

Larry A. Hjelle, Professor Emeritus, Psychology (1970-1998) has been on the bicycling trail again. Who does not "envy" his trip from San Francisco to Portland, Maine last summer. This summer he picked a shorter, if not friendlier, trip. He recently completed the Pedal Pennsylvania bike ride from Slippery Rock to Easton in six days (a total of 480 miles of riding). He reports: "...the hills (or should I say mountains) in western Pennsylvania were quite challenging with grades exceeding 8 percent on several climbs... Our group of 55 riders stayed at college campuses along the way (including Penn State, Susquehanna University, and Penn State at Altoona)."

Larry also reports that [in his view] "... Cycling is a truly wonderful activity at any age and I am grateful that I can continue riding these long tours."

He encourages those of us who can participate in this activity.

Peace,

Bud

August 5, 2003

Greetings,

Just for the record .... when I send out e-mail messages to the emeriti or friends-of-emeriti groups, I will most often (unless my old memory fails me) include "Update" in the subject line and I will not send you any e-mail with attachments. If there are pictures or other things that might otherwise be attached, I will reference that they may be found at the emeriti website rather than attach them to an e-mail. Soooo, the message here is don't open any attachments that might seem to come from me. Recently my colleague and friend Jim Horn received an e-mail from me with an attachment with the subject "Excite Game". Fortunately, his virus protection caught this
virus attachment as did mine. After Jim alerted me I reviewed the situation and remembered that I had received an e-mail with that attachment earlier in the day and when I went to delete it I inadvertently "messed up" and I believe that since an e-mail I had received from Jim was directly below the e-mail with the virus attachment that I ended up forwarding the e-mail with the virus attachment to Jim.

In any event, if you receive an attachment with any identification characteristics like "Excite Game" DO NOT OPEN IT!

Also, there are files being circulated that probably include viruses with subjects such as "cellpadding" and "pleasetyagain". DON'T OPEN THEM!

Ronald Prine, e-mail manager at the College just sent out an e-mail warning as follows: "There is an email virus that is out that is fooling many users. The virus is called the W32/Mimail@MM

To read about it goto http://vil.nai.com/vil/content/v_100523.htm

The letter from the virus will look like it is coming from admin@brockport.edu and will tell you that your email address will be expiring. DO NOT open the attachment. Your virus checker should catch this and should not let you open the attachment.

The letter would look like this:

427d096f.jpg" DON'T OPEN IT!!!!!

Finally, I do believe that at least one of you on my group list might have a virus. Otherwise, I don't understand why every time I send something to the group my virus protection catches two or three viruses when I never seem to get them otherwise. Please make sure you update your virus protection frequently and run it to check for viruses.

Nothing bad to report. Don't hesitate to send me good news you wish to share!!!

Bud

August 22, 2003

Greetings,

Well, it’s being proven again --- the college can survive without us!

Today is final registration for the fall 2003 semester. The college looks great except for a stretch of new campus drive running west from Tuttle North past the Allen Administration Building. A major renovation of the roadway there has been underway since the completion of the new enclosed bridge from Drake Memorial Library to Tuttle North. If you haven't seen it I can assure you that the bridge is a major improvement. It was well designed [thanks to Gerald Luzum,
Assistant VP for Facilities Emeritus (1990-2000)] and will make the passage between these buildings much safer and more comfortable once those winter winds start blowing.

Unfortunately, the project to reconstruct the road was not quite finished before the opening of school but it will be soon. This too will be a great improvement. No longer will the campus community have to deal with perennial potholes, flooding, and ice mounds as they negotiate this roadway. Additional campus improvements include the resurfacing of some parking lots that will greatly enhance our image to visitors and will help protect the limbs and vehicles of employees. I will place a picture of the new bridge and the road construction under "Your News" on the emeriti WebPages as soon as I am able to overcome some website maintenance problems with Information Technology Support Services.

Also, on this final-registration day, I am honoring Ralph P. Gennarino, Vice President for Educational Services Emeritus (1962-1977) by placing his picture on the main page at the emeriti website. Dr. Gennarino served the college with distinction for many years with responsibility for academic advisement, admissions, registration and records, student financial aid, and other units as well during his career. For a short period of my career I had the pleasure of reporting to Dr. Gennarino myself. I observed that he was an executive who worked very hard to promote the college not himself. He was thoughtful and direct but always known for being very fair. When problems arose in his areas of responsibilities he did not procrastinate -- he immediately investigated, sought the best solution available at the time, consulted, confronted the problem, directly presented the solution, took responsibility for whatever actions were necessary, and moved on -- no problems festering on his watch! Although he may wish to deny it, Dr. Gennarino had a great influence on me early in my career at Brockport and I thank him for his guidance. I know there are many of his former direct-reports and associates who likewise hold him in high esteem. Ralph, we all thank you for your contributions to SUNY Brockport during your career and beyond -- those of us who know you personally also thank you for your guidance and for all the great memories!

Professor Emeritus Rawle Farley has sent us information on the death, on July 3, 2003, of Professor Orme Phelps at the age of 96. Orme was a significant friend to Rawle who invited him here as Visiting Professor when he (Rawle) was Chairman of the Department of Economics. Orme was a distinguished asset to the to the Department's resources. He had been a full professor at the University of Chicago, a Professor at the University of California at Berkeley, and he had authored the definitive textbook on Labor Economics. Orme was also Professor and Dean at Claremont College.

Under "Your News" on the emeriti WebPages you will find a photograph (as soon as the technology problem mentioned above is solved) of Professor Emeritus Orme Phelps (Claremont College) and his wife Barbara that appeared in the summer 2003 issue of the Claremont McKenna College Magazine. The captions "What Becomes a Legend Most?" and "An inspiration to countless students, Orme Phelps continues a tradition of leadership by honoring CMC (Claremont McKenna College) with his support" -- provide a moving testimony to Orme's leadership and generosity.

Professor Phelps served as Visiting Professor at Brockport during summer session 1968 and throughout the 1968-69 academic year. While serving Brockport he and his wife Jean resided in
the home of emeritus Ara Zulalian and his wife Betsy on Valley View Drive while they were away on Dr. Zu's sabbatical. [Note: Orme's first wife, Jean, who accompanied him to Brockport, died in 1981 after 40 years of marriage.]

Orme's daughter, Mrs. Sally Phelps Smith, recently wrote the Farleys and shared clippings from the Los Angeles Times and other papers. From the clippings: Orme "...was one of the first faculty recruited in 1947 for what was then Claremont Men's College...He was born July 5, 1906 in Oklahoma Territory, the son of a Union soldier who studied with Abraham Lincoln's law partner... He worked 40 jobs between high school and college, and continually drew upon that experience in teaching labor economics."

Brockport friends and acquaintances may wish to know that Sally's address is Mrs. Sally Phelps Smith, 3002 Fairmount Boulevard, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118. Her telephone number is (216) 932-5054.

The Farleys also have a final letter received from Orme last November that they will cherish. They have shared his closing from that letter with us: "One of my brightest memories is of my year at Brockport..."

Claremont McKenna College is holding a Memorial Service for (in their words) Legendary Professor Orme Phelps at 2 p.m., Sunday, September 14, at the Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum on the campus.

We share with our friends and colleagues, Rawle and Ena Farley their sorrow at the loss of their friend who distinguished Brockport with his presence in 1968-1969. Likewise, we celebrate with them his long life and the significant contributions Professor and Dean Orme Phelps made on behalf of the higher education community.

Viruses ---- The last few days I have feared opening e-mail. In my campus e-mail account, I have been deluged with e-mails from people known and unknown to me that contain subject lines known for carrying viruses. From my observations, the subjects in e-mail you should NOT OPEN, even if they appear to be coming from friends or colleagues, include:

Approved
Details
My details
Thank you
That Movie
Wicked Screen Saver
Your application
Your details

Reminder. (1) the subject of my e-mails will be "Update", (2) the e-mails will be from rmeade1 at rochester.rr.com as well as to rmeade1 at rochester.rr.com, (3) the distribution (unless I forget) will be blind copied to you, and (4) I will not include attachments. Instead, pictures and other items that might be otherwise be attached will be placed on the website. On occasion, I will
reply to a direct mailing from one of you to my college e-mail account but generally I do not use that account to create messages. So, if you receive e-mail from rmeade at brockport.edu instead of from rmeade1 at rochester.rr.com that is not a reply to something you sent me at that address, it should be treated as suspect.

It is sad that we must take such precautions -- I would personally support very serious penalties -- maybe even loss of citizenship -- for those who perpetuate these acts.

Emeritus Larry Hjelle and his wife Jean have some out-of-state experience with health insurance that they have shared as an alert to all of us:

"Within the last four plus years, Larry and I have been blessed with seven grandchildren (with one more on the way). Because we wanted to become a part of their lives, we chose to move to Pennsylvania. Since we have been here, we have experienced a situation about which we hope to warn others who have been part of the State University of New York system, whether civil servant or professional.

We live about forty miles outside of Philadelphia in Chester County, supposedly the most expensive in the commonwealth. This county has one internal medicine physician who is associated with the Empire Plan. Although our present primary physician is a graduate of a highly accredited medical school, he is one of the many Pennsylvania physicians that have been protesting the high cost of malpractice insurance. When I saw him on a visit recently, I inquired how long he expected to be practicing. He said he would hold out as long as possible. There are no gynecologists or nephrologists associated with the plan whatsoever.

I decided to call United Health Care that is the umbrella agency for the Empire Plan. Once a retiree elects to live outside of New York State, s/he has no other inexpensive options from which to choose. While an individual may elect to see any physician, and pay the deductible, then accept 80 percent of the money from Empire Plan after it [the deductible] has been met for any services rendered, that could become quite costly.

Within the last four months, good friends of ours have been diagnosed and are receiving treatment for all kinds of ailments from prostate cancer, ALS, abscessed appendix, and colon cancer. While we consider ourselves fortunate to be in excellent health, we do not know what the future holds for us. While Medicare becomes the primary carrier for an individual when s/he becomes 65, it does not pay all the bills and Empire Plan (which again is quite reasonable) becomes the secondary carrier. It is my understanding that one can elect a different Health Maintenance Organization as secondary or even as a tertiary carrier, but that expense could be quite prohibitive. This would especially be the case should one have a pre-existing medical condition.

So, this note is designed to alert those who are considering leaving the cocoon of New York State that the Empire Plan is most active (and therefore has the greatest number of participating physicians) in the following six states: Connecticut, New Jersey, Arizona, Florida, North Carolina, and South Carolina.
We have known that health care in America has problems for a long time. We did not realize that in many ways it may be dictating where we will live as well." [Jean Hjelle…with minor editorial changes by Bud]

Peace, good health, and happiness,

Bud

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September 1, 2003

Greetings,

Mostly sad news prompts me to write today.

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The Brockport College, Greater Rochester, and Fine Arts-Dance-Theatre communities mourn the loss of artisan-performer-teacher Santo Giglio on Friday, August 29, 2003 at age 66. Santo was appointed to the Dance Department at Brockport in 1970 and was planning to continue to serve the college as associate professor, dancer, choreographer, advisor/mentor, colleague, and friend during the 2003-2004 academic year and beyond until receiving an awful medical diagnosis and prognosis just three weeks ago. The loss to the Brockport and Rochester communities is immense.

Santo was a gentle person, a talented dancer and teacher, and an individual held in high esteem by his colleagues, students, and friends. His personal performances and his work choreographing dance productions and dance segments of theatre productions brought real professionalism to the stage and joy to the audiences. Through his caring and dedication, he set an example for his students and others to follow. His influence on the character and professionalism of his students is a fine legacy for his career and his person. While we mourn the significant loss to the Brockport community at his passing, we join Mary Ann in celebrating his life, his talents, his contributions, and his goodness.

On a personal note, Santo's sudden passing gives Sandy and me a sense of regret to add to our mourning. Without going through a lot of details, we became impressed with the goodness of both Mary Ann and Santo over the years and decided that, wouldn't it be nice to have them over... sometime, or wouldn't it be nice to meet them for dinner... sometime? Sometime ago at a college function or at Wegmans we shared the thought with them and there was agreement that we would get together... sometime.

Sadly, our sometime has passed, and Santo's passing has prompted me to muse:

...Sometime...

Dying is easy, yet so hard to do. We start the moment we are born and the process gains momentum over the years for those lucky enough to have them. It's not so much the unknowns about the afterlife --- either it exists or it is peaceful nothingness --- but the separation from community that creates fear. Yet we spend many hours procrastinating
--- putting "community" on hold … and time runs out. "Let's get together… sometime," "I'll give you a call… sometime," "We'll have to do this again… sometime," "Let's meet for dinner… sometime" must not be allowed to haunt our memories as we await the extinguishing of our earthly sometimes.

Peace to you Santo! We are sorry we missed the opportunity to know you better but… we'll see you again… sometime!

Bud

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Arrangements for a memorial service and memorials have not yet been finalized. I will share them as soon as they are available. In the meantime, condolences may be sent to:

Mary Ann Giglio
10 Hillcrest Parkway
Brockport, New York 14420

Just after completing this section I received an e-mail from Jet LaZarre paying tribute to Santo and, assuming her permission, I share excerpts as an example of the high esteem in which Santo was held:

"… I loved that man. He was so talented and did such a professional job of choreographing all our musicals that Adam and I did for the Brockport summer theatre festival. He was a gentle man and he will live on in my heart. I grieve for him…"

[Jet LaZarre]

We are also saddened to report the passage of Helen T. Mouganis, widow of the late Professor of English Emeritus, Emanuel Mouganis (1950-1985). Helen died on Sunday, August 24, 2003 in Athens, Greece.

I regret not having any personal reflections on Helen. However, I did know "Manny" and his travels and I suspect that Helen would be happy to have died in Greece. We are saddened to learn that the greater Brockport College family has been diminished and wish her peace.

Friends may call Tuesday, 7-9 p.m. only at the Fowler Funeral Home, 340 West Avenue, Brockport, New York. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Holy Spirit Greek Orthodox Church, 835 South Avenue, Rochester, New York.

In lieu of flowers, friends may contribute to the Helen & Emanuel Mouganis Scholarship Fund c/o The Brockport Foundation, SUNY Brockport 14420.

Thanks for the notes in response to my last mailing. I was particularly pleased to hear from Neil Pfouts, College Registrar Emeritus (1961-1982), who agreed with my testimonial to his former boss, Ralph Gennarino. Neil keeps busy volunteering at Roberts Wesleyan College and Pearce Memorial Free Methodist Church.
"Sometime" always runs out…we must use it or lose it!

Now is the hour for “sometime!”

Peace,

Bud

September 8, 2003

Greetings,

Just a quick note ….

First, congratulations to SUNY Brockport for an excellent EagleFest 2003 to start the fall sports season. Those of us who attended the pep rally on Friday night enjoyed excellent food, weather, and social interaction with more of the same at the football game against Cortland -- which we won -- on Saturday.

A person known to some of you but not to me has passed away. One of our group has shared information that well respected former history professor John G. MacNaughton who taught at Brockport in the 50's -- retired from Monroe Community College -- died on September 5th. According to my source, [he was an outstanding history professor who taught in the days of the class of '53. He was a great friend of the Class of "53 and he attended their 45th and 50th reunions. In fact, this year, they celebrated his birthday at the reunion. He wrote some beautiful things about teaching and relationships that the class of '53 published in their newsletters. Great man.]

Friends are invited to attend his funeral service at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 9, 2003 at the First Presbyterian Church, 3080 West Main Street, Caledonia, New York. Memorials may be made to the Caledonia Library Association, 3108 W. Main Street, Caledonia 14423 or the First Presbyterian Church.

Also, for those of you who may remember the glory days of the Roxbury Inn, I have sad news to report. Monica (Flaherty) Deacon, sister of retired catering manager Don Flaherty, died on September 6th. She along with Don and other members of the family owned, worked at, and managed the Roxbury Inn for many years.

A Funeral Mass will be held today, Monday, September 8th at 6:00 p.m. at St. Jude's Church, Lyell Road, Gates, New York. I regret that I have no additional information to share.

Larry B. Wallnau, Professor Emeritus, Psychology (1977-2000) has permitted me to share a little about his activities:
"My multiple sclerosis has been fairly stable, which is to say I have not gotten worse this past year. I have been enjoying photography, repairing and restoring WW2 vintage radios, and reading nonfiction."

In response to questions about sailing and photography Larry shared:

"I still use classic cameras from the late 1930's - mid 1960's, so I still use film. My most modern camera is a mid-1970s Nikon F2 -- mechanical shutter, manual focus, bullet-proof -- that gets regular use. However, I do own a digital camera which comes in handy for recording family events for email attachments (film is still better when it comes to enlargements). Cannon makes a good product and their optics have a great reputation.

I sold my sailboat about 6 years ago and have not set foot on one in 4 years. I've lost my sea legs. My balance is bad enough on firm ground let alone on a heaving deck. However, I have seen these one-design racers rigged for the disabled -- so now and then I get a great notion there will be a day I'll set sail again."

Larry, it was good hearing from you -- particularly that you have had a good year. Our wish is for you to have an even better year with improvements in your condition. Thanks for sharing the information on your activities -- I have not yet made the leap to a digital camera myself because I still think I get better quality by scanning photographs, but, I suspect I will be giving digital a try as soon as I can afford a camera that will do all that I will want it to do."

Robert W. Blake, Professor Emeritus, Education and Human Development (1963-1995) continues to be very active. On Monday, August 18, he was the keynote speaker at the annual Summer Institute on Literacy at St. John's University School of Education, New York. The theme for this year's Institute was "The Social Contexts of Literacy: Listening to the Language of the Early Learner." His presentation was on "Transforming Literacy: Understanding Language and How We Learned to Read." Over 80 graduate students and several faculty members attended.

On Wednesday, August 20, with his daughter, Brett Elizabeth Blake, Associate Professor and Coordinator of Adolescent Programs at St. John's University, College of Education, Bob gave a workshop on "Poetry Strategies: K-12" as part of a New York City District Workshop Series, also held at St. John's University.

Bob currently has a book contract with Peter Lang for a Literacy Primer, due February 1, 2004 and has just submitted a proposal for an elementary language arts text, tentatively titled Language Learning and Literacy Acquisition-Learning and Teaching.

He writes that he is not getting far from his desk and computer for a while. Bob, it is great to see emeriti continuing to contribute in so many ways. Best wishes to you for continued success.
John W. Zwierzynski, Administrative Computing Director Emeritus, (1970-1991) has shared information that he is extremely happy that they live in Arizona rather than Pennsylvania after reading about Jean Hjelle's experience with the Empire Plan there.

He reports: "There are many physicians to choose from that participate in the Empire Plan e.g. United Health Care here in the Valley of the Sun. Thank God for that! With our medical problems and without the health plan I just don’t know how we would survive the economic costs." and "Thanks again Brockport for my years of service there..."

John also shares that Cathleen "...is on her 5th course of chemo and is continuing her fight. She has good weeks and bad but we take what we can get." Please continue to keep Cathleen and John in your thoughts and prayers.

Finally, I have received information from Rosie Rich to share with you about a former faculty member. She writes:

Emeriti who taught in the late 50's and early 60's will remember Ann Uhlir. Ann was here in 2001 to receive a prestigious alumni award for Outstanding Service. She added this to the many state and national awards she had accumulated professionally. Since that time, she looked forward to a leisurely but active retirement. Unfortunately, Ann has had some medical issues. With a very positive attitude she has undergone chemotherapy and radiation.

I am sure Ann would appreciate hearing from friends:

1901 Highland Park Circle
Denton, TX 76205-6997
Phone: 817-566-0843
E-mail: annuhlir@gte.net

For those of you who do not know it, Rosie Rich is a former member of the faculty and a great friend to SUNY Brockport who along with her spouse George (currently president of the Alumni Association), provide nearly full-time volunteer services to the college. I thank Rosie for sharing this information and it would be unconscionable for me not to also take this opportunity to draw attention to the commitment she and George have made for the benefit of SUNY Brockport. To honor their commitment and Ann Uhlir's service, please brighten Ann Uhlir's day with a card or an e-mail if you can.

Peace,

Bud

September 13, 2003

Greetings,

A few very quick notes:
A funeral mass will be celebrated for Santo Joseph Giglio at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 15, 2003 at St. Vincent DePaul Church, 11 North Main Street, Churchville, New York 14428.

When I reported the death of Donald Flaherty's sister I erroneously stated that he had retired as Director of Catering. In fact, Don was serving as Director of Food Services at the time of his retirement.

You should have recently received a mailing from the college requesting updates to your directory information for the Faculty/Staff Directory. I had a hand in the content of that mailing -- some of it was cut'n pasted from prior e-mails from me and/or information available under "Emeritus Status" on the WebPages. My purpose was to reach emeriti through the campus mailing who might have e-mail addresses that I don't have in my address book yet so that they may be included in our group.

If you are a fan of professional football you may be interested in knowing about a new connection between SUNY Brockport and professional football. It has just been announced that Chicago Bears starting guard Chris Villarrial, who will miss four to six weeks because of a sprained left knee, is being replaced in the lineup by N-F-L Europe veteran Josh Warner who was previously an outstanding player at SUNY Brockport.

Peace,
Bud

September 16, 2003

Greetings,

Just a few things to share.

Francis Keenan, Associate Professor Emeritus, Physical Education and Sport (1971-1997) wishes to share some information about health insurance with those of you who are in the Optional Retirement Program (TIAA-CREF).

If or when your health insurance premiums exceed the amount available from the account created with your sick leave credits at retirement, you must pay the difference directly since the Department of Civil Service cannot deduct this amount from your TIAA-CREF retirement account. You will be billed and you must be sure to pay the bill on time or risk an irrevocable cancellation of coverage. So, even when you are going to be on vacation, etc., where you might miss your mail, make sure you make appropriate arrangements to ensure that any required payments are made on time. Another thing optional retirement participants need to know relates to how the credit to your NYS health insurance costs is handled once you reach age 65. If the amount you must pay for health insurance equals or exceeds the social security deduction for Medicare part B, it is treated as a credit that reduces your monthly health insurance premium
payment. Where such credit exceeds the amount of the health insurance premium due, retirees receive payment of that amount from the Department of Civil Service.

{Employees who were in either the NYS Teachers’ or NYS Employees’ retirement systems don’t have to worry about paying premiums when their costs exceed their sick leave credits since the amounts due can be deducted from their retirement checks that are issued by the State}.

Thanks to Francis Keenan for sharing this information. Also, I have just learned that Francis has been ill recently and I am sure I can speak for all of us in wishing him a return to good health.

From Jeanette D’Agostino Banker:
“…I don’t know if you knew Father Jack Quinn... he was Campus Minister at Newman for many years in the 70s. He was well-known and very involved with the college community. He passed away on December 27 ... He was mentioned on Channel 8 - footage - and there was a nice article in this week's Post.”

Although I did not know him personally, I am Jack Quinn’s passing will prompt memories for many of you and I am sure his presence in this world and community will be missed.

Peace to all,
Bud

September 21, 2003

Greetings,

Just a quick update to share news, draw attention to events, and, again, to mourn.

First the mourning. I am sad to report the death of the sister of Albert W. Brown, President Emeritus (1965-1981). Dr. Brown's sister Erma is known to some of you because she had visited the campus and because she supervised student teachers assigned to the Rochester area for both Potsdam and Oswego.

Dr. Brown shared that: Erma [Erma Randall Rooke] had a good life, although she had lost her first husband, a B-17 pilot, when his plane went down in 1943. Later, following the death of one of Dr. Brown's favorite high school teachers (taught French and Latin), Erma married the surviving husband. She helped raise his four children and she was also proud, as is Dr. Brown, that her son John Rooke graduated from Brockport (1972) and has had a successful career teaching in Pittsford and that both her daughter and son-in-law have taught in the Rochester area.

We are doubly sad at this loss because the memorial service for Erma will be held on Saturday, September 27th. Al and Marge had planned to attend homecoming and the football game in Brockport that day. They, along with many of their former colleagues and friends, had been looking forward to their visit.
Al and Marge, we are sorry you will not be able to attend homecoming and especially sorry for the reason. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you mourn your loss and celebrate Erma's life.

Homecoming --- don’t forget homecoming activities next weekend. I cannot give you details because SUNY Brockport’s website is not available this morning but I encourage you to your access it and to participate in planned activities if you are in the area.

If you are still considering where you might want to live in retirement, here is some information from Joyce t. Ogden, Associate Librarian Emeritus (1959-1996) who live in Olympia, Washington. She writes:

Tell the folks at Brockport how delightful the climate is here in western Washington in the summertime: This summer just past broke many-decade records.
Imagine-- the high temperature daily getting between 70 and 90--- LOW humidity-- nearly continuous sunshine-- nights always between 45 and 55 degrees. Now repeat tomorrow, and next week, and the week after that---
Between July 1 and Sept 7 there was just one cloudy weekend when we got 1/4 inch of rain. No rainy days! No thunderstorms!
Anyone looking for a pleasant summer place to visit -- look no farther.

She also shares:

I'm still happily existing in the Pacific Northwest. A week ago, I joined some Washington Native Plant Society members for a day of seed-picking at Mount Rainier. (They can't just buy packaged flower seeds from a rack to plant on the mountain, as the Mount Rainier climate is so harsh that only flowers that already grow there will come up from seeds) After the seeds are collected, they're grown in a greenhouse, where I'll help later in the fall. Green thumbs anyone?

Joyce also publishes a new edition of her library handbook each September 1st as one of her retirement activities. Joyce, we welcome you as a new member of the emeriti e-mail group.

There is, and always will be, concern for the government’s treatment of health insurance for retirees. Recently one member of this group wrote to me about it after reading a recent AARP newsletter. She wrote:

"Would SUNY Brockport retirees be affected by the information in this article? According to the article, an obscure provision of the Medicare Bill passed in June and headed for law contains "The provision would, by exempting retiree health plans from federal age discrimination laws, allow employers to reduce or eliminate benefits for retirees who are 65 and older."

I have checked with friends in SUNY System Administration and here is the response:
Basically, as I understand this it would allow us to continue doing what we are now doing. That is, to reduce benefits for those who are eligible for Medicare. It is not a law, but an EEOC ruling.

There was a court case in Pennsylvania that ruled an employer discriminated by changing benefits for retirees. Some employers provide full benefits to those under 65, and then nothing to those 65 + who get Medicare. Others, like SUNY, simply reduce employer provided benefits to coordinate with Medicare at 65.

If the Pennsylvania ruling had stood, employers might not have been able to continue operating the way they were. They might have had to provide full employer sponsored benefits to retirees eligible for Medicare - a duplication - or provide no benefits to retirees at all.

Now the EEOC says it will not enforce age discrimination complaints against employers who operate in adjust benefits when retirees become eligible for Medicare, as SUNY does.

So, this just allows us to operate as we have and is not a cause for concern.

The football game with Utica College yesterday was exciting for a few minutes (27-0 in first quarter) but somewhat bittersweet for some SUNY Brockport fans who were friends of Mike Kemp when he served as a Residence Hall Director a few years ago. Mike is now the Head Football Coach at Utica College, a school only in its second year with a football program. The final score was 49-0 but could have been much worse.

Because of the recent directory update mailing to emeriti by the College, we received a nice note from emeriti H. David Hammond, Associate Professor Emeritus, Department of Biological Sciences (1968-1983). David retired in 1983 in the face of retrenchment and became Associate Editor for eight years in the Scientific Publications Department of the New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx, New York City. After his second retirement he moved to Flagstaff, Arizona where Northern Arizona University is located. For ten years, he has been volunteering 20 hours per week in the Deaver Herbarium in the Biological Sciences Department helping add 20,000 specimens to the herbarium ("of which circa 1800 are of my own collection in Arizona and other western states"). He currently serves as a regional reviewer for the important Flora of North America project and is active in the Arizona Native Plant Society, having been one of the prime movers in the production of the Northern Arizona (Colorado Plateau) Wildflower poster. He also volunteered for four years at the herbarium of the Museum of Northern Arizona, also in Flagstaff, as its Adjunct Curator.

David reports that he has had some of the clogged artery and vision problems faced by many of us in the aging process but that he remains reasonably healthy and able to contribute to society. His daughter and her family still live in the Rochester area.

For the many emeriti will remember Scott Kretchmar who was a member of the SUNY Brockport faculty for several years before taking a position at Penn State, I share the following:
The Department of Physical Education and Sport is pleased to announce the visit of Dr. R. Scott Kretchmar, a leading scholar in the field of sport philosophy and former SUNY Brockport faculty member, as part of its Lecture Series. Dr. Kretchmar's lecture entitled "For People Who Really Love Physical Activity" will be open to the campus community and held on Thursday, October 2 at 5:15 p.m. in room B300 Tuttle North. If you have any questions, contact Peter Hager at phager@brockport.edu or Cesar R. Torres at cstorres@brockport.edu

Delmont C. Smith, Professor Emeritus, Biological Sciences (1964-2000) has shared the following:

I'm just back from a 4-day walk in the White Mountains of New Hampshire with my son, Tim. We did "hut-to-hut" walking, following the Appalachian Trail from Franconia to Crawford Notch -- Beautiful weather and spectacular views. The huts are hardly huts - they have bunkrooms that accommodate about 30 walkers, and provide breakfast and dinners for a modest price considering that supplies must either be brought in by helicopter or carried in on the backs of husky college students. For anyone who enjoys rigorous hiking, it's a place, and a way, that I'd recommend. Thanks for sharing Del --- I am envious of your conditioning!

Finally, a warning --- you probably have heard about the new virus that comes to you looking like an e-mail message from MicroSoft to with a software update. Don't open it. I just found a copy in my electronic mailbox at the college. It was an email from Microsoft with the subject of "Use this patch immediately". Again, DON'T OPEN ANYTHING FROM MICROSOFT.

Peace,

Bud

September 30, 2003

Greetings,

I am writing this quick note to update you on a few happenings.

First, I am sad to report that in response to the college's directory update mailing we have learned of the death of G. Paul Mullen, Technical Specialist Emeritus, Educational Communications (1966-1983). Paul died in May at the age of 82. His wife Germaine continues to live in Rochester and will be included in the Faculty/Staff Directory as the surviving spouse of an emeriti.

I did not know Paul personally but I did talk to him on the phone just before I left the college in 2000. He turned 80 that year and that event had prompted him to consider survivor's benefits for his wife. He wanted to make sure his memory was correct and that Germaine could continue to
participate in the college's health insurance if he should pre-decease her. He was relieved to learn that she could -- we chatted briefly and he was doing well at the time and had some fond memories from his work at the College. He seemed a caring and sensitive man and I am sure that he is missed by his family and friends. Rest in peace Paul.

On a lighter note, I share with you something a friend gave to me recently. It will make my spell checker go crazy when I send this out --- I now must do five separate mailings because our list has grown so large, but, if you can read this, it will make me feel less concerned about the typos that I often miss in these mailings:

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So, my typos only cunot as mistakes if the frist and lsat ltteers are wonrg!

A request for help --- one member of our group is looking for a good estate/trust attorney in the Rochester area. He wondered if it would be appropriate to ask the list. I think helping each other is an OK use of this list although I would not wish to "commercialize" the list by sponsoring firms, etc. So, if any of you have the name of someone you would recommend, please share it with me and I will share it with the individual requesting the information. If others in the group are also interested in this information please let me know and I will share it with you as well. Thanks to those who can respond to this request.

With due apologies to Bruce Leslie, History Department, for the lack of timeliness on the posting of an event --- there was a dinner reservation due on Friday, September 19th --- I would like to draw your attention to a college-wide event. At 7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 2, 2003 there will be Public Lecture in the New York Room, Cooper Hall. The lecture on the subject "Fact and Fiction in Native American History" will be presented by Professor James Axtell, the Kenan Professor of Humanities at the College of William and Mary. He is an award-winning teacher and scholar. His visit is sponsored by the History Department, the History Forum, and the Brockport Student Government. A book signing will follow the lecturer and Bruce Leslie is hosting a reception at 9:00 p.m. at 54 Park Avenue. I hope some of you will be able to attend even with this short notice.

I thought some of you might be interested in a "naming" contest initiated by Catering Services at the college. Here is information about it that was recently circulated on campus:

HELP US NAME CATERING!
The catering department is going through an identity crisis and we need your help! We've been picking our brains for a name that reflects what we do--banquets and catering for special events on campus.
One of our ideas was "Ell's Event Dining" named for the campus mascot Ellsworth. Having received only a lukewarm response from a focus group we decided to look further. And yes, before you come up with it--- "Ell's Kitchen" (get it?!) was a lot more fun, but we're not going there!

So, put on your thinking caps and send an email with your ideas to efilipow@brockport.edu $50 goes to the person that enters the winning name!

Health Insurance -- I have had feedback from two of you regarding health insurance for those who live out of New York State. In one case a retiree encouraged an out-of-state personal physician to join the Empire Plan so that the emeriti might enjoy the full benefits. In another reported case, by discussing coverage versus billing issues with his doctor, the father of an emeritus could get his doctor to charge only what the insurance plan covered for a chronic illness.

It is likely that these approaches will only be successful in a few cases, but, they might be worth trying.

Because of the directory update mailing to emeriti we have caught up with a couple of people who had changed e-mail addresses as well as some others for whom we did not previously have e-mail addresses. We welcome back those who were lost and welcome the new members of the group. Remember, if you want to keep receiving these e-mail messages you must remember to notify me if your e-mail address is going to change. Also, please send me the personal stuff you'd like to share with the group so that I can include it in "Your News" on the website and via the e-mail distribution list. We are interested in your post retirement activities -- please share them! Similarly, if you are sick of receiving these e-mails, let me know and I will remove you from the group.

Announcements:

Maggie Magalita, Wendy Kesselman’s story of a young Latina girl torn between her Caribbean roots and her new American lifestyle, opens the SUNY College at Brockport 2003-2004 theatre season. This all-student-designed production is under the direction of Louis Moreno, directing fellow for Geva Theatre Center.

Performances are October 2 – 5, 7:30 pm Thurs., Fri., Sat.; and 2 pm on Saturday and Sunday, in the Tower Fine Arts Center, Holley Street. The Sunday, October 5, performance is a sign-interpreted for the hearing impaired. Please indicate any special needs when ordering tickets.

Finally, this information is from Dr. Ca.6hhterine McKeen, Project Director, Understanding Evil, Assistant Professor of Philosophy:

We have several excellent events coming up in October. Next week, Ken Winkler from Wellesley College will be visiting through the Center for Philosophic Exchange on October 2nd and October 3rd. Then, we will be hosting two events in the "Understanding Evil" series. Susan Neiman, director of the Einstein Forum (Potsdam, Germany) and author of A History of Evil will be speaking on "Modern Evils" on October 13th. And Berel Lang, Professor of Humanities at Trinity College and fellow of the Legacy Project,
will be speaking on The Evils of Genocide on October 22nd. The "Understanding Evil" events are part of the New York Humanities month. Details about these events follow:

Kenneth Winkler, Wellesley College
"Empiricism and Multiculturalism"
4:30pm, Thursday October 2nd
220 Seymour Union
SUNY College at Brockport
Brockport, NY

Kenneth Winkler, Wellesley College
"Nature and Value"
9:30am, Friday October 3rd
220 Seymour Union
SUNY College at Brockport
Brockport, NY

Susan Neiman, Einstein Forum
"Modern Evils"
7:00pm, Monday October 13th
Edwards Hall
SUNY College at Brockport
Brockport, NY

Berel Lang, Trinity College and the Legacy Project
"The Evil in Genocide"
7:00pm, Wednesday October 22nd
Edwards Hall
SUNY College at Brockport
Brockport, NY

Peace,

Bud

October 7, 2003

Greetings,

I am sorry to frequent your mailbox more than once a month but there are a couple of things I thought worth sharing.

First, thanks to those of you who shared the name of your estate-planning attorney. The member of our group who requested the information is grateful.

A reminder --- a major reason for my efforts is to provide an opportunity for you to share your
activities with the group. I have learned through feedback from many of you that you are interested in the activities of your retired former friends and colleagues. So, don't be afraid to share.

Theodore (Ted) Starr, Professor Emeritus, Biological Sciences, (1970-1990) has this to share:

Charmaine and I just returned from a wonderful Alaskan cruise. We are currently making ready to go to Brazil where we will attend the wedding of the daughter of our former AFS student whom we hosted while I was chairman of the Biological Sciences Department (1971-1976). Currently, we are hoping a Portuguese tape and course book will be helpful? Is there a language teacher around who would enjoy a couple of students and a few free meals?

Ted reports that they also had an exciting trip to China with their oldest daughter to adopt their daughter/granddaughter Rachel.

I think Ted is serious about help with the Portuguese language so get in touch with him if you can help. Thanks for sharing, Ted, and our best to you and Charmaine as you prepare for your next trip.

If you are out of state and interested in having your physician seek enrollment in the Empire Plan, we have a little more information for you. The NYS Department of Civil Service that administers the program provided me with a telephone number for your physician to use to call them if you can convince your physician to seek to participate. The number is 877-769-7447 and the doctor should choose option 1 on the first menu and then option 1 again on the second menu to move "quickly" to a representative. The representative will then send application materials to the physician. Good luck if you decide to pursue this avenue for a possible reduction in your medical costs.

The College's annual SEFA campaign is just about to get underway. Gary Levine, Assistant Budget Director Emeritus (1975-2002) who is continuing to work part-time, is assisting with the campaign. Last year a few of you indicated that you wished you could still contribute to the annual campaign, but that you had never heard about it. So, I am sharing this information for those of you who would like to participate.

The Brockport campaign will run from Monday, October 20 until Friday, November 7. If you wish to participate send e-mail Gary with the subject of "SEFA" and your U.S. Postal Service mailing address at glevine@brockport.edu and he will send you the solicitation material. Of course, there is no way to contribute through payroll deduction. You will have to donate by check.

Walter Borowiec, Associate Professor Emeritus, Political Science and International Studies (1967-2000) would like to draw your attention to the following event:

American foreign policy is being hotly debated at home and abroad. What's behind the controversies? Are we heading on the right course?
As part of a nationwide event, a SUNY Brockport debate of this issue will be held in the Fine Arts Theatre at 7:00 p.m. on October 15, 2003.

The topic will be:
RESOLVED: That the present course of American Foreign Policy is counter-productive, dangerous to world peace, inimical to America's self-interest, and contrary to America's historical role in world affairs.

Dr. Lynn Parsons, Chair of the SUNY Brockport History Department and student Peri Donner arguing for the affirmative

will debate

Dr. David Staveley, Assistant Professor of Political Science at SUNY Brockport and student Kristen Huey arguing for the negative.

The moderator will be Professor Richard Frey, Department of Criminal Justice.

Audience participation will be encouraged during the question-and-answer period following the formal debate.

And finally, Marc Goldfischer from Marketing Communications recently sent the following information to faculty and staff on campus. I confirmed with Marc that the College would welcome emeriti to its "Media Guide to SUNY Brockport's Extraordinary Experts". The only requirement is that you must be willing to talk to the media.

For our group, maybe the requirement should be "able to talk to the media" rather than "willing to talk to the media" --- but you be your own judge. For me, I am neither willing or able since I am not sure I could trust what I'd say and I am confident I do not trust what they might say I said.

Seriously, I do think that many of you should take advantage of this opportunity. You have much expertise and could make significant contributions. So, here is edited content of the message to the campus:

Share Your Expertise with the Universe
(or with local, media types at least!)

The Office of Marketing Communications is updating its Web pages. As part of the update, we are adding an online edition of the publication formerly known as the Media Guide to Extraordinary Faculty Experts.

"Expert" information in the Guide, and its stepchild - the Full-time Faculty Directory, will be combined with the current online searchable faculty/staff directory to form a new Media Guide to SUNY Brockport's Extraordinary Expertise. Information on the expertise of all new full- and part-time faculty and staff [and emeriti] willing to participate will be added to form a
comprehensive search tool for the media. The new Guide will be available via the Web, and will be searchable by name, department and area(s) of expertise.

Updates to existing "expert" information will gladly be accepted. The Guide will be, as all Web pages are, a continuous work-in-progress.

No personal information, other than your name, department, title(s), degree, and area(s) of expertise is needed. The point of contact for all media inquiries will be listed as the Office of Marketing Communications. A Marketing Communications Manager will follow up on all inquiries and setup the initial contact with the requested faculty/staff member.

All you need do is send the following information in an e-mail to Marc Goldfischer at: mgoldfis@brockport.edu

Information for Media Guide to SUNY Brockport's Extraordinary Expertise
Name:
Degree:
Department:
Title(s):
Area(s) of expertise:

Thank you for your willingness to promote the College via promoting yourself.
Marc Goldfischer
Special Projects Manager
Office of Marketing Communications

Peace,
Bud

October 31, 2003

Greetings,

I warned you yesterday that I would soon be sending you another "Update". I had planned it for the weekend BUT new information always puts pressure on me. If I had done this yesterday, I would have had only good news to report, BUT….

DARN… remember "Sometime" - well, it has hit me again and I know I need to start taking some action! I have just received information from emeriti George Todd that Robert --- to all of us --- "Bob" Coleman died yesterday, 10/30/2003, at the Veteran's Home in Canandaigua, New York. Again, I mourn for both Bob and my misplaced priorities.

In my last two encounters with Bob he advised me that he had stories to share about his experiences in World War II and I advised him that, yes, I was interested and sometime, I would call and we would get together so that he could share his experiences. My next to the last
encounter with Bob was at Wegman's, probably within the last year, maybe two. It was his mother's 100th birthday and Bob was buying 100 roses to take to her at her nursing home. My last encounter was early this summer in the Big "M" parking lot. He had his dog with him and we discussed whether he was still getting in some fishing. He said that he had not been able to fish for a couple of years. At the time, Bob lived in President's Village. Recently when the College sent out letters to emeriti seeking update information for the Faculty/Staff Directory they learned that he had moved to the Veteran's Hospital in Canandaigua. When I learned of this move, I said to myself, I need to take a trip down to talk to Bob and give him an opportunity to share his war stories - but …

I first met Bob Coleman at the swimming pool at Fancher Campus in the fall of 1967. I had arrived at Brockport a day or two earlier than scheduled for a one-year graduate internship in Student Financial Aids with Dick Alexander. Upon my early arrival, I learned that the residence hall -- Briggs Hall -- where I would be living and assisting, was not ready for occupancy and that students scheduled to live there would instead be housed at Fancher Campus. So, naturally, I drove my car, totally filled with all my earthly processions, to Fancher Campus. Upon arrival, I learned that there was no place for me to stay the first night so I slept in my car in the parking lot amongst all my belongings. When I awakened the next morning, a Saturday, it was to a tap on the window from Bob Coleman who had come to the Fancher swimming pool to practice diving and do some swimming. After I explained who I was and my need for a place to sleep, Bob intervened with the late, Jim Gillette, the director of Fancher Campus at the time, and I was provided adequate accommodations that night even though Jack Crandall's Peace Corps Volunteers had programs scheduled at Fancher.

Bob Coleman had a wonderful attitude and was a friendly presence to the faculty and staff in his role as Director of Campus Public Safety. Some of us bemoaned the campus unrest of the late '60s and early '70s that resulted in a more "police" oriented public safety division and the replacement of this friendly director. For those of you who remember the Robin Hood Room Restaurant in the old Wegman's Plaza and the DeWitt Clinton Restaurant next to the canal bridge on the way to Holley, you will have fond memories of Bob Coleman's moonlighting work as a singer at these establishments. Bob was blessed with a good singing voice and, in his off-hours, he provided much pleasure to drinkers and diners alike.

I have many memories of Bob Coleman and I regret not making a greater effort to have contact with him in recent years. I remember when Sandy and I had Bob, along with the late Charlie Light and his wife Cheryl, over for drinks and snacks to watch the first moon landing. On a couple of occasions Bob was over to watch football games as well. One memory I will never forget is the great basketball game between Brockport and Buffalo State -- probably 1974 -- when a big blizzard hit western New York. Because of the storm, the Buffalo State spectator buses were late in arriving and found the gymnasium already packed. Bob was working the game alone or with limited staff and was overrun by the Buffalo State spectators crashing into the old Tuttle South gym. But, after some interruption, Bob regained order, and the spectators could sit on the floor along the sidelines, and the game continued.

Bob Coleman was a significant presence on the staff at Brockport as Director of Campus Public Safety during the growing years. He ended his career as Institutional Safety Officer. In all his
roles he was a caring, friendly human being, an honest and dedicated public servant, and a loyal friend.

I mourn the loss of Bob Coleman but I am thankful that I had the opportunity to know him. Bob, I don't know about fishing in heaven, but, if it exists, you deserve to catch some big ones.

Bob is being cremated with no services. If I find out anything about condolences or memorials I'll share that information later.

I am placing this notice and a picture of Bob Coleman from the 1969 SAGA at the "Your News" link from the emeriti website at: [http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm](http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm)

Faculty-Staff Directory: The 2003-2004 Faculty/Staff Directory has gone to the printer. As you know there is an emeriti section in the directory. Unfortunately, only information that the College had as of this past Tuesday will be reflected in the directory. I was helping the College update its emeriti information and I know that at least a couple of you provided me information too late to make the print.

Regarding the directory -- please let me know if you did not receive a copy of the directory last year. It is the intent of the College to mail a copy of the directory to all emeriti. However, Human Resources did receive some feedback last year from emeriti who did not receive directories.

The College and I have been sharing directory information. As you know, I only activate the directory link from the emeriti website a couple of times a year to allow you to review your entry. Although the College uses a slightly different format in the printed copy, I am allowing you to follow this link for the next couple of days to review your information and let me know if corrections are necessary. Click on "Directory" at the emeriti website and scroll to see your entry at: [http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm](http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm)

New Emeriti: I believe I have already advised you that via retirement on September 1, 2003, Joseph Gilbert, Philosophy, has joined our elite group. I have recently learned of other September 1, 2003 retirees. They include Joseph Harkin, Mathematics; Judith Kitchen, English; Mary Ann Lightfoot, EOC; Beatrice McCloud, EOC; Evelyn Newlyn, English; and Stanley Rubin, English.

To all of you, welcome to the emeriti staff of the SUNY Brockport.

Information Sharing from Stan Rubin and Judith Kitchen:

"We've retired here to the Olympic Peninsula, a Victorian seaport surrounded by water and snowcapped mountains--far from everything…"

I am also pleased to share with you some recent accomplishments of Judith Kitchen:
The new paperback edition of Judith Kitchen's novel, The House on Eccles Road, was just released (October) by Penguin, complete with book club material. The book won the Mariela S. Gable Prize from Graywolf Press, which published the hardbound, and Judith received the Lillian Fairchild Award from the University of Rochester as the distinguished artist in the Rochester area in June, just before she retired. The novel has received rave reviews from The LA Times, The Atlanta Constitution, Library Journal and others.

_Congratulations to Judith for these accomplishments and best wishes for health, happiness, and success on the Olympic Peninsula to both Stan Rubin and Judith Kitchen. Some of us are green with envy!_

Likewise, some of us might be green with envy that Jet LaZarre has reported the best weather possible in California -- thankfully the fires are not threatening her! She also reports that she had lunch with Lois Wolin, surviving spouse of the late Burton R. Wolin, Vice President for Administration Emeritus, last week. It is great that former friends and associates from Brockport can continue to be in touch in faraway places. _Jet, please convey the love and respect from all of us to Lois when you are in touch._

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AND, in competing with CNN and the FOX News Network, say you heard it first here. Following is an early news release concerning one of our own:

New Books and an Award for SUNY Brockport Writer

William Heyen, Professor of English and Poet in Residence Emeritus at SUNY Brockport, has been selected as the 2003 Writers & Books Award Winner as the “Individual Who Has Made Life-long Contributions to the Rochester Literary Community.” Heyen will be honored at an awards ceremony and reception to be held at the Rochester Academy of Medicine, 1441 East Avenue, on November 21st.

Heyen, whose Ph.D. is from Ohio University, is a former Senior Fulbright Lecturer in American Literature in Germany, and has won National Endowment for the Arts, Guggenheim, American Academy & Institute of Arts & Letters, and other prizes and fellowships. He is the author of more than twenty books including _Long Island Light, Erika: Poems of the Holocaust, Ribbons: The Gulf War, The Host: Selected Poems, and Crazy Horse in Stillness_, winner of 1997’s Small Press Book Award. He recently edited _September 11, 2001: American Writers Respond_, and his writing has also appeared in 200 anthologies and in such magazines as _Harper’s, The New Yorker, Poetry, American Poetry Review, The Kenyon Review_, and _The Nation_. Collections of his manuscripts are held at Boston University, Yale University, Ohio University, and the University of Rochester.

Heyen, who just turned 63, considers this “a time of harvest” for his writing. Two new books of poems have just appeared—_Shoah Train_, a volume of Holocaust poems twelve years in the making, and _The Rope_, a volume of nature poems which also took shape over more than a decade. Before the end of this year, a book of 42 short stories, _The Hummingbird Corporation_, will appear. Next year will see the publication of two collections of his essays and the re-issue of his first book of poems, _Depth of Field_ (1970), in the prestigious Classic Contemporaries series from Carnegie-Mellon University Press.
Over the years Heyen’s work has been praised by many writers. W.S. Merwin has written that “The urgency and authenticity of William Heyen’s voice are unmistakable and the plain directness with which he presents his sense of the beauty of existence and the menace that overhangs it…. He speaks for the conscience of our time, and for what in our days is worth caring for.” Joyce Carol Oates has called him a poet “of wild, radiant audacity,” a poet “in whom the ‘visionary’ and ‘historical’ are dramatically meshed.” Responding to Heyen’s book of ecology poems, *Pterodactyl Rose*, Karl Shapiro said that Heyen was “our first poet to understand gasoline.”

Those wishing further information on the Writers & Books November 21st event may call 585/473-2590 for further information.

*Bill, congratulations for this recognition and your continuing post-retirement accomplishments.*

SEFA Campaign: Please note that the last day for the College's SEFA Campaign is Friday, November 7. If you wish to participate and have your contributions count towards the College's goal, please contact Gary Levine at: glevine@brockport.edu

Finally, we are pleased that the following emeriti have shared their e-mail addresses and are now members of our e-mail group:

Peter Kane, Professor Emeritus, Communications (1968-1995)
Michael Weaver, Associate Professor Emeritus, Political Science (1959-1995)

Peace to all with apologies if I have missed reporting anything you have shared,

Bud

November 5, 2003

Greetings,

I am pressed for time but wanted to share new information with you that is time sensitive and some that I just want to make sure I share before I accidentally hit a delete button.

First, I have received e-mail from Bob Coleman's former spouse, Rosemary, and have talked with his good friend and caregiver Ward Wolff. I have learned that although Bob was saying that he did not want a lot of fuss when he was gone, he had left the memorial issue up to his children. In the end, the children decided not to have one. However, Rosemary has indicated that they would welcome condolences that may be sent to:

Kelly and Dan
c/o 433 Tarrington Road
Rochester, NY 14609
If you knew Bob, please drop a card in the mail and let these young people know the high esteem in which Bob was held by those who knew him and help them come to closure with his death.

With permission of some and requesting permission of others, I have placed the tributes to Bob I have received from some of you on Bob's "Remembrance" page at: http://www.itss.brockport.edu/~rmeade/bob_coleman.htm. Except for one tribute at the top, you will find the statements at the bottom of the Coleman page. If you are one of those for whom I did not have permission, please let me know if you would rather not be listed and I will remove you. And, of course, if anyone else has a short recollection they would like to have included, please e-mail it to me. Most importantly, if it is in your heart to do so, drop a card in the mail to Bob's children.


Congratulations Earl for these achievements. Best wishes for continued success in your post-retirement scholarly pursuits.

Walter Boston, Associate Professor Emeritus, History (1967-2000), and spouse Abbie, recently went to Russia for two weeks where Walt interviewed eleven people from Veliky Novgorod (Walt is VP of Rochester's Sister City Veliky Novgorod Group) who would like to come to Rochester next Summer to study US business. He was able to pick three, and if he is successful in writing a SABIT grant (US Dept of Commerce), they will spend three months here during the Summer of 2004. Walt and Abbie also spent some time visiting old friends in Novgorod and spending three days in St. Petersburg (they were fortunate to see the ballet Swan Lake there). Walt's interest in Russia has resulted in six visits, beginning with the Dube-Duncan Tour (thanks guys). Three years ago, Abbie and I took our two oldest grandchildren (Jessica and Joshua) with us to Novgorod (...about two hours by car from St Petersburg and on the main rail line from Moscow).

Walt continues to work part-time at RIT's Center for International Business Research and he is currently writing a grant for them.

Great news! Justus Hartnack, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Philosophy has been found. A couple of years ago college mailings were returned without a forwarding address. We feared the worst. This week I found via a web search that a lecture honoring Justus Hartnack was scheduled this month at the University of Aarhus in Denmark. I wrote to the head of the Philosophy Department at there and inquired about Justus. Dr. Hans Fink provided me the following information:

"Justus Hartnack is now 91 years old. He is living at Elsinore in Denmark. His wife [Inge Benedicte] died a few years ago. His address is:
Lille Odinshoj 12
3140 Aalsgaard
The lecture by John McDowell that you found on the internet is given in his honor, but due to bad health he shall not be able to attend himself. The lecture is an annual event that we began last year celebrating the 90-years birthday of Justus."

Susan Edmunds, a former member of the faculty when we had a music department and a person who has continued to be a loyal supporter of the college, has reported a change of address for her mother. Olive Edmunds now lives with her. Susan reports: "Olive is 98 now and doing very well, enjoys reading and watching TV. Because of weakness in her legs she needs a walker and a wheelchair to get around." Olive's address is:

195 Park Ave PO Box 395
Brockport, NY 14420

Olive was an employee of the college herself many years ago. I regret that I do not have the records available or the memory to tell you more. She is also the spouse of the late James Edmunds, Professor Emeritus, English Department (1941-1971).


"The Pocket Reference for Success: Author collects hundreds of quotes to motivate readers to pursue their goals.

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Sept. 17, 2003 (PRIMEZONE) -- Essayist and poet Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "Thought is the blossom; language the bud; action the fruit behind it." Semie Lechebo's newest book, "The Book of the Best Selected Quotes for Every Occasion," progressed in a similar fashion; it originated as a mere collection of witty phrases, evolved into a manuscript and is now available through 1stBooks.

Lechebo's volume joins many other compilations; however, his book features quotations that primarily focus on and stem from success. With these powerful, inspirational passages, Lechebo hopes to motivate readers to chase their dreams. Less than 100 pages long, the book is also helpful as a quick reference for teachers, business owners, politicians or motivational speakers.

In selecting passages, the author drew from a variety of cultures and searched through the infinite pool of wise quotations for those tailored to his topic of success. The result is an inspiring mixture of expressions that are "solid, time-tested, accepted, and valued by societies."

Lechebo quotes over 200 individuals, whose collective insights yield a mix of greatness and fallibility - a winning combination that shows readers the facets of success through a variety of sources. From Napoleon to Helen Keller, Mart Twain to Eleanor Roosevelt, Woody Allen to
Sophocles, the variety of noteworthy characters --- poets, politicians, authors, philosophers and actors --- provides a diverse blend of optimism and empowerment suitable for any occasion.

A first-rate supplement to any library, The Book of the Best Selected Quotes offers readers the gift of eloquence in a concise edition of notable quotes.

An accomplished poet and author, Lechebo also published "You Can Be the Boss: Business Start-Up Kit through 1stBooks. He has won several awards for his poetic works and wrote lyrics for HillTop Records in Los Angeles. Lechebo has also consulted, lectured and held seminars in education institutions and community organizations both in the United States and abroad…"

_Congratulations Semie -- our best to you with your post-retirement activities._

Peace, health and happiness to all,

Bud

November 14, 2003

Greetings,

Just a few quick items to report. Thankfully, no bad news!

The 4th annual cultural diversity conference will take place at SUNY Brockport on February 27, 2004. The Department of Recreation and Leisure has disseminated a "Request for Proposals". If you are interested in presenting at this conference, please contact Joel Frater at jfrater@brockport.edu for more information and a form to use to submit your proposal.

The Counseling Center has announced an Open House from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on November 18, 2003 in the Counseling Center to welcome Darlene Schmitt, Assistant Director of the Counseling Center to the staff.

_We are excited to announce the appointment of Darlene Schmitt as the Assistant Director of SUNY Brockport’s Counseling Center. Darlene holds an MS in Counselor Education, from SUNY Brockport. She completed her undergraduate work at SUNY Geneseo._

_Darlene’s professional experience includes work as a therapist and supervisor at Park Ridge Chemical Dependency. She has also worked in the field of criminal justice, working with clients to assist them in reducing recidivism rates at Pre-Trial Services in Rochester. Most recently, Darlene worked as a senior-level Mental Health Therapist in the Primary Care Program at Unity Behavioral Health._

_Darlene and the Counseling Center staff are looking forward to new and challenging adventures in the Counseling Center._

_The Counseling Center is open from 8am-5pm Monday-Friday. Please feel free to contact the Counseling Center for assistance with your concerns._

_And please, put the open house on your calendar!_
Health Insurance -- You should have received a form letter in October outlining different rules for changing health insurance options for enrollees in one of the New York State Health Insurance (NYSHIP) options with retiree benefits. (Does not apply to retirees who return to State employment and are entitled to and enrolled in "active" employee participation).

The new rule is that retirees will be permitted to change health insurance options at any time during the year; however, once an option change is made, another one may not be made until twelve months later. For retirees only, this replaces the policy that allowed option changes only during the 30-day Option Transfer Period at the end of each year. The twelve-month period required between option transfers can be waived if (1) you are enrolled in an HMO and you move permanently out of that HMO's service area; or (2) you move to a new permanent address and your new area is served by a NYSHIP approved HMO that did not serve your previous home area.

Upon learning of Bob Coleman's death, Ira-Paul Schwarz sent me a nice tribute to Bob. I think it might bring back a fond memory to some of you so, hopefully with Ira-Paul's permission, I share it with you:

As always in life, all news is not good news and I was saddened to learn of Bob's passing. I met Bob the night before my campus interview back in ancient days (quite right, it was at the Robin Hood). This meeting started a friendship which became even stronger through the years. We enjoyed swapping war stories - most of which were true.

Our most vital association was when Bob played the title role in my music docu-drama JACOB'S LADDER, a character that I modeled after Bob. The piece was produced on campus and played a number of venues in New York State. Bob was a great hit with the audiences and with the members of the cast, all of whom were Brockport students.

On Tuesday, November 11th, I presented a little of my Brockport history with emeriti for "Mornings with the Professors." In addition to my history, I highlighted a few emeriti, presented some rough data on emeriti from my database, and provided a summary of some of the emeriti activities I have observed or that have been reported to me. I have taken the liberty of placing "My Mornings with the Professors" presentation under "Your News" link from the emeriti website at: http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm. I am not sure how long it will be there --- probably at least until the first "slander" lawsuit arrives!

You'll also find a new picture from the 1950's on the homepage. I found this picture recently in the college's archives in Drake Memorial Library. Looks like we could have used our exceptional photographer Jim Dusen back then -- maybe the numbers would have been right.

Peace, health, and happiness,

Bud
November 20, 2003

Greetings,

I have just a few items to report. I could wait until next month for most of them but one event that will occur this weekend may be of special interest to those living in the Brockport area.

SUNY Brockport will be hosting a pre-game tailgate party, to help celebrate the football team's fourth consecutive trip to the NCAA Division III Playoffs, this Saturday, November 22 at 10:30 a.m. in Lot V, near Special Olympics Stadium. The event is free and open to the public and will feature food, games, music, and the pre-game show from 89.1 The Point. **Game time is 12 p.m.**

The event is sponsored by the Brockport Student Government, the Alumni Association, Recreational Services, Campus Life, 89.1 The Point, and Enrollment Management/Student Affairs.

Tickets for the game are on sale at the BSG Box Office in the Seymour College Union. Box office hours are 10-6 Wed, Thurs., Fri. Tickets may also be purchased at the stadium gates beginning at 10:30am on game day.

For more information please contact Rob Blair at 395-5662.

Correction: I assumed something that was false when I reported that Ena Farley had continued to teach part-time since retiring in 1995 in the latest "Your News" at: [http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm](http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm). With my age and experience I should have learned what assumptions do to you, but, I guess you are never too old to learn. I apologize to Ena. Her corrected entry reads: Ena Farley was elected a member of the New York State Board of Regents from 1997-2002 and in that capacity, she served the state and the education community pre-K through Higher Education. As Regent Emerita, she continues to be consulted on matters pertaining to education initiatives - which redounds to the benefit of SUNY Brockport since she remains closely identified with Brockport by all those who know of her work.

It was nice to receive an update from Joanna and Ted Kraus recently. Joanna had this to say:

> Ted led a very successful London Theatre trip for "Thinkers" in October (where they attended plays each night and had discussions the next morning) a la Great Books and will do it again next October. 
> I was just awarded First Prize in Children's Literature for a new novel in the 2003 California Focus on Writers contest and will receive the award in Sacramento in December. (Gee, I wonder if I'll see the famous "Arnie"?) A play-in-process will have a Staged Reading at the Pal Alto Children's Theatre at the end of the month. 
> Our son, Tim, and his wife just had a baby son in August so Granny Jo and Grampa Ted have much to give thanks for this Thanksgiving. 
> Happy Thanksgiving to you and to other emeriti.
Joanna also mentioned the people in LA who were shoveling two feet of hail in shorts in her message.

Thanks for sharing Joanna and congratulations on your continued success in children’s literature.

I think I mentioned this before but this is just a reminder. Contact Laura Emerson in the Office of Institutional Advancement if you are not receiving Statements, Kaleidoscope, or other College material. Laura can be reached at 395-2306 or lemerson@brockport.edu. Human Resources, Institutional Advancement, and I share address changes received from emeriti so you should only have to notify one of us to effect a change to all our records.

If you haven’t visited the SUNY Brockport website lately, you may want to check it out and see the new "look" at: http://www.brockport.edu/. On the homepage, you will find some quick links to information on activities and events that might be of interest -- particularly for those of you who live close to the campus.

Finally, a reminder -- Human Resources maintains the emeriti directory on-line at: http://www.brockport.edu/~hr/directry.htm

You can click on the Emeriti Directory link there and then follow the link to check your own record or find the address for other emeriti. But, because the information has home address, e-mail, etc., this information is userid and password protected. To enable those who do not currently have Brockport userids and passwords to have access, generic versions are available so that you can access this information. When you are asked to enter a userid and password:

Userid = emeriti
Password = fromsuny

I hope to see many of you at the game on Saturday.

That's all folks! Have a very happy Thanksgiving!

Bud

December 1, 2003

Greetings,

I hope you all had a very happy Thanksgiving! It is truly hard to believe that it is December 1, 2003 already. I have just a few updates that may be on interest.

AOL

In the distribution of my last "Update" I received a message from AOL naming 12 users of that e-mail provider that said that their mail had not been delivered. The reason given was that AOL detected a mass mailing (SPAM) and would not deliver. As you know, my method of mailing is to address the update to myself and to blind copy the people on my distribution lists. I followed up with a separate mailing to the 12-people identified and they received it OK when they were
all included in the "TO" line rather than the blind-copy line. Today, I searched my address book for AOL e-mail users and found 31 individuals. Now I don't know whether AOL made the distributions to the other 19 or just failed to list them on the "rejected mailing" list.

I am therefore asking AOL e-mail users, other than the 12 to whom I sent the special mailing, to let me know whether you received a mailing on or about November 20th that included information about the tailgate party for the football playoff game, the on-line security protected Faculty-Staff Directory, and who to contact if you are not receiving "Statements", "Kaleidoscope", etc. Please let me know at: mailto:rmeadel1@rochester.rr.com

Faculty/Staff Directory
I have been advised by the College that the printed version of the Faculty/Staff Directory is being distributed. Almost all the changes you provided to the Human Resources Office, the Institutional Advancement Division or to me should be reflected. I believe I notified a couple of you that your changes were received too late for inclusion this year. The on-campus distribution and mailing of directories to emeriti should be completed within the next week or so. If you do not receive your copy within the next couple of weeks, contact Becky Gagne in the Human Resources Office (585) 395-2126 or mailto:bgagne@brockport.edu and she will investigate and ensure that you receive your copy.

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Although I know longer claim any expertise in relationship to employee benefits -- who could ever claim to be an expert in this ever confusing, ever changing arena anyway -- I do wish to share information on this topic with you when it seems urgent or otherwise useful. However, your specific questions and concerns should be addressed to the health insurance unit or to your health insurance provider, not to me. With that said, I hope that the following three update sections will be useful.

1.) New Medicare Legislation
I recently received something like this from one of you:

"…regarding the passage of this bleeping Medicare Prescription Drug Plan. Since about 78% of seniors already have coverage outside of Medicare (we who have United Health Care and the drug plan, Express Scripts), participants are obviously concerned about the impact of the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan on their currently wonderful coverage for Prescription drugs. Analysts widely warn that employers will dump their retirees when Medicare starts offering prescription drugs, hastening a trend already well underway. What is your take on this? "

My response:
"A lot of private employers were trying to cut retirees out of their medical plans and let them live and die with Medicare. I don't believe the State of New York was in any way considering eliminating this coverage for retirees and spouses of deceased employees/retirees. My guess is that after the dust settles, your coverage will be much the same.

My only worry, with limited knowledge about the bill or the purchasing of drugs under it, would be concern that Medicare might become the primary insurer for the purchase of drugs requiring
covered individuals to first submit charges or claims through Medicare and then submitting anything not covered through their State health plan insurance -- resulting in additional paperwork and confusion -- of course George W. might then be able to claim credit for the additional jobs created to take care of the monster.

My concerns might be offset by something I think I heard -- that people or employers might have a choice in whether to participate.

For now, I would not get overly concerned about any potential loss in coverage -- the possibility of coordinating the benefits (additional work to get the same benefit) is probably of greater concern!"

I shared the comment/question and my response with a colleague in SUNY who has expertise in these matters who responded:

"I think you are on target. The Personnel Council Benefits Committee (of which I am a member) met last week with the Division of Employee Benefits at the Dept of Civil Service and raised this very issue. We were told the state has no intention of taking down its drug program. We were also told that the draft bill (don't know if this is the final version) included incentives for employers to maintain their plans."

2.) Blue Choice Senior
If you are a participate in Blue Choice Senior (65 & over) you received notice recently that this option was being discontinued effective December 31, 2003 and that you would be transitioned to the regular Blue Choice plan on January 1, 2004 unless you switched to another NYSHIP plan in the meantime.

It had been reported that current participants in the plan would be "grand-fathered"… and, in fact, Matt Vanderwerf from Human Resources had been told directly that this was the case. Similarly, we have heard that some of you may have called the health insurance unit when you received your letter and were told to ignore it. However, that response is in error and Matt has now confirmed that the State has indeed allowed Blue Choice to drop Blue Choice Senior for all NYSHIP participants, without any grandfathering, as of December 31, 2003. So, the only option for those of you in the Blue Choice Senior program is to transition to the regular Blue Choice plan or switch to another NYSHIP plan.

According to Matt, many of the resulting losses in benefits will be related to cataract lens, hearing exams, diabetic supplies and prescription drugs -- although there are other losses as well. Under the regular Blue Choice plan a $15.00 co-pay is required for diabetic supplies and there is a co-payment ranging from $5.00 to $35.00 for prescription drugs, depending on the drug's assignment in the 3-Tier Medication Guide.

As of this writing, Preferred Care will continue to offer its "Preferred Gold" plan -- at least into 2004, so, if you are enrolled in this program you are unaffected -- or, if you are not enrolled, you may want to look at it. [Note, the Comparison Matrix mentioned below does not include Preferred Gold -- you'll have call them to check on certain types of coverage, depending upon your needs. Call either 1-800-950-3224 or 325-3113 or go to www.preferredcare.org]
You can find a benefits comparison matrix in the benefits section of the SUNY Brockport Human Resources website or, with luck, go directly to it by clicking on this link: http://www.brockport.edu:81/hr/Benefits/2004%20open%20enrollment/Benefits%20Matrix%202004.xls

If this fails, select 2004 Benefits Matrix at: http://www.brockport.edu/hr/Benefits/

3.) 2004 Health Insurance Premium Rates for Retirees
The retiree rates for health insurance premiums are now posted on the NYSHIP website. If all works as it should, you should be able to link directly to retiree information and the 2004 rates table by clicking on the following link: http://www.cs.state.ny.us/ebd/ebdonlinecenter/choices04/retrates/index.cfm?section=ot

Gladys Queen O'Neal
We recently learned of the death of Gladys Queen O'Neal in Peoria, California. Gladys, former spouse of the late Professor of History Emeritus George Queen, retired from Brockport School District. Both she and George were significant educators and contributors in support of the College throughout their lives. I hope to have more to share about the Queens in my next update.

Martin Lindauer, Professor Emeritus, Psychology (1967-1992)
I was pleased to hear from Martin Lindauer recently to learn of some of his retirement activities. He wrote:

"Like other emeriti I remain active, publishing and presenting professional papers. In addition, I've been writing fiction (with modest publishing success) -- mostly short stories. Nothing about Brockport--yet. And yes, I have my fair share of grandparenting, travel, hobbies, and leisure; all of which and more are facilitated by my San Francisco location.

I'd be most interested in hearing more about other professionally active emeriti."

Of significant note, Martin informed me of the recent publication of his book, "Aging, Creativity, and Art". According to Martin this book represents the last few years of research he did at Brockport, including a two-year stint at the University of Michigan at the Institute on Gerontology, on aging and art. About the book, Martin writes:

"In brief, and of interest to seniors and retirees, I investigated the continued creativity and sustained productivity of aging artists (60+), in particular, painters, both historical and contemporary, and extended the work to observers and doers of art (which includes more of us), concluding that a cognitively successful old age might be facilitated by involvement in the arts."

For those interested in a bit more detail, I've pasted below the summary from the book that Martin provided me.

AGING, CREATIVITY, AND ART:
A Positive Perspective on Late-Life Development
Aging, Creativity, and Art explores the strengths and opportunities of old age as these are manifested by the accomplishments of aging artists, late artistic works, and elderly arts audiences. The book draws on scholarship in the humanities, primarily in art history; examines mainly paintings and painters, both historical and contemporary; reviews empirical research on creativity and cognition, predominantly from psychology and gerontology; and presents the author's original studies, including surveys of art historians, questionnaires completed by aging artists and arts audiences, and experiments involving judgments of art by laypersons. The research presented in Aging, Creativity, and Art suggests that creativity continues into the later years; higher-order mental abilities related to creativity, like imagination and problem-solving, persist until late in life; and the elderly's physical, sensory, mental, and interpersonal competencies may be enhanced by engagement with the arts. This work inter-relates the disciplines of science, the humanities, and the arts to form a synthesis that builds on the strengths of the methods of quantification of science; the emphasis on the individual in the humanities; and the expressive and intuitive modes of communication in the arts. Aging, Creativity, and Art critically examines the psychology of creativity, cognitive development, and gerontology, and will be of interest to a wide range of professionals and students in these fields.

THE PLENUM SERIES IN ADULT DEVELOPMENT AND AGING

Congratulations to you Martin for this achievement.

Peace, health and happiness,

Bud

December 10, 2003

Greetings,

Campus Mourns---

At 9:30 a.m. today, December 10, 2003, the campus and the world will say goodbye to Dr. Thomas I. Crimando, Lecturer, History Department, at St. Joseph's Church on Main Street in Batavia, New York. Dr. Crimando who has been a member of the faculty at Brockport since 1988 lost his life at age 49 when struck by a vehicle at the corner of Park Avenue and Spring Street just before 11:00 p.m. on Friday, December 5th. The campus mourns the tragic loss of this dedicated faculty member.

The Brockport college community is also deeply saddened and in shock because one of its own, Dr. Mark Anderson, Associate Professor of English (1971-present), who faces charges related to the accident, was the driver of the vehicle.
In whatever way that fits your life's persuasions, please remember the family of Dr. Crimando as well as Mark Anderson and his family during this difficult hour.

Patricia Baker, Assistant Professor Emeritus, Education and Human Development (1969-1997), and evermore it would appear, recently sent me pictures taken at a breakfast hosted by Walter F. Brautigan, Assistant Professor Emeritus, Education and Human Development (1973-1995), and, evermore) to celebrate the end of his current project/thesis course with some 40 of his many students. Today I will place one of the pictures on the emeriti website where you can view it. According to Pat, generous Walt provided all with a scrumptious breakfast and even gift pens.

Thanks to both Pat and Walt for the things they continue to do to make Brockport special for their students and colleagues.

Scholar's Day (Wednesday, April 14th)

Scholars Day abstracts will be submitted electronically this year. They are due February 2, 2004. If you are interested in presenting, go to http://www.brockport.edu/scholarsday/index.html to for guidelines and the brief application form.

Please accept my best wishes for a safe, happy, healthy, and peaceful holiday season,

Bud

December 18, 2003

Greetings,

I am sorry this is "tardy" but for those of you living in the Brockport area who check your e-mail often and for whom some emblematic products from the Bookstore might help you complete your holiday gift giving, this might be helpful.

Holiday greetings from the campus Barnes & Noble bookstore. The campus bookstore is hosting a faculty & staff Appreciation Day this Thursday, December 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Receive 20% off emblematic merchandise and gift items! The college bookstore is in the Seymour College Union.

Other somewhat tardy news comes from Rosemary Gibson, spouse to emeritus Gordon Gibson.

On December 10th, she wrote:

"If you would like to put out some happy news I’m throwing a “40, the second time around” birthday party for Gordon this Saturday... Cheers."
I am sure it is not too late for Gordon to appreciate hearing from "old" friends so if you are so inclined, email him at cn1161@coastalnet.com or snailmail him a card or note at 118 West Second Avenue, Red Springs, NC 28377.

Gordon, we send you our belated "cheers" upon this occasion and wish you the best of health and happiness as you continue your flight - fly high on life!

Emeritus Patricia Baker is also a Brockport graduate. The recent notice of the death of Gladys Queen O'Neal brought her fond memories of Gladys' first husband, the late George Queen who retired from the History Department. She has given me permission to share them:

I had Dr. Queen for my very first college course (World History I) in September of 1957. Dr. Queen did something that years later I also did as it so impressed me (and all the students). We all wore freshman beanies to that first class with our names on them. (Then we all found out we could take them off in class.) Dr. Queen had eyed us all closely that first day and we found out why the next class when he called all 40+ of us by name without a miss. I ended up taking him for World History II, Economics and Sociology so I had him each semester for my first two years at Brockport. He was always prepared, and had a droll sense of humor. I prided myself on always taking the best teachers (when I got a dud it was because I couldn’t get into the class for one reason or another.) I especially remember Economics because he loved making money and so I had my really first introductions to stocks and bonds, reading the stock page, etc. He used to bring in individual stocks for us to see. We all gradually realized that this was probably a very wealthy man. He also used to speak of his wife (Queente) in very affectionate and positive tones. I must admit your notice took me back a lot of years.

Finally, I did have a call from one of you regarding the information I sent out earlier about the elimination of the Blue Choice Senior program. I had reported: "many of the resulting losses in benefits will be related to cataract lens, hearing exams, diabetic supplies and prescription drugs -- although there are other losses as well." I should not have referred to a loss of benefits -- more accurately, the benefits remain but just might cost more. As I understand it there were some things where the costs were fully covered by Blue Choice Senior that will now require a co-pay. I regret my misstatement. My intent was just to give you an early warning so that you could consult directly with the carriers before the Blue Choice Senior program was eliminated to make sure that you were able to retain the best possible coverage for any condition that you are treating. As always your carrier and the Health Insurance Unit in the Department of Civil Service are most authoritative resources in these matters.

Click on the "Pictures" button on the Emeriti website at http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm and you'll see that the pictures have been "refreshed" -- some photographs scanned from the 1973 SAGA. I regret not to have included any women emeriti. I did scan the one available and her picture will be featured soon. It is regrettable that there are recent years in which there has been no SAGA or, if one is published, faculty and staff are not included. Old SAGAs are a tremendous historical resource even though only some faculty and staff were included.
Happy Holidays,

Bud

December 31, 2003

Greetings,

I guess I am thankful in a way that I don't have much to share as we say goodbye to 2003 and hello to 2004. But, as always, if we are still functioning we must deal with a little bad news with the good. On the good side, if my records are reasonably accurate, we have 8 members of our group who are age 90 or over as we end 2003. Four more will move into this age bracket in 2004. Of the 53 members of our group who are age 80-89, 10 turned 80 in 2003--an additional 12 will join this age bracket in 2004. As a former Human Resources person, I must raise the possibility that longevity might be a surprise fringe benefit resulting from our career choice. I hope the State doesn't find out about it-- else it might assign us all retroactive longevity premiums.

As we close out 2003 our thoughts and good feelings go out to Frank Sherman who retired from the Grounds Crew about seven years ago. Frank's wife Anita moved on to a higher life on Wednesday, December 17, 2003. I do not know where she worked but I do know that she just retired in June after 42 years on the job. Frank told me that when she retired she wanted him to go back to work because she didn't want him to know how much time she would not be home attending to him. According to Frank she remained very active with friends, church, and activities for the short period of her retirement. We mourn her loss and celebrate her life along with Frank who has been a member of the "Brockport College family" for many years. As many of you will recall, Frank was an avid soccer fan, was very involved with youth soccer in Brockport, provided service in grounds maintenance at the College for many years and, for some period of his career was the campus's "taxi driver" who shuttled employees around the campus and transported mail to and from the Rochester Educational Opportunity Center. Frank was always cheerful and always faithful to Brockport College. We hope that he will be able to maintain his joyful approach to life supported by his good memories of Anita.

Memorials: The Assembly of God Church, 3040 Canal Road, Spencerport, New York 14559
Condolences: To Frank Sherman (and his son Timothy) -- 31 King Street, Brockport, New York 14420

The College recently sent notice to employees about on-line courses available to employees through a contract with SkillSoft. I have confirmed that emeriti/spouses of deceased emeriti are eligible to participate. Following is the announcement that was circulated:

"What's your New Year's Resolution???

Gaining additional knowledge with SkillSoft E-Learning?
Great Idea!!
SkillSoft is a web-based training that offers hundreds of different courses. You can access these courses from any computer that has an internet connection. Do you ever wonder what SkillSoft is and what all the talk is about? Give it a try. SkillSoft E-Learning is available to all Faculty, Staff, and Students.

Supervisors: Performance programs are a great way to introduce SkillSoft courses to your employees.

Here are just a few of the courses offered from SkillSoft:

IT courses:
* Getting Started with Adobe Acrobat 5.0
* Fundamentals of Internet Explorer 6
* Microsoft Office 2000: Intermediate Word
* Microsoft Office 2000: Beginning Excel
* Microsoft Office 2000: Beginning Access

Business Courses
* Using Effective Business Communication
* Partnering with Your Boss
* Human Resources Planning and Analysis
* Elements of Marketing Strategy
* Development Tools for Tomorrow's Managers

http://www.brockport.edu/hr/skillsoft/

For more information on how to obtain your userid and password, please contact Becky Gagne in the Office of Human Resources at 395-2283 or by e-mail: bgagne@brockport.edu.

Contact Becky if you are interested. There are many courses available that might help you get control of your PC and its software.

That’s’ it for 2003. Happy New Year to all!

Bud

January 5, 2004

Greetings,

Sorry, I have some sad news to report -- but fortunately, some good news as well.

First, Jim Horn, Associate Professor Emeritus, History (1968-1998) has shared information relating to the death of Doris Lee, wife of the late Arthur Lee who was professor of history emeritus (1957-1972). Dr. Lee was chairman of the History Department when I arrived in Brockport in 1967. I met him because of my role in assigning college work-study students to
departments. I remember him as a welcoming, warm, friendly and competent teacher and administrator and one who provided his student employees with meaningful work and one who provided an excellent example. I did not know Doris personally so, hopefully with Jim Horn's permission, I will share his note to me:

'Dear Bud,
Sad news from Doris Lee's daughter Pat:

"Dear Jim, I am writing with the sad news that my mother, Doris Lee passed away on Dec 10 at the age of 91. She had been ill since last July, and while it is so sad to lose her, it was even harder to see her miserable these last months. She often said she had led a full life and very enjoyable life.

Pat Lee
224 E Calle Turquesa
Tucson, AZ 85704-6613"

Doris' husband Art was chair of history when I was hired in 1968. They were both tremendous people, warm and kindhearted and so concerned for their faculty. They entertained graciously and had a network of numerous friends in Brockport. They retired to Green Valley AZ in the early 1970s along with the Dedmans and others you remember. Doris went into the nursing home about 5 years ago and was still very active until July of this past year, belonging to a writing club and sending her friends beautiful letters several times a year.

Their son Jerry lives in Rochester but I do not have an address for him.
Regards, Jim Horn'

We regret this passage and the loss it represents for the SUNY Brockport family as well as for the family and friends of the Lees. Condolences may be sent to daughter Pat Lee at the address reference above.

Karla Linn Merrifield, Director of Marketing Communications Emeritus (1990-2002) and Roger Weir, Assistant VP for Student Affairs Emeritus (1970-2002) are on the roads, oceans, swamps and lakes again. I have asked them to keep us posted on their activities and I invite the rest of you to do so as well. Here is an exchange of communications I recently had with Karla starting with her note to me:

"Dear Bud, so good to hear from you with both your interesting stats and the sad news, too. Roger and I are sampling the paradise of the Florida Keys right now before we head back north and into the Everglades for a taste of things to come [in mid-February we're booked on a week-long kayak expedition deep into the Glades proper. Want to test out my "bug wear" (netted clothing and "veil" to protect against skeeters)]. Then up the Gulf Coast until the kayak adventure, just meandering, exploring. We now have an inflatable kayak that we christened yesterday at Key Largo. Enjoyed a sunset paddle in "Bahia" as
we call it and find as an inflatable it's quite yare. Please pass along our greetings to the group. You won't find us wasted away in Marguaritaville, but you may find us lazing by the pool or snorkeling in the turquoise waters of Kay Vaca.

Karla Linn Merrifield"

My response to Karla:

"Regards to Roger --- I am green with envy. It sounds like you are going to have a much better winter than others -- like me! I must admit you sent me to the unabridged to look up the meaning of "yare". So, I have learned something -- I’ve got to be more nimble and quick with words if I am going to communicate with you.

Nice to hear from you --- enjoy your travels and keep us posted. I can't seem to get a lot of folks to share what they are doing but the feedback is that they enjoy hearing about others. So, I will share your adventures. I'll probably be doing another update early in the week -- have a couple of things to report."

Bud

[Note: I learned that yare means nimble and quick -- not a word most of us associate with any more, I suspect -- not me for sure!]

Jerry Begy, Associate Professor Emeritus, Education and Human Development (1973-2002) has shared the following:

" I always enjoy reading your updates here in Palm Springs, California. But I have some news. Although I retired in 2001, I continued to work with my master’s thesis students for one more year as an adjunct. This year one of my advisees, Tracey Zimmerman, won the College Reading Association's Annual Thesis Award, first place. This is the fourteenth time that Brockport has taken this national award.

AND, it is quite an interesting event since Tracey was in the very last graduate class to have to do a thesis. Due to the heavy course demands of the NCATE people (National Council for Accreditation in Teacher Education), the old program that required masters’ thesis has been replaced by another program that has no room for such a scholarly endeavor. It was sad to see the old program fade out, but it sure did it with a bang."

In talking with Art Smith, Associate Professor, Education and Human Development I learned that Brockport's students won this national award the last two years before the program changes. The previous year's award went to a student who did research on the 4th graders' perceptions of the Harry Potter series. Some of the previous winners from Brockport go back to the days when emeritus Frances Moroney Whited was the Reading Specialist at Brockport and the tradition was continued under Jerry Begy's leadership.

Congratulations to Tracy Zimmerman and the other winners from Brockport over the years as well as to the faculty of the Education and Human Resources Department who supported their endeavors, particularly Jerry Begy and Frances Moroney Whited.
Diana Needham, Director of Administrative Computing Emeritus (1968-1998) has just returned from travelling to see one daughter's family, including a new granddaughter, in Seattle, and another daughter in NYC. Now that she has returned, she is resuming her daytime volunteer work with the Community Education Center in the Greece Ridge Mall, her evening ESOL teaching and her one-day-per-week work for Meals on Wheels. Diana provides another fine example of how Brockport's emeriti are continuing to contribute to society.

Our thoughts and other means of conveyance of hope and luck go out to Terry Hover, Assistant VP for Student Affairs Emeritus (1968-2002), his wife Gayle and their extended family as they await word about their son-in-law's deployment. The son-in-law, Jim Whipple, from a family known to many of you, is a reservist who was just called to active duty. The call-up is particularly untimely since he and his wife Andrea Hover Whipple have an infant son and a brand-new daughter. That makes it difficult and the possibility that Jim could end up in Afghanistan or Iraq makes it, frightening.

[Terry, Gayle and Andrea -- know that you are in our thoughts during this difficult period of uncertainty.]

And finally, although I generally do not send out such stuff as what follows, I thought this one was cute and, dare I say, appropriate!

There are recent rumors that Julie Andrews did a concert for AARP. Ms. Andrews sang a favorite from the Sound of Music, Favorite Things. There were a few changes to the words, to fit in with the AARP theme. Here are the new words to this tune:

Maalox and nose drops and needles for knitting,
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,
These are a few of my favorite things.

Cadillacs and cataracts and hearing aids and glasses,
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,
These are a few of my favorite things.
When the pipes leak, When the bones creak,
When the knees go bad, I simply remember my favorite things,
And then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets, and corn pads for bunions,
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,
Bathrobes and heat pads and hot meals they bring,
These are a few of my favorite things.
Back pains, confused brains, and no fear of sinnin,
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinin,
And we won't mention our short-shrunken frames,
When we remember our favorite things.
When the joints ache, when the hips break,
When the eyes grow dim,
Then I remember the great life I've had,
And then I don't feel so bad.

I hope your life is great and you are doing wonderful things.

Peace,

Bud

January 7, 2004

Greetings,
I am sorry to clutter your mailboxes with another email but for those of you "enjoying" the winter in the Brockport area, one of the items I am reporting is time sensitive. In fact, it is more time sensitive than I imagined when I started this email -- two power outages so far so I best move fast! [Bet John Zwierzynski and Diana Needham much prefer this type of report from retirement land than when they were working!]

I have confirmed with Dr. Mary Jo Orzech, Director of Information Technology Support Services, that emeriti may participate in the Winter Break Computing Workshops her department is offering during the week of January 12th - 16th on a space available basis. Current employees will be given first preference in registering for the sessions offered and remaining spaces will be available to emeriti.

This is a great opportunity to refresh your skills or pick up new tips. Register early for any of these half-day sessions, by calling x2368 or send e-mail to tloscomb@brockport.edu. Identify yourself as emeriti and Tammy Loscomb will advise you regarding the sessions still available. All sessions will be held in Dailey Hall, Rm #202. Sessions will be taught by Diane White. The following sessions are being offered:

Monday, January 12, 2004 --NEW--
Optimizing Your Desktop, Virus Protection, SPAM Filtering: 9 am- 12 pm
Optimizing Your Desktop, Virus Protection, SPAM Filtering: 1 pm - 4 pm
(repeat session)

Tuesday, January 13, 2004
Microsoft Excel I (spreadsheet): 9 am - 12 pm
Microsoft Access I (databases): 1 pm - 4 pm

Wednesday, January 14, 2004
Microsoft Excel II (spreadsheet): 9 am - 12 pm
Microsoft Access II (databases): 1 pm - 4 pm

Thursday, January 15, 2004
Microsoft PowerPoint I (presentation): 9 am - 12 pm
Dreamweaver I (creating web pages): 1 pm - 4 pm
Alumni Affairs has just announced that its affinity credit card program with MBNA is now available to Faculty and Staff. I have confirmed that emeriti may also participate in this program. I do not wish to use this forum for marketing, but I thought that I should share this information with you once for those who might be interested. I am considering this as a second credit card option for myself. Several weeks ago, one of my sons suggested to me that I have a credit card with a low, fixed charge limit to use exclusively for internet purchases to reduce risk if someone gained access to my account and to then limit the use my primary credit card for major purchases where I am doing a face-to-face with a vendor. I am not sure if this approach would increase my credit card security but I am thinking that the alumni affairs card gives me the option and my participation would also benefit the college. Anyway, this is a one-time sharing of the information that was distributed to the campus. If you have any interest in obtaining this credit card or desire more information about it contact Mike Andriatch at (585) 395-5809 or mandriat@brockport.edu and he will forward the promotional material from MBNA to you. Rest assured that the college will not provide MBNA with home addresses and no one will call you about this program.

"For several years, the SUNY Brockport Alumni Association has had a partnership agreement with MBNA to provide alumni with the opportunity to apply for a no annual fee VISA credit card. In addition to the wide number of credit card plans available, the use of this card program provides support to the Alumni Association through transaction royalties. The entire financial arrangement for the credit card program, from application to monthly payment, is between the individual and MBNA, and not related to the Alumni Association.

For the first time, this program has been expanded to make all SUNY College at Brockport faculty and staff eligible to apply for one of the affinity card programs. This type of credit card can be a substitute for the discontinued SUNY Travel Card, or just as another means of showing your support for the College." [Lou Spiro & Mike Andriatch]
I am reporting mostly just sad news today. I have some other items to share soon but they are not ready for distribution yet.

Today we mourn the death of Clarence A. "Butch" Drennen at age 50 on January 11, 2004. Butch is the husband of Betty Drennen, longtime assistant to Sandy Mason, Executive Director of FSA/BASC. Betty has been a wonderful asset to BASC and the College since at least around 1970. For some of you who were at the College then you will remember that she worked in the old Personnel/Payroll Office in Hartwell Hall before its move to the new Allen Administration Building and her move to what was then FSA. Betty is known for the pleasant, caring and competent professionalism she brings to her job. I did not know Butch but we share his loss to the Drennen and Brockport families.

The family will receive friends at the Christopher-Mitchell Funeral Home, 16650 West Albion Road in Holley Wednesday, January 14, 2004 from 1-4 and 6-9 p.m. A Funeral Service will be held on Thursday at 11:00 a.m. at the Brockport Free Methodist Church.

Memorials to: Lakeside Memorial Hospital or American Diabetes Association. Condolences to: Betty Drennen, 16575 Route 31, Holley, New York 14470

I have located Mary Neumann and she has been restored to this group. I still need help in restoring the following members who apparently changed email addresses and did not notify us: Charles Day, Orlo Lee Derby, Barbara Dupre, Charles Jenkins, Cal and Marghi Rich and Martha Walstrum.

President Paul Yu has distributed the following information [slightly restructured by me] to the Brockport College Community.

Greig Mitchell, vice president for administration and finance, has accepted a position at Salisbury University in Baltimore, Maryland. His last day on campus is January 30, 2004. Louis Spiro, assistant vice president for finance and management, will be the interim vice president for administration and finance, until a search has secured a candidate.

A campus-wide farewell reception is scheduled for Wednesday, January 28, 3:30 – 5:30 pm, in the Alumni House. Although I have not confirmed that emeriti are included in the invitation I presume that emeriti who may have had an opportunity to meet and/or work with Greig during his short tenure at Brockport would be welcome.

Peace,

Bud

January 19, 2004

Greetings,

Just a few things… Believe me, those of us who have remained "close" to Brockport are tired of shoveling snow! We truly envy the "snowbirds" this year.
I recently received news from Jim Horn in Mexico that Bob Getz, Professor Emeritus, Political Science and International Studies (1968-1995) is recuperating for a short period at Lakeside Hospital's Beikirch Care Center following recent knee replacement surgery. It is interesting how communication works in the electronic age. I don't know what is happening in Brockport where I reside but get up-to-date news from Mexico! Up-to-date may be stretching a little and by now Bob may be home. In any event, we wish him a speedy convalescence. Well wishes probably should be sent to his home address which is 27 Brook Terrace, Brockport, New York 14420 and not to Beikirch.

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[I have confirmed that emeriti will be welcome at the following workshop that was recently announced on the campus. Mark your calendars for April 5th and email Colleen Donaldson (see below) if you are interested.]

"Workshop on How to Write a Winning Grant Application

Please join us on Monday, April 5th from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. in 220/221 Union for a presentation by Dr. George Stefano, Distinguished Professor at Old Westbury. He will be sharing tips on applying for federal funds and writing successful proposals. His presentation is appropriate for any level of grant seeker (novice or experienced).

Dr. Stefano is a research scientist and distinguished professor of Biological Sciences. He is also the Vice Chair of The Research Foundation's Board of Directors. His presentation has been well received at several SUNY campuses. He is very passionate about the topic, an inspirational presenter and a very successful grants seeker.

If you are interested in attending please send an email to Colleen Donaldson, Grants development Director at mailto:cdonalds@brockport.edu.

Happy New Year!

Marsha Moss
Office of Professional Education and Grants Development
605 Allen Administration Building
585-395-2523"

I am planning to refresh the emeriti website at http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm within the next couple of weeks. A new picture will be added to the homepage and a new photo album will be added for the "Pictures" link. Currently the homepage picture honors emeritus Walter Brautigan and the photo album includes thumbnails and larger pictures scanned from the 1973 SAGA of the following emeriti: Herb Bailey, Warren Fraleigh, Ira Geer, Joseph Gilbert, the late Adam LaZarre, Bernie Petit, Fred Powell, Robert Ribble, the late Kennard Rumage, and John Sinacore. If you want your personal copy of any of these pictures, right click with your mouse with the cursor on the picture you want and then chose "save picture as". The old SAGAs often had good pictures of the faculty-staff chosen to be included and 1973 offered some of the best. In any event, after this
weekend this opportunity will be gone for those currently included in the emeriti WebPages picture album.

Likewise, I will be refreshing the information at the "Your News" link. It currently has the information I presented about emeriti at "Mornings with the Professors" in November. I am working on featuring a couple of you on this page when I refresh it but I could use additional information. Please help me by sharing some of your activities.

In response to an inquire from one of you I asked Dr. Mary Jo Orzech, Director of Information Technology Support Services whether emeriti could take advantage of any discounted computer and computer software pricing that might be available to employees. Her response:

The campus bookstore does not sell software or hardware, but Brockport Emeriti can purchase software at academic discount from:

UB Micro, 520 Lee Entrance Road, 109 The Commons, Amherst, NY 14228-2567
www.ubmicro.buffalo.edu
(716)-645-3554
ubmicro@buffalo.edu (e-mail)

(You may be asked to provide ID or other proof of affiliation)
Sample pricing:

MSOffice 2003 Pro = $179
Dreamweaver MX = $ 99
StudioSuiteMX = $199

Emeriti can also purchase Gateway hardware at academic discounts through:
http://esource.gateway.com/brockportbts
800-211-4952 ext. 26885 (Tatiana Monasmith)

For music lovers who might be in the New York City area on February 22, 2004 -- a former colleague of mine from SUNY Potsdam is asking friends to share information about a benefits concert for Potsdam's Crane School of Music that will be performed at Riverside Church in New York City on February 22, 2004. The concert will feature Crane School graduate, Renee Fleming, Class of 1981, who is widely considered to be the world’s leading soprano. In addition to Renee, the concert will feature Crane alumnae Margaret Lattimore '91, who has performed at The Metropolitan Opera and 20 other opera companies in North America and Europe; Tamara Mesic ‘93, an emerging star whom Renee has mentored; and Lisa Vroman ’79, who recently completed a two-year run on Broadway as Christine in The Phantom of the Opera and is now performing the role on the west coast.

The first half of the concert will feature classical music, and the second half will feature jazz and Broadway music.

For more information about the concert, including ticket information and an on-line reservation
form, please visit the benefit web site at: www.potsdam.edu/cranebenefit. If you have questions you may e-mail Nancy Griffin, project manager for the benefit, at cranebenefit@potsdam.edu or phone her directly at (315) 267-2112.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Because of Renee’s contractual agreements with other presenters, Potsdam is not permitted to publicly announce this event. Thus, they must rely on other means of communication, such as e-mail and direct mail, to let people know about the event.

That's it for now…

Peace,

Bud

January 28, 2004

Greetings,

Well, for you snowbirds -- you can smile -- it’s snowing again/still here in the north. I’ve lost count but I think it’s only been two days in the last twenty-seven that I have not had to shovel the driveway at least once. I finally gave up yesterday when I saw the forecast and hired someone to blow out my driveway because I need a life beyond snow shoveling. Yet, already today my driveway has been blown once, I’ve shoveled it once, and it needs another shoveling -- and its only 11:30 a.m. Now, I’ve gotta tell you, if you hear that I’ve dropped dead playing basketball at the college, most of you might see me again [like it or not] because my game has mellowed and I no longer should face eternal punishment for my behavior on the court. But, if cuss’n still gets you in trouble and you hear that I have dropped dead in the driveway from shoveling snow, only a handful of you are likely to see me again as I’ll likely spend the afterlife on a bed of hot coals – ‘course while I’ve been out there shoveling this winter this vision doesn't seem quite so bad. In any event, and I think I may have said this before, for sure, you snowbirds did the right thing this year!

I sometimes face tricky decisions about what to report and what to exclude when I prepare "Updates". I recently shared a SUNY Potsdam musical fund raising event after debating with myself about it. As I have said before, I do not want to commercialize this communication or have it out my drive way because I need a life beyond snow shoveling. Yet, already today my driveway has been blown once, I’ve shoveled it once, and it needs another shoveling -- and its only 11:30 a.m. Now, I’ve gotta tell you, if you hear that I’ve dropped dead playing basketball at the college, most of you might see me again [like it or not] because my game has mellowed and I no longer should face eternal punishment for my behavior on the court. But, if cuss’n still gets you in trouble and you hear that I have dropped dead in the driveway from shoveling snow, only a handful of you are likely to see me again as I’ll likely spend the afterlife on a bed of hot coals – ‘course while I’ve been out there shoveling this winter this vision doesn't seem quite so bad. In any event, and I think I may have said this before, for sure, you snowbirds did the right thing this year!
Similarly, I am sharing the following information because I believe a lot of you might know the person upon whom I report and would want to know about her passing. Again, it is a judgement call and I am for the moment my own judge. However, for as long as I continue to attempt to keep you informed about Brockport “stuff” and to assist you in sharing your activities, please do not hesitate to let me know if my brush becomes too broad.

I believe the passing of Grace Helene (Drachler) Schlageter might be of interest to many of you even though she is neither an emerita or the spouse of an emeritus. Grace died on January 25, 2004 at age 82. Grace was well known to Brockport area music lovers for many years. She was senior choir director at St. Luke's Church in Brockport, a vocal music teacher, and was a founding member of the Brockport Symphony in which she played first violin for twenty-seven years. She also was a volunteer accompanist for several years for her daughter who teaches music at Brockport Central. Grace's husband, Bruce, is a retired teacher and an alumnus of SUNY Brockport, and together, he and Grace have participated in many of the college's activities over the years. Grace's many gifts and her support of the development of the love of music in all who knew her will be missed. [Note, Grace was also a childhood friend and schoolmate of my mother in Greene, New York.]

There are no calling hours. A memorial service will be held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Main and State Streets, Brockport, NY at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 31, 2004 followed by a reception at Morgan Manning House. Memorials may be directed to The School of Music, Ithaca College, Ithaca, New York.

Condolences: A. Bruce Schlageter, 34 Carolin Drive, Brockport, New York 14420

Mary Jo Gigliotti, the librarian in charge of the college's archive collection is included in our mailing list as a "friend of emeriti". She has downloaded the pictures currently in the picture album on the emeriti page that I mentioned to you in a recent update. If anyone would like copies of these photos who does not have the capability of downloading them, Mary Jo may be able to provide them for you. If desired, contact her at: mailto:migliot@brockport.edu

Peace -- and for us northerners, hope that this snow will end,

Bud

PS. I am not releasing the names of the "handful" who might join me on the coals...

February 10, 2004

Sad Greetings,

Today's news makes me reflect upon my last update -- it certainly helps in the proper placement of complaints about the weather. I regret that I am in a hurry today because I am preparing to be out of town the rest of the week. But, although I do not have all the details, I did want to share some significant news about members of our group before I leave.

A recent Brockport Statements included this:
"Wheelchair, oxygen tank and all, F. A. Mumpton, earth sciences professor emeritus, presented the keynote address, Joe's Sample: The Case for Zeolite Characterization, at the Third Mexican Congress on Natural Zeolites, Zacatecas, Mexico, Nov. 15-18. Mumpton's participation in the Congress was appropriate inasmuch as his paper, First Reported Occurrence of Zeolites in Sedimentary Rocks in Mexico, published in the American Mineralogist in 1973, was largely responsible for subsequent discoveries and utilizations of this group of minerals in that country."

Sadly, I had not yet been able to report on this emeriti accomplishment, and now I must report that Frederick A. Mumpton, Professor Emeritus, The Earth Sciences (1969-1996), took his Zeolite research to a higher level at approximately 5:00 a.m. today, February 10, 2004. While we mourn his passing we know that If there are rocks in heaven Fred's passion for them and for mineralogy will continue. In discussions with Ken Schlecht, Chemistry Department today, I learned that he had attended a couple of conferences with Fred over the years and that people frequently asked him what Fred was doing in Brockport. They would ask what Zeolites were to be found in the Brockport area, etc. Ken said that when he replied that there were none, people were perplexed that a scholar with such an international reputation (Ken said that if asked who were the true scholars in the world in Fred's field, Fred would generally be named in the top five) would be in Brockport. SUNY Brockport was blessed that Fred Mumpton found a home here and would lend his name and expertise to the College's reputation.

I first met Fred during a period of budgetary stress at Brockport. His seniority in his department had left him vulnerable and he had been retrenched. With a great deal of anxiety, I awaited an appointment with Fred to discuss his separation from service and the benefits afforded to retrenchees. I was pleasantly surprised when he matter-of-factly set me at ease at the beginning of the appointment. Although he was not happy with his lot, he was cordial and he certainly gained my respect for how he handled a very difficult situation. Fortunately, because of his contributions in scholarship, he was continued at the college as a teacher-researcher until his retirement in 1996. I also remember meeting with Fred in 1993 when Fred took advantage of the retirement incentive program designed by emeritus Robert McLean which allowed Fred to transition to retirement by working half-time his last three years. At that time, this internationally acclaimed scholar remained grateful for the opportunities Brockport had provided him.

We celebrate Fred's life, his life's work, and his accomplishments. He will be missed in the educational and scientific communities and by all who knew him.

Arrangements are still in process. We have no information about memorials but preliminary information suggests that arrangements are with Fowlers Funeral Home with visiting hours from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. on Thursday and a funeral service at the Funeral Home at 11:00 p.m. on Friday. Those of you in the Brockport area can watch the newspaper for confirmation of these preliminary details.

Condolences can go to: Ardeth Mumpton, 31 Sherwood Drive, Brockport, New York 14420

Other sad news -- I learned last night that John Goosley, Senior Personnel Administrator Emeritus (1967-1990) is in the intensive care unit at Lakeside Hospital with pneumonia. Cards
will be appreciated at 18 Meadowview Drive, Brockport, New York 14420. We pray for John's speedy recovery.

President Paul Yu and SUNY Brockport are gaining recognition for participation in the American Democracy Project. You can access the page for informative links and campus updates by clicking on the ADP logo on the left side of the Brockport home page just under the Online Services link at http://www.brockport.edu/. You can also find an essay by President Yu and his picture on the website of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) at http://www.aascu.org/programs/adp/default.htm

Finally -- for now -- I believe one, or some, of you may have a virus. After sending my last update I received a lot of emails from people unknown to me that were screened out by my virus detection software. I strongly suggest that you run your virus scanner software to make sure you are clean.

Peace,

Bud

February 16, 2004

Greetings,

With sadness, I share with you that John Goosley Jr., Senior Personnel Administrator Emeritus, Personnel Office (1967-1990), died on Saturday, February 14, 2004 at age 78.

How quickly the end can come once death has you in its grasp! Only within the last two weeks John and I talked on the phone about health insurance matters. As a former participant in Blue Choice Gold he had called me in shock after paying more than $100 for a prescription drug that had previously been fully covered by his insurance. We talked a couple more times as he pursued a correction or explanation to this charge through contact with the college and the health insurance unit. During these conversations, there was no suggestion of what was soon to come--we even talked about scheduling of the next outing for a group of retired SUNY personnel officers from the western region. Then, at 10:30 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2004 I received an e-mail message that my colleague and friend John Goosley had been taken to Lakeside Hospital in Brockport suffering from pneumonia. Upon returning home on Sunday from a few days out of town I learned that the pneumonia had become complicated, that John's lungs had given out, and that he had been transported to a realm where sick lungs don't matter.

John and I came to Brockport in the same year, 1967. He started as an assistant in the Bursar's Office in the basement of Hartwell Hall while I commenced my employment in the Student Financial Aid Office in Vanderhouf, now Morgan III. I met John because of the interaction of the two offices. In 1970 both John and I transferred to the Personnel Office. From that time until his retirement in 1990 John and I worked closely together. For many of those years he handled classified service appointments and employee benefits and then became exclusively the benefits officer as the number and complexity of employee benefits increased. John's SUNY
colleagues recognized his expertise on matters relating to employee benefits and often contacted him for interpretation and advice. On the campus, John assisted many employees in solving benefits problems and with other personnel issues over the years. Unfortunately, because the benefits programs available to SUNY employees are not under Brockport's control, John was often frustrated that he was not able to resolve every issue, yet he persevered in his efforts to serve the college and its employees in a sometimes "thankless" job.

John will be remembered for his efforts on behalf of employees, for his devout commitment to his church and his family, for his dedication to things he supported and for his general good nature. I remember that for several years John spent some of his vacation time each spring as a volunteer helping to get a Boy Scout camp in the Adirondacks ready for the camping season. On a couple of occasions, he returned from this volunteer activity with his arm in a sling, or limping, or with a little poison ivy infection but he enjoyed the work that was necessary to support this youth program.

We mourn the loss of John Goosley's contributions in this world and wish for him a much-deserved place of honor in the afterlife.

Calling hours: 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, February 18 and Thursday, February 19, Fowler Funeral Home, West Avenue, Brockport, New York 14420

Funeral Mass: 10:00 a.m., Friday, February 20, 2004, Nativity of the BVM, Main Street Brockport, New York 14420

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Brockport Fire Department, Lakeside Hospital or Nativity of BVM Church.

Condolences: Alice Goosley or "The Family of..." 18 Meadowview Drive, Brockport, New York 14420

Peace,

Bud

February 24, 2004

Greetings,

Emeritus Jim Horn, Associate Professor Emeritus, History Department (1968-1998) and I exchange e-mails frequently. Lately, since my complaints about the weather, he has been rubbing a little salt into my wounds by describing the 80-degree wind-chill factor he has been facing next to the pool all winter. In a recent note, he advised me that he was leading a tour group that included Helen Hemmer, wife of the late William Hemmer, Associate Professor Emeritus, Health Sciences (1970-1990). He was getting ready to take his group of 30 from Guanajuato to San Miguel de Allende and had invited Helen McLaughlin, Associate Professor Emeritus, Communication (1965-1995), to join them for lunch there. Jim "complained" that the
group was in a party mood every day and that he was off to sacrifice himself at another happy hour before sacrificing himself even further by travelling to one of the most beautiful properties in Mexico, the Villa Montana resort in Morelia the next day. I am guessing that you all share my sympathies for the "sacrifices" Jim Horn must make.

Our messages apparently grow wings. In response to the mailing about the death of John Goosley I received a note from a former student from the Al Brown era. If I receive his permission I'll share the full note in my next update – he had some nice things to say about several former members of the faculty now on this mailing list. For now, I can only share this much …

"So, sorry to learn about John passing away. I remember you old geezers from years ago, when President Al Brown was there. I remember the student takeover of Hartwell Hall when I was there."

In a reply, I did offer that we did not consider ourselves "old geezers" then but that for those of us still around we cherish the label now.

A few members of the Brockport College family were recognized on the sports page of the Democrat and Chronicle on Monday, February 23, 2004. The Canioto family has had someone on each of the great Brockport High School's women's volleyball teams for 30 years. The parents of the first generation of players are Nettie and Dick Canioto. Nettie works in Physical Education and Sport. Two of the former volleyball stars, Heidi Canioto Melens, Administrative Computing, and Carol Canioto Eldred, Print Shop, have also worked at the college for several years and Rikki now teaches in Physical Education and Sports. If interested you can get the full story by going to the sports news for Monday, February 23, 2004 at the Democrat and Chronicle's website or go directly to: http://democratandchronicle.com/sports/columns/0223FL3C41Q_sports.shtml However, I suspect this story will only be available the rest of this week so act quickly if you want to visit it.

The following announcement from the president's office that names the commencement speaker for this year was recently shared with the college community:

"I am pleased to report that Congressman Thomas Reynolds has accepted our invitation to serve as our 2004 undergraduate commencement speaker. He represents New York's 26th district in the U.S. House of Representatives. Congressman Reynolds serves in the 108th Congress as a member of the Republican Majority's leadership team, elected by his colleagues to the post of Chairman of the National Republic Congressional Committee. As NRCC Chairman, he is one of only eight elected House GOP leaders. To read more biographical information about Congressman Reynolds click on: www.house.gov/reynolds/biography.htm Kathy Groves, Assistant to the President."

Preparation of e-mails – I have tried several different techniques in preparing "Updates". Sometimes I type directly into MSOutlook. Sometimes I have prepared the update by creating an MSWord document and then pasting it into an e-mail. Then, in response to feedback from some of you for whom the e-mails are scrambled and hard to read, I have tried saving the
MSWord document as a text-only file before pasting it into the e-mail. From some, the feedback is that my direct typing into e-mail solves the scrambling problem. I am still looking for the "right" solution since I find it easier to start preparing a word document as news arrives and then pasting it in when I am ready to send it. I would be interested in receiving feedback from any of you who have had difficulty reading the updates because the content is scrambled – running off the page, etc. It could be that I'll have to change my methods if a significant number of you have problems, or, it might be that a few of you might have to change your settings. Since it is my intent to make it as easy as possible for all of you, your feedback will be appreciated.

I don't think Ira-Paul Schwarz, Professor and Composer Emeritus, Theatre (1970-1992) will mind if I share the following excerpt from an e-mail that he sent me following my ranting-on-the-weather e-mail. I also appreciated the other responses to that e-mail and I am sorry I have not had time to respond to all of you:

"I feel for you regarding the "battle of the snow." We have had a "terrific" snowstorm here in England! Almost two inches - can you imagine? In Norfolk County, where I live, over 200 schools were closed!

Folks around here are sick and tired of listening to that Yank go on: "... you call this snow? Why in New York State we used to have . . . etc., etc."

Carol and Fred Burelbach, Professor of English have been touring countries in Asia according to Helen Maier. Helen keeps in touch with them as they pop in and out of Internet cafes on their travels that have included China, Thailand, and Burma, among other countries.

Brockport Sports teams continue to do well. For all the information go to the Athletics page on Brockport's website at: http://www.brockport.edu/~athletics/. Here are a couple of short pieces on a couple of sports from that site:

"ROCHESTER, N.Y. -- The SUNY Brockport wrestling team won the 2004 Empire Conference Championship, and six individuals won automatic bids to the NCAA's with championships. In addition, two more Golden Eagles made it as wild card winners."

"NEW PALTZ, N.Y. – [Men's Basketball] Senior Randy Bills (Fairport) matched his career high with 26 points to lead SUNY Brockport to a 12th straight victory, 103-72 at New Paltz Saturday afternoon. The Golden Eagles, the SUNYAC regular season champions, finished the regular season with a 15-1 SUNYAC record, and now stands 19-6 overall. New Paltz fell to 6-18 and 4-12 to wrap up the season. SUNY Brockport will host a SUNYAC first round playoff game against an opponent to be determined. The game will be at home at Tuttle North Gym Tuesday night, February 24 at 7 p.m."

"NEW PALTZ, N.Y. – [Women's Basketball] The SUNY New Paltz women's basketball team led by as many as five midway through the second half but SUNY Brockport outscored the Hawks 17-11 the rest of the way and held on for a 42-41 win this afternoon at Elting Gym. The conference victory gave the Golden Eagles their sixth consecutive win."
The basketball playoff schedules for both men and women are posted to the Athletics website.

War News – Happily we report the safe return of the son of Nina Christopher, Facilities Management, from Iraq. Also, there was good news that the son of Pat Spry, Payroll Office could be home from Iraq on a rest and relaxation leave recently and Patti was able to see him. Sadly, we report that James Whipple, son-in-law of emeritus Terry Hover, Student Affairs (1968-2002), has orders to Afghanistan. Keep these families in mind when you communicate with your personal "higher authority".

Our own Stuart Milligan, Senior Assistant Librarian Emeritus (1986-1998) was recently interviewed for a Democrat and Chronicle column on the movie version of the book: "Touching the Void" about a mountain climbing adventure. Stu, who at age 63 is the current president of Rochester's rock and ice climbing club, described the trust that must exist between climbers whose survival depends so much on both the character and performance of others.

For those of you interested, the following information about the Spring Honors Ceremony has just been promulgated on the campus. I have decided to include the whole message even though it is probably more than most – unless you are still teaching – have a need to know:

FROM: Dr. Donna Kowal, Associate Director, Honors Program, and Adam T. Standish, Coordinator, Scholarship Office

RE: Honors and Awards Information
Spring Honors and Awards Ceremony

The 2004 Spring Honors and Awards Ceremony will be held in the Seymour College Union Ballroom at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 30 at 3 p.m. This ceremony is the college’s official recognition for students receiving annual academic awards from various departments and programs, as well as from the college. Our student speakers will be recipients of the Outstanding Achievement Awards.

As a result of the Faculty Senate’s survey, discussion and recommendation to the President, the Honors Ceremony will be restructured this year. We will honor the students selected as the School and Departmental Scholars, the Student Leadership Award recipient and the three students selected for the Outstanding Student Award in each school. They will be individually acknowledged on stage and congratulated by their Dean, Provost and the President. Students selected to receive other awards, scholarships and recognition for their accomplishments will be recognized in the audience by award category and their names will be listed in the program booklet according to the award they received.

As in the past, individual departments will be responsible for selecting and submitting the recipients of all their awards. Adam Standish of SUNY Brockport’s Scholarship Office (119 Rakov, 395-5414) will be coordinating scholarship and award procedures.
We continue to require that you submit the names of the award winners ELECTRONICALLY no later than March 9, 2004. An individual award form needs to be completed for each award. This is a firm deadline, mandated by the publishing schedule for the Spring Honors and Awards Ceremony program, and, consequently, no submissions of award winners will be accepted after this date. The following URL should be used to submit your award winners:

http://www.brockport.edu/honorsawards

Contact Adam Standish, phone number above, if you have any questions about these procedures.

Please remember it is the department’s responsibility to notify students that they have been selected to receive an award. In your notification letter to the students, please tell them that their attendance at the Spring Honors Awards Ceremony is expected.

In closing, we thank you for your support in this endeavor and hope you will specifically encourage all your colleagues to attend the Ceremony. It has been re-designed according to the College community’s wishes to celebrate our students’ academic achievements."

A recruitment search has begun for the Vice President for Administrative Services position to which Louis Spiro is currently appointed on an interim basis. The search for a new Dean of Professions to replace Joseph Mason has been completed and Dr. Christine Murray who had previously served as Associate Dean and then as Interim Dean, has been selected for this significant role on the campus. Congratulations to Chris.

Peace,

Bud

March 8, 2004

Greetings,

Well, I am trying a new approach with these "updates" with the hope that it will make them readable to all recipients. Instead of "cut'n" and paste'n" the stuff you send me into an e-mail, I am typing everything myself. There may be good news for some and hopefully the added typos will not cause problems for others. I know that spell-checker will catch the misspelled words, but it can't catch those cases where I type a "sounds-like" word that has a totally different meaning -- and I do a lot more of those as I age up! Anyway, here is the latest from Brockport.

Athletics -- WOW! Don Murray has been named Empire Coach of the year again and sent 8 wrestlers to the national division III championships. The team came in 6th in the nation and SUNY Brockport wrestler Artie Weidler won the national championship at 165 pounds. The SUNY Brockport women's basketball team made the NCAA Division III playoffs but lost early. The SUNY Brockport men's basketball team defeated Trinity College in a great basketball contest at Brockport on Saturday night to join the sweet 16 of the Division III tournament. Coach Nelson Whitmore and the team have had a great year with Nelson earning SUNYAC Coach of
the Year honors, the invitation to the NCAA playoffs, and this win. We wish them well as they seek to become the national champion.

Emeritus Orlo "Lee" Derby, Professor Emeritus, Education (1941-1794) recently celebrated his 93-birthday. He was in attendance Saturday night at the Brockport v. Trinity College basketball game.

Emeritus Bob Boozer, Associate Professor Emeritus, Physical Education and Sport (1947-1979) had cataract surgery recently but it has not slowed him down at all.

And speaking of keeping moving -- here is an event announcement that is likely to make the snowbirds still in the south race to return north. Richard Mancuso, not yet an emeritus but someone known to many of us, is playing again. He will present "Physics and Toys" at the Spring Cultural Life Lecture and Musical Series at Roberts Wesleyan College. The lecture will be presented in the Smith Science Center Auditorium at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 12, 2004 and is free and open to the public. An informal reception will precede the lecture in the Smith Science Center Lobby at 3:45 p.m. Then, in addition to his presentation of physics and toys, Dick, who is somewhat a miracle of physics himself with two hip replacements, and his wife Donna, will demonstrate physics and ballroom dancing -- a must see! As one who has lived through many of Dick's thrown elbows, hip tosses, hacks, and other "non-intentional" physical abuses on the basketball court, it is hard to envision Dick moving gracefully across a dance floor -- but those who have seen it swear that its true! This is one of those announcements that I am not sure I should include because I certainly do not have enough time in these updates to report all the things the active faculty do. But, I couldn't resist!

In a recent conversation with Albert W. Brown, President Emeritus, (1965-1981) he informed me that he has been out of touch with former colleagues and friends recently because of a macro degeneration problem with his eyes. He is visiting a special clinic in Ohio this month to see if there is anything that can be done to improve his vision. If not, he will resort to some of the hi-tech aids now available and will hope to be able to communicate again soon. Dr. Brown, we hope and pray for your success in finding some relief from this physical problem.

Bill Andrews, Professor Emeritus, Political Science (1967-1996) sent me this response to my complaints about the weather: "A further note on the weather: Monika and I are on a month-long tour of Borneo. This is our eighth day on the island and we have had 20 minutes of light rain (at dinner time) and the temperature has not left the 80s. The people are friendly and charming, the nature and cultural study fascinating. Very low crime rate, no unemployment, no fear of terrorism." [Sounds like Bill is financing his trip working for the Borneo Bureau of Tourism, but, he has convinced me that there are better places than Brockport to spend February.]

AND, here is the latest from Karla Merrifield and Roger Weir. I think you all know them by now so I won't elaborate on their emeritus status:

"The adventures of Karla and Roger continue. We survived our week kayaking in the Everglades, despite zillions of skeeters and an invasion of fire ants in our bed aboard the houseboat where we slept with our fellow paddlers that week. Put about 30 water miles of
paddling on our bodies and relished the hot sunny days and deep, dark nights in the wilderness, font of a series of poems I'm still working on. Roger took the fury of the stinging ants but the Everglades got me good too, right in the musing center of being. Now we're heading north into the panhandle for a few weeks of more kayaking on our own along the Gulf shores...home in late March.

[WOW again - and here I sit glued to my PC with a canoe hanging in the garage and a kayak available from a friend. I suspect I will soon turn green just from the responses I receive from all of you who are doing better at retirement than I am. Even Mancuso, who hasn't retired, has more fun and he gave up poker for dancing!]

The College has announced its annual International Festival -- "A Feast of Nations". Unbelievable but, it is "free and open to the public" --- except that the event is limited to the first 250 who register and current Faculty, Staff and Students can register first between March 1-18 and the public can register between March 12-18. For emeriti suffering on fixed incomes and facing increased gas prices, this may spell OPPORTUNITY! I think that "A Feast of Nations" might be interpreted as "free food". All joking aside, it is an event that celebrates the international commitments of SUNY Brockport and is worthy of your support if you are in the area and there is room for you. The event will be held from 5-7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom on Thursday, March 25, 2004. But, YOU MUST RSVP on a space available basis between March 12-18th by calling 395-5245 or emailing comunty@brockport.edu. This event is sponsored by the International Student Organization, Brockport Student Government, Better Community GICD, Office of Campus Life, Office of Human Resources, Leadership and Community Development-Division of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs and United University Professions (UUP). If there is room for us, this is a great chance to show your support for the College and the international students and to join your colleagues and friends in the celebration of the end of winter.

Finally, the following emails from Fred Burelbach, Professor Emeritus, English (1967-1996) and his wife Carol have been received by their friends who believe that Fred and Carol will not mind sharing them with this list. So, here, ordered with the most recently received note on top, are notes from their travels:

Last note: "Hi, it's so nice here (Puket) we are going to stay for three more nights. Tomorrow we cannot go to the beach because the sun here is serious sun and we are both more than a little pink. I can't believe that we have not seen one day of rain nor has the weather gone below 90 degrees for this entire trip."

Previous note #1: "A little update on the trip from Siem Reap to PP via bus. Grueling -- 8 hours of red dust. I don't think there is anything other than Angkor left to see in Cambodia. Today we found the Foreign Correspondent's club. Third floor with balcony overlooking the Mekong and it has a breeze and serves yogurt fruit shakes that are wonderful. We've had no meat in weeks and these last 10 days, the vegetables in C. are not great. It's still hot -- my jeans are soaked with sweat and it's too dirty to wear anything else. A few more days and we return to Thailand and to the beach. Do you think I'm anxious? “Carol and Fred"
Previous note #2: "Arrived in Chaing Mai yesterday after a long bus ride - air con and comfortable but no food. When we were here last this was a small and charming place. Now it is so crowded with tourists and markets that the streets look like Mardi Gras. And that's at six p.m. I don't know about later because we were sleeping by seven. We'll stay here tonight and then head to Mai Sai, the northern most point in Thailand and a legal crossing point into Burma. We probably won't be able to resist going there for a day or two. We are meeting people our age and older who are traveling exactly as we are. Had breakfast with a couple from Holland who have done Kenya, Macho, Peacho (sp?) in Peru and India in the last five years. Fred and I have a long way to go. It's good for us. I think we both feel ten years younger. It's the outside life style, the healthy food (no we are not eating chic[260x585]) and the exercise. Thanks a lot for caring about how we are doing and for keeping us updated on what's going on ... It's always a thrill to pop into an Internet cafe find ...messages. Carol and Fred"

Peace,

Bud

March 12, 2004

Greetings,

Today I come to you with very sad news indeed. I have just learned that Cathleen Zwierzynski, wife of John Zwierzynski, Director of Administrative Computing Emeritus (1979-1991) departed this earth at 2:45 p.m. on Thursday, March 11, 2004 to be welcomed by her parents and her father-in-law, among other earthly friends, in the afterlife. Cathleen was courageous in her long battle with cancer but John says that the disease really started taking its toll around Christmas time. Until then Cathleen had been able to inspire her many tennis friends and others with her tenacious efforts to continue to participate in life even while in death's grasp. I was myself amazed at her uplifting spirit in the face of adversity that was in evidence when she and John visited Brockport briefly this past summer. Somehow with aging and disease taking their tolls she still seemed to give the appearance of being just a "kid at heart". Like everything else in life, there are many different "flavors" of marriage. Without intentions of disparaging any of our own marriages, my observations of John and Cathleen suggest that theirs was special - they took it to a higher plane. It was both earthly and spiritual and their lives were totally intertwined in the activities of serving each other, family, church and friends. They were/are true soul mates --cherishing children, grandchildren, tennis, and life in general, as one. Our thoughts and prayers go out to John for, to him, this loss, and the breaking of this earthly partnership, must be tremendous.

Cathleen survived five courses of chemo and for two years and six months she remained active at tennis and cards as she fought her battle. She continued to support her church in many activities and sang with a local barbershop group until near the end.

Cathleen's presence in this world will be sorely missed but the memory of her "person" and her courage will be remembered fondly and her faith will provide strength to those who celebrate her life and mourn her loss.
John, we send peace and love to you and your family from your Brockport family.
Consolences: John Zwierzynski, 9217 Parkside Drive, Sun Lakes, Arizona 85248
Memorials: Hospice of the Valley, 1510 E. Flower Street, Phoenix, AZ 85014-5656

Peace,

Bud

March 22, 2004

Greetings,

Good news -- no bad news to report!

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Congratulations to the Farleys -- Emeriti Dr. Rawle (Economics 1966-1995) and Dr. Ena (African & Afro-American Studies 1973-1995?) and their son, Dr. Jonathan David (Visiting Associate Professor of Mathematics at MIT). Jonathan graduated summa cum laude from Harvard University in 1991 with the second-highest grade point average in his graduating class. He obtained his doctorate in mathematics from Oxford University in 1995, after winning Oxford's highest mathematics award, the Senior Mathematical Prize and Johnson University Prize, in 1994. This past Friday Jonathan was invited back to Harvard to receive its distinguished "Harvard Foundation 2004 Scientist of the Year" award. For more about his recognition visit http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~harvfoun/scicon2004.html We join with Jonathan's proud parents, Rawle and Ena, in recognizing Jonathan's accomplishments and in extending our best wishes for his continued success.

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The 15th Gerry D'Agostino Memorial Lecture, this year entitled, "Making a Difference" will be presented at 7:30 p.m., Monday, April 12, 2004 in the New York Room, Cooper Hall. Gerry who was Football Coach and Assistant Professor Emeritus - Physical Education and Sport - 1962-1988 made a difference at Brockport and had a direct impact upon at least one of the speakers selected for his memorial lecture this year. Dr. Stephen J. Bender, (SUNY Brockport, BS Class of 1966) was a member of Coach D'Agostino's football team. He will be joined by another Brockport graduate, Renee M. McCall. Both presenters have distinguished themselves in their chosen fields since leaving Brockport. You are invited to join the faculty and staff at the College to honor Gerry's memory and to continue to learn.

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For the information of any of you who might consider part-time work with the State/SUNY/SUNY Brockport -- the Governor recently signed Chapter 4 of the Laws of 2004 which raises the basic State retiree earning limit to $27,500 for those returning to work part-time. The change is effective January 1, 2004. Individuals may earn more if they qualify under a different formula but this is the basic earnings limit now available to anyone without special approval.

I recently had e-mail communications with John Price, Senior Academic Advisor Emeritus (1977-1991). He helped me track down an e-mail address for another resident of Maine. In my
request for his assistance I pressed John for some feedback about his activities in Maine. John reported back that he continues to indulge in his long-time hobby - theatre. In the past five years, he has been involved in eighteen or more plays or productions with four local theatre companies, two professional, one community, and an ecumenical theatre organization called "Theatre of the Spirit". He has been an actor in about a dozen of these, has directed two musicals and one opera ("Amahl and the Night Visitors") and four or five other shows, and produced several plays as well. He also works occasionally with teachers in the local schools on drama projects at the elementary level and works through Literacy Volunteers with a class of mentally challenged adults. He recently received a "mention" in the national newsletter of the Penn State Thespians, one of the drama groups he worked with as an undergraduate, but he has no idea how they learned of his theatre activities in Maine. We applaud John for his continuing pursuit of his passion in retirement and for the good service he is providing in his new community.

Congratulations and our best wishes to Ted and Charmaine Starr. Next month they will have a large family gathering to celebrate their 50th anniversary, and to do an early celebration of Ted's 80th birthday that arrives later this year. Ted and Charmaine -- enjoy your special day!

Visit the emeriti website at http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeri.htm and then select "Your News" for a brief tribute to former President Albert W. Brown (1965-1981) -- the first president I served under. Brockport has been very fortunate to have been blessed with leadership that fit the times and each benefited from those who served before them as they, the College, and our society continued to evolve. The College remains grateful to Dr. Brown for his leadership in Brockport's transition from a Teachers' College to a liberal arts college and during the period of unprecedented growth in curricula, faculty and staff, and facilities.

Finally, you may recall that I shared with you, a while ago, some information from Mike Andriatch concerning the availability of a no annual fee VISA card through MBNA. I suggested at the time that I might obtain one with a fix low credit amount that I would use exclusively for internet purchases to lower my risk should my credit card number get into the wrong hands. Now there is another reason for New York State residents to have a credit card to use exclusively for internet purchases. It is the "requirement" that we disclose such purchases and pay the associated sales tax when we file our NYS income tax forms each year. If you have a designated internet credit card it will help you keep track of such purchases. And, the use of the MBNA credit card does provide transaction royalties to the Alumni Association. Mike Andriatch has now provided details about how to apply for this credit card. If you are interested, complete the application at http://www.brockport.edu/maildocs/mbna.doc and mail it to NEW ACCOUNT ACCEPTANCE CENTER, PO BOX 981052, EL PASO, TEXAS 79998-9935. OR, call 1-866-GET_MBN and use priority code RMKK. If you have questions about this program contact Mike Andriatch (585) 395-5809 or mandriat@brockport.edu

Peace,

Bud

April 2, 2004
Greetings,

This is just a quick note to advise you of a few campus activities that might be of interest to those of you in the Brockport area -- plus some recent news.

No matter what I try it appears that some of you still have trouble reading my updates -- some just receiving one line of text that goes endlessly off the page to the right. If this happens to you, one technique is to click on "Edit" on your tool bar the choose "Select All". Click on "Edit" again and choose "Copy" to copy the selected text to the clipboard. Then open your word processing software and by holding down your control key while also pressing the letter "V", you can paste the contents of the clipboard into a word processing document where you should be able to set margins so that you can read the document. BUT, for more convenience, I am going to start routinely placing the updates on the "Your News" page at the emeriti website. The direct link to that page is: http://www.itss.brockport.edu/~rmeade/your_news.htm

The History Department, via Kathy Kutolowski, wishes to announce that the annual Sig Synnestvedt Memorial Lecture will be held on Thursday, April 8, at 7 p.m. in the New York Room at Cooper. Nadine Synnestvedt will attend, and some of you might wish to take this opportunity to see her. Sig Synnestvedt was the Chair of the History Department shortly after my arrival at Brockport in 1967. He was highly respected during a career that was cut short by illness and an early death. Nadine also worked at the College and was a highly competent and respected member of the Brockport College Community.

The topic and speaker of the Memorial Lecture that honors the Synnestvedt legacies at Brockport may interest many of you in the Brockport area.

The speaker is Blanche Wiesen Cook, a prize-winning biographer of Eleanor Roosevelt. She has completed two volumes of a three-volume biography and is working on the third. Cook is a professor at the John Jay College and Graduate Center of CUNY. Those who have heard her speak say that she's terrific. Bob Smith will interview her on 1370 Connection on the 7th, also.

From: Office of Marketing Communications
Subject: Online "Experts Guide"
Date: April 2, 2004
Dear Faculty or Staff member:
The online edition of the "Media Guide to SUNY Brockport's Extraordinary Expertise" is, in fact, online and ready for use. You can access this searchable database by going to http://www.brockport.edu/mc/experts_guide.htm
The guide has already [proven valuable] as we have been able to help reporters access campus experts three times in the last two days (for subjects that would not have been easily discernable by College department).

Thank you to all of you who have chosen to participate in this project. Thank you to Web Manager Steve Lewis and Marc Goldfisher, Marketing Communications, for providing their time and expertise to make this project a reality.
If you would like to be added to the database, or update existing information, please e-mail experts@brockport.edu with your name, degree (if applicable), department, work title, phone number and area(s) of expertise and/or avocational interests. Thank you for sharing your knowledge with the campus and the community. [Chris Florence, Marketing Communications]

[campus mailing to faculty and staff] Dear Faculty/Staff,
On Wednesday, April 14 from 8:30 am - 5:00 p.m. classes will be suspended for our 21st Scholars Day. Scholars Day is our annual celebration of student/faculty/staff scholarly activities. Please encourage/require your students to attend and please attend also. It is always a fun and exciting day.

A schedule of events was mailed to each of you in campus mail. Additional copies can be found in the Union, Drake Library, and Dailey Computing Center. A copy of the schedule is available on the web. You can locate it at www.brockport.edu/scholarsday. Located on the left side of the screen under Schedule of Day's events. If you would like additional hard copies of the schedule please send an email to Marsha Moss at mmoss@brockport.edu.

We look forward to seeing you on April 14th! Best wishes.

Colleen Donaldson
Scholars Day Coordinator
Marsha Moss
Office of Professional Education and Grants Development
605 Allen Administration Building
585-395-2523

The 2004 Spring Honors and Awards ceremony will be held in the Seymour College Union Ballroom on Friday, April 30, at 3:00 p.m.

We hope you will join us in honoring our extraordinary students. The Spring Honors and Awards Ceremony is a long-standing tradition at SUNY Brockport, one for which the campus community takes time out from its daily routine to celebrate academic excellence.

After much discussion and review, the Faculty Senate has revamped the ceremony format this year to put more emphasis on student accomplishments. In addition to individually honoring the students who have been selected as department or program scholars, the students receiving the top three school awards and the student leadership award have been asked to speak.

Faculty and staff in academic regalia who plan to process should assemble at 2:30 p.m. in room 119 on the first floor of the Seymour College Union. Those wishing to attend the ceremony but not wear regalia are welcome to utilize the general seating in the ballroom.

Everyone is invited to attend a reception for the students, guests and the faculty and staff immediately following the ceremony in the Union's Lounge.

If you have any questions, please contact Sue Hawkes in College Events, 395-5645. Thank you. [Sue Hawkes, College Events]
The Golden Eagle Society has announced the 27th Annual Bob Boozer Golden Eagle Golf Open. It is a best ball/scramble tournament so anyone can have a good time playing. The details are:

**When:** Friday May 21, 2004  
**Where:** Hickory Ridge Country Club  
**Time:** 12 Noon - shotgun start  
**Format:** Best Ball/Scramble  
**Cost:** $75.00 - includes golf, cart, beverages on course, lunch, snacks, prizes, and Dick Mancuso Post-Tournament Buffet Dinner and awards ceremony.  
**Tournament Directors are Mike Andriatch (585) 395-5809 and Susan Hoffman (585) 395-5327.** Contact one of them to request a registration form.

Since starting this update there is sad news to add from the Rochester D&C this morning. Bernice P. Williams who served faculty, staff and students at the College for many years as an employee in the Custodial Services Department died on March 31, 2004. Bernice was a gentle, kind and faithful employee who I am sure enhanced the learning environment through her diligence and care. One of her survivors is her brother, Staff Associate Emeritus George L. Todd (1971-2000). With George and the rest of Bernice's family and close friends we mourn her loss - personally, although I did not know Bernie very well, I fondly remember her contributions. Friends may call Sunday 2-4 and 7-9 at the Fowler Funeral Home, 340 West Avenue, Brockport, where a Funeral Service will be held on Monday at 1:00 p.m. Condolences: "Family of..." c/o George Todd, 372 Martin Road, Hamlin, New York 14464.

Peace,

Bud

April 12, 2004

Greetings,

Remember if you have difficulty reading this "Update" you can also find it under "Your News" at http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm


I have been remiss for some time in not noting the significant contributions of Mary and Tom Markusen in support of the college, its students, and its activities. Tom and Mary have contributed so much but they have preferred to remain behind-the-scenes supporters. I hope that I do not offend them by bringing their contributions to your attention.

Several years ago, Tom and Mary established the Thomas R. and Mary P. Markusen Scholarship Fund for the Arts and Lifelong Learning. It continues to grow as they make additional contributions to bring it to the fully endowed, and active, level. If you would like to assist them in this endeavor, contact Marianne M. Virgilio at mvirgili@brockport.edu
In addition, Tom and Mary have contributed works of art to the College over the years including pieces for College events such as the Community Awards Dinner. One example of their artistry and generosity hangs in the lobby of the Allen Administration Building. "Migration by Flight" is a copper, brass and steel sculpture created by Tom in 1990 and donated by Mary. An inscription on the plaque beside it reads "If people are to continue to advance as a society they must take the educational challenge and travel towards the unknown with pride and unity."

Of recent note, Tom was commissioned to craft the Art of Fact Award, presented by the SUNY Brockport Writers Forum and M&T Bank. Established in 2000, the Art of Fact Award recognizes a nationally prominent writer of non-fiction -- recipients include Diane Ackerman (2000), Paul West (2000), Sherwin Nuland, MD (2001), Richard Rodriguez (2002), John McPhee (2003), and Susan Sontag who is scheduled to receive the award on Thursday, April 29, 2004. [See: "The Art of Fact" information that follows.]

In the fall 2003 semester Tom spoke about his work and his career as part of the “Mornings with the Professors” series, a session that was truly enjoyed by all in attendance.

Tom and Mary have also served the college on committees, including the Annual Faculty and Staff Campaign, since they retired.

Please join me in thanking Mary and Tom for their support of the College at Brockport for many years.

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The Art of Fact – award series in literary nonfiction presented by M&K Bank and the SUNY Brockport Writers Forum – honors nonfiction authors for significant contributions to American culture.

"Susan Sontag [the 2004 recipient] has been a major figure in American intellectual life for more than 40 years". Her most recent work, "Regarding the Pain of Others" raises our consciousness about how photographic images play against our sensibilities – a very timely work as we contemplate the "reality" of digital imagery and the flow of images in the continuous onslaught of the media and television. The "Art of Fact" Award will be given to Susan on Thursday, April 29, 2004 during a program scheduled for 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Dryden Theatre/George Eastman House in Rochester, New York. Again, the award that will be presented to Susan has been created by Thomas Markusen, "...SUNY Professor of Art Emeritus, who has been a metalsmith, designer and educator for more than 30 years. Tom Markusen enjoys a national reputation for his distinctive design in copper and bronze. He has been recognized with numerous awards, grants and honors for his contribution to the fine craft field." [From "The Art of Fact Program.]

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Dear Faculty/Staff:

On Wednesday, April 14 from 9:00 am – 5:00 p.m. classes will be suspended as we celebrate our 21st annual Scholars Day. Scholars Day is our annual celebration of student/faculty/staff scholarly activities. Please encourage/require your students to attend and please attend also. Your
attendance sends a message to our students and your colleagues that you value their scholarship. It is always a fun and interesting day.

A schedule of events and an abstract book was mailed to every faculty member and office on campus. An online copy can be found on the Brockport home page (scroll down to the icon at the bottom of the page). Additional hard copies can be obtained by calling x2523 or visiting Daily Computing Center, the Student Learning Center, Drake Library or the Union.

We look forward to seeing you on April 14th! Best wishes.

Colleen Donaldson
Scholars Day Coordinator

Marsha Moss
Office of Professional Education and Grants Development
605 Allen Administration Building
585-395-2523

The link below is to a pdf file announcing the lecture to be given by Professor Beth E. Vanfossen. Some of you may remember Dr. Vanfossen as Professor of Sociology, Director of Women's Studies and Associate Dean of the School of Letters and Sciences here at SUNY Brockport. Her lecture, entitled "C. Wright Mills' Legacy: Social Issues and Private Troubles", will be given at our annual Alpha Kappa Delta Induction Ceremony April 15th in the New York Room of Cooper Hall at 4:00 P.M. We hope you will be able to join us.


Dear Colleagues,
This is to inform you that Dean Sharon Vasquez has accepted a position as Dean of the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts at Wayne State University in Michigan, effective Summer 2004.

Sharon has provided outstanding leadership to the School of Arts and Performance at SUNY Brockport since 2000. We especially appreciate her success in reaching out to the Rochester arts and cultural community, and the strengthening of Brockport’s relationships with RPO, GEVA Theater, Visual Studies Workshop, and other community resources. We regret Sharon’s decision to leave SUNY Brockport but congratulate her and wish her much success in this exciting new career opportunity. I’m certain that you join me in expressing our gratitude for her dedication and achievements at Brockport.

In the next few weeks I will consult with the faculty of the School of Arts and Performance, in the hope that we can name an Interim Dean prior to Commencement.

Timothy J. Flanagan, PhD

For Immediate Release
April 6, 2004
SUNY Brockport President Paul Yu a Finalist in Presidential Search for San Jose State University

Brockport, NY – Paul Yu, president, State University of New York College at Brockport is one of two finalists named by The California State University (CSU) today for the presidency of San José State University (SJSU), the oldest of the CSU’s 23 campuses.

Dr. Yu will be at SJSU April 12-13 meeting faculty, staff, students, alumni and the community. The other finalist, Richard S. Jarvis, chancellor, Oregon University System will interview April 15.

“Each one of these outstanding candidates could provide solid leadership for San José State University,” said Trustee Bill Hauck, chair of the presidential search committee. “They both possess strong academic and administrative skills, and their experience in other large university systems will help them in California, as the CSU system continues to fight for quality, access and affordability at all 23 campuses.”

The new president will succeed former President Bob Caret who assumed the presidency of Towson University in Maryland in summer 2003. Joseph N. Crowley, president emeritus of the University of Nevada, Reno, has been serving as interim president. He was not a candidate for the permanent position.

The CSU Board of Trustees will interview the finalists at a special meeting in closed session on April 19. The new leader will be named shortly thereafter and will assume the presidency on a date to be determined.

Yu has achieved many successes as president of SUNY Brockport. The College had a highly successful planning process that was lauded by an accreditation review team from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Undergraduate admissions standards rose and the quality of students recruited followed suit – resulting to a move up in SUNY’s academically based “Tier” system. In addition, the College has nearly doubled the amount of external funding for research in the past four years, and has achieved accreditation in each case where it was sought, including business, social work, teacher education and nursing.

According to Yu, “I have not sought any other position in my time at Brockport, but I was approached recently by a search firm that proffered me an opportunity that is so dovetailed to my particular interests – both professional and personal – that I had to take a closer look.”

Yu previously was provost and senior vice president, academic affairs at Butler University, where he also served as vice president, academic affairs, and dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. At Central Michigan University, he was the associate dean, College of Arts and Sciences, and chair of the philosophy department. He also was a Fulbright Lecturer in Philosophy at the National Taiwan University. His PhD, master’s and bachelor’s degrees are all in philosophy and were earned at the University of Michigan.

San José State University is the Silicon Valley’s metropolitan university, located on 154 acres in
downtown San José. SJSU is the oldest of the CSU’s 23 campuses, dating back to 1857. Today, with a student enrollment of 30,000, the university provides more graduates in business, science and engineering to the Silicon Valley than any other school in the nation.

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Peace,
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April 20, 2004

Greetings,

Again, you may find the contents of this "update" under "Your News" on the emeriti WebPages if you have difficulty reading this.

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April 20, 2004

Greetings,

Well, there is much to report today. The first information is from WebPages at http://www.calstate.edu. It confirms information that is circulating on the SUNY Brockport campus today that President Paul Yu will be leaving in July to become president of San Jose' State University in California. Dr. Yu has provided strong leadership and direction at and for Brockport during a period of approximately seven years. Similar to former presidents who I believe were right for their times, and who led the college in its transition from a Teachers' College to a Liberal Arts College (Brown), or laid the foundation for SUNY Brockport's place in the greater Rochester community as Rochester's Public College (Van de Wetering), Dr. Yu was able to continue the evolution of the college from a fine institution with excellent facilities and an exceptional faculty and staff to one with a highly qualified student body--without diminishing the accomplishments of former students who also have had formidable success since graduating from Brockport. Some say that timing in life is everything—although Dr. Yu was not looking, San Jose' State University was, and Dr. Yu's leadership, and Brockport's support of it, had to have made him an exceptional candidate. While I am sorry in many ways to see Dr. Yu and Ellen leave Brockport, I must congratulate them on their joint successes that have led to this invitation to leave—after all, student success, faculty and staff success, and even presidential success are our goals even if the success is sometimes bittersweet. Our thanks, and our congratulations, go out to Paul and Ellen and, of course, although we will miss them, we also send them our best wishes for their continued success!

"Paul Yu of New York Named New San José State University President (April 20, 2004) Paul Yu, president of the State University of New York College at Brockport, today was named the president of San José State University by the CSU Board of Trustees. “I am delighted to have the opportunity to become a member of San José State University, an institution with a great past and, in view of its enormous potential, an even greater future,” Yu
said. “The general direction for the university is clear: SJSU must continue to honor its mission as a public university by supporting quality and access. But within that broad scope there are many choices to be made regarding the university’s goals and strategies. Therefore, SJSU should plan carefully for the future. I have had long and broad experience in leading public institutions, and I look forward to the challenges and opportunities at SJSU.”

“Paul Yu will be a remarkable president,” said Bill Hauck, chair of the Trustees’ Committee for the Selection of the President. “He will provide the leadership to chart the future course of the campus and the vision to expand its academic reputation. He is a scholar and a proven leader who has left a legacy of accomplishments at three distinguished universities.”

Yu, a professor of philosophy, has been president of the State University of New York at Brockport since 1997. Brockport enrolls 8,500 students and was founded in 1867. Like San José State University, Brockport was created as a Normal School.

Prior to joining SUNY, Yu was provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at Butler University, where he also served as dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. At Central Michigan University, he was the associate dean, College of Arts and Sciences, and chair of the philosophy department. He also was a Fulbright Lecturer in Philosophy at National Taiwan University.

Yu earned his Ph.D., master’s and bachelor’s degrees, in philosophy, at the University of Michigan.

For more information on Yu, go to the Executive Search page.

Yu will assume the presidency on July 15."

Regretfully, I must announce that The Art of Fact Award presentation and surrounding events have been cancelled for this year. The recipient of the award for literary nonfiction this year, Susan Sontag is unable to attend because of illness. I had previously announced the award ceremony that had been scheduled for Thursday, April 29, 2004 in this forum so if you had planned to attend, you may remove this entry from your calendar.

P.S. I was remiss in my last "update" for not crediting Marianne Virgilio and Susan Parrino from Institutional Advancement for contributions to the Markusen and "The Art of Fact" pieces – so -- Thank you Marianne and Susan for your contributions.

George Toth, Director of Career Services and former Assistant Professor in, I believe, Curriculum and Instruction before the name change to Education and Human Development, is retiring this summer after 30+ years of service. Via Rick Kincaid, Assistant Director of Career Services, you are receiving the following invitation:

"George Toth, Director of Career Services, will be retiring late this summer. You are invited to a reception for him on Thursday, May 13 from 3 to 5 pm. Further information and the opportunity to contribute to a Memory Book is available at http://www.brockport.edu/career/retirement.htm
We hope to see you there." [Rick Kincaid]

Kathleen Groves, Assistant to the President has shared the following information about commencement speakers with the college community:

"This year SUNY Brockport will hold two concurrent Graduate Commencement Ceremonies. The ceremony for the School of Professions will take place in the Seymour Ballroom and the ceremony for the Schools of Arts & Performance and Letters & Sciences will take place in the Tower Fine Arts Theater.

I am pleased to announce the names of the two graduate commencement speakers. Senator Joseph Robach has accepted our invitation to serve as our 2004 commencement speaker for the School of Professions. Thom Ward, Editor/Development Director for BOA Editions, Ltd., an independent publishing house of American poetry and poetry in translation, will serve as the speaker for the Arts & Performance/Letters & Sciences ceremony. Both speakers are accomplished graduates of SUNY Brockport.

More information about Senator Robach can be found at www.senatorjoerobach.com. Information about all commencement speakers will be published in the May issue of Statements and soon will be available on the News Bureau page of the College Web site."

{Kathy Groves, Assistant to the President}

Wolodymyr "Mirko" Plyshenko, Associate Professor of Art Emeritus (1964-2000) is being honored this year by the Ukrainian American Sports Club of Rochester as the "Ukrainian of the Year." The award will be presented at the club's Spring Dinner Dance (music by the "New Dimension Band" and Chet's – DJ International Sounds) on May 1, 2004 at St. Mary's Church Hall, 3176 St. Paul Boulevard, Irondequoit, New York 14617. Unfortunately, the information about how to reserve tickets has been deleted from my copy of the e-mail announcement but I do recall that the per-ticket donation rate for both the dinner and dance is $20 and for the dance only is $10. Please email me at rmeade@brockport.edu if you plan to attend and by then I'll be able to share with you the phone number for reserving tickets.

On the emeriti website home page, and, under "Your News" you will find a picture from Mexico of some of Brockport's finest (emeriti, of course)—you'll have to visit the site to find out who they are. http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm

Ira-Paul Schwarz, Professor and Composer Emeritus, Theatre/Interdisciplinary Arts (1970-1992) is continuing to very productive in retirement. He enjoys writing music "(composing and de-composing all at the same time)" and admits that he truly enjoys having his pieces performed. He has honored us by sharing the following news about some of his recent performances from a British news release:

"FIVE CATS AND A PORCUPINE by Dr. Schwarz is scored for woodwind quintet, piano and a narration which relates a story of five stray cats who encounter a porcupine in their midst. The piece will be featured in November on the New Directions Concerts of the Bakersfield (California) Symphony. It will be performed by the Philharmonic State Orchestra of Hamburg in
June with a German translation of the narration. The work, published by Alry Publications (North Carolina), is dedicated to the memory of the composer's daughter.

CELTIC CONCERTO for penny whistle and orchestra was performed and recorded this past season by the Moravian Philharmonic Orchestra (Czech Republic) conducted by Vit Micka with soloist Lenka Filova. The recording will be released by the Master Musician's Co-operative (Boston) in 2005. The music is published by Goodmusic Publishing (Tewkesbury UK).

Other works with British publishers include TIME PIECES, suite for piano (recorded on Ariel), and INSTANT OPERA for chorus both by Nymet Publications; and SAPPHO for soprano and piano by Tutti (recorded on N/S Recordings).

Recently premiered was NATIVE AMERICAN SUITE for flute choir. Conducted by Sir James Galway, it was introduced to audiences in Tokyo and Osaka, Japan in October.

Professor Schwarz is a member of the British INCORPORATED SOCIETY OF MUSICIANS. He is past-president of the Norwich City Concert Band which has performed several of his compositions. The most recent was a concert march "Cromer-By-The-Sea" played at last year's Cromer Festival."

Ira-Paul, thank you for sharing – it is always great to hear from you – congratulations on your continuing enjoyment and success with your lifelong passion for music.

Karla Merrifield and Roger Weir landed briefly in the Brockport area before hitting the roads and waterways again. Karla recently shared information about their next/current adventure."

Once again Roger and I are heading off on an adventure. We leave Wednesday for Mexico to kayak the Sea of Cortez off the east coast of the Baja Peninsula for 10 days. We're eager to be on the water again and anticipate that this will be an especially enriching experience, given that it's being run by The Nature Conservancy. We'll be on the water from La Paz in the south and move northward to Loretto, taking in the wildlife (sea lions and whales we hope) as well as hiking and snorkeling.

Karla also noted that she missed giving a poetry reading a Scholars Day for the first time in 10 year but is pleased that she is still writing (I'll bet lots of good material from her travels) and is getting many of them published.

Jeanette D'Agostino Banker has shared some information about the SUNY Class of 1953 that I am sure will be of interest. As previously reported, this class, which celebrated its 50th year class reunion last summer, includes emeriti Jeanette D'Agostino Banker, Roy Bubb, Shirley Carmichael, Gene Orbaker, and Mel Smagorinsky. They had a wonderful reunion and in the process of preparing for and participating in their reunion, they also raised more than $48,000 on behalf of the college. Jeanette also reported that the class had a great pool of student candidates to consider for a $1,000 Class of '53 scholarship for 2004-2005.
With the help of Mike Andriatch and others, the class has published a Memory Book about Brockport and the 50th anniversary of the Class of ’53. Contact Mike in Institutional Advancement to view a copy of this limited circulation publication.

Finally, it is a tribute to the reunion committee of the Class of ’53 that they had such a good time planning their reunion that they have planned another activity for this summer. With a little luck, they will be taking the new (and hopefully successfully repaired) fast ferry together to Toronto sometime this summer.

We celebrate with the Class of ’53 their accomplishments and their continuing support of the college.

Brockport students recently approved a fee of up to $75 per semester to help pay for construction of a recreation and special events center that is expected to cost $25 to $35 million. The approval of the student fee was necessary to "give the state the green light to funnel construction funds to the project." according to the Rochester D&C. If fully funded (what's that mean?), the facility will be built as an addition to the Tuttle Physical Education complex on or near the current tennis courts that will be rebuilt in another location as part of the construction plan.

Peace,

Bud

P.S. We were pleased to hear from Jet LaZarre that she and Lois Wolin had lunch together in California recently. They are both doing well. We send our best wishes to them.

April 22, 2004

Greetings,

I am sorry to bother you again so soon. I only have a couple of things to share but a couple of them are time sensitive.

The RSVP requirements for the dinner dance recognition for Wolodymyr Mirko Pylyshenko as "Ukrainian of the Year" include:

May 1, 2004 – 5:00 p.m. refreshments, 6:00 p.m. dinner, 8:30 p.m. dancing
St. Mary's Church Hall
3176 St. Paul Boulevard
Irondequoit, NY 14617

If you plan to attend for refreshments and dinner in addition to the dance, the cost is $20.00 per ticket and you need to make a reservation by calling Mike Kohut (585) 265-9040 or Bill Kornylo (585) 342-7513 or Walt Sukhenko (585) 865-0278 on or before Thursday, April 29, 2004. For dinner reservations, it is also requested that you send checks payable to "Poltava Sports Club" to Walt Sukhenko, 529 Vintage Lane, Rochester, New York 14615 so that they reach him by
Thursday, April 29th. If you plan to attend the dance only, the tickets are $10.00 per person and you may purchase tickets at the door.

Very Time Sensitive – Grab Your Coat and Run -- The Anthropology Club and Department of Anthropology is pleased to cordially invite you to attend a lecture by Dr. Ann McElroy on "Politics and Health in Northern Canada: Doing Medical Anthropology in the Nunavut Territory." She will speak on Thursday, April 22nd at 5 PM in Room 105 at Edwards Hall. Dr. McElroy is an Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University at Buffalo, SUNY and Co-Director of the Master’s Program in Applied Medical Anthropology. Her research has included work with Inuit ("Eskimo") families in the Canadian Arctic. For more information, please call the Department of Anthropology at (585) 395-2682.

"The Welcome Center & Parking Services is looking for volunteers to help landscape the Welcome Center on Friday, April 30 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. This is a great opportunity to show your campus pride and help make our visitors' first impression of SUNY Brockport a positive one! Come for the whole time or just an hour." Refreshments will be served. Maybe if enough of us show up we can influence the residents of the Welcome Center to use its official name, the Raye Conrad Welcome Center and by so doing, to draw attention to the late Dr. Conrad's significant contributions to the field of education and to SUNY Brockport.

Peace,
Bud

May 4, 2004

Greetings,

Well, spring is in the air in Brockport. That simply means we don't know what the weather is going to be from moment to moment, that some snowbirds are thinking that they should have stayed south a little longer and that the campus is attempting to find time between storms to get spruced up to make a good impression on those who visit for commencement or for new student visits. It also means that the campus will soon be getting ready to "get ready" for the next academic year. One of those activities will be to update the information in the Faculty Staff Directory. If you have changed addresses (home, phone, e-mail, etc.) during the past few months now would be a good time to let us know about it. The most recent changes I have received and passed on to the college were from Ginny Studer, Larry Hjelle, M. Joan Davis, John Sinacore, and Shirley Carmichael. If others have changes since the printing of the last directory, or you need to correct your entry in that directory, let me know and I'll pass on the information.

Under "Your News" on the emeriti website you'll now find a picture of Irma and Mirko Pylyshenko from the dinner dance held to honor Mirko's recognition as "Ukrainian of the Year" on May 1, 2004. The program for the event had this to say about Mirko:

"Since 1950, Mirko has been continuously involved in our local community supporting numerous Ukrainian American initiatives. His contributions in the field of education,
scouting programs, art, religion, youth involvement and the credit union movement have generated value added benefits to our community at large. He was one of the founding members of our current Irondequoit Poltava Sister Cities Cultural Exchange Program. Currently, he is a volunteer board of director with the Irondequoit Library, the Ukrainian Federal Credit Union and he has been instrumental in facilitating the weekly "Ukrainian Hour TV Program" on ICAT cable.

The recognition program goes on to mention some 21 groups/organizations that have benefited from Mirko's contributions.

We congratulate Mirko and Irma upon the occasion of this recognition and wish them both health and happiness as they continue to pursue their retirement interests together.

And, while on the subject of tributes, Richard "Dick" Elton, Professor and Director of Continuing Emeritus (1947-1972) who retired from Brockport to become Dean or Maricopa Community Colleges in Arizona, recently sent me an email in which he pays tribute to former president Albert W. Brown. Many of you who came during the big growth years (140 new faculty positions in 1970) probably were not fortunate enough to have known Dick Elton. I had the pleasure of meeting him during the period from 1967 to 1969 when I served in the Financial Aid Office and then I became a Hartwell neighbor of his when I moved to Personnel in 1970. He was a fine gentleman who served the college faithfully for 25 years and was a player during the early period of the college's transformation from a Teachers' College to an Arts and Sciences College. His note jarred my memory a bit and, if it serves me correctly, the list of names of his immediate successors in Continuing Education include his former Associate Lynn Johnston; George Bilicic, who I believe left Brockport for a college presidency; Robert Pasciuollo (1977-1979); and John Eldridge; before the days of John Perry, Mary Markusen and Janet Beck, among others. Anyway, it was great hearing from you Dick and we wish you much health and happiness as we share your tribute to Albert W. Brown:

Bud, I enjoy receiving your "updates" although I know very few of the people about whom you write because I've been out-a-there for 32 years -- I left to become Dean at the Maricopa Community Colleges in AZ. But I know Al Brown. I'd like to contribute to a tribute.

I got to know him rather quickly and, after a big '66 snowstorm, I told him he had two departments of art and he should get rid of one -- probably mine. When I returned to work in late summer of 1966 I discovered that I had no job. I was unemployed. Smart man our new president! But, he put me in charge of a new thing called Continuing Education and gave me a great secretary named Shirley Schuff. He started out like a house afire making many dramatic changes and upsetting a few. Then we had the big convocation to properly install our new president and we faculty sat at attention and listened to his comments. Two comments I do vividly recall. One, in vague referral to his quick and many changes, he commented, "If you think I am going too fast then perhaps you had better get off". Two, later in his delivery he was explaining...
his new ideas and additional possible changes and remarked, "If what I am planning doesn't excite you, then you may be too old to contribute very much to our team".

Lastly, in 1971 I asked him for a sabbatical of a couple of months. "Administrators can't have sabbaticals" he said, "but what do you want it for anyhow". I said very plainly and clearly that I wanted to look for a job in the southwest. So, he asked me if I had a paper and a pencil? When I replied "yes", he said, "OK, you're on assignment for two months".

A great guy. I found him clever, a fine administrator, interesting and I wish I had known him longer. Isn't it surprising that he lasted more than ten more years without me? Happy tribute Al.

Dick Elton

Karla Merrifield and Roger Weir have news on two fronts. First, they report a pleasant experience on their most recent adventure. Karla writes:

Hi, Bud! Nice news about Mirko. Well deserved.

"Roger and I are just back from 10 days kayaking the Sea of Cortez along the islands of the Baja Peninsula in Mexico. Bright sun, desert warmth, and impossible turquoise waters were just the beginning. We snorkeled with sea lions in the wild -- they come right up to you as curious as can be, sometimes nibbling at your wet suit. And one the last day we saw as many as 1000 common dolphins cavorting and feeding right near our boat, some so close you could hear them "talk" in their clicking language. Our small group had some interesting and amenable people in it. We ate too much authentic Mexican food prepared by our Mexican cook, but managed to hike and kayak most of it off. Oh, yes, and we saw whales breaching, one minke, one humpback, as we moved over the tropical waters. Ole!"

Then, Karla has added some additional great news. She has had a book of poetry accepted for publication that includes many travel poems with an environmental theme. It's called MIDST and should be out in late May or early June.

Congratulations to you both for surviving your winter adventures and to Karla for her upcoming publication.

Larry Humm recently shared a link to a website that might be of interest to some of you. Here is his note to me:

"I recently saw a reference to this web site... and after looking at it, thought others might find it of interest as well. Columbia University has compiled a nice list of free internet courses for people who still want to learn but would prefer not to have to pay for new knowledge. Look at http://www.fathom.com/

That's all for now folks!
May 10, 2004

Greetings,

This is just a general update – don't forget to check the SUNY Brockport website for news about activities that I don't have time to cover such as commencement, the success of Brockport's sports teams, etc. Incidentally, commencement this year is on Saturday, May 15th. Read about it and more at http://www.brockport.edu. Also, for sports fans, SUNY Brockport's baseball team is in the NCAA playoffs for the first time since 1975 – as emeriti we feel it is a tribute to Clarke and Frances Moroney Whited whose generosity provided them with the best baseball field in the SUNY conference.

In response to Dick Elton’s tribute to Albert W. Brown I received many tributes to Dick himself. Dick, who was an Industrial Arts Professor when Brockport was a Teachers’ College and his wife, the late Elsie Elton, were fondly remembered by many of you. Dick, your former colleagues and friends in Brockport who are on this distribution list send you their greetings. Especially, Betty Nasca, Mel and Helen Smagorinsky, Maury Kleiman, Pat Baker, remember you well. The notes I received in tribute to you brought back fond memories of the days when the faculty women’s association planned and supported many social activities for employees at Brockport – dinner dances, bridge clubs, and gourmet dinner group, among others. Ah, the good old days…. One person, whose identity you will have to guess, wrote to me: "…we became acquainted while dressing and undressing..." Of course, to this day a lot of great friendships develop in the locker room before and after faculty/staff recreational activities in Tuttle. The full quote from the e-mail referenced above is: "Way back in the 60's, Dick Elton's locker was quite close to mine and we became acquainted while dressing and undressing. I think that Dick was a handball player, one of a small bunch of diehards that included Marty Rogers, Harold Rakov, Clark Whited and a few others. I was just starting to play racquetball. Anyway, Dick was a class act and I enjoyed knowing him."

Again, Dick, it was great hearing from you and I am sure President Brown was pleased by your tribute. Thanks for bringing back some fond memories for many of us…and know that you are remembered well by those of us who knew you.

AND, speaking of memories. On Saturday May 8, 2004, a good note taker and writer could have written the history of the college's transition from a Teachers' College to an Arts and Sciences College if s/he had attended the 90th birthday celebration for Victor Schmidt, Professor Emeritus, Geology (1949-1978). It was a great privilege for me to have been invited to this event that honored a remarkable man who has provided, and still provides, inspiration for his family, his friends, his former students and his former colleagues. Obviously, Victor, who still walks to the college to work in the science laboratories on a regular basis, is held in the highest esteem as
evidenced by the more than one hundred people, family, colleagues, friends, and former students who were present to celebrate his 90th birthday. In addition to those present, there were many that could not be physically present who sent letters or photographs for a memory book.

Unfortunately, when you see so many people that you hold in high regard at such a function, it is difficult to connect with all of them. But, I felt in awe to be in the presence of so many people [emeriti], including the honoree, for whom I have nothing but admiration for their contributions in laying the foundation for what SUNY Brockport is today – Bob Boozer, John Williams and his wife Vi, Ed Stephany and his wife Arline, Frances Moroney Whited, Walter Brautigan, Jeanette D'Agostino Banker, Ted Starr and his wife Charmaine, Robert Thompson, Carole Timby, Josephine Wallin (wife of the late Russell Wallin), Del Smith and his wife Jeannette, Robert Adams, Bob Cassie and his wife Marion, Peg Browne, Orlo Derby, Ronald Dilcher, Harry Emmerson and his wife Norma, Millie Giafagna (wife of the late Alfred Giafagna, Joe and Nancy Harkin, Bob Hellmann, Benita Jorkasky, Dick and Jan Liebe, John Mosher, among others. It was also great to see that so many people who have excelled at aging following their own retirements. In addition to Victor whose competencies at age 90 seem to dwarf mine at 62, there were many present who have reached their 80s and some who have already equaled or surpassed Vic's achievement in reaching age 90. Bob Boozer and Orlo Derby, who have already passed the 90th mark and remain active in the Brockport community, were in attendance along with John Williams, who will reach 90 in August. The full list of those who will be 90 by the end of 2004 include:

Clarence Styza 95
Marion Wells 94
Orlo Derby 93
Justus Hartnack 92
Robert Boozer 92
Clark Whited 91
Victor Schmidt 90
Albert DeGroat -- will also turn 90 this month
John Williams -- will turn 90 in August
Herbert Bailey -- will turn 90 in December

We won't have anyone joining the club in 2005 -- Raye Conrad would have been the only one -- but, with survival, Barbara Ames, Ollie Spaulding, Henry Bretton, and Ed Stephany will join the club in 2006.

Dr. Victor Schmidt, we wish you many more happy birthdays – you are a remarkable man and your love of your work, SUNY Brockport, family, friends, and students has endeared you to the SUNY Brockport Community. We send you Peace and Love!

If you have not yet had an opportunity to join in Vic's birthday celebration, please send a card or letter to him at:

"The Esteemed Dr. Victor E. Schmidt
27 Coleman Creek Road
Brockport, New York 14420"

You'll find a couple of pictures of Vic and others under the "Your News" link from the emeriti website at [http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm](http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm) and the homepage will soon feature a picture of Vic.

Finally, one of the individuals invited to the birthday celebration wrote this to me:

".... what a beautiful tribute to Vic today was! I don't think I've ever seen a nicer one. What a great turn-out of scientists! Everything was just right. What a joy to be part of the celebration!!"

All in attendance would agree – it was truly a remarkable experience!!! Thank you to the family of Victor Schmidt for making it happen!

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Small World.

M. Joan Davis, recently had an address change. In the process of selling her home in Maine and moving she had an interesting experience. She wrote me saying: "… Just a note to say that one never goes far from Brockport ties. When I recently sold my house, the buyer asked about a print of the Lift Bridge I had hanging in the house and this lead to my knowledge that he was David Sanford, the son of Bill, former SUNY Brockport Director of Registration and Records. [edited by Bud] I may have the title wrong but I do remember Bill well."

Small world indeed………………. I hope you find peace, health and longevity in it!

Bud

May 11, 2004

Greetings again,

This time I come to you with sad and urgent news. Rosemary Gibson, known to many of you through her previous involvement in the Brockport Community and as the wife of Gordon Gibson, Professor Emeritus, Music (1963-1985), has informed me that Gordon is seriously ill. In March a common cold somehow triggered lung cancer and Gordon will be leaving the hospital tomorrow to enter hospice care. I tried to reach Rosemary by phone to see if cards could still be appreciated but was not able. BUT, she certainly could use the encouragement even if Gordon might no longer be able to benefit from them. So, I am sure your cards, letters, and prayers will be appreciated -- just don't delay in sending them to:

Gordon R. Gibson or "The Gibsons"
118 West Second Street
Red Springs, North Carolina 28377
Gordon was a respected member of the Music Department before its retrenchment. He and Rosemary were active in the community and supported such organizations as the Brockport Symphony Association back in the Ascher Tempkin days. Gordon was also an avid flyer, and I believe he has continued to fly until his recent illness. He used to donate a free flight to the Brockport Symphony Auction and one year I bid on it and won. My sons Brice and Eric had never flown before and Gordon had room for two so I tried to convince them to fly. Brice could not be persuaded, even with Gordon's help, so Eric and I took the ride on a very windy day. Eric had no problem but I remember being a little nervous as the wind bumped the small plane around. Of course, Gordon was perfectly at ease as we cruised over the Village of Brockport and then north to Hamlin Beach State Park. Eric was disappointed when we finally landed -- I was relieved! Gordon was particularly pleased that he had introduced a new person to flying. I thanked him then for the flight--and now we all thank him for his contributions to this community and this life and wish him Godspeed as he completes his flight.

Gordon, you seemed at peace as you navigated your plane on our particularly windy day with you and I pray that you are now finding "perfect peace" in your solo flight to new heights -- ever higher, higher....

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and Rosemary as you navigate your final approach to a safe landing in the next life.
Peace and love,

Bud

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May 17, 2004

Greetings,

Sadly, I report news received from Rosemary Gibson that Gordon died at 6:22 a.m. on May 13, 2004. I regret that I have been out of town and out of touch with my e-mail since early Thursday morning so I was not able to pass this information along in a more-timely manner.

The service for Gordon was held at the Red Springs Presbyterian Church at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 16th. In lieu of flowers Rosemary would like memorials to the University Music Society and they should be mailed to The Music Department, UNC Pembroke, PO Box 1510, Pembroke, NC 28372-1510.

Rosemary is appreciative of the communications from many of you. The College and the Brockport community have many appreciative memories of Gordon. Bev Walker, retiree from Education and Human Development, brought to my attention that she had met Gordon and Rosemary though Gordon's role as organist and choirmaster at St. Luke's Church. She wrote: "It was a delightful experience to meet them and sing under his leadership." Bev also mentioned his other talents, especially of flying, and has a fond memory of when he took a group to his garage basement to show them the airplane he had built there. Gordon will be missed for the significant roles he played in this life. Remember him fondly – particularly when you hear a small plane fly over or hear a joyful tune.
Conolences:

Rosemary Gibson
118 West Second Avenue
Red Springs, NC 28377

Rosemary, we share your sorrow as you grieve your loss and join you in celebrating Gordon's life. We wish you the best as you adjust to life without Gordon and hope that your many great memories will help to sustain you.

Peace,

Bud

May 17, 2004 (2)

Greetings again,

A couple of news items -- one is very time sensitive so, here we are again.

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Seats are still available for this week's sessions. If you are interested e-mail Tammy Loscombe ASAP.

Computing Workshops
May 17th to May 21st, 2004

Start the summer right by updating your MS Office and Dreamweaver skills with these hands-on courses for faculty and staff. All sessions are held in Dailey Hall, 2nd floor, Rm 202. Sessions will be taught by Diane White. Register for these half day sessions by calling x2368 or e-mailing: tloscomb@brockport.edu. You can also register on-line at: http://www.itss.brockport.edu/calendar

Monday, May 17
Microsoft Word Intermediate - (Document Editing) 9:00 am -12:00 pm
Adobe Acrobat Forms - (Creating Online Forms) 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Tuesday, May 18
Dreamweaver I - (Creating Web Pages) 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Microsoft Excel I - (Creating Spreadsheets) 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Wednesday, May 19
Dreamweaver II - (Creating Web Pages) 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Microsoft Excel II - (Creating Spreadsheets) 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Thursday, May 20
Microsoft Access Overview Basics- (Creating Databases) 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Securing Your PC & Protecting Your Online Privacy I 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Friday, May 21
Microsoft PowerPoint Presentation Skills - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Securing Your PC & Protecting Your Online Privacy II 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Workshop Descriptions

Adobe Acrobat Forms - Learn how to create viewable on-line forms from a variety of different software programs by converting them to .pdf format.

Dreamweaver I & II - Learn how to create and publish web pages.

Microsoft Access Overview Basics - Learn how to create databases to track and manage information.

Microsoft Excel I & II - Learn how to perform calculations, analyze information, and manage lists in spreadsheets or web pages.

Microsoft PowerPoint Presentation Skills - Learn how to create and edit presentations for slideshows, meetings, and web pages.

Securing Your PC & Protecting Your Online Privacy I & II - Learn tips to help clean up your personal computer, manage your files, as well as ways to protect, fix, remove and block viruses, reduce SPAM, and Spyware from your personal PC.

Following is a listing of the 2004 Chancellor's Award winners. I am going to add links to a listing of all the awards since their inception, and of all the Brockport faculty who have been promoted to distinguished rank from the emeriti home page.

Excellence in Faculty Service
Jennifer Lloyd, History

Excellence in Professional Service
P. Michael Fox, Academic Affairs

Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activity
Richard St. George, Theatre

Excellence in Teaching
James Cordeiro, Business Administration and Economics
Andrea Parada, Foreign Languages and Literatures
James Spiller, History

Bud

May 20, 2004
Greetings,

Please mark this time and date on your calendar. Plans are in the works for a Farewell Reception for President Yu and Mrs. Ellen Yu. All are invited.
4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 23, 2004, New York Room
[Sheila Strong, President's Office]

Links to pages that list by year the faculty and staff who have received Chancellor's Awards or been promoted to Distinguished Rank at Brockport are now available from the drop-down menu on the emeriti website at http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm

Since the summer of 2003, Welcome Center and Parking Services has assumed the Employee Benefit program, which offers to SUNY Brockport employees discounted tickets for various entertainment and services. SUNY Brockport has recently become a general member of RARES– the Rochester Area Recreation and Employee Services Association. With this new membership, you as an employee, have access to discounts with approximately 65 local vendors.

To take advantage of these discounts, simply pick up your employee discount card at the Raye H. Conrad Welcome Center any time between 8am - 4pm, Monday through Friday. Please be prepared to show your campus ID. Then use the attached order form to order discount tickets.

For detailed information please click on the link. http://www.brockport.edu/maildocs/rares.doc Additionally, you will find the order form to request tickets directly from RARES. (Please read the order form carefully, as there is a shipping/handling fee.) http://www.brockport.edu/maildocs/orderform.doc
Don’t forget to check the RARES website periodically for updates and specials at www.rares.org.

[Johanna Frosini, Parking Services/Welcome Center Coordinator]

Campus Recreation Pass -- If you use the recreation facilities on the campus it is time to renew your recreation pass for a 2004-2005 year. There is no charge for an individual recreation pass for SUNY Brockport retirees. You just need to go to the HUB in Tuttle North once a year and complete a new application attesting that you are still healthy enough to participate in physical activity. When you go, be prepared with ID or a previous recreation pass. If you do not have a campus ID (which you will also need to present at the Raye H. Conrad Welcome Center to pick up your discount card), you can get one by visiting BASC in Brockway Dining Hall during normal business hours.

5-19-2004
Next week Chancellor King will announce whom he will recommend to the Board of Trustees to serve as Interim President of SUNY Brockport. He anticipates that the Interim President will take charge later in the summer, and the effective date will most likely be announced next week also.

President Yu has begun his transition to California and will be away from campus much of the
time. Until the Interim President arrives, Chancellor King has appointed Provost Timothy Flanagan to serve as Officer in Charge. Dr. Flanagan’s appointment should ensure smooth day-to-day operations during President Yu’s absence. [Kathy Groves, President's Office]

Peace,

Bud

May 21, 2004

Greetings,

Just a quick note -- some of you have advised me that you have been trying to check your directory information from the directory link on the emeriti webpage. I had inactivated that link to protect your information and only intend to activate this link once or twice a year to give you an opportunity to review and correct your directory information as necessary. The College will soon be sending something out to all emeriti so it will reduce the number of returns necessary if they have your current information up-to-date in their data base before their mailing.

So... I am activating the directory link at http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm and invite you to open it (it’s an MSWord document) and let me know if your record needs corrections. I will then update my file and share the information with the College so that their records can also be updated. I will leave the directory link active through next Wednesday so look on or before then. Otherwise, if changes are needed you'll have to respond to the College's update request via regular mail.

The directory link is not where you will find the list of individuals holding distinguished rank or having received Chancellor's Awards. To find those list, scroll down on the page until you see the drop-down menu and select the file you want from it.

That's all for now.

Bud

June 25, 2004

Greetings,

Here are the latest "Updates".

First -- here is some good news about Dick Frey who recently had brain surgery. Dick has been out of the hospital several days now and has recovered nicely. He has already visited the campus and will be covering the SOAR program for Criminal Justice today, Friday, June 25th. We are happy that Dick's surgery was successful and that his health has been restored.

A nice farewell reception was held on June 23rd for Paul and Ellen Yu. Members of the University and College communities including Chancellor King praised Paul and Ellen for a job
well done and wished them continued success as they leave for California.

The emeriti website homepage at http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm has been updated to include a picture of Paul taken at his reception. Also, by following the "Your News" link you will find a picture of Ellen Yu accepting some gifts from the campus. The gifts include a box with the top showing a painting of the president's residence with Paul and Ellen Yu standing in the driveway that was painted by Brockport renowned artist and alumnus, Helen Smagorinsky. Other gifts included another painting by Helen Smagorinsky, a painting by Kitty Hubbard, Assistant Professor, Art Department and a laptop computer for Paul.

If you have not already done so, you may still honor Paul and Ellen Yu by writing a check payable to the Paul Yu Scholarship and mailing it to: Paul Yu Scholarship, SUNY College at Brockport, Division of Institutional Advancement, 350 New Campus Drive, Brockport, New York 14420. As of Wednesday, June 23rd the scholarship had received donations totaling more than $8,000.

Emeriti Karla Merrifield and Roger Weir have had a change in plans resulting from the heavy bug populations created by the very wet spring we have had in the northeast this year. Here is their latest update:

"Greetings from Selkirk, Manitoba (just north of Winnipeg) as we head west across the Canadian prairie. We'd originally thought we'd be heading north to Hudson Bay and the Arctic Circle, but have changed directions and will be heading south to slowly explore the Dakotas, especially camping and kayaking along the Missouri, but also west to Teddy Roosevelt NP and south into the Black Hills. We simply must get out of black fly country. I've found out I'm very allergic to the critters' bites, one of which had my right eye swollen shut for a few days. However, we managed to see a lot of northern wilderness in Western Ontario and Eastern Manitoba, hiking dozens of miles and many kayaking miles on pristine lakes. It's beautifully rugged country (great inspiration for a few new poems), but, alas the bugs win this one. So, back to the US it will be for the next few weeks, native waters and the grasslands as well as Badlands.

Hi to all, Karla"

Ah, if there were only some way to earn Red Cross donor card credits for the donations made in the woods. Thanks for the feedback and we wish for you happy, bug free paddling!

Here is an update from Emeritus Patricia Palmer who I reported on about a year ago when she joined the Peace Corps. Pat has enjoyed the many challenges of her first year and with prompting from emerita Marilyn Colby and me, she shares this news:

"...It’s almost a year since I embarked on my “adventure retirement” and arrived in Bulgaria to serve in the Peace Corps. For the first three months, I lived with a local family in Batak, a very small town in the Rhodolpe mountains and attended daily classes with a language trainer and four fellow PCVs. Very intensive and not easy for this 'mature' brain to learn Bulgarski, but over time and with lots of practice I can read,
write and speak well enough to get along.

There are 160 PCVs in Bulgaria and most are working with NGOs or municipalities in small towns and villages. However, the organizations I work with are both in Sofia, so I'm living in the big city. I work with two NGO's – Habitat for Humanity (relatively new to Bulgaria and an organization with which I volunteered for many years in Rochester), and IPEG, a forward-thinking NGO working in community development. I also consult with an orphanage and their Bulgarian psychologist.

All in all, it’s interesting, challenging and rewarding... an opportunity to learn a different language/culture and join with my counterparts in making a difference - while having an incredible personal adventure. Can’t beat that combination!

Can hardly believe it’s been sixteen years since I retired from the College...I have many rich memories of my years in Brockport..."

[Note: In the "Your News" version of this piece on the emeriti website you'll find a picture of children from the Rabisha Orphanage singing a song to Pat who has recently been raising money so that some of the children can attend a Black Sea Camp.]

Pat, thanks for this update. We wish you the very best as you continue this great adventure of service and learning.

Sad News – Alan Bater, Sweden Town Assessor, a Brockport Alumnus who came to Brockport, loved it, and stayed to make a career here, died yesterday, Thursday, June 24, 2004, of an apparent heart attack at age 54. Alan served as town assessor for 28 years. Earlier, after graduating from Brockport, he had enjoyed some success in real estate sales. I remember one of his successes very well. In 1972, we listed our home on Carolyn Drive with Alan and one day later he brought us a purchase offer for the exact asking price. Sandy and I stared at him in disbelief that we were not going to have to do any negotiations over the asking price. We certainly enjoyed our relationship with Alan relating to this transaction and I enjoyed chatting with him periodically as our paths crossed in Brockport over the years. Alan was somewhat gregarious, and, because of his personality, his job, and his service to the community, he is known to many. I thought that many emeriti might have had interactions with Alan when he was a student or through other contacts with him in the Brockport community. I therefore thought you might want me to share with you the information about his untimely death.

Alan represented his college very well during his career and in service to the greater Brockport community. We celebrate his accomplishments while mourning his death. His passage creates a void in the community that only the passage of time will fill.

The wake will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 26th at Fowler Funeral Home, 340 West Avenue in Brockport. The funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Sweden/Clarkson Community Center, 4927 Lake Road in Brockport.

Condolences: "The family of..." or Elaine Bader, 53 Frazier Street, Brockport, New York 14420
In response to Dick Elton's tribute to him, emeritus president Albert W. Brown sent me a letter to fill in some of the details relating to the two Art Departments he found at Brockport when he arrived. Here is some of his response:

"I enjoyed your news item on Dick Elton as you recalled those early days at Brockport. As you say, Dick was an extremely able faculty member and made many, many contributions to Brockport in the time he was there. I would like to add a little bit to the folklore of those early days that he recalled.

It is true that there were two art programs at Brockport that were closely parallel, with each suffering from budgetary deficiencies in materials, equipment, and staff. I did suggest to them that they should meet and make a recommendation of what should be the future of the areas. I also suggested that if they were unable to come to a conclusion, the roof of Hartwell would open, and an angel would descend baring a tablet upon which a decision was clearly spelled out.

Jack Wolsky, then a young and very talented faculty member in art, responded as a true artist would, in the medium of choice. Soon he presented me with a painting entitled "Heraldic Angel". The ethereal figure was descending port Earth bearing in its outreached hands a tablet on which a decision was obviously inscribed. As history will show, the ultimate answer was one department, which was the forerunner of the excellent, professional and widely recognized art faculty, which has existed at Brockport for the past thirty-five years.

Jack's picture, which I cherish a great deal, has hung in my office ever since that time…"

As Dr. Brown contemplates his future he is considering a new resting-place for the painting. He has shared some of his thoughts with me and I, along with a couple of others, am investigating some possibilities that would be consistent with Dr. Brown's goals. Watch future updates for more on this subject.

Thank you, Dr. Brown, for sharing…

And, hopefully with his permission, I share some content of an email received from emeritus Chad Skaggs of Georgia in response to an email I sent him about my plans for a canoe-camping trip to Algonquin Provincial Park in Canada last week:

"I envy your trip to Algonquin, even though you are going in the buggy time. I have been going up there almost every May for about 12 years, but missed last year. I turn xx next Saturday, and my 80-pound canoe gets heavier, and the van I haul it on gets taller, every season. I sure had some great times there. Have a great trip. May the sun shine on you, and may the wind be always at your back."
Chad, whose paddling now is mostly in the Okefenokee Swamp (great place!), and other southern water."

Well, Chad, your reference to "going in the buggy time" was more than accurate. We have never gone this early before but I am now convinced that the wetness we have had in the north this year probably contributed to having bugs on this trip exceed all our worst expectations. Fortunately, we took vitamin B-12 and garlic for two weeks before the trip and had lots of DEET with us. Yet, it was quite impossible to keep the mosquitoes and black flies out of our nostrils and throats as we huffed and puffed through about 6,000 meters of portages – doing 4,200 meters in one day alone. Yet, there is nothing better than being close to nature and away from the news and daily routine. I also find that the canoe and pack seem to get heavier, the car top higher, etc. with the passage of time and was happy to find that I could still handle my own stuff on a trip – no Sherpas needed yet, but, we are grooming a few for future use.

Finally, I am pleased that we have caught up with Larry and Jean Hjelle's email address change and that they are doing well having moved back to Pittsboro, North Carolina. In July, they will fly to France and watch the Tour de France (especially Lance Armstrong) and Larry hopes to ride his bike on some of the mountain stages in the Pyrenees. Larry and Jean, enjoy the trip and we hope you do indeed see history in the making.

That's all I have to share for now.

Peace,

Bud

July 6, 2004

Greetings,

Sad news to report today. You can escape death, hide from it, and, with the medical miracles available today, you can postpone it, but, you cannot avoid it – it ultimately will find you. Such is the story of emeritus Dr. Phillip C. Hewitt, Professor Emeritus, Earth Sciences (1967-1997) who was caught on Monday, July 5, 2004 at age 78.

Phil escaped death and hid from it while serving in the Army Air Corps in World War II. In recent years, he was able to postpone death, although suffering from serious respiratory failure, through the use of modern medications. When he retired in 1997 I do not believe he or anyone else expected that he could hide for seven more years.

A month or so ago I talked by phone with Phil and he sounded much better than in previous conversations. He advised me at the time that he still had corrections to make to my rendition of his war story that I shared with you in an "Update" on July 30, 2001. He told me he would dictate the story to his daughter and then share it. I do hope that he had time to do so since there
are so many WWII stories being lost as these veterans take their memories from this life. In the meantime, to honor him, I am including my uncorrected version of his story:

_July 30, 2001_

_War Story ---_

_Phil Hewitt, Earth Sciences, called with a report on how the total incompetence of his squadron (15th army air corps) saved the life of Stefan Pribil during World War II. Phil learned of one of the results of his award-worthy ineptitude at a social gathering, also attended by Stefan, at which Phil was telling war stories. The mission for Phil's squadron was to bomb an old bridge in a village that had never before (or since) been a bombing target --- in fact, since there was a new bridge capable of carrying tanks, etc., Phil's squadron could not understand why the old bridge was the target. Likewise, the village officials did not see the old bridge as a potential target, so, villagers were advised to hide under the old bridge in the unlikely event of a bombing. Thusly, as Phil learned at the social gathering at the home of Physics Professor Richard Mancuso, Stefan Pribil was hiding under the bridge when Phil Hewitt and his whole squadron failed in their attempts to hit the bridge - not a single bomb hit on target - and, thankfully, both Phil and Stefan could later enjoy the "success" of the mission. (Phil will be sending me a write-up later after which I'll correct any errors in this sharing)._

I first met Phil Hewitt in the fall of 1967 while serving as a Counselor in charge of the relatively new College Work-Study Program in the Student Financial Aid Office. Phil was the Chair of what was then the Geology Department, if I am not mistaken, that later became known as the Earth Sciences. I did not realize it at the time but he was as new to the campus as I was. However, it was apparent that he was anxious to be successful in developing a strong academic department in those years of growth and reorganization and he took a real interest in having the best CWSP eligible science students available placed in his department. Throughout my career at Brockport I always saw Phil as I had first experienced him – energetic, passionate, and at times opinionated but always driven towards the visions for Brockport that were presented to him when he was recruited. Over the years there were a few occasions when I thought Phil might want to bite my head off but I realized that it was not that he was mean-spirited – it was just a matter of his style and the passion of his convictions.

Phillip Hewitt played an important part in the transition of the college from a Teachers College to a College of Arts and Sciences. He was a department leader in his early years and a respected professor who also contributed to the protection of the environment through both his knowledge and activities.

I will personally miss my infrequent but special contacts with Phil. Even during his long illness, I could picture his animations and expressions at the other end of the line when we talked on the phone. He was a unique personality and his presence in this world will be missed.

[Rochester D&C] -- A private funeral service and entombment with military honors will be held in Riverside Cemetery. A public memorial service will be held at a date to be announced. [I'll try to catch the announcement and share it with this group.] In lieu of flowers, friends may make
contributions to the American Lung Association in his memory. Arrangements are entrusted to Van-Schleie & Meeson Funeral Home, 1075 Long Pond Road, Rochester, NY 14626. Condolences: "The family of …" or Sherry Kirn-Hewitt, 89 Willow Ridge Trail, Rochester, New York 14626

The following sad news is being shared by with us by Mike Andriatch.  
"FYI for your newsletter -- sorry I didn't send this earlier but just found out today -- Patrick Madama's mother passed away late last week. The calling hours were this past weekend and her funeral was this morning. Her death notice from the D&C is below:

Madama, Mary S. (Silvio)  
In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to Journey Home, 994 Long Pond Rd., Rochester, NY 14626 or to VNS, 2180 Empire Blvd., Webster, NY 14580 in Mary's memory.

Patrick's contact information is:  
279 Prospect Park West Apt 1K, Brooklyn, NY 11215-6273; (718) 768-5934

Thought some of our emeriti folks would like to know."

4th of July  
For out-of-towners --- the 4th of July celebration at the Morgan-Manning House was well attended this year and it was nice to get a chance to say hello to so many friends and associates from the past. We learned of some recent and upcoming travels for some members of this group and we hope that there will be some sharing going on later. We do want to have some good news to report … and to that end, I share a recent article from the D&C.

"For the third year in a row, Gloria Miller of Greece and Millie Gianfagna (surviving spouse of the late emeritus Alfred Gianfagna) of Brockport, members of the Salmon Creek Country Club Women's Tennis League, won the gold medal in the 75-80-year-old bracket, at the 2004 Empire State Senior Games earlier this month [June] at the State University College at Cortland. They will now compete in the National Senior Games in Pittsburgh."

Congratulations to Millie Gianfagna for this achievement and for her example that, if we are fortunate enough to have good health, we can remain active as we age.

Also, many at the Morgan-Manning gathering, including Sandy and I, were happy to catch up with Charles and Jean Clevenger, former members of the Brockport and college communities, who were visiting for the weekend.
Presidential News – Last Thursday former president Paul Yu departed Brockport to assume his new position as president of San Jose State. This morning, Dr. John B. Clark has begun serving the College at Brockport in the position of Interim President. The campus welcomes Dr. Clark and we all wish him much success as he leads the college throughout this period of transition. That's all for now.

Peace,

Bud

7-22-2004

Greetings,

I regret that I must bring you sad tidings with this message. I really do need for some of you to give me some good news to report – don’t be shy -- we need the balance!

First, I am deeply saddened to advise you that a long-time colleague and friend has removed his recently acquired dancing skills from this world. I will always keep in my memory the image of Richard "Dick" Mahoney, Associate Professor, Mathematics (1968-2004), standing with his crooked grin, with his head slightly tilted, anxiously waiting for his wife Pat to join him on the dance floor. Although Dick had been unable to dance since his last bout with his heart problems, in the short period that he danced he was always excited about any opportunity to "show his stuff" doing the foxtrot or swing dancing. Regrettably, Dick Mahoney who was well loved by his family, his friends, students, and associates, had a very serious stroke on Sunday morning and died at the age of 73 on Tuesday, July 20, 2004.

Dick was an avid golfer and enjoyed both playing and watching the tournaments. Except for teaching, few activities took precedence over his watching the masters' tournament on TV. In later life, really only within the last five years, Sandy and I were able to get to know Dick a little better (for sure, we're not golfers) as a result of having Sandy and Pat work in the same office. When Dick and Pat decided that they would like to take dancing lessons, they convinced Sandy and me to join them. Dick really enjoyed the lessons and, after we all took beginning swing and beginning ballroom dancing several times, we actually started having some fun dancing.

It goes without saying -- Dr. Richard T. "Dick" Mahoney will be fondly remembered by his students, colleagues, and his friends for his dedication to them and to his profession. Dick's love of teaching and his love of his students has endeared him to all who knew him, and has sustained him through several periods of serious health problems in recent years. His wit, his intellect, his caring spirit, and his dedication to his students, his department, and his discipline are a legacy of accomplishment that will be remembered by all whom have known him. While his physical heart had been weakened by disease, his spiritual heart allowed him to just keep on giving and giving and this heart was big enough that no one was ever shortchanged.

Dick, even in the face of life threatening illness, could not turn away from the things that he loved the most – teaching and his students. I suspect that he will be pleased to have, as the
saying goes, died with his boots on. He was still planning to teach full-time this fall and it has been reported that he played his last round of golf on Saturday, the day before his stroke. It is a privilege for me to have known Dick Mahoney for all of 36 years and I am sure that all of you who knew him have the same feelings. There is a void in this world, this community, and at the College with Dick's passing. We thank him for his presence in this world, his friendship, his many accomplishments, and for his extreme dedication to his students. While we mourn his passing we also celebrate a life that supported and assisted many and hope that he will be able to put on that crooked grin and dance without fear or pain in the afterlife.

Calling Hours: 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Friday, July 23rd at Fowler Funeral Home in Brockport
Funeral Mass: 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 24th at the Newman Center on the SUNY Brockport campus

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the American Heart Association.

Condolences:
Patricia Mahoney or "The family of…” 1115 Ogden Parma Townline Road, Spencerport, NY 14559

More sad news:
[Rochester D&C – July 10, 2004]
Eileen May (Tavenner) Swartout, widow of Dr. Sherwin Swartout, of Brockport, known as Baba to her grandchildren, died at Lakeside Memorial Hospital on the morning of July 7th, 2004, after a brief illness. She was born in Pennsylvania, and raised in Colorado. A vivacious redhead all her life, she was an avid mountain climber and attended Western High in Denver. Eileen was an adventurous, warmhearted, free-spirited person; appreciated by all around her for her generosity, sense of humor, stylishness and her sharp intellect which she maintained to her dying day.

Eileen met her husband during his Air Force Flight Training at Colorado Springs during World War II. After their marriage, they lived in North Dakota, where she learned about country living and farming. In 1950, they moved to Brockport where Sherwin would be a professor of education at the State University of New York at Brockport until his retirement in 1980. They bought a working farm in Brockport in 1956, where they raised cherries, apples, wheat and chickens (which she had often joked she would write a book about). Eileen demonstrated a tremendous love of life and learning, returning to school to graduate Summa Cum Laude from SUNY Brockport, where she also attained her Master’s Degree. She taught there and at the Campus School. All this was accomplished while raising 3 children and helping on the family farms in New York and North Dakota. She later managed all the family farming operations.

Eileen made lasting impressions on people everywhere she went, and her travels included all the states, Mexico, Canada, Norway and Japan. One of her favorite trips was a cruise to Alaska with her grandson, Jesse. She was an avid reader, keeping a veritable reference library at home, and finding answers to the questions of friends and family at a moment's notice, long before Google. She enjoyed theatre, cross-words and lively conversation. She is a founding member of the Monroe Historical Society, and an Elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Brockport.
She is predeceased by her brother, Eugene Tavenner, and one grandchild, Jesse Swartout. She is survived by a sister, Laurel Novak of Pueblo, Colorado; three children, Kate Mitchell of Cape Elizabeth Maine, Kevin Swartout and his wife, Charlotte, of Brockport, and Torin Swartout and his wife, Anne, of Ridgefield, Connecticut; and nine grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Eileen was to be cremated and buried beside her husband at Arlington National Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Brockport on August 7th at 11:00 a.m.

As noted in the obituary, Eileen was the widow of Sherwin Swartout, Professor Emeritus, Education (1950-1980). During his tenure at the college Sherwin was, for a time, in charge of Instructional Resources. Dr. Mary Jo Orzech, Director of Information Technology Support Services has shared that Sherwin was also a "...national authority in the field of educational communications and technology." and the following information:

Eileen founded the Swartout Award in his [Sherwin's] memory to recognize an undergraduate student for excellence and commitment to the effective use of instructional technology in higher education. Awardees for 2004 are Michael Anderson and Srinivas Krishnan.

Information: This year freshmen at SUNY Brockport are being asked to read "Nickel and Dimed – On (Not) Getting By in America" by Barbara Ehrenreich before they arrive on campus this fall. During their orientation, there will be discussion opportunities relating to this book. Mary Jo Orzech recently suggested to me that emeriti might be interested in knowing what the college has asked incoming students to read and maybe even to read this book themselves. Unfortunately, there are no "free" books – you will have to borrow or buy your own copy. I have just completed reading it myself and, as a former Human Resources Officer, I found it raised several interesting points even though I do not agree with the author's positions in several areas. But her bell rings loud and clear when she speaks to the plight of the working poor. Maybe it's time to prepare the next generation to address this problem. Unfortunately, many of us are too comfortable, though not "well off" when current standards are applied, to rock the boat for the poor because for many of us our own pensions and means to an "end" are tied to corporate profits. Anyway, if you'd like to be on the same page as Brockport's incoming class, you have the information.

As further tribute to and celebration of the life of the late Phillip Hewitt, I have approval to share with you two e-mails from a former colleague and a former student. I include them here:

"Bud,

I appreciated your e-mail about Phil. You certainly "hit" him with your comments as to his passion and energy.

In 1967 Phil was hired by Al Brown to establish a geology department at Brockport, which eventually became the Department of the Earth Sciences. From the beginning that
passion and energy were evident as he brought in our original staff and provided the leadership we needed to build a highly successful department. It was fairly easy during the Rockefeller years when support was there and as a result our department grew to be one of the best in SUNY. We were very proud of our record of sending almost 70% of our geology seniors on to graduate school for over a decade.

However, it was his leadership during the "leaner" years that really was key. He stressed that it was the students that were the real reason we were there and worked hard to continue to improve our program, and as you put it, occasionally stepping on some toes along the way. But it was always for the department not Phil Hewitt.

Eventually he turned the leadership of the department over to others, but he was always there to offer advice and support when needed. The success of our program today in large degree is due to the groundwork established by Phil in the 60s and 70s. He will be missed by all.

Dick"
[Richard Liebe, Professor Emeritus, Earth Sciences (1970-1997)]

And from a former student via Walter Borowiec, Associate Professor Emeritus, Political Science and International Studies:

"Hi Walt,

I had Dr. Hewitt as a teacher - he almost converted me to a geology major and the dark side inhabited by those scientist types. The class was informative and certainly entertaining, a difficult feat for many of those "cast of thousands" survey courses. Dr. Hewitt's character, in many respects, shone through as he worked the class to instill knowledge and a shared responsibility for our natural resources. I still remember that raspy voice, the energy, and unfortunately that occasional hack...and of course writing blue book after blue book during his exams.

Thanks to Dr. Hewitt, a rock is not just a rock...it is a story...

Bob"
[Robert Lewis, former student and now the Chief Clerk for Livingston County.]

Phil Hewitt had a significant impact on Brockport and on those who were fortunate enough to have benefited from being associated with his life. I thank Dick, Bob and Wally for sharing these comments. I believe they will help us cement our memory of Phil Hewitt to our consciousness.

Peace,

Bud
July 22, 2004 (2)

Hi again,

Very quickly -- for those of you who rely on the website to read "Update" I want you to know that it has now been refreshed to include this morning's mailing. Initially I had some problems uploading the pages because of some technology changes at the college. You may now find the e-mail from this morning along with a couple of photographs of the late Dick Mahoney under "Your News" at http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeri.htm One of the pictures is also on the homepage for the site.

Also, I forgot something I intended to include in the mailing this morning. I had wanted to welcome the newest emeriti to our group. Following is a list of the retirees for this year as of this date. I understand that there could be a couple of more declarations before September. I may have reported a couple of these names earlier, but, here is the full list anyway.

Dr. Sachio Ashida, Associate Professor, Psychology (1970-2004)
Mr. Larry R. Bassi, Associate Professor, Criminal Justice (1977-2004)
Ms. Carolyn J. Greene, Lecturer, Chemistry (1992-2004)
Dr. David G. Hale, Professor, English (1967-2004)
Dr. Kathleen J. Hunter, Vstng Asst Professor & Dir Women's Studies, Health Sciences (1994-2004)
Dr. Elaine K. Miller, Associate Professor, Foreign Languages (1970-2004)
Dr. Arthur E. Smith, Associate Professor, Education and Human Development (1972-2004)
Dr. George P. Toth, Director of Career Services, Career Services (1974-2004)
Bud

July 22, 2004 (3)

Greetings again (last of the day - I promise!)

There is one other thing about Dick Mahoney that I forgot to mention. He really loved math -- he constantly challenged his students and himself and sometimes his friends with mathematical problems, puzzles, etc. He enjoyed playing with numbers and challenging mathematical theories. Again, a person who loved his work and those with who he worked. I never meant to be rude, but as one who isn't great with numbers, I walked away from Dick's group several times when he started doing the numbers games in order to prevent embarrassment.
Then, the main reason for sending this out -- The family of Dick Mahoney cordially invites you all to drop by the Alumni House following the funeral mass at the Newman Center on Saturday for reminiscing and refreshment.

Bud

July 25, 2004

Greetings,

More sad news -- and, this is one of those cases where I am "on-the-fence" about whether to share the passing with emeriti. But, I do have input from others that some emeriti may have known and worked with this person so, I bow to some principle of "better to share than to have someone miss the information who might have acted upon it."

Theresa A. "Terry" (Piszkin) Militello has worked in the International Education Office at the college for approximately 11 years. Tragically, she lost her life in a traffic accident on July 23, 2004. I regret that I did not know Terry well enough to elaborate much on this loss from personal experience. I had encountered Terry only a couple of times before I retired. I do know that her work was appreciated by John Perry and Pat Coates, among others, and that she will be missed by all who knew her and worked with her at the college. I did know her husband of 37 years, Charles "Charlie" -- a retired state trooper who used to play lunch hour basketball at the college. If you did not know Terry but know the "Militello" name, it might be because Charlie was the lead investigator in the Arthur Shawcroft (?) serial killer case that linked Arthur to the evidence that led to Arthur's arrest and conviction. Charlie is an easy going, friendly guy who was hoping to enjoy his retirement years with Terry and the rest of his family. We send our condolences to Charlie and mourn the untimely loss of another member of the supporting cast at SUNY Brockport.

Family and friends may call 2-4, 7-9 Sunday, July 25, 2004 at Fowler Funeral Home, Inc. 340 West Avenue, Brockport, NY. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Monday, July 26th at the Church of the Nativity, B.V. M., Main Street, Brockport, NY. [Rochester D&C]

Condolences: "The family of..." or Charles Militello [sorry, no address available]

[Note: The Michael Militello who is in Athletic Training in the Physical Education and Sport Department at the college is not related.]

Peace,

Bud

August 3, 2004

Greetings,

[Note: I am sorry to have to correct my email about the death of Terry Militello. She died in a tragic home accident that may have been caused by a health-related event not in a traffic accident.]
The top story of the day – you can also find this and a picture under "Your News" on the emeriti website -- is that Louis M. Spiro, who has served as "Interim VP" on at least two occasions, has been appointed Vice President for Administrative Services. Lou was hired in 1979 by the late emeritus Vice President for Administrative Services, Burton R. Wolin, to be the Institutional Research Officer. He served very successfully in this assignment for several years before becoming Assistant Vice President for Finance and Management following the retirement of emeritus David Morien in 1995. Throughout his career at Brockport Lou has demonstrated inclusiveness as he developed excellent management and leadership skills. These skills and the expertise he has developed through his varied assignments are sure to serve SUNY Brockport and its employees, the State University of New York, and the people of New York State very well in the months and years ahead. Congratulations to Louis M. Spiro for this promotion and thanks for the dedicated services that earned it. Lou, we send you our best wishes for continued success as you provide senior leadership for SUNY Brockport.

Note: I am almost hesitant to send out another "update". Hopefully I'll only be doing one mailing this week. A week or so ago when I did three separate mailings, Time Warner (Road Runner), my provider, kept sending me messages indicating that they thought a hacker had taken over my computer and set up a rogue server because of the amount of "spam" that I was sending out. I have thoroughly checked my computers and had a friend who is an expert check them out as well. Both computers are virus and "rogue server free" and the one I use to send out updates runs Windows95 so it is not as open to intrusions as Windows98 and thereafter. It is nice to have the vendors working to protect us – but I hope most of you do not think of my stuff as SPAM.

Another "news item" that is creating discussion today is that former President Paul Yu is leaving the presidency of San Jose State for health reasons and returning to the SUNY System as a tenured faculty member. [Rochester D&C]. No other details are available now except that in accordance with the SUNY Policies of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Yu served concurrently as a tenured faculty member in SUNY while serving as president.

"A chief administrative officer [president], upon appointment, shall be appointed by the Chancellor to the faculty of the University in a position of academic rank with continuing appointment." [It is the practice that such rank be full professor.]

Our thoughts are with Paul and Ellen during what must be an extremely difficult time.

At least two emeriti – there may be more among you -- made contributions to fund a beach experience for children at the camp supported by emerita Patricia Palmer. From her Peace Corps assignment Pat sent the following note:

"Thank you so much for your contributions to the Camp Fund for the children from the Rabisha orphanage. Twenty children (ages 3 to 10) and 8 adult helpers spent 10 glorious days 'at the beach'. They had a wonderful experience."
The full accounting of the expenses is not available yet, but we expect to have some leftover funds; we were able to get a very good (and unexpected) discount for the transportation, so whatever money remains will be used to purchase special food for the children (meat and fresh veggies -of ten in short supply at the orphanage).

Here are 3 pics of the children at the beach... [one of which has been placed on the emeriti website with this story]

Thanks again for your support...." Pat Palmer

I haven't heard yet from Larry Hjelle about his summer adventure – he was going to try to ride a section of Tour de France – probably with no intent to try and beat Lance's time, but, we do have an update from our "voyageurs" Karla Merrifield and Roger Weir and thank them for sharing their adventures.

"As for the tireless voyageurs, Roger and I are in the unique Sandhills of Nebraska for a few days. They're unique geologically in the US -- 19,300 sq. miles of stabilized dunes thinly coated with sparse grasses -- a gentle landscape that made us both bubble up with an unexpected joy. Today the weather turned mild after a couple weeks of scorchers up into the 100 range, each hot day though culminating late afternoon with the wildest of thunderstorms that swept our breath away. So, we kayaked early in the morning and then relaxed in the afternoon to watch the gathering of clouds and then, boom, the explosion of wind, lightning, thunder, hard rain that marched across the vast prairies. Somewhere in that tumult I'll snatch out a poem, but right now we're enjoying the relief of a mild golden day with silky breezes. Off towards Minnesota soon and across Wisconsin, dipping out paddles and taking to the trails as we go along. Greetings to all, Karla"

[Note:  this is at least a week old so no telling where they are now!]

Peace,

Bud

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August 13, 2004

Greetings,

Sad news has been received via Joseph Lawrence, former Assistant to President Emeritus Albert W. Brown, and his former secretary at Brockport, Dorothy Ballard, that Dr. Sandra E. Colombo died on August 7, 2004.  Sandra was a member of the Brockport College Community as a student and staff member in the 1970s and I thought some of you; especially those of you from Student Affairs would appreciate knowing both of her passing and her success in this life.  After beginning her undergraduate education at the University of Buffalo Sandra came to Brockport to earn her BS in Anthropology in 1971.  She stayed on at Brockport to earn her MS in Higher Education in 1973 and during the 1972-73 academic year she served as a Graduate Assistant in Academic Affairs.  She then served for two years (1973-1975) as an Assistant Dean of Students
(Residence Hall Director). In 1988 Sandra earned her doctorate in Higher Education from the University of Michigan and stayed there to have a very successful career in information technology. Her full resume is still available on the Internet at http://www.itd.umich.edu/~sandyc/resume.html for those who might want to review the "student success" of one of our graduates. Following is the obituary published in the Ann Arbor News on MLive.com on 8/9/2004.

"Colombo, Dr. Sandra E. Dr. Sandra E. Colombo died peacefully in her sleep August 7, 2004. Sandy was born in N. Tonawanda, NY on July 27, 1950. She received her Ph.D. from University of Michigan. Her academic work in organizational psychology led her into an administrative career with The University of Michigan, where she managed teams who helped to develop Internet standards such as LDAP, ran one of the largest email systems in existence and was most recently a Director of Information Technology Central Services. Sandy was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Burns Park Players, and the Ann Arbor Women's City Club. Sandy is survived by daughters, Danielle and Nicole Stempien; parents, Anthony and Audrey Colombo (Mesa, AZ); brothers, Paul (New Orleans) and Ray (& Phen) Colombo (Mesa, AZ). A memorial service was held at First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor at 2pm on Wednesday, August 11."

A new member of the "emeriti club", David G. Hale, Professor Emeritus, English Department (1967-2004), has already had much success with his retirement activities. He reports that despite the exponential growth of his "honeydew list," he has had success elsewhere. He secured a grant from the New York Landmarks Conservancy toward the replacement of the roof on the Brockport Presbyterian Church (1953). His work with the 175th anniversary of the congregation led to recognition as "Outstanding Religious Historian" by the Greater Rochester Community of Churches. As a longtime member of the Brockport Yacht Club he has written its centennial history and reports that it is now in print with a copy available from the local history collection at Seymour Library.

Congratulations for these accomplishments David but, if you want to have a long, happy, and healthy retirement with many more such successes, don’t ignore that "honeydew list"!

One of our "bikers" – Larry Hjelle, Professor Emeritus, Psychology (1970-1998) did indeed get to France to observe La Tour de France first hand. He has reported:
I did ride part way up the l'alpe huez (8-10 percent grade) and was awed by the strength and endurance of the pro cyclists during the individual time trial that occurred on that stage of Le Tour. Perhaps you will enjoy the attached photos.

Larry, thanks for the update and for the pictures. I have placed one of the pictures – one that best shows the incline – with this update on the emeriti website under "Your News".

Another "biker", Dr. Allan D. Frank, Professor Emeritus, Communication (1968-1995) has reported with his directory update that he continues to enjoy some tour biking at the age of 74. Although Allan does not receive these e-mail distributions we commend him for be able to continue this activity in retirement.
Another new member of the emeriti group, Kathleen J. Hunter, Assistant Professor Emerita, Health Sciences/Women's Studies (1994-2004) is soon embarking on an exciting adventure. I'll let her words speak for themselves:

"As you know, I retired from SUNY Brockport August 31, 2004. I have been accepted as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Ukraine. I leave September 26, 2004. I will be "teaching teachers how to teach English" and working with their environmental and health programs. Yes, this is the Chernobyl area, yet it is being continuously monitored on a regular basis.

I will be living with a host family (probably in Kiev) for three months while living and learning all about the culture and the Ukrainian AND Russian languages during that time. Hopefully, the old brain won't fail me in the language department! After December, I will take the oath and promise two years of Peace Corps volunteer work in whatever area of the Ukraine they think I would be most useful.

It is going to be a great new adventure!
Kathy Hunter"

Kathy, all I can say is WOW – what a wonderful and courageous thing to do at this stage in your life. We congratulate and commend you and wish you much success in this endeavor. Please keep in touch and share some of your adventure with us.

And I must share a response to my last e-mail that I received from Ira-Paul Schwarz, Professor and Composer Emeritus, Theatre and Interdisciplinary Arts (1970-1992):

During WWII I was one of the very few (maybe the only one) in the US Navy that actually liked Spam. Whatever they want to call your newslatters, keep ‘m comin’.

Ira et al – I have checked with my Internet provider and they did confirm that one of the precautions they take is to cut off the service to customers when it appears that they are spamming. Apparently, I drew their attention when I distributed three separate mailing to emeriti in one week. I'll have to wait and see what happens as a result of this mailing.

Karla Linn Merrifield, Director of Marketing Communications Emerita (1990-2002) and Roger Weir, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs Emeritus (1970-2002) report from their ongoing travel adventure:

The voyageurs continue to make our way eastward slowly but surely. Poking now along the south shore of Lake Superior for a couple weeks. Having spent so much time on the High Plains it feels odd for us to be in the North Woods. Trees! And not just cottonwoods tucked in the draws visible for miles from the grasslands. We were on a small body of water last night, Iron Lake, in Wisconsin where we had a delicious paddle into wetlands abounding with painted turtles out for a sunbath. Hunting nearby were a least bittern and bald eagle. We rested and watched them feed from the rich shallows of sunfish darting in the lake weeds. In a couple days, we'll make our way into Michigan with the prospect of a three-day venture to Isle Royale
National Park. We'll leave our camper and kayak behind to take the passenger ferry over (no roads, no road vehicles on the isle) for what we hope will be some great hiking. We've gotten more and more fit as we've hiked along and extended the lengths of our outings, which should pay off on the wilderness trails of IR. Greetings to all from the south shore of Lake Superior in the quaint town of Ashland. Karla"

Peace,

Bud

August 19, 2004

Greetings,

Well, if we were not emeriti/emerita we would be gearing up to welcome students back to the campus and getting ourselves in the right frame of mind to face the challenges of a new academic year. But, for most of us, we can just observe from afar. It is hard to believe that the opening of school convocation is this coming Tuesday - especially for those of us in Brockport where the best we have had all summer is three days (once I believe) in a row without rain. Here are two things that might be of interest - (1) classes begin Monday, August 30th, and (2) the annual Academic Convocation is Sunday, August 29, at 3:30 pm in the Tuttle North Gymnasium. If interested you'll find other information about the opening of school at https://www.brockport.edu

I have sad news to report and a need to apologize for the lack of timeliness. Sheila A. Kuhn, spouse of emeritus Leslie O. Kuhn, Chief Engineer, Television Services, Communications (1962-1993), died on August 10, 2004. I did not know Sheila but I did know Les and recently had a nice conversation with him and his daughter at Brockport's public market. Les and Sheila were just getting comfortable with being in the north during the summer and in Florida in the winter and were enjoying retirement. Unfortunately, a silent disease suddenly spoke up and quickly took Les' retirement partner from him. We send our love and condolences to Les and our hope that he will be able to endure this loss with his good memories and that he will be able to find ways to continue to enjoy retirement.

A Funeral Mass was held on August 16th at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Hamlin.

Condolences: Leslie or "The family of..." 2756 Lake Road, Hilton, New York 14468

Memorials: GRHCA Hospice or the American Cancer Society

This information was distributed via email to the campus community. I believe emeriti/emerita will be welcome at this conference - at least on a space available basis. If interested, contact Marsha Moss mmoss@brockport.edu or Colleen Donaldson cdonalds@brockport.edu.

"Dear Colleagues:
Please consider including the following information in your fall syllabus and consider requiring or offering extra credit to your students to attend a free, half-day conference on Saturday, November 13, 2004 from 12:30 - 4:30 pm in Cooper Hall on campus entitled "Stop Complaining and Do Something: A Conference About Getting Involved."

The conference is being sponsored by the Women's Center on campus and registration information will be sent to you by the opening of school.

Topics to be discussed include:
a) keynote speaker from 1:00 - 2:00 on bystander education. How to address bullying, harassment, etc.
b) 2:15 - 3:15 option to attend one of three workshops with the following topics: “Reproductive health; Why does politics matter to me?; Sweatshops in a Global Economy”
c) 3:30 - 4:30 option to attend one of three workshops with the following topics: Sexual harassment; Leadership and Organizing; Needs of first-generation, transfer and adult students
d) 7:00 pm - Dramatic reading in Tower of Nickeled and Dimed.

Marsha Moss
Office of Grants Development"

Emeritus Jim Horn, Associate Professor, History (1968-1998) has returned home to Cuernavaca after 10 days in Guatemala, 3 nights in the capital and six nights at Amatique Bay Resort & Marina, the only five-star resort in the Guatemalan Caribbean region. He explored Mayan ruins as well as the Rio Dulce area near the Honduras and Belize borders including a river trip featuring exotic birds, wild orchids and bromeliads reminiscent of the Amazon. In the capital, he stayed in two hotels and checked out the best restaurants to make sure they are up to the quality his clients will expect, a tax deductible sacrifice he makes when setting up a new tour. This was his second trip to Guatemala this year and he has now decided what he will include in the new tour offering to be launched in January 2006. Emeriti who have joined Jim on his tours have given them five star reviews. We are happy to hear from Jim that the tour industry has pretty much recovered from 9/11. Those choosing may find more about Jim's tours at http://www.educationaltravel.com.mx

At least 16 of our emeriti live some portion of the year if not the whole year in Florida. We have not heard of any having been adversely affected by the recent hurricane but we do hold them in our thoughts and hope that they and any property they may own are still in good condition.

I did hear from Emeritus John Zwierzynski, Director of Administrative Computing (1979-1991), that his home in Arizona had been damaged this week in a strong storm. At last report, he had a tree down, had lost one storm gutter, had a wet living room from having had the doors blown open, had leaks in two ceilings, and had to recover his patio furniture that strayed in the wind. He does report though that he is much luckier than some of his neighbors.
Our thoughts are with John and others who may have recently had their lives affected by bad weather. These major weather events make the rainy days in Brockport - today among them -- a little more tolerable.

Peace,

Bud

August 22, 2004

Greetings,

Save the date -- Opening Reception Jim Dusen Photographic Exhibition - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 31st, Rainbow Gallery, Tower Fine Arts Center, Holley Street, Brockport, New York 14420.

This is something you will not want to miss if you are in the Brockport area. Jim Dusen, has been Manager of Photograph Services at SUNY Brockport for the past 25 years. A winner of many national and regional awards he is currently the president of the University Photographers' Association of America.

This will be Dusen's first showing of color digital photography. All previous exhibits have featured black and white prints hand crafted in the darkroom. Now the computer is the digital darkroom where he produces all his own work on an Epson Inkjet Photo Printer.

The images on display range from professional photography produced for the college to personal work captured while traveling across the country, in particular, the southwest.

Jim has shared two sample photographs to give you a preview of what will be in store for you at his exhibition. You will find them by visiting "Your News" from the emeriti website at http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm

Join Jim Dusen at his opening reception and view similarly spectacular photographs.

The exhibit will run from August 31st through September 17th but you won't want to miss the opening reception.

Call (585) 395-2805 for Gallery Information.

Many members of the Brockport Community are particularly pleased to watch the success of one of the U. S. swimmers in the Olympics. Ryan Lochte is the son of Steve Lochte, a former head coach of the swimming club the MCC Marauders. Several children of Brockport faculty and staff and emeriti were members of that club when Steve was the coach.
That's it for now!

Peace,

Bud

August 27, 2004

8-27/2004

Greetings,

Sad news to report today. The Rochester D&C reports the death of Louella G. "Lou" Rhody at age 70. Lou worked in many offices during her career at Brockport and for that reason I believe many of you will know her. I have therefore chosen to report her death to this group.

Lou Rhody began her career at Brockport in October 1975. Following her retirement in August of 1989 she continued to work part-time in the Nursing Department until June of 1998.

Probably no SUNY Brockport employee ever served more departments and supervisors during their careers than Lou Rhody did. Her job history, along with the work records of other retirees, was well roasted by the late humorist, chair, and professor of health sciences, Andy Brown, when he served as master of ceremonies for the Recognition Dinner in 1990. I share the following write-up about Louella Rhody that I provided for that recognition dinner to provide you a sense of Lou's contributions at Brockport and hopefully to stir your good memories of her and others.

"Lou Rhody began her secretarial career at the college as a stenographer in General Support Services under the supervision of the late Evelyn Meyers on October 2, 1975. During a small break in state service from January 1976 to January 1977, Lou worked as a half-time secretarial assistant for the Brockport Cooperative Education Program under the supervision of Sister Beverly Baker. Upon her return to state service, she was assigned to a half-time position in the Student Employment Office under the supervision Gary Skoog, former employee and active alumnus. Following this assignment Lou filled in as secretary for Chairman James Jones in Sociology and assisted Peter Marchant with work associated with the Brockport Cooperative Education Program until she accepted a position in February 1988 to work as secretary to Pat Roth and President Albert W. Brown in the President's Office. From the president's office, Lou was promoted to a senior stenographer position in the School of Arts and Performance working for the late Dean and Professor Emeritus, Adam LaZarre. Upon the creation of The Rakov Center for Student Academic Services, Lou transferred to the Center to work for Associate Professor Emerita Jeanette D'Agostino Banker, who was Dean for Student Academic Services at the time. Continuing to show her versatility, Lou moved on to accept promotion to a principal stenographer position in the Physical Education and Sport Division in August 1981. During this period, Lou decided to take advantage of working on a college campus and enrolled in several courses. To more seriously pursue her course work, she resigned her full-time position working for Pat Watts in Physical Education and Sport to accept a half-time appointment working for
Professor and then Chair, Felix Okoye, in the African Afro-American Studies Department. [Lou earned her BS degree in English from Brockport in 1982]. Later when full-time employment became desirable, Lou worked for Emanuel Blount in the Student Financial Aid Office and for Roger Weir in the Career Development and Placement Office before transferring to the Educational Opportunity Center where she worked for Robert James, Larry Curtis, and Lorilee Castaldo. [Realizing that there were a few offices she had not worked in yet when she retired in 1989, Lou continued to work on a part-time basis for the nursing department - from which she never strayed - until June of 1998.] "

If you did not attend the 1990 Recognition Dinner you probably still can imagine the "roasting potential" for Lou Rhody's job record upon which Andy Brown capitalized in such a way that the format of the Recognition Dinner was forever changed.

As we reflect on Louella Rhody's service to Brockport we easily see that she touched a lot of staff lives. She was a competent, highly motivated, flexible and willing employee throughout her career and her personnel file contains nothing but glowing evaluations of her work and many letters attesting to her good performance and her caring attitude towards students. Lou's death will leave a void in the lives of those who knew her. As we celebrate her life we can hope that she is still "moving on" to ever-higher levels in the afterlife.

Friends may call Sunday, 2-4 and 7-9 at the VAY-Schleich & Meeson Funeral Home, 1075 Long Pond Road, Rochester, New York 14626. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated Monday, 9:30 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church, 2400 W. Ridge Road.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Bishop Guilfoil High School Scholarship Fund, Pleasant Valley Boulevard, Altoona, PA 16602 in her memory.

Condolences: The Family of... c/o VAY-Schleich & Meeson Funeral Home, 1075 Long Pond Road, Rochester, New York 14626.

And, our voyageurs Karla and Roger have returned safely from their travels... We'll look forward to the release of Karla's poems. And, although we're not s'posed to be "that way", we remain envious...

Dear Bud -- Well, the voyageurs have landed on the home shores of Lake Ontario out in Kent! All safe and sound after motoring across northern Ohio along Lake Erie with a stop for a few days at Kelleys Island just off the coast near Sandusky. The lake was too rough for kayaking, but we got in a couple good hikes once the rain cleared off. Now....to settle in at home for the semester. Lots of work in store for this comp teacher as well as a poetry reading or two in the area as my new book of poems comes out from Foothills Publishing on Sept. 1. Exciting times, but first the chores of unpacking after nearly 12 weeks on the road. Thanks for keeping us in the loop.

Karla

Peace,
Greetings,

I know that not all members of our group enjoyed the Labor Day weekend as much as those of us in the northeast who relished in the longest stretch without rain for the whole summer. While we envy our friends in Florida when we are shoveling our driveways in the winter, we sympathize with them for what they have had to weather recently, and we hope the recent storms in Florida have been kind to them.

Here are a few items that might be of interest. Please note as you read through this that the EagleFest activities begin tomorrow and Forum#1 of the "Hot Topics Discussion Series" begins on Friday.

John E. Kramer, Professor Emeritus, Sociology, (1968-1997) and Joan, have moved to a permanent residence in Florida. They will now be members of the emeriti "update" group. John has been busy since retiring and he has a new book out. It is THE AMERICAN COLLEGE NOVEL (second edition), Scarecrow Press, 2004. This is his second post-retirement book. The first was ACADEME IN MYSTERY AND DETECTIVE FICTION, Scarecrow Press, 2001. John hopes to get started on a third retirement epic once they get settled in Florida.

Johanna H. Kraus, Professor Emerita, Theatre (1979-1995) wrote to tell me "enough of the bad news". To provide some balance she shared her good news. Her new play just won First Prize in the Beverly Hills Theatre Guild competition for New Plays for Youth. She also reports that she and Ted recently lead one of the sessions for Great Books at their Long Novel Weekend: Tolstoy's "Anna Karenina" and reports: what a difference rereading it now, forty years after I first read it in college! Johanna's husband Ted will be leading a London theatre trip in October. In addition to knowing Ted through his participation in the life extra-curricular activities of the college, Ted also taught part-time for several years.

We send our thanks to Johanna for sharing some good news, our congratulations for her award-winning play, and our best wishes to Ted for a successful tour.

Dr. Mary Jo Orzech, Director, Information Technology Support Services recently announced the ITSS Computing Workshops to be offered September - October 2004. I have eliminated the courses that are directly related to the SUNY Brockport "work environment" such as how to use the email, etc. It is also important to remember that currently active employees have the first right to these classes and we, emeriti/emerita, are invited to register on a "space available" basis. With these considerations in mind, you may register for the workshop sessions listed below by calling 395-2368 or sending an email to Tammera Loscombe tloscomb@brockport.edu.
Friday, October 1st
1-2 p.m., Adobe PhotoShop Basics
Image and photograph manipulation using Adobe Photoshop. 103 Holmes Hall (R. Anugu)

Friday, October 8th
1-2 p.m., MacOS X Features -
Learn to use MacOS X Finder, Sherlock, Address Book, Internet Explorer, and the files and folders structure. 103 Holmes Hall (R. Anugu)

MS Office and Dreamweaver Training with Diane White
This summer, most campus computing labs have been upgraded to MS Office 2003 Professional and Dreamweaver MX 2004. Refresh your skills by attending ITSS sponsored software training workshops this fall. All sessions are held in Dailey Hall, 2nd floor, Room 202. Diane White will teach all sessions. Register early for any of these half-day sessions.

Tuesday, September 14th
9 a.m. - noon, Optimizing Your Desktop & Virus Protection/SPAM Filtering
1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Optimizing Your Desktop & Virus Protection/SPAM Filtering (repeat)

Tuesday, September 21st
9 a.m. - noon, Microsoft Excel I - (Creating Spreadsheets)
1 p.m. - 4 p.m., Microsoft Access I - (Creating Databases)

Thursday, September 23rd
9 a.m. - noon, Microsoft Excel II - (Creating Spreadsheets)
1 p.m. - 4 p.m., Microsoft Access II - (Creating Databases)

Tuesday, September 28th
9 a.m. - noon, Microsoft PowerPoint I - (Creating Presentations)
1 p.m. - 4 p.m., Dreamweaver MX 2004 I - (Creating Websites)

Thursday, September 30th
9 a.m. - noon, Microsoft PowerPoint II - (Creating Presentations)
1 p.m. - 4 p.m., Dreamweaver MX 2004 II - (Creating Websites)

Workshop descriptions:
Optimizing Your Desktop & Virus Protection/SPAM Filtering - Learn how to optimize your XP desktop and protect your privacy by blocking and removing viruses, SPAM, and Spyware from your personal computer.

Microsoft Excel (I & II) - Learn how to perform calculations, analyze information, and manage lists in spreadsheets or web pages.
Microsoft Access I & II - Learn how to create databases to track and manage information.

Microsoft PowerPoint I & II - Learn how to create and edit presentations for slideshows, meetings, and web pages.

Dreamweaver MX 2004 I & II - Learn how to create and publish web pages.

And here is just a story I recently heard about that I shared with my former retired and still working SUNY colleagues about a SUNY retiree who used to be a high-ranking official in SUNY System Administration and ended his career in a high-ranking position at a campus. I hope that, like my friend, you and I have learned to live without work. Another friend currently working at a SUNY campus, with whom I shared this story, responded with:

"Bud, this was a GREAT story and one we all need to hear. I had a similar experience when I toured a building where my Mom worked for many, many years and not one person had ever heard of her! For workaholics like myself, this is a good story because it tells me that what is most important is the art of making a life, not a living. I think we really make a difference in our jobs, but it has to stay in some sort of perspective."

Here is the story I shared with retired and current SUNY HR Officers with the names omitted to protect the guilty...

"Hey, thought you might get a kick out of this story...

Famous SUNY retiree xxxx xxxx was recently in Albany and decided to pay a visit to System Administration and see whom he might still know. Well, for sure, enough changes had occurred that some did not know him. Security is now BIG at System Administration and xxxx, who once was "king of the building" could not get past a holding area until a phone call could be made to someone he knew. He chose yyyy yyyy and she received a telephone message that someone claiming to be a xxxx xxxx was in the building and he would be held by university police until someone came to identify him and escort him to her office. The story goes that xxxx, who was never known for his patience - he liked to get things done - felt that he had worn out his welcome and left before yyyy could rescue him. The times they HAVE CHANGED! The good news is that xxxx probably has a strong enough self-esteem that he no longer needs recognition from the SUNY System Administration police -- and, at least they didn't arrest him!"

I have shared this story with you [active SUNY HR employees] who are still employed (I did not say "working) because I received a letter from xxxx today that sheds more light on the incident in a way that most of you might enjoy. Here is "the rest of the story":

Hi Bud,
Enjoyed your note on my recent aborted visit to Central Admin (or whatever it's called this week). Sorry that I don't have e-mail, so trust that you will follow up with the other folks as you see fit.
You have the essence of the story right, but it goes even a little deeper. I knew that I was in real trouble and surrendered not only because I ran out of patience when yyyy wasn't there. Next I asked for zzzz zzzz and was told that no one by that name worked in that building. Some of us have suspected that for a couple of decades but I simply had no response and went on my way after sharing with the polite security guard my <former campus> business card and ID, neither of which impressed him.

I understand the need for security at high-risk targets especially when one looks like a terrorist as I do. But, you are quite right in that I don't need the recognition. Whatever little bit of ego that I had left disappeared shortly after I retired. <Former Campus> was kind enough to invite me back for a reception and gave me a nice badge with my name and new title, <High Level Officer> Emeritus. As one woman went through the reception line, I heard her ask her husband what emeritus meant. He had it nailed when he responded HAS BEEN. The good news is that I really enjoyed life before I achieved that status and I find new reasons every day to enjoy that day.

Look forward to seeing you sometime soon, but it may be best if we do so incognito and not in Albany. Best wishes to all.

xxxx xxxx

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EAGLEFEST 04 -
All students, staff, and faculty, and families [and retirees/emeriti] are invited to EAGLEFEST 04!

Thursday, September 9th
Kickoff Celebration
11 a.m.-1 p.m., Campus Mall outside Union
B-B-Q, Games, Giveaways, Clubs, Vendors

Women's Tennis vs. Rochester
4 p.m., Tuttle Tennis Courts

Karaoke Kickoff
8 p.m., Gallery Lounge and Game Room in the Seymour College Union
Karaoke and free Pizza

Friday, September 10th
EagleFest Carnival with Live Band "UNCLE PLUM".
Comedy by Brockport Grad Kenneth "TINY" Glover
5-8 p.m. Trax Patio Area
Music, Comedy, Games, Giveaways, Prizes, Psychics, Character Artist, Movie at Dark, and much more.
Students can bring meals from Harrison. Menu to include Philly Cheese Steak, Chicken Philly, Sausage with P/O, Fish and Chips, etc. All you can fit on a plate!

Saturday, September 11th
Women's Tennis vs. New Paltz
Noon Tuttle Tennis Courts

Men's Soccer vs. Hobart
1 p.m. Soccer Field Near Tuttle

Los Caribes Voted the "Best Latin Band" by Artvoice, Buffalo's alternative newspaper. Los Caribes has been performing in various forms for nearly 40 years. Their infectious fusion of salsa and Latin rhythms with jazz overtones has made them an audience favorite on both symphony and jazz programs throughout the Northeast.
7:30 pm Tower Fine Arts, $10 General, $7 Students and Seniors

If you have any questions regarding EagleFest please contact Rob Blair in the Office of Campus Life at x5662 or at rblair@brockport.edu.

We hope to see you all there!

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Dr. Shannon Bradford, Director, Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT) recently circulated the following information about a "Hot Topics Discussion Series" for the Fall 2004 semester. I have consulted with Shannon and she advises me that interested emeriti would be welcome in the discussions. However, the online discussions are set up so that faculty must use their Webmail logon and password (so that they can control access to the boards and ensure that postings are attributed to the correct authors), so you will need to have such "authentication" set up if you no longer have a college email account. If you wish to participate but no longer have an email account please email me your request for access to rmeade@brockport.edu and I will create an emeriti participant list to share with Shannon. From the list, she will create your authentication account and then provide you with your userid and password.

The Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT) is pleased to announce our "Hot Topics Discussion Series" for the Fall 2004 semester.

This series provides a forum for SUNY Brockport faculty and staff to discuss issues, to share ideas and to develop learning communities. The series combines moderated online discussion forums with face-to-face conversation sessions.

Online discussions may be accessed at http://celt.brockport.edu/HT.htm during the dates listed below. Face-to-Face (F2F) Discussions will be held in the new CELT Resource Center, 108 Edwards Hall. Feel free to bring your lunch.

*** Consider volunteering to serve as a discussion moderator. You may facilitate the online portion of a discussion topic, one, or both, of the face-to-face sessions on a topic, or all components of a particular topic. Dual moderators are encouraged. To volunteer, please contact Shannon Bradford at sbradfor@brockport.edu or at 395-5025 as soon as possible.

Forum #1
Semester Star
t-up: Initial Classroom Issues
All faculty and staff are invited to contribute their knowledge on any of our topics. Please contact CELT Director, Shannon Bradford, if you are interested in serving as a discussion moderator or would like to suggest a topic for a future forum. Take this opportunity to join your colleagues in discussing the state of learning and teaching at SUNY Brockport today.

best-
Shannon Bradford, Ph.D.
Director, Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching
SUNY Brockport
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sbradfor@brockport.edu

Peace,

Bud

September 10, 2004

Greetings,

Oh my! Here he comes again...
These events are not terribly time-sensitive but I still thought you might like to have the "heads up" for your calendars -- also, if I don't include them now I'll probably forget!

FYI - classes at SUNY Brockport were suspended yesterday - possibly the first time in Brockport's history because of rain. I'd never really paid too much attention before (except when riding a bicycle), but the center of Brockport near Nativity is pretty low. Consequently, a lot of water ran into the center from everywhere as the remnants of Francis spent some time here.

Throughout the greater Rochester area there are many homes and businesses seriously damaged by flooding. Thankfully the skies are trying to clear this morning.

First things first - I see my primary role as keeping you all up-to-date about each other's happenings, thus the "Your News" page on the website. So, I am always pleased when emeriti share their "stuff" (e.g. John Kramer's publications; the activities of Peace Corps volunteers Pat Palmer, and soon to be Kathy Hunter; the travel adventures of Roger and Karla, etc.). After my last "Update" with the story about the SUNY System Administration "has-been", I was happy to receive this very nice note from Mary Neumann, Senior Academic Advisor Emeritus (1970-1995):

Hi Bud,
Thanks for keeping us "has-beens" up to date on one another's doings and what's happening at Brockport. The opportunity to participate as a Techie is great.

Since leaving Brockport in June 1995, I have been working part-time at the Brighton Memorial Library in various capacities. Currently I serve as a technical aide. I've enjoyed it so much that I have returned to school at the University of Buffalo in the Masters in Library science program -- another adventure. This semester is a "digital-age immersion" period -- both courses are focused on the Internet and the Web.
Having a wonderful time,
Mary Neumann

Mary, many thanks for sharing and please continue to keep "having a wonderful time!"

The following members of our group have apparently changed their email addresses because my mail to them has started coming back undelivered. If anyone has current email addresses for them, please share them:
J. Douglas Calhoun
A. Gregory Fitz Gerald
Charlotte Fraser
Robert Guhde
Robert Jubenville
Peter Kane
Kimyong Kim
Charles Napravnik

Informational Documents from the College:
If you have not already received them you should expect to receive a mailing from the Institutional Advancement Office within the next couple of days. The mailing includes the first issue of the Statements for the 2004-2005 academic year; a brochure describing the Gloria
Mattera Heritage Society at SUNY Brockport; a Brockport Alumni Association Awards nomination form; the Homecoming Family Weekend Brochure (10/7-10/10, 2004); and a "Save the Date" flyer.

Although all of these materials are important I want to draw your particular attention to the "Save the Date" flyer. Dr. John B. Clark, Interim President, is cordially inviting Faculty and Staff Emeriti to a reception - possibly a first for Brockport. Good participation should ensure that it is not also the last! This is a wonderful opportunity for us to have an exclusive audience with the president - to get to know him, to share our views and to learn about his vision for SUNY Brockport for the period in which he will lead. So, for those of you within reasonable traveling distance to Brockport, I strongly encourage you to accept this invitation. Mark your calendars now for:

Faculty and Staff Emeriti Reception
Monday, October 4, 2004
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.
New York Room, Cooper Hall
SUNY Brockport Campus

[Note: Dr. Clark wanted to host the reception at the President's House but there is work being done on the house right now and he did not want to delay this event.]
I'd also like to highlight a couple of other items in the materials you should receive.

First, note that the brunch on Saturday, October 9th is free for those emeriti who pre-register. With the combination of gasoline prices going through the roof and the old "fixed incomes", this might just be the ticket to protecting American obesity for another week or two - it's a brunch and SUNY Brockport's food service never runs out!

Secondly, I draw your attention to the activities prior to Saturday’s football game against St. John Fisher on Homecoming and Family Weekend. There will be food vendors, games and prizes and music by "Nik & the Nice Guys". Sandy and I were at the night game at St. John Fisher last year and we both said it was probably the best football game we ever attended. So, I am betting that you will also be treated to a very good football game as well.

[Note: if you do not receive the referenced mailing by the middle of next week, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement.]

Finally, (can't get through an email without some negative news as well), I regret to inform you that Marianne Virgilio, Director of Planned Giving, Institutional Advancement is advancing. I'll let her words speak for themselves:

While I'm in touch, let me add a bit of personal news. I have accepted a position at the University of Rochester and will be leaving SUNY Brockport employment at the end of September. Beginning on October 4, I will be serving as director of university advancement, office of trusts and estates at UR. While I have had good years at Brockport, this new position offers an opportunity for professional growth that I just could not pass up. But, as a Brockport alum and local resident, I'm still sure to be at campus activities and around town.
I received this information from Marianne during some email exchanges on other topics. My immediate response was:

Ouch! Ouch! Ouch!
I'm in shock... that is certainly not the expected response. I am very happy for the UofR but sad for Brockport. Brockport College is in your heart and it shows in the way you deal with alumni, staff, and faculty. You will be sorely missed -- but I wish you success and happiness in your new adventure.

I am sure you all have similar feelings and join me in wishing Marianne much success at the UofR.

Peace,

Bud

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September 13, 2004

Greetings,

You should already know about one of these events because it has had good publicity both in the community and on the SUNY Brockport campus. But, I have included it just in case. However, the first event listed (not in order by calendar date but as ordered in this update), has not been previously announced. Please add these events that support emeriti, local artists, and the community to your calendars.

The School of the Arts is opening the school year with an exhibit of paintings in its art gallery by Jack Wolsky, Art Professor Emeritus (1959-1985). There will be an informal reception in the gallery from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 18th. Unfortunately, this event unfolded rather quickly and there will not be time enough for formal invitations. Be assured though that you are all invited and that Jack and Gladys would be very pleased to greet friends from Brockport at the reception. Furthermore, those attending will have an opportunity to see some of Jack's most recent paintings – the good results of a summer of being cooped up in his studio because of all the rain. If you are in the area you won't want to miss this exhibit and reception – to see Jack's recent work, to support one of our own, and to socialize.

The School of the Arts is located at 45 Prince Street. The easiest parking may be at the Memorial Art Gallery, Prince Street entrance, which is directly across the street from the school.

Jack and Gladys Wolsky hope to see you on the 18th.

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And from emeritus W. Raymond, and Ute Duncan:

Greetings everybody!

Just a reminder for the fabulous upcoming:

"Stone Soup" Art Auction, September 17, 6:30 p.m., at the Brockport High School.
Bill Stewart, Art Professor Emeritus (1966-1999) is volunteering his artistic skill to create one of his memorable works to be placed in front of the new canal-side Brockport Community Center.

Bill's 12-foot sculpture will cost an estimated $10,000 in materials--and this is where the auction comes in. The Brockport Walk! Bike! Brockport! Action Group (notably its Art and Aesthetics Committee) is hosting the auction.

The auction--with its proceeds contributing to the $10,000--will feature artwork created by our local (and famous) artists. They include the works of emeriti Tom Markusen, Mirko Plyshenko, and Jack Wolsky--as well as the works of, Helen Smagorinsky, Diane Hickerson, and Jappie King Black, among others.

Other items for auction will be accepted from professional and amateur artists and crafters.

For more information, contact Lori Skoog at 637-6586.
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!
Cordially,
W. Raymond & Ute Duncan, Co-Chairs
Walk! Bike! Brockport! Action Group

Reminder: Don't forget to share your appropriate town and gown related events for inclusion in the college events calendar and make sure you check it out at http://www.brockport.edu/events/periodically as you plan your calendar.

Bud

September 20, 2004

Greetings,

By now you should have received your invitation from Interim President John B. Clark to the dedication of the "Performance Space" in Hartwell Hall to memorialize the late emerita Rose L. Strasser that will occur at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, October 8, 2004. I know that this is "one eye open - first rollover in bed" time for some of you, but, it is an important emeriti event and our participation will be important. The Rose L. Strasser "Performance Space" [a dance term] is the former Hartwell gymnasium in which she taught. "This glorious dance studio/performance space" [from invitation] results from the Hartwell Hall dance wing rehabilitation project that was completed in January 1999 under the leadership of President Emeritus John E. Van de Wetering, and Emeritus Vice President for Administrative Services Edward J. Kumar--with the vision and contributions of Emeritus Assistant Vice President of Facilities Gerald Luzum, Emerita Dean and Professor of Arts and Performances Ginny Studer, and the members of the Dance Department. As you will know if you have received the invitation, Rose L. Strasser was an exceptional member of the faculty who was the first chair of the Department of Dance when she founded it in 1966 under the leadership of President Albert W. Brown. She served the college for many years (1946-1970) or (1941-1973) - we are still confirming records - possibly 1941-
In any event, she was an exceptional contributor who is largely responsible for the creation and success of Brockport's Dance program/major. Please note that for planning purpose an RSVP has been requested by October 1, 2004 via (585) 395-2451 or alumni@brockport.edu. Also note the admonition for your attendance at http://www.itss.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm.

Make sure you mark your calendars for 9:30 a.m., Friday, October 8, 2004 of Homecoming and Family Weekend and attend this event that honors the memory of emerita Rose L. Strasser. One of Rose's nieces and her good friend Emerita Marguerite "Peg" Browne, Associate Professor, Education and Human Development (1949-1985), will speak, among others.

AND --- don't forget to RSVP by calling the Office of Institutional Advancement at 395-2451 for your positive response to the invitation from Interim President Dr. John B. Clark to a reception for faculty/staff emeriti. This event is also a "must attend" for emeriti if you are in the "greater" Brockport area. A reminder, the reception will be held Monday, October 4, 2004 from 2:30 - 4 pm in the New York Room, Cooper Hall. Furthermore, before you RSVP for yourself alone, think about a retired support staff person who might be "your guest" and bring them along. We still need to do something to guarantee that retired support staff can continue to be members of the Brockport College family but we are not there yet. Don't delay, RSVP today!

Nobel Prize winner, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, will be visiting the University of Rochester on Tuesday, October 5, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the Alexander Palestra in the Goergen Athletic Center. He will discuss topics such as resolving differences between black and white, Africa's rebirth, and the importance of peace. In 1984, Archbishop Tutu, one of the world's best-known human rights activists, received the Nobel Peace Prize for his contribution to the cause of racial justice in South Africa. Twenty years later, Archbishop Tutu will share his insight on the progress. Tickets are $17 for the general public; $12 for groups of 10 or more. Tickets are available at the Common Market in Wilson Commons and at Borders Books, 1000 Hylan Drive, Henrietta.

From: Adrienne Collier, Assistant Director of Human Resources/Affirmative Action Officer

The Department of Physical Education and Sport and the Physical Education Majors Club are pleased to announce the visit of Dr. Douglas Anderson, a leading philosopher, as part of the departmental Lecture Series. Dr. Anderson’s lecture entitled "Walking and Teaching: Physical Education as a Way of Life" will be open to the community and held on Thursday, October 7 at 5:15 p.m. in room B300 Tuttle North.

If you have any questions, contact Dr. Peter Hager at phager@brockport.edu or Dr. Cesar R. Torres at crtorres@brockport.edu

Dr. Cesar R. Torres, Assistant Professor, Physical Education and Sport

Sadly, I report that since retiring one week ago, Clarence Juffs, known to many of you, has had to have a part of one lung removed. Clarence served Procurement and Payment Services more than faithfully - it was learned after-the-fact that he even traveled to Albany one weekend at his own expense and without compensation to make sure a transaction was handled correctly during
a period in which there had been a change in procedures. Clarence was a payment specialist who often went beyond the call of duty and did his work diligently without fanfare -- making sure the College's bills were paid on time. We were very sorry to hear that he had to face health issues so soon after retiring. Clarence now faces some time in recuperation and I am sure would appreciate cards from those of you who knew him.

Clarence R. Juffs,
7-4 Woodside Court
Holley, New York 14470

We are also saddened by the news that emeriti John Zwierzynski's mom Bertha died on September 18th. John has been an extremely good "caregiver" for his late wife Kathleen and his mother during the last few years. Our thoughts and prayers are with him as he now looks for ways to fill the void and to find some peace on earth and some enjoyment in his retirement years. Our hope for him is that he can adjust and to find happiness in the completion of his own earthly journey.

John Zwierzynski
9217 Parkside Drive
Sun Lakes, Arizona 85248

Bud

September 27, 2004

Greetings

Well, although we had a "lost" summer we sure are enjoying having great weather so far in Brockport for the fall. I don't have a lot to report but one bit of sad news that is time sensitive prompts me to write.

Sadly, after many years of doing battle with multiple sclerosis, Constance R. Honeck died on September 25, 2004 at age 69. She and her husband Richard were well known to members of the college community who were here in the late 60s/early 70s. Connie began her career at Brockport in August 1967 as an Instructor in the Center for Innovations in Education (CIE)-also known as the Campus School or the Campus Demonstration School. If my memory serves me correctly, the onslaught of her illness was during the 1969-70 academic year and it forced her to resign on June 30, 1970. She missed the 1970-1971 academic year but her condition improved and she was able to accept reappointment in the fall of 1971. However, her illness was not to be denied and it forced her to take a disability retirement on August 31, 1973. My memories of Connie are that she was a good teacher and a good person, and I clearly remember that all who knew her when she was diagnosed with MS were distressed that this disease was denying her the use of her talents.

Calling hours are Tuesday, September 28th, 2-4 and 7-9, Fowler Funeral Home. Her Funeral Mass will be Wednesday, 10 a.m. at the Church of the Nativity BVM.
In lieu of flowers, those wishing may contribute to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Condolences to Richard Honeck or "The family of..." c/o Fowler Funeral Home, 340 West Avenue, Brockport, New York 14420

The American Democracy Steering Committee is pleased to invite all students, faculty, staff, and the general public to participate in the DebateWatch 2004 program. The events will be held at 9pm on Thursday Sept. 30, Tuesday Oct. 5, Friday October 8 and Wednesday October 13. Each of the programs will be held in the Main Lounge of the Seymour College Union, except for the October 8th program that will be held in room 220-21 of the Seymour College Union. Refreshments will be served at each of the events.

DebateWatch is a voter education program of the Commission on Presidential Debates. DebateWatch brings citizens together to watch the televised debates, and then to talk about what they learned. For more information on DebateWatch or Commission on Presidential Debates go to www.debates.org. The program is co-sponsored by the American Democracy Project Steering Committee and the Political Science Club. For more information on these events please contact Rob Blair at (585) 395-5662 or rblair@brockport.edu

The American Democracy Project is a multi-campus initiative that seeks to create an intellectual and experiential understanding of civic engagement for students enrolled at institutions that are members of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU). The goal of the project is to produce graduates who understand and are committed to engaging in meaningful actions as citizens in a democracy. For more information on the American Democracy Project at SUNY Brockport please go to http://www.brockport.edu/adp.

Joani Martin, Secretary to the Vice President for Administrative Services and Campus Liaison with the Brockport Child Care Center located in Cooper Hall recently shared the following information with the SUNY Brockport Faculty and Staff. I have confirmed that emeriti would be welcome members of the board.

The Board of Directors of the Brockport Child Care Center is seeking new members and would like to recruit faculty, staff and students from campus. If you are interested in serving as a member of the Board, please contact Mary Montgomery, Executive Director, at 395-2273.

Following is additional information from the Brockport Child Care Center that Joani shared:

Interesting Facts about the Brockport Child Care Center
Located in Cooper Hall on the SUNY Brockport Campus

The Brockport Child Care Center (BCCC) was established in October 1972 as a not for profit organization. The school-age program moved to the campus in 1979 and by January 1983, the entire Center was located on the SUNY Brockport campus.
The BCCC has been nationally accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs (a division of the National Association for the Education of Young Children) since 1991. Accreditation recognizes that the BCCC demonstrates substantial compliance with nationally recognized criteria for high quality early childhood programs. There are only 329 accredited centers in New York State.

The SUNY Brockport Departments of Education and Human Development, Psychology, Arts for Children, Anthropology, Physical Education, Social Work, and Nursing provide credit-bearing experiences in the Brockport Child Care Center. During the 2003-04 academic year, 53 students used the BCCC to obtain field experience, course credit, and community service.

The BCCC offers employment opportunities to SUNY Brockport students in order to meet college expenses, and provides valuable educational experience as well.

The BCCC is a field placement site for SUNY Brockport students enrolled in the Early Childhood Teacher Certification Program. This program is part of the Department of Education and Human Development.

The BCCC is linked to the SUNY Brockport Web site. You can visit us on line at www.brockport.edu/bccc. The site includes our Family Handbook, information on our Kid's College summer school-age program, monthly newsletters, staff profiles, a waiting list application, and more.

During the 2003-04 academic year, 69% of our full-time program (Infants through Preschool) were children of SUNY Brockport students, faculty and staff.

The BCCC is the third largest childcare center in the SUNY system (53 colleges and universities).

Along with a few others, Emerita Karla Linn Merrifield has a poetry reading October 1st at the Lift Bridge Bookstore in Brockport to celebrate her new book, "Midst". The readings will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by a book signing reception and open mike finale.

Reminders:
(1) Don't forget -- Emeriti Reception, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m., New York Room, next Monday, October 4, 2004.
(2) Don't forget -- Homecoming Weekend events October 7 - 10--especially the dedication of the Rose L. Strasser Performant Studio at 9:30 a.m., Friday, October 8th, Hartwell Hall.

Peace,

Bud

October 1, 2004

Greetings,
Thankfully, no bad news to report, just a couple of quick reminders.

Reminder:
There is still time to RSVP to your invitation to the Emeriti Reception from Interim President Dr. John B. Clark by calling Institutional Advancement at 395-2451. The reception will be held this Monday, October 4, 2004 from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. in the New York Room, Cooper Hall. If you haven't called in your RSVP, do it ASAP.

For your information -- If you have an emeriti parking permit you may park in any lot. If you do not have an emeriti parking permit, come to the reception early and stop by the Raye Conrad H. Conrad Welcome Center that houses the parking division and either get an emeritus permit or a temporary permit for the day. The most convenient parking lot for this even will be Lot "T" on the other side of New Campus Drive from Cooper.

For those of you residing just a few miles from Brockport who haven't responded yet -- do the RSVP and take the drive -- you'll find both the Village and the College looking very good and, by Monday, Brockport's foliage will be just about perfect.

You can always find out what is happening at the college by visiting its website at http://www.brockport.edu/. Right now, there are links to information about the new officers and members of the Alumni Association and the Brockport Foundation. For everything you need to know about Homecoming and Family Weekend (October 7-10) just click on the picture related to that event. For other news, the college's events calendar, or to follow your favorite sports teams, click on Events, News, and Athletics.

Floridian News

We are pleased to hear from some emeriti living in Florida that they survived the storms with no damages. Delmont Smith, Professor Emeritus, Biological Sciences and Jeannette made the permanent move to Florida just before the storms began. Despite the storms, they plan to stay. Tonya Satryb, Personnel Director Emeritus and Ron were pleased that the homes where they live were designed to withstand hurricanes and that the designers apparently were competent. They inland in central Florida and they did not even lose so much as a shingle. We hope the rest of the emeriti from Brockport did as well.

Peace,

Bud

October 6, 2004

Greetings,

I do not have a lot to report this time but I did want to give a special thanks to Dr. John B. Clark, Interim President and Mary Kay Bishop, Vice President for Institutional Advancement and her staff for putting together a very nice reception for emeriti/emerita this week. It was great to see
those of you who attended and I, along with John and Mary Kay, thank you for coming. For those of you who couldn't make this event I am sorry that you missed this opportunity to meet and have conversation with our interim president but you may have another opportunity next spring. Dr. Clark has a fine respect for heritage and tradition and for the past contributors to our current and future success. He hopes to schedule another event to meet you after commencement in the spring when our "snowbirds" are back north, when parking is not such an issue, and when the rehabilitation of the president's residence has been completed so that he can host the event there.

It was my honor and privilege to introduce Dr. Clark at the reception. For those of you who were unable to attend I'd like to share a couple of things I said in my introduction, and, for everyone, I'd like to share something I had intended to say but didn't.

First, I noted that we are now very significant in numbers as well as in our contributions. In the emeriti database that I maintain there are 332 active emeriti and 105 deceased emeriti, many of whom are still represented by their surviving significant other. Additionally, I noted that my emeriti email "Updates" are sent to 267 emeriti or significant "friends of emeriti" and that our numbers have swelled in recent years as those hired in the growth years from about 1965 to 1974 have reached retirement age. I pointed out that there are a lot of us who both have benefited from and contributed to the success of the college who should be occasionally recognized. I also told the audience how pleased I was that in my first contact with Dr. Clark he requested to be placed on the emeriti "Update" list and he told me that he was going to schedule an event because he was interested in meeting emeriti to learn some of the history of the college first hand. Before introducing Dr. Clark, I also mentioned that I really had to "bite my tongue" with my "Updates" for a while because I had had “insider information” about who would serve as interim president before the campus was aware. But, I wisely held my tongue – as we have learned recently, if you don't confine "insider information" it may confine you!

BUT, the important thing I forgot to do is to pay tribute to the people who drew my attention to emeriti when I first started working in Personnel in 1970. First was the late Robert Skelton who retired in 1975. Bob was a frequent visitor to my office his last five years and even following his retirement. He came for the purpose of picking up benefit forms or seeking information for emeriti who were not able to get to the college on their own. He had a devotion to his former colleagues and friends that was inspirational. Another who has remained tireless in her support of emeriti and the college for many years since retirement is our own icon, Marguerite "Peg" Brown. For a few years following her retirement she maintained an emeriti liaison office supported by the college and she continues to enhance the college through her presence at events and her many other contributions. The late Harold Rakov was not only a distinguished ambassador for the college but also was an advocate for emeriti. His untimely death was a significant loss to emeriti and alumni relations but his inspiration continues today for all of those of us who were fortunate enough to have known him personally. Then, more recently, two strong advocates for emeriti and the college—Frances Moroney Whited and Jeanette D'Agostino Banker have provided me with inspiration, support, and advice as I, as a new emeritus with ties to a lot of emeriti because of my past role in personnel, have tried to provide a touchstone between the campus and other emeriti. I am sorry for missing the opportunity to thank these people in a public forum for their inspiration.
As a final statement about the reception event – if click on the "Pictures" link on the emeriti website at [http://www.itss.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm](http://www.itss.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm) you will see some "old" friends and colleagues—should I say "former"? I hope they will bring back some fond memories.

Presidential Search Update:
The following was just circulated on campus.

"Re: Campus visit by Nancy Cook, Korn/Ferry International Search Consultant

As you may know, the College has engaged the services of Korn/Ferry International to assist us in our search for a new president for SUNY College at Brockport. Our search consultant, Nancy Cook will be assisting the College search committee, and will not select or identify the final candidates for us. Rather she and her team will help assure that the search and selection process will be handled with the greatest effectiveness, and that we meet our goal of finding the best possible president for Brockport.

The consultant wishes to have your candid insight into the present status and needs of SUNY College at Brockport and your views of the kind of leadership the search committee should be seeking. What you tell her will be held in the strict confidence and will be shared with the Presidential Search Committee in such a way as to be of maximum usefulness without in anyway compromising the identity of the source.

Ms. Nancy Cook is a Senior Client Partner in Korn/Ferry International’s Philadelphia office, where she specializes in the recruitment of senior executives. Her clients include universities, colleges, and other non-profit organizations. She has been conducting executive searches for over twenty years.

We are confident that you will share with her your thinking about our needs and opportunities at this significant time in Brockport’s history. Attached you will find the complete schedule of Ms. Cook’s visit. In addition to specific times set aside for Faculty/Staff and Students we will have open forums for all community members held in the Lounge in the Seymour College Union on Monday, October 11 from 2-2:40 pm and on Tuesday, October 12 from 12-12:50 pm. Another open forum for all community members will be held from 4:10-4:50 pm on Tuesday, October 12, 2004 at the Atrium at the MetroCenter, 55 St. Paul Street, Rochester

If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Strong, Administrative Liaison at 395-2868, or via e-mail at presidentialsearch@brockport.edu."

Don't forget -- Homecoming Weekend events October 7 - 10--especially the dedication of the Rose L. Strasser Performance Studio at 9:30 a.m., Friday, October 8th, Hartwell Hall.

Peace,

Bud
P.S. To anyone who recently sent me an email address change, please send it to me again. I may have inadvertently deleted such an email message received with the last couple of weeks before making the appropriate changes.

October 8, 2004

Greetings,

Well, Homecoming and Family Weekend is off to a great start with a signature event to honor the late Rose L. Strasser by naming of a Performance Dance Studio after her. The College, and particularly the Dance Department, should be proud of this very well defined and executed event.

*Rose L. Strasser taught dance to hundreds of SUNY Brockport student from 1946 until her retirement in 1970. She was the first chair of the Department of Dance, which she founded in 1966 as one of four departments in the College’s new Division of Fine Arts. SUNY Brockport’s bachelor of arts degree with a dance major—SUNY’s first was approved in 1968.*

*Miss Strasser maintained a close relationship with the Department of Dance until her death in 1998 at the age of 91. The department has been strongly influenced by her vision and high standards throughout its development.*

*The Rose L. Strasser Studio is the former gymnasium in which she taught and that housed physical education for many years. The Hartwell Hall dance wing rehabilitation project was completed in January 1999. This glorious dance studio/performance space is named in her memory.* [dedication program]

It was great to see many of you in attendance at this event. I am sorry for those of you who were unable to attend because you missed a special event in the preservation of our heritage. Mike Andriatch served in his usual competent manner as master of ceremonies. The program featured a welcome by Interim President John B. Clark who also led a standing applause to the memory and contributions of the late Rose L. Strasser. Then we learned again from Francis X. Short, Interim Dean, School of Arts and Performance, that he has a future beyond Brockport as a standup comedian. With his dry wit and humor he outlined the history of the development of dance studios from the days when dancers shared space with smelly wrestlers until the present when they have sole possession of some of the best dance studios found anywhere in higher education. After he charmed the audience, he turned over the podium to Darwin Prioleau, Chair, Dance Department, who stated that she had come to Brockport because of the excellent dance program and facilities along with her knowledge of the support that dance had received at Brockport and the legacy of Rose L. Strasser.

Irma Pylyshenko, Assistant Professor Emerita-Dance; Garth Fagan, Distinguished Professor Emeritus-Dance; Patricia D'Ambrosia, Alumni Representative for the Class of 1954 which Rose Strasser advised; and Marguerite "Peg" Hare Browne, Associate Professor Emeritus-Education and close friend of Rose Strasser each spoke and paid tribute to their mentor, teacher, colleague, and friend. This was followed by remarks from Lora Strasser Frankel, Rose L. Strasser's niece.
who also unveiled the plaque that will identify the studio as honored space. The remarks of several of these individuals were peppered with tributes to some of the leaders of the day who contributed to both Rose's success and that of the Dance Department. I probably did not catch all of the names but I do recall the tributes to Emeritus President Albert W. Brown, under whose leadership both the School of Fine Arts (now Arts and Performance) and the Dance Department were given birth; to Emeritus Dean Ian H. Henderson the first Dean of the School of Fine Arts whose vision was instrumental in the success of both the Division and the Department of Dance; and to Vice President and Provost Armand Burke who believed that the fine arts were essential to the success of colleges of arts and sciences.

Before a reception to end the event, Diane B. McGhee, Associate Professor of Dance, led a participatory dance session in honor of Rose Strasser's expertise and interest in folk dance. Participants, including Interim President John B. Clark, Provost Timothy J. Flanagan, Emeritus Assistant VP for Facilities Gerald Luzum, and Emeritus Professor Orlo "Lee" Derby (at age 93 the senior dancer on the floor), among the multitudes, had 'THE TIME OF THEIR LIVES" as they joined hands in a circle and were taught some simple folk dance steps. It was quite a treat and spectacle to see partners John Clark and Jerry Luzum moving "gracefully" around the dance floor—those photographs may have some use someday! [We'll keep them out of Chancellor's King's view for now – we don't want a recall.]

This was a great and well attended event and I am sure that former Interim Dean and Chair of Dance Jacquie Davis had a lot of input to its success.

Emeriti On-Line Directory

One of you recently tried to locate the on-line emeriti directory on the college's website. It is well hidden on purpose because it contains some of your personal information like home address, telephone number, email address, etc. that could cause you grief if in the hands of the wrong people. Also because of this matter, the emeriti on-line directory is password protected. You need to have a Brockport userid and password to access it. BUT, for those of you who no longer have a userid and password, we have them for you in generic form as follows:

userid:  emeriti
password:  fromsuny

It is important that you enter them in lower case as shown—otherwise they will be rejected. To get to the directory click on this link: https://www.brockport.edu/internal/edir/. Then enter the userid and password when asked for them. AND, it goes without saying – you should not share this information with others.

Also, please note that the directory link on the emeriti website at: http://www.itss.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm is only activated once or twice a year to give you an easy way to review it and notify us of changes. Finally, keep an eye on this website over the next week or so for pictures from the Rose L. Strasser dedication ceremony.

Tomorrow's Football Game
As part of Homecoming Weekend, the Brockport Golden Eagle Football team will be hosting the St. John Fisher Cardinals at the Bob Boozer Field at Special Olympics Stadium at 2 p.m. this Saturday, October 9.

Due to the expected large crowd and the competitive nature of the game, no cans, bottles or liquid containers of any type will be permitted in the stadium. Persons and bags will be subject to search.

Since this is a change from our normal policy we wanted to let you know prior to your arrival at the stadium.

Don’t forget that all faculty and staff with Brockport ID are always admitted free of charge to all regular season athletic contests.

All of you on "performance" drugs, IVs, or in need of having other containers in your possession to support life functions either load up or unload just before you come to the game to avoid the possibility of an embarrassing search.

As importantly, make sure you have your ID so that you can get in for free.

Peace,

Bud

P.S

October 18, 2004

Greetings,

Here is just a quick update.

First, here is a message from George Toth who was asked to postpone his retirement in order to chair the annual SEFA Campaign. In the past I have received inquiries from some of you requesting how you might continue to participate. So, for those of you who are interested, here is the information, slightly amended by me, that George has provided for this year.

"Bud: Could you please forward this email to our emeriti faculty and staff? Some of them think I retired and don’t know that I’ve changed my retirement date several times. I’m here until November 5th to chair this year’s SEFA campaign and was told that if I didn’t exceed last year’s
total of contributions that I could not leave!  Gee!  I want to sleep-in, volunteer, travel, read and develop a new hobby too!  Thanks."

The 2004 SEFA Campaign

Over the years, employees and retirees from SUNY Brockport have contributed funds in response to the annual SEFA (State Employees Federated Appeal) campaign. This effort is a SUNY-wide campaign that supports charitable organizations that provide many services to those in need from our area. Last year, for example, there were 996 services provided to people who were related to students, faculty and staff at SUNY Brockport.

This year, you are invited to participate if you wish. This year’s theme, Make Your Mark, is also an opportunity for you to make a difference in the lives of many – whether they are youth, the elderly, urban or rural, with a serious illness or in need of rehabilitation.

If you are interested in contributing to SEFA this year, please call Vickie Elsenheimer at (585) 395-2309 or email her at velsenhe@borkcport.edu for additional information. She will send you a pledge card and a copy of the 2004 directory of participating agencies. Please call George Toth at (585) 395-5415 or email him at eptoth@brockport.edu if you have any questions.

If you choose to contribute, could you please get your check into Vickie by November 1st? Once again, thank you for considering making a contribution this year.

Also, FYI – on September 14th, Governor Pataki signed into law, a bill to permit state retirees to make a contribution to SEFA from their pension checks [presumably only for retirees in the NYS Teachers’ or NYS Employees’ Retirement System.] This will take effect 120 days after it becomes law, but not in time for the 2004 SEFA campaign.”

And, here is a communication distributed to the on-campus broadcast email list from the Provost’s Office. I thought some of you might be interested in the proposed the Mission Statement. Follow the link below to the draft statement if you please.

"We have set up three Town Meetings for campus-wide discussion and comment for the attached Mission Review II draft document: http://www.brockport.edu/maildocs/mission_review_ii_draft10-04.doc.

The three Town Meetings will be held as follows:

Tuesday, October 26, 2004 from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. in Seymour Union, Room 119
Wednesday, October 27, 2004 from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. in Seymour Union, Room 119
Thursday, October 28, 2004 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. at the MetroCenter in the Navigant Space, on the 2nd floor

There are also two copies of this document on reserve at the library for your use.
Hope you can attend one of these Town Meetings, your input is very important. This event is being sponsored jointly by the Office of the Provost and the College Senate.

And here is another event recently announced on campus via the broadcast email that might be of interest to some of you who reside in the area:

"Wednesday, October 20th, the independent traveling arts exhibit, PROJET MOBILIVRE-BOOKMOBILE PROJECT will be on campus in front of Tower Fine Arts.

Since 2001, a small group of artist-tour guides have been taking their vintage Airstream and its collection of handmade artist books, comics, graphic novels, zines, silk-screens, CDs, t-shirts and more around North America. Each item in the exhibit was chosen because it represents a different "voice," one that wouldn't normally be found at your local Barnes & Noble. From Mike Watts' Spiels of a Minutemen (with contributions from Thurston Moore and Raymond Pettibon) to Julie Doucet's graphic novels, "the Bookmobile makes things that would be totally invisible to the normal networks visible." Many of the works provide an alternative political viewpoint, and encourage people to give creative form to their own opinions and beliefs.

The artists will also hold a workshop on Bookmaking and Zines, and be available throughout the day to guide students, faculty, and whoever else would like to come through the collection. Please stop by and encourage your students to stop by. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at x2428.

As the bookmobile artists say, "It's community and collaboration, not corporations, that make a difference!!!"

Come by and see them and see change on the move…

Alisia Chase, Assistant Professor, Art Department"

That's it for now!

Peace,

Bud

October 25, 2004

10-25-2004

Greetings,

Busy week – so I must hurry but I thought some of you would be interested in the following.

[From the Hamlin-Clarkson Herald 10/24/2004]
The National Book Foundation named William Heyen, SUNY Brockport professor of English and poet emeritus, a finalist for a 2004 National Book Award for his book of poetry, "Shoah Train" (Etruscan Press). The book is a collection of more than 70 poems Heyen has written on the topic of the Holocaust over the last dozen years. Shoah is the Hebrew word for annihilation.

National Book Award winners receive $10,000 each and a bronze statue, each finalist receives a bronze medal and a $1,000 cash award.

Heyen, of Brockport, a 1961 graduate of SUNY Brockport and professor of English from 1967 until his retirement in 2000, is a past recipient of Fulbright, NEA, American Academy of Arts & Letters, Guggenheim, and other fellowships and prizes.

Congratulations Bill and our best wishes to you for success at the next stage in the judging.

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Important timeliness issue.

As I have reported before, emeriti are welcome to participate in on-campus computer training programs on a "space available" basis. Naturally, current employees who will use their new skills for the benefit of the college are given preference. Here are the latest offerings from Information Technology Support Services. I know this is short notice, but, if you’d like to participate, follow the instructions and there may be room for those of us who are interested.

Attention All Faculty & Staff:

By popular request, the following workshops have been added to our fall computing training schedule. All sessions will be held in Dailey Hall, Room 202. Register early by calling x2368 or email to tloscomb@brockport.edu.

Microsoft Office 2003 Training with Diane White
Tuesday, October 26th, 2004
9 am - 4 pm

Microsoft Word 2003 (New Features: Mail Merge, Envelopes and Labels)............9 am – 12 pm

Microsoft Access 2003 (Creating Online Forms and Reports).........................1 pm – 4 pm

Intro to Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
Thursday, October 28th, 2004
1:15 - 3:15 pm

Hand-on practice with ESRI's GIS software, taught by Dr. James Zollweg and Carol Goodman Zollweg. Introductory session with real world examples applicable to many disciplines.
Another **Important** Timeliness Issue
[Received from Dr. Kathleen Kutolowski, History Department]

The History Department welcomes Dr. Richard Vincent Comerford, Head of the Department of Modern History at the National University of Ireland, Maynooth, who will be giving a presentation on **Tuesday, October 26, at 7:30pm in the Seymour College Union, Room 119.** Dr. Comerford will be discussing his latest book, "Invententing the Nation: Ireland," which covers the social and political origins of the modern Irish state. He will also be available on Monday, October 25, to speak with students about the opportunity to study abroad at Maynooth. We hope to see you there!

Dr. Comerford has been working with Steve Ireland and Bruce Leslie to set up a study abroad program at Maynooth University near Dublin (National U. of Ireland). The first students will be going to Maynooth in S05. There are annual lecture exchanges planned.

[From Brockport Statements]

Karla Linn Merrifield, marketing communications emerita and English adjunct, has had her poem "Some by Sonar" published in a new anthology, *Doorways: Families, Friends and Survivors of September 11<sup>th</sup> Reflect on Living with Loss*, from Hold the Door for Others Press (Closter, NJ), Susan Wilkes and Jim Burke, editors. Also, *Highways*, a national magazine for camping enthusiasts, will be publishing Karla's short feature "Fun and Games for Grown-up Travelers."

Peace,

Bud

November 7, 2004

Greetings,

I have a couple of interesting things to share with you today about how members of our group continue to make the most of their retirement years even while coping with the aging process. I am impressed with the attitudes, character, and persistence of these individuals. I know that many of you might also be engaged in similar activities while overcoming obstacles and would be happy to entertain your stories as well.

First, I'd like to share an article that appeared in the Post-Journal, Jamestown, New York on October 19, 2004 in which President Emeritus Albert W. Brown shares his experience of losing his sight. I'll let the article speak for Dr. Brown. I have borrowed the picture that appeared with the article and you will find it under "Your News" on the emeriti website at [http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm](http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm)
"Things I Have Learned Since Going Blind"

The Chautauqua Blind Association was incorporated in 1921 and since that time has served thousands of legally blind people. The aim of the CBA is to help those with a severe vision loss to become, or remain, as independent and as safe as possible as they strive to cope with their vision loss. The following article as written by a CBA client, Albert W. Brown, who wants others to know what blind people encounter on a regular basis.

As you will see, Al has accepted his vision loss and is able to see humor in many situations he faces. He also has become aware that he can be a help to others with a vision loss. Please read on for some insight into what may happen on a regular basis in a blind person’s life.

Joanne E. Nelson
Executive Director,
Chautauqua Blind Association

By Albert W. Brown, Ph.D.
I am a novice at being visually handicapped, or legally blind. Almost all my life I have had 20/20 vision and have never had a restriction on my driver’s license for glasses until very recently. About a decade ago, I was diagnosed with macular degeneration in the left eye. This did not cause any great inconvenience as my right eye responded very well. I could continue to drive, read and do nearly all other normal things without much difficulty. In fact, at times, it was somewhat fun to gaze out the window and see the vertical and horizontal lines of the window panes change into broken and fragmented parts as I shifted from my right eye to my left. I could count the number of breaks in the flagpole in the yard and think how lucky I am to have my right eye functioning so well.

About six months ago, the vision in my right eye changed from 20/20 to 20/40. Still I experienced no great problems in driving or in performing any other regular tasks. However, about six weeks ago the right eye began to malfunction with wet macular degeneration of the kind for which they could do nothing particular at the Cleveland Clinic where I have been going for a decade or so. As a result, my vision changed to 20/400 plus, and I became legally blind. In those short six weeks, and since, I have noticed a number of things that had never occurred to me before. One of the first things I learned was that you cannot put more than eight ounces of any liquid in an eight ounce glass no matter how carefully and slowly you pour. If you do not believe this, I recommend that you try it over a sink rather than over the table or anywhere else around the house.

Today there is a small battery-operated clip that will fit on the top of a glass that will alert you when the liquid gets near the top. The older and less formal method, of course, was to hook your finger over the top of the glass and wait to feel the liquid approaching. I don’t recommend this for very hot liquid such as making tea and, certainly, not at a dinner party, unless the people are very close relatives or persons that you’d like not to return.
I’ve also learned that when you spill Cheerios or corn flakes on the kitchen floor you must be very careful to have a dust pan with a flat edge next to the floor when you sweep them up. If your dustpan is upside down with the curved surface in the air and you sweep the cereal onto it, it spreads immediately around the entire room. Unless you have a very hungry cat or dog, cleanup is extremely difficult. One of the minor advantages, at least for a short term, is that because you cannot identify people clearly a small amount of groping may take place. This is particularly necessary where there is a vast difference in voice tone between you and the person with whom you have just met. However, it is important to remember that groping can only be done once at any meeting and should not be repeated very often. On the other hand, should you become very adept at this, it might be possible to run for political office. If you were prone to engage in back seat driving when your eyes were good, there is no reason to stop just because you cannot see. You certainly can entertain the driver if you point out the heavy traffic and suggest that he/she change to the left lane to make a turn two blocks ahead. However, you must realize that when a driver forgets and asks you if you see anything on the right when approaching an intersection, you should not immediately say “I don’t see anything.” or “It looks OK to me.” Such remarks may be misinterpreted by the driver resulting in screeching brakes, honking horns or even greater damage. I suggest that whenever a driver asks you questions like this, you pause and say “I would like to tell you how it looks to me but you’d better take a look for yourself.” It is a good response.

Cleaning glasses is no longer a big deal. I used to clean them two to three times a day. Now I clean my dark glasses two to three times per week if I think of it or am bored.

One of the more difficult things I’ve encountered is brushing my teeth. It is not possible to align the toothbrush and the toothpaste directly when you cannot see either clearly, if at all. You’re unaware of the amount of toothpaste that you squeeze out and are equally unaware of where the paste is until you put the toothbrush to your teeth. If the brush is dry, you know a reasonable amount of toothpaste lies somewhere else in front of you and should be searched for carefully. I’ve been told by an expert from the Chautauqua Blind Association that one can line the toothpaste on your finger and place it on the brush. Before learning this, my procedure was to put the bristles between the thumb and forefinger of the left hand and squeeze the paste into that little valley. Then, while brushing the teeth with my right hand, I could nonchalantly hold the left hand under the faucet and rinse off the extra paste that accumulated there. Should you find toothpaste on your upper and lower lip when you bring the brush to your mouth, you know that you have put toothpaste on crosswise rather than lengthwise and that you must carefully scrape the toothpaste off your lips and utilize it in your mouth. I also advise keeping in mind that, if you have a white sink, colored toothpaste shows up more readily on it when you come to remove the part that has fallen away in this procedure. Of course, the reverse is true as well. If you have a colored sink you should always use white toothpaste for greater identification.

I’ve also learned that it doesn’t matter if the mirror steams up in the bathroom when you take a hot shower. The time when it was important for shaving or combing your hair is
long past, so you can simply enjoy the glistening moisture on the cooler surface of the mirror.

For thirty years, I wore a brush cut. When my children informed me it was not “cool” in the 70s, I let it grow somewhat. Once I could no longer see my face and hair clearly in the mirror, combing the hair became a “feeling” procedure rather than a “seeing” one. It is best to give up unless you have a personal valet service. My “burr” cut today is easy to maintain and is never disheveled by wind, sleep, or tight over-the-head T-shirts or sweaters. Of great importance is choosing your food carefully while eating in a restaurant. Certain things like peas and other mobile vegetables seem to fall off your fork and plate. In fact, you should choose only food like stir-fries etc. which can be easily scooped up by your fork and held in place until you eat them. Cutting a steak that you cannot see is an interesting exercise but probably should be done at home rather than in a restaurant. One of the technological devices introduced to our home through the Chautauqua Blind Association was the talking bathroom scales. A few seconds after you step on the scale, an accented voice announces rather loudly the success of your losing or winning the battle of the bulging. I found this especially amusing as my wife steps on the scale without the usual privacy. However, the real shock came at 2:30 a.m. one night to hear the announcement, “Your weight is five pounds. Our bored cat had discovered that by sitting on this little box, a nice lady would speak to her at any time — day or night — when she was lonesome or bored. Sometimes between bedtime and going to sleep, I find that a book is a good transition. I went from regular print to large sized print and to no reading in a very few weeks. “Talking books” or books on tape were a new experience. I learned that two-track and four-track tapes behave quite differently. Being able to organize tapes 1, 2, 3 etc. was familiar. My first encounter with 1, 5, 9, 13 made me wonder where 2, 3, and 4 could be. The gracious librarian explained that The Library of Congress numbered them this way and nothing was missing. She also said that reading Braille made it easier. However, learning to use talking books was enough of a challenge for the day.

Our daily language usage assumes that there are no visually disadvantaged. While changing our speech to make it politically correct is not likely or even desirable, much of what we say is mildly amusing to me as I enter this new world. “Let’s see,” “Look here,” “Do you look at it,” “It appears to me,” etc. etc. There is a good response. “I’ll take another look at it,” and smile a bit inside.

I have learned also that through your personal and specific handicap, you may have been given the privilege of helping someone else face a similar affliction. At a recent informal birthday party for a friend, a person learning of my visual condition introduced me to her son whose eyesight had been seriously damaged for several months by diabetes. We talked for several minutes. It was obvious that he was upset and somewhat bitter. I shared some of the trivia I had learned and soon he started to laugh and joke with me. Eventually, I showed him my enhanced reading enlargement machine, and some helpful items that the Chautauqua Blind Association had provided. He had not had any contact with the resources available. I showed him and told him he was not alone. At least that day he faced his condition and the future with a far more positive attitude and hope.
One of the things that you learn, however, is to appreciate the many acts of kindness and compassion that you encounter, especially those I have received from the dedicated, highly competent, and compassionate staff from the blind related agencies, both local and state. They are there to give you tireless help and support as you adjust to new and strange — even frightening! — situations.

You can also appreciate the beauty of things around you, and perhaps become even more appreciative than when vision was clear and everything was more distinct. Even in the dim outline of trees against the sky there is a beauty that is very satisfactory, and one can continue through the twilight of a late evening with great satisfaction and joy over the beauty of the world surrounding you."

Albert W. Brown of Connelly Park uses his enhanced reading enlargement machine to write a note. The paper on which he writes is enlarged to a scale that he can see his writing on the screen. It is also used for reading printed material — a very slow and time consuming process.

P-J photo by Brigetta E. Overcash

The second member of the group has overcome some challenges with the help of the medical profession so that he can continue to pursue his passion for climbing. He routinely accomplishes things that would paralyze much younger people with fright! With the permission of Dr. Stuart Milligan, Senior Assistant Librarian Emeritus (1966-1990), I am sharing a recent email I received from his that describes his most recent adventures. Again, you will find this picture along with this article on the emeriti website under "Your News".

"Hi, Bud!

Prior to June of this year, I had debilitating atrial heart fibrillations regularly. At the end of May I decided to have a procedure done at Strong Memorial Hospital, like one I had done a couple years earlier in the left side of the atrium, but riskier and in the right side of the upper chamber of the heart very close to the pulmonary vein. Following the procedure for about two weeks I experienced a rocky time, with fast heart rhythms locking in for periods of time up to 24 hours. Just when I thought I may have made the wrong choice to go into a right-side atrial ablation, the fast rhythms came less frequently and less intensely until they virtually disappeared. My doctors say that I had a normal reaction during the three-month recovery period and not to be alarmed by the post-operation symptoms. They had made some 35 burns along the pulmonary vein to ablate bad electrical conduction pathways and said that the area was swollen, and that that would cause fast rhythms. Well, not one to be confined very long, I continued with my plans to go on a climbing spree in Scotland, Ireland, Wales and England in June, shortly after the atrial ablation procedure. Family members, of course, were very skeptical about the UK trip since they all knew I would be doing nothing but engaging myself in extreme physical exertion while there. True to form, my nephew and I worked our way successfully up 34 mountains in just 40-days’ time, most of which required serious rock scrambling (use of hands as opposed to just hiking them).
Another goal of ours was to select the highest peaks in each of the countries and islands we went to and to summit them. I had decided to honor my doctors with a crude banner I made, since they had taken care of me so well. My plan was to photograph it digitally while on the summit pinnacle of Ben Nevis in Scotland, high point in all of the UK. It was not a scramble, but a hike of considerable effort, as those of you who have done it well know. Attached is the photo [see website] my nephew Jon took of me with the banner. Also, attached is a picture of me [again visit website] emerging from an extended scramble up Bristly Ridge on Glyder Fach, just past Tryfan's North Ridge we had just done, no doubt the finest scramble in all of Wales. The third attachment is a shot of me [see website] on the summit of Tryfan playing Samson with the monolithic rocks Adam and Eve, taken about an hour before the Bristly Ridge photo. Though the immediate aftermath of the procedure was rocky, this is the way "rocky" ought to be. Only once just off the summit of the second highest peak in Ireland did I experience any fast heart rhythms, due to descending too rapidly right after a prolonged lunch, and that was near the beginning of the trip and lasted no more than one or two minutes. The rest of the time was like I had a new lease on life. Overall, the trip was eventful and quite exciting. Since I have been back, no new heart problems have arisen. I am encouraged and once more fully enjoying retirement, as a gracious God has empowered me to do. Don't know if this is newsworthy or not, but for your information anyway.

Best regards,
Stu Milligan"

Health Insurance – The season has now arrived during which employees are given the opportunity to change their health insurance. As I have reported before, retirees no longer have the one per year change restriction, but, I thought it might be a good idea to suggest that you review your insurance make changes if warranted by your experience. A link to the Health Insurance Unit of the Department of Civil Service is provided in the drop-down menu on the emeriti website for your convenience. You may want to review your options and make changes as necessary. I presume you will be receiving mailings about the different programs but I may be wrong – since we may now change enrollments outside of the "switch plans" period, we may be left out.

While we are on this subject, I would appreciate knowing whether any of you who have "permanent" residences outside of New York State are continuing to participate in an HMO as opposed to the Empire Plan, and, if so, what you experience has been. Although I am particularly interested in hearing from emeriti who live in Florida, I would also like the information from those of you in other states/countries. If some of you share insights I will include them in my next update.

That's all for now.

Peace,

Bud

November 23, 2004
Greetings,

On this Thanksgiving Day, we have a lot for which to be thankful. I regret to bring you sad news on such a day, but even in the sad news we can often find much for which to be thankful.

The sad news is that Jeannine Petit, spouse of Bernard P. Petit, Professor Emeritus, Foreign Languages (1971-1999) died on November 1, 2004 one day after reaching her 60th birthday. We mourn her early departure from this life with Bernie and the Petit family and their many friends, but we also give thanks this day for her life as a wife, mother, friend, and teacher. As a French teacher in the Brockport School District Jeannine instilled the love of, and skill of, language to countless students. She was also an active member of the greater Brockport community for many years before an illness required the family to move to a more tolerable climate. I know many of you knew Bernie and Jeannie when they were in Brockport and many of our children had the benefit of their instruction. Following is an email notice from their daughter Annique Petit:

"Hello Everyone,

As many of you have already learned, my mother passed away yesterday, November 22nd at noon, the day after her 60th birthday. She had a stroke last Wednesday when I was traveling for work in Europe. She was kept on life support until I could be at her bedside. She passed peacefully surrounded by her family.

Many have asked for the address of the church where her funeral will be held to know where to send flowers. We feel that she would rather that sentiment be put toward a good cause, thus we chose the American Heart Association, so that further funding will help to combat the disease that took her at such a young age. Information on donating to this cause can be found at:

https://donate.americanheart.org/ecommerce/aha/aha_index.jsp

For those of you that have inquired, there will be a funeral mass at 2PM Saturday, November 27th at Christ the King church located at 120 Legris Ave (RI-117) in West Warwick, RI. Thank you so much for your out-pouring of support, it has meant, and means, so much to me as it will in the upcoming difficult months ahead.

Please feel free to forward this email on to whomever I mistakenly did not include in my recipient list."

Condolences: "The family of..." or Bernard P. Petit, 6805 Barbee Road, Durham, North Carolina 27713 http://www.bernardpetit.com/

Bernie and Annique--please know that on this sad Thanksgiving for you, your Brockport friends and former associates have you in their thoughts and that they will give thanks for the goodness that Jeannine brought to this world.

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A change in the leadership of institutional advancement --
Citing personal reasons, Mary Kay Bishop has resigned from her position as vice president for institutional advancement at SUNY College at Brockport. President Clark thanks Ms. Bishop for her service to the College and for her work with the College community. Dr. Clark has appointed Ray Di Pasquale, vice president for enrollment management and student affairs, to serve as interim vice president of institutional advancement while a search is conducted. Mr. Di Pasquale served in this capacity for SUNY Brockport in the past while a search was in process.

[Disseminated via campus email by Kathleen H. Groves
Executive Assistant to the President]

We are thankful for Mary Kay's services to SUNY Brockport and wish her well for the future.

We are also thankful today for the services of Larry Bassi, Associate Professor, Criminal Justice (1977-2004). I'll let the following email from Dick Frey, Associate Professor, Criminal Justice speak for itself:

Dear Bud,
I'd appreciate if you could mention in one of your "updates" to retirees and friends that our Criminal Justice Department is hosting a retirement reception for Larry Bassi next week, December 1st, Wednesday, from 2-4PM in the Presidential Dining Room of Cooper Hall. Larry came to Brockport in the late 70's at the behest of President Brown to develop and be the first Chair of the Department of Criminal Justice. He served as Chair in the Department's first decade and established many of the policies that have made the department a success - he has educated more than 2000 students who have graduated with criminal Justice degrees and gone on to work as criminal justice professionals or in related fields.
Thanks,
Dick Frey

If you are in the area and available, please join Dick Frey, the Department of Criminal Justice, and the college community in thanking Larry Bassi for his service and wishing him a healthy and happy retirement. Larry, we send you our best!

And we are thankful for our artists – please mark your calendars – there is still time to get to both shows if you hurry!

Jack Wolsky's one-man exhibition of 30 of his encaustic paintings at the Dean's Alumni Gallery, Gannett Building, Rochester Institute of Technology continues through December 2, 2004. This is a great opportunity to see some of Jack's recent works. It is also noted that Jack was the recent winner of the Oxford Gallery 2004 Patron's Choice Award with painting entitled "Self-Tracings" - Oxford Gallery, Rochester, New York.

Congratulations to Jack Wolsky for his continuing success and for the many contributions he and Gladys make on behalf of the greater Brockport/Rochester communities.
Please also note that there is a Stewart and Stewart art exhibit running through December 19th at Rochester Contemporary, 137 East Avenue, Rochester that features emeriti sculptures by emeriti William Stewart and his son Greg. Call (585) 461-2222 for details or visit the website at www.rochester.contemporary.com

We also congratulate Bill Stewart and Greg for their accomplishments.

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Somehow, I fear I have forgotten something important but I must close for now. As I reflect this Thanksgiving Day I presume that you all feel as I do that we should be incredibly thankful for the privilege of serving in higher education at SUNY Brockport. Personally, my life has been greatly enriched by both the experience and the resulting people I have met and known as I have journeyed through this life--at times I have felt close to greatness in different ways. As examples, I am thankful for just knowing people like the nationally recognized artists mentioned above, or knowing poet Bill Heyen who just missed winning the national poetry award a week or so ago, or knowing our former president Albert W. Brown, who continues to inspire us with his good humor as he struggles with going blind, or knowing composer Ira Schwarz who continues to make gifts of his talents, or for the opportunity of knowing all of you for your similar great contributions and the goodness you bring to this world – and today, we are especially thankful for the memory of Jeannine Petit.

Thanks, and peace to all,

Bud

December 20, 2004

Greetings,

I have just a couple of quick items to report. One is good news the other is not so good. I had a little argument with myself about whether to include the bad news this time but when the tragic event occurred last year that leads to the new "bad news" several you let me know of your concern for a former colleague. Thus, although I am not sure I won or lost my argument, I include for you an update on Mark Anderson's ordeal.

The Friday, December 17, 2004 D&C carried the following news: "...Anderson, who taught English for 35 years at the State University College at Brockport, pleaded guilty Thursday to second-degree vehicular manslaughter in the death of history professor Thomas J. Crimando, 49, on December 5, 2003. Anderson, 63, will receive six months in the Monroe County Jail and five years' probation when state Supreme Court Justice Joseph D. Valentino sentences him on January 6, 2005...."

The article goes on to include: "But Anderson's lawyer, Edward L. Fiandach, said he hopes a drunken-driving prevention program he wrote with Anderson will still be presented after Anderson is finished serving his sentence. A 50-minute program, named for Crimando, was presented in September to 95 percent of 1,100 incoming Brockport freshmen, said university spokesman Nicholas Mascari...."
According to the article, Mark Anderson's employment at the college ended the day before his plea as he submitted his resignation notice for retirement.

Words cannot express how terrible we all feel that one life was lost, one life was miserably altered, and two careers were untimely ended on December 5, 2003, because of an event that occurred that day. All of us have gone to the street to fearlessly get into our vehicles without thinking it a dangerous activity -- some of us have gotten behind the wheel of a vehicle when we should not have done so -- in our own ways we must give thanks for our own good fortune as our heartfelt thoughts go out to Mark Anderson for whom the events of December 5, 2003 are so permanently burned into his consciousness.

The good news is that the late Professor Emeritus John Atherton and his wife Ginny have recently been honored by Pitzer College -- one of the Claremont Colleges -- where John was its first president. Thanks to Kendra Gemmett for sharing the information after she had a telephone conversation with Ginny Atherton. For a little more information, I was happy to find the following press release on Pitzer College's website:

"Founding President of Pitzer College Honored by Residence Hall Naming

Claremont, Calif. (December 10, 2004) – The late John W. Atherton, founding president of Pitzer, is being honored by the Pitzer College community by a new residence hall bearing his name. The new residence hall will be named for both John W. Atherton and his wife Virginia Atherton. Atherton served as president of Pitzer College from 1963-1970. A generous gift of $3 million that is to name the residence hall has been given by Susan Pritzker, chair of Pitzer College’s Board of Trustees.

“We are pleased that Board Chair Susan Pritzker decided to honor the College by naming a campus building in honor of our distinguished founding president,” Pitzer College President Laura Skandera Trombley said. “In so giving this gift she is manifesting the spirit of generosity for which members of the Pitzer community are known. In my experience, every community is sustained and enhanced by those individuals who so unselfishly give for the benefit of others,” Trombley added.

Pitzer is in the first phase of its residence hall project. The project will be completed by the fall of 2007. There will be two additional phases during the next decade. The College community is enthusiastic about the transformative nature of the largest construction project since its founding.

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Founded in 1963, Pitzer College is a nationally ranked undergraduate college of the liberal arts and sciences. A member of The Claremont Colleges, Pitzer offers a distinctive approach to a liberal education by linking intellectual inquiry with interdisciplinary studies, cultural immersion, social responsibility and community involvement."

I am personally very pleased to have known John and Ginny Atherton. Those of you who knew them are aware of their many contributions to the college and the Brockport Community during their years here. Like the Wolins - Burt and Lois, and the LaZarres -- Jet and Adam, among
many others, John and Ginny brought a touch of class and social excitement to the community that endeared them to all. We are very pleased for Ginny and very happy that Pitzer College has honored her and John in this way.

A side story for those of you who knew the Athertons. John was responsible for the first direct deposit program in the State University of New York, and State agencies generally, long before the electronic transferring of funds was available. The Athertons came to Brockport in 1970, the same year that I left the Financial Aid Office to work in Personnel, now Human Resources. Shortly after he arrived John asked me why departments or individuals had to pick up their paychecks -- why couldn't they just have them deposited in their bank accounts. I told him that neither the State or SUNY had any mechanism for handling such transactions but that I would investigate whether, or not, Brockport could do something on its own. With the blessing of Maury Kleiman I contacted Mike Kirby, then manager of the Lincoln Rochester Bank (now, at least for the moment, Chase Bank) to see if there were some way in which we could work together to create a direct deposit program for SUNY Brockport employees. Mike loved the idea and even got Lincoln Rochester to offer free checking accounts to participants. Although direct deposit was a welcomed "benefit", it was a somewhat labor intensive program for the Personnel Office. The late John Goosley accepted responsibility for running the program which included manually pulling the actual checks of participants each payday and hand delivering them to Lincoln Rochester Bank along with a list of the checks that was then verified by the Bank. Lincoln Rochester took responsibility for mailing the check stubs to employees. After testing the program with Lincoln Rochester, it was extended to Marine Midland (the old Wegman's Plaza) and First Federal on Main Street. It is interesting to note that many employees were so anxious to make sure that their checks made it to the bank that they would be waiting at their bank when John arrived to deliver the checks each payday. Although this program was labor intensive, it was very successful and participants were generally very happy with it. Of course, those of us in Personnel and Payroll were very pleased when technology was developed that enabled the electronic direct deposit of funds -- there were paydays in the winters of Brockport when it was not nice to be out delivering checks to the banks but John Goosley was always out there for participants. But, the real message in this story is to point out that even though John Atherton was a retired former president when he arrived at Brockport, he was still a visionary -- I am sure he remained such until the day he died.

That's it for now.

Peace and love to all,

Bud

January 9, 2005

Happy New Year!

I regret that I have not been keeping you quite as well informed in recent days. Towards the end of November, I accepted an invitation to work 3-4 days a week at SUNY Maritime to help them through a period of staff turnover. It appears that this will continue at least through March. So, I
will try to keep you informed about significant emeriti events, recognitions and passings but I may miss some of the college activities that might be of interest. So, during this period, if you don't do so already, you may want to periodically visit Brockport's website at http://www.brockport.edu. In particular, monitor the "Events" link located in the bar at the top of the page. You should at least visit the page once to see its redesign that is both attractive and informational.

Sadly, I write today with news of the passing on Wednesday, January 5, 2005, of Philip L. Gerber, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, English (1966-2001) at age 81. Dr. Gerber was one of the first chairs I met when I joined Dick Alexander in the Financial Aid Office at Brockport in the fall of 1967. One of my responsibilities was the placement of students who were eligible for work under the college work-study program into jobs. At the time, Dr. Gerber was chair of the English Department that employed several work-study students. As I young administrator I remember being very impressed by Dr. Gerber – he was distinguished even then and, for me, epitomized all my expectations for a "Harvard style" college professor. He just looked the part and he had a certain air about him that left you no doubt that "he knew his stuff". He certainly proved that over the years through his "scholarship, writing and teaching of 20th century American literature for more than 55 years" [Obit from Rochester D&C]. I have placed a SAGA 1969 picture of some members of the English Department, including Dr. Gerber, on the emeriti website at: http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm. I suspect it might bring back some fond memories for some of you.

Dr. Gerber made significant contributions on behalf of students, his department, and the college during his career at Brockport. His work brought him recognition in his field that also enhanced the image of the college. His contributions are timeless and will be remembered – his passing will be mourned, but his family, his friends and his colleagues can celebrate a life full of success – as a professional, as a family member, as a colleague/mentor, and as a friend. He will be missed but the memories of his person and his many accomplishments will long endure. Memorial services for Dr. Gerber will be held at the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Brockport at a date to be announced later.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Philip Gerber American Literature Lecture Series, which the family has established in his honor (SUNY Brockport College Foundation, 350 New Campus Drive, Brockport, New York 14420), or to the Western Monroe Historical (150 Main Street, Brockport, New York 14420). Condolences to "…the family of, or Eugenia Gerber, 79 Hollybrook Road, Brockport, New York 14420.

Sorry for this late notice from me, but Dr. Mary Jo Orzech, ITT Services, has announced workshops for January. As you have been advised in the past, emeriti are welcome to participate in these workshops on a "space available" basis after current employees have had an opportunity to register.

Workshops are held in Dailey Hall, Room 202, except Weds., Jan 12 when they will be held in the Library Kiefer Room.
All sessions taught by Diane White.
Register for any of these half-day sessions by calling x2368 or by e-mailing tloscomb@brockport.edu. You can also register online at: http://www.brockport.edu/its/itss/workshop

Monday, January 10
Microsoft Excel (Intermediate Spreadsheets- Charting, Formulas and Functions)............................... 9 am - 12 pm
Microsoft Access (Intermediate Databases- Querying and Basic Skills)................................. 1 pm - 4 pm

Tuesday, January 11
Microsoft Excel (Spreadsheets - Advanced List features, Filtering, Macros and Pivot tables)........ 9 am - 12 pm
Microsoft Access (Databases - Advanced Calculating in Forms, Queries and Reports)............... 1 pm - 4 pm

Wednesday, January 12
Security and Maintenance for Campus office PCs (Best practices- Spam, Spyware, etc.).............. 9 am - 12 pm
Security and Maintenance for Home PCs (Best practices- updating OS and virus protection)..... 1 pm - 4 pm
Wednesday workshops will be held in Drake Library, Kiefer Room

Thursday, January 13
Microsoft Project (Organizing and Managing a Project)................................................................. 9 am - 12 pm
Dreamweaver MX 2004 (Creating Websites - Intermediate - Tables, Templates, Forms and Frames)..... 1 pm - 4 pm

Friday, January 14
Microsoft PowerPoint - (Creating Presentations)............................................................................ 9 am - 12 pm
Dreamweaver MX 2004 (Creating Websites - Advanced - Behaviors, Cascading Style Sheets, Flash).. 1 pm - 4 pm

Peace,
Bud

January 22, 2005

Greetings,

I remain "out of touch" because of spending 3-4 days per week in the Bronx but I did want to share a couple of interesting stories of success of the children of emeriti/emerita.

First, I am pleased to share with you a story about Adam LaZarre, son of the late Adam LaZarre, Dean and Professor Emeritus of Arts and Performances and Jet LaZarre, who both blessed
Brockport with many find theatrical and musical performances during their days in Brockport. As reported to you earlier, their son Adam has had great success as a wine maker in California. Here is some information about his success:

**Winemaker of the year**

"Best Wines! 2005" (The Print Project, $16.95) just arrived, and Appendix Two - wines that won three or more gold medals in major competitions during 2004 -- confirms that Adam LaZarre topped the charts when it comes to winemaking success this past year. Five of LaZarre's wines won at least three gold medals each, including his Hahn Estates Winery 2002 Central Coast Syrah ($12), also named best of show at one of the larger judging in the nation, the Los Angeles County Fair Wines of the World Competition.

LaZarre has headed up Hahn's winemaking team for just three years, but, during that time, both the winery's production and esteem have soared.

**Winery of the year**

Given LaZarre's charmed touch, Hahn Estates Winery of Soledad in Monterey County is my choice for winery of the year.

Not only are Hahn's wines well-crafted, they are priced with easy reach of consumers. The Hahn lineup customarily sells for around $12.

Congratulations to Adam and to his mom, Jet LaZarre. She must be very proud as would Adam be if he were still present in this world.

Next, emeritus Rawle Farley and emerita Ena Farley, who have been continuous contributors to the life of SUNY Brockport and the greater Brockport community for many years, must be extremely proud of their son Christopher John Farley, a Brockport High School and Harvard graduate who is now a senior editor for Time Magazine. There is a great write-up about Christopher John Farley in the Rochester D&C this morning (1/22/2005) on page 4B under the banner "'Time' editor returns home for talk". In case those of you in the area missed it, please note that Christopher John Farley will address the Brockport High School chapter of the National Honor Society at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 24th at the High School auditorium. The event is open to the public.

At Harvard, he [Christopher] was one of the editors of the Harvard Crimson and Harvard Lampoon and contributed articles to the Boston Globe and Chicago Tribune. Farley, 38, also wrote for the Life section of USA Today prior to joining Time. He is the co-author of the book "The Blues, the companion volume to the critically acclaimed PBS series about the roots of American music. His novel My Favorite War was critically acclaimed, and his biography of the late pop singer Aaliyah, titled Aaliyah: More Than a Woman, was a best seller. [Rochester D&C 1/22/2005].

I hope many of you will be able to attend Christopher's address and be present with his proud parents as they celebrate Christopher's success. I send them my congratulations in advance because I will only be able to be present in spirit not in person. Congratulations to all the Farleys.

Peace,
Greetings,

With sadness and a great sense of loss I must share with you the passage of another of our own. Robert "Bob" Ribble's presence on this earth ended on Tuesday, February 22, 2005 at age 72. Bob was a compassionate man with a passion for education and he was a highly-respected professor and department chair. He will live on in the memories of the students, colleagues, friends, and family members who held him in high esteem and whom he served for many years.

Bob came to SUNY Brockport in 1973 to lead in the continuing transition of the Education and Human Development Department (maybe Curriculum and Instruction at the time) from the Teachers' College model to the Arts and Sciences model. From my association with Bob I learned that he had great listening and analytical skills. As an administrator, he valued input but also recognized that hard decisions sometimes forced you to go it alone. I remember that the department that Bob led was the first to have to rely heavily on adjuncts to fulfill program requirements. He and his staff, including retirees Beverly Walker and Barbara Vaughn, if memory serves me correctly, made my job easier by processing personnel paperwork accurately and on time - one small personal tribute to Bob's administrative expertise as chair.

Unfortunately, Bob Ribble had to retire earlier than he would have liked because of health issues. Before these issues slowed him down he and his wife Lucille were well known for attending and supporting many college and community functions. Bob always gave a friendly welcome and a pleasant and engaging grin whenever he encountered friends and colleagues and I always enjoyed running into him. His conversation and insights were pure and enlightening.

Bob was an excellent professor - demanding but offering a rewarding experience for those who wanted to learn. Graduate students who needed a course in statistics quickly discovered that Bob was a great choice if they really wanted to learn statistics. Although Bob will be sorely missed in the Brockport community and beyond, we honor his life and his accomplishments while we regret his somewhat early departure.

Arrangements for a memorial celebration of Bob's life will be announced later. In the meantime, condolences may be sent to Mrs. Lucille, or "The family of..." at 18 Lancet Way, Brockport, New York 14420.

Rosemary Gibson, wife of the late Professor Emeritus Gordon R. Gibson just shared with me information about a wonderful and surprising gift from the students of the Music Department at UNC-Pembroke. She said:

"I knew at SUNY Brockport that Gordon's student's admired, loved, and respected him and had heard the same about his years at Mitchell College. In the short year and a half that Gordon was at UNC-Pembroke it appears he engendered these same feelings. Initially, the music students
who worked with Gordon had decided to hold a 12-hour Musical Marathon in Gordon's memory to be held on February 28. Then they chose to conduct the marathon as a fun-raiser -- with the goal of setting up a scholarship in his name."

I do not wish to ever solicit funds for anything through this forum other than to identify the memorials for those of us who pass on. I think this fits that criteria, even if belatedly, so for any who might be interested in contributing to Gordon's memorial scholarship fund, here is the information:

Make check payable to UNCP Foundation, Inc. and mail it to Dr. Janita Byers, UNCP Music, Dept., P. O. Box 1510, Pembroke, NC 28372 and note on check that it is for the Gordon R. Gibson Scholarship fund.

I also don't want these "Updates" to be used to circulate a lot of "stuff", but the following poem shared by a member of our group seemed worth passing on - it likely reflects where a lot of us probably are with our thinking - particularly true in my case because in my head I still have not reconciled with the fact that I probably will not live forever.

"When an old lady died in the geriatric ward of a small hospital near Dundee, Scotland, it was felt that she had nothing left of any value. Later, when the nurses were going through her meager possessions, they found this poem. Its quality and content so impressed the staff that copies were made and distributed to every nurse in the hospital. One nurse took her copy to Ireland. The old lady's sole bequest to posterity has since appeared in the Christmas edition of the News Magazine of the North Ireland Association for Mental Health. A slide presentation has also been made based on her simple, but eloquent, poem. And this little old Scottish lady, with nothing left to give to the world, is now the author of this "anonymous" poem winging across the Internet.

~An Old Lady's Poem~

What do you see, nurses, what do you see? What are you thinking when you're looking at me? A crabby old woman, not very wise, uncertain of habit, with faraway eyes? Who dribbles her food and makes no reply When you say in a loud voice, "I do wish you'd try!" Who seems not to notice the things that you do, and forever is losing a stocking or shoe..... Who, resisting or not,
lets you do as you will,
with bathing and feeding,
the long day to fill....

Is that what you're thinking?
Is that what you see?
Then open your eyes, nurse;
you're not looking at me

I'll tell you who I am
as I sit here so still,
as I do at your bidding,
as I eat at your will.

I'm a small child of ten ...
with a father and mother,
brothers and sisters,
who love one another.

A young girl of sixteen,
with wings on her feet,
dreaming that soon now
a lover she'll meet.

A bride soon at twenty --
my heart gives a leap,
remembering the vows
that I promised to keep.

At twenty-five now,
I have young of my own,
who need me to guide
and a secure happy home.

A woman of thirty,
my young now grown fast,
bound to each other
with ties that should last.

At forty, my young sons
have grown and are gone,
but my man's beside me
to see I don't mourn.

At fifty once more,
babies play round my knee,
again we know children, 
my loved one and me.

Dark days are upon me, 
my husband is dead; 
I look at the future, 
I shudder with dread.

For my young are all rearing 
young of their own, 
and I think of the years 
and the love that I've known.

I'm now an old woman ... 
and nature is cruel; 
'Tis jest to make old age 
look like a fool.

The body, it crumbles, 
grace and vigor depart, 
there is now a stone 
where I once had a heart.

But inside this old carcass 
a young girl still dwells, 
and now and again, 
my battered heart swells.

I remember the joys, 
I remember the pain, 
and I'm loving and living 
life over again.

I think of the years ..... 
all too few, gone too fast, 
and accept the stark fact 
that nothing can last.

So open your eyes, people, 
open and see, 
not a crabby old woman; 
look closer ..see ME!!

Remember this poem when you next meet an old person who you might brush aside without looking at the young soul within....
We will one day be there, too! "

Carla Merrifield and Roger Weir are "on the road/water" again this winter. Carla has this to share:

It's been quite a winter so far for Roger and me, mostly in south Florida where we've returned several times for hiking and kayaking in the Everglades. Gators galore, of course, but also all the beautiful wading birds. Yesterday we were in Big Cypress Swamp National Preserve adjacent to the 'Glades and watched a family of otters feeding and romping along a lazy stream. They were so close we could hear the crunch of their jaws as they ate "brunch." On Saturday, we fly off to Belize for 10 tropical days of more kayaking as well as snorkeling on Glovers Reef some 30 miles off the Belize coast. Needless to say, we're having a wonderful winter...and I'm delighted to be writing many, many poems. Ahhhh.
Send our hellos to all.

Just a thought - the messages from our good colleagues Al Poulin, Phil Hewitt, and most recently Bob Ribble, all of whom died too soon from illnesses that were clearly attributable to smoking, must give us pause. If only their messages could be heard!

Peace,

Bud

March 18, 2005

Greetings,

I have some good news, some bad news, and some announcements to share today.

BAD NEWS

As a result of some untimely braking maneuvers, Larry Hjelle, renowned cyclist – at least among emeriti circles – has temporarily replaced his high-tech bicycle for a low-tech walker. Jean, his significant other is trying to care for and encourage him while she is recovering from a frozen shoulder. Jean has filed the following accident report:

Larry fell Sunday, March 13 on the yet-to-be-dedicated portion of 15-501 road. The bicyclist in front of him saw a car, braked, but Larry was too close and his front wheel hit the cyclist's back wheel and he fell to the right, thus breaking his femur close to his hip bone. The physicians said he was fortunate because the previous two bicyclists did not fare as well. He was operated on Sunday night. He has no cast, but a long screw holding his femur to his hip joint plus a stainless-steel plate with three screws to help the femur stay straight.

He came home from the hospital Wednesday flanked by two bicyclists and continues to have the support of the whole group, plus plenty of other friends. He is in a fair amount
of pain but able to walk a short distance with a walker…. [The good news] … he has been told that because of his fine physical condition, he will be able to get back on to the bicycle in 6-8 weeks.

I am sure he would appreciate greetings and encouragement at 260 Fearrington Post, Pittsboro, NC 27312. But, don't remind him that for those of us who have stayed in the north we have successfully shortened the period for such physical conditioning risks by trading in our bicycles for a couch from November to May! Seriously Larry, we send you our best wishes for a speedy recovery, a successful return to cycling, and for much improved braking skills.

GOOD NEWS

Mark your calendars and send a card…

Olive Edmunds, spouse of the late Professor of English Emeritus James Edmunds (1937-1971), and the mother of Susan Edmunds, well known member of the faculty of the former Music Department, will turn 100 years old on April 13, 2005. To help her celebrate, Susan and others are planning a Card Shower. I am sure that Olive would enjoy hearing from the many of you on this list who knew her as well as others of you who might be able to pen a note relating Olive and yourself to the life of the Brockport College and thusly to also contribute to her day. Susan has provided a little information to refresh the memories of those who knew her and to enlighten those who didn’t who might still like to be a part of this celebration. It is:

"Olive came to Brockport in 1937 when her husband, Jim, took a position in the English Department. She was a faculty wife and mother until 1954 when, with the children out of the house, she took a job as Secretary at the college. She first worked for Blaine DeLancey and then Gordon Allen. When Gordon became Acting President, she became Hal Rakov’s secretary. Retiring in 1969 she and Jim moved to Green Valley, Arizona, where Jim died in 1984. She remained in Arizona five more years before coming back to New York. She lived at the Village at Park Ridge in Greece for many years, moving to my home [Susan’s] in July 2003. Although she has short-term memory problems and difficulty walking, she is content, eats well, and enjoys television and reading the cards which she has received on past holidays."

Olive's address is: Olive Edmunds, P.O. Box 395, Brockport, New York 14420

Let's fill the box on April 13th

ANNOUNCEMENTS

I believe emeritii will be welcome at this event but I have not been able to confirm that today. The only thing that might be an impediment is that they are providing lunch. So, if there is a problem with that, I suspect you would be able to attend if you brought your own lunch or just did not eat during this time frame. Give a call at the number listed below to make sure.
The Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT) is pleased to announce:

Editorial Cartoons: Bringing World Issues to the Classroom
Presenter: Emerita Elaine Miller (Foreign Language)

Two opportunities to attend!

Thursday, 03/24/05, 11:30-1:00 pm
or
Friday, 03/25/05, 12:00 - 1:00 pm

CELT Resource Center, 100B Edwards Hall
Lunch will be provided

Register online at http://www.brockport.edu/celt/se.html or by phone at 395-5088 no later than 03/22/05.

Abstract: Editorial cartoons engage students in learning in a variety of ways. They inform them about current social and political issues in local, national, and international contexts. They invite analytic and critical thinking on verbal and visual levels. They instruct students on the use of metaphor as argument. Understanding and appreciation of editorial cartoons is an exercise in visual literacy, a critically important skill as social interaction relies increasingly on symbolic representations. The content of this presentation can vary, according to the group's specific interests. Examples include: Editorial Cartoons on 9/11 and Ensuing Events; International Perspectives; Gender Imagery in the Editorial Cartoons; and screening and discussions of three videotape programs produced by the speaker on women and editorial cartooning. Participants are invited to discuss ideas for using editorial cartoon materials in their disciplines and, working in small groups, present to the larger group their own analysis and interpretation of cartoons distributed during the workshop.

We hope to see you there!

Dear Faculty and Staff,

Presidential search candidates are scheduled for campus visits March 20-22, March 22-24, March 28-30, March 30-April 1, and April 5-April 7.
Each candidate will follow the same basic schedule with only minor variations in meeting times and locations. The Presidential Search Committee has decided to adopt two formats for these meetings — an Afternoon Tea and a more formal question and answer session.

The open meetings scheduled for the week of March 20-24 are as follows:

Monday, March 21, Afternoon Tea, 4:45-5:45 pm, New York Room, Cooper Hall
Tuesday, March 22,Q &A Session, 9:30-10:30 am, Hartwell Theatre
Tuesday, March 22,Q &A Session, 2:15-3:00 pm, REOC, Room 313, 305 Andrews Street
Wednesday, March 23, Afternoon Tea, 4:45-5:45 pm, Fireside Lounge, Seymour College Union
Thursday, March 24, Q &A Session, 9:30-10:30 am, Hartwell Theatre
Thursday, March 24, Q &A Session, 2:15-3:00 pm, REOC, Room 313, 305 Andrews Street
We would like to encourage all members of the campus community to participate in these open meetings.

Sincerely,
Dawn M. Jones, Vice Chair, Presidential Search Committee

A message to the campus from Elizabeth Standish, Coordinator of Alumni Relations –

Please join us at the Alumni House on Wednesday, May 5th from 2 – 6 p.m. The SUNY Brockport Alumni Association is proud to sponsor a free open house for students, faculty, staff, emeriti and alumni to come and see this beautiful historic landmark on our campus. Tours will be offered every half hour and light refreshments will be served. For further information, please call x2451.

From Christopher Brennan cbrennan@brockport.edu

Please be [advised] that the 2005 Celebration of Writing will be held Thursday April 14th. Fuller details are provided in the attached announcement.

As part of the Celebration, Drake Library will have an exhibit of faculty publications (articles and monographs) published from 2002 to 2005. If you would like your publications included in the exhibit, please forward all such entries in care of my attention to the address below. We will return all such entries at the end of the exhibit.

Please let me know if I can answer any questions you may have.

Christopher Brennan
Associate Director
113 Drake Memorial Library

I'm tardy with this notice so, register today if you are interested…

International Festival
“A Feast of Nations”

Thursday, March 24, 2005
5-7 pm
Silent Auction opens at 4:45pm
Union Ballroom
SUNY Brockport
Free and open to the public
RSVP by March 18, 2005
call: 395-5245 or email: comunty@brockport.edu

Bud
3/26/2005

Greeting,

First I need to share some sad news received right after my last mailing and then I'll share some other announcements.

The sad news is that William A. Ruf, Professor Emeritus, English Department (1947-1974), died February 26, 2005. I knew Dr. Ruf but I learned a lot more about him in the wonderful tributes contained in his obituary in the Rochester D&C on March 20, 2005 which follows soon. The obit speaks better than I can but I would like to share a couple of other tributes. In my view, I believe Dr. Ruf and the late Santo Giglio could have been great friends. Like Santo, Dr. Ruf was a gentle gentleman who, though somewhat reserved, always had a welcoming, friendly and sincere manner about him and a unique twinkle in his eye. Like Santo, Dr. Ruf was also a superior teacher not just in presenting content but as an example of a meaningful live.

Over the years whenever I had contact with a friend who just recently retired as a high school English teacher and had taken classes with Dr. Ruf years ago, he always minded me that Dr. Ruf was the best professor he had ever had and inquired of my knowledge of Dr. Ruf's welfare. When I shared this story with Distinguished Professor-Distinguished Teaching Professor of English Emeritus, Earl Ingersoll, he advised me that his wife Mary had also taken classes from Dr. Ruf and she likewise rated him at the top of her list.

We are saddened by the loss of William A. Ruf but happy that he could have such a significant impact on his students, of whom many became educators themselves, and in whom his spirit will live on.

[Rochester D&C]

Dr. William A. Ruf
Formerly of Brockport, died February 26, 2005 in North Andover, MA. The youngest of six children, he was born in Olean, NY to the late Reverend Doctor Louis F. and Margaret (Allen) Ruf. He received a B.A. from the College of Wooster in 1933 and a M.S. from Western Reserve University in 1937. He met his wife, Elizabeth Weir, at Dover High School in Westlake, OH, where they were both teachers. Like so many others of the "Greatest Generation," Dr. Ruf served his country during World War II. Called to service while on his honeymoon, he entered the Army Air Force as a Buck Private in 1942 and rose to the rank of Warrant Officer until his honorable discharge in 1946. During his years in the military, he supervised weather forecasts, instructed aircrews in weather observations and interpretations and commanded weather detachments in Nevada and California. After returning to teaching from military service, Dr. Ruf accepted a position in the English Department at SUNY Brockport in 1948. While simultaneously earning an Ed. D. from the University of Buffalo (1960), he was a Professor of English and Literature, advisor to the college yearbook, and faculty advisor to the senior class. Dr. Ruf instilled his love for reading and deep respect for learning in his students, and his daughters, to whom he read the Greek myths as bedtime stories. His
sly humor and sparkling wit were showcased in his participation in plays in the Brockport Summer Arts Festival with his family and in the Faculty Quartet "Three Chiefs and an Indian" which sang at college events. Dr. Ruf also enjoyed weekly soirees with professor friends and his nonagenarian father. He was named Professor Emeritus upon his retirement in 1974. Dr. Ruf was deeply committed to education and learning, which was apparent even in his hobbies. An avid sailor, he was practiced with two wooden sailboats, a Wee Scot and a Robin, in Sodus Bay, and raced weekly at the Brockport Yacht Club. Dr. Ruf and his wife made over 25 trips to Greece, and loved showing their children and students the country in which the great tragedies were performed and the Olympics born. He and his wife celebrated their 50th anniversary on the Island of Crete. William Allen Ruf is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Elizabeth (Weir) Ruf; loving daughters Elizabeth R. Field and her husband Kurt W. of Peoria, IL, and Carolyn Rut Warren; cherished granddaughters Kimberleigh J. Field of Phoenix, AZ and Robin E. Field of Charlottesville, VA, as well as several nieces and nephews. In keeping with the Ruf family tradition, there will be a graveside gathering in Gorham, NY, in the spring. Memorial contributions may be made in Dr. Ruf's memory to the Center for Archeological Studies, Boston University, 675 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the Dewhirst and Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third Street, North Andover, MA 01845.

Following is a thank you from Clarence Juffs received via Dona Hazen, Director of Procurement Services. Clarence continues to be remarkable in his struggle to maintain some dignity as his disease continues its attack. We thank him for his inspiration and pray for his peace.

I would like to thank all of you who were part of my retirement celebration. Due to unforeseen health issues, I am sorry to say that I could not be there in person. Knowing all of you as I do, I have no doubt we would have had a wild and crazy time!

I look forward to watching the DVD’s very soon. The engraved mantle clock looks great on the fireplace mantle. It really is quite awesome. I still have a few M&M’s left to snack on while wearing my SUNY sweatshirt. You people have done so much for me over the years that it’s hard to find the words to express my appreciation. I guess a heartfelt thank you is the best I can do. I think the world of all of you.

Clarence Juffs

Dona Hazen has also shared the following information with me today.

Clarence is having brain surgery today to try to alleviate some problems that he is having. He will be at Strong for 3-7 days and then back home in Newark. He would love to receive more cards at:
Clarence Juffs
203 Prospect St.
Newark NY 14513

It was nice to hear from Martin Lindauer, Professor Emeritus, Psychology in response to my note about Larry Hjelle's accident. Martin swims at a local Y twice a week and shared with me that some of the activities at the Y remind him of the NBA (noontime basketball association) at
Brockport and resurrects memories of some of his handball partners, such as Dick Mancuso, from the old days. I did not reply to Martin that Dick Mancuso, like the rest of us, has only "old days" now. Martin for your information and for others, Dick gave up beating up friends on the basketball court several years ago in favor of crushing his wife Donna’s toes, among others, on the dance floor – probably pretty much the same moves just different setting. I’ve seen him dance and he made the right choice – he never showed as much finesse on the basketball court.

Martin, it is always great to hear from you – a message from you always invokes a fond memory or two.

Presidential Search

I was uncertain how much information I could share about the presidential search activities when I sent out the last update. I have since heard from Dawn Jones, Vice Chair of the Presidential Search Committee requesting my assistance in keeping you informed. Probably the best help I can give you is to let you know that you can follow the search and find out when the schedule for open sessions with the candidates by going to the following website: http://www.brockport.edu/presidentialsearch/finalists/

3/24/2005 Dear Members of the Campus Community,

We appreciate your continued patience with our rollout of the Presidential candidates. We understand your eagerness to know who they all are, and we too are eager to share all five of these terrific candidates with you. However, we made commitments to the candidates that we would not disclose who they were until we had their authorizations. And we have honored that commitment.

The CVs of the candidates coming on March 29-30 and April 6-7 will be posted today. However, we will not be able to post the candidate coming on March 30-April 1 until late Monday inasmuch as that candidate, a sitting President, believes it essential that he notify constituents on his campus, his Board, and in the system personally. The candidate's last notification could not be scheduled until Monday afternoon. We appreciate your understanding, and encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to see as many of the candidates as you can and give us your feedback. We need your input as we approach this very important decision for the College. And yes, we are getting the feedback that has been sent on Brad Smith and William Lash. We are sorry that the software employed by our search firm doesn't provide a specific confirmation that the evaluation has been logged, but sends you instead to the main screen for Search Monkey.

If you have any further concerns, please send them to the Committee at psearch@brockport.edu.

Respectfully,

Scott Turner and Dawn Jones
Don't forget!

Olive Edmunds, spouse of the late Professor of English Emeritus James Edmunds (1937-1971) and the mother of Susan Edmunds, well known member of the faculty of the former Music Department, will turn 100 years old on April 13, 2005. To help her celebrate, Susan and others are planning a Card Shower. I am sure that Olive would enjoy hearing from the many of you on this list who knew her as well as others of you who might be able to pen a note relating Olive and yourself to the life of the Brockport College and thusly to also contribute to her day.

Olive's address is: Olive Edmunds, P.O. Box 395, Brockport, New York 14420

Announcement

Here is an opportunity for those of us who stay home and those of us who are snowbirds to meet update each other around an event that honors two among our group. Here is the event. I will not be able to attend because of a prior commitment but I hope many of you will be able to celebrate with Bill Heyen and Bill Andrews.

The Historic Preservation Committee of the Western Monroe Historical Society and the 175th Anniversary Committee of the Village of Brockport are sponsoring a signing and reading by Bill Heyen and Bill Andrews at the Morgan-Manning House at 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 30, to mark the publication of Heyen's collection of Brockport poems and other writings -- Brockport Sunflowers, and Andrew's narrative history, Early Brockport --both published by the 175th Anniversary Committee.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR EMERITI: Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

From Kathy Groves, Executive Assistant to the President

Dear Members of the College Community,

We are pleased to announce that the State University of New York will award two honorary degrees at the SUNY Brockport undergraduate commencement on May 14, 2005.

Professor the Honorable Rex Nettleford will receive an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts and will also give the commencement address at the undergraduate ceremony. Professor Nettleford is Chancellor Emeritus of the University of the West Indies and was instrumental in founding the Edna Manley School of Visual and Performing Arts with whom SUNY Brockport has had a student exchange program since 1986. He was, in those early years, an important influence on and mentor of SUNY Brockport's long-time faculty member Garth Fagan. He is founder of the National Dance Theatre Company of Jamaica and among the most internationally esteemed and accomplished artists for his work in arts and West Indian cultural development. He is a former Rhodes Scholar and a recipient of numerous honors and awards.

Dr. Eugene Spafford will receive an honorary Doctor of Science. Dr. Spafford has served on the faculty of Purdue University since 1987 as a professor of computer sciences and of electrical and
computer engineering, and also serves as the Executive Director of the Purdue Center for Education and Research in Information Assurance and Security (CERIAS). He earned his BA in 1979 from SUNY College at Brockport with a double major in computer science and mathematics, and received SUNY Brockport's most prestigious student award, the President's Citation.

Dr. Spafford is a world-renowned researcher and expert in the area of computer and network security, computer crime investigation and information ethics and is a member of the President's Information Technology Advisory Committee. He serves as an advisor to several federal agencies, including the National Security Agency, the FBI, and the Dept. of Energy.

We hope that you will join us at commencement to honor our graduating students and our honorary degree recipients.

Bud

April 2, 2005

Greetings,

It’s that time of year when there are a lot of happenings on the SUNY Brockport Campus so I thought I’d fill you in on some of them. BUT, don’t forget to visit the Brockport website frequently if you are interested in what is going on. Most of this "Update" will be to share some of what is going on at the campus but I’ll begin with a little information that touches the members of this group more directly. If you are still on the College's listserv you will not miss anything by not ready anything beyond the "Bored – need to get out of the house".

Today was the day on which was held a wonderful memorial tribute to the life of the late Robert Ribble. For a little more than an hour Bob's friends and family used Bob to turn our thoughts to trying to be the best people we can be by stimulating our intellect, by sharing our gifts, by learning to love and help others, and to accept and support others with unconditional love. Along the way, we also learned a little more about Bob Ribble than that he was a gifted teacher who had earned the coveted Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, and an excellent academic leader. We learned about his love of the stars, his chess playing expertise, his enjoyment of canoeing and kayaking, and his musical gifts. In fact, as we entered Newman Center for the memorial service it was filled with sounds of recordings of Classical Music played by Robert Ribble on the piano. And, as the service ended in silence after Bob's lovely wife Lucille said her final tearful goodbye, Bob, absent his earthly cloak, played on -- as he will in the memories of all of those in this generation that were touched by the soul of this man during its time on this earth.

From the program:

"Perhaps they are not the stars, 
but rather openings in heaven, 
Where the love of our lost ones,
Pours through and shines down upon us,
To let us know that they are happy,
And at peace.
[Inspired by an Eskimo Legend]"

Peace to you Bob as our memories of you play on….

Emeritus James Horn has shared sad news with about his friend and ex-spouse that he wanted me to pass on to you:

Many friends may have missed the obituary for my ex-wife since she returned to her maiden name, Shirley Maranda. She was a Brockport graduate in history, worked temp service in the history department in the 1970s and as a part time secretary in Political Science before enrolling in the graduate program in Counselor Education. She was employed for many years as a counselor at Greece Athena high school. She was married to me from 1971 to 1980 and I remained close to her and her parents ever since. She is survived by her long-time companion Ralph Sawyer (118 Erie St. Brockport) and her parents Don & Shirley Maranda, (101 Middlesex, Rochester 14610).

Jim has returned to Mexico after a long weekend visit to the Rochester area for her funeral but had no time to contact my many friends here.

Our condolences to you Jim and to Shirley's family. I have slightly faded memories of Shirley from the days in Hartwell before the opening of the Gordon Allen Administration Building to the west. We are sorry to hear of her death.

Accidental or intentional:

I have lost contact with the following members of our group. Emails to them have bounced back with a message that the server does not know them or that their mailbox is full. If anyone has active email contact with anyone listed please advise him/her that if they still wish to be part of the group they should send me an email at rmeade@brockport.edu with their current email address.

John Catan
Shirley Carmichael
Raymond Duncan
A. Gregory Fitz Gerald
Charlotte Fraser
Sandy Hill
Robert Jubenville
Peter Kane
Charles Napravnik
Theron Rockhill
Vincent Tollers
William Zimmerli
The 28th Annual Bob Boozer Golden Eagle Golf Open has been announced. It will be held Friday, May 20, 2005 at Brockport Country Club. It will begin with a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. It is a "best ball-scramble" and the $75.00 fee includes golf, cart, and beverages on the course, plus lunch, snacks, prizes, buffet dinner, and congeniality – even from the losers! Tournament co-directors are Mike Andriatch (585) 395-5809 and Susan Hoffman (585) 395-5527. If you want to participate and have not received a mailing contact one of them.

The 16th Gerry D'Agostino Memorial Lecturer featuring Mr. Jeffrey B. Crane, Superintendent of the West Irondequoit Central School District and Toni Hagerman, nationally known physical education teacher at Pittsford Sutherland High School are the featured speakers. Crane earned a B.S. in physical education (1974) and a B.S. in health education (1975) from Brockport and Hagerman earned an M.S. in education (physical education) in 1990 and a certificate of advanced study in 1991.

The memorial lecture pays tribute to the late Gerry D'Agostino who graduated from Brockport then returned for a career in teaching a coaching. If you can, pay tribute to "Coach D" by attending this event that will be held in the New York Room, Cooper Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2005. I am confident that you will be rewarded by hearing these speakers whose careers grew out of their Brockport experiences.

Slightly Edited Announcements – Bored? Looking for a reason to get out of house – read on!:

Just a reminder that Lee Clarke, Professor of Sociology at Rutgers University, will speak on “Worst Cases: Terror and Catastrophe in the Popular Imagination.”

He is an internationally known expert in disasters, and organizational and technological failures. He is frequently interviewed by major media outlets. The talk comes from his most recent book, Worst Cases; to be published in Fall 2005 by the University of Chicago Press. Worst Cases analyzes instances of calamity that are beyond imagination: the Hindenburg, the Black Death, Chernobyl, or the recent tsunami that began in southeast Asia. Dr. Clarke has published four other books including Mission Improbable: Using Fantasy Documents to Tame Disaster (University of Chicago Press), and numerous articles on disasters and organizational failure.

Please join us in the New York Room, Cooper Hall, Monday, April 4 at 4:00 p.m. Reception to follow the talk.

We look forward to seeing you there,

Joan

Joan Z. Spade
Professor and Chair
Department of Sociology
Dear Colleagues:

Please join us for our annual celebration of student success at Scholars Day on Wednesday, April 13 from 8:30 am - 4:45 pm on the SUNY Brockport campus and from 6 - 7:30 pm at the Metro Center.

Classes are suspended during the day at the Brockport campus (from 8:00 am - 4:45 pm) and from 6 - 7:30 pm at the Metro Center (only) so that the entire campus community can participate. We have over 200 presentations and 410 presenters. Please require/offer extra credit for your students to attend. And just as importantly please plan to attend yourself and join us in celebrating exciting scholarship on our campus. You will learn new concepts and be supporting our students and your colleagues.

A copy of the Scholars Day schedule and abstract book was mailed to each faculty member and each department on campus. The schedule is also available on the SUNY Brockport web page at: www.brockport.edu/scholarsday/ (see the right-hand column).

We look forward to seeing on April 13th.
Any questions please call x2523.
Colleen Donaldson, Scholars Day Coordinator

Computational Science Lecture

Modeling as an Interactive Learning Environment: Using Technology to Unlock Nature’s Secrets

Dr. Robert Panoff, Director of the Shodor Educational Foundations, Inc.

Monday, April 4, 2005
2:30-3:30 p.m.
Room 105 Edwards (Bronze)

Everyone is encouraged to attend
The Clothesline Project
An event that is held in honor of Men, Women and Children who have been or are victims of domestic violence, incest or rape.

Tues. April 5th & Wed. April 6th, 2005
10 am – 8 pm
Seymour Union Ballroom
Each t-shirt that is hung has a different story that describes a personal experience. There will be a variety of colored t-shirts. Each color stands for a different form of abusive that has occurred.

Special Programs Include:
April 5th, 12 noon Terri Drennan from Rape Crisis services
“Awareness of Sexual Assault and Possible Prevention”

April 5th, 4:30 pm Jennifer Beck
“Surviving a Gang Rape”

April 6th, 2pm Trina Laughlin from the Family Violence Program and the Safe Kids Society
“The Effects of Domestic Violence on Children”
T-shirts made from the children in these programs will also be displayed on a separate clothesline.

Blank T-shirts of all colors will be available for anyone to tell their story.

For more information and a study guide see www.brockport.edu/womensctr/clothes.htm or call 395-5584

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salud,
Maria Scipione
Advisor, Women's Center

SUNY Brockport is having its first Comedy Dinner Theatre, Soprano’s style. Don’t miss out on this hilarious comedy troop performing “Tony Soprano’s Retirement Party.” The show will be Sunday April 24th in the Ballroom at 5:30pm. Tickets are just $10 for students and $15 for faculty/staff. Your ticket includes a great dinner buffet and long night of laughter. Tickets are on sale now at the BSG Box Office, and oh yes, Easy Money is accepted. Ticket sales end April 13th, so hurry up and get your tickets!

Ticket Sales end April 13th! Tickets on Sale at the BSG Box Office!!!

Dear Campus Community,

We have just been informed that Dr. Thomas Krise has respectfully withdrawn from the presidential search. He has just accepted another position, and as such, will not be visiting the campus next week, April 6 and 7.

We would like to remind you that you have the opportunity to provide the Search Committee with feedback on your meeting with the SUNY College at Brockport Presidential candidates.
Each candidate will have a separate survey form for your feedback and they will be available during their visit and the following 24 hours. Access to the survey for Roger Brown, PhD. will begin Tuesday, March 29th at 8:30am to Thursday, March 31st at 4:30pm. After Thursday, you will be unable to comment on his visit. Please complete the survey by clicking on http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=56812941237

You will only be able to submit one survey form per candidate. Please complete the form carefully.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you.

Scott Turner
Dawn Jones

Dear Colleagues,

As many of you know Camp Abilities: A developmental sports camp for children who are visually impaired, blind, or deaf/blind is held on the SUNY Brockport campus each summer. This summer will be our 10th anniversary!

Due to the nature of the camp we provide a 1:1 for all 50 campers with visual impairments, blindness and deaf/blindness. This costs over $71,000 to run each summer.

One of our upcoming fundraisers is the annual Camp Abilities Auction. It will be held April 30th from 6pm-9:30pm at the Brockport Country Club.

Schedule is as follows:
6:00pm silent auction, cash bar, and hors d'oeuvres
7:30 silent auction ends and dinner
8:30 Live auction!

We will also have drawings, raffles, a DJ, and lots of truly amazing items to auction off! Please come and bring family, and friends. We cannot do it without your support!

All proceeds will go to Camp Abilities. Tickets for the auction + dinner are $30 each and tickets for the auction only are $15.

Please contact Heidi Rollheiser (assistant director of Camp Abilities) at X2629, or hroll0404@brockport.edu. And send your checks to Heidi Rollheiser at Tuttle North B343. Please make checks out to Research Foundation/Camp Abilities.

Thanks to everyone for all your ongoing support!
Dear Colleagues:

The Center for Philosophic Exchange is pleased to announce that Charlotte Witt (University of New Hampshire) will visit next week. Dr. Witt will give two talks. We hope that you can attend and hope that you will encourage your students to attend.

4:30pm, Thursday, April 7th, "Family Resemblances: Adoption, Personal Identity, and Genetic Essentialism". Families formed through adoption are growing in number in the U.S. Adoption raises interesting questions concerning the metaphysics of personal identity. What aspects of the self are essential to identity? Is our biological or genetic heritage the key to who we are? Dr. Witt will address these questions and lead discussion on the philosophical issues raised by adoption.

9:30am, Friday, April 8th, "Why Aristotle's Distinction between Potentiality and Actuality Matters".

Both events will take place at 220 Seymour Union

Thanks!
Catherine McKeen

ALL STUDENTS, STAFF, FACULTY, and COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE WELCOME


When: Tuesday, April 5 from 7 – 9 p.m.

Where: New York Room, Cooper Hall (FREE TO ATTEND with Refreshments)

Panel: Jack Davis, Save American Jobs Association
Amy Guptill, Department of Sociology
Baban Hasnat, Department of Business/Economics
Will Hunter, Retired President and CEO of Thales Optem

Narrator: Evan Dawson, 13 WHAM News

Christopher Price, Ph.D.
American Democracy Project Campus Coordinator
April 7, 2005

Hi,

I am in a rush but did want to share with you some additions to my recent update. So, here they are:

In retirement, emerita Elaine Miller continues her work researching cartoons and her work is becoming well known:

Her most recent video, called "Trailblazer: The Editorial Cartoons of Etta Hulme," will be screened at the UNIFEM (United Nations fund for women) video-film festival called "Through Women's Eyes" in Sarasota, FL on April 15-16. Etta is the 80-year-old editorial cartoonist for the Ft. Worth Star-Telegram.

The following was shared by Linda Sweeting known to most of you for her work at the college and her many contributions as an alumna:

Lauren Manitsas, granddaughter of Irene and the late emeritus Bill Manitsas, is having a solo exhibition in the Rainbow Gallery at Tower from April 12 -22. The opening reception is April 12th from 6 - 8 pm. Lauren and Linda's nephew, Kevin Farrell, are a "couple". Linda first met Lauren last Christmas and was pleased when she found out who she was and made all the connections. In addition to Linda's knowing Irene Manitsas (widow of Bill) through the College, Linda's aunt and uncle lived next door to the Manitsas family on Holly Street -- in fact, their houses were where Tower and the adjacent parking lot now sit. Linda shares that Lauren is a very talented young woman for of whom Irene is very proud and Bill would have been. Linda states that: "I would imagine many of your "readers" would enjoy meeting her and seeing her work, and I know she would be thrilled to meet some of the folks who worked with her grandfather."

Be there if you can to welcome Lauren Manitsas and her work to the Rainbow Gallery on the site of the former home of her grandparents by attending her opening reception on April 12th from 6 - 8 pm.

And, a reminder from Kathy Kutolowski...

The annual Synnestvedt Memorial Lecture is this Thursday, April 7, at 7 p.m. in the New York Room of Cooper Hall. This year's lecturer may be familiar to many. She is Annette Gordon-Reed, a law professor at New York Law School who wrote *Thomas Jefferson and Sally*
Hemings: An American Controversy. This book jump-started the on-going modern controversy about the relationship between Jefferson and his female slave and helped lead to DNA testing of descendants. Gordon-Reed's talk continues the story of the Hemings family in American history. She is at work on a biography of Sally Hemings.

Unfortunately, Nadine Synnestvedt, Sig's widow, will be unable to attend this year due to a cracked kneecap. Nadine is recovering well but not quite ready to travel.

Regretfully my work at SUNY Maritime College will prevent me from participating in most, if not all, of the events contained in this and my other recent update. I do hope that many of you will be able to attend and give support to these programs, many of which are linked by name ("Coach D", Sig Synnestvedt, Lauren Manitisas) to former colleagues held in our memories.

Peace,
Bud

April 7, 2005

Greetings,

From one I cherish who chooses not to be recognized…

Do you know about the passing of Al deGroat's youngest son, Mark (age 47), married to Harold and Jill Rakov's daughter, Terry Rakov? Very sad. He leaves two children.

Mark was an Emmy winning engineer for NBC in New York City. Memorial Gathering at Alumni House on Saturday, April 9, 2-4 PM. I was told that tonight [April 3rd – sorry, late on this] at the end of DATELINE on Channel 10, there will be a tribute to him.

"deGroat, Mark E. Formerly of Brockport, NY: March 24, 2005, at the age of 47 years after a long battle with cancer. Predeceased by his mother, Sophia deGroat. He is survived by his wife, Terry (Rakov) deGroat; children, Emma Lou and Hal; father, [emeriti, Education Department 1949-1976] Albert F. deGroat; brother, Michael (Mary) deGroat; sisters, Martha (Phil) Richardson, Melinda (Timothy) Kewin, Michele (Thomas) Roche, Mary (James) Ross; many nieces and nephews. Mark was an Emmy winning engineer for NBC in New York City. Friends may call SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2005 2-4 PM for a Memorial Gathering at the Alumni House, 75 College St. in Brockport. In lieu of flowers, his family requests that contributions be made to The Mark E. deGroat Scholarship Fund and be sent in c/o Edward F. Carter Funeral Home, 41 Grand St, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520."

Rochester Democrat and Chronicle Death Notices in Monroe County 3/29/2005

Time is of the essence – Don’t forget the timely mailing of cards to Olive Edmunds, wife of the late James Edmunds and mother of Sue Edmunds who turns 100 years old on April 13th. It’s not often that you get to bring cheer into the life of someone reaching 100 years old. It is especially
nice to do if the person has been associated with something (SUNY Brockport) that was a part of your life as well!

Olive Edmunds  
P. O. Box 395  
Brockport, New York 14420

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FYI -- I wanted to note the following:

The pastor of the United Methodist Church in Brockport is from Sri Lanka a country hit hard by the Tsunami. As a result of this relationship the College and the Brockport community have "adopted" an orphanage in Sri Lanka.

Lynn Parsons and Nick Mascari are the contacts at the College. Diane and Emeritus Norm Frisch are the contacts at the Brockport United Methodist Church.

A web site is being developed to share information about how the disaster affected the orphanage and how people can help. When that website is developed, I will share it with you.

Well, just check Brockport's pages and found this:

The webpage for the ADP's Tsunami Challenge is up and running. Visit www.brockport.edu/adp/tsunami for the latest details.

The cause is a good one. The needs are specific. The kids at the orphanage need uniforms, bicycles, sewing machines, and computers. The building itself is in need of repair. As a way of meeting these needs, we have allocated “goals” for the various sectors of the college community: students, faculty, and professional staff. They are listed on the webpage.

Support may come in any amount. Tax-deductible contributions by check can be made out to the Brockport College Foundation, with “American Democracy Project” or “Tsunami Challenge” written on the memo line. They should be forwarded to the Office of Institutional Advancement, c/o Sue Parrino.

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Commencement. What a wonderful way to congratulate our students on their achievement! It’s still not too late to volunteer for graduation. Please go online to http://www.brockport.edu/career/Commencement.htm to fill out the form if you can help out or print off the attached flier and return it to Scott Haines in Recreational Services. If you are interested in processing, please email Adam Standish at astandis@brockport.edu.

Peace,

Bud

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May 5, 2005
Greetings,

I am sorry to be in a bit of a rush today but happy that there are no events that require me to do some special writing. However, there is a lot going on this time of year that I thought worthy of sharing. If you are on the campus's email system I have identified the "stuff" you can ignore because you have already seen it.

First, I want to share that I will be inviting the following new retirees to be part of this group. I will welcome later in a separate mailing to each of them. (You are already aware of some of these names but these are the people being recognized at the Recognition Dinner this year). The Recognition Dinner will be Friday, May 6th, 6 p.m. reception and 7 p.m. dinner, in the Seymour College Union Ballroom.

Larry Bassi, Criminal Justice
Richard Frey, Criminal Justice
Susan Hawkes, Special Events Coordinator
Kathleen Hunter, Health Science
David Jewell, Recreation and Leisure Studies
John Maier, English
Carolyn McBride, Drake Library
Sheila Myer, Nursing
Anne Parsons, IT Support Services
Lynn Parsons, History
Bill Reed, Communications
William Riddell, Psychology
Betsy Rosser, Residential Life
Arthur Smith, Education and Human Development
Roger Steinhauer, Sociology
George Toth, Career Services

Other retirees this year that we are currently still unable to include in this group (workload issue) include:

Melvin Bateman, Facilities
Freida Byers, Brockport Dining Hall
Terry Collins, Facilities
Gloria Condoluci, Sociology
David Gaylord, University Police
Gregory Goffe, Facilities
John Heizmann, Facilities
Roger Hoyt, Facilities
Clarence Juffs, Procurement and Payment Services
Ruby Mangan, Letters and Sciences
Sharon Pask, Facilities
Stephen Reed, Facilities
Gail Sine-Wilson, Facilities
Following are the Chancellor's Award Recipients for 2005 along a Distinguished Professorship.

Morris Beers, Education and Human Development, has done honor to himself and SUNY Brockport by earning promotion to the rank of Distinguished Service Professor.

Similarly, the following individuals have honored themselves and the college by earning Chancellor's awards:

Kenneth O'Brien, History, Excellence in Faculty Service
Sandra Mason, BASC, Excellence in Professional Service
Lauren Lieberman, PE and Sport, Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activity
John Chesebro, Communication, Excellence in Teaching
John Daly, History, Excellence in Teaching
Sandeep Singh, Business and Economics, Excellence in Teaching

and,

Lynn Parsons, History, was selected to receive a Chancellor's Research Recognition Award for 2005.

Congratulations to all retirees and reward recipients!

Retirement Party

The campus community, including emeriti, is invited to a retirement party to honor Lynn and Anne Parsons for their more than 30 years (more than 60 combined years) of service to the College. The party will be held Friday, May 20, 4-5:30 p.m. in the New York Room, Cooper Hall.

Here is a special thank you from Sue Edmunds to those of you who sent cards to her mom, Olive, on the occasion of her 100th birthday:

Thank you so much for putting the information about Olive's 100th birthday in your Emeriti letters. Would you please express our gratitude to the many people who responded to our request for cards and who shared their remembrances of earlier times. The over 100 cards and letters she received from former students, Emeriti, and others made this occasion a truly special event.

Bob Blake continues to enjoy retirement by continuing his scholarship on his own terms.

Bob just returned from Montreal for the American Educational Research Association where he and his daughter had a book signing at the Peter Lang book booth for their new book, Literacy: A Primer. The book is aimed at undergraduate and graduate students in courses dealing with the
topic of Literacy. In the book, they deal with the definitions of literacy, foundations of literacy (alphabetic writing), how we learned to read, two modes of literacy: literary and expository, and literacy for English language learners. This is their second book, and from what Bob can learn, he and his daughter must be the only daughter and father writing team in existence!

Brett Elizabeth Blake is the Associate Chair for the Department of Early Childhood, Childhood, and Adolescent Education and Associate Professor as well as a Vincentian Fellow for her work in social causes. Her last book was The Culture of Refusal, which includes chapters on her work with the migrant workers here in the Brockport area and her work with incarcerated adolescents in Rochester jails. She is a 1974 graduate of Brockport High School and holds degrees in French from Stony Brook, a master's in linguistics from Northwestern, and the doctorate from the University of Illinois, Chicago. Bob, of course, is Emeritus Professor of Education and Human Development, English Education, from SUNY, Brockport, and is now a full-time writer. He points out that he is happy to have a retirement from the State of New York and so that he doesn't have to depend solely on my royalties.

Congratulations Bob and Brett Elizabeth!

I recently had a note from former Assistant to the President Edward Kelly in response to something I had sent out to another group. Excerpts from his note are:

I'm here in Kyiv Ukraine. …Ukraine and Kiev in particular are the loveliest place on earth and I've really fallen in love with the country. I teach law at the Kyiv national university and am doing some research for the state dept. My Fulbright ends in July and then I have to go back to Tennessee. Give everyone my best!

Congratulations to Ed for the Fulbright and best wishes for the duration of your time in the Ukraine and upon your return to Tennessee.

Jim Horn (Emeritus History) recently returned from ten days in Peru where he joined a familiarization tour for travel professionals in Lima, Cuzco, and Machu Picchu. He will be adding that destination to his future tour itineraries to be mailed to his 1500 clients in May. He has added Guatemala to his list of specialties and the January 06 tour sold out by e-mail inquiries even before the publicity could be prepared. He will be back in Brockport for several weeks in May/June. You will find pictures from his planning trip to Peru on the emeriti website at: http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm

Those interested can check out what is going on with Jim's travels at: http://www.educationaltravel.com.mx

A few weeks ago, Norm and Diane Frisch shared the following

Our Pastor is originally from Sri Lanka. While there he supervised two circuits on the east side of the island that were so affected recently by the tsunami. He has lived in America since the mid-80s. Our church raised enough money for him to return to Sri Lanka for two weeks during the end of February--for personal ministry to people he knew, and to determine how best we could further help. We have several projects in the works.
Lynn Parsons, through conversations with Mayor Jo Matela, learned of our work and brought it before the ADP committee. Following several feasibility / coordination meetings, a press conference was held on campus 23 March where a joint College / Greater Brockport Community fund raising campaign that targets one non-denominational project—an orphanage was announced.

Lynn Parsons and Nick Mascari are the contacts at the College. Diane and I are contacts at the Brockport United Methodist Church.

Norm Frisch (585) 637-4638

The college and Brockport community have done a lot to support some of the victims of the Tsunami and there is now a website that you can visit (see below) to find out about Brockport's unique relationship with the children of the Tirukkovil Village Orphanage in Sri Lanka.

TSUNAMI T-SHIRTS
ON SALE NOW AT THE CAMPUS BOOKSTORE FOR $15
$10 from every purchase goes to help the children of the Tirukkovil Village Orphanage in Sri Lanka.
Hurry...supplies are limited!
Visit http://www.brockport.edu/adp/tsunami/ to learn more.
Wear your t-shirt with pride knowing that your generosity made a difference to many children's lives.

Thanks to Norm and Diane and to Lynn Parsons and Nick Mascari for their work.

You need not read from this point on if you are on the College's email mass mailing list….

Alumni House Open House [this is today!]
Students, faculty, staff and alumni please join us on Thursday, May 5th at the Alumni House for an open house sponsored by the SUNY Brockport Alumni Association. The house will be open to visitors from 2-6 p.m. with tours given every half hour. This is the perfect opportunity to visit and learn more about this beautiful historic landmark on our campus. There is no charge and light refreshments will be served. Please join us in celebrating another successful academic school year! For further information, please call Betsy Standish at x2648.

From Nicholas Mascari

Please be advised that there will be no hard copy of the Summer Session '05 course schedule available this year.

A printable (pdf) version of the Summer Session '05 schedule is available online, along with all necessary registration information, on the Summer Session home page at www.brockport.edu/ssp/summer.
Thank You.

Office of Special Sessions and Programs

It's not too late to contribute 20 minute healthy recipes for the faculty and staff cookbook! We have a fair start but certainly could use more 20 minute healthy recipes! The wellness committee would love your input! With the end of the school year in sight, hopefully you have some time to find your favorites!

Email recipes to lmaier@brockport.edu. Please include your name and department.

Thank you!
Lynne Maier RN
Student Health Center

This is a stretch but I think emeriti will be welcome. Give a call ahead if you are interested to make sure.

Senior BBQ
Friday, May 13, 2005
Brockway Hall
Free for Faculty and Staff if you RSVP to the Office of Campus Life by Tuesday, May 10. After May 10, cost for Faculty and Staff will be $7 per person.
For more information and to RSVP, contact the Office of Campus Life at 395-5646.

From the 7th Floor, Gordon Allen Administration Building

Dear Faculty, Staff and Students,
You are cordially invited to a campus-wide reception in honor of Dr. John B. Clark, interim president, to thank him for his service to the College. His last day on campus is May 31, 2005.

The reception will be held
Wednesday, May 11
4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
New York Room, Cooper Hall
Special Presentation 5:45 – 6:15 p.m.

If you would like to give Dr. Clark a citation or a letter of best wishes, please send it to the Office of the President, Allen Administration Building.

Please feel free to contact the Office of the President at extension 2361 with any questions.

As you know, Brockport's incoming freshmen will be reading "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" this summer. Each freshman will receive a list of study questions to guide their reading along with the book. The Summer Reading Program committee has written study questions (attached) and welcomes comments and suggestions, provided they are received by Friday, April 22, 2005. Please send your comments to Marcy Esler mesler@brockport.edu.

For more information about the summer reading program, see
Greetings,

Sorry to say this email will contain some sad news. I'll get that out of the way first and then share a couple of other items.

Through communications from alumni of the Recreation and Leisure program Mike Andriatch recently learned of the death of Dr. M. Joan Davis, Assistant Professor Emerita, Recreation and Leisure (1973-1989). Although Joan's final years at Brockport were completed under some duress (some of it attributed to her role as a long-distance care-giver for her mother and some to her own failing health), her commitment to students, her community of friends, and her faith never wavered and she continued to contribute to the Brockport community and to her church until she left Brockport for Maine shortly after her retirement. In retirement, she enjoyed living in Maine and she enjoyed knitting so much that she even chose "knit2p2" as her email userID. In 2004, she had to move into an assisted living situation due to failing health and following her move we lost touch were her email address. Emeritus John Price, who also lives in Maine, was able to assist me in locating her and at the time sent me the following email:

3-13-2004
Anyway, I have contacted Joan Davis who told me she has been up here for a decade but just moved to Rockland recently. Rockland is about forty-five miles from here, New Harbor, northeast up the coast, a big seaport town, county seat, and home of the Farnsworth Museum which houses the world's largest collection of Wyeth works: N.C., Andrew, and Jamie. It's a must visit if you ever venture up this way. Joan would like to continue to be on your list, and the only change in her address is a new server…" [John Price]

Subsequently Joan sent me the following to let me know she was back on the list:

4-3-2004
Hi Bud,
I am glad to be back on your list. I have moved to an assisted living community, and in the shuffle, I lost my address book, but thanks to your diligence and John Price's help I am now back on the "list". I do appreciate getting your updates.
Joan Davis
Then, she sent me the following "tis a small world" email about the selling of her house that I have previously shared with the list:

5-4-2004
Bud,
Have been meaning to write for a while but find I can put things off more easily all the time. Just a note to say that one never goes far from Brockport ties. When I recently sold my house, the buyer asked about a print of the Liftbridge I had hanging in the house and this lead to his being, David Sanford, the son of Bill, former SUNY Brockport Director of Registration and Records. I may have the title wrong but I do remember Bill well.
Cheers,
Joan Davis

I was surprised to learn of the death of Joan Davis because there have been no bounced emails and she is still on my list. In an attempt to ascertain for myself that the news was correct, I even sent her a little note asking for an update and that email did not bounce either. So, Joan has either added some divine providence to her email account or she will soon have a full mailbox.

In any event, we mourn her passing, thank her for her contributions in this life—particularly those at Brockport—and, we do trust that she is now communicating with the saints if not with us.

I have no information relating to condolences or memorials. If anyone has such information please share it with me and I will share it with the list.

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We have learned from a variety of sources that Larry Kline, Associate Professor Emeritus, Biological Sciences (1971-2002) is in a battle to recover from a serious illness and surgery. Through Ken Schlecht, Terace Lasal, and Larry's daughter Wende Haecker I have obtained permission to share this information which was part of an email Wende had sent to family and friends:

"My Dad, Larry Kline, went in for surgery on Wednesday, May 25 for AAA surgery – Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm – open surgery – incision from sternum to pelvic bone. His surgery went well, and much to our surprise he came out of surgery without ventilator assistance. This is a BIG surgery and with his COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease- emphysema) a bigger risk for him and recovery."

For a period of time this week, Larry's condition became grave and did require a ventilator but Wende is thankful to report that Larry's situation is improving and the prognosis is now for a good recovery from the surgery. She and Larry's family do hope that we will keep Larry in our thoughts and/or prayers during his recovery. I am sure Larry would love to be cheered on to a full recovery by his former colleagues and friends. Send your cheer to: Larry Kline, 114 White Road, Brockport, New York 14420.

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In retirement, Richard Evans, Associate Professor Emeritus, Public Administration has been enjoying life as a hobbyist nature photographer. At Bob Ribble's memorial Dick and I had a
chance to share our interest in photography. Since that time, we have exchanged a few
photographs and I have become envious of Dick's talent. I had thought that I was a fairly
competent amateur until he shared some of his work. In my view his work has marketability.
So, I will seek his permission to share a photograph or two on the emeriti website at some time in
the future.

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Health Insurance
I recently had an inquiry from one of you about quarterly health insurance refunds received from
the department of civil service. I thought my response might be of interest to others:

It's a pretty good deal! When you retired, you converted unused sick leave credits into an
actuarial account that created a lifetime monthly amount to be applied to the cost of your health
insurance premiums. When retirees reach age 65 Medicare becomes the "primary" coverage and
they are refunded an amount related to (not sure if its equal to) the cost of Medicare premiums
since your coverage from that plan reduces the costs associated with the State plan. It is
appropriate that you receive this refund if you are over 65 which I presume you are. I
am happy to answer questions to the extent that I remain competent to do so, but to answer
your question about who to contact at Brockport, that would be, Matt Vanderwerf (585) 395-2126
for benefits information if you should need it. [However, for retirees, the Health Insurance
Unit of the Department of Civil Service is the more appropriate contact because the college no
longer maintains your records once you retire].

Following is some info from the NYS Health Insurance Unit's website at:
http://www.cs.state.ny.us/ebd/

You must be enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B when first eligible As a retiree, vestee,
dependent survivor or enrollee covered under Preferred List provisions in the New York
State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP), or as that enrollee's dependent
(spouse/domestic partner or child), you must be enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B and
entitled to receive Medicare benefits by the first day of the month in which you reach age
65, or before age 65 if you are disabled or have end stage renal disease.

As soon as you become eligible for Medicare, your NYSHIP coverage will pay secondary
to Medicare, even if you fail to enroll in Medicare or are in a waiting period for
Medicare to go into effect. Plan benefits may change.

If you are not enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B when you are first eligible to enroll,
you will be responsible for the full cost of medical services that Medicare would have
covered.

If you join an HMO under a Medicare + Choice (Risk) contract (in addition to the
Empire Plan), you will be locked into that plan for all services covered under the
Medicare program. Please read "Medicare + Choice HMOs (formerly Medicare "Risk"
HMOs)".

Because Medicare pays primary to your NYSHIP plan, New York State or your former
Participating Employer will reimburse you for the usual (base) cost of "original"
Medicare Part B monthly premiums.
Until you become eligible for Medicare, NYSHIP (or your current employer's plan) will generally provide primary coverage as explained in "When Medicare pays first, before NYSHIP".

We send thanks to Emeritus Norm Frisch who has shared the following information for emeriti who are in the Brockport area this summer. From this link, you can find a full listing of summer concerts and other Brockport events. I am sure you will find many former colleagues, neighbors and friends participating in these activities.

A full listing of the concerts and other Brockport events are listed here:
Norm Frisch

I don't know whether tickets are still available and no time to check. If you are interested in this event, use the information below to check out the availability of tickets and whether the invitation applies to emeriti/emerita.

The SUNY Brockport Alumni Association is sponsoring a special event for all alumni and friends and SUNY Brockport faculty and staff at the Rochester Red Wings game on June 13. Please click the link below for complete information and a registration form.

We hope to see you there!

http://www.brockport.edu/alumni/redwingsgame.html

Questions? Call 395-2648 or e-mail estandis@brockport.edu.

A reminder – I created this list for the sharing of both your news and news from Brockport that the editorial board (me) decides might be of interest. Similarly, I need "Your News" for that link from the emeriti website. The feedback I receive is that most of you do enjoy hearing about things going on in the lives of your retired colleagues as well as news from Brockport. So, if you have things to share, pass them on and I'll make sure to include them in the "updates" and on the website. Similarly, I know of cases where I'd love to pass on information about illnesses where a little good cheer might be of benefit but I do not wish to infringe on your right to privacy so I do not without permission. So, if you choose, let members of your family know about the list and permit them to share information if, and when, you might need support.

Peace,

Bud

June 20, 2005

Greetings,

As in the past, let's get the sad news out of the way first.
At age 93, Yvonne B. Parker, widow of the late emeritus associate professor, esteemed soccer coach and athletic director, A. Huntley Parker, has passed away on Saturday, June 11, 2005 in Wichita, Kansas. I did not know Yvonne personally but having known Huntley, I cannot imagine but that she was a wonderful person who contributed much and will be missed by family and friends. Her obituary that was in the Rochester D&C on Sunday, June 19, 2005 included the following: "Yvonne was an accomplished pianist and painter. She graduated from Grove City College in Pennsylvania and taught music in western New York State before starting her family. Her unique flair and love for life will be missed by her family and friends."

Memorials to the Catholic Care Center, 6700 East 45 Street North, Wichita, Kansas 67226; Harry Hayes Memorial Hospice, 313 South Market, Wichita, Kansas 67201 or Grace Presbyterian Church, 5002 East Douglas, Wichita, Kansas 67208.

Here is a little more information about the death of Dr. M. Joan Davis to add to what I reported recently. Thanks to some help from some friends we have her obituary from the Journal News in Rockland, Maine:

"M. Joan Davis, of Rockland, Maine, died on Wednesday, March 23, 2005…she was raised in Bedford Hills, NY, educated at Grier School, PA and Russell Sage College. She later received a master's degree and a Doctorate of Education from Columbia University. After an extensive career in recreation education, she became a professor at SUNY Brockport, NY, from where she retired to start her hand-knitting career. Her operation included instruction, knitting cruises on Penobscot Bay and the Chesapeake Bay Bed and Breakfast Kit-In weekends and pattern design.” A memorial service was held on Tuesday, March 29, 2005 at the First Presbyterian Church of Katonah.

Contributions in her memory may be made to ALS Association, 27001 Agoura Road, Suite 150, Calabasas Hills, California 91302-5104.

Some good and bad news from Stow, New York.

The bad news is that emeritus vice president for educational services, Ralph P. Gennarino recently spend some time in the hospital recovering from multiple sudden heart stoppages. With a Cadillac pace maker installed he was doing better until he tripped and fell and is now recovering from cuts and bruises. During these ordeals, he learned that he now faces some relatively minor, unrelated, surgery within the next few weeks. I am sure Ralph would appreciate some good cheer from his friends and associates. Send it to Ralph P. Gennarino, PO box 103, Stow, New York 14785.

The good news from Stow is that the article about going blind written by president emeritus Albert W. Brown is going to be published. I'll share more information about this when he advises us with regard to the journal and the issue in which it will appear.

Best wishes for a full return to good health to Ralph Gennarino and congratulations to President Brown for the selection of his article for publication.
And for some more good news. Frances Moroney Whited, professor of education and human development emerita was recognized recently at the state convention of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International with the Pi State Woman of Distinction Award for making a great difference in her chapter. Congratulations Dr. Moroney Whited for making a positive difference in all that you do.

We were very pleased to get some feedback from Mary Ann Lightfoot, Assistant Professor Emerita, EOC Office Technology (1982-2003). In retirement, she continues to serve. She was recently the recipient of the Rochester, New York Chapter, The Links, Inc. Service to Youth Award and was honored at the Burgundy Basin Inn party house on May 7 at their 10th Biennial White Rose Friendship Awards Luncheon with about 535 people in attendance. This is an International group of Afro-American Women who have biennial luncheons to raise money for Eastman School of Music students and to help fund their other facet programs such as: National Trends and Service, International Trends, The Arts.

Six other honorees were recognized. The guest speaker was Ursula Burns, President of Business Group Operations.

Mary received flowers, a vase with her name engraved on it and got a chance to solicit ads for the large souvenir journal which included her own biography and other ads of congratulations from family and friends. Dr. Melva Brown, Executive Director of the Rochester Educational Opportunity Center is also a "Link" member and was in attendance when Mary received this recognition.

Mary, we congratulate you for this recognition of your continuing service to humankind.

And then there is nothing but envy! -- Karla Linn Merrifield and Roger Weir are traveling again…I'll let Karla's words speak for themselves.

Greetings from Anchorage, Alaska! Roger and I arrived at long last in the 50th state last Friday after a rather circuitous route north. We first drove to Rice, Texas (south of Dallas) to pick up our new Casita travel trailer at the factory there (no dealers, so a must stop for us). It’s a tiny 17-foot jobbie that looks like an egg; in fact, owners usually refer to their Casitas as eggs because of their white fiberglass, rounded (like an Airstream) aerodynamic shape. “Alis” (pronounced like Alice) is a sweetie and we’ve adjusted from gas-guzzling motorhome to far more economically and environmentally sound trailer. We love her.

From Texas, we made our way west and turned north in Arizona and Utah, with a stay in southeast Utah to visit Arches and Canyonlands National Parks, both for the first time. We got some good hiking in despite temperatures that topped 100 degrees. What magnificent country, especially Canyonlands, which is more remote than Arches and attracts fewer tourists. That park brought on a spate of poetry!
Then we motored ever farther north, stopping to visit friends in Blaine, WA, (near the Canadian border) and in Vancouver, British Colombia, area.

In BC Alis and her “hitched” partner the Toyota Sierra minivan who pulls her like a dream, undertook the wild Cassiar Highway north into Yukon Territory. Rushing snowmelt streams, steep ice-capped mountains, almost no traffic and several gravel stretches along this 250-mile route. After several thousand miles of interstate driving, it was a refreshing change to be off the superhighways and onto truly backroads.

Then it was across the Alcan Highway from the Yukon into Alaska, with summer tourist traffic and the inevitable slowdowns for construction. But what scenery. It will be awhile before we’re able to take the gape out of our jaws.

Now we can settle into a thorough exploration of Alaska for the summer on this our second trip here. Over the weekend, we scooted down to Homer, Alaska, the Halibut Capital of the World, at the end of the road on the Kenai Peninsula in southernmost Alaska. I went on an all-day fishing charter in hope of landing a couple of the succulent halibut (two’s the limit). It was the best day of the season weatherwise said the boat’s captain – clear skies with the temperature getting up to a mild 62 degrees, the seas calm with modest one-foot swells. I bagged my two halibut, both 20-some pounders, and returned to Alis and Roger with about 20 pounds of filets, now stuffed into the small freezer in the trailer. Of course, we had to sample some that first evening. Unbelievably fresh, moist and melt-in-your-mouth tender. It “don’t” get much better than that!

Roger’s sister arrives in Anchorage on Wednesday and we have several outings booked for the three of us during her 11-day stay. It’s her first time in Alaska and we want to give her “the works,” so will be off from our base in Anchorage for a sightseeing rail trip, rafting on the Placer River, a bus tour that will take us north of the Arctic Circle, a riverboat trip out of Anchorage on the Tanana River to Iditerod “queen” Susan Butcher’s husky kennels, a tour of the Kenai fjords to see glaciers and pelagic wildlife…. We’ll wear her (and ourselves) out no doubt.

After her departure, we have no scheduled plans until July 12, when we’ll leave the minivan and trailer behind to hop on the Alaska Marine Highway and ferry down to Ketchikan at the southern end of the Alaska panhandle. There we’ll meet up with our friends from Blaine for a week aboard their 70-foot Tahoma, a one-time salmon tender converted to a cozy home-at-sea. These are the folks we went with up the Inside Passage two years ago. This time we won’t cover nearly as much territory. The plan is poke around the southern reaches of Alaska and explore the coves of nearby Prince of Wales Island, fishing, kayaking and communing with the wilds before debarking at Petersburg, AK, for a return ferry trip to mainland Alaska for a couple more weeks.

Please pass along our greetings to our fellow emeriti. I’ll stay in touch as best I can, given some of the remote areas we get into and the lack of technology in those wilder parts.
I really appreciate getting your newsletters even though they sometimes bring bad news. At least today’s news from Roger and me, is a cheery break in the action. Many blessings, Karla

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Health Insurance –
What I reported recently about the refund of premiums for health insurance once you become eligible for Medicare relates to those of you who retired from the Optional Retirement Program (TIAA-CREF, ING, IAG, MetLife). For those of you who retired from either of the regular state retirement programs (Teachers’ Retirement or Employees Retirement), the credit is applied to your retirement annuity. Thanks to emeritus Bill Rock for reminding me of this difference in treatment.

As reported in a recent update, emeritus Richard Evans is having great fun in retirement with nature photography. Dick has authorized me to post a couple of his photos for your view. You will be able to find a couple of my favorites of his photos in the "Your News" link from the emeriti website at http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm. In my next update, I'll include a link where you can see more of Dick's photographs.

Emeritus Larry Kline continues in his struggle to recover from surgery and the complications he has faced. You have his information in my last update. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers and drop a card in the mail if you haven't already.

Peace,

Bud

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June 25, 2005

Greetings,

Just some housekeeping today….

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Email Address Book Problems

I seem to have lost touch with the following emeriti who have either changed servers or email addresses or may have discontinued email. In case some of you might have contact with these people and have current email addresses for them I thought I would ask you if you could share that information before I remove these emeriti/emerita from my address book. Below you'll find the names along with email address that I have for them that is no longer working:

John Caton       johncat73@commspeed.net
Romaine Deming  rdeming@eznet.net
A. Gregory Fitz Gerald  agreg@frontiernet.net
Charlotte Fraser  crfraser@ao.com
Edward Gucker   egucker@worldnet.att.net
Sandy Hill      nana637@rochester.rr.com
Other Directory Matters:

The College will soon be sending out the annual request for you to update your directory information. The current emeriti/emerita directory information is available from the College's website but, to protect your information, it is password protected. If you still are using the college's email, you can use the same userid and password to access the emeriti/emerita directory as you use for your email. Others, as well as those who do use the college's email may access the directory by using a generic ID and password that are:

userID: emeriti
password: fromsuny

ID and passwords are case sensitive so they must be entered exactly as I have shown them here.

Using the generic id and password, take a look at your information in the Emeriti/Emerita Directory at https://www.brockport.edu/internal/edir/ and let the college, or me, know if corrections are necessary. We share the directory information changes that we receive from emeriti.

Enjoy the day,

Bud

July 1, 2005

Greetings,

I just have a few things to share today. Thanks to those of you who have been willing to share some of your activities with the group.

Helen and Mel Smagorinsky have contributed to the Brockport community for many years. Both came to Brockport as college students. Mel celebrated his SUNY Brockport 50th class reunion a couple of years ago and Helen will celebrate hers this year. And, together with family, including daughter and son Susan and David, who are SUNY Brockport graduates as well, they recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Their lives have been a gift to SUNY Brockport and
this community and they just keep giving. In a recent public presentation, Helen presented the Village of Brockport with a fine-art reproduction of her painting "The Victorian Village on the Erie Canal" in conjunction with the dedication of the billboard on Main Street which has the same image expanded to 15' by 6'. The billboard was a joint project of the Village and the Art & Aesthetics Committee which is part of the Walk! Bike! Brockport Action Group. The billboard will welcome visitors entering the village from the south on Main Street and is located at the railroad overpass. You’ll find a photograph of the billboard on the emeriti website at http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm Make sure to take time to stop and study this art work when you are in the area.

Helen and Mel, we congratulate you for your many successes in life and thank you for your many significant contributions. You have enriched us. We wish you health, happiness and continued success in all that you do.

Benita Jorkasky has news to share of an exciting adventure that proves that "you can go back"! With her permission, I am sharing her story as she told it to me because I could not reproduce the sense of excitement her message conveys in any other way.

"...this visit, leaving PA on May 28 and returning on June 19, allowed me time to talk to so many of them and see how they had been able to achieve a balance between their Malay and Muslim beliefs and traditions and a modern multi-cultural world...absolutely fascinating and thrilling. Benita"

I just recently returned from a three-week trip to Malaysia for a reunion with my former students whom I taught while I was in the Peace Corps in 1962-63. They were the first groups to graduate from the College that was specifically designed to educate Malays in various fields of business where they were a distinct minority. These students had been awarded scholarships because of their demonstration of such abilities as openness to new ideas, willingness to take considered risks, responsibility, concern for more than personal and family gain, team-development skills, and creativity in identifying alternatives and solving problems. Through a serendipitous combination of a fast-developing economy which was a prime goal of the government at the time, a growing interest by multinational, American, British, Australian, and Japanese corporations in South-East Asia, and the education and abilities of the students, they did very well. So well that I accepted their invitation to "just get here, Miss Benita, and we'll take over." And they certainly did! I was treated royally, staying in their homes as I visited Penang, Port Dickson, Petaling Jaya, and Kuala Lumpur. I participated in a traditional two-day Malay wedding in Kuala Trengganu as an "honored guest" of the bride's mother at a sea-side resort where the rooms were individual village houses on stilts, protecting us when the nightly tides came in. I met spouses, children, and grandchildren; looked at albums of photographs; toured the evidences of modernization and growth of the cities, was taken to view the sites of their business lives; shown the citations which detailed the accomplishments of over 35 of my former students when they were awarded the Malaysian equivalent of knighthood by the Agong (King); went to many lunches, teas (a British colonial habit that remained), and dinners; and was introduced to business partners and proteges, competitors, government officials, and royalty.
The highlight was the reunion dinner at the Royal Selangor Club where over 160 students attended. In answer to "Miss Benita, do you remember me?" I must admit that I recognized and could name only 1/3; the next 1/3 I remembered when they told me their names; and the remaining third were lost in the mists of the intervening forty-some years. A number of them earned graduate degrees in Great Britain and the US; many more sent their children overseas or to the University of Malaysia to earn degrees in business and various professions; and many had recently retired at the age of 55 but were continuing to be involved in various public social projects and private charities. As I watched the evening's culminating power-point presentation of memories from their student days, I thought of how successfully they had all met, in their individual ways, the aspirations that the first faculty of the school (only three still living) had for them. I came home to Altoona, PA, with bags full of gifts, dirty clothes, many business cards, rolls of film, a full daily diary, and a mind full of memories and gratitude. Oh, I also brought home a cold.

Sincerely, Benita

We are glad you were able to do this trip and we enjoyed your sharing of the thrill of it all!

Larry Hjelle rides again!

I am now three months into recuperating from a broken femur and have returned to cycling again. I will be doing a one-week tour of western Ireland in August followed by additional tours in Tennessee and North Carolina this coming fall (both are rides across the respective states). We have a local cycling club here in Fearrington Village and I treasure the opportunity to cycle with other avid cyclists. Life is good! Larry Hjelle

And, Elaine Miller is just back from the Prague to Vienna bike tour -- a great adventure.

And Bill Andrews continues to be a "go-go" boy! If there is anything going on in Brockport he is probably part of the "go". One of his many activities is to coordinate the all-volunteer staffing of the Village of Brockport's brand new Visitor's Center on the canal on Market Street. If you haven't seen it, take time to pay a visit. You will find a friendly, welcoming staff. You might even bump into a former colleague or two because there are many emeriti who have volunteered to help staff the center. If you would like to volunteer, send an email to Bill at mailto:wandrews@frontiernet.net telling him what times and days you would be available. For those of you who are only Brockport residents during the good weather, you might find this a nice to have contact with old friends. So far, the volunteers have had nothing but great experiences as Brockport hosts and some have even made lasting friendships with some of the visitors. I'll snap a couple of pictures today of the center and put them on the emeriti website under "Your News" for those of you who reside elsewhere. [Note: When I went to snap the pictures I found Bill doing an orientation for new volunteers – check out "Your News" and I think you might recognize a few of them.]
Jim Horn has returned to Mexico after spending a few weeks in the Rochester area. While here he was in one of the local body repair shops for a little body work. Although his recuperation took a little longer than anticipated he reports that he is back up to full speed and ready to lead his next group of scheduled tours.

Thanks for the help with the email addresses. For those of you who did not receive a couple of updates in June you can find them on the website under "Your News" if you are interested.

Finally, I was pleased to have been able to chat with some of the staff from the old days who were associated with the Educational Communications Center yesterday. Some of the former staff try to get together for lunch one or twice a year and I was tipped off that these "fossils" were getting together. You will find a couple of photos from the day under "Your News" on the website.

The great news is that there is no bad news to report today.

Peace,

Bud

July 5, 2005

Greetings,

I have only sad news to report today. A member of the group with whom I had lost contact via email has permanently unsubscribed from our list and from this life. We have learned that A. Gregory Fitz Gerald, Professor Emeritus, English Department (1967-1985) died recently in California. Unfortunately, his last days were plagued with illness and isolation but we will remember him as "gregarious Greg" for his days at Brockport. Greg brought color and flair to everything he did. While I sometimes wanted to withdraw from his "flair" when it centered on work relationships, I enjoyed knowing that he could always separate the work issues from the social issues.

My first memories of Greg are from the old Robin Hood Room where I first met him. He was one of the leaders of a group that you could usually find during "Happy Hour" on Fridays. His distinctive and capable voice could transcend a room full of conversation and in such settings his social charm invoked you to join whatever group he was with at the time. Later the Friday evening group moved to the Ale House and usually could be found debating the issues of the day at one of the front tables -- and everyone Greg knew would be invited to join the group as they entered.

From my personal perspective, Greg always appeared bigger than life in his dress, in his manner, in his commanding voice and presence. He seemed to belong to higher education where he could challenge the status quo. At times, he appeared both aristocratic and common; both intellectual and practical; and both welcoming and threatening. For sure, he had the courage of
his convictions and dared to be a little different – he is only one of two people I have encountered at Brockport who ever wore an ascot – Greg and former VP Dick Miller.

Greg’s colleagues and students will remember him for the many ways in which he provided support and challenged them. His life contributed to the enrichment of the lives of all that encountered him. In some voice mail and email discussions with Helen and John Maier about Greg over the last day or two I was reminded that he was a writer of fiction and had written The Druze Document (Cliffhanger Press, 1989) with John Dillan. Helen and John wrote: "We were drawn to it because the novel reflected his time (and ours, later) in the Middle East. We shared an interest in minority groups like the Druze and in the bits of Arabic we had learned along the way.” This reminder sent me to the basement where I was successful in locating our autographed copy of the book with the note "For Bud and Sandy Meade with friendship and affection." I remember being impressed with the book several years ago and I have now placed it on my "re-read" list.

My best friend in this life took Greg's creative writing course years ago and she was impressed with the number of known writers he was able to bring to the class as guest lecturers -- Ernest Gaines among her favorites. Although there may be a difference of opinion about who was responsible for the creation of the Writer's Forum, there are at least a few who took Greg’s creative writing course near the beginning of his career at Brockport who might credit him. He certainly introduced many well-known authors to Brockport.

We are sorry that Greg is gone and hope that he has found peace. I can't help but imagine that when I pass through that final portal I'll see Greg, Rod Parshall and others who have gone before us debating the issues – and above the din Greg’s distinctive voice will ring out, "Bud, won't you join us?"

I have no information about memorial gifts, a memorial service, or condolences except that Helen and John have heard that there might be a memorial service in Boston around Labor Day – we'll provide more information if it becomes available.

Peace to A. Gregory Fitz Gerald and to all of us who remain,

Bud

July 8, 2005

Greetings,

Interim President Dr. John B. Clark has shared with the college community that Acting State University of New York Chancellor John R. Ryan will announce today [July 8, 2005] that he will recommend to the Board of Trustees that John R. Halstead be the president of the College at Brockport. The SUNY Board is expected to approve Dr. Halstead's nomination at its July 15 meeting. Assuming approval by the board, Dr. Halstead will begin his service at SUNY Brockport on August 15 of this year but is expected to pay a few visits beforehand. Here is the press release from SUNY System Administration today:
For Immediate Release: Friday July 8, 2005
Albany – Acting State University of New York Chancellor John R. Ryan today announced that he will recommend to the Board of Trustees that John R. Halstead be the permanent president of the College at Brockport. The SUNY Board is expected to take up Halstead’s nomination at its July 15 meeting. If he is approved, Halstead will begin his service at SUNY Brockport on August 15 of this year.

“It’s my great pleasure to recommend to the Board of Trustees that John Halstead become the next permanent president of the College at Brockport,” said Ryan. “His record of strong leadership and focus on students makes him an ideal candidate to lead the college. I look forward to working with him.”

“I am pleased to be Chancellor Ryan’s first presidential recommendation to the world-class SUNY system,” said Halstead. “I grew up in the shadow of SUNY and have deep roots in Upstate New York and the Finger Lakes, but it is the first-rate quality of Brockport’s faculty, staff, and students and the potential to lead the College to even greater heights that drew my interest in the presidency. It would be an honor to build upon the considerable accomplishments of Dr. Paul Yu and Interim President John Clark.”

For the past seven years, Halstead has been president of Mansfield University, a comprehensive college within the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. During his tenure, the university implemented a new general education program, dramatically increased its enrollment, enhanced the academic profile and diversity of its students, and instituted a performance plan with measurable outcomes aligned with the goals of the system’s Board of Governors.

At Mansfield, Halstead earned a reputation as a strong leader and progressive administrator praised for nurturing Mansfield’s student-centered mission. He is credited with articulating clear goals and developing with his campus community detailed strategic and master plans to transform the learning environment.

SUNY Brockport enrolls 8,595 students and is located a few miles west of Rochester. The college traces its roots to the 1867 founding of the Brockport State Normal School, one of New York’s first four Normal Schools, and continues to this day its rich tradition of teacher education.

Halstead earned his bachelor’s degree from Colgate University in 1970. He received a master’s in student personnel administration from Michigan State University in 1972; a doctorate in student personnel administration from The Ohio State University in 1980; and pursued post-doctoral work at Harvard University’s Institute for Educational Management.

For the past two years, he has served as elected chair of both the Chancellor’s Commission of Presidents and the Commission for Universities of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. Halstead also served as the presidents’ representative on the State System’s Planning Commission, a role in which he advocated for quality affordable public education and increased focus on student success, learning, collaboration, economic development and accountability. On a national level, Halstead has had leadership roles in the American Association of State Colleges
and Universities as Chair of both the Policies and Purposes Committee and the New Presidents' Academy.

Halstead was previously vice president for student affairs at the University of Maine, vice president for student life at Gonzaga University and assistant to the vice president for student services at The Ohio State University.

Halstead grew up in Cortland, New York, where his father, William E. Halstead, was instrumental in founding the SUNY Cortland College Foundation and was honored by former SUNY Chancellor Clifton R. Wharton, Jr. In his current position, Halstead has been a frequent visitor to the Rochester region, recruiting students, fundraising, and attending alumni and musical events.

Halstead, his wife, Kathy, and their daughter, Christine, have a summer cottage in the Finger Lakes. Kathy Halstead has been active in the community, serving as school board chair, on the Board of Directors of the Betterment Organization of Mansfield, on several planning initiatives, and on Mansfield's Student Learning Forum and American Democracy Project.

As reported earlier Elaine Miller is just back from a June 2005 bicycle tour from Prague to Vienna. What we did not know previously was that other Brockport folks (current and former) Margay Blackman, Patti Follansbee, Marilyn Colby, and Pat Palmer joined her on the trip along with another friend, Pamela Pepper of Pittsford. Pat was able to join them from Bulgaria, where she is winding up her two-year Peace Corps stint. You'll find a picture from the trip under "Your News" on the emeriti webpage at http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm

Elaine also shares with us that her essay "Shifting Gears," on the cross-country (California to Florida) bicycle tour she did in 1998, will be published in an anthology titled "Outside of Ordinary: Women's Travel Stories" by Second Story Press of Toronto, due out in October. Elaine was particularly pleased that it was selected for inclusion given their 10% quota on non-Canadian-authored pieces.

Congratulations Elaine and thanks for sharing.

FYI – Don't forget there are a few helpful and/or informative links available from the drop-down list at the bottom of the Emeriti Home Page at http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm. It includes the impressive list of distinguished professors and chancellor's award recipients at Brockport.

Similarly, you may want to take a peek at http://www.brockport.edu/homecoming/schedule.php where you will find information about the Homecoming and Family Weekend, September 22-25, 2005. If you will be in the area during this period mark your calendars and plan to attend some of the events. One event that I presume will be of particular interest to emeriti is the 10:00 a.m., Friday, September 23rd dedication of the A. Huntley Parker Jr. Soccer Field. The late Huntley Parker was an esteemed coach, revered colleague, and distinguished human being and I am sure he would be pleased to have former colleagues and friends who are available witness this dedication.
Emeriti/emerita are also specifically invited to the 9:00 a.m. Alumni Reception and Breakfast in the Seymour College Union Ballroom on Saturday, September 24, 2005.

Check out the other activities at the website listed above.

While you are on the emeriti webpage, take a moment to allow the picture on the homepage to cycle through and see if you can name the players from "The Brown Years".

Enjoy the weekend.

Peace,

Bud

July 17, 2005

Greetings,

SUNY Brockport will soon be welcoming a new president and his family. On July 15th, the SUNY Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of Acting Chancellor John R. Ryan to appoint John R. Halstead as president of the College at Brockport. If interested you can find the press release about this action of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Halstead's resume, and his statement to the college community on Brockport College's website at http://www.brockport.edu/.

As the college prepares to welcome John Halstead and his family it also thanks John B. Clark for his services as interim president since July 2004. We wish nothing but the best to John Clark and his family in all future endeavors. John, thanks for a job well done!

Since retirement, Larry and Dot Humm have been enjoying themselves by combining recreational travel with volunteerism. You will find a picture of them and more information about their particular path for involvement with Habitat for Humanity and their participation in past projects at http://www.rochesterhabitat.org/get_involved/gi_care-a-van.shtml. But read on to learn about their love of volunteerism in their own words.

"We just got back from a "blitz build" in Saginaw, Michigan where we were a part of a project building 8 houses in two weeks. Our group of 20 volunteers lived in a nearby campground while we built a house for a single mom and her family. In two weeks, we actually completed a house including the flowers around the foundation and all the appliances installed. The homeowner worked along with us the entire time, and she was very tickled that her house "was built by a bunch of perfectionists".

Dot and I have been enjoying seeing the country, meeting terrific people along the way, and being able to give back to folks in need of a hand up (not a hand out). Although we live in a lot of campgrounds, none would ever confuse our life with camping!"
Larry and Dot, thank you for sharing and for "doing". Your story reminds us of the many positive contributions our emeriti/emerita continue to make after retirement.

Steve Ireland -- his love of teaching and scholarship keep him soaring to new heights --

This is old news that I am not sure I reported. For some reason the promotion of Dr. Owen S. "Steve" Ireland to Distinguished Teaching Professor was not included in a listing I received. I happened on the information about his promotion recently and am happy to report that Brockport had two professors promoted to Distinguished rank this year -- Steve Ireland to Distinguished Teaching Professor and, as earlier reported, Morris Beers to Distinguished Service Professor. As we continue to congratulate them I thought you might find the press release on Steve's promotion of interest if you have not previously seen it.

SUNY College at Brockport Professor Owen S. Ireland was one of the first SUNY faculty to be honored in a public ceremony by SUNY Chancellor Robert L. King and the SUNY Faculty Senate last month, when he was recognized for achieving the rank of Distinguished Teaching Professor, the highest rank in the SUNY system. All living faculty who have received the designation of Distinguished Teaching Professor since its establishment as a university wide honor in 1973 received a commemorative medallion during the ceremony last month.

"By starting a tradition of formally honoring their many contributions to the university, we are recognizing those contributions and showing the public the extent of the talent and commitment within our faculty," said SUNY Faculty Senate President Joe Hildreth. "Distinguished Teaching Professors are SUNY’s best educators and mentors. The hallmarks of their professional contributions are demonstrated through their mastery of teaching, their on-going commitment to scholarship, their adherence to academic excellence, and their generous and significant service to students."

Ireland has been a member of the faculty of the SUNY Brockport Department of History since 1968 and a Distinguished Teaching Professor since 1997. He also received the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1974. A true scholar, he is highly respected and much loved by both his colleagues and students. He is a prolific writer and extensively published. His writings include numerous papers, journal articles and his book, The Peoples’ Triumph, Religion, Ethnicity and Politics in the Popular Response to the Constitution in Pennsylvania, (Pennsylvania State University Press, 1994).

Congratulations and thanks to Steve for continuing to honor himself, his profession, and the college.

For all of you "Rockers", out there, you might be interested to know that Alumnus Neil Carlson, Class of 1997, has survived the first week as a competitor on the new CBS show Rockstar INXS. The next viewing of the show is from 9:30 - 10:00 p.m. on Monday, July 18th. I'm sorry but it's too late to compete to have Neil name you as favorite professor -- he has already named Arden Bucholz as his favorite professor at Brockport in his biographical materials for the show. Here are his other references to Brockport: Favorite class at Brockport: Video Editing; Most
memorable Brockport moment: 10th floor Mortimer, sophomore year -- An entire year of sing-alongs in the resident hall lounge; Most interesting life experience: Studying abroad (London) was up there, but it may get knocked down to 2nd place in the coming months. Having a baby and being on Rockstar: INXS should take first.

Thanks to all of you who helped locate members of this group with whom we had lost contact. We have reconnected with Bernie Petit who has moved back to the Rochester area and with Robert Thompson.

Peace,
Bud

July 25, 2005

Greetings,

I have just a few items of congratulations to share and they probably should be presented while they are still fresh ~~

John Zwierzynski, Director of Administrative Computing Emeritus (1979-1991), is a high-flying risk taker at 75. John notified friends and associates early on June 24th that if we didn't hear about him in the news later in the day -- he'd probably had a good one! His two daughters, Mary and Celia, had gone sky diving a week ago and it perked John's interest, competitiveness and daring -- if his daughters could do it, he could too! John admits that he grew up with the understanding that anyone who would jump out of a perfectly good airplane must be an idiot, but -- he did it "anyway", and he survived it, and he said it was AWESOME! I told him I might do it myself someday but it would probably be just my ashes.

Congratulations to John for being a successful risk taker and for sharing his experience! Probably there is no less risk involved but I'll take my chances the way of Karla and Roger.

Emeritus and emerita Rawle and Ena, respectively, continue to gain pride and pleasure from the accomplishments of their sons. TIME Magazine of July 18 had an announcement on p. 73 of Christopher John Farley's new (second) novel, KINGSTON BY STARLIGHT. It "...is based on the life of Anne Bonny, who dressed as a man, became a pirate and was put on trial in Jamaica in the 18th century. The book takes readers on an adventure from Ireland to the shadow of the gallows and the Caribbean. Along the way, there are revelations about gender, race, history and the human heart." [Time Magazine]

Frank McCourt ("Angela's Ashes") called the book "superbly poetic." Edwidge Danticat ("The Dew Breaker") called it "extraordinary." The book is already available at Lift Bridge and Barnes & Noble.

Congratulations to Christopher John Farley and to Rawle and Ena.
The College has been advised that the MPA program in the Department of Public Administration has received full seven-year certification from the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA). In a recent email to the campus community Provost Tim Flanagan extended congratulations to the dedicated faculty and staff who worked hard on the self-study and peer review and on continuous improvement of the MPA program.

Congratulations to the department and the college. My family is particularly pleased because we have a son who is matriculated in this program.

Rosa La Sorte Rich (Rosie), former faculty member and dedicated contributor to the college and to the greater Brockport community, has recently had her book "Crossing Boundaries ~Beirut and Beyond~" published. In the book, Rosie chronicles her four years in Beirut, Lebanon, from 1964-1968. "As the first director of women's health and physical education at the American University of Beirut, she instituted SUNY Brockport's first full-time student teaching program overseas. During the 1967 six-day Arab-Israeli war, she was the only woman on a committee with seven men to plan the successful evacuation of 5,000 Americans in 24 hours. Her experiences as she crossed professional, cultural and personal boundaries were unique and sometimes risky. By not placing personal boundaries upon herself she was able to take advantage of encountering more than the everyday traveler." [book jacket]

Rosa has designated that all proceeds from the sale of this book will go into a scholarship to be given annually to a student in teacher education at SUNY Brockport. She has a supply of the books at home that can be purchased directly from her for $15.00 per copy, all of which will go to the scholarship fund. She can mail the book with an additional $2.00 to cover the cost of postage. To order copies directly from Rosie call (585) 637-4956, email georich64@yahoo.com, or mail 64 Lynnwood Drive, Brockport, New York 14420. The book is also available from Lift Bridge Bookstore or SUNY Brockport bookstore from which the proceeds (purchase price less administrative overhead) will be deposited into the scholarship fund.

In the fall, Rosie will be discussing her book and her experiences in several forums including "Mornings with the Professors" on October 11, 2005, a guest lecture in Colleen Donaldson's "Women's Studies" class, and possibly other venues not yet announced.

Congratulations to Rosie! We also extend thanks to her for sharing her experiences in this way and for using the outcome to benefit future teachers.

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Some early research of Emeriti Tad Clements, Professor, Philosophy (1965-1985) perked the interest of Lukasz Nysler a Professor from Poland. Somehow Dr. Nysler found my name on the internet and he contacted me for information about how he and Dr. Clements might connect. I shared the information with Tad and he was happy to put some materials in the mail to Dr. Nysler. Unfortunately, after several months of tracking their receipt with Dr. Nysler, the materials were returned to Tad. But, last week they were again sent to Dr. Nysler's home address and we are confident that these two scholars have now "connected". It should be noted that Dr. Nysler was also able to get some information from the college's dedicated archivist Mary Jo Gigliotti. But, Dr. Nysler is pleased now to finally be able to consult and share directly with Dr. Clements.
Congratulations to Tad for the fact that some of his early work continues to be of interest to other scholars.

That's it for now ~~

Peace,

Bud

July 27, 2005

Greetings,

Sorry to intrude on your inbox again so soon but I have a few new things to share and one of them is time sensitive. Again, I am happy to report that SUNY Brockport emeriti and their families remain active in the Brockport community or wherever they happen to be.

First, thanks to David Hale and Bob Getz for their service to their community. David has just been appointed as a Village of Brockport representative to the Board of Seymour Library where Bob Getz is already a member. David also continues to serve on the Town of Sweden Planning Board and the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church.

Marilyn Colby, one of several emeriti members of The Walk! Bike! Brockport! Action Group, coordinates a couple of their activities she would like to share. One of these activities begins tonight so, if you'd like to take advantage of a break in the heat and are available no more than an hour tonight, read on quickly!

"The Walk! Bike! Brockport! Action Group sponsors Wednesday strolls through the Village to historic, noteworthy, or otherwise interesting sites in the Village. Join us at the Welcome Center at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays for a 30 to 60 minute leisurely, sightseeing stroll. We begin Monday, June 27 but will continue until October 28.

For more information, contact Hanny Heyen (637 3867), Marilyn Colby (637 2014) or George Toth (637 8250).

Wednesday, August 3: led by Hanny Heyen - Clarkson homes

Wednesday, August 10: led by George Toth - Fireman's monument and Gateway

Wednesday, August 17: led by George Toth - Morgan Manning House

Wednesday, August 24: led by Marilyn Colby - College -- Special Olympics Fountain

Wednesday, August 31: led by Marilyn Colby - High Street Cemetery"

AND
EVENT NAME: Brockport Canal Path Bicycle Ride:

DESCRIPTION: Sponsored by the Walk! Bike! Brockport! Action Group for anyone who can ride a bicycle for an hour. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult and other minors (13 to 17 years old) must have written parental permission to participate. Meet at Brockport's Welcome Center, 11 Market Street at 6 p.m. Thursdays from now through Thursday, October 27. Contact Marilyn Colby 637-2014 or mcolby@brockport.edu

And, I hope I am not being a pirate in doing this [I could point you to the link at the newspaper so why can't I make it easy and just include the story with appropriate credit?] Anyway, this story is about John Halstead's reflections on his years at Mansfield University which he will soon leave to become president at Brockport. The story is from the Wellsboro Gazette, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania and is by-lined by Chris McGann. Here it is:

After seven years at the helm of Mansfield University, Dr. John R. Halstead has accepted the presidency of the State University of New York at Brockport.

This career move will be a homecoming of sorts since he is a native of Cortland, New York. Brockport is a few miles west of Rochester.

SUNY Brockport enrolls 8,595 students, compared to Mansfield's 3,556 students. The college traces its roots to the 1867 founding of the Brockport State Normal School, one of New York's first four Normal Schools.

Halstead took some time Monday afternoon, July 18, to discuss his time at Mansfield. The previous week, he attended a state Board of Governors meeting in Harrisburg Thursday and met with SUNY officials Friday in Albany, N.Y.

"I will forever be grateful to have served as the 25th president at Mansfield," he commented.

On his desk were a few items that represented the previous few hectic days and the past seven years of his presidency. Those items included the president's medallion, worn at every convocation and graduation; a copy of "Life at Mansfield," written by retired professor Dr. Gale Largey and soon to be updated; and documents for his transition to Brockport's president.

When discussing his accomplishments, Halstead uses "we" rather than "I," noting that many people contributed to those accomplishments. He pointed out that a "university is greater than one person," and acknowledged the contributions of faculty, staff, trustees, alumni and especially students.

Under Halstead, Mansfield University has increased enrollment by about 23 percent. At the same time, SAT scores of incoming freshmen went up by an average of 62 points. Mansfield also extensively revised its general education requirements.

The physical appearance of the campus continues to change as well. Renovations to several academic buildings have been completed in the past seven years and more are
July 28, 2005

Greetings,

All of us who were either already here or were beckoned to Brockport during "The Brown Years", or thereafter, benefited from the work of Carl Neuscheler and the facilities planning office in which he worked alongside the late Bob Denning, the late Stan Hyde, Marlan Prentice and Glenn Potter. Sadly, I learned yesterday that Carl died on July 26, 2005 in Glendale, Arizona at 87.

Carl Neuscheler was Facilities Planning Coordinator from 1964 until his retirement in 1976. During that period, almost all of what exists of the campus today that is west of Lathrop/Morgan was constructed. It was the team mentioned above, along with Plant Superintendent Clifford Bishop and, at the time, Head Maintenance Supervisor Frank Hillman, that worked with the SUNY Construction Fund, engineers, and contractors to plan and execute this campus expansion. Although there have been upgrades, some redesigns of facilities including the movement from centralized heating to satellite systems, and some bridge replacements since those times, I believe the only new building added since then is the Raye H. Conrad Welcome Center. So, without diminishing the enhancements to the campus during subsequent years and administrations, we can be grateful to Carl and the other members of the planning office and to the vision and leadership of Emeritus President Albert W. Brown (1965-1981) during that period of unprecedented expansion, for the excellent facilities that supported our accomplishments and continue to support the college's mission.

Carl earned his teaching degree at SUNY Oswego and Masters in Education from Cornell ('52). He attained the rank of Captain in Co C, 203rd Combat Engineer Battalion during WWII (1941-1945). He participated in the D-Day invasion at Omaha Beach and his unit built the famous Ernie Pyle Bridge over the Fulda River in Germany. He received the Bronze Star with five clusters for his military service. Before joining the staff at SUNY Brockport, he was Brockport Central School's Industrial Arts teacher for eighteen years. [Information in this paragraph provided by Tom Neuscheler].

For those of you who knew Carl you will remember him for his friendly smile and his stories. When you ran into Carl anywhere he always lighted up as if it were his real joy to greet you and his expression was automatic and sincere. Of course, I used to have to kid him a little because 9 out of 10 times when he greeted me he called me Dave. Carl had worked with Dave Meade, a retired Industrial Arts teacher from Brockport High School in an earlier life and he had a difficult time breaking that other Meade name-connection when he saw me.

While we mourn Carl's death we are happy to have known him. His good-natured contributions to both the physical and social work environments were significant. Our fond memories of him and his legacy will continue to emit from the bricks and mortar west of Lathrop Hall.
Carl was predeceased by his Betty, his wife of 58 years. Memorials will be welcome in Carl's name at the Alzheimer's Associate, 1028 East McDowell Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85006-2622.

August 25, 2005

Greetings,

Wow – sometimes the things I get to share push me towards melancholy. The only thing that saves me is the courage of those about whom I report. Such is the case of the first two items in this update.

As many of you are aware, Billy Reed, Assistant Professor, Communications (1970 – 2005), is joining the ranks of emeriti on September 1st. However, Billy’s retirement is particularly “bittersweet”. Some of Billy’s close friends and associates are aware that Billy is retiring mostly because of health reasons, not because he no longer has a passion for teaching and serving students. In fact, even as he has struggled with a disabling, and ultimately fatal disease, he has helped the advisement/registration offices with freshman student registrations this summer as he has done for years.

A few years ago, Billy started having some difficulty with some involuntary muscle movements including some that are related to speech and he was diagnosed with PLS. More recently the voluntary muscles have become involved and he has been diagnosed with ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) – the Lou Gehrig disease.

Because of my “update” role, I have had several inquiries about Billy from people who had heard that he was ill but were unaware of the details. I have talked with Billy and he is as positive as one can be in his circumstances. He is taking one day at a time and enjoying his time with his beautiful granddaughter Krysta, who lives with them, and his wife Ellen. He has authorized me to post a picture of him with his granddaughter on the emeriti website. This picture absolutely epitomizes love, devotion and courage. I invite you to view the picture at http://www.itss.brockport.edu/~rmeade/your_news.htm.

I am sure Billy would love to hear from his SUNY colleagues and friends who were part of his career at Brockport as he faces the difficult days ahead of him. You may contact him at 45 Laurelcrest Drive, Spencerport, New York 14559 or via email at: breed@brockport.edu

Billy, I think I can speak on behalf of your colleagues and friends and say that your courage is an inspiration to all of us and you should know that our thoughts and love are with you as you this chapter of your life unfolds. We wish you peace!

Another of our group also faces some difficult days ahead. Craig Hazen, Staff Associate Emeritus, Administrative Services/Registration and Records (1972-2002), who has continued to support the Office of Registration and Records on a part-time basis since retiring, has recently become a cancer victim. A lump on this neck was tracked back to a site on his tongue. The
good news is that it is treatable and curable – the bad news is that the treatment is going to be both miserable and, for a time, debilitating.

Craig could certainly use some good cheer at 17156 Roosevelt Highway, Kendall, New York 14476 or via email at chazen@rochester.rr.com

Thankfully we also have some good news to report.

Emerita, Johanna H. Kraus, Professor, Theatre (1979-1995) reports that her latest play “Secrets” that won first place in the Beverly Hills Theatre Guild Marilyn Hall Awards was just published by New Plays, Inc. The play is about adoption and betrayal.

Congratulations Johanna for your continued success and your contributions to theatre and contemplation of the issues we face on the “living” stage.

I’ve had some computer issues recently – partly why you haven’t heard from me lately – so I may be reporting some stuff I already shared. Rest assured that I have upgraded my virus protection to ensure that I have the best (at least costliest) firewall and virus protection available.

Emerita Elaine Miller, Associate Professor, Foreign Languages did two workshops at Chautauqua this summer -- called "Editorial Cartoons: Bringing World Issues to the Classroom." There was a very engaged group of participants, so we had a great time.

Emeritus Dick Evans, Associate Professor, Public Administration, may have a show of his pictures at Tuttle Fine Arts this fall. As I reported some time ago, Dick has shared some of his work with me and I am envious of quality of the pictures he has captured. I’ll give you an update as I learn more about his exhibit. He has indicated that he will share an access mode for emeriti to print copies of his photographs at his exhibit for those who attend and are interested.

There is good news for President Emeritus Albert W. Brown, (1965-1981). The American Legion chose to publish his article about going blind in its journal. We shared this very moving and inspirational article with you a few months ago. If anyone missed it and would like to have it, please email me at remade@brockport.edu and I’ll forward a reprint.

Congratulations to Dr. Brown for the selection of his article for publication.

Other scholars continue to write –

Emeritus Bill Andrews, Professor, Political Science (1967-1996) has started researching for another book he intends to write about Brockport’s relationship to the civil war. We’ll keep you posted.

Bill’s former colleague, Global Duncan, better known as W. Raymond Duncan, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Political Science (1968-2002), who is also the author of many scholarly books and articles, will soon be known nationally as the “Spy Guy”. “Patriot Trap”, a thrilling novel of political espionage, is Duncan’s first novel but he has another in the works. “Patriot
“Trap” published by Dorchester - Leisure Books is due in the bookstores around Thanksgiving. See a picture of the book cover under “Your News” on the emeriti website.

Emeritus Paul Hehn, Professor Emeritus, History (1968-1990) shared the update that included Carl Neuscheler’s obituary with emeritus H. David Hammond, Associate Professor Emeritus, Biological Sciences (1968-1983) who does not have email. David was particularly pleased with the information in the update that referenced the recovery from a health crisis of his former colleague Larry Kline. [I am pleased to report that Larry has recovered nicely from his very serious ordeal.] David Hammond shares the following update on his activities since retiring:

“I have been here in Flagstaff for 12 years now. During all that time, I have volunteered 20+ hours per week in the Deaver Herbarium at Northern Arizona University, mounting between 25,000 – 30,000 herbarium specimens, collecting a few thousand of my own, identifying thousands of specimens collected by many others, editing a number of manuscripts written by others, etc. I have also served on Flagstaff’s Public Art Advisory Committee for six years. I’ve had to slow down some because of a bad back but I still work in the herbarium and, during the school year, attend most of the departmental seminars. I also worked in the herbarium of the Museum of Northern Arizona for four years, reorganizing and updating it”.

I think we all enjoy connecting with former colleagues and learning something about the retirement chapter in their lives. Thanks to Paul Hehn for sharing the update that prompted David to write and thanks to David for sharing. I am sure many of you are doing things that would be of interest to your former colleagues who are emeriti members of this list. So, please share your “stuff” when you have time.

There are many things going on campus as it gets ready for a new academic year. Following is information about the opening of school convocation that was sent the campus community:

“The Convocation ceremony will be held this Sunday, August 28th, in the Tuttle North Gymnasium. We will line up in our academic regalia near the cafe at 3:00 p.m. and begin the ceremony promptly at 3:30. Our own Sankofa African Dance and Drum Ensemble will lead us in the procession and later perform with the Akoma Ntoaso Dance Ensemble…

Alison Parker
Chair, Academic Convocation”

Then I have some more sad news to report.

Via Mike Andriatch and Nick Mascari I have learned that on August 10, 2005 Mary Markusen received a letter from Gloria Peterson’s husband Stuart Grasmeyer letting her know that Gloria had passed away on July 29, 2005 following a short battle with breast cancer and liver disease. As many of you will remember, Gloria was the director of Marketing Communications before emerita Karla Merrifield.

The following is the obituary from the Tuesday, August 2, 2005 Morning Herald in Sidney, Australia where Gloria lived.
PETERSON, Gloria Lynn passed away July 29, 2005 in Sydney. Gloria was formerly of Chittenango, New York. Dearly loved wife to Stuart Grasmeyer, loving daughter to Marjorie Peterson and William Peterson (deceased), beloved sister to Alan Peterson, Russell Peterson and Heidi Demaso and loved by niece and nephew Kristen Lockhart (and husband Matt Lockhart) and Kevin Demaso (deceased). She was also loved by grand niece and nephew Kaitlyn and Ian.

Relatives and friends are asked to reflect, remember, and to celebrate in a personal chosen expression of Gloria's life.

Please consider a donation to the Royal North Shore Hospital Intensive Therapy Unit Trust in Gloria's memory. Private cremation. W. N. BULL PTY. LTD. SYDNEY AND SUBURBS 100% Australian Owned 9519 5344 A.F.D.A. 24 Hrs.

We regret the untimely departure of Gloria Peterson who contributed to the success of SUNY Brockport and wish her peace.

You should have received a mailing about Homecoming and Family Weekend (September 22-25, 2005). If you are emeriti and did not receive it, you should contact Laura Emerson, lemerson@brockport.edu and ask for a copy as well as correcting her address book. For more information about happenings at SUNY Brockport view its website at:
http://www.brockport.edu/

That’s all for now – peace to all,

Bud

August 30, 2005

Greetings,

Some sad news has prompted me to write again this month but there are also a few time-sensitive announcements.

We learned on Sunday that Tad S. Clements, Professor Emeritus, Philosophy (1965-1985) died on Saturday, August 27, 2005 at age 83.

I hardly knew Tad during the period that our careers overlapped at Brockport. In my role that usually was a good thing – “no problems, no visits to personnel”. My only memorable contact with him was when I sometimes encountered him jogging through the parking lot as I was leaving work. We always exchanged greetings of recognition but nothing more. Recently I had the pleasure of getting to know Tad through a curious incident in which a professor at a university in Poland found my name buried somewhere on Brockport’s website and contacted me for help in locating Tad. The professor was engaged in some philosophical research and was interested in some of Tad’s earlier scholarship in his area of interest. I was pleased to be able to connect the two of them. Fortunately, after one mailing of materials from Tad to the professor
was returned, a couple of packages of materials did make it to the professor in Poland recently. Tad was hopeful that his notes and the materials would assist the professor in his research. I was pleased that during the period in which I was the “go between” I was able to get to know Tad Clements, and I enjoyed the telephone conversations and the couple of personal contacts that took place. I was saddened to learn of his death but pleased that I had been a player in boosting his ego in his last days.

Professor of Philosophy Georges Dicker shared some information about Tad with me.

“Tad taught at Brockport from 1965 to 1985; he was the first member of the department hired by its founder, Dr. Howard Kiefer (who also founded the Center for Philosophical Exchange and became Dean of Humanities). Tad authored two books, “Science and Man: The Philosophy of Scientific Humanism” and “Science vs. Religion”, and edited another, “Religion and Human Purpose: A Cross Disciplinary Approach.”

Although I knew Tad best close to the end of his life as the infirmities of aging were taking their toll, my memory of him will always be of a retired, but very fit, jogger in his late 70s still running the parking lot! Tad’s presence in this world will be missed but his work will live on as other scholars, such as the professor in Poland, continue to build on his scholarly research.

The memorial service is this Wednesday, August 31, at 2:00 P.M. at the Pullman Unitarian Universalist Church, located at the corner of South Main Street and East Park in Albion, New York.

As in the past, emeriti are eligible to participate in some of the staff computer training classes offered at the College on a “space available” basis. If there is room after current employees have registered, emeriti are welcome. Dr. Mary Jo Orzech, Director of Information Technology Support Services, recently announced the offerings for fall. I have edited the training class schedule that follows to exclude the classes that would only be of benefit if you were still working (e.g. Angel):

Register for any of these sessions by calling 395-2368 or by sending an e-mail to <tloscomb@brockport.edu>.

Friday, Sept 30
Adobe PhotoShop Basics - 1-2 pm
Image and photograph manipulation using Adobe Photoshop. 103 Holmes Hall
(R. Anugu)

Friday, October 7
MacOS X Features - 1-2 pm (R. Anugu)
Learn to use MacOS X Finder, Sherlock, Address Book, Internet Explorer, and the files and folders structure. 103 Holmes Hall

Thursday, October 13
Digital Photography 6- 9 pm
Diane Reynolds from Wegmans Imaging Ctr,  
Drake Library Special Materials Room

Marilyn Colby has sent me a note concerning the “walks” for this week and next week.

Regarding the Wednesday walks:  
The next walk (August 31), is to the High Street Cemetery in which Mr. Hale (of Hale monuments) will try to be there and tell us something about the cemetery.  
On the following Wednesday (September 7), Margo will tell us about the Newman Oratory ... show us around and tell us what they do.  
[Note: the coordinators are planning walks that will include all of the churches in Brockport as this community program continues.]

For more information contact Marilyn Colby at mcolby@brockport.edu

A request for Faculty and Staff volunteers to participate in the Academic Convocation was recently sent out to the campus community.  I am sure that emeriti would be welcome.  If you are interested, please make your own contact with Ruth Childs”

“Dear Faculty and Staff,  
We have a beautiful candle lighting ceremony during Academic Convocation on Sunday, August 28th.  We need faculty and staff volunteers (in their academic regalia) who will participate in the ceremony.  If you are able to do this, please meet me at 3pm at near the staircase by the cafe near the Tuttle North Gymnasium.  Email me at rchilds@brockport.edu if you are able to volunteer or have any questions.
Come celebrate the beginning of the academic year and the arrival of our new students!
I look forward to seeing you on Sunday.
Thank you,
Ruth Childs”

Tailgate Party –  
It was recently announced to the campus community that the Alumni Office is going to put on a tailgate party from 11:30 to 12:45 on Saturday, September 3rd, before the 1 PM game vs. (arch-rival, and President Halstead's father's former employer) SUNY Cortland.  Usual place (SE corner of Lot V).  Emeriti, as always, are welcome!

I am not sure but I think that is all to report for now,

Peace,

Bud

September 14, 2005

Greetings,
Here are just a few announcements that I thought I should share for the benefit of those of you who do not receive the broadcast emails sent to the campus community to those who use Brockport's email server. I apologize for the duplication for those of you who do.

First there is the bittersweet announcement that Susan Parrino is leaving Institutional Advancement to continue her career at another Rochester area college. The bitter is that SUNY Brockport is losing another knowledgeable and seasoned professional -- the sweet is that she is moving on to new opportunities and challenges. We send her our best wishes for happiness and success as she makes this adjustment to her career path. The College will set her on that new path with a farewell reception as follows:

*Join in a Farewell Celebration for Susan Parrino of Institutional Advancement*

*September 16, 2005*
*3-5 p.m.  Alumni House*

*After 24 years of service, Susan will be leaving SUNY Brockport. Join us as we say goodbye to a dear friend and colleague.*

*Remarks will be made at 3:30 p.m.*

*Please contact Betsy Standish at 395-2648 or John Sapienza at 395-2307 with any questions.*

Dear Faculty and Staff,

In recognition of Constitution Day, the campus will be hosting an exciting guest speaker on Monday, September 19, 2005.

Medea Benjamin, founder of Global Exchange and CODEPINK: Women for Peace, and internationally respected human rights and peace activist, will be speaking to the Brockport community from 3-5 pm in the Seymour Union Ballroom-West.

SUNY Brockport is fortunate to host Ms. Benjamin, as she is in the midst of a 100-city book tour for her edited volume: "Stop the Next War Now: Non-violent Responses to Terrorism." Brockport will be one of her last stops before going to Washington DC to help lead 3 days of action under the banner of United for Peace and Justice.

We invite all members of the Brockport community to join in what portends to be a very lively discussion! Please encourage your students to attend (offering extra credit as an incentive would be very helpful), and feel free to email me with any questions.

This event is being sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, with co-sponsorship by the Departments of Political Science and Sociology. It is an American Democracy Project event.

Thank you,
Cynthia Boaz, Ph.D., Department of Political Science & International Studies

Welcoming receptions for President Halstead:
The campus-wide welcoming reception for Dr. Halstead and his family will be held in the Seymour Union Ballroom from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 6, 2005. Please share this announcement with other emeriti/emerita you encounter in the Brockport area as this is a "general announcement" event which does not include individual invitations for faculty, staff, student, and emeriti/emerita.

We expect to finalize plans for an emeriti reception for Dr. Halstead and his family this week. This reception will provide a special opportunity for emeriti who won't have the benefit of day-to-day interaction with the new president to have a more personal encounter with him. The Emeriti/emerita reception is tentatively scheduled for the 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. in the New York Room on Tuesday, November 8, 2005. To assist in planning if would be helpful if those of you on this list would email me about your attendance intentions if this event is held as proposed. Just email me at: mailto:rmeade1@rochester.rr.com. Invitations will be sent to emeriti/emerita for this event once plans are finalized.

Don Leffler, Associate Professor Emeritus, Physics, (1958-1985) was recently inquiring of an emerita about the whereabouts of colleague Stefan Pribil, Professor Emeritus, Physics, (1964-1992) who lives in Metairie, Louisiana, a hard-hit suburb of New Orleans. According to my data base, Stefan is the only member of our emeriti group who lives in an area affected directly by Katrina. As a result of Don's prompting, we are keeping Stefan and Olga Anna in our thoughts. If anyone is aware of their status and whereabouts please share what you know and I will pass it on to Don and the rest of the group.

Dr. Kathleen Kutolowski, Chair, History Department, will present a lecture at the Ontario County Historical Society Museum, 55 North Main Street, Canandaigua at 7:00 p.m. on September 22nd. She will speak on the role of Freemasonry in the mysterious abduction and disappearance of William Morgan who vanished after being bailed out of jail by members of a Canandaigua Masonic lodge in 1826. Admission is $5.00 - for information call (585) 394-4975.

I thought those of you who live on the east side of Rochester might be interested in this taste-of-Brockport event that will be held in your own backyard.

On Friday, September 23, the Brockport Alumni Association will recognize the contributions and accomplishments of the following 10 individuals at the annual Alumni Association Awards Ceremony. This year's event will be held during Homecoming & Family Weekend 2005. This year’s recipients are:

**Recent Alumnus Award:**
Michael A. Trinkaus '95

**Citation of Appreciation:**
Mary Jo Gigliotti
Rick Lair

**Honors for Outstanding Service Award:**
Joan S. Fenton '79
Glenn Johnson '85
Richard D. "Bud" Meade
Linda Schoeffler Wetherell '89/'91

**Hall of Heritage Award:**
Stephen J. Bender '66  
Nicholas E. Billotti '73/'78  
Lawrence O. Gostin '71

Please join the Division of Institutional Advancement and the Alumni Association in congratulating these outstanding individuals on their commitment, service and dedication to the College and community.

ATTENTION FACULTY AND STUDENTS

Loretta Claiborne Comes to Brockport!

ESPN's ESPY Arthur Ashe Award Recipient Marathoner including two top 100 finishes in the Boston Marathon Holds the current world's record for the 5000-meter Movie titled "The Loretta Claiborne Story" is about her life story. In New Zealand, they wrote a book about her life

Wednesday September 28th 8:00 pm

Ballroom, Seymour Union

Open to all Students, Faculty and staff

Raised in a single parent family household, the middle of 7 children with a visual impairment and an intellectual disability, Loretta was often ridiculed and teased. Using running as a release, Loretta has become a world class athlete.

For more information please call or e-mail Lauren Lieberman 395-5361, llieberm@brockport.edu, or Susan Hoffman 395-5327, shoffman@brockport.edu

The annual Sig Synnestvedt Lecture has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 29, 2005 in the Hartwell Theater. The event, sponsored by the History Department and History Forum and partially funded by BSG Mandatory Fee will be a lecture on the subject of Slavery, Sexuality and the Law in Antebellum America by Professor Adrienne Davie from the Law School at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. It is expected that Sig's wife Nadine and their daughter Barbara will attend. Sig, as many of you know, provided great leadership as chair of the history department during a period of significant change. Illness and an untimely death cut short the many promising contributions he was positioned to make at Brockport. This lecture series honors his work and his person.

On October 19, 2003, SUNY College at Brockport senior Lindsay Kyle was killed when her vehicle was struck from behind by a drunk driver. On Thursday, September 15 at 7:30 pm, her family, friends and the College will commemorate her life at the dedication of "Lindsay's Life & Leisure Garden," located in front of Hartwell Hall on the campus.

Kristin Splain, District Attorney for Monroe County's DWI Bureau, will be one of the many speakers at the dedication ceremony. She will be joined by Peggy Duffy from the Monroe
County "Stop DWI" program, as well as members of Lindsay's family and representatives from the College.

Lindsay's family and friends created the garden with donated plantings during this summer's Fourth of July weekend. More than 40 people, some from as far away as Michigan, came to the College to assist with the project.

Lindsay Kyle is survived by her fiancé, Alan Petrosky; her mother, Sarah A. Palermo; her father, Lee Kyle; her brother, Jonathan Kyle; and her grandmother, Beatrice Palermo.

Family, friends and the public are invited to join Lindsay's family and the College at the dedication of this memorial garden. For more information, contact Mike Andriatch at (585) 395-5809.

Athletics -- as always Brockport Faculty and Staff with a valid ID will be admitted free of charge to all home regular season athletic contests. Ticket prices for family and friends are $4 for adults, $3 for senior citizens and $2 for children. Come out and support the Golden Eagles! See sports schedules at http://www.brockport.edu/%7Eathletics/

Peace,
Bud

September 22, 2005

Greetings,

Quickly, I have several things to draw to your attention.

Sadly, there are two more people to add to the list who, along with their families and care-givers, can use our support. I learned today that emeritus Rawle Farley has been seriously ill and has had heart surgery recently. He continues to be hospitalized at Rochester General. While he is not ready for guests, I am sure he could use some notes of encouragement. Similarly, I just learned that emeritus Joseph Harkin is very seriously ill and hospitalized at Lakeside Memorial in Brockport. He also would benefit by knowing our thoughts are with him. Here are the addresses for them:

Dr. Rawle E. Farley
6865 Fourth Section Road
Brockport, New York 14420

Dr. Joseph B. Harkin
28 Candlewick Drive
Brockport, New York 14420
Also continue to keep Crain Hazen in your thoughts. He has begun a difficult treatment regimen this week and will definitely benefit from our encouragement.

The Halstead Reception –

There has been a slight change in the plans for the Halstead reception. President Halstead and Mrs. Halstead (John and Kathy) will be our hosts rather than the other way around --providing there is enough interest. I only received feedback from 8 people who said they would attend in response to my recent request. I assume that there will be a significantly larger response to a formal invitation. More information about this event will follow about plans for this event within the next 2-3 weeks.

Reminder- Software Training Sessions started this week--good seats are still available!

MS Office and Dreamweaver Training
September 22 - 30, 2005

Refresh your skills by attending (for emeriti – on a space available basis) ITSS sponsored software training workshops on MS Office Professional and Dreamweaver MX. All sessions are held in Dailey Hall, 2nd floor, room 202. Sessions will be taught by Diane White. Register for any of these half day sessions by calling x2368 or by e-mailing tloscomb@brockport.edu.

Thursday, September 22
Microsoft Access I: Database Fundamentals.......................................................... 9 am - 12 pm

Friday, September 23
Microsoft Excel I: Spreadsheet Fundamentals.................................................. 9 am - 12 pm

Monday, September 26
DreamWeaver II: Web Design Fundamentals............................................... 9 am - 12 pm

Tuesday, September 27
Microsoft Word Advanced: Word Processing Special Features........................................ 9 am - 12 pm

Wednesday, September 28
Microsoft PowerPoint II: Presentation Fundamentals....................................9 am - 12 pm

Thursday, September 29
Microsoft Access II: Database Fundamentals.................................................. 9 am - 12 pm

Friday, September 30
Microsoft Excel II: Spreadsheet  
Fundamentals......................................................................................................................... 9 am - 12 pm  

Workshop Descriptions  

Dreamweaver II - This course teaches the complete process of Web page design, from the basics of Dreamweaver to strategies for designing and building a complete Web site.

MS Word Int. & Adv. - This course focuses on how to use a word processor to develop, format and revise a variety of personal and business documents from simple letters and memos to more complex documents containing graphics and tables.

MS PowerPoint I & II - This course teaches everything you need to know about putting together persuasive electronic presentations, from creating basic slide shows, to adding graphics, video, and audio for rich multimedia presentations.

MS Access I & II - This course introduces the basics of using a relational database to create tables, queries, forms, and reports.

MS Excel I & II - This course teaches the basics of spreadsheet concepts including creating worksheets, editing data, building charts and graphs, and publishing a spreadsheet to the Web.

Mary Jo Orzech, Ph.D.
Director, Information Technology Support Services

The Educational Opportunity Program would like to extend to the campus community an invitation to join us at our Grand EOP/CMG and Friends of EOP Awards Dinner on Saturday, September 24, 2005 in the Seymour College Union Ballroom at 6pm. Come join us as EOP celebrates 37 years of success at SUNY Brockport. Tickets are available to the college community at the EOP Office. Please support our effort and help us to have a successful reunion.
Terri Stymus
EOP Secretary
(585) 395-2547

On behalf of the Presidential Welcoming Committee, below is an invitation to the campus-wide reception for Dr. Halstead, his wife, Kathy, and their daughter, Christine that was circulated on campus. Please join us in welcoming the President and his family to SUNY Brockport.

The State University of New York  
College at Brockport  
cordially invites you  
to a Welcome Reception to honor  
President John R. Halstead,  
his wife, Kathy, and their daughter, Christine
Thursday, October 6, 2005
4:00 - 6:30 pm
Seymour College Union Ballroom
Remarks and Presentations 5:30 pm

Citations, Letters of Congratulations and
Best Wishes can be mailed to:
SUNY College at Brockport
Office of the President
350 New Campus Drive
Brockport, NY 14420

I have confirmed that emeriti would be more than welcome as mentors per the following. If interested contact Dan Askey directly.

September 12, 2005

Dear Brockport Faculty & Staff,

I am pleased to announce that the Educational Opportunity Program will again sponsor an EOP Student/Faculty Mentoring program.

We are expected to fund thirty mentor/mentee relationships. We are inviting you to participate in this program and to help us make it a success. The program targets second year sophomores and juniors who may be considering majors in Biology, Chemistry, Business Administration, Communications, Nursing, Criminal Justice, Computer Science and Health Science. However, we plan to consider other majors as the need arises.

It is expected that the faculty mentor and student mentee will meet for a minimum of once a month. Activities would include: 1) faculty and student getting to know each other in an effort to build a positive and trusting relationship, 2) the mentor is asked to assist the student in achieving a better understanding of the career opportunities that are possible by majoring in that curriculum, 3) for all students in the program the mentor also will act as a faculty support person to the student, monitoring student success in the department and assisting in the advisement process, 4) it is our desire that the interaction between the mentor and mentee would foster comfortability and a feeling of belonging with the department and with the college in general, 5) it is strongly encouraged that the mentor interaction with the mentee will also occur outside of office and classroom.

We are inviting you to be a part of our program, to volunteer by calling 395-2547 or by email to daskey@brockport.edu. Each faculty that participates will receive a stipend of $100 for their assistance at the end of this semester. There is also $100 available to cover costs such as lunches and other activities that may foster faculty/student relationship or department, discipline involvement.
We are also asking that if you have an EOP student who you would desire to mentor to provide the name that we might consider matching you with the student.

If you have any questions concerning this invitation, please contact me by calling the above number.

Sincerely,
Dan Askey
Assistant Director, Services

Peace,
Bud

October 11, 2005

Greetings,

I have been out of touch for a couple of weeks and probably missed the opportunity to pass some information along. Regretfully, Sandy and I also missed the campus-wide welcoming reception for the Halsteads but we were happy to hear that the event was a success.

Now, unfortunately I have some bad news to report before some good news as well as some information about upcoming events.

The sad news is that Paul Ferguson, a former member of the English faculty (1969-1983) who, though caught in retrenchment, has continued to be active in the Brockport Community and was a prolific writer of short stories, died yesterday at age 62 after a long fight against cancer. He was surrounded by family and friends at his passing.

I knew Paul only slightly so I must rely on the words of others to describe him. First, Jeanette D’Agostino Banker describes him as a find man and that she has fond memories of working with him on the Summer Planning Conference during Paul’s first years at Brockport. Then, the words of Margot from the Newman Center in which she announced Paul’s death to the Newman members:

Dear Newman members,

Since so many of you have asked after Paul over the last few weeks, I want to let you know that Paul went home to the Lord today around 3:00. He was surrounded by his loving family, and his passing was one of peace.

The funeral Mass will be held at Newman on Friday at 11AM. viewing will be at the Fowler Funeral Home on Thursday 2-4 and 7-9 PM. The family asks that, in lieu of
flowers, donations be made either to Serenity House (the hospice that took such wonderful care of Paul) or to the Newman Center.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us here at Newman. And I know that all your prayers will be with Cam and the boys over the next few days. Paul's presence at Newman, on campus and at Xerox has been such a grace for us all, and we can truly give thanks for the blessing he has been to us. Now he is at peace with the Lord he loved so well.

Blessings,
Margot

I think I’ll let Margot’s words speak for all of us – Paul was a fine man with many talents who will be greatly missed! We wish him, his family, and those he touched during his time here peace as they mourn his death and celebrate his life.

Now here is some much better news.

These accomplishments were submitted by Chris Florence, the proud daughter of James Cook, Director of Admissions Emeritus (1965-1996) and director of marketing communications at the College. [Good thing Jim has a daughter in PR or we probably wouldn't have found out about his golf accomplishments this summer].

Jim Cook has still got it! He won the super senior division of the club championship at Stafford CC, shutting out his opponents both days 5 and 4 . . . won his division in a tournament at Terry Hills in Batavia with a 70 . . . had a hole-in-one at Stafford CC on the 8th hole, making it a grand slam (he has now had holes-in-one on all four par 3 holes) . . . shot a 69 at Cobblestone Creek in Victor----was runner-up in his division at the New York State Seniors’ Tournament in Binghamton, where he was beaten in the playoff round.

Ending the golf season on a high note, Jim and his partner won their division in the Tuscarora Country Club (near Syracuse) Best Ball tournament Oct. 7 & 8 with a 71 and 69.

Congratulations Jim for your significant achievements in golf. Most golfers only score this well in their dreams… [You’ll find a picture of this emeritus winner under “Your News” on the emeriti/emerita website at: http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm]

Emeriti Event –
If you have a hold on your calendar for an emeriti event on Tuesday, November 8th, you can release that date. Instead, put a hold on your calendar for 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 10th. Watch your mailboxes for more about this important event that I hope many of you will be able to attend.
Now, I must send apologies to Karla Merrifield and Roger Weir. They sent me a summary of their travels this summer that I found interesting and had intended to share but somehow it got lost in my mailbox. So, welcome back to the “real” world Karla and Roger and here, for the rest of you, is the record of a great summer.

Roger and I returned home Saturday after our trip to and from Alaska, having logged 14,192 miles in 97 days. It was a most enjoyable, exciting, eye-opening. As a way to summarize our trip, I did a fact sheet that I thought you (and perhaps others) might get a kick out of. The real story is told in the poems and journal pages I wrote as well as in the photographs, which I’m still downloading! It may be a while before I get an album together!

- 14,192 road miles
- 2,041 photographs taken
  - (1,435 digital photographs)
  - (606 35mm photographs)
- 253 journal pages
- 97 days
- 66 species of birds in the wild
- 43 species of other animals in the wild
- 41 different campgrounds
- 30 poems written
- 30 trails/walking tours
- 19 books read
- 10 friends visited
- 17 states
- 11 days with Sissy
- 11 days aboard the Tahoma (a friend's boat)
- 7 kayak outings
- 5 provinces
- 2 ferry trips
- 2 bus tours
- 2 countries
- 1 rafting trip
- 1 train trip
- 1 B&B

Karla and Roger, as always, your reports make me evil – envy and jealousy are my fortune.

My tardy report of Karla and Roger’s travels prompts me to share an advisory for international travelers. Sandy and I returned from a trip to Vietnam Saturday evening. Our youngest son Eric who lives in Shanghai was to be our tour guide. He was on business in Ho Chi Minh City the week before we arrived and was excited to stay in Vietnam on a “working holiday” to serve as our guide. We were excited as well because we would be joined by his dear friend Julia in Hanoi for our second week. For those of you who don’t know it—because so many workers in China must leave their families and work in the cities, China has 2 week-long national holidays each
year to allow the workers to visit the families they have left behind. This holiday week allowed Julia to join us.

But, the purpose of this story is advisory! To make a long story short, Eric apparently encountered a nasty mosquito during his first week in Ho Chi Minh City and shortly after our arrival he developed a severe headache and fever that alternately came and left over the next few days. Of course, we had all kinds of medications with us and encouraged him to take aspirin for the fever and Advil for the headache. Our Vietnamese guide in the Mekong Delta even got some medication for Eric at one of our stops.

By the time we arrived in Hanoi Eric was too sick to continue and had to be hospitalized at an SOS clinic. [Note: they do an excellent job in providing international medical services]. We learned that he had Dengue Fever—a fever that can cause hemorrhaging, destroys the blood platelets necessary for clotting, and destroys white blood cells wreaking havoc on a person’s immune system. It is carried by an urban mosquito that bites during the day.

Because his platelet count was dangerously low Eric had to have a medical evacuation to Bangkok during the night to be close to a “safe” blood supply in case he should need a transfusion. The charter allowed one person to go with him and we elected Julia to be that person. Sandy and I followed the next day.

We were lucky on several scores. First, Eric recovered and is back in Shanghai. Secondly, Eric was evacuated to a country—Thailand—that does not require that U.S. citizens have visas.

Lessons:
1. When traveling aboard carry extra passport/visa photographs with you in case you need to reenter a county or enter a country requiring a visa that you do not have (We had only a one entry visa to Vietnam yet our return flight to the U.S. was from Ho Chi Minh City. Had we not been able to change our flight to return directly from Bangkok, we would have had to have a new visa and having photographs would have made that much easier. Similarly, if Eric had been taken to a country that required a visa, his emergency evacuation probably would have taken care of him but we might not have been able to follow. Having extra visa photographs might expedite the process of meeting an unplanned visa requirement if necessary.

2. This recommendation probably should be followed regardless of where you are but most certainly applies to overseas travel—don’t take any medications or allow others to do so until you have a diagnosis. Aspirin is an aid in thinning the blood—not a good thing for a fever that causes hemorrhaging!

3. Health must always come first. In Eric’s case, earlier treatment probably wouldn’t have made much difference because there are no drugs for combating the Dengue Fever but he would have probably put up a stronger fight if he had stopped and rested.

4. An email account with Yahoo, Google, Hotmail, etc. will help you keep in touch when things go wrong. Internet cafes are available everywhere but they often have blocks on the popup
(5) Spray your clothes with insect repellant and use a repellent with 30% deet on exposed skin in countries where there is danger even if you don’t see mosquitoes. In all our travels—river boat rides in the Mekong Delta where our hotel room was equipped with mosquito nets, evening walks after downpours in Ho Chi Minh City, Hanoi, and Bangkok, and crawling in tunnels in the jungle—we saw only one mosquito and it was in daylight hours in a hospital room in Hanoi. Yet, it took only one mosquito to alter our trip! [Passport Health, a unit at Strong, has a safe repellent spray for clothing that will last through multiple washing and an odorless controlled release insect repellent with 30% deet that minimizes the risks associated with the use of deet.]

(6) In tropical climates don’t assume that you only need to protect yourself from mosquitoes and other critters from dusk until sunrise!

UUP organizes a luncheon for its retirees from the SUNY West campuses at one of the campuses—I believe that includes Alfred, UB, Brockport, Buffalo State, Fredonia and Geneseo—once each year. Emerita Pat Baker and emeritus Bill Rock are active with the group and Pat has asked that I share the following information with you.

Announcement: UUP Luncheon, Oct. 17th, NY Room, 11:00-2:00 featuring Lisa Arrlington from Lacy Katzen on Legal Issues Surrounding Eldercare and Mo Beers doing a power point presentation on Australia and N. Zealand. Bill Rock can be contacted at www.WDrRock@aol.com if anyone is interested in attending. Choice of London Broil, Chicken French or Baked Fish. [Contact Bill Rock to select your choice from the menu, to reserve your seat, and to pay your fee]

Thanks
Pat

I attended this luncheon as Pat’s guest the last time it was hosted at Brockport and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I am looking forward to attending again and to the planned presentations.

This information is about two weeks old so there may be more recent news available. I received word just before leaving on our trip that Jill Rakov had finally been able to make a connection with Professor Emeritus Stefan and Olga Pribil who live in Metairie, Louisiana—a community hardest hit by Katrina. Although the telephone connection was very poor, the report is that although they had to evacuate they have survived. Unfortunately, the report included that “Stefan is “on the bed” and that Olga has a broken wrist. Since their evacuation, they have been staying with friends in Houma. Olga reported that the storm and evacuation experience has been the worst thing they have encountered in life—or words to that effect.

We are sorry for what the Pribils have gone through and are going through but we are thankful that they have survived. If I learn how we might contact them and be of help I’ll share that information in my next “Update”.

FYI the second annual STONE SOUP AUCTION will be held on October 14th at Brockport High School, 7:30pm with viewing starting at 6:30pm.
This year the Aesthetics Committee of the Walk! Bike! Brockport Action Group—a group whose membership reads like a who’s who of emeriti/emerita—is raising funds to commission a piece of community art by SUNY Brockport Art Professor JENNIFER HECKER that will be placed in the Village. Communications professor Ginny Bachelor is working a documentary that follows the entire process from beginning to end.

Late in October (date to be announced) the 18’ sculpture by Professor Emeritus BILL STEWARD that was commission by the group last year will be installed and dedicated. It will be placed next to the Erie Canal, West of the Visitor Center. The group’s goal is to create an Art Walk with pieces in the village and on campus.

The auction will include a “Cena Toscana” dinner, a 19” x 21” painting, “Shore Tracings” by Professor Emeritus Jack Wolsky and several drawings and paintings from Louis Perticone of Artisan Works in Rochester, among others. For more information call (585) 637-6586.

This information was shared by the Alumni Affairs Office on campus recently. I was honored to receive the Outstanding Service Award at a ceremony on Friday, September 23rd. My award was a capstone award for my work in keeping you informed through these “Updates” and the emeriti website—both activities I much enjoy and from I am constantly rewarded through my contacts with all of you. But, I am most appreciative of this formal recognition and thank you all and the College for it.

It's time to begin the annual process of nominating individuals for the four 2006 Brockport Alumni Association Recognition Awards: the Hall of Heritage, Honors for Outstanding Service, Citations of Appreciation, and the Recent Alumnus Award. The 2006 honorees will be recognized at the Annual Awards Ceremony during Homecoming & Family Weekend on Friday, September 29, 2006.

Visit our web site at www.brockport.edu/alumni/assoc/award_winners to find a nomination form for these awards. Descriptions of each of the four awards are also included on the web site. Please consider potential nominees for these prestigious honors and nominate all who you feel are worthy. At this point in the process, we are asking for basic information on the nominees. Please feel free to copy and share this form with your colleagues and friends who may be interested in placing a nomination into consideration.

The deadline for receipt of the nomination form is November 11, 2005. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me, Elizabeth Standish, at estandis@brockport.edu or (585) 395-2648.

President Emeritus Albert W. Brown and Marge along with Vice President Emeritus Ralph Gennarino and Betty were special guests at the Hartwell Society Luncheon held on Friday of Homecoming and Parent’s Weekend. Three emeriti who were members of Albert W. Brown’s inauguration committee were either present or represented at the luncheon. They were Edward Stephany with his wife Arline; Andy Virgilio with his wife Sue; and the late Jack C. Crandall’s wife Jill. Drs. Brown and Gennarino were special guests for the occasion of the announcement of the formal beginning of a project to honor their contributions to SUNY Brockport’s success.
by naming campus structures after them. You will be hearing more about this project and the naming event(s) that are expected to take place in 2006 and you will be invited to participate in this project in the weeks ahead. Stay tuned for this exciting opportunity to permanently recognize and honor the achievements of others as well as your own.

[Note: I owe my career at Brockport to Dick Alexander who recruited me and recommended me to Dr. Brown for appointment, to Dr. Brown who hired me, to Dick, Dr. Gennarino, Maury Kleiman, Harold Rakov, and Ollie Spaulding who mentored me early in my career at Brockport, and, in my post retirement career with you all, to Jeanette D’Agostino Banker who supports and informs me. So, I have a special affinity to “The Brown Years!”]

The Department of Physical Education and Sport has shared the following information about an upcoming event.

The Department of Physical Education and Sport and the Physical Education Majors Club cordially invite you to a lecture by Dr. Nicholas Dixon, Wesley and Elma Dykstra Professor of Philosophy and Chair of the Department of Philosophy at Alma College in Michigan.

Dr. Dixon is an internationally known scholar in the philosophy of sport. He is editor of Journal of the Philosophy of Sport, Past President of the International Association for the Philosophy of Sport and author of such well-cited articles as On Winning and Athletic Superiority, On Sportsmanship and “Running Up the Score,” and Rorty, Performance-Enhancing Drugs, and Change in Sport.

Dr. Dixon’s lecture entitled “The Morality of Dangerous Sport” will be held at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 2nd in the west end of Seymour Union Ballroom, and is open to the Brockport community.

If you have further questions pertaining to this event, please contact Dr. Peter Hager (ext. 2373) or Dr. Cesar R. Torres (ext. 5339) directly.

Kate Papso who has served as Printing Services Manager since 1987 will soon be adding emerita to her title. Her department is inviting individuals to participate in the creation of a memory book for Kate and has made it possible for you to place your entry in the book electronically at http://www.brockport.edu/career/papso.htm. Apparently, there will be no retirement reception for Kate so the memory book will be our way of thanking her for her many contributions as Printing Services Manager and as the Coordinator of the Employee Assistant Program (EAP). Don’t put off adding your entry to the book if you intend to do so. She will retire at the end of the month but her department will have to “close the memory book” beforehand in order to prepare it for her.

If you would like to contribute toward a gift, please send to Carol Eldred or Pat Kendall by October 12. E-mail questions to celdred@brockport.edu.

SEFA 2005/06 Campaign
In the past I have had inquiries from emeriti/emerita who desired to participate in the SEFA Campaign and had felt left out. So, FYI, this is the kickoff week for the annual campaign. The campaign runs from October 11 through October 28 this year. Emeriti/emerita who wish to participate should contact Debbie Lamphron in the Provost’s Office dlamphro@brockport.edu or (585) 395-2524 for information about how to participate.

What a year it has been—tidal waves, hurricanes, earthquakes and floods, illness and death—yet most of us are fortunate enough to be able to observe it all from afar! Our hearts go out to the Pribils, who personalize the losses for us and to all the others whose lives have been disrupted.

Peace,

Bud

P.S. If these “Updates” keep getting longer I’m going to need an editor. Spell and grammar checkers only go so far! In the meantime, I certify that all errors are my own!

October 19, 2005

Greetings,

I don’t know whether its “jet lag”, the aging process, or just a calendar management issue but I regret that I have missed at least one announcement and one event since returning from vacation.

First, I owe an apology to emerita Karen Watt. She wrote me a couple of weeks ago reporting that in response to her having experienced a Stage 1 Breast Cancer this past spring the Watt Farm was hosting its 1st Annual "Making Strides against Breast Cancer" 5K Walk through their orchards. Unfortunately, the walk was last Sunday and I apologize for not getting this “Update” out soon enough for those interested to participate. Relating to Karen’s personal experience, we wish her success with treatment and peace in dealing with it.

Secondly, after announcing the UUP retiree luncheon hosted at Brockport yesterday and after making my personal registration, I failed to mark it on my calendar and missed it.

I don’t know how many “whoops” we are allowed before we are forced into total retirement but I must be reaching my limit.

Shannon Reed who is a research assistant for Distinguished Teaching Professor Steve Ireland has shared an invitation from them for all of us to attend a lecture.

On Nov. 3 at 7:30pm, the history department is hosting a lecture given by Professor Colm Lennon of the University of Maynooth, Ireland. His lecture is entitled "Faith, Fraternity and Fatherland: Religious Identities in Early Modern Ireland.” He will focus on the religious and political identities of the Irish-Catholics. The lecture will take place in room 220 in the Seymour College Union.
Thanks to Shannon and Steve for the invitation.

Frank Judge, a former graduate student in the English Department and friend of both the late A. Gregory Fitz Gerald and the late Paul Ferguson has shared information about Greg’s memorial service and a poem he wrote on the occasion of Paul Ferguson’s death. Following is the information and the poem.

A. Gregory Fitz Gerald…we had a beautiful Memorial service for him at his brother Benedict's home in Hyannisport on Saturday, September 10. The Rochester contingent included Fred & Carol Burelbach, Peter Marchant and May Elsie, Brigitte Groth, Dagmar Langlois and me. Also, there was Gregory's daughter Geraldine, who now lives with her husband and daughter in Costa Rica as well as many nieces, nephews and old friends.... His ashes were scattered on the old family property near Pah Wah Pond in Orleans.
Dawn in Kintyre

– In Memoriam, Paul Ferguson

O mist rolling in from the sea,
my desire is always to be here
O Mull of Kintyre

– Paul McCartney
“Mull of Kintyre”

Now the sun is ever rising,
burning off the mists of the glen.
Rushing ahead into the heather
are your dogs, the giant
white shepherd and the
timid mutt who arrived here
years before you, now ever young.

No road or map leads here
but suddenly I’m on the path behind you,
in your long morning shadow,
calling you to wait. You turn
to greet me again with the hearty smile
of decades of talks, songs, dinners,
tragedies, picnics, secrets, birthdays,
and greeting the new years
together with our mates.

Your eyes gleam and your hair
shines ever black and full. You
roll a yellow apple between your
hands like a baseball, puffing
your Meerschaum with renewed delight,
the smell blending with
the salty morning air of Kintyre.

A path leads up a nearby hill
to your old farmhouse,
now new and complete,
flowering vines spill over trellises,
a large black horse in a corral
saddled and waiting for someone.

Arm in arm we stroll
along the rocky cliffs
fearing no dangers. You talk
of your unfinished stories,
films you wanted to see,
albums you’d waited to hear,
the poems you wanted
to try your hand at.

“But I’ve got these pencils
and pens that last forever!
An audience you can’t imagine.
And, as Louis Armstrong sang,
‘all the time in the world’
to get the words just right,”
you beam, mugging
a toothy Satchmo grin
and wiggling your clan tie
like Oliver Hardy.
“Tell them that for me, will you?”

From here we can see
the Irish coast rise, land
of my ancestors. With a
swift tap, your walking stick
divides, and you hand me half
as we make our way into the day
with no shadows ahead of us.
“Frankie,” you ask, “did I
remember to tell you
how much I loved those poems
of yours? Always did. Keep it up!”

I pass the compliment back.
“I’ll miss your stories. You had
so much to say. I’ve been waiting
for a novel for years.
Something even John Gardner
would have envied.” Your eyes
twinkle and you smile
to some private joke:
“You’ll read them all
one day,” you confide
with familiar assurance.

In the distance we hear
the echoes of pipes and drums,
and tears well in eyes
we shield from the flaming sky.
The perfect new day
feels suddenly old
and cold to me.
Memories rush by
and the distant mountains
seem farther and darker
than a moment ago,
the fields more silent,
not a rustle in the grass,
not a bird in sight
in the dying wind.

“Don’t worry,” the firm tanned
hand on my shoulder says.
“I’m always here. Just over
that hill in your dreams,
in the uncertain hours
of morning, in the fearful
hours of night, at the happiest
moments you least expect.

“And one of these days
you’ll show me that homeland
of yours across the channel.
You can introduce me
to Jimmy Joyce – I’ve got
a few questions I’ve
always wanted to ask him.”

You call out your usual farewell.
“Take care, Frankie,”
this time waving slowly
over your shoulder and
turning away into the mist
that rolls between us
and sweeps out to sea
leaving the path empty
but bright and warm,
birds singing and circling
up from the cold water
in the Kintyre dawn.

– Frank Judge
October 14, 2005
Memorial Service at Newman Oratory
Brockport, New York
Frank, thanks for sharing. Both Greg and Paul’s presence in this world will be missed.

Helen and John Maier are happy to report a recent reunion of some bridge playing couples from several years back. The Maiers, and emeriti families Dick and Jan Liebe and Vince and Martha Tollers, along with former employee family, Scott and Janet Kretchmar, have been getting together for 25-30 years. Helen reports that Scott Kretchmar, now of Penn State, just returned from a conference in the Czech Republic where he ran into emeritus professor Warren Fraleigh. The Kretchmars are, of course, fans of Penn State football and are probably especially pleased to be able to count among their friends the legendary coach Joe Paterno.

Helen reported that it was great to get together with these bridge friends and to catch up on each other’s lives.

Connie Graves, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, has shared with me recently received news about former Brockport employee Peter Smits. Pete served in several capacities at Brockport before becoming Assistant to the President under President Emeritus Albert W. Brown. One of his significant roles in this capacity was Coordinator of the International Special Olympics hosted by Brockport by Brockport, August 8-13, 1979. Peter is now Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Fresno State in California where they have just launched a $200M campaign. It is nice to learn about the success of former colleagues/associates and I thank Connie for sharing.

The following announcement was circulated on campus today. Emeriti/emerita are invited.

**Are you ready for some football?**

This is just a reminder that The Office of Alumni Relations, the Brockport Alumni Association and the Office of Campus Life will be hosting the last tailgate party of the 2005 football season on **Saturday, October 22**. The tailgate party will take place in parking lot V near the football and soccer fields (look for our Brockport flag) from **11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.**

Please come out and show your Brockport spirit by dropping by. Hot dogs, chips, cookies and beverages will be provided free of charge. **Donations will be graciously accepted and will be given to the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.**

Emeriti Reception hosted by the Halsteads

By now emeriti should have received their invitations to the Emeriti Reception to be hosted by the Halsteads from 3 – 4:30 pm on Thursday, November 10th. If you have not received your invitation, contact Leslie in the President’s Office (585) 395-2361. You will enjoy meeting President Halstead and his family and I hope many of you will be able to attend and make this event a success. If you have not done so already, please RSVP as soon as possible so that the college can finalize plans for this event.

You are invited to attend ---
Capital Punishment in America Debate
Monday, October 24, 2005, 6:00 p.m., Union Ballroom

Debators:  - William T. Easton, Deputy Capital Defender
- Joanne M. Winslow, Monroe County Special Assistant District Attorney, whose present assignment is Chief of the Major Felony Bureau for the DA's office.

Moderator:  Jeffrey Wicks, Attorney and Counselor at Law,
Adjunct Lecturer, Criminal Justice Department, SUNY Brockport.

This event is being planned and organized by Jeffrey Wicks, Adjunct Lecturer, Criminal Justice Department, SUNY Brockport.

I think that covers everything for now. Thankfully, I have no really bad news to report today.

Peace,

Bud

October 31, 2005

Greetings,

I regret that I have very sad news to report again. Clark V. Whited, one member of the Whited/Whited Moroney Whited team that has made significant contributions to the welfare of SUNY Brockport, its staff and its students as faculty, faculty emeritus/emerita, and benefactors, has died. As a revered coach and professor Clark touched the lives of his students and student/athletics and many have stayed in touch with him and/or his wife Frances through the years to share their own successes and thank their mentor. His memory will live on in the lives of those he touched, in the record books for baseball at Brockport, and in the exceptional SUNY Brockport baseball/softball complex that bears his name. Following is his obituary from the Rochester D&C that, in a typically inconspicuous manner, outlines his accomplishments and recognitions:

“Whited, Clark V. PED,
Professor Emeritus of SUNY College at Brockport died peacefully at Lakeside Hospital Brockport October 29, 2005. He was a graduate of West High School of Rochester, earned his Bachelor Degree from the University of Michigan in 1937, his Master’s Degree from Columbia University in 1941 and his Doctorate from Indiana University in 1967. He also took graduate course work at Syracuse University and New York University and completed Officer’s Candidate School at Fort Banning, GA. He served with the 100th Infantry in WWII from 1937-1942 receiving several citations including the Bronze Star. He was retired from the Army Reserve with the rank of Major. At SUNY College at Brockport he served in many capacities during his 37 years. He was
chairperson of the Men's Physical Education and Sport Department for 7 years, initiated the Sport Science and Sports Management programs and was chairperson of the Sports Management program for 2 years. He was the chair of the Athletic Committee Board of Control.

A member of the first class (1985) of inductees into the Golden Eagle Athletic Hall of Fame, he also received additional honors such as SUNYAC Service Award, the Sports Management Recognition Award and the Outstanding Service Award from the SUNY Brockport Alumni Association. As a professor, coach, administrator and professor emeritus in the Department of Physical Education and Sport, Clark V. Whited has made a lasting difference in the lives of thousands of students at SUNY Brockport. In July 2001, the Clark V. Whited baseball-softball complex was named in his honor as he coached varsity baseball for 22 years. Dr. Whited was born in Rochester and is predeceased by his parents, and his sister, Pearl Howland. He is survived by his loving wife, Frances Moroney Whited of 43 years; his son, Clark V. (Barbara) Whited II; his daughter Mary Beth (Don) Willey of Houston, TX; his grandchildren, Matthew, Benjamin and Andrew Whited, Karrianna (Marshall) Poe, Amanda and Jacob Willey; his sister-in-law, Josephine Moroney and brother-in-law, Frank Fox and many supportive and loving nieces and nephews.

Friends may call Tuesday 3-7 PM at the Fowler Funeral Home Inc., 340 West Ave, Brockport. Funeral Service will be held Wednesday 11 AM at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Interment Lake View Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Clark V. Whited Endowment Fund at SUNY Brockport, 350 New Campus Drive, Brockport, NY 14420; St. Luke Episcopal Church, 14 State Street, Brockport, NY 14420; or a charity of one's choice.” [Rochester, D&C, Sunday, October 30, 2005]

I am sure many who will read this have their own great stories and tributes to Clark V. Whited. One of my memorable contacts with Clark occurred in 1961 when, in my mind, Brockport was just that other SUNY Teachers’ College with a Physical Education major that was a lot farther away from home than Cortland. I was working near NYC and a high school friend had just moved in with me after having partied his way out of Brockport. Because the Berlin crisis was upon us and the two of us were just about to be drafted, we had decided to join the Marine Corps. We had absolutely just returned from being sworn in when the phone rang. I took the call to find that it was my friend’s baseball coach from Brockport calling with great news—although just a couple hours late. Clark had called to tell my friend that he was being reinstated on probation and to welcome him back to Brockport. On many occasions during our 13 weeks together that fall at that famous resort on Parris Island, South Carolina I could read the nonverbal message in my friend’s eyes. “I could have avoided all of this if coach’s lifeline had arrived two hours earlier”. Unfortunately for my friend the Clark Whited lifeline arrived too late but the point of this story is that Coach Clark V. Whited was always there for the young men and women he taught to help them overcome the obstacles they sometimes placed in their personal paths to maturity. There are many for whom his lifeline was more-timely who owe their success to his care and mentoring.
The passing of Clark V. Whited is a significant loss to SUNY Brockport and the greater Brockport community as well as to his family and closest friends. But, the mourning will quickly give way to a celebration of the man and of a life lived well!

Condolences to: Dr. Frances Moroney Whited, 54 Valley View Drive, Brockport, New York 14420.

Some better news –


Congratulations Jack and thanks for all that you for the Brockport and greater Rochester communities.

Emeritus Dick Evans was one of many who donated works to the successful Stone Soup Auction. He has shared the following information about the availability of some of his photographs:

Approximately 100 of my nature/wildlife/landscape photos, some of which are in wall or window displays, can be seen at the new Design Frame shop on Main Street in Brockport, across from the Strand Theater (ph.# 395-1844). Emeriti can check the store window for rotating enlargements of these photographs.

[If you are interested in owning any of the photographs make sure to mention your emeritus/emerita status to get a 50% discount on Dick’s photographs through December 24, 2005.]

More good news about Jim Cook’s post retirement contributions to the world of golf:

Jim Cook was elected to serve as the Rochester District Golf Association's (RDGA) next president, beginning his term at the RDGA Fall Round Up Meeting on October 10 at Midvale Country Club. A retired director of admissions from SUNY Brockport, Cook is a long-time member and past president of Stafford Country Club. He serves on the Sectional Affairs Committee of the New York State Golf Association and the Junior Amateur Committee of the USGA. First elected to the RDGA Executive Committee in 2000, Cook has served as an assistant tournament chairman, tournament chairman, editor of the RDGA Newsletter for the last four years and most recently, as vice president. He has been active in tournament administration for the RDGA since 1970.

We again send our congratulations to Jim Cook for his accomplishments.

Something of interest from the Athletic Department
SUNY Brockport student athletes will be participating in a senior citizen leaf raking project on Sunday November 6, 2005. This is part of a community service event throughout the entire athletic conference.

We need your help - please pass this information along to your neighbors and friends within the village of Brockport. We have 200 able bodied student athletes that ready and willing to help rake leaves to the curb for the seniors in town.

Please call Pam Rowles, at 395-5328 by Wednesday November 2 so your yard will be on the raking route. We will be raking from 10 am - 1 pm.

Thanks for your time and help.

The Student Athlete Advisory Committee

Don’t be afraid to share some of your own activities. I know, for example, that many of you have taken trips and have stories to tell that would be interesting to other emeriti/emerita.

That’s all I have for now.

Peace,

Bud

November 17, 2005

Greetings,

I’ve been out of touch for a while and probably missed informing you about a few things. I can’t repair communications about what has already passed but I have a few things to share that might be of interest.

First, thanks to Libby Caruso in the Student Health Center, there is an opportunity for some of you to obtain a flu vaccination if you haven’t received one yet. But you must act quickly. The Health Center has 40 doses left and they have received a request from the Monroe County Health Department to either use it on high risk individuals or send it to them. Since emeriti fit the “high risk” category Libby thought that the vaccine should be offered to them before she ships the remaining doses to the county. So, beginning at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, November 18th, on a first come-first served basis, forty emeriti will have an opportunity to obtain a flu shot at the Student Health Center. The cost of the flu shot will be $20.00 that you can pay when you visit, charge to your BASC account if you have one with credits (bring your Faculty/Staff ID), or be billed later. I have no idea whether you can be reimbursed by your health insurance for this charge—the whole issue of health insurance coverage overwhelms me now and I used to be an expert! Personally, I just figured the $20 as a gift to my own good health!
Important: This is a 10:00 a.m. to noon, one day, one time, offering for tomorrow for the first 40 emeriti who show up. If any doses are left at noon they will be shipped to Monroe County. If you haven’t gotten a flu shot yet, this is a convenient offer from Libby and we thank her for it.

Golly, ain’t it nice to be identified as “high risk”?

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Then – another time sensitive announcement!!!!

At 4:30 p.m. today, Thursday, November 17th, the Center for Philosophic Exchange presents a visiting public lecture—“Midnight in the Garden of Forking Paths” by Dean Zimmerman, Associate Professor of Philosophy at Rutgers University. This lecture will be presented in Seymour College Union, 220-221

Tomorrow, Friday, November 18th in the same location you are also invited to attend a Visiting Lecture-Discussion: “Evil and God’s Infinitely Many Alternatives”.

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Because we are considered “high risk” I really think it is important that for me to share something “Montana Mike” Oshier recently sent me that he had received from a friend who had a friend who had had a stroke—this is the type of chain that should not be broken—friends sharing with friends. Anyway, here is what you need to know:

RECOGNIZING A STROKE

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

1. *Ask the individual to SMILE.
2. *Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.
3. *Ask the person to SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently) (i.e.. . It is sunny out today) If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, call 911 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

After discovering that a group of non-medical volunteers could identify facial weakness, arm weakness and speech problems, researchers urged the general public to learn the three questions. They presented their conclusions at the American Stroke Association’s annual meeting last February. Widespread use of this test could result in prompt diagnosis and treatment of the stroke and prevent brain damage.

Thanks for sharing Mike! I suspect that many strokes might also be avoided if people just made sure their smile was working on a regular basis.

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Alumnus George and former faculty member Rosie Rich were the winners of BASC’s contest to name its catering services some time ago. You may remember that I had shared with this group
the invitation to participate in the contest. George and Rosie submitted several suggestions through me and one of them was "Garnishes" the name that was selected. The winners were recognized with a “some expenses paid” invitation to the campus-wide Thanksgiving luncheon (option of November 16 or 17th) in the New York Room—they must pay their own expenses to get there.

Congratulations to George and Rosie—two long-term strong supporters of SUNY Brockport.

And here is another TIME SENSITIVE event you will not want to miss. For years Dick Mancuso charmed, entertained and enlightened public school students with his physics show and then he learned to dance. Experts agree that he is quite the exceptional dancer and the likes of Sondra Fraleigh and Jaquie Davis would probably sacrifice their careers and reputations to be his dancing partner! Now Dick has become—probably one in a million, if not in the world—an expert on the physics of dance. On a recent “broadcast” email on the college’s listserv Dick made the following announcement.

Swing/Ballroom Dance, Friday 18 November, 8:30PM-10:30PM, ROTC Gym, Cooper Hall. No admission charge. Everyone is welcome; accomplished dancers and beginners. Sponsored by The Department of Physics, specifically, Richard V. Mancuso.

My recommendation: Grab an early fish fry then join Dick and friends at the ROTC Gym where I am sure you will have an opportunity to see a demonstration of the physics of dance, to learn, and to have fun.

Vice President for Institutional Advancement candidates

Sorry – I am tardy with this and you have already missed candidates that were on campus on November 14 and 15. But, if you would like to see how the rest of the candidates behave in a public forum here following is the rest of the schedule.

Monday, November 28, 1:30-2:30 PM, Room 220, Seymour College Union
Wednesday, November 30, 1:30-2:30 PM, Room 220, Seymour College Union
Thursday, December 1, 1:30-2:30 PM, Room 220, Seymour College Union
Monday, December 5, 1:30-2:30 PM, Room 220, Seymour College Union

Stop at the Raye H. Conrad Welcome Center and pick up your free RARES membership ID that will give you discounts with a number of local merchants and some parks and recreational venues. While you are there you may also want to purchase your new Entertainment Book for $18.05 (where does the $.05 go?) that provides discounts at numerous restaurants and other “entertainment” venues—‘course eat’n and walk’n are the preferred “entertainments” for those of us who are “high risk”!

Get your flu shot!

Finally, I need to tell you I walk a thin line at times in terms of what I report. I try to focus on the things you share with me about your retirement activities and to keep you abreast of
happenings on campus or those that affect the SUNY Brockport “family” but I truly try not to become “commercial”. So, although I might share information about Bernie Petit’s retirement activities that include a video business, I try not to do anything that would be promotional. Similarly, I might highlight Jim Horn’s travel business—particularly if he shares with me information about SUNY Brockport emeriti participants in his adventures, but I try to do it in a way that highlights emeritus Jim Horn’s retirement activities without focusing on promoting his business. The line sometimes gets thin, particularly when a second or third party that is not directly connected with the college that is operating under a “profit motive” enters the picture. But, when that happens, I try to be consistent in excluding related content from these “Updates” even when I truly support the activity. Because of this “policy”, not to mention TIME, I recently failed to notify you of an event sponsored by the Walk! Bike! Brockport Action Group that includes many emeriti and others who have direct contact with SUNY Brockport. I really welcome input about your activities and, from the feedback of many I know that they enjoy hearing about them. This update forum and the emeriti website are really for sharing of your activities and the news from Brockport is tangential. So, feedback related to the commercial issue is important to me as is your sharing of your own activities with the group.

That’s all for now – I think! Get your flu shots, go dancing, and SMILE!

Bud

P.S. It’s really great to be “high risk” and not worried about the grade you’ll receive for using “ain’t”!

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November 22, 2005

Greetings,

Well, here I am again -- events scheduled at the college and some feedback received after my last update have prompted me to clear my pending update materials before the Thanksgiving holiday. The good news is that there is no bad news in this one.

First, I recently learned about a retiree benefit that is almost too good to be true for those of us "high risk” people who choose to go back to work part-time after retiring. I learned that when you return to the payroll you get back your balance of sick leave credits you had before your retirement even if you had surrendered them to apply towards health insurance premiums in retirement. In simple words, if you had the 10 years of service necessary to qualify for health insurance in retirement and gave up all of your sick leave credits (maximum possible 200 days) to apply to the health insurance premium, you still got the credits back when you returned to the payroll. Although it sounds like double dipping to me it is an approved benefit.

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Mo Beers,

Retirement Reception
You are cordially invited to attend a Retirement Reception in honor of Morris Beers, Professor, Education and Human Development (1973-2005) is adding "Emeritus" to his rank soon. We are invited to join his department for refreshments and hors d'oeuvres to wish Mo all the best as he opens a new chapter in his life.

Wednesday, December 7th  
3:30-5:30 p.m.  
Cultural Center • Room 223  
Seymour Union  

Similarly, Richard Hart, Assistant for Instructional Resources (1976-2005) is retiring but has declined the offer of a send-off. However, I am sure he would be delighted to receive cards or emails from emeriti/emerita with whom he worked over the years—Media Services, Edwards Hall or rhart@brockport.edu. Here is the notice of his retirement that was shared on Brockport's listserv.

On December 14, 2005, Richard Hart will retire from his full-time position in Media Services. Ritchie has served the SUNY Brockport community for over 25 years. If you wish to honor Ritchie's commitment to supporting instructional technology in the classroom, Information Technology Support Services and Media Services are accepting donations for a gift to be presented to Ritchie. Contributions will be accepted by Tammy Loscombe or Mary Jo Orzech in 216 Dailey Hall until Friday, December 2.

Please join us in thanking Ritchie for his many years of dedication and hard work reinforcing SUNY Brockport's instructional mission.  
Mary Jo Orzech  
Information Technology Support Services  
SUNY Brockport  
585-395-2368

Sometimes I feel that the only way to do justice to the information shared with me is to simply quote the source. Such is the case of the notes I received recently from emerita Evy Newlyn and emeritus Ira-Paul Schwarz.


Hi Bud,

I've been meaning to write you about my retirement life in case others might be interested in what I'm doing. My health obliged me to retire before I wanted to, and although I love being in Maine, I was very unhappy for the first year without that central element in my life, teaching. Then, last year, I discovered Senior College, a part of the University of Southern Maine and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, and volunteering as part of the Senior College faculty has transformed my life.
The classes are for people over 55, and *every single last student* is there because of an active desire to learn what you are teaching! My first class, last spring, was "Classical Mythology," that had 25 students and a waiting list, and my class this fall was Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales," which at 25 also could not accommodate all who wanted to take it. There are no exams, no grades, no papers to read that bring one to sobs and head-banging on the desk—just totally engaged students who read their assignments most faithfully, participate eagerly, offer wonderfully bright and perspicacious comments and analysis, and who thank me profusely and frequently for teaching them. This is a professor's heaven-on-earth! USM's Senior College courses meet for two hours once a week for eight weeks in the fall and spring terms, and has other shorter terms in winter and summer. I absolutely love it. I get to do what is most important to me in the world—teach—to people who truly want to learn, and I can do it within a kind and gentle milieu.

To any other retirees who may miss their teaching, but who may not feel up to the stress-filled life that is current academia, I strongly recommend checking to see if there is a Senior College or OLLI institute nearby. OLLI institutes exist currently at 70-some universities all over the U.S., ranging from Hawaii to UCLA to Nebraska, Minnesota, Texas, to Duke, Harvard, New Hampshire, etc., with a total of 100 projected. A website address is <www.usm.maine.edu/olli/national>. Other colleges and universities have Senior Colleges as well but are not under the OLLI funding umbrella, but probably they're not hard to find.

If you think others might be interested, please feel free to include some mention of this and the web address in the newsletter. Hope all is well with you.

Best,
Evy Newlyn

Evy, thanks for sharing -- your enthusiastic support for the Senior College experience might be a "life-line" for some of our group who might be looking for something meaningful to do in retirement.

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Ira-Paul Schwarz, Professor and Composer Emeritus, Theatre (1970-1992)

Dear Bud:

I really appreciate receiving your newsletter. It is my most significant link with colleagues, friends and my years at Brockport.

As you know, shortly after my retirement, my wife Irene died suddenly. Her widowed younger sister Mary came to America from England to help me in resettling my life. I visited England with Mary and we decided to make it a threesome and were married in England where we remain. I can't quite believe I have been here nearly eight years.

I have enjoyed it, though. Mary has been a wonderful helpmate; I have become reacquainted with my extended and extensive British family; the weather is quite mild (we generally have garden flowers in bloom all winter); I have made many friends; I enjoy the scenery and architecture (especially the numerous churches) and I enjoy the cosmopolitan aspect of the U.K.
Despite some intermittent illness, I continue to be active as a composer. I have three publishers and a record producer here in addition to my U.S. contacts. Recently I wrote a piece for Sir James and Lady Galway which turned out to be quite an international spread: The suite based on Native American melodies was written by a German-American living in England for an Irishman living in Switzerland for performance in Japan and publication in Scotland.

There are some downsides to living here, too: I miss seeing my American friends, and relatives (Son John visits each summer - Daughter Linda died just two years following her mother's death); living is expensive; I miss the wide variety of food available in the U.S.; and I get to pay income tax here as well as in America.

You asked for a personal update and probably got more than you really wanted! Keep those e-mails coming, Bud, they are like a package from home.

Best Wishes,

Ira

Ira, we send you peace and love from this side of the Atlantic -- thanks for your kind thoughts and for sharing. Best wishes.

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I was unable to attend the Emeriti Reception hosted by the Halsteads but I have had feedback that it was a very well attended event and enjoyed by all. Thanks to the Halsteads for opening their home to us--we wish them much success at Brockport.

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You should have received a request in your regular mail from the Human Resources Office for you to review and update as necessary your directory information. Please respond immediately to this request so that the college can complete this project soon.

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And here is a CELT event that might be of interest to some of you who live in the area. Your experiences might also be informative.

Friday, December 2 - "What I Learned from My Biggest Teaching Mistake"

No matter how good a teacher you are, you most certainly will be familiar with the following scenario. You spend a great deal of time preparing a unique educational experience for one of your classes. But when the moment arrived, your grand pedagogical plan failed to live up to its expected potential. At this Brownbag Discussion, come and share what you learned from your biggest teaching mistake.

Thursday, December 8 - "Lunch at CELT"

You won’t need a brown bag for this Brownbag Discussion. CELT will provide lunch for all faculty and staff who attend this informal, end of the semester event. Bring nothing but a
willingness to talk with your colleagues about whatever teaching topic comes up. Please let us
know before December 3rd if you will be attending so we can order the correct amount of food.

To register for these events email celt@brockport.edu or call 395-5088.

Christopher Price, Ph.D.
Interim Director
Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT)

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Health Insurance -- The 2006 Option Transfer period is November 14, 2005 through December
16, 2005. A lot of information including the premium rates for 2006 can be found at
http://www.cs.state.ny.us/ebd/ebdonlinecenter/choices06/index.cfm

Like many of you Ray Duncan spent his career successfully surviving in the face of "Publish or
Perish" requirements. As a retiree, he has now entered a new arena that he hopes will not be
"Publish and Perish"! I just found out that his first novel, "Patriot Trap" about "high intrigue in
Cuba" has now been published and is available locally. I am starting to read one copy today with
another about to be shipped to China -- I believe that will make him an internationally known
author.

Congratulations Ray!

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Professor and author Robert W. Blake and his daughter Brett Elizabeth were featured in the
"Rochester Author -- a weekly profile" -- section of the Rochester D&C on Sunday, November
13, 2005. It reported on their latest work: Literacy: A Primer (Peter Lang Publishing). "Written
in a straightforward style, the primer is aimed at readers who wish to learn about an important
topic as well as at college students who are introduced to the subject." I referenced this work in
an earlier Update but I wanted to share the recognition Bob and Brett Elizabeth received from the
D&C that brings credit to the college and to Brockport as well as to them personally.

Congratulations to Bob and Brett Elizabeth!

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The sculpture by Professor Emeritus William Stewart that was sponsored by the Walk! Bike!
Brockport Action Group has been placed at Brockport's Welcome Center on the canal. Along
with Bill Stewart many emeriti/emerita and alumni/alumnae were involved in this project and the
Brockport community thanks Bill and the others for this significant contribution. For those of
you living outside of the Brockport area I have placed a couple of photographs on the "Your
News" page on the emeriti website. Make sure you pay a visit to the Welcome Center to see it
and the sculpture when you are in the area.

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And, a message that might give us pause during this holiday season was received from Mary

Hi Bud,
Your newsletter was a blast!! Have you considered writing comic strips? I really needed a laugh and a SMILE. You see, I lost one son, Steven Lightfoot, Jan 15, 2004 at age 25 of pneumonia and Leukemia. He was studying for the ministry and had been married just 26 days. (in Atlanta). He was on his semester break. November 14 was his birthday. Friends and family kept calling to say they remembered and how sorry they were. On the other hand, my elder son, John Lightfoot, just won in his bid for one of the City Council at large seats (November 8) and people kept calling me to congratulate me on the elder son's success. I thought I would escape to the computer--So there you are--the master story teller. I do think you are "high risk "and could benefit from a vacation, preferably a cruise, after the flu shot no less. Keep up the good work— you missed your calling. Anyway, Peace and Blessings!

Mary, your email contains a poignant message for all of us this Thanksgiving season. First, we must face the inevitable losses in life and in so doing give thanks for the opportunities and the memories. Then we must be thankful that we are still able to cherish the rewards that each day can bring to us if we are open to seeing them. You have wonderful memories of Steven to be thankful for and the wonderful experience of being able to share in son John's success. Similarly, I am rewarded by your email, along with the feedback from Evy Newlyn and Ira-Paul Schwarz, among others, that, along with my many other associations with family and friends, give me "worth" and for which I am thankful. As a "family" our emeriti group has suffered the inevitable removal of some members of our group this year but we are thankful that their memories live on.

Likewise, we are thankful that others in our group who faced difficulties during the year, Larry Hjelle, Larry Kline, Craig Hazen, Rawle Farley, and Joe Harkin, are either “mended,” “on the mend”, or at least out of crisis and able to give thanks even though their year has been difficult.

So, Mary, thank you for making my day and for the thoughts provoked by your sharing of Steven and John with us.

Thanks, and peace to all,

Bud

November 30, 2005

Greetings,

Sadly, I have to be the bearer of bad news again today.

Victor E. Schmidt, Professor of Earth Sciences Emeritus (1949-1978) succumbed to pneumonia at Lakeside yesterday at the age of 91. I was fortunate enough to have been invited to his 90th birthday party in the New York room in the spring of 2004. All present witnessed a robust 90-year old who with wit and charm exercised soft control over the event. They also had the opportunity to see a slide show of Victor’s trips for research and for simply enjoying the
outdoors that were so dear to him. It is difficult to accept that this world champion of living life well could be defeated.

Victor excelled as professor, father, grandfather, and friend and his sharing of his knowledge, his love of the outdoors, and his love of life had great influence on those who knew him. The earth, along with his family and his closest friends and associates, has lost a dear friend in his passing.

In contemplating the significant impact of Victor’s life, I remembered words I used in a recent note of condolences to former Telecommunications Manager Bonnie Park who lost her mother Doris Bergan a week or so ago. My words were to the effect that I hoped she and Steve were otherwise “spending” their days well. The concept of “spending your days” caused a little reflection. In a quick calculation, I estimate that Victor was very fortunate to have been given 33,439 days in his “days-account”. There is strong evidence that Victor spent his days wisely, that he loved life, that he channeled his energies to people and things he loved, and that he was accepting of the frailties in others. Is it possible that one of the ingredients to longevity is simply charity—to one’s dreams and unconditionally to others?

Because I knew of Norm and Diane Frisch’s special love and respect for Victor I invited Norm to contribute to this memorial. Here are his words:

‘I first met Vic Schmidt shortly after starting at SUNY Brockport in 1965. He was one of my parents’ generation but, and I say this out of respect, he came to be one of the oldest little kids I think I will ever meet. Fun was never work, but work was not worthwhile without being fun. There are few people I consider role models; Vic was one of mine. Diane and I will truly miss him.

He was also a wonderful friend, teacher and, over the last six years, walking companion. About the latter one could say that he always knew his place in the world--and that was just a short distance away from wherever we happened to be at the time. But it wasn't about the destination, it was about the path.

In my view, Vic was one of the few that truly were "at one with the universe." But the path he traveled was a shared path with whomever he was with, and whoever happened to appear on the trail.

And walks were rarely just exercise, though at 91 years of age he could still manage a fair incline, and climb over logs sometimes waist high across the path. The walks were, rather, natural history lessons about the local flora, fauna and physical world around you (that you weren't quite totally aware of yet).

Along the way there were also cherished stories about his wife with whom he walked a lot before her passing many years before, and his large multigenerational family that now lives in Vermont, North Carolina and the upper mid-west. Although there are distinctions between family, friends and students, he frequently blurred them intentionally. He loved people, even though many of their actions were, in general, "...really messing up the planet," he'd say with something of a resigned wink.
Vic conserved, yet shared; he was an individualist, but not an egotist; a teacher but not a lecturer; he knew a lot, but questioned what he thought he knew; he was fond of asking, not telling; he was a high thinker, but down to earth; he was big on perception, but not impression. He was fond of pointing out that books are great, but experiential learning was what was "REAL." He was very effective (and comfortable) in that matrix of qualities.

Through many seasons during the last six years we walked The College woods, Northampton Park, the Erie Canal, Churchville Park, Mendon Ponds, Cummins Nature Center, once even in the Adirondack Blue Mountain Lake area. He walked separately with others too.

It is ironic that our last walk was early this last October in Bergen Swamp. It is one place he has been very connected with over many decades, and found it pleasantly humorous that despite its geographic proximity and my interests in the natural sciences, I had never walked through any part of it. While passing a downed tree, he reminded me again, as he had on several walks before, of a short piece one of his daughters had written. It was about a tree that had fallen in the forest and had become a "nurse tree." Some of you will know fully what that means.

Something timely and perhaps also fitting from page 38 of the December 2005 issue of "Scientific American" attributes the following to Carl Sagan in the opening scene of the film "Cosmos:" "The cosmos is within us. We are made of star stuff. We are a way for the cosmos to know itself..." [Norm Frisch]

Norm also pointed out that there are so many "best friends" of Victor who must be greatly saddened by his passing including Charlie Barr who reported losing "a dear friend", Ron Dilcher, Jean Bobear, Walter Brautigan, Bob Hellman, Jill Rakov, Fran Sansoucie and too many others to mention. Our condolences go out to them, his family, and all others who held Vic dear to them.

Victor’s legacy will live on in the many who remain who he challenged to be better, to learn, to love, to “spend” their days wisely, and, paraphrasing Norm’s quotation, to find the cosmos within themselves.

Victor, thank you for your example and for sharing your life with us!

I’l share information about condolences, a memorial service, and other memorials as soon as known.

Last April many of you helped Olive Edmunds, spouse of the late Professor of English Emeritus James Edmunds (1937-1971), beloved secretary to Blaine DeLancey, Gordon Allen, and Harold Rakov, and the mother of Susan Edmunds, well known member and the last chair of the Music Department, celebrate her 100th birthday. Sadly, we learned 2-3 weeks ago that Olive had had a stroke and was not doing well. Olive exhausted her “days-account” November 24th and moved
into the realm that James moved to in 1984. Both Jim and Olive were significant members of the Brockport College family for many years and their memories live on.

Condolences to Susan Edmunds, P.O. Box 395, Brockport, New York 14420

Memorials to Visiting Nurse Hospice or favorite charity.

Correction: In my last Update I referenced Joseph Hartnack in a list of people who have weathered stormy times in 2005. That reference should have been for Joseph Harkin who is out of immediate crisis but should remain in our thoughts and prayers. Thanks for those who provided me editorial feedback.

AND from the SUNY Brockport listserv for those of you who are not connected:

- There will be a retirement reception for Phyllis Lista on Wednesday, 7 December from 2:00-5:00 pm in room 127 Smith.

  Phyllis has been with SUNY Brockport for 37 1/2 years as secretary to the Departments of Chemistry and Physics.

- More “Dancing with Mancuso” -- Friday, 2 December, ROTC Gym, Cooper.

  7:00-8:00-brief lessons in cha-cha, swing, fox trot and rhumba. Try to bring a partner.

  8:00-10:00-open dancing.

- **21st Annual Holiday Helping Hand to Benefit Local Families**

  The College continues its history of providing local families with assistance during the holiday season with the 21st Annual Holiday Helping Hand (HHH) campaign. Families are chosen to receive holiday gifts of food, toys, clothing and other needed items from suggestions by social workers at the Brockport and Holley school districts, the Brockport Child Care Center and personal contacts. Click here to view this year's HHH flyer: http://www.brockport.edu/maildocs/hhh_2005.doc

  The College will accept contributions of non-perishable food, new toys, new clothing and cash/checks. All donations are made on behalf of SUNY Brockport. Please leave donations with Jackie Thomas, dance, 141 Hartwell Hall, or any one of the committee members listed below, by Friday, December 9. Checks should be payable to COSAC Account #271848. Call Thomas at x2153 with any questions. For anyone wishing to make donations, arrangements can also be made for pickup, if needed, by calling Thomas.

  The Holiday Helping Hand Coordinating Committee members are:

  - Susan Arno, Facilities & Planning, x5205
  - Dody Ballard, Educational Administration, x2661
Edwina Billings, Computer Skills, x2666
Betty Drennen, BASC, x2497
Phyllis Lista, Physics & Chemistry, x2182
Jackie Thomas, Dance, x2153

- Garnishes is providing another holiday luncheon from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on December 8th and December 9th. Its flyer with menu details and reservation information has been posted under “Your News” on the emeriti website at: http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm

As we count our days…let’s make sure they count!

Peace,

Bud

PS. I’ve placed a couple of photographs from the emeriti reception on the “Your News” page on the emeriti website.

December 13, 2005

Greetings,

I have just a few items to share.

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Important message – thanks to Matt Vanderwerf, Benefits Officer!

The Employee Benefits Division of the Department of Civil Service has advised state employers (SUNY Brockport is one of them) to tell their employees/retirees who are eligible for the new Medicare D program (if you are over age 65 or might be someday) NOT TO SIGN UP FOR IT IF THEY HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE WITH THE STATE. If you sign up for Medicare D, you will lose your NYSHIP prescription benefit which is a much better benefit than Medicare D.

[Note: retirees are generally eligible to have the state’s health insurance (NYSTEP) in retirement if they had at least 10 years of eligible employment. You should know whether you have health insurance and, if you do, the message is “DON’T SIGN UP FOR MEDICARE D!”]

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Putting religious beliefs aside, this month has traditionally been a season for remembering others. In that spirit, I invite you to join me in sending greetings to some members of our group who might be need of some good cheer this year. If you can, please join me in sending a card or letter to the Pribils, emeriti Stefan (Professor of Physics – 1964-1992) and his wife Olga; and to Mildred Kiefer, Academic Advisement Coordinator Emerita – 1947-1976).
The Pribils were uprooted by Katrina and we remain uncertain of their whereabouts. So, we’ll have to trust that the U.S. Postal Service will find them by using their last known address which is 2617 Labarre Lane, Metairie, LA 70001-5462, (504) 834-2646.

Within the past year or two Millie Kiefer has had to change her housing arrangements in Arizona and she now lives a somewhat lonely life at 17300 N 88th Ave Apt 106N, Peoria AZ 85382-3501, (623) 974-5286. Since Howard died a few years ago, she has at times regretted leaving all her friends and connections in Brockport.

Greeting the Pribils, and wishing them a better year in 2006, should not be a problem for anyone whether you knew them or not given their 2005 circumstances. If you review information about “The Brown Years” by following the link below I believe the “memories” will provide you an “intro” to your greetings to Millie Kiefer even if you didn’t know her.

I am sure there are others in our group who could also be encouraged in this life by being remembered but these are the standouts this year.

As I became involved in “The Brown Years” project to recognize former president Brown and those who contributed to Brockport’s success during those years I tried to create a comprehensive list of “the players” and the events of the period. Although I have shared the documents with a few others and have had the benefit of their feedback, I know that I have missed both people and events. So, I now invite you to review the material and provide me feedback—corrections, additions, etc.—to the materials posted to the internet at http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/awb_years_1.htm.

At the end of the first document are several additional links. Of these I am particularly interested in having you help me complete, the “Brown years’ names for refreshing memories” page, and would like you to also look at the “some thoughts on project participation” page. Thanks, in advance for your feedback.

Calendar Markers:
The 2006 Honors and Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Friday, April 14 at 3 pm in the Seymour College Union Ballroom. This ceremony is the College’s official recognition of student’s academic achievement.

Please contact Adam T. Standish, Director of Scholarships, in the Scholarship Office (585) 395-5414 if you have any questions about these procedures.

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The 6th Annual Cultural Diversity Conference
“WITHIN OUR GRASP: BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH DIVERSITY”
Will take place on Thursday, March 2, 2006
Seymour College Union
From 8:00 am – 6:00 pm
This Year’s theme is:
“REBUILDING COMMUNITIES”
For More Information Contact the Cultural Diversity Conference Chair at
Publish and Flourish Workshop
The myth persists that prolific scholars are born not made, but research suggests otherwise. Much is known about the steps you can take to become prolific:

• Write daily for 15-30 minutes
• Organize around key sentences
• Solicit the right feedback from the right colleagues
• Make effective use of feedback

What: Two FREE “Publish and Flourish” workshops sponsored by the Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT)
When: Tuesday, January 10, 2006 (9-11:30 AM & 1-3:30 PM)
Where: Seymour College Union Room 220

What participants have to say about past workshops:
“I tried these steps on a paper I had been trying to put together for five years.” “Four weeks later the paper is out for review.” “Internalizing these steps has caused my productivity to quadruple.”

Workshop presenter Tara Gray serves as an associate professor of criminal justice and director of the Teaching Academy at New Mexico State University. She has used these steps to publish three books, including Publish and Flourish: Become a Prolific Scholar. She has presented workshops to more than 2,000 scholars in twenty states, and in Canada, and Mexico. As a workshop presenter, Dr. Gray is "spirited, informative and entertaining—she's anything but gray!"

Every scholar can become more prolific. What are you waiting for?

Refreshments will be provided during the workshops and all participants are invited to a free luncheon in the Union Ballroom from noon until 1 PM. [Emeriti should keep in mind that their participation is on a “space available” basis. Make sure you register as an “emeriti/emerita” unless you are currently teaching.]

To register for one of the workshops, reply to this email or email celt@brockport.edu or call 395-5088 before Tuesday, January 3rd. When you register, please let us know if you are planning to attend the luncheon.
Christopher Price, Ph.D.
Finally, as we approach the “tax” season, I share the following:

Hurricane Relief Legislation affects Charitable Deductions in 2005
As reported in the October 27 edition of The New York Times, a provision of the tax relief package adopted by Congress in response to Hurricane Katrina allows donors making charitable cash gifts before December 31, 2005, to deduct an amount virtually equal to 100 percent of their adjusted gross income, double the normal deduction limit of 50 percent. For donors considering significant charitable gifts, including those with limited incomes who are considering making large gifts from accumulated assets this could be an advantageous time to make such gifts. While the apparent intent of Congress was to encourage charitable giving to hurricane relief efforts, gifts to many charities could qualify for the deduction. As always, donors should consult with their financial or tax advisors before making significant gifts to any charity. [Note: this special provision appears to apply only to cash donations not to other forms of giving such as “planned-giving”.

Announcement from the President – ouch! But congratulations nonetheless…

“December 13, 2005

To the SUNY College at Brockport Community

It is with mixed reactions—happy for Ray and sad for SUNY College at Brockport—that I announce that our friend and colleague Ray Di Pasquale has been named Interim President at the Community College of Rhode Island. This appointment, effective January 16, 2006, will coincide with my granting a leave to Ray to take on this important higher education role. This calling from another sector of higher education—the community college—from where Ray came to us in 1998, is a logical step for Ray as a leader and advocate for public higher education. The leave will be effective through June 30, 2006 during about which time the Board of Governors of Rhode Island and the Commissioner for Higher Education will determine the next course of action for executive leadership of the Community College, the largest in New England with 17,000 students.

This is an attractive opportunity and logical next step for Ray as he has served SUNY Brockport well in his leadership roles overseeing Enrollment Management, Student Affairs, and, most recently, Advancement. We are, of course, in the final stages of a search for a new Vice President for Institutional Advancement and President of the Brockport College Foundation. During this time that Ray is away from campus, but available for guidance and consultation, both Scott Atkinson, who currently holds the title of Associate Vice President and Director of Financial Aid, and Claire VanDenBerghe, who is Director of Career Services and will now take on the role of Interim Associate Vice President, will co-lead the Division of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs. Claire has kindly agreed, in addition, to take on the Cabinet-level leadership of the Division meeting with me and other members of the President’s Cabinet. The Community College of Rhode Island is, indeed, fortunate to have landed Ray Di Pasquale as its Interim President. Ray is the consummate professional and advocate for higher education. He is highly knowledgeable, caring, and absolutely passionate about public higher education, particularly the role of community colleges and their access mission. He is respected universally
across our campus, having established a dynamic and highly effective enrollment management, marketing, and student affairs division. More recently, Ray has added institutional advancement to his portfolio, raising with the staff a record amount of money and working with the Foundation and Alumni Boards. We will miss him immensely and I value him greatly as a colleague and personal friend.

Please join me in wishing Ray well as he is called to serve public higher education in yet another important way. At the same time, I ask your support for our interim leadership as they continue to advance the Division of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs.

Best holiday wishes,

John R. Halstead, PhD
President

Best wishes Ray – it has been a pleasure!

I will close with some of the words Sandy has chosen for inclusion in our holiday greetings this year:

“Soon after 9/11/2001, an editorial writer commented that it was not our intelligence that failed us—rather it was our imagination. For a myriad of reasons, there are those among us this holiday season who must feel those same feelings. Never would they have imagined last year at this time the circumstances in which they currently find themselves. War, violence, tsunamis, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, disease. . . all have ravaged hearts, minds, souls, and bodies over the past year. The “grown-up Christmas wish,” as the song says, for so many would be to have just a small portion of what was theirs last year—possessions, faculties, family, friends.

Putting pen to paper with news of the past year and wishes for the year to come is especially difficult in light of all this suffering. How blessed are those of us whose lives have continued this year as we “imagined” they would—blessed that our imaginations didn’t fail us! We must remember all those for whom life is a struggle and be thankful for the “gifts” we have.

We hope your year has been filled with good events, good feelings, and love. Our New Year’s wish for you and for the entire world is peace—freeing everyone to live a life that fulfills their needs and desires.”

Peace,

Bud & Sandy

December 30, 2005

Greetings,

Wow – let’s just get 2005 behind us. From beginning to end it has been an almost
unprecedented year of suffering for many—now ending with fires and floods. Let us hope and
pray for an end to these events that have caused mass human suffering around the world as we enter 2006.
I have just a few things to share.

Jonathan Farley, along with his brothers, continues to make his parents emeriti Rawle and Ena
Farley proud. The following is from a recent issue of the Rochester D&C:

“Brockport native Jonathan Farley, who applies his math research to help fight terrorism, has
been named one of the 15 people who have “shaped the global conversation about science” by
Seed magazine.

The 35-year-old mathematician and science fellow at Stanford University’s Center for
International Security and Cooperation founded a company that develops software to foil
terrorist attacks.

He also acts as a consultant for movies and television shows that involve math. Look for more
on Farley and his work in the magazine’s December/January issue.”

For me this story brings back fond memories from the early 1970s when the computer center was
in the basement of Hartwell Hall and Norm Plyter had to change the wiring on the computer
depending on the application for which it was to be used. As computers and computing took
hold and the computer center was made accessible to people (faculty, staff, the general public
and students) other than those employed by the computing center, the young Farley boys became
regular visitors as they honed their mathematics, writing and computer skills. After technology
pioneers Norm Plyter and Mike Oshier turned me on to computing—Norm to programming and
data base management; Mike to keypunching my own programs, to the purchase of my AppleII,
and by providing on-going encouragement—I became a frequent early Saturday morning visitor
to the academic computing center. Although I was an” early bird” I usually found the Farley
boys and emeritus Fred Halley already taxing the full capacity of Brockport’s first computers.
As the article about Jonathan led me to reflect on the impact Jonathan’s early “collegiate
experience” might have had on his life it also reminded me of the opportunities my association
with Brockport provided my own sons—opportunities to be in the cast for theatrical
performances, access to college classes and resources, etc. Personally, I thank Dick Alexander
for casting me in the role of college administrator in 1967—for me higher education, though not
perfect in all respects—has been a “wonderful world”.

We congratulate Jonathan and his parents and hope that such stories lift Rawle and Ena’s spirits
as Rawle continues to fight illness.

I recently was verifying directory information for emeritus Larry Bassi. In response Larry and
Shari send their regards and an update. They now reside in Sierra Vista, Arizona and they both
love the high mountain desert. Larry reports that it is cooler in the summer (highs only in the
90’s normally) and pleasant in the winter (the temperature this week has been in the 70’s and
high 60’s). They report that they have found a very active life style as retirees, dancing up to
three nights a week, golfing 3 or more days per week. Larry is still teaching at the graduate level in the area of Law and Public Policy.

Larry and Shari – thanks for the update. It is nice to hear about how emeriti who have left the Brockport area have adjusted to their new “digs”. Maybe you’ll encourage others to share information about their new locations with the group.

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Good news-bad news

Jill Rakov has received a post card from Stefan Pribil’s wife Olga with a picture of downtown New Orleans at night before the storm. The simple message was “No more”. The return address was the address we have for them in New Orleans. So, the good news is that they have survived and may have received the messages many of us sent. The bad news is obvious. We hope their lot will improve in 2006.

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A frequent anonymous contributor has shared the following:

On the cover of the RIT Athenaeum Winter Catalog 2006 is a huge photograph of emeritus Bob Getz at a podium. It is also reported that Bob and Ann Getz are very active at the Athenaeum and that Bob is one of their favorite course leaders.

Thanks “anonymous”, and congratulations to Bob for this recognition of his continuing contributions.

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Another report is that a book written by Rosemary Callard-Szulgit, a former adjunct in Education and Human Development entitled “Mind Bending Math and Science Activities” includes a chapter with letters from graduate students about teachers who really made a difference in their lives. Included in that chapter was a great tribute to great teacher Dr. Richard Mancuso, Professor of Physics, SUNY Brockport.

Although Dick has not dropped off to the emeriti side of the fence yet, we still congratulate him for this recognition that also recognizes Brockport.

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The act of moving my home office to a different room recently made me do a little file cleaning. When I clean files, I am sometimes surprised by what I find. One such surprise was a copy of the letter to the late Armand Burke from President John Van de Wetering upon Armand’s retirement. For the sake of sharing a little history I am including a couple of paragraphs of the letter sent to this remarkable man and educator.

"Your service to the College at Brockport has been as varied as it has been long. Between 1947 and 1967 you rose through the academic ranks to become Professor of English while serving on every major committee of the college, including chairman of the concert-lecture series (12 years), president of the AAUP, and first chairman of the Faculty Senate (1966-67). In 1967, you began your administrative rise: Associate Dean of Academic Affairs (1967-68), Dean for Undergraduate Academic Affairs (1968-70), Vice President of Instruction and Curriculum (1970-72), and finally Provost of the Time-Shortened Degree Program (1972-76). More
recently, your wealth of knowledge and experience have energized classrooms and enlightened students in your classes in the Alternate College and the Department of English. Throughout your career your excellent service has been marked with a level of integrity and dignity which commanded the respect and admiration of your students and colleagues. Your concerns for quality and your sensitivity to the needs of our students and your colleagues are well documented. As an administrator, you played a key leadership role in the development of the Educational Opportunity Program, the Educational Opportunity Center, and the Alternate College. These programs, among others, and your lifetime of excellent service are your legacy. It goes without saying that your students and the faculty will long recall your excellence in the classroom and your integrity as a person. For all your contributions, we thank you."

I know from my experience that the annual reports in the Personnel Files are often relied on for details to include in these letters. Finding Armand’s letter reminded me of a couple of things related to these reports that I thought I’d share. These are from the “old memories” of an aging person so don’t hold me to total accuracy.

First there was Richard Pegis in computer science who would write his annual report but eschewed discretionary salary increases or any other form of recognition. And, it is said that after receiving tenure, Professor Ingo Petersen used to include early in his annual report the statement: “If you’ve read this far you can call me to claim a $50 award” or words to that effect. As far as I know he never received a call but he was always faithful at filling up his personal history folder in the Personnel Office with his annual reports.

Thought I’d just share a little of the past as we prepare for the future.

Sad News – Because many of you know Susan Parrino I am sharing with this group the sad news that her father Richard A. Barker of Brockport died on December 25, 2005. Condolences may be sent to Susan at: 7 Cloverwood Drive, Brockport, New York 14420 but keep in mind that because of Tony’s role at the college this address is unlisted. Memorials: Lakeside Hospital or Genesee Regional Home Care, 70 Metro Park, Rochester, New York 14623.

Sorry if I have already shared this but I think I intended to and forgot.

Congratulations to Dr. Mary Jo Orzech, director of SUNY Brockport's Information Technology Support Services since 1992, who has been serving as Acting Director of Drake Memorial Library, since December 5, 2005. Dr. Orzech will serve as library director until a national search, which is underway, is completed and the new Director of Drake Library joins the College in Spring or Summer 2006.

Calendar Marker -
Barnes and Noble in Pittsford Plaza is sponsoring a speaking event by emeritus Ray Duncan about his novel *Patriot Trap*. The event has been scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 4th. I am sure Ray would love to see friends and associates from Brockport in attendance. I just started the book and I haven’t gotten to the page yet after which I won’t be able to put it down but I think I’ll be there this weekend. It is a great read, retirement is just so busy-
especially this time of year.

Peace, health and happiness,

Bud

January 9, 2006

Greetings,

Happy New Year! I have just a few things to share and maybe some of them are already known to those who live in the Brockport area.

Today, Monday, January 9, 2006, the campus welcomes Roxanne Johnston as its Vice President for Institutional Advancement. Johnston brings with her nearly 20 years of SUNY experience with her from Geneseo. She also currently serves as Past President of SUNY/CUAD, the Council for University Advancement, and an organization in which, as part of its 50th year anniversary celebration, she was inducted to its “Hall of Fame” in 2003. Following is President Halstead’s announcement of Roxanne Johnston’s appointment that was circulated on campus:

”January 3, 2006

Dear Members of the Brockport Community,

Let me begin the New Year with a very positive announcement to advance the College!

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Roxanne Johnston as Vice President for Institutional Advancement, following an extensive national search for this important role. This position—which also carries dual responsibilities as President of the Brockport College Foundation—encompasses all of the current areas under Institutional Advancement and will add Marketing Communication and Design and Production as two additional vital, critical departments that contribute to external relations and the overall promotion of the College.

Roxanne is enthusiastic about beginning her new duties here on January 9 after serving in virtually all areas of development at the State University of New York at Geneseo, including Associate Vice President, College Advancement, since 2001. She has also served as Vice President of the Geneseo Foundation since 1998 as well as earlier appointments as Assistant Vice President and Director of Donor Relations. She was a key player in exceeding the goals of the first capital campaign, the 125th Anniversary Campaign for Geneseo, and advancing faculty research, grants, and travel funds to support educational excellence at the college.

Nearly two decades of advancement work reflect her progressive career pattern built upon a strong work ethic, sound strategic planning, collaboration with faculty colleagues, and positive donor relations. Roxanne was elected to represent advancement professionals across the state serving as President of SUNYCUAD (2003-2005) and has attended a number of conferences sponsored by CASE focusing on chief development officers, major gifts, institutionally-related
foundations, alumni and communications. She earned her bachelor’s degree with high honors and distinction in Organizational Management from Roberts Wesleyan College and her associates applied science degree at Empire State College. She also attended the Management Institute for Women in Higher Education at Wellesley College.

Roxanne has served as President of the Geneseo Rotary Club and SEFA Campaign Chair as well as being a recipient this past year of the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Professional Service.

I would be remiss if I did not express my sincere thanks to Foundation Board Chair Mary Worboys-Turner for chairing the search committee and my appreciation to Interim VP for Advancement Ray Di Pasquale and the entire Advancement staff for their diligence during the past many months. I’m also grateful to all of you who participated in the search process.

Please join me in welcoming Roxanne and her husband, John, to the Brockport community.

Sincerely,

John R. Halstead, PhD
President

FYI -- You can read more about Roxanne Johnston, the history of the CUAD organization, and Brockport’s other inductees into its “Hall of Fame”—the late Charles Lang, Susan Parrino, John Stoller, and the late Ronald Watts, including mention of Sarah Miles Watts’ role at Brockport—in a “CUAD 50 Years” document available from the internet at http://www.sunycuad.org/fifty.pdf. You can also find a picture of Roxanne Johnson borrowed from one of SUNY Geneseo’s webpages by clicking on “Your News” on the emeriti website at http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm

Welcome to Brockport Roxanne and we wish you much success in service to Brockport.

A little news from Dick Liebe advises us that Dick and Jan Liebe and John and Rhoda Hubbard continue to thrive in retirement. Dick wrote: “We just finished a New Year’s hike with the Hubbards here in sunny AZ followed by lunch at our apartment. All goes well and we both continue to be busy with various activities, the Hubbards with family and tennis and the Liebes with hiking plus continuing with our volunteering at Saguaro NP.

Thanks for sharing and best wishes to all the New Year!

Johnna Frosini, Parking Services Administrator recently made the following announcement to the campus community. Since all of it relates to emeriti I am sharing it in its entirety:

RARES cards for 2006 are here and available at the Raye H. Conrad Welcome Center. Simply show your campus ID to receive your new card. Our office hours are currently 7:45 am – 4 pm, Monday - Friday. We will resume our normal office hours of 7:30 am – 5:30 pm, Monday – Friday, starting Tuesday, January 17. Our office is closed Monday, January 16. Feel free to
use the drive-thru window for your convenience.

RARES membership entitles you to over 200 discounts on area and nationally-based products and services.

Dozens of discounts may be obtained by simply showing your RARES ID card. Other discounts require you to purchase tickets in advance or utilize a discount code available on the RARES Web site.

An overview listing of current RARES discounts can be found at: http://www.rares.org/downloads/rares%20discounts.doc and a more complete descriptive listing can be found at http://rares.org/profilesalpha.htm. You will need your RARES ID #, 20063123, (found on your RARES ID card) to fully access the RARES Web site.

Motorist Assistance Program (M.A.P.): Find yourself in a bind? We are here to help. Free of charge, Welcome Center & Parking Services offers lock de-icers, jumpstarts, tire inflation assistance, lockout assistance, and gas transportation to those parked on campus. Call 395-PARK during office hours.

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Following are excerpts of a letter to the campus from VPs Flanagan and Di Pasquale announcing the initiation of an overnight Summer Orientation program for incoming freshman and their families:

"January 6, 2006

We are delighted to announce that SUNY Brockport will initiate overnight Summer Orientation programs for incoming freshmen and their families beginning Summer 2006. The program is a series of six overnight sessions starting June 26 and ending July 18, 2006. All first-year students will be strongly encouraged to attend. Our hope is that this initiative will help first year freshmen develop a comfort level with the campus and encourage their successful integration into the College community.

Summer orientation programs allow campuses to address questions and concerns of incoming students and their families at a crucial point in their transition from high school to college. Through social events and programming with faculty, staff and the Orientation Student Advisors (OSAs), the program will encourage first year students to connect with each other, gain confidence, and ease common pre-college anxieties. It is likely that students will continue to communicate with each other and their OSAs for the remainder of the summer.

During summer orientation, students will receive their fall course schedule, a copy of the book selected for Summer Reading 2006, and their student ID. They can also purchase a parking permit and preorder books. Students will take the Computer Skills Exam, the optional Foreign Language Placement Exam; set up their Brockport e-mail account, and begin to navigate through ANGEL and the Campus Information System.

The College will host a separate program for parents and families of incoming freshmen. Summer Orientation, in conjunction with Campus Life’s Fall Orientation program, will help our
students’ families become more knowledgeable about the campus and its resources, and the new role they will play in their students’ lives. The goal of the family program is build confidence that students have the means to be successful at SUNY Brockport….

For more information about Summer Orientation, see www.brockport.edu/~firstyear or contact Marcy Esler, Director of Student Retention, at x5346 or Andrea Chauncey, Coordinator of the First Year Experience, at x5435

For the Calendar:
The 2006 Honors and Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Friday, April 14 at 3 pm in the Seymour College Union Ballroom. This ceremony is the College’s official recognition of student's academic achievement.

Rosie Rich will be discussing her book, "Crossing Boundaries-Beirut and Beyond" at the following places and times:
Thursday, January 26 (RIT's Atheneum); 12:00 noon to 1:00 P.M.
Thursday, February 2 (Seymour Library); 7:00 P.M.

And a reminder – Ray Duncan will be speaking about his novel “Patriot Trap” at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 4th at Barnes and Noble in Pittsford Plaza. I was trapped by the book and enjoyed spending part of New Year’s weekend with it. It was a fun read and I expect that we might see more of the surviving characters in the future—a sequel, a movie? If you are in the area, join Ray on February 4th and maybe learn more about where these characters came from and where they might be going.

Peace,

Bud

1/27/2006

Greetings,

I have just a few things I’d like to share with you today to clear my files.

First, I have to tell you I am very relaxed as I prepare this update today because I am listening to a demonstration CD of emeritus Ira-Paul Schwarz’ latest compositions: “Continuum”. “It is a set of 6 separate works of medium difficulty and scored for a flexible instrumentation.” [The quote is from promotional material by “Jeanne”, inc. Sheet Music and Accessories for Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet and Saxophone of Blaine, MN 55449 where music may be ordered online at www.jeanne-inc.com or by phone at (800) 831-7691]. The six works are entitled Baroque Reflections, Classical Souvenir, Romantic Memento, Impressions of a Cloud, A Modal Mood, and Twelve-Tone Tune and provide very pleasant listening. The CD jacket contains a nice write-up about Ira that I have decided to share.

Ira-Paul Schwarz (b. 1922), composer and professor emeritus of the State University of New
York, has had a varied career in music. He has taught music in elementary through graduate schools; was a professional instrumentalist (clarinet & saxophone); arranger with the U.S. Navy Band; conductor of amateur and professional instrumental and vocal ensembles; and has composed music for virtually all musical genres including dance and theatre. Dr. Schwarz has served as a music and arts administrator and has written four books and numerous articles on music and aesthetics. Following retirement he and his wife Mary (and daschhound Heidi) moved to a coastal village in East Anglia, UK where he continues to write and compose, serves as guest conductor, and as president of the Norwich City Concert Band.

And of course many of us remember Ira as the first president of the Senate Professional Association (SPA) which later was renamed United University Professions (UUP), as conductor of the community chorus, and as musical director for the summer arts festival under the direction of such directors as the late Adam LaZarre and the late Santo Giglio, among his other contributions while at Brockport from 1970 to 1992. If my memory serves me correctly Ira was also an early pioneer in using computers to create or enhance some of his compositions.

Ira, I have truly enjoyed listening to the “Continuum” demonstration disc and we all congratulate you for your continuing achievements.

Announcements, etc.:
(1) The 2006 Honors and Awards Ceremony is now scheduled for Thursday, April 27 at 3 pm in the Seymour College Union Ballroom. This is a change from a previous announcement that it would be on Good Friday—adjust your calendars accordingly.

(2) The Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT) will again host weekly "brownbag" discussions about various teaching and learning topics. These events always take place from noon until 1 PM in the CELT Resource Room, 100B Edwards. The day of the week alternates weekly between Thursday and Friday. While we always welcome drop-ins, we appreciate RSVPs though emailing celt@brockport.edu or calling 395-5088. If you want to keep up to date about the brownbag discussion topics, visit the CELT Special Events website at http://www.brockport.edu/celt/se.html. [emeriti are welcome]

(3) Barbara LaSavoy has distributed this announcement on campus:
We are pleased to announce an exciting spring lecture event: Mr. Barry Childs, President of Africa Bridge, will be visiting our campus on Tuesday, March 21 and Wednesday March 22.

Africa Bridge is a non-profit organization established in 2000 in response to the AIDS/HIV crisis, which has left thousands of orphan children in Africa. Its main goal is to support the children of Tanzania by raising money to build and equip schools and children's centers in poor villages. Please go to http://africabridge.org/ for additional information.

Mr. Childs will hold a lecture open to the campus community on Tuesday March 21 from 6 – 7 p.m. [location to be announced but, if interested, put a hold on your calendar].

Mr. Childs’ visit is sponsored by a Better Community/Cultural Diversity Grant with support from the following Departments/Programs: Foreign Languages and Literatures, Political Science
Plattsburgh and Brockport’s “Interim” interims again. This week a Rochester D&C article mentioned that John B. Clark was leaving SUNY System Administration for another interim assignment at SUNY College of Optometry. Here is the full press release from Optometry’s website:

Albany – The State University of New York named Dr. John B. Clark interim president of the College of Optometry yesterday at its regularly scheduled Board meeting.

“I am delighted to support this appointment,” said Board Chairman Thomas F. Egan. “John Clark has proven his worth as a leader at the State University of New York time and time again, and I anticipate he will continue to build on his fine record as the interim president of the College of Optometry.”

“John Clark has demonstrated his effectiveness at two SUNY campuses and at System Administration,” said SUNY Chancellor John R. Ryan. “John’s inclusive and collaborative style of leadership and his passion for higher education have made him successful. I expect he will be able to work very well with the outstanding group of faculty, staff and students while he leads the College of Optometry.”

“I am very grateful to the Board of Trustees and to Chancellor Ryan for the opportunity to work with the wonderful students, faculty and staff of the College of Optometry,” said Clark. “Together we can continue to provide an outstanding professional education, excellent patient care to the greater New York metropolitan community and critical vision science research.”

Since Sept. 20, 2005, Clark has been serving as acting vice chancellor of enrollment and university life. He will step down from that position no later than February 1, 2006 upon appointment as interim president of the College of Optometry so that he can devote his full attention to the College.
The Board previously named Clark interim president of the State University College at Brockport on June 22, 2004 and interim president of the College at Plattsburgh May 20, 2003. In both instances, he was a highly effective interim leader.

Prior to joining SUNY, Clark had a 17-year Wall Street career in public finance and municipal bond research specializing in health and higher education. He successfully completed financing for hospitals, nursing homes, outpatient clinics, life care centers and multi-hospital systems as well as colleges and universities both in New York and nationally.

Previously, Clark served in various capacities at the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation, the New York City Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services, the New York State Emergency Financial Control Board and the New York City Housing Authority.

A lifelong student, Clark earned his bachelor’s degree in history, cum laude, from Providence College in 1972. Thereafter he received a Master of Public Administration from John Jay College, CUNY in 1977; a Master of Arts in Economics from Fordham University in 1980; a Master of Arts in Philosophy from New York University in 1984, and a Doctor of Education degree from Teachers College, Columbia University in 2001.

Clark would serve as interim president of the College of Optometry until such time as the Board appoints his successor. He succeeds President Alden N. Haffner who has retired from the College.

We wish former Brockport Interim President John Clark much success in his new assignment.

Sad news: Former SUNY Brockport facilities employee James E. Corbett died on Sunday, January 22, 2006 at the age of 70. Although Jim was not an “emeriti”, he was a retiree who was fairly well known on the campus. I knew him best during the early days of collective bargaining in NYS – back in the early 70s – when he was active in the leadership of CSEA. Although we are still building the history of CSEA presidents and I cannot confirm it, I believe he served for a year as president in the early days of CSEA. In any event, he was a significant person for that organization as well as for the campus and we mourn his loss. Jim was a veteran of the Korean War and a long-standing member of the VFW Post 2890 and the Brockport Elks of Brockport. There will be a Remembrance Service at the VFW Post 2890, 210 West Avenue, Brockport at 11:00 am on Saturday, January 28th. Memorial contributions to Lakeside Memorial Hospital—reference Fowler Funeral Home. Jim, thanks for the memories.

Finally, FYI, a couple of “old-timers”, me included, are following up on a couple of things suggested by Mike Oshier in conjunction with the Albert W. Brown Building naming project. One is to recognize “Technology Pioneers” and the other is to propose the creation of a “technology museum”—a show case in The Albert W. Brown Building, the Library, Seymour, the Gordon Allen Administration Building as possibilities—to trace the history of developing technologies at Brockport from audio-visual aids to, slides and movies, to computer assisted instruction, to ANGEL and everything in between. We are currently at the feasibility and definition stages in the development of proposals for these projects but this is a ‘head’s up”. If
you still have anything in your possession that would benefit a technology museum (from old key punched programming cards to IBM 286 PC, to telephone cradle modems, to Xerox automatic typewriters, etc.) please don’t discard or destroy such items just yet. Also, if you can name employees or former employees who should be recognized as “Technology Pioneers” for their direct assignments in technology areas (Educational Communications Center, Document Preparation Center, Computer Science, Academic Computing, Administrative Computing, etc.) or for their roles as faculty or administrative leaders in embracing technologies in their roles at the College, please share them and we will add them to our developing list for consideration.

A photo collection of old hardware/firmware/software might also be a possibility for the museum. As an example, I have posted on the “Your News” page on the emeriti website at http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm a photograph of Linda Northrop (1977-1992), a former employee I believe qualifies as a “Technology Pioneer” and who was also the recipient of a Chancellor’s Award for Teaching while employed. See if you can identify the computers that are pictured with her and, if you can, please share the information with me. [Also, if any of you are in touch with Linda Northrup please either share with me how to reach her or with her that I’d like to do so. Thanks.]

Thanks again Ira-Paul Schwartz! The drafting of this update has taken longer than it should have but it has given me an opportunity to become very familiar with “Continuum”—about 10 playings—and I continue to enjoy it immensely.

Peace,

Bud

February 10, 2005

Greetings,

I need to do this quickly but I probably won’t. I do want to share with all of you some “stuff” some of you have shared with me plus some of the campus news. So, here goes…

First, I want to share a link to a website that I meant to include in my last update. I will let the email Chris Florence, Director of Marketing Communications sent to the campus introduce this website to you.

"We are pleased to share with you our new "Web-mercial" that our accepted undergraduate students will receive via e-mail about a week after getting their acceptance letter. We hope this will help "close the deal" -- that they decide to attend Brockport and send in their deposits. Marketing Communications worked with a local firm to produce this exciting piece using photography by Jim Dusen and from the Village archive. See: http://www.brockport.edu/accepted/ “.

Turn on your speakers and take a look at this link. I am sure you will be impressed. BUT, please let’s not distribute this link to the world—we want to help preserve it as a surprise for
accepted students. Chris Florence approved my sharing of this link with emeriti because it again demonstrates how proud we should all be of our relationship to SUNY College at Brockport. This provides a nice lead in to my second note.

I recently had a telephone call from Joe Lawrence who served as Assistant to the President during the presidency of Albert W. Brown. Joe called because he was excited and proud and wanted to share. His story relates to the wrestling athletic program at Brockport which has enjoyed national and even international recognition under the world-class leadership of Coach Don Murray for since, it would seem, the beginning of time! Over the years, Coach Murray has brought recognition to himself and to the College at Brockport through his exceptional success in winning or placing among the top colleges in Division III wrestling. As a result of his success as a coach, his good character, and the character reputation of the members of his teams, Don is held in high esteem by Division I coaches and administrators and by officials of the U.S. Olympic Committee. For further background on Joe’s story you should know, if you don’t already, that to prepare for an upcoming season Don always takes his team to a Division I pre-season tournament where his wrestlers get an opportunity to learn by wrestling scholarship athletes—the best in the country. Over the years many of Don’s wrestlers have done very well against Division I opponents in these tournaments, especially as seniors after working under Don’s character and work ethics for four years. Well, this year the Division I tournament to which Don took his team was held at Eastern Michigan University located in Ypsilanti, Michigan where Joe lives. Joe learned that Don and his wrestlers were in town and after a meeting of Ypsi folks involved in the historic preservation of homes he headed to the University gymnasium to see some Brockport wrestlers in action and to hope to catch up with Don Murray. Now his story:

Joe not only caught up with Don Murray but Don took him on a tour of the many mats where Brockport wrestlers were active and during the process of moving from mat to mat he became excitedly impressed with what a smooth working operation Coach Murray had going and what a great training experience it was for his wrestlers. He related that no matter how many Brockport wrestlers were wrestling at the same time there was always at least one assistant coach or senior wrestler at that mat to support the wrestler. Joe was also impressed at how Don used his seniors as assistant coaches who just made sure the junior wrestlers were taken care and to ensure the well-disciplined behavior of the wrestlers at all times. Well, to make a long story shorter, not short by any means, many of Joe’s friends and associates from Ypsi were in attendance at the tournament and they were in the stands asking themselves, “What the heck is Joe Lawrence doing out there walking between the maps with this coach?” As Joe related to me, he could not have been prouder to have been associated with Brockport and with Don Murray than to have his friends later tell him how impressed they were with the stand out performance of Don Murray and his wrestlers at this tournament.

Joe thanks for sharing. Don thanks to you and your wrestlers for your achievements and for the performance and behavior Joe has described that made him proud of his association with Brockport and which have brought credit to you and the College for years.

Speaking of Pride! I heard that Chancellor Ryan visited the Brockport campus this week and was given a campus tour that allowed many members of the faculty and staff to see him and talk
with him. I am confident that President Halstead was very happy and proud to show the Chancellor what Brockport has to offer and I am sure that Chancellor Ryan had to be impressed.

I received a nice note from Francisco “Pancho” Zayas. I was very happy to receive it because he confirmed that he receives the “Updates”. I have frequently received email distribution error messages that suggested that they were not reaching him. He sends his greeting to all. He and others appreciate hearing about what former colleagues are doing, so, don’t be afraid to share.

Speaking of sharing – Roger Weir and Karla Merrifield have the most enviable lives. I drive 6 ½ hours one way to spend 3-4 days a week at SUNY Maritime to sleep in a sleeping bag (they really are trying to fix the heating problem just that retirements and turnover have depleted the system knowledge) in a dormitory for adventure and here is their current story.

” Roger and I are hail and hearty and writing to you from Sugarloaf Key, about 20 miles north of Key West, where we’ve been encamped for several days soaking up the sun. Somebody has to do it!

Our winter trip has been speeding by with many hikes and several kayak outings. It was too windy here on Sugarloaf to get out on the tourmaline waters, but on Monday, when we are back in the Everglades, we intend to put in West Lake and explore that area of the park (a new canoe/kayak trail for us). Much of the lower Everglades National Park is still closed due to the hit from Katrina and later an even larger storm surge from Wilma that left that area, including all of the Flamingo marina and campgrounds under a thick layer of mud. When were in Everglades NP last week (I can’t stay away!), one ranger said the only good thing about Wilma’s mud fest was that it buried the mosquito larvae, so there are many fewer mosquitoes this year.

Earlier in January, Roger’s sister from Horseheads, NY, was with us for eight days and we got her out kayaking (at 78) in Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel Island. Because she is a bird lover, we also had her out to several South Florida birding spots where she was most delighted (as were we) to see a mated pair of great blue herons settling into their new nest – from 20 feet away. The three of us felt a bit like peeping Toms.

When we’re not outdoors soaking up the wonders of nature Florida style, we’ve been hard at work on the poetry anthology on endangered species that we are co-editing and that FootHills Publishing will bring out in April. Still more work to go, but the book is shaping up exceedingly well and we’ve got our fingers crossed for a successful launch in time for Earth Day. Already, EarthFirst! Journal has made a commitment to review it and we wouldn’t be surprised if a couple other environmental magazines do reviews as well! It’s been quite the adventure to work together on the book; we make a good team.

And, despite the many, many hours of editing, I’ve still had time to write many poems, some of which I plan to debut at Scholars Day.

We send our greetings to all in the emeriti and extended college network”.

Karla and Roger –

We are enjoying your lives if not our own.
IMPORTANT REMINDER.

I haven’t said this for a while and it does need to be repeated periodically as new people join the list. When you share with me you are sharing with the group unless you flag material that is just between us. I will use my judgment about what is and is not appropriate for distribution and I do edit what I include, but, tell me when you send me stuff that is “for my eyes only”.

With that said, sometimes I will ask whether or not to share and such was the case with the following exchanges with David Hale in response to an earlier email about children of faculty and staff benefiting from the parents’ association with the College.

“Hi,
More nostalgia for the Hartwell Computer Lab and faculty kids. Many times, I observed Jon Farley and John Noonan (son of Tom, Physics) typing away, reaching up for keyboards. In the summer of 1982 my son Jon and Tim Stofka (son of Glenn, Education) took CSC 101 from our former colleague Dennis Martin. One day Norm Plyter noticed the computer was running very slowly; Jon had written and was running a program called "Crash PR1ME." Norm gently suggested there might be more productive ways of spending time. With a degree in computer science from RPI, Jon now does budgeting software for HealthNewEngland, and HMO in Springfield, MA.
Dave Hale” and

“Share away. The other entertaining thing about CSC 101 was that it was also offered with a 600-number. One of the grad students was Dave Ball, a Spencerport math teacher who lives on Cherry Drive. Jon and Dave got into a friendly grade competition, which Dave eventually won because Jon didn't bother to do the extra credit project. When Jon got to RPI, they wouldn't accept the credit (for a course in BASIC), or the AP result (PASCAL). Engineers love FORTRAN, so that's where we start. Not that Jon really cared.
Dave”

David, thanks for sharing. I also took FORTRAN – first when Norm Plyter offered a non-credit course for administrators and later with Lance Olson. Lance’s course designed to get rid of non-serious potential computer science majors. I was not going to be a computer science major but he almost got rid of me. Actually, it was quite an interesting project – we actually wrote a word processing software program with a dictionary and spell checker. My other fearsome course was “basic” with Dennis Martin who was the UUP Chapter President at the time. I couldn’t help thinking all through the course – “what if I fail, Dennis will probably post it in the Beacon with some comment like, Meade couldn’t even pass “basic”, it’s no wonder that Personnel is so screwed up!” Fortunately he gave me an A – also he was a good guy and never would have shared if I had failed.

And similarly, my English friend—sounds like the title for a movie—Ira Schwarz, who I have now included on the “Technology Pioneer” list shared the following exchanges after I mentioned the list in a previous “Update”:

”Re some of my computer realizations and experiments. It was Greg Ketchum
who put on this road. I had just about given up composing since my handwriting was going from bad to worse! Greg said: "No Problem." Greg had been a student of mine for several years and then I became a student of his! Academia isn't bad, is it? Ira” and

“ In my first note to you I mentioned the computer help I received from Greg Ketchum. I should have noted, as well, the Sondra Fraleigh was most supportive. She and I worked together on at least 12 dance pieces, some of which were presented in numerous venues in the U.S., Canada and Japan. In one, I even got to dance (God help us!)”

Ira, thanks again for sharing. Sorry I am not listening to Continuum today. Instead I am doing nostalgia with a couple of CDs of Classic Rock and Roll Love Songs from the 50s. When I started, I intended to be finished writing before the first CD – oops!

Announcement – Provost Tim Flanagan is sponsoring the purchase of a scanner by the College that will be capable of scanning slides, negatives, and other media so that a lot of historical College photographic records will be able to be digitized. I am excited about the possibilities and thankful to Tim and the committee he has put together to move this project forward. In recognition of this project I am placing a photograph of leaders in grantsmanship at a point in time in the 1970s under “Your News” on the emeriti website at http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm. See if you can name all of the distinguished individuals included in this photograph. While you are there also take a look at the “Remembrance” page. There are a couple of additional remembrances and enhancements to some others.

And, in response to a previous email mentioning the Technology Pioneers, Mary Lightfoot had this to share:

"I worked on Brockport's campus for a year during Dr. Brown's tenure. He was a super person. Sorry I did not save any of those punched cards from the Computer Center in Hartwell Hall where I worked under Norman Plyter (now deceased).”

Thanks Mary, I had forgotten that you had worked for Norm.

And, the mention of Ira Schwarz in a previous “Update” brought back fond memories for Don and Jan VanEss.

"It seems like old home week with everyone on the E mail (Ira, for example). Jan and I just returned from a brief period in Phoenix, lots of golf, although we prefer Asheville NC with its beautiful mountains and TREES. Our golf handicaps remain about the same: both 19. We live behind the fourth tee on a fine, but challenging golf course, about 10 minutes away from the University of North Carolina where I teach music history in the College for Seniors. This term there over 600 enrolled in this portion of the U. Finished a book on the music of the romantic period which I use in my courses (no publisher as yet). I am also working on a revision of my
earlier popular college text: “The Heritage of Musical Style” that went through 10 printings between 1970 and 1985. Jan is extremely busy with her Stuffit product which is available in many golf pro shops and on the line.
Best regards, Don and Jan Van Ess”

Although we have not heard from Larry Hjelle for a while about his adventures and misadventures on his bicycle, the John Maiers have shared information about his wife Jean that might be of interest to many of this list. Recently Jean Hjelle volunteered to work for a few weeks at an orphanage in Lima, Peru. Since I don’t have time to edit, I am just going to share excerpts from her emails.

Thursday, January 12th:
We were bused to the public school which was total disorganized chaos. The priest blessed the pool which was 15 feet in diameter and about 3.5 feet deep. We then had holy water and a shot of sherry (9 a.m.). Then there was a big discussion about who would touch the water first. The important person did put in her hand. Then they were at a loss about what to do. So, I stripped off my flowing dress and they saw me in a swimsuit and they all cheered. Someone took pictures. Originally there were six girls in the pool then it became 25, a bit crowded, needless to say. Then the older boys showed up. Finally, the physical education instruction (me, no Spanish he, no English) came along about an hour later. At one point, he got a woman to ask me who I was. At the end of 2 plus hours standing in the water and helping kids float, the PE guy said he loved me and I was his [mi amigo]—great for the self-esteem.

This afternoon the class I was supposed to help couldn’t be found so I ended up working with the sibling program. Two sets of twins and a Prater-Willis child (non-stop eater). Then we had a party for someone leaving the head of the school so I got sangria with no fruit juice. Big day for feeling good. Tonight, we go to a Peruvian buffet and dance show. Needless to say, I’m a bit sunburned.”

Hello on Saturday:
Today three of us awoke at 3:30 a.m. to visit Paracus which is the low-end Galapagos. Saw the candelabra in Ica first. It is an old archeological hillside decoration that no one can learn how it arrived there sometime between 400 BC and 600 AD. On the way, down we saw single story squat adobe huts with cell phone towers in the distance. Seems there are no blank spots here unlike North Carolina. It is felt that he candelabra might be a trident, extra-terrestrial, cartouche, mathematical, astronomical calendar. It was 3 meters deep originally but it has some wearing away. Since it never rains in this part of the world, which is not a problem. There is nothing but rocks on either side of the Pan-American Highway and a ribbon of road. Asparagus, cotton, lettuce, and other vegetables are grown here, but right now there is a drought for four years so not much of anything is doing well. Our guide owns our hotel in Lima, has a summer home, and runs the tour business. He also rides a bicycle 60 miles a day so we chatted on that topic. He is a civil engineer, but gave it up when there were no jobs for contractors for ten years. On Paracus, there were Humbolt penguins that were molting, Inca terns, Peruvian cormorants (one-eyed) sea lions, vultures, sea urchins, sea stars, starfish, spider crabs, pelicans. Tomorrow we are getting up early to see the enigmatic lines of Nasca from the air. We must go up early since the winds pick
up during the day. It is a little biplane. I learned that there are 24 people running for president. Our tour guide says being president is good business for him and his friends. Actually, a female is ahead right now, but I sense they are not ready for that. The unemployment in Peru is 40 percent on the coast and 60 percent in the highlands. At one time, there was a Toyota plant in Lima that died in 1976. Seems the government was corrupt, etc. and it died. Tried to get my son-in-law some guano, but finally sense prevailed that it was possible to get bird dung in the U.S. It is supposed to be the best fertilizer in the world. Stopped at a winery where everything is made by hand...and feet. Six people stomp the grapes at night to keep the bugs away as the smell is so sweet. Then we saw the vats, etc., the containers (looked like bomb canisters), and, of course, tasted it all.

Jean, personally I’d rather take my chances riding with Larry or traveling with Karla and Roger but we commend you for your volunteer work.

There was a great tribute to the late Philip Gerber from one of his former students this week in the Rochester D&C. I don’t have time to include it here but you can find it on the Speaking Out page in the Wednesday, February 8, 2006 edition of the D&C.

Don’t forget, save the date, April 7, 2006, for President Halstead’s Inauguration. Also, put a hold on May 5, 2006 until further notice.

If at my age I had any memory left I should have been able to memorize the 32 Classic Love Songs on this CD. Thanks for all of the contributions to this “Update”.

Peace,

Bud

March 10, 2006

Greetings,

Fortunately no really bad news about emeriti has been in the wind that needed reporting because my work downstate has really interrupted my retirement activities. Likewise, I suspect that my last “Update” must have scared people away from communicating with me since I have received very little of “Your News” since it went out. Really, although I do respect your feedback where you say: “for my eyes only”, it is always great to have you send stuff about your activities that I can share. And, I can assure you from the feedback that a lot of you appreciate hearing about the activities of former friends and colleagues. But, without any “Your News” to share and, happily, no obituaries to write, here is the stuff I have to share…

Reminder: The Inauguration of John R. Halstead as the Sixth President of the College will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, April 7th in Tuttle North. I hope to see many of you at the inauguration and at the reception that will follow.

Y’all are experts – at least at survival so here is some info for you [and from a past inquiry I
We’re in the process of updating our Faculty Experts Media Guide. It is an online resource for reporters to use when they’re looking for a source for their newspaper, television or radio story.

You can view our current guide at: www.brockport.edu/mc/experts_guide.htm. Please take a few minutes to go to that page, enter your name and see what’s currently listed about you.

If it’s accurate just send a quick e-mail to Marg Delaney, mdelaney@brockport.edu including your name and “guide OK” in the e-mail subject box.

If you would like to make changes to your entry or to be included for the first time, put “Guide Changes” in the subject line and your new info in the e-mail message and send those along to Marg Delaney, as well.

If you want to have your name and information deleted from the experts guide, put “delete guide” in the subject.

FYI – although I missed the notice, I share with you that John Henion died within the last week or so. John was a local leader that I presume was known to many of you. There will be a memorial service today, Saturday, March 11, 2006 at 1:00 PM at the Concordia Lutheran Church in Brockport. Memorials may be directed to Concordia Lutheran Church, Sweden Senior Citizens Center or the Lakeside Memorial Hospital. Ref: Fowler Funeral Home.

The February 2006 edition of Town and Gown, a publication in State College, Pa. containing content relating to State College and Penn State, included an article that paid a great tribute to Brockport emeriti Thomas “Lefty” McIntyre. Lefty and emerita Connie Koenig-McIntyre relocated from Maine to State College, Pa. some time ago and have made their presence known. Unfortunately the article is no longer available on-line but some of his cited activities include: walking to the HUB every morning at 6 o’clock to get “Collegians” to deliver to his neighbors; knocking on doors for community fundraisers; organizing car washes in support of CALL (Community Academy for Lifelong Learning); unloading delivery trucks at the State College food bank; checking boarding passes and IDs at University Park Airport; ushering at Penn State football games; setting up Rec Hall for wrestling and volleyball events; serving as docent at the All-Sports Museum; with Connie, serving as ushers at all of Penn State’s campus performance halls; teaching in the CALL program; serving on the Acacia Fraternity board; and serving as State College Rotary Club regent at arms. It is not mentioned but I’ll bet that Lefty is also still beating everyone who dares to enter a handball court with him.

It great to hear that Connie and Lefty are doing well after resettling from Maine to Pennsylvania, and that they are still making a mark in the community they now call home. Of course, what I’d
like to know is “where’s the beef”? [For those not in the know Lefty also did some farming related activities while at Brockport and offered some pretty good deals on home grown beef if you had a freezer to stock].

Following for your information is a copy of the press release shared by the President’s Office with the campus community that announces Brockport’s May 2006 undergraduate commencement ceremony speaker:

Xerox Leader Ursula Burns will Address SUNY Brockport Graduates
139th Commencement is May 13
SUNY College at Brockport is pleased to announce that Ursula Burns will be its undergraduate commencement speaker. Burns is president of Business Group Operations at Xerox Corporation, Stamford, CT. She was named to this position in December 2002. She is also a corporate senior vice president, appointed April 2000. She is listed among FORTUNE Magazine’s ranking of the most powerful women in American business and has received other citations for her business accomplishments. In a FORTUNE article published Jan. 30 of this year, Burns was cited as one of 12 rising stars in the business world.

As head of Business Group Operations for Xerox, Burns is responsible for a $12-billion global enterprise that includes the company’s research, development, engineering, marketing and manufacturing of Xerox technology, supplies and related services.

“I am delighted that Ursula Burns, one of Xerox’s top executives, will be our featured speaker at our 139th Commencement on May 13. Selected by FORTUNE as a top executive to watch, Ms. Burns, with whom I met recently, is an impressive voice for this world-class company and will have a compelling message for our 1,400 graduates and their families at our graduation,” said John R. Halstead, SUNY Brockport president.

In a recent story, FORTUNE noted Burns’ contributions to Xerox’s dramatic turnaround, stating, “She…worked her way through engineering and product development and then up the ladder to senior VP in 2000. Now she is leading Xerox’s drive into color printing, which grew 15 percent last year and contributes almost a third of revenue. She has nearly completed the company’s transition to digital printing.”

Burns joined Xerox in 1980 as a mechanical engineering summer intern. She subsequently held several positions in engineering, including product development and planning. In June 1991, she became the executive assistant to Xerox’s then chairman and CEO, Paul A. Allaire. Burns earned a bachelor’s degree from Polytechnic Institute of New York in 1980, and a master’s degree in mechanical engineering from Columbia University in 1981. She serves on professional and community boards, including American Express, Boston Scientific Corp., CASA – Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, FIRST – For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology, University of Rochester, and the Rochester Business Alliance.

The SUNY Brockport Commencement Ceremony will be held at the College’s Special Olympics Stadium Saturday, May 13, 1 pm.
This is somewhat untimely but still within the window of opportunity is this piece from Jill Campbell.

“I have an opportunity to offer our emeriti and friends. I leave it to your discretion if the “Update” is an appropriate vehicle to disseminate this information.

SUNY Brockport is participating in the American Heart Association's Heart Walk for the first time this year. I've been tapped to coordinate our effort and thought of all our wonderful emeriti. The Walk is on April 29th, beginning at the Blue Cross Arena and going through Rochester's Corn Hill District. Rain location: walk is in the Blue Cross Arena.

**What we need are:**
1) team captains (March 1 deadline),
2) walkers (3mi. and a March 31 deadline), and
3) individuals to sponsor walkers (up through April 24).

If anyone is interested in participating, please e-mail me at: jcampbel@brockport.edu. The AHA has lots of information and makes participation very easy with an on-line site at: http://heartwalk.kintera.org/rochesterny

Did I mention that I'm walking? If you can't walk or be a team leader, but want to sponsor someone, you can search on my name “Jill Campbell”. My Heart Walk web page has a link for our SUNY Brockport Team as well. Hope to hear from you.”

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**Relay for Life**
April 8th at 6pm - April 9th at 6am
Tuttle North

Relay For Life® is a fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money to help the American Cancer Society save lives, help those who have been touched by cancer, and empower individuals to fight back against this disease. During the event, teams of people will gather at Tuttle North and take turns walking or running laps. Each team keeps at least one team member on the track at all times.

Relay is much more than a walk around the gym. It is a time to remember those lost to cancer and celebrate those who have survived. It is a night for people who have shared the same experience to comfort and console one another.

It is a fact of life that this disease in one-way or another has touched most members of the Brockport Community; we all know someone who has/is battling cancer be it you, a family member, a colleague, a student, or a friend. Last year a relatively small number of students participated and raised over $10,000. However, one of this year’s goals is to make it a total community effort by getting more faculty and staff to participate. There are many ways to participate:

1) volunteer to help with the event
2) start a team
3) join an existing team
4) make a donation
5) purchase a luminaria to remember someone
6) If you are a SURVIVOR, come to the event for the opening/SURVIVOR lap and let us show you how much support you have within your community!

This event is open to anyone, so families can do it together! It’s not just for Brockport students and employees but for the community as a whole! For more information, to start a team, to sign up with an existing team, to make a general donation, or to purchase a luminaria in someone’s memory, go to the following website: www.acsevents.org/relay/ny/sunybrockport

If anyone has specific questions about the event, they can contact Deb Birkins, Academic Advisement at dbirkins@brockport.edu or Kimberley Haines, Campus Life at khaines@brockport.edu.

I’ve been happy to maintain connections with “Montana Mike” Oshier since he left Brockport and most recently in our collaboration on some proposals for Brockport to recognize the contributions of some Technology Pioneers. As a result, I have a collection of some great photographs of some white capped mountains and some waterfalls in Montana with Mike and others in the foreground. And I have knowledge that John and Maxine Van de Wetering and Mike and Nancy Oshier recently connected in Montana when John and Maxine were there to visit their son Josh and his family. This of course reminds me that I owe both John E. Van de Wetering and Albert W. Brown, for the many times they allowed me to support SUNY-wide projects that enabled me to further develop computer technology skills. The experiences they allowed me to pursue enabled me to develop the skills necessary to provide the emeriti updates, the emeriti website, and to perform the services I have provided to other SUNY campuses since retirement. So, thanks John and Al! – (I’ve already credited Norm Plyter and Mike Oshier!)

Peace,
Bud

March 17, 2006

Greetings,

Sorry, but I have mostly sad news to report today.

Today Brockport College and the greater Brockport Community mourn the death of Mathematics Professor Emeritus Joseph B. Harkin—beloved and devoted husband, father, professor, colleague and friend who died at home with his family on Wednesday, March 15th. Throughout his career at Brockport which spanned 32 years (1971-2003), Dr. Harkin was known for his passion for teaching and his passion for mathematics. His caring attitude towards his students undoubtedly led many, including one son, to choose mathematics/teaching as their professions as well.

Since his retirement Joe has had to deal with significant health issues and he has flirted with death on many occasions. Although such flirtations ultimately result in a lasting relationship, Joe
showed remarkable courage and his will to live amazed his family and even some of his health care workers who deal with such situations on a regular basis.

Although we mourn his death we celebrate a life devoted to family and profession which honors a fine man whose death invoked the following comment from one of his former students: “Having been a math major, I had Dr. Harkin for one of my graduate math classes and dearly loved him. He was a good instructor and such a kind and gentle man.”

Joe thanks for your life, your service, and the memories.

Visiting hours, Sunday, March 19th, 2-5 at the Fowler Funeral Home, 340 West Avenue, Brockport, New York 14420. Funeral Mass, Monday, March 20th at 10 am at the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 152 Main Street, Brockport, New York. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Lifetime Assistance Foundation or Nativity Church.

Condolences to Nancy or to the family of..., 28 Candlewick Drive, Brockport, New York 14420

Less sadly but sad nonetheless is that Maury and Liz Kleiman who have graced the College and the Brockport Community for many years with their contributions and presence are breaking retirement rules by “moving north”. We will miss seeing Maury and Liz walking the sidewalks in Brockport or shopping at Wegman’s but we send them our best wishes for health and happiness as they continue life’s journey in a new locale.

Following is a note that Maury and Liz wanted to share with all of you:

We are going to move on the 23rd of March to:
18 Sheridan Street
Glens Falls, NY 12801
Phone: 518-793-0903
e-mail: maury2101li@hotmail.com

We may need a few days to get reconnected to the internet but the phone should be working the day we move in, hopefully. We're going to miss Brockport and all the wonderful people that we have come to know. Best regards to everyone.

All the best,

Liz and Maury

Maury, I know you recently celebrated a significant birthday and we send along our belated greetings for that occasion. I also want to thank you for being one of my early mentors at Brockport. I enjoyed the periods during which I worked for you and always enjoyed working with you. You are held in high esteem by all of us who worked for or with you during your career at Brockport and for the many contributions—your service to Lifetime Assistance among them—you have provided the Brockport community since retiring. Best wishes to both of you.
Sadly, I am out of time – sadly also I missed getting some news out about some computer workshops that were open to emeriti last week. Unfortunately, I can’t access my email distribution list when I am on the road. So, if you have events or activities that you would like to have me share with emeriti you need to get them to me by the Thursday before the event will occur to provide me an opportunity to prepare and send an update on the Friday before your event.

Peace,

Bud

April 6, 2006

Greetings,

I’ve given you a little break but a few items now need to be shared. A couple of them are pretty time sensitive so read on quickly.

Yesterday, while engaged in team and personal battles on the basketball court in Tuttle we noticed a few friendly faces on the sidelines. One of them was President John Halstead. After a couple of taunts were thrown his way admonishing him to join us he carefully removed his jacket and laid it aside. Someone threw him the ball as he carefully slid his slippery shoes onto the court. In one fluid motion from just inside the three-point line he released a nice arching shot that just nicked the rim but was mostly all net. Ignoring pleas to shoot again he wore a big smile as he removed himself from the court, put on his jacket and moved on.

So, the day before his official inauguration I am pleased to be able to report that President John Halstead is a straight shooter and a moderate risk-taker who doesn’t mess with success. The NBA players (Noontime Basketball Association) were impressed!

Don’t miss the opportunity to see John Halstead in action—again in Tuttle but in a different game—at his inauguration at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow, April 7, 2006 in Tuttle North Gymnasium. Let’s have a large, emeriti turn-out to support John R. Halstead’s official installation to the office of President of the State University College at Brockport.

Although the inauguration ceremony is about John Halstead, he has chosen to also use the platform to pay tribute to the leadership of former presidents Hartwell, Tower, Brown, Van de Wetering and Yu. There will be reference to them and displays about their presidencies during the inaugural activities and two of them will be in attendance.

It may or may not be mentioned at the inauguration but an event to honor one of the former presidents was approved by the College Council on April 4, 2006.

I am very pleased to share the College Council’s resolution and to announce a ceremony to be held at 2:30 pm on Friday May 5, 2006 to rename and dedicate the Faculty Office Building as a lasting tribute to Albert W. Brown, President (1965-1981) SUNY College at Brockport. Save
the date and watch your mailboxes. I hope to see many of you at this event. Following is the formal resolution.

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF
PRESIDENT EMERITUS ALBERT W. BROWN
TO THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK COLLEGE AT BROCKPORT

Whereas President Emeritus Albert W. Brown served SUNY College at Brockport with distinction for 16 years from 1965 to 1981; and

Whereas more than any other person, Albert W. Brown helped to create SUNY College at Brockport as it is today, leading its transformation and growing it larger and more rapidly than would have been the case otherwise, and giving the institution its present form and character, and by his leadership, vision and decisiveness, creating the environment for its success; and

Whereas under his leadership excellent scholars and academic leaders were recruited, a new curriculum was developed, and a new academic organizational structure was created to transform the College from a teachers’ college to a college of arts and sciences; and

Whereas the Brockport College Council approved an initiative on December 7, 2004 to meet the requirements of the Chancellor’s Guidelines for Naming Opportunities on Campuses of the State University of New York (per 2002); and

Whereas the requirements of the Chancellor’s Guidelines have been satisfied and the initiative approved by the SUNY Research Foundation Vice President for Philanthropy and Alumni Affairs contingent on the affirmation of the Brockport College Council;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Faculty Office Building be renamed the Albert W. Brown Building as a permanent and significant recognition of the person and leadership of President Emeritus Albert W. Brown.

Approved by SUNY Brockport College Council on April 4, 2006

Please note that along with the dedication of the Albert W. Brown Building on Friday, May 5, 2006 there will be a ceremony to unveil a plaque on the bridge between the Gordon Allen Administration Building and the Albert W. Brown Building to honor the contributions of Vice President Emeritus Ralph P. Gennarino.

Again, please mark your calendars and plan to attend significant events as the College continues to recognize those who have contributed to its growth and development and to its success.

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Other News

Earl Ingersoll reports that Ontario Review Press (Joyce Carol Oates and her husband Ray Smith) have just published his book <Waltzing Again: New and Selected conversation with Margaret
Atwood>. Some months ago, a Japanese translation of about half the interviews in his 1990 Ontario Review Press book <Margaret Atwood: Conversations> was published by Shoraisha Press.

Thanks for sharing Earl and congratulations for your continuing success.

Larry and Dotti Humm continue to be involved in interesting activities and making significant contributions to improving the welfare of others. Here is their latest report and an invitation.

Dotti and I have been working for Habitat for Humanity in the Bayou region, LA (southwest of New Orleans.) You may be interested in a write up about our Care-A-Vanners group and one of the homeowners in the local newspaper (Houmatoday.com on March 28, 2006) the link is http://www.houmatoday.com/apps/psbcs.dll/article?Date=20060328&Category=NEWS&ArtNo=603280326&S... (oops we are reading off a printed paper) We are leading a build at the end of April for 2 weeks (actually the first two weeks of May) in Oneonta, NY. Just in case any of our SUNY Brockport RV people (morothomes, 5th wheels, campers...) want to join us, we still have room for 3 more vehicles. Just contact <HabitatForHumanity.com> (or through the Rochester Habitat for Humanity website) and click on the Care-A-Vanners tab. (or send me an e-mail and I will send a direct link!)

Larry

Larry thanks for sharing. Any volunteers can reach Larry at lhumm@brockport.edu.

Elaine Miller continues her many activities in retirement and she has shared of them and some of her scheduled presentations.

Some recent and upcoming presentations that I'm doing:


Workshop on "Using Editorial Cartoons in the Classroom" at SUNY Geneseo conference on Faculty-Student Partnerships in Teaching and Learning, May 16-19, 2006.

And some travels:
I'm just back from a clipper ship cruise in the Grenadines -- quite an adventure. I can still hear "Amazing Grace" as we hoisted the sails. I recommend clipper ship trips – but those who need more than 10 X 10 feet of space should not get a cabin below deck.

Will do a bike trip in the Burgundy region of France in June.

Elaine thanks for sharing. I envy your fun work schedule and your travel schedule.
And, I received an email from Matt Vanderwerf which speaks for itself so I will just share it with you.

Good afternoon,

I just came from a meeting for a SUNY Brockport/Brockport community program planned called Walk/Bike to Work week.

Someone brought up that a number of retirees walk to campus on a regular basis and wondered how to communicate the program information to them. That's when I piped up and mentioned you have a retiree listserv.

The program is going to run 4/24 - 4/28 from 7:00AM - 10:00AM. Anyone from the community that walks to campus and stops at a checkpoint on campus (one at each of the four corners) for three of the five days will be eligible to win raffle prizes etc. at the end of the week. There will also be giveaways etc. each day. Once the program announcement goes out I could send you the e-mail sent to staff if you believe people will be interested.

Also, we are looking for: (1) a retiree that may be willing to be interviewed prior to the event for a T.V. news report/newspaper story and (2) people interested in volunteering to staff the four checkpoints we have for one day of that week.

Thanks,
Matt

[There you have it -- contact Matt at mvanderw@brockport.edu if you would be willing to be interviewed or would like to work at a checkpoint.

Announcement

The 17th Gerry D’Agostino Memorial Lecture “Making Things Happen” will be held at 7:30 pm, Monday, April 10, 2006 in the New York Room, Cooper Hall. Featured Speakers will be James Winterton and Mary Andrecolich-Diaz.

Any of you who live close enough to hear the local news may have heard about a sexual assault on the on April 4th. I am happy to be able to share the following update from Robert Kehoe, Director of University Police about that news report:

The Department of University Police wishes to advise the campus community that, after a thorough investigation, it has been determined that the alleged sexual assault that reportedly had taken place during the early morning hours of April 4, 2006 in the area of the Faculty Office Building did not, in fact, occur.

Upon being re-interviewed by members of University Police, the student acknowledged that she had fabricated the report. She has been charged with the offense of Falsely Reporting an Incident in the Third Degree.
Although this incident did not occur as reported, students and staff are nevertheless reminded to continually utilize personal safety precautions such as not walking alone, particularly during the hours of darkness. The Campus Escort Service may be accessed 24 hours a day by calling 395-2226.

Scholars Day has been scheduled --

On Wednesday, April 12 from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm classes will be suspended on the SUNY Brockport campus as we celebrate our annual Scholars Day. Classes will also be suspended at the MetroCenter (only) that evening from 6:00 - 7:30 pm for Scholars Night at the MetroCenter.

Scholars Day is our annual campus celebration of student/faculty/staff scholarly activities. Please encourage/require your students to attend and of course attend yourself one of the 180 sessions being presented by over 360 students and faculty. Your attendance sends a message to our students and your colleagues that you value their scholarship. It is always a fun and interesting day.

A schedule of events and an abstract book will be mailed to every faculty member. Additionally, both booklets will be available from the SUNY Brockport home page. Additional hard copies of both booklets can also be obtained from Drake Library, Daily Computer Center, and the Student Learning Center or by calling 395-2523.

We look forward to seeing you on April 12!

and from Lauren Liberman –

It is time again for our annual Camp Abilities Auction! Thank you to those of you who already bought tickets or donated items!

Camp Abilities is a non-profit developmental sports camp for children with visual impairments, blindness or deaf-blindness. It is June 25th-July 1st here at SUNY Brockport. The 50+ campers that attend participate in gymnastics, judo, track and field, tandem biking, aquatics, beep baseball, goal ball, archery, horseback riding, basketball, canoeing, kayaking, rollerblading, plus many other activities. We have over 80 counselors from SUNY Brockport and around the world. For more information on camp please see our web site at www.campabilities.org

This is our 11th year of camp, and it is through your support that Camp Abilities is able to provide this wonderful opportunity to these children.

We hope everyone will be able to join us on Sunday April 23rd from 5pm-8:30pm in the New York Room in Cooper Hall for our silent and live auction, dinner, music, and drawings. Tickets are $30 and must be purchased in advance. Bring family and friends to this exciting occasion.

To purchase your tickets please send a check to Lauren Lieberman in B307 Tuttle North at SUNY Brockport. Please make the checks out to "Research Foundation" and put Camp Abilities
in the memo line.

For questions or more information please contact Haley Schedlin at 395-2629, or Lauren Lieberman 395-5361.

Again, we could not do it without everyone’s continued support!

Sincerely,
Lauren & Haley

Today, Thursday, April 6, 2006

Presidential Distinguished Lecture Series

4:45 pm Edwards 100 Blue Room
Henry Lee will discuss Lessons Learned from High Profile Cases April 6, 4:45 pm, Blue Room, Edwards Hall. This presentation is part of the Presidential Distinguished Lecture Series and SUNY Brockport President John R. Halstead’s inauguration celebration. Dr. Lee’s presentation is open to the public and tickets are $7 for general public and free to SUNY Brockport students, faculty and staff. Tickets are required and are available at the Brockport Student Government Box Office, Seymour College Union.

I think that is all for now.

Peace,

Bud

April 22, 2006

Greetings,

I have some very sad news to report. No matter how good you are with mathematics you’ll likely never find a formula for preventing your number from coming up. Sadly, the number of Stephen P. Dellaquila, Assistant Professor of Mathematics (1958-1985), was called on Monday, April 17, 2006 and his aging calculations ended at 81. He joins many of his former mathematics colleagues and friends – Robert Hall, Aziz Ibrahim, Joseph Harkin, Richard Mahoney and Rudolph Zalups in having found infinity.

I did not know Steve very well but knew his reputation as a very gentle gentleman who cared deeply for his students; his wife, Marie Bush, a former Associate Dean of Students at Brockport and a retiree of SUNY System Administration; his family; his friends; and his colleagues. I did have the opportunity to talk with both Steve and Marie at a recent memorial service. In our brief conversation, they seemed to convey that they were enjoying the gift of life one day at a time. It
is reported that Steve passed in peace in a room filled with love. With Marie and his family and friends we mourn the loss of Stephen from our community while celebrating his life through the memories of those he knew, taught, and loved.

Stephen was a proud WWII Veteran and served in the U.S. Army in France. His memorial service was held had St. John of Rochester Church in Fairport on Thursday, April 20th.

Condolences: Marie Bush Dellaquila

Memorials: Charity of your choice.

Carpe diem,

Bud

May 7, 2006

Greetings,

Wow, what a great day May 5, 2006 will forever be in the history of the Brockport Normal School, the Brockport State Teachers’ College, the State University of New York College at Brockport. Among my Brockport souvenirs are the memories of the late alumnus Joel Loy doing the one man show “Shelly the Idealist”; of the great events related to the Brockport Symphony Orchestra under the direction of the late Ascher Tempkin including the annual pops concert and a pre-concert formal piano performance by Miss Pennsylvania at the Golden Eagle Golf-Tournament awards dinner at the “classy” Brockport Country Club; of the great performances of Jet and the late Adam Lazarre, Ira-Paul Schwarz, and the late Santo Giglio, in theatrical, dance, and musical productions; of my sandwiching of an “eagle” between an 11 and a 13 at an early Bob Boozer Golden Eagle Golf Tournament; and of the very moving theatrical performance of Bill Heyen’s Holocaust Poems by an artist whose name I don’t recall.

Now I add to my souvenirs a very special day that in a way celebrates all of my other souvenirs. Friday’s tributes to Albert W. and Marjorie Brown and to Ralph P. and Betty Gennarino honor them and in the process honor all of us. If you attended I do not need to say more. For those unfortunates who could not attend I continue.

May 5, 2006 was indeed a day of celebration; a day of renewing old, or should I say “former” acquaintances; and a day of bridging the past-history of the College to the future. The words of President John R. Halstead and President Emeritus Albert W. Brown and the presence of President Emeritus John E. Van de Wetering, who led the transition from Brockport’s enrollment dependence on Long Island to a place where it had regional significance, made all of us in attendance very proud of our association with Brockport—faculty/staff, emeritus, alumni, and community members alike.

For those who were not in attendance the program opened with remarks from the very gifted—no pun intended because he needs more--Mike Andriatch, Director, Major and Planned Gifts and
Alumni Relations. Mike is a great MC, but more importantly, he is a great person with whom to be associated with on any project requiring work and dedication that has a time-sensitive objective. This project absolutely could not have reached this stage in development without his tireless efforts and the enthusiastic support and kind persistence/insistence of Emeritus/Alumnus Jeanette D’Agostino Banker whom I adore for her dedication to the College and the Brockport community. In his introductory remarks, Mike also described how British citizen Janie Hill ’85 was introduced to Brockport through its international programs, came to Brockport to earn a master’s in educational administration, and how she, as a businesswoman forming a new airline to connect central England with central Florida, became the first contributor to the Albert W. Brown building naming project. Her significant contribution to the project established the Janie Hill International Scholarship which will provide ongoing support of international learning opportunities. It was very fitting that both Janie Hill and Megan C. Callanan, the first recipient of the Janie Hill Scholarship who will be studying at Oxford University for the full 2006-2007 academic year, were able to meet in person and be in attendance for this special event.

After Mike, there were welcoming remarks from President Halstead; an introduction of guests by Roxanne Johnston, Vice President for Institutional Advancement; testimonials to Albert W. Brown and Ralph P. Gennarino by William Andrews, Professor Emeritus Political Sciences and Dean Social Sciences; by Charles Clevenger, former administrator in several roles at Brockport and President Emeritus Educational Resources of Pennsylvania; Jacquie Davis, Professor of Dance; and Robert “BJ” James, former student and Director or the Rochester Educational Opportunity Center and now Associate Provost in SUNY System Administration. All of the presentations heralded Albert W. Brown as a decisive leader with a great vision for higher education that transcended Brockport and Ralph P. Gennarino as the bridge between divergent interests when heritage and vision were perceived to be out of “sync”. These were great presentations splashed with wit and humor (as were the remarks by Albert W. Brown and Ralph P. Gennarino). Charles Clevenger even stated that he had actually, not publicly of course, called Albert W. Brown an “SOB” under his breath once. Of course, many in attendance could relate to that and some of us, including me, probably have higher counts. But, as we all know, there are “SOB” moments for everyone in leadership roles and it’s better to be an “SOB” for having a vision than not. And Al did not have to worry anyway—he always had Ralph waiting in the wings to “sweep up”.

Clyde Morgan and his Sankofa Dance Troupe highlighted the remarks by Jacquie Davis by drumming their way across the bridge honored by Ralph’s plaque to the tent where they provided a brief entertainment interlude.

Along with the dedication of the Albert W. Brown Building and the honoring of Ralph P. Gennarino, two trees were planted to honor the contributions of Marjorie Brown and Elizabeth Gennarino. The Marjorie Brown tree is next to the Albert W. Brown Building while the Elizabeth Gennarino tree has an appropriate location near the bridge.

Congratulations to Albert W. Brown and Ralph P. Gennarino upon the occasion of the formal recognition of their significant contributions to the success of the College and to their families and close friends who supported them in their efforts.
It was a great day in the history of the College. I know that there were many photographs taken and a video recording of the day’s festivities. I haven’t confirmed this but I am hopeful that the College will be able to make copies available to those who would like a memento of this special day whether or not they were able to attend. I took some photographs myself and will try to post some to the emeritus website within the next couple of weeks. I do believe that those unable to attend the event can obtain souvenir programs that include a very substantial history of the Brown Years written by former Assistant to the President Joseph Lawrence and the text from the plaques to be affixed to the Albert W. Brown Building and the bridge between the Brown building and the other side of the campus to recognize Albert W. Brown and Ralph P. Gennarino, respectively. Contact Mike Andriatch, mandriat@brockport.edu or (585) 637-5809 or Institutional Advancement, SUNY College at Brockport, 350 New Campus Drive, Brockport, NY 14420 if you’d like to request a copy of the program for the day or to find out how you might contribute to the Brown/Gennarino project by recognizing them, yourselves, or other people who were significant to your own success at the College.

Other stuff:

It was great to see Ena and Rawle Farley at the festivities on May 5th. Rawle, like Marjorie Brown, spends some time in a wheelchair because his legs are giving out—which reminds me, my real anxiety on May 5, 2006 was when Al Brown (who is legally blind) was pushing Marge in her wheelchair—but it is great, as Dr. Brown pointed out so well in his remarks, that equipment and services are available that allow Rawle, Marge, Al and all of us to continue our lives even in the face of evolving disabilities.

As always it is a joy to hear from the Farley’s about their sons who are having exciting careers. The latest news is: In the April 27 Wall Street Journal, there was a promotional piece on Christopher Farley’s book on Bob Marley. The book is entitled – “Before the Legend: The Rise of Bob Marley. The new issue of Essence Magazine (May 2006) also carries a page promoting the book (p. 77). Bob Marley died 25 year ago in May of 1981.

It was also great to see Brewster Brown, Sheryl Brown Galinski; and Shauna Brown Anderson at the reception. I regret that I did not get an opportunity to really “catch up” on Sheryl and Shauna but I did learn that Brewster has retired after a successful career in higher education in North Carolina with a little bit of side work in timber-related work and as a State legislator.

It was great to see Janet Beck and Mary Markusen who used to work together in Continuing Education and Jack Beck, former BCS guidance counselor, and the renowned artist Tom Markusen at the dedication on May 5th. Tom and Mary, along with a couple of other emeriti have recently toured with emeritus Jim Horn. One of these days Sandy and I intend to join Jim Horn on one of his excursions because everyone who has traveled with him has nothing but praise for his attention to detail and his special knowledge of the countries or areas to which he introduces his clients—and, although I have heard he knows his wines, you don’t have to taste them to enjoy your tour. I am fortunate that Jim also keeps me up-to-date on those emeriti with whom he is in touch. He recently shared the following information about Tom Markusen:

“Tom Markusen's works have been featured all month at one of the most prestigious art galleries
in Scottsdale. Last night Tom was honored there, LeKAE Gallery, during the weekly Thursday night Art Walk in the gallery section of Scottsdale. Tonight, he is being honored at a gala event for the "Best of Scottsdale" honor."

It was great to see “artist” friends at the dedication yesterday including Tom and Mary; Bill Stewart, Jack and Gladys Wolsky, and Helen and Mel Smagorinsky. Congratulations to Tom for being the “best in Scottsdale” and to the rest of you for continuing successes as well.

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It was also great to see so many classified service employees/retirees at this event. There were many individuals in attendance from facilities and office support. In time, I hope the college will be able to include classified service retirees in its data base so that all retirees will be able to remain “connected” to the college and be invited to participate in such events. If there are any volunteers out there willing to help develop this data base please let me know.

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While you are making plans for the summer, be sure to add Academic Convocation to your calendar on Sunday, August 27, at 3:30 p.m., where faculty and staff will officially welcome new students to the campus community. Faculty lineup will begin at 3:00 in Tuttle North. Immediately following the ceremony, we invite all Convocation participants to join new students for a complimentary dinner at Brockway or Harrison Dining Halls.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Andrea Chauncey at 5435 or achaunce@brockport.edu. Thank you and have a great day.

Connie Graves
Office of the VP for Enrollment Mgt. & Student Affairs

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I have just received an April 27, 2006 letter from Stefan Pribil and his wife Olga. As you know they have suffered tremendous loss via Katrina. They bemoan ever leaving friends and associates in Brockport and following heart surgery and Katrina this year their spirits are broken. Stefan apologizes for the pessimism and wishes us all well but I think he and Olga could use some cheering up so if you are so inclined, please drop them a card at 2617 Labarre Lane, Metairie, Louisiana 70001. In Stefan’s note he added a PS: “I would like to document the vision, leadership and decisiveness of President Emeritus Dr. Albert W. Brown in his achievement following his appointment in 1965 in changing the Brockport Teachers’ College into SUNY Brockport College of Arts and Sciences. His decision for support of a “Space Physics” study program with four newly built cryogenic laboratories led to close cooperation with the laboratories of local Rochester Industries such as Bausch and Lomb, Eastman Kodak, General Dynamics, Xerox, etc. was significant to the advancement of science in the greater Rochester community.”

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The Browns and Gennarinos want to convey their thanks and appreciation to all who have, or will, assist in marking their places in the history of the SUNY College at Brockport by recognizing them, themselves, or others who significantly impacted their own careers at Brockport.

Peace,
Greetings,

Well here we are again – a weekend for remembering. As I prepare to become a card-carrying member of the “old folks” party next month I can’t help thinking about a conversation I had with Jack Crandall in front of the Lincoln Rochester Bank [maybe it was Chase Lincoln by then] on his 60th birthday. He shared with me that he was having a little bit of difficulty with turning 60. He said he hardly noted turning 30, 40, 50, or even 55--which all of us in public service know is the age at which you can begin speaking your mind-- but that 60 was making him pause and take stock. Of course, to be a card carrying “old folk” you’ve got to be slightly older than 60 but I can’t help thinking of Jack’s feelings and how he was short-changed by not getting a lot of years past 60.

Then as I am musing I get the following email from Ira Schwarz which he has authorized me to share. His message and his quote seem very appropriate for those of us who are retired and in the viewing stands as our former friends and colleagues, as well as we ourselves, move forward toward the exit signs. I am indebted to Ira Schwarz for his sharing of his thoughts as he remembers:

Dear Bud:
Thank you again for your update. Your description of the events of May 5 made me feel that I was there. I wish I could have been! Al and Ralph were brilliant and colorful administrators whose enthusiasm, imagination, and humor were inspirational, and it would have been great to greet old friends.

“As pleased as I am to receive the Up-Date, it is always sad to learn of the passing of colleagues. Dying and remembering, I am reminded, are conditions of growing old; both problems and blessings. Your notes, however, help me to re-enjoy precious memories.

I ran across some lines of Thomas Moore ("Oft in the Stilly Night") the other day which expressed this much better.

When I remember all the friends so link’d together
I’ve seen around me fall, like leaves in wint’ry weather
I feel like one who treads alone a banquet hall deserted,
Whose joys are fled, whose garlands dead,
And all but he departed.

Best to all!”

Ira
Dear Ira, thank you as always for your contributions – I think many who receive the “Updates” have similar feelings and you have expressed them so well for all of us to share on this memorial weekend.

Sadly, I have to follow Ira’s note with information about the death of a very significant person to me in my career at Brockport. From what I have heard though she had reached the point on the treadmill of life where she was “all but she departed” and was ready to step off after her recent completion of 90 years here. Helen Beatty [to some early retirees known as Helen Muckle] made a dignified exit from this life on Thursday May 25, 2006—the same as she had lived it—after only a day or so in a nursing home. Basically, Helen ran the Financial Aid Office at Brockport for many years. She was so much more than “support staff.” She was the heart and soul of the office. She was committed to student success before most of us realized that was an objective. She was a shepherd to students and the many directors for whom she worked alike. In my days in Financial Aid I learned many lessons from her as I observed her in her priestly role on Monday mornings as several students [I remember a few names but they wouldn’t want to hear that they were referenced here] who had taken her on as mother/priest and they dropped by to confess their sins of the weekend and seek her advice on what they might have to do to stay in school. Helen’s approach to students, staff and to her work was exemplary. While many directors and associate directors of financial aid passed through the office [Douglas DeVol, Richard Alexander, yours truly, John McCaughey, Dennis Stratton, James Wood, Emanuel Blount, Al Latona and Doug Hoover among them] Helen provided the glue that held the office together.

The place where Helen Beatty is today is a better place for her being there. She will be remembered with love and high esteem by all who ever had the pleasure of encountering her in this life.

Peace to you Helen – you were a blessing to the students and staff that you served and in the lives of all the others you knew and loved.

Helen is survived by her daughter, Diane (Norm) Frisch; grandson, Aaron (Julianna) Frisch; and granddaughter, Sarah Frisch; among others.

Friends may call Sunday, May 28, 2006 1-3 pm at the Fowler Funeral Home where here funeral service will be held at 3:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing may contribute to the Brockport United Methodist Church or the Lakeside Health System.

Condolences may be sent to the family of, or to Diane Frisch, at 94 White Road, Brockport, New York 14420.

Oliver Spaulding who turned 90 in April has written to me to tell me that he really appreciated being remembered by cards and even a phone call or two on his birthday. However, he did report that he almost “bought the farm” when he fell in a parking lot on January 14th. He managed to destroy one hip and one femur and they were unable to operate on him until March
25th. He did not get home from the hospital until April 22nd and says that he really needed the cards that had already arrived to help him celebrate his 90th. Ollie is hoping to be ditching his wheelchair and walking on his own in a month.

We are sorry to hear of Ollie’s difficulties but pleased that he is on the mend and that our cards and calls prompted some fond memories on his birthday.

Like the Kleimans, and others before them, Fred and Kathi Powell are departing Brockport--leaving friends but taking memories—for a new life in Indiana on June 6, 2006. Fred and Kathi have been significant players at the College and in the Brockport Community for many years. Fred has had some health problems in recent years but before they appeared he was a fixture in any theatrical or musical event at the College where a talented singer was needed. Kathi and Fred will be greatly missed by the Brockport Community and we wish them well. They would like to keep in touch and have shared this information about where they will be:

We will be leaving our home of 35 years in Brockport on June 6, settling in our new Indiana home on June 8, 2006.

Our new address there is:
12794 Panthers Way
Fishers, Indiana  46037-4401

Our new "land-line" telephone number will be:  (317) 774-9092

We hope to stay in contact with you despite moving to a different locale.

Kathi and Fred Powell


Congratulations to Jonathan and the Farleys.

Information Technology Support Services has announced some new training opportunities and, as always, emeriti are welcome on a space available basis. To my knowledge there has never not been enough “space available” to accommodate emeriti. So, if you are in the area and interested, read on:

Computer Workshops with Diane White
June 12-16, 2006
Join Information Technology Support Services for MS Office, Dreamweaver, Picasa (image editing), Flash and Fireworks software training June 12th - June 16th. Seating is limited, so register early for any of these half-day sessions, by calling x2368 or e-mailing mailto:tloscomb@brockport.edu.
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Although they will be missed at Brockport we congratulate Ray Di Pasquale and Tim Flanagan on their career changes.

Congratulations Ray for your new appointment--Sorry to see you leave Brockport but very happy that your leadership will not be lost to higher education. Best wishes for success and happiness in your new role. Your contributions have been significant to changing the image of Brockport, particularly in the greater Rochester area. I am sure that Rhode Island will benefit greatly from your leadership and the whole emeriti community wishes you well.

We also wish Tim Flanagan the new President at Framingham State College in Massachusetts much success in his new leadership position. Tim, you have made significant improvements in the administration of academic affairs and the improvement of local academic policies and procedures during your tenure. Your leadership has been inclusive but decisive when it had to be and it has, in my view, contributed greatly to Brockport's image and success in the last few years. Brockport owes you a debt of gratitude for your service and leadership and it wishes you continued success in your travels down, or should I say up, your career path.

Remember relatives, colleagues and friends departed on this Memorial weekend and connect to those who remain! There are many people in our group who have issues.

Peace to all,

Bud

June 3, 2006

Greetings,

I have just a couple of quick announcements.

First I thought the following information might be interesting to some of you who know Dick Alexander who served the college in various roles from 1966 until 1983. Around 22 years ago I believe Dick took the seat of former justice and Brockport emeritus Andrew Virgilio as one of the justices for the Town of Clarkson when Andy gave up judging to serve in the NYS Assembly. Dick has announced his retirement from this office and there is a public reception to honor his service from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm tomorrow, Sunday, June 3, 2006 at the Morgan Manning House on Main Street in Brockport. I am sure Dick and Sue and their children would enjoy seeing friends and associates.
Following is a revised training schedule for the software training scheduled for June 12th – June 16th. Remember emeriti are welcome on a space available basis.

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worksheets, editing data, building charts and graphs, working with formulas and publishing a spreadsheet to the Web.

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And Rosemary Gibson Martin sends her greetings to everyone. She remarried April 18th to Doug Martin of Red Springs, NC. They are living in the home she moved to in December. Rosemary remains interested in flying and on May 18th to 21st she was the Volunteer Coordinator for the Mid Atlantic Fly-in and Sports Aviation Convention. She says: “You may have heard of us last year when the plane from PA flew into White House Air Space on its way to us.” Rosemary also reported that she is not changing her name as a result of her recent marriage.

We send our best wishes to both Rosemary and Doug Martin as they begin their lives together.

That is all for today.

Peace,

Bud

June 17, 2006

Greetings,

I have mostly sad news to report today. I don’t know about you but I preferred learning my ABCs as a child when they were apple, ball and cat…this aging, bereavement and condolences alphabetic is downright demoralizing and depressing.

The worst of the news is that a frequent communicator with me and with this group will no longer be contributing to or reading these updates nor will he be producing music for us to enjoy. Professor and Composer-In-Residence Emeritus Ira-Paul Schwarz, beloved by the many that knew him through his work at the college and in the community died last week. Many of you were touched when he recently shared the following:

> As pleased as I am to receive the “Update”, it is always sad to learn of the passing of colleagues. Dying and remembering, I am reminded, are conditions of growing old; both problems and blessings. Your notes, however, help me to re-enjoy precious memories.

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Whose joys are fled, whose garlands dead  
And all but he departed.

Ira now joins those “departed” that the poem referenced after living a full life in which he contributed to the well being of all who knew him. It is sad to know that he will no longer be sharing his music and his ever-present smile in this world.

In my mind I presume that Ira knew his days were numbered when he shared this poem because shortly thereafter he also shared, but not for publication, that he had been diagnosed with lung cancer that was at a stage where treatment would not be of benefit. In his note, he accepted his fate stating that:

I seem to have acquired a tumor on my lung that is evidently cancerous. I have vetoed most of the heroic medical options; however, I may undergo a series of radio therapy treatments if additional tests indicate that I am eligible for this type treatment. Not the best of news, but I have had 84 years of a generally good life, so I can’t complain. Mary has been a real blessing.  
Take care,  
Ira

I first met Ira in 1970 when he was a new professor in the Music Department and I had just transferred from the Student Financial Aid Office to Personnel. Ira, along with others, was involved with the unionization of the professional staff following the passage of the Taylor Law and became the first president of the Senate Professional Association (SPA) which later became United University Professions (UUP). He was the perfect gentleman to be the first leader of this organization during a period of uncertainty about the impact of collective negotiations upon the collegial environment. Beyond his involvement with SPA/UUP he also contributed to the campus through his involvement in governance, his teaching, his music and his support of the dance and theatre programs. He was beloved in the community for creating and conducting the College-Community chorus—which brought joy to the many voices that joined as well as to the greater Brockport community.

Ira, you were a gift to me and to those who were blessed by knowing you. We will miss you as we cherish the memories of a man who gave so much for the joy of others. With the hope that brings peace after death, we picture you smiling and making music for those “early departed” that you now have joined.

Thanks for sharing yourself with us.

Ira and Mary lived in England and we have no information about memorials but Mary would likely be pleased to receive condolences at: 21 Fairfield Close, Mundesley, Norfolk NR11 8BZ, England.

I have some good news to share. Jim Horn recently completed a tour of the Tuscany region of Italy and, in his group, were some familiar faces. He shared with me that two Brockport couples joined him: Tom and Mary Markusen and Donald and Leah Johnson. The great news is that
Don and Leah celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary while on the tour. We send our congratulations Don and Leah.

Although I am not at liberty to share names I am aware that there are some in our group and at the college who might benefit from some “thinking of you” messages. Thinking of them prompts me to remind you that you can access the faculty/staff and emeriti directories by going to the college’s website or the emeriti website. The directories can be found at:

Emeriti Directory: https://www.brockport.edu/internal/edir/

Faculty/Staff Directory: https://www.brockport.edu/publications/phone/fsdir.html

These directories are password protected in order to make the information secure. However, you may access the information by using the userid and password that follow if you no longer have a “sign on” at the college:

Userid: emeriti
Password: fromsuny

You must type the userid and password exactly as shown, all lower case! And, please do not share this information with anyone outside of our privileged group—the recipients of these updates.

If and when you are aware of those to whom you might like to send some “good cheer,” you can access these on-line files for their directory information.

Cheers,

Bud

June 25, 2006

Greetings,

I have mostly sad news to report today but you are lucky because I am on a tight schedule and must be brief.

Some weeks ago Cal Rich underwent surgery to replace arteries in both legs to try to improve his circulation and relieve the chronic sensitivity and discomfort that had contributed to his early retirement decision several years ago. Unfortunately, complications developed and after considering the risks and the choices Cal made the decision to have his left foot amputated. Reporters Earl Ingersoll and Steve Buckley share that Cal is doing as well as could be expected under these circumstances and that his spirits are good, but he and Marghi would benefit from cards and letters. Their address is 1016 Pacific Grove Lane, Apt 2, Pacific Grove, CA 93950, email pgrich@compuserve.com
Cal, we send you our prayers and best wishes as you make the necessary adjustments to surmount the obstacle that has been placed in your path.

Several people known to some or many of you have died recently so I thought I should mention them here.

Ralph Sweeting, spouse of Dori Sweeting who served as secretary to high ranking administrative officers, including President Brown, died on June 13, 2006 in Shelby, North Carolina. Ralph and Dori were well known members of the Brockport community where Ralph was a member of Vol. Fireman Capen Hose Co for 59 years. Ralph was also a WWII U. S. Navy veteran who served on Guam in the Pacific Theatre and a retiree from Kodak with 42 years of service. Memorials may be made to Life Enrichment Center, 103 T. R. Harris Dr. Shelby, North Carolina or Polkville United Methodist Church, PO Box 9, Polkville, NC 28136.

I remember Ralph and Dori from “the good ole days”—late 60s early 70s—when the Friday social hour was hosted by different members of the staff. On at least a couple of occasions Dori hosted the Friday after work gathering at her house and Ralph joined the group upon his arrival from Kodak. They were great hosts and those were some great times. Condolences to Dori Sweeting, 3203 Yates Road, Shelby, NC 28150-8837.

Dorie, we regret the breaking up of such a great couple and hope that your memories sustain you as you move on without Ralph.

The recently retired Phyllis Lista (Physics Department) has shared the following information:

Thought I'd take this opportunity to share with you about another member of the College family who has passed away. Wade "Buddy" Ward died on June 11, 2006 (appeared in the D&C on June 13th). I believe when he retired he was a locksmith working with Gordie Marsham and before that he may have been on the cleaning crew. Buddy always had a joke or two to tell and, even after he retired, each summer would stop by (I think he visited everyone he knew in one day) to visit, catch up and tell a couple of jokes. Buddy was a sweet and kind man and I always enjoyed his visits. He was predeceased by his daughter Wanda Evangelista (Harter). In the 70's Wanda was the Nursing Department secretary under Doris Geiss and shared an office in Smith Hall with [the late] Pat Sacheli who was the Social Work secretary. Wanda passed away last year.

Thank you for sharing Phyllis. We are sad to learn of the deaths of Buddy and Wanda but the mention of them and the other names brings back fond memories. Just envisioning Buddy brings a smile—something he always seemed to have to pass along no matter what was going on.

And finally, I am able to pass on something besides bad news as I share some of emerita Elaine Miller’s activities:

Elaine participated in a local author’s reception and book signing at Barnes & Noble in Pittsford on 6/9/06. It was for the essay she wrote on her cross-country bicycle tour -- "Shifting Gears" -- which is published in the anthology Outside of Ordinary: Women's Travel Stories, Second Story

Her essay on her experience in the New Horizons Band was featured (excerpts) on WXXI on 6/15 (Sunshine Show) and 6/17 (Salmagundy), in the first of Brenda Tremblay’s 3-part series on amateur musicians. Part I focused on the New Horizons Green Band, in which Elaine has been playing snare drum for the past year.

On the light side: her group of local bicyclists (including Brockport folks Margay Blackman, Marilyn Colby, and Patti Follansbee) left on 6/19 for a tour in the Burgundy region of France.

Elaine, thanks for your contributions which provide an upbeat ending for this otherwise downbeat update. Have a safe trip. We hope you will share some of your experiences when you return.

Cheers,

Bud

July 1, 2006

Greetings,

If there is bad news I haven’t heard it and, quite honestly, I have very little other news to report today. However, I am writing because of one time-sensitive item. Our own Edward O. Stephany, Professor of Mathematics Emeritus (1947-1980), will be celebrating his 90th birthday within the next very few days. Ed and his wonderful wife Arline have been blessing the Brockport community with their presence and many contributions for 59 years. Ed, who was a Marine Corps pilot in WWII, has demonstrated the Marine Corps motto “Semper Fi” – always faithful – in everything he has done in life. As a couple, Ed and Arline have supported many activities at the college during and following Ed’s teaching career. They are beloved by all who have known them, especially those who have enjoyed them in the various bridge-playing groups that have evolved through the years in Brockport. Because of my current activities, I missed advising you of Ed and Arline’s recent anniversary that was covered by the Brockport Post. With memory starting to fail me I believe it was their 65th anniversary – a remarkable feat for a remarkable couple. So, I invite you to recognize Ed and Arline for their many contributions by joining me in extending our best wishes to both of them on the occasion of Ed’s 90th birthday – and, a very Happy Birthday to you Ed. Semper Fi!

[Just put a card in the mail before July 4th to Dr. Edward O. Stephany, 229 West Avenue, Brockport, New York 14420 and you’ll be timely.]

And, although I do not want to bring politics into the “Updates” picture – I’m not sure but I think I am still the only, then Republican, to ever lose a race in Clarkson – there are several emeriti in Brockport who are pleased that Hanny Heyen won the village of Brockport board election for trustee. One emeritus wrote: “I, for one, am happy; I think it will be a rough job, but if anyone can do it, Hanny can. She will be fair and honest…”
Hanny is the wife of Professor and Poet in Residence Emeritus Bill Heyen. Congratulations Hanny and we wish you well! Probably prayers are in order – quite honestly, I was pretty relieved when I lost to David Carney, a former member of the SUNY Brockport College Council.

Enjoy the weekend and the 4th.

Bud

July 4, 2006

Happy 4th of July,

Sorry to hit your mailboxes again so soon but a little more news has arrived that I need to share.

First I need to belatedly notify you that Distinguished Professor Emeritus Henry L. Bretton, Political Science (1969-1985) beat Ed Stephany to the 90th milepost by a couple of months when he reached age 90 in May. I thought I had a pretty good handle on when members of our group were scheduled to hit their 80th and 90th birthdays but, as I am learning, keeping a “good handle” on anything becomes more difficult with each passing year.

So, belatedly we send our greetings to Henry who distinguished himself on an international level while traveling his career path through SUNY Brockport and who continues to support SUNY Brockport from afar. Henry, we hope you had a great birthday and we wish you many more years of health, happiness and fulfillment.

Henry has shared the following in a note to me and I don’t think he’ll mind if I share it with you.

When, a few days after [my birthday], our Church had us sing the Dutch hymn "Now we all thank our God," I was reminded of something related to that day in 1916. I was told later that on that day, or about then, Imperial Germany had scored a naval victory somewhere. As was his custom and if he was in Berlin, whenever German forces scored a victory the Emperor would visit the Berlin Church eventually bearing his name. There he would join the congregation singing that hymn, in German of course, " Nun Danken Wir Alle Unseren Gott."

I e-mailed our Pastor that seeing that hymn again on our agenda, set me thinking, wondering what the losing sides might have been singing in their churches after a German victory. Then it struck me. They would be singing the same hymn, thinking that it could have been worse.

Well Henry, we all thank God for you! You blitzed SUNY Brockport with your scholarship, service and teaching and you left it a better place.

[Belated greetings may be sent to Henry, who received a timely birthday greeting from the President of TIAA-CREF {they probably have a full-time data base manager to get it right}, at 9521 De Vargas Loop NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109 (505) 828-2998 hemabretton@cs.com.]
Sadly, I must share the loss of another from the SUNY Brockport family of life. Norma “Jerry” Rentsch, wife of Professor Emeritus George J. Rentsch, Educational Administration (1972-1983) died on June 28th. George and Jerry were active participants in the SUNY Brockport community during George’s employment years as Professor and Chair. They were cherished by those who were fortunate enough to have known them.

As we share in George’s sorrow over his, and our, loss we celebrate George and Jerry’s contributions in this life. As Jerry’s passing brings back fond memories of the “Rentsch years” I can’t help thinking of how fortunate I have been to have been associated with people of such stature as George Rentsch, Henry Bretton, Ed Stephany and all of you out there over the years.

Friends may attend Jerry’s Memorial Funeral Mass on Saturday, July 8th, 10:30 AM at Our Lady of Mercy Church (Denise & 36 Armstrong Road, Rochester). In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Our Lady of Mercy Church or Bethany Presbyterian Church, 3000 Dewey Avenue, or Journey Home, 994 Long Pond Road.

You can join in the celebration of the life of Norma “Jerry” Rentsch via condolences to George at 61 Villewood Drive, Rochester, New York 14616.

I was very pleased to hear recently from Alvin Landy, Associate Professor Emeritus, Social Work (1974-1985). He currently lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He was added to the “Update” distribution fairly recently and he writes that he feels like he is just “listening in” because he has lost touch with so many former connections to his Brockport years and does not know many of the people included in the “Updates”. But he also writes that he enjoys the “Updates” and the connection to Brockport.

[Al, thanks for reconnecting – when you have time please feel free to send along a note to share with the list about your post-Brockport activities.]

Elaine Miller is back from her bike trip and reports that they had a great time. I am sure we will have more to share including a photo or two in a future update.

Dave (English) and Peggy Hale are back from three weeks in Alaska. For the first two weeks, they were volunteers at Sheldon Jackson College in Sitka. SJC is a very small Presbyterian college whose primary focus is and always has been Native students. The main campus is a National Historic Landmark. They lived in a dorm, ate in the cafeteria, and worked on a variety of projects: gardening, carpentry, roofing, and painting, cutting and burning brush. The scenery is spectacular, snow-capped mountains coming down to the shore. After Sitka, they did a rail tour from Seward to Denali. They report that they had a great trip.

[Welcome home Dave and Peggy and thanks for sharing.]

I am envious of Dave and Peggy—except for the “gardening, carpentry”, etc. sentence—but the Karla and Roger adventures always top my envy chart:
Greetings from Karla and Roger in Virgin, Utah...just down the road from Zion National Park where we've been hiking, hiking, hiking. This is our third visit to Zion and we continue to discover new aspects of the park. But this visit we got up north of Zion in to Cedar Breaks National Monument at well over 10,000 feet, which made for some heavy breathing -- while hiking! The excitement there, in addition to the breathtaking views of the "breaks" (a deep wide canyon) with their wind- and rain-carved terraces and slopes, were the bristlecone pines. These are the oldest living inhabitants on earth. There is a small grove of them at the end of a steep trail along the edge of the abyss (no railings -- not for the faint of heart). One of the bristlecone is 1,670 years old, quite weather-worn, twisted, but still bearing fruit. Though not a giant of a tree, it moved me to tears with its gnarled beauty.

So, we've been having some wonderful southwestern desert experiences. It's gotten up to 119 degrees (in Big Bend NP in far west Texas), but it hasn't slowed us down. Hike and kayak in the morning and all is well. Fewer people then too. We'll continue our southwestern journey through July with a week off to fly up to northwest Washington to visit our friends who live on the converted salmon tender...aiming to cruise with them around the San Juan Islands which Roger and I have only seen from the Olympic Peninsula shore. We're looking forward to reuniting aboard the Tahoma and exploring the islands by kayak and on foot. Then back to the desert until early August.

Tomorrow though...into Nevada to Valley of Fire State Park for more geological wonders -- hoodoos and beehives. Oh yes, and petroglyphs too. I can't get enough of "rock art."

[Karla, thanks as always for sharing. Also, are you sure Roger didn’t just get away from you and go out amongst the bristlecone?]

Celebrate!

Bud

July 14, 2006

Greetings,

I have just 2-3 quick things to report today.

From 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Monday, July 24, 2006 we are invited to join the Division of Academic Affairs in the Aerie Café in Drake Library for an Ice Cream Social to say goodbye and congratulate Dr. Tim Flanagan as he leaves SUNY Brockport to become the 15th President of Framingham State College in Framingham, Massachusetts.

On Thursday, July 27 from 1 to 2 pm in Commissary Part (rain location is New York Room, Cooper Hall) we are invited to join the Division of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs to say farewell and congratulate Ray Di Pasquale on being named President of Community College of Rhode Island.
Letters, notes and/or pictures for a memory book can be submitted to Debbie Lamphron dlamphro@brockport.edu (Tim) or Ruth Levesque rlevesqu@brockport.edu (Ray). If you wish to contribute to a gift for Tim and/or Ray, please get your contribution(s) to Debbie or Ruth, respectively no later than Friday, July 21st.

For those of you who have power point you can view a slideshow celebration of Ed Stephany’s life at http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/stephany_presentation3.pps

It’s a large file so you probably don’t want to try opening it if you have dial-up. The slide show will play slowly by itself or you can click pages to move it faster. When it finishes just click the back arrow to get out of it.

Enjoy the weekend,

Bud

July 18, 2006

Greetings,

I am not sure that I have any heart left for writing these updates. The concept of “passages” is starting to overwhelm me. I suppose I have been blessed by making it to the ripe senior citizen age of 65 but I am learning there are a lot of bitter events in the post-retirement life which I thought was supposed to be nothing but sweet! I also fear that when the grim reaper decides to call for me that s/he better come swiftly because, if not, I don’t think that I will be in the league of my colleagues and friends who, with forewarning, have courageously departed before me. I honestly have not discovered yet how all of you out there who are in your 80s and 90s cope with your prime numbers, the knowledge that infinity does not apply to life, and the rest of the numbers games. There probably is a good book in a collection of responses from all of you to such an inquiry.

As I write from my little dormitory room in the Bronx tonight, I seriously regret not letting you all know that a bright star at SUNY Brockport might be burning out when I first learned of John Perry’s battle with cancer about 3 months ago. I suspect that cards and letters from all of you might have cheered his last days but I am hopeful that, without me, a lot of you knew of his situation and connected with him as I protected his wish for privacy. This reminds me that I have not heard from my great former colleagues Ted Starr and Billy Reed in quite some time which does not bode well for me. I don’t know why Ted disappeared but we do know that Billy, who we love along with Ted, and who, along with Ted, is on this “Update” list, continues his battle with a disabling illness. So, I invite you to join me in letting them both know they are in our thoughts. I regret that I cannot provide you with their mailing addresses from the Bronx but I recently sent you all instructions for how you can access the emeriti directory on Brockport’s website.

Like so many of you my career at SUNY Brockport ran parallel to John Perry’s during the great growth years of the late 60s and early 70s. I knew John early on in his career at Brockport and
always respected him for his wordsmith expertise (he and Roger Weir were the go-to people if you wanted your documents to be correct); his superior intellect; his energy; his enthusiasm for family, life, and work; and his significant accomplishments in continuing the startup work of Don Myers to make the SUNY College at Brockport’s International Education Program the envy of the rest of the State University of New York. I even enjoyed, and could easily relate to his tendency toward verbosity, along with all who have so benefited on those rare occasions when your view and John’s were at odds.

Sadly, John Perry lost his battle with cancer at about 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 16, 2006 while surrounded with the love of his wife and his sons and their families. Following is his obituary from the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle:

Perry, Dr. John Joseph BROCKPORT: John Joseph Perry died on July 16th, 2006, at his home in Brockport, NY, after a brave fight with cancer. Born on May 9, 1944 in Queens, New York, he graduated from St. Francis College in Brooklyn, NY in 1965 with a B.A. in English Literature. He earned both a M. A. (1967) and Ph.D. (1970) in English Literature from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. From 1969-1971 he worked as an Assistant Professor of English at New York University. He was appointed as an Assistant Professor of English at the State University of New York at Brockport in 1971, and later became an Associate Professor in 1974. From 1976-77 he served as a Visiting Lecturer at the University of Nottingham in England. Dr. Perry was appointed as SUNY Brockport’s Director of International Education in July of 1981, a position he held until retiring in July of this year. During his twenty-five-year tenure, Dr. Perry developed and expanded SUNY Brockport’s international education programs from just eight to over sixty-five today programs. Thanks to his work, SUNY Brockport's programs are nationally and internationally renowned. He developed and advised the college's International Business major and during his career several thousands of students participated in his programs. Dr. Perry also served as Dean of Continuing Education from 1986 until 2000, as well as overseeing the college's Small Business Administration program. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Rochester Area United Nations Association, and was very active in the National Association of Foreign Student Advisors. He is survived by his beloved wife of 37 years, Shona N.S. Perry; his sons, Tristram (Elizabeth) of Washington, DC, Torquil (Kim) of Pompton Lakes, NJ, Timon (Michelle) of London, UK, and his dear granddaughter, Sydney.

A remembrance service will be held on Friday, July 21st at 4pm in Hartwell Dance Theater in Hartwell Hall, Kenyon Street on the SUNY Brockport campus. Please send memorial gifts in lieu of cards or flowers, making checks payable to the Brockport College Foundation marked for the "John Perry Fund," SUNY Brockport, 350 New Campus Drive, Brockport, NY 14420. Ref. Fowler Funeral Home Inc. First ran on: 07/18/2006. [Rochester D&C]

Condolences to: Shona N.S. Perry, 8724 Canal Road, Brockport, NY, 14420 (Phone: 585-637-6340)
I first heard of John Perry’s passing from his good friend, colleague and SUNY Brockport international ambassador emeritus Walter Borowiec, and I then received emails from another of his good friends and colleagues, emeritus Jim Horn. I think it is fitting to include their tributes.

MY GOOD FRIEND AND BOSS, JOHN PERRY, PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING AT AROUND 10 AM. He had refused continued treatment for the complications from colon cancer as they were proving fruitless. I admire him for this as I have long admired him for his wit, humor, erudition and academic leadership. He died peacefully at home surrounded by his boys…. I shall miss him. [Walt Borowiec – Sunday, July16]

I have been preparing remarks for John's memorial service on Friday which unfortunately I cannot get to… You may want to comment that John took over the office of International Education in July 2001 (25 years ago exactly) when the college had 8 international programs. Today there are about 65 programs in 15 countries and over a dozen academic internships in 9 countries. These programs serve about 400 students a year, not just from Brockport or from other SUNY campuses, but from colleges all over the country. Very few institutions in the country can match Brockport's overseas outreach [with John Perry at the helm]. [Jim Horn]

More bad news … Adair Korn who has served the College in various assignments since 1970 and currently works half-time for the College Senate and halftime for Career Services has lost her husband through a tragic automobile accident. We mourn with Adair and her family and send our condolences. Following is his obituary from the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle:

Korn, Gary Paul KENDALL: Gary's life was taken suddenly by a careless driver July 16, 2006. Survived by his wife of 33 years, Adair (Smith) Korn; daughters, Shea and April; grandson, Isaiah; brothers, Jon (Sue) Korn and Don Goodwin; sister, Gail Noren; sister-in-law, Gail Conley; nieces, Heather Conley and Mia Bleistein; nephews, Joshua Korn and Michael Noren; father and mother-in-law, Chauncey & Reta Smith; aunts, Olga (Fred) Pace & Joyce Korn; many other cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was predeceased by his parents, Alex & Mildred Korn. Friends are invited to call THURS. 4-8 at the Thomas E. Burger Funeral Home Inc., 735 East Ave., Hilton where a Service will be held Friday 11 AM. Those wishing may contribute to Hulberton Fire and Rescue or New Covenant Worship Center, Holley, NY 14470. First ran on: 07/19/2006

Condolences to Adair Korn at 16868 Creek Road, Holley, NY, 14470.

Sorry for all the bad news.

Bud

July 21, 2006

Greetings one more time,

Upon information and belief there is a retirement reception, to which we are all invited, for
James Vetuskey on Wednesday, July 26, 2006 from 3 to 5 pm in the Alumni House. Contact Laurie Freeman in the Bursar's Office or Joani Martin in the Office of the Vice President for Administrative Services if you would like to write something up to contribute to a memory book.

For my contribution, I am just thankful that I was always successful in keeping Jim Vetuskey between me and Vice President Edward Kumar at Ed's administrative services staff meetings because a lot of the stuff that flowed down the table stuck to Jim. I and the rest of Ed's staff at the time are indebted to Jim for his willingness to sit close and play the filtering role. I will remember Jim for his continuous efforts to improve services to students and administrative units he interfaced with and for his reputation in SUNY for having one of the best run Bursar's operation's in the system.

Although he has not yet gotten back to me I am quite sure that John Stoller would like to share his tribute to John Perry with the rest of the group. So, here is what he sent to me that I have passed on to John Perry’s family:

_Bud,
_I had the privilege of working with John Perry for twelve years, in the more pragmatic areas of the Adult & Continuing Ed, Business Development Center, and International Education programs. He took on the various "Missions Impossible” we dreamed up for him with enthusiasm and good humor. John used his personal equity to gently nudge our faculty into teaching many courses to non-traditional students at remote off-campus sites -- and our faculty, in turn, embraced the challenge and asked for more community outreach opportunities. In my mind, John has always been the SUNY Brockport ambassador to the world -- now, he surely will continue that role in an expanded format somewhere outside our puny planet.
_John Stoller

Following attending the celebration of John’s life today I know that wherever John’s spirit resides his eyes were bright, his smile wide, and his chest puffed up with pride as his family and close friends brilliantly articulated his contributions while he lived in this world. He will truly have eternal life as a result of the passing of his values through the future generations of his family and friends.

I am very pleased to report that emeritus Ted Starr is well even though he has been a little silent of late. He sent me an email message and left a voice mail message as a result of my last update. Today we had an enjoyable telephone conversation about his activities and I found that, although he is no Roger Weir trying to feed every darn mosquito that ever lived in the continental United States, his life is filled with activity, travel, eating out, and lots of love from children and grandchildren. From our conversation, I don’t think he will mind my sharing of his email:

_Received your newsy update of July 19, 2006. I am still doing my many "things" at the ripe young age of 81. Charmaine my partner for some 51 years has been keeping me busy, not only at my "job" at the kitchen sink, but in my role as a grandpa of 9 music and sport players, etc. We are off for another exciting trip in September...we will be cruising the Columbia River Gorge on a small vessel for 7 days...we sold our kennel, still raise and train Golden Retrievers, and show them quite often. So it goes, keep the PEACE!_
August 25, 2006

Greetings,

I have just a little information to share – fortunately no really bad stuff to report. But, keep Bob Boozer and Ed Stephany in your thoughts and prayers.

Since I will be away so much the next year and a half, here is the information you need in order to access the emeriti directory on Brockport’s website. Please keep this information handy and you’ll be able to use it to make contact with your emeriti colleagues.
Go to: https://www.brockport.edu/internal/edit/

You will be asked for an ID and password. Using all lower-case letters, enter emeriti as your ID and enter fromsuny as your password. You will then be presented with a menu from which you may look up information by name, department, etc. Give it a try and then save this information for future reference.

Here is some great news for emeriti:

A list of emeriti names has been provided to Fine Arts by Human Resources for its box offices (Theatre and Dance). Emeriti/Emerita will receive a complimentary ticket to any of the events this year. You should check ahead of time to make sure you are on the list and notify Becky Gagne in Human Resources if you are not. (585) 395-2126 or mailto:bgagne@brockport.edu

The following message was received from emerita Karen Watt. It made me sorry that I had not gotten the work out about Ellen’s death before her memorial. I don’t have Karen’s permission to share this information but I am gambling that she would not mind your knowing of her feelings for her office mate Ellen.

“I was so saddened today by reading your notice of the death of Ellen Gangarosa. She and I shared an office for many years as adjuncts in the Math Dept. I had not heard from
her in about 4 years or so, but have very warm remembrances of our years together. She was an excellent instructor.”

Christine Florence has shared the following information with me. At a time when the Rochester International Airport retracting on its commitment to showcase local artist with national and international prominence, it is great to see that Brockport supports the arts and our own local artists.

You are hereby invited
to attend the dedication of
“Les Racines et les raisons”

A sculpture by
Jennifer Hecker
commissioned by the
Art and Aesthetics Committee of the
Walk! Bike! Brockport Action Group
and donated by it to the
Village of Brockport

2 o’clock in the afternoon of
Sunday, September the 10th 2006
Remembrance Park
Park Avenue at High Street
Brockport, New York

As you know Marguerite “Peg” Brown had birthday with numbers recently and some friends decided to have a little party for her. I have placed two pictures from the party that emerita Pat Baker shared with me on the emeriti website under “Your News” at:
http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm

One, of the two pictures, includes three of my favorite Brockport people from whom I learned much about how to treat people and how to support the College. Each of them continues to make significant contributions to the SUNY College at Brockport through their reputations and deeds.

Sometime soon emeriti Dick Evans will have a show of some of his nature photographs on campus. I am not sure yet of the when and where but I know that those of you in the area will enjoy viewing over 100 enlarged photographs in his show. As a “wanna be” photographer who has seen some of his work, I am truly envious. Although neither of us are in Jim Dusen’s world yet, I would be very happy to someday hear someone say, “he is getting close to Dick Evans’ expertise!”

The countdown is on --- President Emeritus Albert W. Brown and his bride Marge will have been married 60 years if they stay together until September 1st. I think they’ll make it and we
send them our thanks for the years they shared with us and wish them peace and happiness as they move into the twilight years together.

Good remembrances,

Bud

September 2, 2006

Greetings,

I have just a couple of things to share with you on this rainy day in Brockport. I am personally excited about the first event and disappointed about the second. Because I am currently living in NYC, I will be able to easily visit the Nathan Lyons: TRILOGY exhibition and might even make the opening next Saturday, but, because I am currently living in NYC, I will again miss the Emeriti Reception. However, thanks to the Gene Allalone’s photographic work at the emeriti reception the Halsteads hosted last year, I feel almost as if I had been there and I hope that a photographer will be present this year to capture the many special moments. In honor of two who shared special moments at the reception last year, I invite you to visit the emeriti website at: http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm and pause a moment and think about the wonderful moments created by these Brockport emeriti during the 184 years of life they represent… ~and remember~

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Nathan Lyons: TRILOGY
September 9 – October 7, 2006
Opening: Saturday, September 9, 6 - 8pm

Silverstein Photography is honored to present Nathan Lyons: TRILOGY, an extensive exhibition of published photographic works spanning the influential career of the noted photographer, critic, author, curator and educator. Featuring approximately 100 prints, each selected and juxtaposed by the artist, TRILOGY is an epic investigative journey into American culture. Transporting the viewer sequentially through each one of his publications, “Notations in Passing”, “Riding 1st Class on the Titanic” and “After 9/11”, TRILOGY offers the rare opportunity to sample Lyons’ life work.

TRILOGY commences its journey in 1962, when at the age of 32, Lyons switched to a 35mm camera. Formally educated in literature and drama, and newly appointed as Associate Director and Curator of Photography of the George Eastman House, Lyons began to explore the use of language in imagery, by incorporating signage, advertisement and posters, to form visual metaphors.

Along with the other photographers of his generation such as Gary Winogrand and Lee Friedlander (who’s first one man exhibition was organized by Lyons in 1963), Lyons’ “snap shots” of the American landscape explored fragments of contemporary culture. In addition, he became increasingly aware of the dialectic nature of sequencing. “Notations in Passing” is
considered a seminal photographic publication for this reason.

By 1974, at the inception of a body of work that would become “Riding 1st Class on the Titanic”, Lyons career was in full swing. He had already published several important books and catalogs, including Photographers on Photography (1966), Photography in the 20th Century (1967), Towards a Social Landscape (1967), and Persistence of Vision (1968). He also founded the Visual Studies Workshop in Rochester in 1969, which is a model for an interdisciplinary approach to the study of photography and visual culture. “Riding 1st Class on the Titanic”, the title of which was derived from an image with a graffiti message spray-painted on a wall of a camera store, spans 22 years. At that time, graffiti was becoming an increasingly popular form of expression by writers and artists, and began to appear throughout American cities. The opportunity to incorporate fragmented words was irresistible to Lyons, and furthered his exploration of the interaction between visual expression and language itself.

”After 9/11” was published in response to the tragic and unforeseen events of September 11th. Photographing in small towns and large cities throughout America, Lyons captures the extreme and often confusing variety of responses on the streets of America.

Nathan Lyons, 76, continues to photograph and teach. He has received many distinguished honors throughout his career including the International Center of Photography’s Infinity Award for Lifetime Achievement in Photography in 2000. In 1985, Lyons received a National Endowment for the Arts Senior Fellowship. His work is in over 60 museum collections around the world.

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Please hold November 2nd on your calendars. President and Mrs. Halstead will again host a reception for emeriti and it will be held on Thursday, November 2 at the Burlingame House. Invitations will be mailed to those emeriti whose addresses the president’s office has on file. I have shared my directory which includes recent information for Helen McLaughlin, Bob Thompson, Patricia Palmer, and Jim Vetuskey but if anyone else has changes to your directory information, please share it ASAP. Except for the people mentioned above you can verify the accuracy of your directory information by using the ID and password I provided you in a recent update at https://www.brockport.edu/internal/edir/

Cheers,

Bud

September 3, 2006
With sadness I share the news with you that Edward O. Stephany, Professor Emeritus, Mathematics (1947-1980), crossed the finish line—in the race in which we’d all prefer to come in last—at 2:30 pm on Saturday, September 2, 2006. It is hard to imagine that Ed’s face, which has been a constant in the Brockport Community and at College events since 1947, has faded from view.

I met Ed in 1967 when I was a rookie in the Financial Aid Office and he was Chair of the Mathematics Department and I, along with everyone who ever knew him, have held him in high esteem ever since meeting him for his simple charm and easy manner and for his dedication to Arline, to family, to country, to teaching, to his students, and to the College. His is a legacy of love and devotion to the many he taught and served who will always be in his debt but always grateful that he was a part of their lives.

While we mourn Ed’s death we also celebrate a long and full life—Ed turned 90 in July. During his years, he served his country courageously in the U. S. Marine Corps and then took that courage to the classroom where, at Brockport, he took charge for thirty-three years with a style that belied his Marine Corps experience.

Ed was a key player in the College’s transition to first a Teachers’ College and then to a College of Arts and Sciences. He served as the leader of the faculty in 1965 and was on president emeritus’ Albert W. Brown’s inaugural committee.

We will miss seeing Ed with his devoted wife Arline at College events, at Wegmans and within the Brockport Community. His loss is also a great loss to those with whom he has been a faithful bridge player for many, many years. We send our condolences to them and to all who are affected by this loss.

Ed, you live on in the hearts and minds of all who knew you on this planet. We count you among our many blessings—A wonderful man, a wonderful wife, a wonderful life!

Condolences: Mrs. Arline Stephany, 229 West Avenue, Brockport, New York 14420

Preliminary information is that calling hours will be on Wednesday and funeral on Thursday (check newspaper) with Interment at Mt. Hope cemetery. More details to follow regarding calling hours, memorial service and memorials.

You can view a power point celebrating Ed Stephany’s birthday and life at http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/stephany_presentation3.pps. I’ll try to post an adobe version for all to see later this evening. I’ve also placed a couple of pictures of Ed on the emeriti website under “Your News”.

Hold your calendar: Septemberfest 2006 is slated for September 9th this year. More information to follow.

Peace,
Bud

August 4, 2006

Greetings,

I know, I promised no more but…

Calling hours for Ed Stephany will be 2-4 and 7-9 on Thursday at Fowler Funeral Home. The Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 a.m. at the Church of the Nativity of the BVM in Brockport on Friday.

Mary Jo Orzech and emerita Pat Baker have shared news about Sarah Miles [Watts] Bolam who worked in Community Relations at Brockport for many years before going to SUNY Geneseo. Sarah and her spouse Thomas have written: “Presidents on film: A comprehensive filmography of portrayals from George Washington to George W. Bush.” Publication is expected Nov. 2006, by McFarland Press, a leading US publisher of scholarly, reference and academic books. www.mcfarland.pub.com Congratulations to Sarah and Thomas. [photo by Pat Baker has been posted under your news on the Emeriti website.]

The History Department’s annual Synnestvedt Lecture will be held at 7:30 pm on Thursday, September 14 in The New York Room of Cooper Hall, with a reception to follow. The speaker, Professor Jonathan Zimmerman of New York University, is a leading historian of American Education. He will be discussing “Duelling Dilemmas: Race and Religion in American Public Schools.” Mrs. Nadine Synnestvedt and her daughter, Barbara Synnestvedt Karas, and son, Steven, are expected to attend. [I have also received a note from Jim Horn--in Barcelona before a week in the Canary Islands {gee tough life with all that travel Jim!}—that he expects to be able to attend the Synnestvedt Lecture for the first time.]

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SeptemberFest
10 am – 4 pm Saturday
September 9, 2006
Downtown Brockport
OUR 4TH YEAR!

MUSIC
Many exciting and diverse styles in Sagawa Park, including Rhythmic Revolutions and Local talent!

FOOD
11:30 am - 2:30 pm “Heavenly Desserts;” Baptist Church, 4 - 6 pm — Chicken B-B-Q;
Methodist Church
Healthy snacks & drinks at other churches during the day.

KID’S FUN
Petting zoo, interactive drumming, origami peace crane making and other activities. GAMES AND PRIZES.
ITEMS FOR SALE
Includes: One World Goods; crafts & handmade items; used books; silent auction; baked Foods and more.

A SENSE OF COMMUNITY
Scouting; Brockport Community Museum; Walk! Bike! Brockport; Sweden Senior Center; Amnesty International; Brockport Ecumenical Outreach Committee; Bellringing; Open sanctuaries and more.

Sponsored by:
[1] Brockport United Methodist Church: 637-4240
[4] First Presbyterian Church of Brockport; 637-3780

Another GREAT reason to be downtown this day:
10am - 3pm Peddlers Market; Morgan Manning House; 151 Main St

Really, that’s it for this weekend at least,

Bud

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Karen Watt, Lecturer Emeritus, Mathematics (1979-1999) has shared the information about an event to raise funds in the fight against cancer.

Watt Farms is participating in the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk. It's our second annual event, and our 5K walk takes place Sunday morning, October 15th through our orchards.

Making Strides is a non-competitive walk that takes place in more than 100 cities across the country. Making Strides has no registration fee and no fundraising minimum, which means that more people can participate. However, the many American Cancer Society breast cancer programs depend on the generous donations collected by Making Strides participants. We're making great strides in our fight against breast cancer, but we won't quit until we're done. Hope Starts Here... With Us!

I would appreciate your help in spreading the word for this worthwhile cause! Have you considered walking yourself? We have lots of flyers, posters and information to help you get started if you walk! If you can't walk at the event, but you'd like to make a donation, checks may be made payable to the American Cancer Society. Please be sure your information is up-to-date, as you will receive a tax-deductible receipt at the end of the year. For you, tech-savvy folks, you can donate securely online at my page (see the link below). Do not hesitate to pass the word
along - last year Watt's raised over $6000 and we are looking to raise more this year!

Contact Karen (585) 589-4741 or mailto: wattfarm@rochester.rr.com for more details.

The American Cancer Society's state fundraising notices can be reviewed at:
main.acsevents.org/statefundraisingnotices

And Bob Blake, Professor Emeritus, Education (1963-1995) has shared the following:

I have received notice that I will be in the 2007 Who's Who in America, and I received an award from my undergraduate college, American International College in Springfield, MA recently. I'll get details to you and emeriti shortly.

I am still working every day on the projected text with Pearson/Allyn Bacon and plan on seeing a 2007 publication date. This summer I attended an invitational meeting in Albany for New York State college and university professors of education with Commissioner Mills and Catherine Snow from Harvard as the keynote speaker. Off to NCTE in Nashville in November to run an invited workshop in "Teaching Poetic and Informational Writing to Elementary School Students."

Although I work full time on writing, I also work part time with my wife Carol for her antique business. We went to the largest antique show and sale in New York State in Madison-Bouckville, NY. in August and just did a one-day show and sale for the Wilson, NY, Historical Society on Labor Day. She keeps me busy re-finishing furniture and lugging things around. I figure I move enough furniture each month to fill a small house.

Thanks to Karen and Bob for sharing. Don’t forget that on October 15th you can enjoy a fall walk through an orchard and at the same time make a difference in the fight against cancer.

For homecoming information (September 28 – October 1, 2006), visit the homecoming website at:  http://www.brockport.edu/homecoming/

Best to all,

Bud

October 3, 2006

Greetings,

I know I've said this before but I am really getting tired of hearing of the "passings"-yet, I fear there will be many more to report while I survive and remain able to report them.

The "passings" make me ponder-why can't we just choose to spend eternity on familiar grounds? I am perfectly happy where I am, haven't been perfect but probably don't deserve a flaming bottomless pit, and quite frankly I'd continue to be happy if my world and my life in it could just
continue as it is into infinity along with my family, friends and associates. I know what this is all about. but, for an example, I fear an eternity in an environment where fences are not allowed, my next-door neighbor there has four prolific Great Danes and I never enter the "residence" without hearing the words "clean your feet before you walk on the sacred carpet"! And can you imagine a forever placement in the worst neighborhood you ever heard of in this life just because you weren't perfect in your neighborhood in this life?

I apologize for my "bad thinking" but it is prompted by the loss to this world of a wonderful man who would have continued to make many significant contributions if he could have just been allowed to live an ageless life in peace on this planet forever.

Sadly I must report that Bob Boozer, an icon at SUNY Brockport, died at age 94 on October 1, 2006. Bob was an extraordinary human being who served Brockport as a professor, coach, mentor, colleague and friend for many years until his retirement and then continued to be a major player in the welfare of SUNY Brockport for more than 27 years after his retirement. This is nothing short of amazing.

I first was introduced to Bob Boozer in 1967 when I joined the staff of SUNY Brockport as an intern assigned to Student Affairs at Brockport from a graduate program at SUNY Albany. At that time Ollie Spaulding was Dean of Students, Margaret (Peg) Bergen was Associate Dean of Women, Charles Welch, who was also co-owner of President's Village Apartments, was Dean of Men, and Pat Ryan, not the one who was an English professor who was briefly the Director of Research, was one of the people who was responsible for Student Activities, along with the late Daniel Sullivan who was Director of the Student Union and Mike Woodhouse who was Director of Housing.

Wow, there are many stories to tell from that era. But, for now, I share that I still remember that Peg Bergen introduced me to Bob Boozer at a student affairs function in 1967 saying something of the nature of "I'd like you to meet a legend - Bob Boozer, who at a age 55 looks and acts younger than springtime and has contributed enormously to Brockport". Peg left Brockport within the next year while Bob prepared to retire and thereafter to continue to contribute enormously to Brockport for 27 years.

I only hope and pray that the only work he has to do is to get back on the playing field with all of his saintly friends that departed before him-D'Agostino, Fulton, Parker, Rogers, Whited, Wilson- and others-and then I just want to be his neighbor when I get to be where he is!

Bob, there is no one who knew you in this life that did not love you. You should have been allowed to stay here forever but wherever you are now we are sure you will have a positive impact!

Others share my view as per the following from Mike Andriatch:

Bob Boozer
Robert Ellsworth "Bob" Boozer passed away on Sunday, Oct. 1, after a brief battle with cancer. He was 94.

One of the most beloved staff members in the history of SUNY Brockport, Boozer was the first coach of the football team, starting the program from scratch in 1947. But, it had taken a while to get to that point.

In the first half of the 20th century, the students of what was then the Brockport State Teachers College continually lobbied the administration for a football team, writing letters and staging rallies. It took several years, but their efforts finally paid off. In the fall of 1947, the Golden Eagles began to play football under their new coach, a man from Dubois, Pennsylvania, who would become known as the Father of Brockport football.

That fall, Bob Boozer began a tradition at the College. He took men who had just come off the battlefields of World War II and enrolled as students at the College and turned them into a solid football team. The program grew under his respected leadership. He led the Golden Eagles for 13 years. His 1957 team went 4-2-1, the first winning season in school history, and set several defensive school records that stood for nearly half a century. That squad included three All-Americans: Phil Ciarico (1958), Bill Linkner (1959), and Leo Torre (1957 and 1958).

In the fall of 2002, after a fund-raising campaign spearheaded by his former players, the field at the College's Special Olympics Stadium was named "Bob Boozer Field."

Boozer also coached the hugely successful track and field team for more than 20 seasons, leading Brockport to two of the first three SUNYAC men's outdoor titles, and was a staff member in the Department of Physical Education and Sport from 1947 to 1979.

Hundreds of Boozer's former students and athletes went on to local and national prominence as educators, coaches, and community leaders. Many sent their own children to Brockport because of the great experiences they had, especially under Boozer's mentorship as teacher and coach.

A former member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of Brockport Athletics (FOBA), Bob's name is permanently attached to the College's end-of-the-year golf tournament each spring. The Bob Boozer Golden Eagle Open, which will celebrate its 30th playing in May 2007, raises money for the College's athletic program.

The following was read to the Homecoming crowd in 2002 when the field was named in his honor:

He was dedicated to his student-athletes, always caring, honest, loyal, compassionate, kind, fair, and sincere. A true-gentlemen with great integrity is the description that fits him best.

The Father of Brockport football coached that sport for 13 seasons. He coached Brockport's powerful track and field program for more than 20 years.

He was a well-loved professor in Physical Education.
Bob's legacy of greatness has extended far beyond the wins and losses by the Golden Eagles. A fixture in the Brockport community since moving to the Village more than 55 years ago, he has literally watched his program grow from its modest beginnings to its current standing as a national powerhouse.

Down on the track, surrounded by his family, friends, former players and athletes, and the people he loves so much, is Bob Boozer, for whom we gather today to continue his legacy in perpetuity. We are here to honor this man by announcing the completion of a $100,000 fund-raising effort to name the football field at the College in his honor. It is more than well-deserved; it is necessary.

And so, we ask that you please direct your attention to the scoreboard at the north end of the stadium. From this moment forward, all football games at the State University of New York College at Brockport will be played at Bob Boozer Field at Special Olympics Stadium. Congratulations, Bob. Thank you for bringing this program to life.

Boozer is survived by two daughters, Carol Barnard and Cheryl Brown and his granddaughter Cherilyn Barnard. He was predeceased by his wife Edythe (Jerry) Boozer.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, October 5, starting at 2 pm at the First Presbyterian Church on State Street in Brockport. Memorials:
Memorial Fund, First Presbyterian Church, Brockport, or Ellsworth Award, c/o Brockport Foundation, SUNY Brockport, or a charity of your choice.

Bud

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October 7, 2006

Greetings,

I have just a couple of things to share …

Sometimes email has unexpected outcomes. I recently received an email from a colleague who worked for many years in SUNY System Administration and later as a Vice President at a SUNY campus in which he advised friends about the success of recent surgery. His email distribution list was included with the mailing and in a quick scan of it I found several names of people I had known at certain stages of life. One of them was Dennis Stratton who in the 1960s worked as an Admissions Counselor at Brockport and is known by many of you.

Dennis and the late Dick Shaw left Brockport around 1970/1971 to join the staff of the brand-new Cortland-Thompson Community College. Within a year or two Dick Shaw was lost to cancer at a very young age. Denny Stratton left Cortland-Thompson after only a few years to become the Director of Admissions at SUNY Environmental Sciences and Forestry College where he served for many years before retiring.
I decided to email Denny and he responded that he and Jan, along with children and grandchildren, are doing well. Jan retired 4 years ago and Denny retired in 1997. They had three children and each child had three children of their own so they have 9 grandchildren, lots of travel, and lots of golf to keep them busy. Denny, who still does a little part-time recruiting in central NY for Canisius College reports that life has been good to them and that they continue to be blessed with good health. I thought I’d share this unexpected reconnection for the many of you who knew Denny and Jan when they were at Brockport.

If you have not yet made your purchase and reserved your seat there are still tickets available for the return of Garth Fagan to his roots at Brockport to raise money for scholarships. It will be a great opportunity for combining a relaxing and enjoyable evening with a contribution to the scholarship fund to support student success. Garth will be bringing many of his dancers who are Brockport alumni with him. So not only will you get to welcome Garth back to Brockport, you will get to see firsthand a demonstration of “student success” – and that’s what we are all about. This is sure to be a great evening! Here are the details:

Friday, October 13, 7:30 pm
Hartwell Dance Theatre

Join us for an evening with the extraordinary Garth Fagan Dance. Sponsored by Excellus Blue Cross/Blue Shield, this benefit performance will feature the company cited for its excellence and originality. All proceeds from this concert help endow the Brockport Scholarship Fund.

"An evening spent with Garth Fagan Dance always ends too quickly.” - Newark Star-Ledger.

Their distinctive movement comes from years of training in Fagan Technique, the method Garth Fagan developed hand-in-hand with his own dance vocabulary when he started the ensemble while an instructor at SUNY Brockport.

Mr. Fagan will be on hand to introduce and offer insights to the pieces being performed.

Tickets are $50 and may be ordered by calling 395-ARTS.

A limited number of tickets for a "Meet the Artist" reception at Alumni House, adjacent to Hartwell Dance Theater, are available for an additional donation of $30 per person.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE—Oct. 6, 2006
RALEIGH, NC—Howard Sadel, Director of Marketing and Creative Services for the 2006 Stanley Cup champion Carolina Hurricanes, today announced the Stanley Cup tour of North Carolina cities for this weekend. The tour will begin on Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Komen Race for the Cure in Charlotte, and will wrap up at Fayetteville’s Cross Creek Mall on Tuesday.

“The Hurricanes have fans all across North Carolina, not just in the Triangle,” said Sadel. “By taking the Stanley Cup to these places and events in the coming days, fans across the state will have a chance to share in the excitement of the team’s championship.”
I share this news release as an introduction to news about Kevan Hover, son of Brockport retirees Terry and Gayle Hover. Kevan, who is a firefighter in North Carolina, is also an assistant equipment manager for the Carolina Hurricanes. Team members and employees of the Carolina Hurricanes had the opportunity to have time with the cup which the Carolina Hurricanes won last season. Terry recently shared a picture of Kevan and his girlfriend Ashleigh taken on Kevan’s day with the cup which I have posted with this story on the “Your News” page on the emeriti website.

The Stanley Cup is one of the oldest sports awards in existence--dating from a March 18, 1892 dinner at the Ottawa Amateur Athletic Association. It was named for Lord Stanley, the Earl of Preston and Governor General of Canada at the time. Thanks to Kevan, Terry and Gayle for sharing the news and picture about Kevin’s involvement in this year of excitement for the Carolina Hurricanes.

Emeriti/Emerita,

Dr. John R. Halstead, President of SUNY College at Brockport, and his wife, Kathy Halstead, have invited emeriti/emerita to a reception to honor SUNY College at Brockport Emeriti from 3 – 4:30 pm at the Burlingame House, 230 Holley Street, Brockport, New York on Thursday, November 2, 2006. If you have not received an invitation, contact Kathy Groves, Executive Assistant to the President at (585) 395-2317. For planning purposes RSVPs are required so return them as soon as possible.

Cheers,

Bud

October 22, 2006

Greetings,

I have more sad news to report – sorry I could not get it to you sooner. Professor Emeritus Albert deGroat, Education (1949-1976) departed the Landings in Brockport for a new beginning on Tuesday, October 1, 2001 at age 92. A Celebration of his life was held at Fowler Funeral Home in Brockport on Friday, October 20th.

Al started at the college in 1949 in Education and retired in 1976. He and his wife Sophie raised a beautiful family - all graduated from the Campus School. He taught statistics for many years. A musician, he was a loyal supporter of the college band and orchestra in the early days. As a resident of The Landing for a number of years, Al was always in attendance at the “Mornings with the Professors” presentations held at the “Landing” each semester. A very fine gentleman remembered fondly by his students and former colleagues.

Donations in his name to honor his life will be appreciated by Lakeside Memorial Hospital.

Having recently been able to enjoy the TRILOGY work by emeritus Nathan Lyons at Silverstein
Photography in NYC, I am hoping to also be able to enjoy “An exhibition of Jack Wolsky's latest series of encaustic paintings entitled "Backlight: Dance", works motivated by the poetry of Paul Celan, that will be on exhibit at the Oxford Gallery from 10/21-11/25. An artist reception is scheduled for Saturday, October 28, 5:30-7:30.

Oxford Gallery is located at 267 Oxford St., Rochester. Gallery hours are as follows: Tuesday-Friday, noon to 5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SUNY Brockport’s SEFA Campaign is underway. Virginia (Ginny) Campbell is the project manager for this year's campaign. In the past I have had several emeriti ask about the campaign because as retirees they missed the opportunity to contribute. So, I share the following information:

This year's campaign runs October 10-30 with a goal of $65,000, all of which supports programs and agencies throughout the region, including Monroe, Eastern Orleans, Genesee, Wyoming, Livingston, Ontario and Wayne Counties, as well as agencies beyond our area, such as St. Jude Children's Hospital, and others. Area agencies and programs that benefit from SEFA include Brockport's Lakeside Memorial Hospital, SUNY Brockport's Child Development Center, boy and girl scout organizations, Camp Good Days and Special Times, the Rochester Area American Red Cross, and local independent ambulance services, to name just a few.

People can contact Ginny for pledge cards and 2006 Directories of Participating Agencies, or to volunteer if they'd like to pitch in and help out with our Campaign.

For more information: email Ginny at vcampbel@brockport.edu or phone (585) 395-5163 or fax: (585) 395-2723

Cheers,

Bud

October 27, 2006

Greetings,

Life is good – no “terrible news” to report this time although it seems with our group there is always just a little bit of “bad” news. For my own personal report, something I try to avoid doing, life is great! Eric has married Julia Zhu in a civil ceremony in Shanghai and Sandy and I are helping him with arrangements for a U.S. wedding/celebration when they visit in January. Eric’s own business http://www.tstoysdirect.com/ expects to generate “survival income” this year and he hopes to significantly impact the market a year from now. Brice’s band – music that would not necessarily be our choice – the New York Vaults http://www.myspace.com/nyvaults has a CD that is getting good air time in Europe and is one of three bands chosen to be in a contest to be the opening band for a New York Dolls concert in Buffalo. And, I am having fun doing the “gig” at SUNY Maritime College where Sandy will soon be joining me. I will place a sunset picture of one of our views from the Throggs Neck peninsula under “Your News” on the
emeriti website at:  http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm  I will be making necessary adjustments once we are spending more time in NYC so that we can all keep in touch because I find our contact very enriching as well.  I hope that your lives are at least half as happy as mine right now because that would be enough to sustain anyone.

Now let’s get the bad news out of the way first.  After I sent out the last “Update” I received the following news from Betty Nasca.  Let’s follow her lead and let John and Joan Kramer know that we are thinking about them.

Joan and John Kramer traveled to New England a couple weeks ago and before going to their timeshare spent a couple days touring, one of which was going to a Museum of Art.  Coming out, John missed the last two steps and fell, landing on both knees.  He tore the muscles attached to the knee caps and had to have surgery.  He was in a York hospital and I have talked to Joan a couple of times.  She was pleased with the care. Thursday after two weeks to the day, they flew via medivac to Florida a jaunt that took them 2 and 3/4 hours.  They traveled on a small plane with a pilot, co-pilot, a nurse and Joan.  John is not allowed to bend his knees for six weeks.  He has braces which go above and below the knee and I believe Joan said they are leather.  He was met in Florida by an ambulance and taken to a rehabilitation center about 20 minutes from where they live.  Joan said he is doing very well with the therapy both physical and occupational.  He walks with a walker but also uses a wheelchair.  Can you imagine not being able to bend either leg for 6 weeks?  She said John has a great attitude but is quite bored.

For those who would like to contact John (I'm sure he'd love to hear from Brockporters), their address is: John Kramer - 3321 Glenshane Way; Ormond Beach, Florida, 32174.  John was in the sociology department and worked here 29 years.”

John, best wishes for a speedy recovery.  Joan, our thoughts are with you as well as you take on the duties of care giver!  And, thanks to Betty Nasca for sharing.

Elaine Miller is hopping on her bike for another great excursion.  She has shared the following information and promises to share more about her trip when she returns.

”I'm off on an over-the-Andes bicycle trip in November, Argentina to Chile.  This will be nostalgic, since I did that same trip (although in boats and buses) when I was studying in Argentina on an exchange fellowship from Indiana University – doing graduate work.”

And, Charles Clevenger shared this information when he learned of the passing of Albert DeGroat.  “As I recall, Al DeGroat was also a master gardener and a member of the New York State Irisarian Society.  As I indicated earlier, I did not know Al DeGroat so I could not provide personal comments.  If others have recollections they wish to send to me I’ll share them.

Charles’ mentioning of Al DeGroat reminds me that the Grim Reaper has been altogether too busy harvesting in Brockport recently.  Earlier this morning I updated the Memorial page on the emeriti website and noted that since the last printing of the emeriti directory the following emeriti have passed:  Robert Boozer, Albert DeGroat, Stephen Dellaquila, Gregory Fitz Gerald, Ellen Gangarosa, Philip Gerber, Joseph Harkin, John Perry [John had just joined our ranks],
Victor Schmidt, Ira Schwarz, Irene Weirich, and Clark Whited have died. Also, we have lost surviving spouses Olive Edmunds, and Florence Skelton, among possible others. Visit the Memorial page and enjoy a moment of silence and remembrance as you watch the parade of passages.

I was recently at a conference in Lake Placid. While enjoying a walk through the village during a break in the program I heard someone calling my name. I turned and was greeted by Jack Beck, former SUNY Brockport employee and the spouse of emerita Janet Beck. We got carried away in conversation and before we knew it we had walked to the other side of the lake where Jack invited me and Don Lackey, my friend and colleague from SUNY Geneseo, to visit Janet at their daughter’s beautifully restored 5 story home overlooking the golf course, the mountains and the ski jumps. We had a wonderful tour of the home and a delightful visit with Jack and Janet. And, Jack, I can’t leave this out -- when we departed Jack had to go back into town to retrieve his car. As Jack engaged us in a walking conversation he forgot that he had driven to town! Jack and Janet, it was great seeing you and the tour of the house was breathtaking!

That’s all for now -- if you can’t be well at least be happy!

Bud

November 11, 2006

Greetings,

Here is a quick note of items I have to share:

First, congratulations to Sachio Ashida, Associate Professor Emeritus, Psychology who has reached the pinnacle of success in Judo.

In October 17, during the national meeting of the United States Judo Federation (USJF), Dr. Sachio Ashida was promoted to the US JF Judo 9th Dan that is the highest Judo Dan rank in this country. There are only three 9th Dan holders in this country (no one in Canada).

Dr. Ashida coached All American High School Judo Team, the US World championship teams, US Olympic team, and as a member of the International Judo Federation (IJF), not only refereed number of world championships, including the Olympic Games, but also served as a member of the IJF referee’s instructor.

He is currently teaching PES 146.01: beginning Judo, and PES 246.01: Intermediate Judo for the P. E. Department at SUNY College at Brockport, and teaching adult class in Judo through the Campus Recreation Programs.

It is great news to hear that Dr. Ashida continues to achieve high honor as a retiree and that he is still sharing his talent with others.

And here is an item of interest relating to two new members of the Emeriti/Emerita club at
Brockport.

Please join the College in celebrating the retirements of
**Sandra Mason**
Executive Director of the Brockport Auxiliary Service Corporation
and
**Joe Mason**
Professor Emeritus, Department of Business Administration & Economics

at a gala reception to be held on Friday, November 17, 2006
3:30 pm to 6 pm
New York Room, Cooper Hall, SUNY College at Brockport
Remarks and presentations at 5 pm

If you wish to contribute towards a retirement gift for Sandi or Joe, donations are being accepted for:
- The Brockport College Foundation Joseph Mason Seminar Room Fund
- The Brockport College Foundation Sandra Mason Scholarship Fund
- A retirement trip for Sandi and Joe

(Please specify your gift choice on check)
We would welcome a note of congratulations or special recollection for a memory book.
Gift donations and notes may be mailed to:
Brockport Auxiliary Service Corporation
Brockway Hall – Administration Office
Attn: Mason Retirement Gifts

And, I’d like to share the following news received from Mike Andriatch:

”You may or may not know this yet ... Brad Schreiber started back at his alma mater this morning [10/30/2006] as Director of Development.”

Brad previously served the college as a member of the staffs of Residence Life and Alumni Affairs and Development. During his absence, he continued to be an enthusiastic supporter of SUNY Brockport. The College, especially the Development Office, is very happy to welcome him back in a position where his talents, his energy, and his knowledge of SUNY College at Brockport will enhance the College’s ability to continue to achieve its primary objective—student success.

Welcome back Brad!

Bud

December 3, 2006

Greetings,

Hope everyone had lots to be thankful when you celebrated the Thanksgiving Holiday and I hope
that continues as we rapidly race to the end of another calendar year.

I have just a couple of quick things to ponder and report:

First, I ponder with the thought – “it is unfortunate how often we know so little about the lives of our friends and colleagues until we learn of their passing”. This thought attacked my thinking as I read in awe the article in the December 3, D&C about the life of Associate Professor Jack Wolf, English Department (1970-1987), who recently died at age 84. The article is entitled “A life well-traveled is over” and it outlines the lives of Jack and his spouse Barbara during their years as foreign correspondents before Jack completed his PhD in English and joined the faculty of the SUNY College at Brockport in 1970. What exciting stories they must have had to tell and most of us were sadly unaware of the adventures they had had. While teaching Jack also pursued other loves--painting and writing. I was aware of the writing but never knew about the painting. Jack authored 10 books, the most recent, “Mystery Tales from Deep Within” jointly authored with Barbara, was published in August. The D&C article from which I have obtained this information said [it] featured fictional plots set in the many exotic places they called home over the years”. Jack, apparently, your life was one great adventure. You will be missed by all who knew you at Brockport and beyond.

Send condolences to Barbara Wolf 218 Dartmouth Street, Rochester, New York 14607

Jack will be cremated in the spring and his ashes will be spread at Riverside Cemetery.
[ Rochester D&C].

Victor E. Schmidt Scholarship
[Shared by Judy Massare, Chair, The Earth Sciences Department]:

We were all saddened last November by the sudden passing of Victor Schmidt, a member of the Brockport community for many years. The Schmidt family and the Earth Sciences Department are establishing a scholarship fund in his memory. The scholarship will recognize Victor’s dedication to teaching and his passion for science by directing it towards science students pursuing careers in elementary or secondary education. The scholarship will be awarded to an earth science major (or other science major if no earth science students qualify) during the semester in which he/she is student teaching. We have five years to establish an endowment for the scholarship, which we would like to award every year. As you think of Victor this month, consider a contribution in his memory to help towards the scholarship endowment. Contributions can be directed to the Victor E. Schmidt Scholarship, Brockport College Foundation.

And stay tuned – Karla Merrifield and Roger Weir are off to new adventures --

”We'll be off to the south on Dec. 9, the Universe be willing...and you'll hear more from that when we're “on the road” again. On December 29th, we fly to Ecuador for 10 in the Galapagos Island, so expect news of that upon our return in January!” {Karla}

As always, I get green with envy when I hear of their pursuits but I am pleased that they share
Greetings,

Best wishes for the holiday season and the New Year!

I have just a few items to clear from my inbox today.

First, I have some bad news/good news from Elaine Miller. I’ll let her own word tell her story.

"My trip from Argentina to Chile, over the Andes, started out great, but took a "bad turn" just two days from the end of it. I broke my leg! I stepped into a ditch as I got off the bike and ... fractured tibia in my right leg. It was quite an experience -- but the medical care I got in Santiago, Chile was superb. The doctors here are very impressed with the surgery done there.

[So, Roger and Karla, if your travels take you south from Ecuador, you can count on Chile! -- tho we hope you don't have to.]

I'm on the mend, doing physical therapy (ouch ouch ouch), and hoping to be back on the bike by spring. Also, I am in awe of my left leg, which seems like a pure symphony of movement."

Elaine, thanks for the update. We are sorry about your misadventure but glad that you are on the mend.

And, Jim Horn reports during this holiday season that he also continues to travel extensively but he has learned that a glass of good wine next to scenic pool is a lot less dangerous than traveling the foreign pathway on a bicycle. And, through his retirement travel business he shares his discoveries. Here is his latest news:

"I have just returned from a ten-day trip to Buenos Aires exploring for future tour possibilities. I took advantage of the early summer in Argentina now that temperatures in Mexico are plunging into the low 60s at night. I had a wonderful apartment in the Recoleta area next to the famous cemetery with some of the finest restaurants in the city within a short walk and the others only a 3 dls cab ride away. Everyone has always raved about the quality of the beef and are they right! It's the best I've had in my life. A local agency arranged wonderful discounted investigation excursions for me including the traditional visit to the estancia (ranch) with folkloric and horsemanship shows and traditional barbecue. Of course, I did the best Tango show in the VIP section with unlimited champagne and wine, and many other cultural events. The museums are world class and the people are wonderful. With the dollar buying 3 pesos, prices appear to be like those in the US in the 1970s. I will force myself to go back and
explore Patagonia and Iguasú before I add this country to my repertoire.”

Thanks for sharing Jim and make sure you don’t get on a bike after “unlimited champagne and wine”. I know you won’t and I do believe your style of travel probably is the level of adventure I could really handle as opposed the adventures of Elaine, Karla, and Roger that I envy but which would probably lead me to an early grave.

Jim will be back in the Brockport area, December 16-27, before returning to Mexico for his early January group tour in the Mayan Yucatan.

A new book, “State University of New York at Brockport—The Campus History Series” has been published just in time for holiday giving. The authors, Mary Jo Gigliotti, library; Bruce Leslie, history; and Ken O’Brien, history and Honor’s Program, had a book signing on campus last week. The book is a pictorial history picking up close in time to where the late Wayne Dedman’s history of Brockport, Cherishing This Heritage ended. I have just briefly flipped through the pages but have enjoyed the reflections prompted by the pictures. My favorite so far is the 1984 picture of the youthful Jack Wolisky and Mirko Pylyshenko at page 100. The purchase price is $19.99 unsigned or $30.00 signed and all proceeds support Brockport Foundation scholarship funds. For information about purchasing your own copy contact the Division of Institutional Advancement at x2451.

I may have already reported on some of these people, but here is an update list of new emeriti since May 2006:

David Brannigan, Biological Sciences
Sylvia Ellis, EOC Student Life and Counseling
Craig Gallagher, Financial Aid Officer
Johnetta Green, EOC Admissions
Frederick Gravetter, Psychology
Richard Lumb, Public Administration
Patricia Mahoney, Academic Advisement
Richard Mancuso, Physics
Sandra Meade, Academic Advisement
John Michael, Mathematics
Valjeanne Reese, EOC
Thomas Rosia, Residential Life
Muhyi Shakoor, Counselor Education
Margaret Walker, EOC Academic Department

Congratulations to all and welcome to the group!

Best to all,

Bud
April 1, 2007

Greetings,

The day had a “unique” beginning—at least that is what I’ll tell Sandy. I had just finished brushing my teeth from my molars to my eye teeth on the left side when I looked up and saw my toothbrush still sitting in its charger on the shelf. Whoops! I had an immediate flashback to many years ago when on more than one occasion I had grabbed the BRYLCREEM instead of the toothpaste. Thankfully, I no longer have any use for BRYLCREEM—that “little dab ‘ll do ya” could have done me in, but now, she’ll never know!

With that start I wondered if anything good could come of the day. But, the day did bring a miracle of sorts. I had been struggling for many weeks trying to get my group email distributions to work since moving my computer to SUNY Maritime. I had used my limited knowledge and the limits of my willingness to go the “trial and error” route to no avail. Of course, my courage for trial and error with computers was irreparably broken several years ago when in the process of helping Ed Kumar change the resolution on his monitor I wiped out his hard drive. So, I really needed to get someone with knowledge of computers and SUNY Maritime’s networks to get me going. I requested help on several occasions offering to pay for the services to be performed off-hours and no one took the bait. Finally, on this “bad teeth” day, I had a miracle! SUNY Maritime had recently delegated responsibility to departments for maintaining their own websites and because they wanted forms and documents to be in PDF format, they had to install Adobe Professional on my PC and last Wednesday was my day. AND, I made sure that the IT specialist did not get away until he had my computer group mailers and my network connections working. Unfortunately, even after his work, the address book still needed quite a bit of work and still needs more but I think I can again share updates with you with some limitations. For examples, (1) since I am away I may not know all that is happening on campus and strongly suggest that you frequently check Brockport’s website if you are in the area and wish to know the happenings, (2) if you have things to share for “Your News”, you’ll have to let me know, and, (3) probably the best way to reach me via email will be my SUNY Brockport address rmeade@brockport.edu.

I also remind you to let me know if your email address changes. I may not have as much time to try to track you down if it changes so if you want the “Updates” make sure I get your changes. Also, I will again try to place the “Updates” on the Emeriti Website under “Your News” at http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm. I will try to refresh this page over the next few weeks as well. While on this topic, if anyone can provide correct email addresses for the following people it would be appreciated. Their mail bounced when I did the recent test “Update”. Below you will find their names and the last email address I had for them:

Barnes, Terry <tbarnes@brockport.edu>
Barr, Charles <barronio@mymailstation.com>
Carmichael, Shirley <sacr@tds.net>
Caton, John <johncat73@commspeed.net>
Day, Chuck, <cday@brockport.edu>
Deming, Dick <demingr@earthlink.net>
Sad News:

There have been at least two who have “transitioned” since I was last able to email you. [That is the word used by the Rev. Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III, pastor of The Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem, and President of SUNY Old Westbury College, in his sermon on Palm Sunday to describe those who could no longer attend services in this world.] The “transitioned” include Dr. Dinesh Mathur, Professor of Philosophy (1968-1985) for whom we have an obituary and Ms. Valjeanne (Taylor) Reese, Senior Admissions Counselor, EOC (1981-2006) who died suddenly February 12, 2007. I knew Valjeanne Reese but unfortunately not well enough to make any personal remarks about her except that I know she served the EOC and its students with dedication for 25 years. I did know Dr. Dinesh Mathur and I recall him as a very polite, soft mannered man whose eyes seemed always to be smiling. Both of these former colleagues will be missed and their services to the College and students will be their legacies. Thanks to Vandana Mathur, Dr. Mathur’s daughter, along with Virginia Campbell and Laurie Emerson for sharing the obituary that follows:

Dr. Dinesh C. Mathur passed away at age 87 in his home in Chevy Chase, Md., on August 28, 2006. He is survived by his wife Savitri Mathur; his daughter Shobha Mathur and granddaughter Anna; daughter Usha Mathur and grandsons Rahul and Nikhil; daughter Vandana Mathur and granddaughter Aneeta; and his son Avinash Mathur and granddaughter Aparna and grandson Akhil.

Dr. Mathur had a long and distinguished career as a professor of Western and non-Western philosophy. He was a Professor of Philosophy at the State University of New York-Brockport from 1968-1985. He chaired the department from 1981 until his retirement in 1985. He is the author of Naturalistic Philosophies of Experience, published in 1971, and co-author of Modern Logic: Its Relevance to Philosophy, published in 1969.

Dr. Mathur was born on Aug. 14, 1919, in Jodhpur, India. He obtained a Master’s degree in philosophy as well as a law degree from Agra University in 1941. His teaching career was launched in 1942, when he became a lecturer at Jaswant College, in Jodhpur, India. He taught there until 1951. A turning point in his life came in 1953, when he received a Fulbright scholarship to study at Columbia University in New York City. He received his Ph.D. in Philosophy in 1955.

Dr. Mathur returned to India to teach at the University of Rajasthan in Jaipur until 1967. Another turning point in his life came when he received an offer to be a Post-Doctoral Fellow at the State
University of New York-Buffalo. In 1968, at the age of 49, he became a full Professor of Philosophy at SUNY-Brockport. Shortly after his appointment, he was promoted to the rank of Distinguished Professor in 1973 and again in 1974. In 1975, he was selected to be a member of the editorial board of the journal Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Buffalo.

Throughout his career, Dr. Mathur was a prolific writer. In addition to the two books mentioned above, he wrote 22 papers in respected journals in India, the United States, and Europe; and 25 reviews of works published by his colleagues. He was also invited to participate in innumerable lectures, panel discussions, and readings at conferences in the United States and India.

If anyone wishes to contact the Mathur family, please e-mail jashton1@verizon.net.

This sad news was just shared by a friend – I am sorry I do not have more information: Celine Smith, wife of Dr. Arthur Smith, Department of Education & Human Development, died today, April 1. Celine was a teacher who years ago worked in the Campus School.... she also worked with exchange students. She did many things and she was very talented and lovely lady. Our condolences go out to Art Smith.

Good News.

It has been my pleasure to have heard from some of you during the “break”. I have a great picture of Roger Weir serving as a perch that Julie McWherter shared and I will place in “Your News” on the website. I also have a nice picture of Jim Horn in which he appears to be trying out for “Dancing with the Stars” and news from Jim that he recently had Brockport friends on one of his tours. Unfortunately, I cannot locate the email he sent me and cannot recall their names. I have also heard from Dave Morien (from his message we should keep Clarence Juffs in our thoughts and prayers has he begins another round of chemo), Maury Kleiman, Jean Hitzeman, Al Brown, Alice Brand [who says: “We are good, thank you. We are off to Central Asia at the end of April: Pakistan (Islamabad and Peshawar), Khyber Pass, West China and the Western Himalayas, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan”], Chad Skaggs, the Rockhills, Bob Giblin, Cal and Marghi Rich, Bob Thompson, Joe Kandor, Elaine Miller, John Mosher, John Zwierzyński (keep John in your prayers as he has been scheduled for a bypass of an 8-year-old original bypass), and my steady partner in all of this, Jeanette D’Agostino Banker, among others. Generally, these colleagues and friends have reported that they are doing well. In the next update, I will try to give you the names of the newest members of our group (recent retirees). For now, I am happy to welcome John Warthman, who has been an emeritus for some time but we only recently obtained his email address.

Stephen and Marcia Ullman have just returned from Toronto where they welcomed son Jeffrey and daughter-in-law Heather's first child, and their first grandchild, Elliot Daniel Ullman who was born on March 18. It has been reported that Elliot and his parents are doing very well. As for Elliot's grandparents, they are ecstatic!

Some Things Missed:

Jill Campbell, please accept my apologies for not sharing the information about the annual
American Heart Walk. Hopefully we’ll be able to help you out next year.

Karla Merrifield, please accept my apologies for not sharing your message about having your poetry accepted for online publication in The Centrifugal Eye’s Special Interactive Winter Project. I was able to find work but not to share it. So, I belatedly encourage all to visit The Centrifugal Eye at [http://centrifugaleyecom/](http://centrifugaleyecom/) then click on the link to Project Poets and visit Karla’s page by clicking on the “C” below her name. Congratulations Karla.

To show you just how out of date we’ve been, here is a note from Donald Van Ess: “MERRY XMAS BUD! …Incidentally, University Press of America just published my college text: The Heritage of Musical Style (2nd revised edition). This has had a successful run for a number of years. I just finished a new book project: Romantic Music, Arts & Ideas.

Best to you,

Don Van Ess

Belated congratulations to you Don.

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Announcements

There will be a Campus Cleanup event on Monday April 9th from 3pm until 4:30 starting in the Brockport Mall and all members of the campus community are invited to attend. This event is sponsored by ECOS, a BSG funded club but all are welcome.

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The History Forum presents Richard Aquila

"America's Cold War Culture and Rock 'n' Roll"
Monday, April 16, 7:30 PM
Hartwell Hall Theater
Richard Aquila is the director of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and professor of history at Pennsylvania State University, the Behrend College. He specializes in U.S. social and cultural history and his publications include Home Front Soldier: The Story of a G.I. and His Italian American Family During World War II (1999); Wanted Dead or Alive: The American West in Popular Culture (1996); That Old Time Rock and Roll: A Chronicle of An Era, 1954-63 (1989); and The Iroquois Restoration: Iroquois Diplomacy on the Colonial Frontier, 1701-1754 (1983, 1997). Aquila has also written, produced, and hosted numerous documentaries for NPR. From 1998 to 2000, his weekly public history series, "Rock & Roll America," was syndicated on NPR and NPR Worldwide.
Katherine Clark
Assistant Professor of History
SUNY College at Brockport

The American Democracy Project invites the Brockport campus community to next week’s talk, the latest in the ADP’s Distinguished Lecture Series. The speaker, Alan Wolfe, examines the clash of culture, politics and religion.
Prof. Wolfe, director of the Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life and professor of political science at Boston College, will present, “Who’s Afraid of American Religion,” Wednesday, April 4, at 5 pm, in the New York Room, Cooper Hall.

Wolfe's latest book, Return to Greatness: How America Lost Its Sense of Purpose and What It Needs to Do to Recover It (2005), offers a fresh take on American national identity and purpose. Another recent book, The Transformation of American Religion (2003), draws from his own field research as well as other studies to argue that American religion has been shaped by American culture more than the other way around.

Sandy and I were pleased to be able to attend, along with many friends from Brockport, the inauguration of Ray Di Pasquale as President of the Community College of Rhode Island the weekend before last. It was an excellent affair and Ray had the red carpet out for his former colleagues and friends from Springfield and Brockport. Congratulations to Ray.

Sandy and I are trying to make the most of our time in NYC with visits to the Brooklyn Museum; to the Nathan Lyons exhibit opening; a play or two—both on and off-Broadway; by touring neighborhoods (most recently two days walking the streets of Harlem); to the Bronx Zoo, to the Macy’s Thanksgiving Parade followed by dinner at the Boathouse in Central Park, to the St. Patrick’s Day parades (both the Bronx and Manhattan versions); and to Times Square on New Year’s Eve, as examples. Along the way, I manage to take about 100 photographs per week of great sunrises and sunsets and the great scenes available in the area.

As I close I regret any omissions. I am sure there is information on the computer still at home that has been shared and downloaded but to which I have no access from the Bronx. I am quite certain I have information there about a special event at which Darwin Palmiere was recognized for his dedication and commitment. I will try to retrieve that information and share it in a future update. For now, I just send my congratulations to Darwin for his recent recognition – he has always been a champion in my book.

Finally, a reminder, the emeriti website is a little dated but still available at http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm. I will try to refresh it this evening and will place on the “Your News” page the pictures referenced above as well as a couple from Ray DiPasquale’s inauguration. But, don’t look for them until tomorrow.

Peace,

Bud

April 13, 2007

Greetings,

Obviously, as you could tell from my last “Update” I am still trying to get things together after a break in service. As you know, I usually make sure that I send the updates to myself and blind
copy all of you. Because of the size of the address book and server restrictions, I have to send the Updates out using six different files so at least you only had to view about 1/5th of the email addresses of the group when the last “Update” was distributed. I will try to get back into my routine with this “Update”.

One way that you can help me is to direct any emails to me at my SUNY Brockport email address. That address is rmeade@brockport.edu. I think it is most appropriate that I use Brockport’s server for receipt of your emails even though for now I must use Maritime’s server to send out the “Updates”. But, most importantly, it will make it easier for me to find the things you send to me when I am preparing the next distribution. I can receive mail at my old home email address at rochester.rr.com but I am unable to send email from that server while at Maritime so that makes it inconvenient if I wish to reply to something sent there. At Maritime I get so much other email that it is difficult to make sure that I catch all the emails from you when I am looking for information to include in the next “Update”. I monitor all three email accounts so I will get you messages if you forget but the use of my email address listed above (at Brockport) is my preference. I have promised David Strasenburgh that I will not allow my mailbox to overflow!

I was very pleased to hear from many of you following the mailing of the last “Update”. Your good wishes and “welcome back” comments make me feel very good about this effort. I do not have a lot of news to report today but there is one time sensitive event that I should have gotten out to you earlier in the week but just could not find the time. Sadly, I also have another departure to report.

The time sensitive event is “The Brockport Dance Gala…An intimate evening of dance and music” that takes place at 8:00 pm tonight, April 14, 2007 at the Hochstein School of Music, 50 North Plymouth Avenue, Rochester, New York. Sandy and I regret that we will not be in town to attend this special event that is dedicated to the late Santo Giglio and will raise funds for scholarships for incoming freshmen. The mentioning of Santo Giglio’s name always gives me pause to think about how I am living my life and usually it reminds me that I really do not yet have a handle on what is truly important. I have read again what I wrote about Santo when he died in his “Remembrance” that can be found at http://www.itss.brockport.edu/~rmeade/remembrances.htm and maybe it will again help me to focus.

If it is not too late to get tickets they are $35 general and for an additional $15 you can attend a pre-concert reception at 6:30 p.m. For ticket information call (585) 395-ARTS. If you go, plan to go early because there will be detours because route 490 will be closed from both directions this weekend as work on the Troup Howell Bridge is completed.

The sad news:
Emerita Joyce Ogden has informed me that emerita Miraim Hammon has died. Here is the information that Joyce shared with me.

Miraim (Betty) Hammon, 94, of Morehead City, North Carolina died January 18, 2007, at Harborview Towers. A memorial service was held at the following Monday at the First
Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Timothy Havlicek officiating. Miraim held the position of head librarian at the Brockport State University of New York and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church there. She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Hammon. Survivors include two sons, Larry Hammon of Erie, Pa., and Andy Hammon of Lake City, Pa.; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund, 1604 Arendell St., Morehead City, N.C. 28557.

I did not know Betty through work because she served SUNY Brockport from 1946 to 1965 and I arrived in Brockport in 1997 after Marion Wells had become the Director of Libraries. We are sad to lose another of our own and thank Emerita Joyce Ogden for sharing.

I have received some good news from Emeritus Earl Ingersoll who continues to be a productive scholar in retirement. His book “Waiting for the End: Gender and Ending in the Contemporary Novel” was published by Fairleigh Dickinson University Press and he and Mary have a contract from the University Press of Mississippi to publish a collection of Anthony Burgess interviews in their Conversations Series. Earl also report that he and Mary spent four weeks Down Under in Australia, New Zealand, and the Fiji Island last winter.

We share with Earl our congratulations and our envy!

Erna Bowman, spouse of the late Emeritus Professor of English Walter Bowman, will turn 98 this coming week. Her gourmet group took her to lunch at Woodcliff recently to celebrate. For those wishing to help her celebrate with calls or cards, the information you need is, Erna Bowman, 1471 Long Pond Road, #344, Rochester, New York 14626, (585) 720-9091.

I found the information with the names of the Brockport people who recently toured the Mayan Yucatan with Emeritus Jim Horn. They included Emeritus Wally Borowic, along with Edward “Harley” Downey, and also Jean Hjelle and Sally Phillips. They reported great temperatures—wouldn’t that be nice. How soon we forget how great the early winter was when it later stretches out through spring.

I always enjoy hearing from Emeritus Ted Starr. I hope to be able to give him a call or have an email exchange with him this week to catch up a little more but for now I think he will not mind if I share the following information. He writes that he is still keeping busy as he approaches his 83rd year. He and his wife Charmaine will be “baby sitting” their children’s 5 Golden Retrievers at their home for about two weeks while their children vacation—in my book, above and beyond the call to duty at any age. Following the doggy sitting the Starrs will be taking a Barge trip on the Tennessee River from Nashville to Savannah, Florence and Clarksville. Ted otherwise keeps busy exercising, writing his own autobiography for his children and grandchildren.

Ted, I thank you for sharing and if we don’t talk before then, have a great river cruise.

Following is a call for volunteers for commencement. I am quite certain that the College would welcome emeriti as it gets ready to celebrate the success of students graduating this year. Here is
the announcement distributed to the campus:

What a wonderful way to congratulate our students on their achievement! It’s still not too late to volunteer for Commencement. Please go online to http://www.brockport.edu/career/Commencement.htm to fill out the form if you can help out with the most exciting event of the year. Faculty and staff who plan to PROCESS in either the Graduate or Undergraduate Commencement ceremonies should contact Andrea Newman, Commencement committee, anewman@brockport.edu. Please indicate the ceremony or ceremonies you plan to attend. If you would like to volunteer before processing, please inform Andrea. We look forward to hearing from you!

Announcements

Award-Winning Author to Speak at SUNY Brockport
Clean Renewable Energy and Economic Prosperity are not Mutually Exclusive

A noted author and an expert in the field of renewable energy, Dr. Daniel Chiras, PhD, is scheduled to talk at SUNY College at Brockport on April 17, 2007 at 4:30 PM, Blue Room, Edwards Hall, Holley Street. The title of his talk is “Re-Energizing America: Curing America’s Addiction to Oil,” and it is sponsored by the SUNY Brockport William C. Rock Endowment for Liberal Arts, School of Letters and Sciences Fund and School of Professions. For more information, contact Jose Maliekal, associate dean of the School of Letters and Sciences, (585) 395-2262.

In his talk, Dr. Chiras will discuss why consumers should start using clean, affordable and reliable renewable energy rather than continue their reliance on hydrocarbon-based nonrenewable energy. Besides outlining a sensible and safe energy strategy that should ensure the long-term economic prosperity of the nation, his talk will describe the many options available to residential consumers for using renewable energy and availing transportation methods that are not energy intensive.

Dr. Chiras has authored 23 books and hundreds of articles on renewable energy, green buildings and sustainability. One of his most notable publications is The Homeowner’s Guide to Renewable Energy. He has taught at the University of Colorado at Denver (as an assistant professor) and University of Denver (as an adjunct professor). He has also been a visiting professor at the University of Colorado at Boulder and University of Washington and Colorado College. Dr. Chiras has received numerous awards for his work and has appeared on CNN, NBC Nightly News, and numerous other radio and television programs.

Sandy and I are bracing for the storm that should hit the Throggs Neck Peninsula tomorrow. The Peninsula is pretty narrow at the point that you come onto the SUNY Maritime campus so with all of the rain and wind that is in the forecast everyone is hoping that we will not be the SUNY Maritime Island by Monday. We really don’t expect such an extreme but we do intend to stock up a little bit today just in case.

Peace,
May 18, 2009

Greetings,

Sorry I’ve been delinquent again and missed the opportunity to inform you about events that are now just missed opportunities. Sandy and I would have loved to have attended one of them but I was just not paying enough attention to all of my email addresses and missed it. CNBC’s Sharon Epperson had a book signing for her new book, “The Big Payoff” at the Hue-Man Bookstore and Café in NYC on Thursday, May 10, 2007. Sharon is the wife of Christopher John Farley, son of Rawle and Ena Farley and we would have loved to have represented you all at this event. Sorry I did not get this news out on time.

I have sad news to report today. A hero to all who knew him for his loyalty and dedication to his job and to his friends throughout a life in which he was constantly challenged with health issues has finally been freed from them. Clarence Juffs, whom I wrote about some time ago when he retired with serious health problems died on Thursday, May 10, 2007 at age 63. He remained in good spirits after his diagnosis and he beat the predictions by staying on this earth many months more than the doctors had given him. His former colleagues and good friends Jeff Post and Dona Hazen have already talked about some form of recognition of campus such as a tree planting for this unsung hero who worked and lived quietly without fanfare to ensure that the College’s bills were always paid on time. They are pursuing other ideas with his family. Dona Hazen speaks for all who knew Clarence Juffs when she says: “CJ was one of the most kind, caring, and truly sincere people that I have ever met, and we certainly want to do something to honor all he did for SUNY Brockport that most people never knew about.”

From his obituary in the Rochester D&C on 5/13/2007:

He will be remembered by his sisters, Sherry Juffs & Bonnie (Donald) LaGas; nieces Michelle (Dave) Donk, Tami (Mark) Mundy & Darcy Greco; six great-nieces & two great-nephews. All services will be private. Burial will be in Rose Cemetery. In memory of Clarence, in lieu of flowers, please consider donations to a charity of choice. He was predeceased by his parents Clarence & Doris Lawrence Juffs. Clarence retired from SUNY Brockport in 2004 where he worked as an Accounts Payable Officer. You are invited to light a candle of condolence or memory by visiting www.watermanfuneralhome.com

Clarence we cherish your memory as we mourn your departure and wish you peace.

Retirees are again invited to participate in the Computer Workshops at the College on a space available basis. As always current employees must be given first priority for registering for these workshops but to my knowledge there has always been enough space for the retirees who are interested. If you are interested, register today by contacting Tammera Loscombe, by calling x2368 or e-mailing tloscomb@brockport.edu
Join Information Technology Support Services for MS Office software training May 21-May 25.

Monday, May 21st (Dailey Hall 203)
Word Columns and Desktop Publishing 9 am - 12 pm
Dreamweaver Web Forms 12:45 – 3:45 pm

Tuesday, May 22nd (Dailey Hall 203)
MS Access Part 1 of 4 - Tables 9 am -12 pm
MS Access Part 2 of 4 - Queries 12:45 – 3:45 pm

Wednesday, May 23rd (Dailey Hall 203)
Project Management Made Simple (MS Project) 9 am -12 pm
Graphics in Office Documents 12:45-3:45 pm

Thursday, May 24 (Dailey Hall 203)
MS Access Part 3 of 4 – Forms 9 am -12 pm
MS Access Part 4 of 4 – Reporting Database Information 12:45-3:45 pm

Friday, May 25 (Dailey Hall 203)
Excel Formulas and Functions 9 am - 12 pm
PowerPoint Flow Charts, Diagrams, Processes and Org Charts 12:45-3:45 pm

Workshop Descriptions
Word  Working with Word Columns and Desktop Publishing Features
Learn how to use Word’s desktop publishing features to create newsletters, flyers, brochures, and various marketing documents. Learn to use columns, work with text boxes, wrap text around graphics, captions and drop caps.

Dreamweaver  Creating and working with Web Forms
In this class, you'll learn how to use Dreamweaver’s full-featured web page design tools to create, edit, and publish functional forms on the web. You'll also understand how to link to, publish and manage form data.

Access (4)
Access Database Complete
This 4-part course will introduce the student to all the basics tasks of creating and managing databases and database information using Microsoft Access. Take one or take all to complete your understanding of this DB tool.
1. Setup a Database using Tables
2. Work with Database Information using Queries
3. Using Access Forms to Organize, Display & Print Data
4. Reporting database Information

Office  Working with Graphics in Office Documents
Learn to create custom graphic objects like logos, use Autoshape graphics, draw diagrams, download graphics from the web, recolor, resize and scale graphics, use the clipart organizer, use
graphics in watermarks, anchor, frame, wrap text around, and insert pictures from the clipart gallery, scanner, digital camera or from a file.

Project Project Management Made Simple
Make the most of your resources by using Microsoft Project to plan large and small projects with greater accuracy and efficiency.

Excel Using Excel Formulas and Functions
Learn how to use the many Built in Functions of Excel and understand how each is used in calculating numbers. Students will learn how to build simple to complex formula’s and be comfortable with creating formulas whenever needed.

PowerPoint Creating Flow Charts, Diagrams, Process Descriptions and Organization Charts
Learn how to use PowerPoint to create business graphic objects like diagrams, flow charts, organizational charts, layouts and other graphics.

News from the Sunday, April 22, 2007 Jamestown Post highlights the volunteer work of former President Albert W. Brown.

The Chautauqua Blind Association has named Al Brown as its Volunteer of the Year. When an eye care specialist confirmed that he had macular degeneration, Brown seized the opportunity to make his age-related vision decline a learning experience, then went further by becoming a teacher, writer and advocate for services for the visually impaired.

Executive Director Tina Miller said, “His humorous stories about his personal struggles and living to the best of his ability with failing vision have been published in a nationally circulated magazine. He is an inspiration to others. Al seeks out innovative computer adaptations for people with low vision and additional services available and then guides others—including the CBA staff—to those resources. His political acumen has also been a valuable asset. During Chautauqua County budget sessions last October, Al addressed the legislature and urged them to reinstate financial support for blindness prevention education and supportive services for Chautauqua County residents. Al is a valued voice for people with visual impairments.”

I am happy to again share with you the travel plans of Karla and Roger. We wish them the best as they continue to fulfill their dreams. I’ll let Karla’s words fill you in:

"Roger and I will be heading out again soon, returning to the southwest. The primary reason for this trek is an 11-day dory trip down the San Juan River in southern Utah. We’ll be shoving off at Bluff, UT, on June 2, traveling with doryman Andy Hutchinson, one of the boatmen with whom we went down the Colorado River with through the Grand Canyon several years ago. Andy’s leading a small group of four dorries through the beautiful San Juan. A few Class-III rapids, but more a slow, steady pace through some of the wildest and grandest country of the Colorado Plateau. We’ll be going through “The Goosenecks,” a long stretch of tightly meandering river below steep sandstone cliffs. Will get in some hiking to Anasazi ruins, complete with a boatman who’s an anthropologist specializing in that ancient native culture, and exploring slot canyons where yet another doryman who’s a geologist will be teaching us more
about the truly ancient history of the land. Hoping to do a lot of photography and, of course, writing.

Then on to Bryce Canyon NP, Capitol Reef NP and Canyonlands NP…later a week in Santa Fe…a week in Taos, where I’m doing the weekend session of the Taos Summer Writers Workshop. Coming home via Texas to visit friends in Austin and on across to the Natchez Trace Parkway northward.

We had a marvelous winter both in the Galapagos and around Florida’s state parks. The trip to the Galapagos Archipelago was unbelievable. We traveled with Lindblad/National Geographic and were very much impressed by all their staff; they were most gracious and, as hoped, very knowledgeable about the flora and fauna of the islands. “Don’t step on the iguanas,” was a mantra repeated throughout the islands. The marine iguanas were everywhere -- and you had to step lively to avoid them as well as the sea lions. It was a marvel to walk in Darwin’s footsteps and see the place and its wild inhabitants that prompted what became On the Origin of Species. I snorkeled with green turtles only a few feet away and got close enough to the giant tortoises to hear them breathing in the morning mist.

We were so taken by Lindblad/National Geographic that we’re traveling with them again this December -- to Antarctica!

Roger and I are both well, if a little harried getting ready to head out again (sooner than usual in order to make it to Utah by June 2). And, if I may, I’d like to invite my fellow emeriti to visit my new blog at: http://karlalinn.blogspot.com/. From time to time during the summer I’ll be posting new photos and poems to share with others -- and I welcome readers’ comments and news.

John Mosher rights about a little simpler form of medication. He is still doing some personal counseling and teaches meditation-stress reduction while his spouse Connie remains involved in art projects and has given demonstrations on Polaroid Transfer process as well as doing a lot of Polaroid Transfer art herself.

John, I suspect there are many of us who would have a lot better chance for success in your medication class than we’d have with Karla and Roger’s form of meditation. It is good to hear that you continue to enjoy your retirement activities.

Jim Horn recently returned from leading a tour of Peru and was pleased again to have participants from Brockport. The Markusens, Tom and Mary, along with former Brockport residents Mike and Sheila Reynolds, joined Jim on this tour. After a few days in Brockport Jim will be heading on a little vacation of his own to the Greek Islands – but, I’ll bet he will actually be working to add another tour to his package. If you would like to see what Jim is doing in retirement check out his tour list at http://www.educationaltravel.com.mx

If you have not already heard the news, SUNY Brockport will have a new Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs on July 1, 2007. Following is the announcement sent out on
April 27, 2007 from the President’s Office.

“Dear Members of the Brockport Community,

As we prepare for our May 12 Commencement and the completion of another excellent academic year, here is a very positive announcement relative to our Provost/VPAA search. I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Anne Huot as our new Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Following an extensive national search for this important role, Dr. Huot will be joining us on July 1, 2007.

As you could tell from our recent campus interviews and the filled-to-capacity open meeting, Anne is most enthusiastic about returning to a campus environment as our chief academic officer. Her most recent experiences as Executive Vice Provost and Head of the Office of Academic Affairs at the State University of New York will serve her well. Her knowledge of System administration combined with recent experiences as a full professor and faculty member as well as Executive Dean of the Graduate College at the University of Vermont provide a strong portfolio. I also am pleased that Professor Huot will be joining our Biology Department as a full, tenured professor following APT committee scrutiny and review and is currently a Professor of Health-Related Professions at Upstate Medical University, SUNY.

Dr. Huot’s degrees include a Ph.D. in Cell & Molecular Biology from the University of Vermont (1990) and both a M.S. and B.S. in Medical Technology from the University of Vermont (1987) and the University of New Hampshire (1980) respectively. She is a strong believer in faculty development and her own professional development encompasses an intensive bioethics course at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics and Bryn Mawr College’s Summer Institute for Women in Higher Education.

A comprehensive background in issues impacting public higher education from Mission Review to Middle States, academic program development to budgeting, assessment to student services, and experiences with external constituencies to institutional development reflects her full array of skill sets. Add to this Anne’s interpersonal skills from listening to a sense of humor, and it’s clear that she will be a terrific addition to our academic community.

I would be remiss if I did not express my sincere thanks to Professor and Chair of the Department of English Janie Hinds for her leadership of the search committee. Let me add my appreciation to Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Michael Fox and the entire Division of Academic Affairs for their diligence during the past several months. I’m also grateful to all of you who participated in the search process. Each of our finalists and our search consultants, John Thornburgh and Gaele McCully of Witt/Kiefffer, commented most favorably regarding the standing room only turnout for the open forums.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Anne Huot to the SUNY Brockport community.

Sincerely,
John R. Halstead, PhD
President

And, if you have not already heard this news please join the College in congratulating the following employees winning this year's Chancellor's Award. The winners were honored at
the College Recognition Dinner, on Friday, May 4, 2007.

CHANCELLOR’S AWARDS
Excellence in Faculty Service
Cathy Houston-Wilson, Physical Education and Sport

Excellence in Professional Service
Diane Maurer, Professional Education Unit

Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activity
Carvin Eison, Communication

Excellence in Teaching
Heidi Byrne, Physical Education and Sport
James Fatula, Public Administration
Paul Moyer, History

Excellence in Librarianship
Eileen O’Hara, Drake Library

Cheers,

Bud

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May 22, 2007

Greetings,

More sad news prompts another mailing.

I just received an email from Jan Van Ess that emeritus Donald Van Ess took his conducting to a higher level at 4:20 a.m. Sunday morning. Following is the obit from their paper in NC. It was written from the heart by Jan and I won’t take away from her message by adding anything except to wish that Don had lived to see Brockport add a minor in music back into the curriculum.

--Donald H. Van Ess--

Weaverville - Sunday, May 20, 2007. My best friend died today. He was also my husband of nearly 52 years and the love of my life. He was the father of our only son, Greg; father-in-law to Robin; and grandfather to Alec and Lauren. He was a very strong force in our lives, and in the lives of the thousands of students whom he influenced in three years as a public-school orchestra conductor, and over 30 years of college teaching.

Born May 11, 1926, in Belvidere, Ill., he grew up in Minneapolis, where he graduated from Washburn High School, and McPhail College of Music. He went on to receive a master's degree in music from Northwestern University, and a Ph.D. in music history from Boston University.
He was professor of music emeritus, State University College of New York, Brockport. In addition to teaching at SUNY Brockport, he held positions at Boston University (Doctoral Fellowship), Mansfield State University, Mansfield, Pa., and Carthage College, Carthage, Ill.

He authored several books, including, The Commonwealth of Arts and Man: Readings in the Humanities, and The Heritage of Musical Style, as well as A Listener's Guide to The Heritage of Musical Style, and English Wind Music Through the Ages. He was a contributor to The Athlone History of Music in Britain, the Romantic Age. Another book, The Romantic Revolution in Music, was in preparation at the time of his death. He recently revised The Heritage of Musical Style into a more abbreviated form for the enjoyment of the general concertgoer and for use in a class he was to have taught in the Senior College of UNC-Asheville in April. His brief illness and subsequent death from pancreatic cancer prevented this.

In addition to his family and music, Don's other great joy was golfing. He was a regular' in the Asheville New Friends golf group for several years, but what he enjoyed most were our family outings with son Greg, and the many golfing vacations he and I took over the years.

Rest in Peace, my dear, dear friend. You have lived a life of which you can be proud and satisfied.

Your loving wife, Jan.

Memorials may go to the Asheville Symphony, 87 Haywood St., Asheville, NC 28801; and to CarePartners, P.O. Box 25338, Asheville, NC 28813. West Funeral Home, 17 Merrimon Ave., Weaverville, will announce a memorial service at a later date.

Condolesences to Jan:
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Weaverville, NC 28787
(828) 658-9899
van-sdon@charter.net
Published: 2007-05-21

Our best to you Jan as you go through this difficult period of adjustment.

Sadly, I also report the recent loss of Marian Bretton, wife of emeritus Henry Bretton. I have no details but I know that Henry and Marian had been married many years and it has to be a great loss for him. My memories of the Brettons were from the days before the deck on the back of the house when we used to sit on the front porch and watch the street activity. The Brettons often road their bikes in the evening and we would sometimes exchange waves and words. Henry, we are sorry to hear about your recent loss and our thoughts are with you as you mourn.

Condolesences:
I am still having some difficulty with my email address books and accounts. One day recently I found that I was missing all emails sent or received from March 1st forward. The next day I signed on and I had lost all of March plus emails from the previous day. We finally found them buried in an archive folder on my computer at home but in the process, some were lost or reorganized and hidden for a while. I apologize to anyone who shared information you wished to share that was misplaced or lost during this period. I think the problems are finally solved so feel free to share.

One email that has resurfaced was from emerita Tonya Satryb. She did not report much but she and Ron, former Vice President for Student Affairs at Geneseo, are still enjoying living in The Villages in Florida. Ron, like many of you, wore out one set of knees on the golf links and recently had both knees replaced at the same time on April 19th. He was making satisfactory progress when Tonya wrote on April 29th and by now I suspect he is hoping to at least get in some practice on the green soon. We hope the throwing out the old and getting the new only does nothing but improve his golf game.

Best to all,

Bud

May 25, 2007

Greetings again on this Memorial Day weekend,

Dona Hazen has advised me of a special memorial project for Clarence Juffs Jr. who died on May 10, 2007 after a battle with cancer. I thought it appropriate to write again on this significant weekend to inform you about it in the event that you would like to participate.

If you did not know Clarence it is because that is how he worked—no need for being in the limelight, he simply arrived at work each day, put his shoulder to the paperwork plow, and pulled his weight, often along with the weight of others. I have reported before one story about Clarence which I will repeat. Around the time that the State passed a law that agencies would have to pay penalties for late payments to vendors Clarence became frustrated with the slow processing of paperwork in Albany that he had submitted on time. Clarence was approved for vacation and it was later learned that on his vacation he had gone to Albany with a stack of procurement documents to get them processed while he looked over the shoulders of the Albany bureaucrats. He was a uniquely dedicated public servant with a good vision of the fiduciary responsibility he owed to the public—a great leadership example that becomes harder and harder
Here is the information from Dona Hazen about the memorial:

Clarence Juffs, Jr. who worked for thirty years primarily as SUNY Brockport's Accounts Payable Manager (now the Procurement & Payment Services Office) until his retirement in 2004, passed away at the age of 63 on May 10th. We would like to honor and recognize CJ for his many years of service, his sincere dedication to SUNY Brockport, and most importantly his friendship to so many of us. CJ was a huge baseball fan (especially the Dodgers), so we would like to plant a tree in his memory at the Clark V. Whited Baseball/Softball Complex. Donations will be accepted by the Brockport Foundation. Please make checks payable to "Brockport Foundation", referencing "in memory of Clarence Juffs", and send to the Development Office, 306 Allen Building. Please feel free to contact Dona Hazen at "dhazen@brockport.edu" with any questions.

If you want to refresh your memory of Clarence you may do so by visiting:
http://www.itss.brockport.edu/%7Ermeade/your_news.htm

I am been advised that the tree will be placed where it will not be a hindrance to the home run hitters or where it will cast a shadow on the playing field.

Enjoy the weekend,

Bud

July 10, 2007

Greetings,

Sorry for the gap between “Updates”. It results from a couple of things. Because of location I am somewhat out of the loop for receipt of information and beyond that my current roles are keeping me pretty busy. If you have information you’d like to share, please email it to me at rmeade@brockport.edu. For now, this is what I have to share. Some of it may be old news to you.

New members have been added to our group; Ken Schlecht, Chemistry and Tom Nugent, Academic Advisement among them. There are several others and I will confirm the latest list with Human Resources and report the full 2007 retiree list in the next update.

The bad news to report this time is in a message from Jan Van Ess that I received on June 20, 2007. I have edited the dated material but otherwise it is as received:

Most of you are aware that Don passed away from pancreatic cancer on May 20. [His memorial service was held on June 30 at 3:00 PM at West Funeral Home in Weaverville. A reception followed at the Reems Creek Golf Club House.]
[I believe I shared the Don’s obit in a previous update.]

The last (I hope) event in this chain involves me [Jan] and a household accident. I was washing windows on the 2nd floor. I had done one and had the 2nd one prepared to wash, but went down stairs and outside to get the screen which was drying in the back yard to put back on the first window. As I walked out onto our deck and under the prepared window (6’ x 3’) it let loose of its fittings and fell directly behind me, striking me in the head and body before it came to rest on the edge of a table while I was knocked unconscious. I managed to pull myself off the deck where the window had fallen but lay there for a couple hours before someone found me. (Our back yard is very private.)

I was taken to hospital where I remained for 6 days with 2 broken ribs, a broken big left toe, and about 6-8” of stitches in my head, innumerable cuts and bruises.

I have been home for a week now and am starting to ‘come around,’ at. Friends and neighbors have been ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS! I have had meals not only brought in but served to me in bed, cats cared for (even to scrubbing their boxes!), errands run and taxi rides for follow up visits. Greetings and cards enough to open a card shop.

[Don’s memorial was a very nice musical tribute.]

Fondly, Jan Van Ess

[Jan, thanks for sharing – we all hope your injuries are now fully healed.]

Bill and Sharon Sanford have been “on the move with travels” recently. They were in NYS in late June to attend Bill’s 50th High School Reunion in Perry, New York and visited their sons; one near Plattsburg and the other new Glen Falls. Bill and Sharon live in The Villages in Florida and enjoy hearing about what is happening in the lives of former friends and colleagues from Brockport.

Jim Horn has recently returned home to Cuernavaca after five weeks on the road in Brockport, NY, New York City and Greece (taking someone else’s tour for the first time including a land tour, four days on Mykonos, and an Agean cruise.) He reports that every important site is overrun with tourists with up to 30 bus loads or more at every important place like Olympus, Delphi, Mycenae, Meteora. Athens is lovely since they spruced it up for the Olympics and the Museum of Archaeology alone is worth the trip. The Acropolis has so many people on top you can’t get a decent photo of a building. On the islands, four or five cruise boats land in the same port on the same day, each sending 1500 people ashore and ruining the enjoyment. And this isn't high season yet. Advice: if you plan to go better try spring or late fall, and if taking a cruise, be sure not to pick a cheap one which resembles a floating bowling banquet.

Recently there was a “sighting” of Charles and Jean Clevenger in Brockport. Charles and Jean are known to many of you. While in town they were able to see “old” friends Mel and Helen Smagorinsky, Rich and Joan Fenton, Herb and Alicia Fink, and Julie McWherter and David
Dworzanski; among others. We were happy to hear that Charles and Jean are performing well as grandparents and that Charles, after 7 surgeries in 7 years, is enjoying good health.

Chris Florence, Marketing Communications, is excited about reporting at Central Michigan University on August 6, 2007 as their new Director of Marketing. Chris has served Brockport as Director of Marketing Communications for several years and has used this springboard to join a staff of 25 in the Office of Public Relations and Marketing at Central Michigan. She will join three other directors--publications, media relations, and sports information in advancing Central Michigan’s image through traditional, on-line, and new media methods. I have had the pleasure of knowing Chris and, as an emeritus, have enjoyed working with her on a couple of committees. I know you will join me in wishing Chris much success and happiness as she shifts her attention from Brockport to Central Michigan University.

Congratulations Chris!

This is old news you have probably already heard, but, if not, you should know that Brockport’s former interim president, John B. Clark is now the Interim Chancellor of SUNY. You can find the news release about his appointment on the internet at: http://www.suny.edu/sunynews/News.cfm?filname=2007-05-1%20final%20BOT%20approves%20John%20Clark.htm

Congratulations John!

Best to all,

Bud

July 15, 2007

Greetings,

It is always great to hear back from many of you after I send out an “Update”. This time it was good to hear from Cal and Marghi Rich that they are now back in business on several fronts. They are OK after Cal’s medical ordeals and their computer is set up so that they are receiving email again. Others provided more information that I will share in individual accounts.

First, a belated Happy 90th Birthday to Neil Pfouts, College Registrar Emeritus (1961-1982). He writes that he received a birthday present from his daughter that was a week at Lakewood on Chautauqua Lake (June 9 to 16). On June 11th, he and Neva took a ride around the lake with their daughter Karen and son-in-law Ray and stopped at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Brown. He reports that they had a delightful visit with the Brown’s and that later in the week he was heard to say that the visit with the Browns was the highlight of the week’s activities. He did regret not being able to also see the Gennarinos (Emeritus Ralph and Betty who are neighbors of the Browns) because they were away. We send our belated Happy Birthday congratulations to Neil for reaching this milestone and wish him many more.
On learning of Neil’s special birthday, I took a quick look through my emeriti records and found that Emeritus Richard Elton (1947-1972) also reached age 90 on his climb to the pinnacle of agelessness. Dick, congratulations on the success of your climb and a belated Happy 90th Birthday and best wishes to you as you continue. When you have a chance, let us how you celebrated.

And, David Hale continues to be busy in retirement. He writes:

“Like many emeriti, I've been traveling. In October I went with a group to gut flooded homes in New Orleans. In January Peggy and I went with another group to do construction on a church in Mexico. A new member of the English faculty asked, "Isn't that strenuous?" Well, of course. The benefit of a group is that what person can't do two or three can. In Mexico, I found that I could lift a 50 kg. bag of cement, but I couldn't lift very many of them. Then in March we did the tourist thing in Italy: Rome, Sorrento, Florence, Venice, with side trips. Then I've become a Presbyterian bureaucrat. Among other jobs, I'm a trustee of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley where one of my colleagues in Kay Van Nostrand '64. When we carpool to meetings in Brighton, the conversation often turns to Brockport in the 1960s.

Dave Hale”

[David, thank you for this update. It is nice to be able to share your activities. I note that most of your activities involves service to others and I am sure those benefiting are very thankful to you and others like you.]

On July 1, 2005 New York City was estimated to have a population of 8,213,839. Since then that number has increased by at least two. Those two, Sandy and I, visited Manhattan on Saturday to check out street festivals on Park Avenue between 17 and 23rd streets and to walk on to the Bleecker Street festival between 6th and 7th avenues in Greenwich Village. While we were walking on Park Avenue a voice came out of the festival crowd saying, “That sure looks like Sandy and Bud Meade from Brockport” and the voice was followed by a gray beard in a baseball hat. Under the baseball hat we discovered none other than Patrick Madama, a highly respected former Advancement/Development Officer at Brockport. What are the odds of a chance encounter with a former colleague and friend in a city with a population of over 8 million that receives an uncountable number of tourists? Patrick is now retired from a vice presidency at CUNY and is living in Brooklyn and loving the city life. We spent several minutes catching up, and making arrangements to get together before the summer ends. Patrick sends his regards to those of you who knew him at Brockport. Sandy and I were pleased to have such an unexpected and pleasant encounter and went on to celebrate by having a lobster roll at the City Crab on Park Avenue while listening to the music of a jazz combo in the background and watching the festival traffic through the window. We are having so many unique and interesting experiences in NYC that it may be tough to return home when this gig is over.

Finally, if anyone can help by providing new email addresses for the following individuals it will be appreciated. When I sent out update the email addresses listed no longer work.

Barnes, Terrence tbarnes@brockport.edu
Greetings,

Today my mail brought the AARP Journal, a Medical Premium Refund Check from the Office of the State Comptroller and a belated invitation to a Concert on the Lawn on July 18 at “The Landing” in Brockport. Yet my good friend Jeanette D’Agostino Banker still tells me I am the “young guy”! In any event, I am sad to report that my “old folks” mail reminded me that I ought to communicate with fellow emeriti again.

Fortunately that is to report “the sadness news” I am aware of that needs reporting in this “Update” along with a report from Elaine Miller that she has been competing the wrong way with emeritus Larry Hjelle. She has shared: “My only real news is that I'm back to biking -- broken leg has healed well, plate, screws, and all.” Elaine, I am sorry, somehow, I think I knew about your event but I am not certain. But, for sure, we are happy that you are back on the bike and wish you safe peddling from here on.

Ted and Charmaine Starr recently returned from a barge trip on the Tennessee River from Nashville to Savannah, Florence, and Clarksville several days ago. They report that they had a great time and met many new friends. Their next trip will be our return to Sapelo Island where I worked as a Marine Biologist for the University of Georgia in 1954. Ted continues to amaze me when he describes his travels. I am sure he has many stories to tell about WWII the many research and travel experiences he has been fortunate enough to enjoy. I suspect from email exchanges that he would welcome contact from former colleagues and friends from Brockport when he is not on the road, river, or ocean. If you have forgotten how to get to the emeriti on-
line directory to locate other emeriti, go to https://www.brockport.edu/internal/edir/ and use “emeriti” as your userID and “fromsuny” as your password. Please do not share this information outside of our group since we need to protect ourselves from undesired spam.

Ted, thanks for keeping in touch and enjoy your travels!

Mel Smagorinsky has shared news about Ed Lennert, a former colleague at Brockport. From Mel: “He was an instructional development specialist in the Educational Communications Center from 1973 to 1977. After Brockport, he went to MCC where he completed his career. Helen and I went to his retirement party last weekend. There are emeriti who will know him. Dennis Jasinski, a former student and staffer at Brockport, was also in attendance.”

[Mel, send our congratulation to Ed and thanks for sharing—brings back some fond memories. If you have it please share information about Dennis Jasinski as well.]

Best regards,

Bud

September 27, 2007

Hello again,

I had good intentions on to send out an Update on August 24, 2007 but…I never thought that going back to work under “my terms” would be so consuming!

Since we last “talked” we have had some great encounters with former Brockport colleagues and friends. At the end of August, we were pleased to connect with Joe and Ellen Gilbert and visit with them in their Manhattan apartment before going out to dinner. We had a great time talking about “our Brockport years” and our pasts in general. Soon after our visit Joe and Ellen flew to Spain for three weeks where they would celebrate their 49th wedding anniversary…Joe will have a real challenge coming up with a way to top this trip when they need to celebrate their 50th! More recently, we met Steve and Sue Ireland when they visited their Manhattan apartment and had a very enjoyable evening talking with them at their apartment and later over dinner. We also took them to task as they joined us for walking 10 of the 20 blocks to our car.

On a more personal note – I have learned the hard way that drinking and driving don’t mix! Last Sunday I told Sandy I was hopping on the bike to go get the Sunday Dailey News (for the TV Guide) and the New York Times. Before leaving the deli, I decided that, sure, I could handle a cup of coffee on a mountain bike while riding back to the campus. Then suddenly I was faced with a cobblestone rock in my path, a car on my left shoulder and some broken road shoulder on the right. I chose the rock, lost control and hurled myself over the handlebars into a rock wall—all the time trying to balance the coffee but…it spilled with me! Fortunately, I was able to let my left arm take the damage and avoided hitting my head on the wall since my head gear was safely tucked away on the back seat of my car. I was lucky that I survived with only minor cuts and bruises no worse than what I might have received at lunch hour basketball at Brockport when
Dick Mancuso and I guarded each other. That brings me to a matter of serious concern. Dick Mancuso, the emeritus commissioner of the Noontime Basketball Association (NBA) at Brockport, could use a little good cheer. He has been fighting through some difficult health issues the last few months and continues to have some unresolved health issues. Dick is truly, as the late Harold Rakov might say, an “institutional” icon and we are sorry to hear of his health challenges so soon after retirement. So, Dick, our thoughts and prayers are with you and we hope you will soon have a favorable diagnosis of something that you can beat up on as well as you beat up your friends on the basketball court and the golf course.

Speaking of basketball --- years ago – [darn, that is what my grandparents used to say] – Sandy worked as a part-time secretary to the BSG Board. In that role, she met and became friends with many students who were active in student government. One of them was Ivan Marquez who we would visit “years ago” whenever we came to NYC when he worked at Macy’s and Bloomingdales. In recent years (12 if memory serves me) Ivan has been working at Concordia College, first as Volleyball Coach and then, for several years as Director of Athletics. A couple of weeks ago Sandy decided to “google” Ivan and discovered that Concordia is only about 12 miles from Throgs Neck. So, after Sandy and Ivan had a couple of email exchanges we decided to surprise him by going to a volleyball game at Concordia. During our surprise visit we sadly learned that Ivan has some medical challenges, but that he is having a great time as Director of Athletics at a small underfunded college. We were sad to hear of his health challenges but very happy to see how poised he was in meeting them head on. Moreover, we were particularly pleased to hear that in October, Mauro Panaggio, the legendary Brockport basketball coach, has accepted Ivan’s invitation to conduct some basketball clinics at Concordia. Unfortunately, Sandy and I have other commitments and will be unable to make a connection but all of these stories only prove that we, like it or not, are all connected. It is a small world. Pete Peterson’s response to my mentioning of our bumping into Patrick Madama at a Park Avenue Festival in Manhattan a few weeks ago which follows in the unsent August 24, 2007 that further expands on this.

The following is time sensitive as well as emotionally sensitive to all of us because there is almost no one who has not had their life impacted by cancer—either having it themselves or seeing its impact on friends and relatives. Sadly, it not only affects our generation—it now attacks at all ages. We pause to pass some emotional feeling across the airwaves to Carrie LaZarre, daughter of the late Adam LaZarre and Jet LaZarre and to Jennifer Skoog, daughter of Gary and Lori Skoog. There are of course so many others who we should keep in our thoughts. Anyway, although this is late notice, here is an opportunity to lend support to finding a cure.

Dear Faculty and Staff at SUNY Brockport,
The Annual "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk will take place on Sunday, September 30, 2007 in Rochester. If you would like to walk with the "SUNY Brockport Team" please let me know and I will get a sponsor sheet to you. The walk is approximately 5 miles and is through downtown Rochester. Registration takes place at 9:00am at Frontier Field and the walk begins at 10:00 am.

Unfortunately, more and more of us are touched by breast cancer each year. Please consider walking or sponsoring someone. You don't have to be on a team to walk- you can walk as an
individual as well. For more information on the walk you can visit
www.cancer.org/stridesonline.

Hope for a nice day and remember to wear pink!
Thanks,
Val Adduci
Financial Aid Office
(vadduci@brockport.edu)
585-395-5084

August 24, 2007 (intended but not sent)

Greetings,

Well……..where did the summer go? Another academic year is just about underway throughout higher education and some of us are still close enough to it to monitor the activities. At SUNY Maritime College, which is a quasi-military college, the regimental students will be “graduating” from two weeks of indoctrination at 11:00 a.m. tomorrow just as the civilian students begin arriving on campus. Since Sandy and I live on campus we have “experienced” the “boot camp” for the regimental students these past three weeks from their running and calling out cadence at 6:00 a.m. to their continuous marching and loud recitations of the regimental creeds. As a former Marine I must admit that I had a great sense of nostalgia as I listened to the bugle calls, the marching sounds, and the chants as the regiment practiced graduation drills on the parade deck outside my office all morning. It is quite amazing at this stage in life to reflect back with pleasurable thoughts about events that at the time were miserable. Of course, as an “old coot” senior citizen and once upon a time enlisted U.S. Marine, I’ll even have to admit that there is a certain pleasure in having retired Navy Admirals and Captains call me SIR! It is even more pleasurable to still be alive and to be aware of it! I was reminded of this recently in a message sent to a number of canoe enthusiast by emeritus Walter Borowiec:

"I am selling my Old town 17 foot “Royalex” canoe. It is the Penobscot model and is red. This boat supposedly weighs 65 pounds. It is good in whitewater and yet paddles well in a lake--it is faster than my old Tripper or Pathfinder. I will be selling it for 700 bucks next week--my friends can steal it at 600--this boat sells for 1400 dollars new. It is in good, not great shape. It has a few scratches and dings but no major problems. It goes in the paper next week---so let me know... Wallyb”

Some of Wally’s description of his canoe fits a lot of us fairly well, particularly the “scratches and dings,” not to mention that we all could go into the paper soon, if you know what I mean! But, for me, I was somewhat taken back by the possibility that Wally might be giving up his canoe because he can no longer enjoy it! Sadly, it brought back to memory a discussion I had with George Cornell, Director of Libraries Emeritus, just shortly before his untimely death at my current age several years ago. Just prior to retiring George had purchased a very stable canoe that was relatively heavy as a tradeoff for the stability. I had bumped into him on Main Street and asked him if he was still getting out in his canoe and he responded that he hadn’t been doing so recently because its weight made it difficult for him to load it. My thought at the time was, I
ought to give him a call and offer to help him go canoeing sometime, but—if you’ve been reading this stuff for long, we’ve been there before!

[If you haven’t been reading this stuff for long see Santo Giglio at http://www.itss.brockport.edu/%7Ermeade/santo_giglio.htm]

The next thing I heard was that he had departed! But, in spite of his early departure, it is great that current events can trigger my memory of George Cornell and his canoe and that I can experience joy in remembering him.

Wally, thanks for prompting these memories and I hope you continue to be “well-traveled” even if it can’t be by canoe!

And, here is the rest of the story from Elaine Miller…which explains how she managed to decommission herself from bike riding for several months:

Hi, Bud -- thanks for the message.
I thought I had sent you the "news" but maybe not. I broke the leg in a fall on an Over-the-Andes trip, Argentina to Chile in November. And it wasn't even a fall on the bike. I had stepped off of it and went right into a ditch.
What can I say .... ;-). [Ah, now I know personally how fast these incidents can develop]
best regards,
Elaine

Although I generally refrain from doing this, I thought an audience of retirees might enjoy the following that was shared by a member of our group. Conceptually you should be able to enjoy it even if you have to change the political reference to fit your preference. Although I am not quite this outspoken as the retiree below, I have found that I have a lot more freedom of expression in my post retirement employment than I ever dared to exhibit when my livelihood depended upon my job!

"Retired People
Working-people frequently ask retired people what they do to make their days interesting. Well, for example, the other day I went downtown and went into a shop. I was only in there for about 5 minutes and when I came out there was a cop writing out a parking ticket. I went up to him and said, "Come on, man, how about giving a retired person a break"? He ignored me and continued writing the ticket. I called him a "Nazi." He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn tires. So, I called him a "doughnut eating Gestapo." He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first. Then he started writing a third ticket. This went on for about 20 minutes. The more I abused him, the more tickets he wrote. Personally, I didn't care. I came downtown on the bus and the car that he was putting the tickets on had a bumper sticker that said: "Hillary in ’08." I try to have a little fun each day now that I'm retired. It's important to my health.”

And, here are the Pete Peterson small world stories, prompted by our mentioning of our encounter with Patrick Madama.
Pete, thanks for the encounter stories! They are quite interesting. I’ve often wondered when I’ve sat on park benches, had lunch at cafes, etc. how many people I know have sat in the same seat at some time. I remember several years ago encountering a woman from Sandy’s high school class as we walked down the steps in a mass of people after viewing Mt. Rushmore. Then my most unusual encounter was when I turned down a row at a PX on Okinawa and ran into a guy from my high school graduation class who I had no idea was in the Marine Corps.

Good morning, Bud,

I'm not trying to one-up you on the chance meeting you had with Patrick Madama in New York City but your mentioning it did bring to mind some unlikely occurrences in my experience. Our retirement community of some 425 residents was initially marketed only in the three southern counties of Maryland. Despite that, we have one person from Buffalo, a couple from Wilson, a couple from Medina, two couples initially from Rochester (the wife in one of the couples is related to the Welch family of Brockport), and us. That doesn't count two couples who moved here from Ithaca, whom I omit because Ithaca isn't western New York. I wonder what the odds are on that great a random number moving here.

Secondly, when our daughter, Karla, moved here to start her elementary teaching career in 1988 she looked up a dentist in the Yellow Pages when it was time for her periodic dental check. She chose one at random. Get-acquainted conversation between the two of them led to the revelation that he had been one of my organic chemistry students. Karla was recently promoted to the principalship [congratulations Karla] of a large elementary school here in Southern Maryland and learned that her assistant principal is a Brockport graduate.

Finally, we were visiting in Flöm, Norway, a small community at the end of one of the fjords in August 1971. Taking an afternoon walk with our children in the local countryside one afternoon, we stopped to visit with a farmer who had come out to collect his mail from the box in front of his house. He said that he was providing lodging for an American because the local hotel was completely booked. He introduced us to the man, who, it turned out, had been manager for the musical group “Your Father's Moustache” when they had performed a couple of times at the Fancher campus. On leaving Flöm, who should we see on the small one-car railway train but Ed Amman, formerly of the Brockport Physical Sciences Department! What are the odds of encountering two people with a Brockport connection in a remote region of a faraway country? The world, despite its multi-billion-person population, is indeed a small place.

Best regards,
Ingo Petersen

Bud, in the early to mid-70's I was at a conference in St. Louis, MO. I stayed over an extra night to take advantage of the reduced fares that were available for week-end layover. To occupy the unscheduled time, I went with some others from the conference to the St. Louis zoo. I was standing by the fence looking down into the tiger pit when someone came to stand alongside me. I recognized him as Bill Ruf, retired from the English Department, and living at the time in Andover, MA. Not the same thing as encountering one out of a population of more than
8,000,000, unless you wonder about the odds of two people out of a national population of more than 200,000,000 who knew each other but were living in different places winding up in the same out-of-state location on the same day at the same time without prior knowledge or arrangement.

That really is all the unexpected coincidental encounters that I've ever experienced, so this really is the last one. Pete

Can you take another?

Charles and Carol Rice moved into our community about four years ago. Upon becoming acquainted, we learned that they were both originally from Ames, Iowa, where Dorothy and I attended Iowa State. Chuck grew up living across the street from the chemistry professor who was most instrumental in my being able to graduate on time. He was the lawn care boy for the professor and his family. Carol was born in the same hospital as Dorothy, although in different years. (Probably not that great a coincidence, since Ames only had one hospital.) Carol's uncle was my advanced inorganic chemistry professor and her aunt was Dorothy's professor in a tailoring course. What do you suppose the chances are of that kind of coincidental encounter?

The only other ones, I promise, was the time we were surprised to meet a couple from my hometown, Tipton, Iowa, when they and we happened to be eating at the Red Coach Inn in Niagara Falls, and the time I happened to park at Letchworth State Park next to the car belonging to the brother of one of my Tipton High School classmates. Pete

[Pete, thanks again for sharing.]

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Then from Pat Baker:

Hi Bud,
I don't remember if I'm sending this to the correct address or not. I took pictures of Harry and Norma Emerson at the Arts Festival. They are displaying their "duck derby" T-shirt showing they have purchased tickets. The annual canal splash event benefits BISCO and Lakeside where they both volunteer.
Pat

[Thanks for sharing Pat. It is always nice to hear of the many contributions be made emeriti/emerita and I am sure the volunteer work of Harry and Norma is greatly appreciated. Our best to Harry and Norma.]

The American Democracy Project (ADP) is pleased to announce the fall '07 Speaker Series. Mark your calendars and consider attending/bringing your classes to one or all of these exciting fall '07 ADP speakers.

Dr. Trevor Parry-Giles, Department of Communication, University of Maryland
Wednesday, October 3, 2007
7:00 p.m. Hartwell Theatre

Ms. Raheel Raza, Journalist for the Toronto Star and Author of *Their Jihad Not My Jihad*

Thursday, October 11, 2007
7:30 p.m.   140 Lennon Hall

"Multicultural Discourse in the American Electoral Process"

For additional information about the lecture series, please visit the ADP website [http://www.brockport.edu/adp/pdss.html](http://www.brockport.edu/adp/pdss.html) or contact:
Dr. Barbara LeSavoy (ext. 5700) or Dr. Dena Levy (ext. 5893), ADP Speaker Series co-chairs.

Sadly, I report the death of Charles J. "Chuck" Meder [taught as an adjunct in Educational Administration at Brockport] known to many of you and respected in the educational community.

Meder, Charles J. "Chuck"
Irondequoit: Tuesday, August 14, 2007. Survived by his wife, Beatrice Roach Meder; sons, Timothy and Daniel Meder; daughter, Marguerite (Sean) Torrens and Julie Meder; brother-in-law, John (Lynda) Roach; sister-in-law, Ruthanne (Theodore) Hanss; grandchild, Caitlin Torrens; several cousins.

Friends may call Friday 2-4, 7-9 at the JOHN M. HEDGES FUNERAL HOME, 1717 Portland Ave. (at the corner of Portland Ave. and Ridge Rd. E.). Funeral Mass Saturday at 9:30 AM at St. Ambrose Church. Interment St. John's Cemetery, Spencerport, NY. Memorials may be directed to the Charles J. Meder Memorial Fund c/o Finger Lakes Community College, St. Bernard School of Theology and Ministries or Aquinas Institute.

We congratulate Barbara LeSavoy, who is known to many of you for her excellent work as Associate Director of the Educational Opportunity Program. Kathryn F. Wilson, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs recently announced Barbara’s appointment as the Interim Director of the Women’s Studies Department.

Cheers,

Bud

PS. Our son Eric who lives in Shanghai and has his own toy company knows why the big companies have had problems with their toys because he has his feet on the ground in China where they are frequently on the factory floors. But, the reason for mentioning this is that his advice for those of us who might be buying toys for grandchildren is that we might be wise to do our shopping now while there are toys on the shelves. Toy manufacturers are now facing multiple product inspections by the Chinese government that are creating havoc with shipping and could affect the shelving of toys for the holidays. Of course, he hopes, probably more than any of us, that he is proven to be wrong!
Greetings,

Jim Dusen will have an exhibition of his photography at the Image City Photography Gallery at 722 University Avenue (near Atlantic) in Rochester.

The show will be up from October 10th till November 3rd. There’s an opening reception on Friday, October 12th from 5:00pm till 8:30pm. This is the same evening as the college’s big E.E. Cummings Gala being held at the MetroCenter at 7:00pm. It is a great opportunity for a nice evening in Rochester for those in the area who might plan to take a detour and stop in for Jim’s reception on their way to the Cummings Gala. For those interested, there will also be a Photographer’s Talk at the Gallery on Thursday, October 18th starting at 7:00pm.

Gallery hours are:
Wednesday – Saturday 11:00am – 7:00pm and Sunday 12:00pm – 4:00pm

For further information check the Gallery web site: http://www.imagecityphotographygallery.com or give them a call: 585-271-2540. Or, if you prefer, contact Jim as follows:
email: jdusen@brockport.edu or call 585-395-2133

Matt Vanderwerf, Benefits Office at SUNY Brockport would like to share the following announcement of 2007 New York State Retiree Health Benefits Meetings as follows:

General information about NYSHIP benefits and a discussion on Medicare. A full agenda is available at www.cs.state.ny.us (click on "Retirees" then "Health Benefits").

Where and When:
Buffalo - Monday October 29, 2007. Buffalo Niagara Marriott, 1340 Millersport Highway, Amherst, NY 14221 (Ballroom). From 9:30 - 11:30 and another session from 1:00 - 3:00.

Rochester - Tuesday, October 30, 2007. Double Tree Hotel, 1111 Jefferson Road, Rochester, NY 14623. From 9:30 - 12:00.

Registration - Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis and is not guaranteed.

We have just learned that Betty Gennarino, wife of emeritus Vice President for Educational Service Ralph Gennarino, is seriously ill. Please keep Ralph and Betty in your thoughts and I am sure Ralph would appreciate cards of support from his former friends and colleagues.

Many of you have requested more information about Dick Mancuso’s medical issues and Dick and Donna have given me permission to share a little about his challenges. In July, he became ill and was at some point diagnosed with a drug resistant form of pneumonia. During tests, it was
found that both his red and white blood cell counts were low. Following many tests and treatments Dick has no final diagnosis related to the blood counts but they continue to test for different forms of lymphoma. During his many test his doctors discovered that Dick has an enlarged pancreas and a gastrointestinal oncology surgeon has scheduled surgery to remove it on October 16th. The spleen has to be removed no matter what the diagnosis, because it is impinging on other organs. If all goes well Dick will be in the hospital for 4 to 5 days and will have a recovery period of 5 to 6 weeks. On Friday (October 5th) Dick and Donna will meet with the oncologist who is sort of the team leader. She will give them the results of all the tests and then decide the protocol for treatment.

On a more positive note, Jim Horn reports that his recent Northern Spain tour was a huge success with absolutely perfect weather the whole two weeks and rave evaluations. He took advantage of his time there to spend some time in Madrid and Valencia looking into hotels and restaurants for a probable tour of the south of Spain in 2009. There were no Brockport people on this tour since almost all of those from the college who have traveled with him enjoyed this itinerary on one of his previous tours there.

I forgot to mention in my earlier email about Joe and Ellen Gilbert’s trip to Spain that they were planning to meet up with Jim Horn in Madrid. They did meet up to share dinner and some bubbly to celebrate their anniversary which was their 47th, not their 49th as previously reported. So—Joe has a little more time to be creative for the 50th!

Jim Horn fears that he may have to put Europe on the back burner with the Euro at 1.43 to the dollar now! He reports that luckily the dollar is still high in this hemisphere and the demand allows him to take some exploratory trips for future plans. He is looking into some trip planning in Ecuador, the Galapagos and Chile. For now, he is just hoping to soon get an opportunity to just stay home for a couple of weeks after living out of a suitcase and eating in restaurants three times a day for a month. Meanwhile the Gilberts are home for a few days before heading off to Mexico.

Norm and Diane Frisch are great contributors to the welfare of the Brockport Community and Norm has written to share information about a growing annual community event in which many students and college staff participate.

SUNY @ Septemberfest 2007

Well over 100 community members volunteered at Septemberfest, a downtown Brockport celebration of community held Saturday, September 8. Among them were about two dozen SUNY Brockport faculty, staff, emeriti and students.

Although the fall semester had just started, Dr. Lynda Cochran found time to persuade 10 students, including seven from Pi Kappa Phi, to help supervise a variety of children’s activities in three hour shifts throughout the day.
Other College employees or emeriti who volunteered include: Jon Bell, Walt Boston, Barb Deming, Norm Frisch, Rick Hardy, David Jewell, Pat Jewell, John Maier, Helen Maier, Joan Martin, Julie Pruss, Barbara Sherwood and Bev Walker.

Hosted by downtown churches, the event has grown to include local governments and many community committees and non-profit organizations. It provides a one-stop venue for those who want to explore involvement in our community—and have fun in the process.

If emeriti wish to know more about this event, or to participate during 2008, please contact Norm Frisch scipix@frontiernet.net

And Elaine Gilbert continues to stay active. Among other things she writes:

"I'm off to band camp (New Horizons Band) at Chautauqua next week. A real treat—a week of music and drumming!"

I am sorry for the sad news in this update and only hope that our collective thoughts of concern will reach the Gennarinos and Mancusos and provide them strength and comfort as they deal with illness.

Bud

October 22, 2007

Hello again,

It has been a busy time for us at SUNY Maritime with visits from friends from Brockport, auditors, and SUNY Maritime events. With luck the auditors will leave this week and I will have time to prepare my part of a conference presentation on “Contrasting Styles of Retirement” with a retired colleague from SUNY System Administration.

Thanks to help from Ellen and Joe Gilbert we are now again sending updates to John Catan whether he wants them or not. Similarly, we hope we are reaching Jean Hitzeman as a result of an update to her email address from Del and Jeannette Smith although I think that Jean’s problem in receiving the emails is on her end (blocking) rather than a bad email address. Finally, it is also good to be able to reach Shirley Carmichael and John Stoller again as they have provided us with changes to their email addresses. Thanks to all who help to keep us in touch.

Here are a couple of tardy updates: First, in a recent update I mislabeled a travel event for Elaine Miller as an event for Elaine “Gilbert”. Sorry about that Elaine. And, I failed to mention that Ted Starr had his 84th birthday in August and that he and his wife Charmaine have enjoyed a number of barge trips recently and plan another one to Sapelo Island. Both Ted and Charmaine continue to enjoy good health.

People to keep in your thoughts because they are having the types of “senior moments” we all could do without include: Sandy Hill, wife of the late Derek Hill; Betty Gennarino, wife of Ralph
Gennarino and Virginia Weiss, Assistant Professor Emeritus, English (1963-1966) who is in the Westgate Nursing Home, 525 Beahan Road, Rochester, NY 14624, 247-7880. Ginny took a fall recently resulting in a serious fracture to her leg and she will be off her feet for several weeks. And, here is an update from Donna on Dick Mancuso’s situation although it may be a little dated:

Hello everyone---today Dick and I went to see a liver specialist (hepatologist) who was adamant that Dick’s splenectomy should NEVER take place. Why? Removal of the spleen without getting to the root of the problem causes more problems. This physician believes that there is a blockage in the portal vein leading to Dick's liver. He sees this on an ultrasound but, to be certain, Dick will undergo a procedure where a balloon is inserted into a vein in his neck and down to his liver. There, the blood pressure will be taken in several areas to pinpoint the blockage. They determine this by noting the differential in the pressures along the vessels. In addition, he will have an endoscopy of his stomach which may or may not be involved in hindering blood flow. Another ultrasound...a doppler ultrasound--will also be performed. Right now, the liver is ok...no necrosis because it does have a blood supply. It’s the blocked vein that seems to be causing the problem. These three diagnostics will, hopefully, confirm the hepatologist's suspicions and he will then operate, inserting a shunt in the vessel just before the blockage and directly to the heart, bypassing the liver altogether. Dick's blood counts should then return to normal although his spleen never will. His liver should return to normal size. This is not problematic IF the bypass works correctly. All of this will take another 5 weeks, so, once again, we are in a wait and see mode...but both Dick and I were very encouraged by the doctor today...he was confident and that gave us confidence in him.

Once again, we say "thank you" to all of you who have emailed, sent cards or called. Both Dick and I are grateful for your thoughts and prayers during the last 3 months.

We wish all a restoration to good health so that they can get back to enjoying retirement.

Following are a couple of announcements of upcoming events where emeriti representation will be highly appreciated. First from Mike Andriate:

You are cordially invited to attend a special event as SUNY College at Brockport honors the memory of its first swimming coach with the naming of the

James B. Fulton Natatorium
Ceremony and Reception
Friday, Nov. 2, 2007, 4 pm
Tuttle North Athletics Complex
Swimming Meet vs. Nazareth College begins at 5 pm
Light refreshments will be served
RSVP to (585) 395-2451 or alumni@brockport.edu

Jim Fulton taught and coached at SUNY Brockport for 38 years (1948-85) and was a 1986 Athletic Hall of Fame inductee. He coached swimming for 25 years, winning 78 percent of the team’s dual meets and three of the first five SUNYAC Conference Championships. He also
developed nine All-American swimmers. SUNYAC honored him for his tremendous career by recognizing the Outstanding Senior Male Scholar-Athlete honoree as the "Jim Fulton Award" recipient.

After graduating from Brockport, three of Fulton’s swimmers became coaches of Division I teams and four coached SUNYAC teams. At the time of his 1986 induction into the College’s Hall of Fame, half of the Monroe County High School swimming coaches were his former swimmers from SUNY Brockport.

Fulton, who also served as assistant football coach for five years, coached cross-country for 10 years. He bettered his swimming record and won three SUNYAC Championships during that period. He also developed an All-American runner. Fulton saw many of his team members become cross country coaches. Many others continue running in road races of various distances up to the marathon.

A 1947 graduate of Springfield College, Fulton majored in Health and Physical Education. He received his masters from the University of Iowa in 1948, and did post-master’s work at the University of Buffalo and at Iowa.

Then from the Dance Department via Greg V. Bell,

I'm attaching a PDF with the press release with information regarding the special DANSCORE performance of Moving to Make Things Whole on November 17th. This is a gala concert followed by a reception hosted by the SUNY Brockport Department of Dance and the Friends of Brockport Dance. The proceeds from the gala will benefit the scholarship fund for gifted and deserving Brockport dance majors.

Additionally, the Friends have a website, where people can find more information about the organization, SUNY Brockport dancers and the Dance Department, and dance events at Brockport and in Rochester. The address for our site is: www.friendsofbrockportdance.org.

There will be information about the DANSCORE performances posted on the site closer to the date.

For more information, contact:
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or
Stuart Ira Soloway, arts events manager
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DANSCORE 2007: Moving to Make Things Whole Premieres at SUNY Brockport
Brockport, NY – SUNY College at Brockport’s Department of Dance and Bill Evans, artistic director,

performances on Wednesday, November 14, 2007 and continues through November 17, 2007. All performances begin promptly at 7:30 pm at Hartwell Dance Theater, Kenyon Street, on the SUNY Brockport
The presentation on Saturday, November 17 is a gala concert followed by a reception hosted by the Department of Dance and the Friends of Brockport Dance. The proceeds from the gala will benefit the scholarship fund for gifted and deserving Brockport dance majors.

Moving to Make Things Whole will showcase the world-class artistic achievement of several full-time Brockport faculty artists. It will be a remarkably rich and varied evening, providing both entertaining and thought-provoking choreography, music and visual design. All works will be performed by the most gifted and dedicated Brockport dance majors, who were selected for this opportunity through an audition process.

Assistant professor Anne Burnidge is creating a new modern dance work in collaboration with Brockport Department of Dance resident composer, Mark Olivieri. The music will be performed live by a professional string ensemble.

Professor Jacqueline Davis will perform a new solo, the third in a series of recent vignettes that range from witty to introspective, lively to quietly sustained, and from traditional to the unexpected. Visiting professor Bill Evans will present his modern dance classic Craps, one of the dances he recently restaged at Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle under a grant from the American Masterpieces Dance – College Component program of the National Endowment for the Arts. In this exciting and lighthearted piece, the five athletic dancers will take considerable physical risks set to music in seven-count phrases, played live by professional percussionist Greg Ketchum and bassist James J. Kaufmann.

Associate professor James Hansen, whose choreography was recently described by The New York Times as a highlight of the International Dance Festival, will contribute a thoughtful mediation on group dynamics in a new work which blends moments of tender gesture with dynamic and athletic partnering.

Guest artist Habib Iddrisu will perform Growing Up in a West African Village, which explores the oral tradition and ancestral wisdom of his people, who combine dance, storytelling and music in their cultural expression. Adjunct lecturer Eddie Murphy and Bill Evans will perform in their new collaboration Los Gringos, a spirited fusion of Irish and rhythm tap dancing with a hint of flamenco, to music by Isaac Albeniz, played live by Mark Olivieri.

Assistant professor and assistant artistic director Suzanne Oliver will share her work entitled Haiku. Through text and dance, she has explored themes of change, loss and the nature of love. Professor Darwin Prioleau’s modern dance, Woman: Claiming Courage, Breathing Spirit, is inspired by a recent visit to Gambia, West Africa. This piece draws on the beauty, confidence, pride and clear sense of self of the African woman as the prototype for all women who maintain dignity regardless of the challenges they face. Music is by West African singer Soni and Department of Dance African Music Specialist Khalid Saleem, who will play live. Scenic design for this piece is by Adrien Tucker and Christian Tucker. Associate professor Juanita Suárez will contribute Hidden Messages, which looks at water as a presence that contains life, memory and intelligence. Based on Dr. Masaru Emotos’ original research on water, this work tries to capture the mysterious response of water to thoughts, words and pictures.
Music for this piece will include live drumming by Khalid Saleem and vocalization by Juanita Suárez, as well as recorded music by Christopher Reba and Mark Olivieri. The set designer for Hidden Messages is Michelle Harris. Sandra Cain is the costume designer for this year’s production of DANSCORE. Christian Tucker is responsible for lighting design and production. Tickets for the November 14 – 16 performances are $12 for general public, $10 for seniors, and $8 for students.

Tickets for the Saturday, November 17 gala performance are $35 per person, and include an invitation to the post-performance reception.

Tickets are available by phone at (585) 395-ARTS or at the Tower Fine Arts Center Box Office, 180 Holley Street, Brockport. Tickets may also be available at the Box Office in Hartwell Hall one hour prior to each performance.

And, here is another treasure from Karla Merrifield and Roger Weir who continue to understand the concept of “retirement” much better than I do.

It has been quite some time since I’ve written an entry for your marvelous emeriti pages—such a treasure that helps Roger, and me, keep up to date with our fellow busy colleagues!

So, here’s a little something for your next issue!

After succumbing to a cold (me) and the flu (Roger), we’re back in the swing of things this fall. With memories of the summer spent in the great Southwest, which included a 10-day dory trip down the San Juan River, we’re now turning our thoughts to our next adventures. First on the travel itinerary is a 15-day expedition to Antarctica! We’re quite excited, as you can imagine and, although we don’t depart until Dec. 9, we’ve begun the packing process. So much gear that will get us comfortably through the southern antipodean summer—hardly summerlike that far south, but we’re prepared. We think! We’ll be traveling with Lindblad Expeditions/National Geographic, the same outfit that took us to the Galapagos Islands last winter. Their educational component and attention to detail made them the ideal choice for this unusual destination. I promise to send a photograph or two upon our return on Christmas Eve.

Shortly thereafter, we’ll hook up our little travel trailer and head south for the winter, playing campground hobos in Florida and Georgia once again, and no doubt relishing the warmth.

My life as a “vagabond poet” continues to be a busy and fulfilling one. This fall I’m launching two new books of poetry. One is Godwit: Poems of Canada from FootHills Publishing (http://www.foothillspublishing.com/away/id143.htm) and the other is Dawn of Migration and Other Audubon Dreams, a chapbook of bird poems and photographs issued by RochesterInk Publications and a companion to my first-ever one-woman photographic exhibit now on display at the Center of High Falls Gallery in downtown Rochester. I’ll be reading from the book on Wednesday, Oct. 17, at 7:30 at the High Falls Gallery and sure would love to see some of our Brockport colleagues in the audience. The Dawn of Migration chapbook is available ($10, plus
shipping) from me. Anyone interested should write me at klmerrifield@yahoo.com. It’s a great little gift for anyone who loves the outdoors!

And, yes, I’m still teaching at Brockport. This is year six in the composition classroom with another group of freshmen struggling to develop their writing skills. What a joy they are.

Roger is keeping busy around the house and traipsing with me to poetry readings (I have three more to go this fall!).

For more news about us and our travels, I invite your readers to visit my blog at http://karlalinn.blogspot.com/.

Happy trails to all!

Kindly,

Karla

Information received from a reporter:

There was a nice photo of Lenna Whiteman on front page of the Brockport Post recently. Lenna is a resident at Beikirch. Also, Monika Andrews’ father died.

Bud

November 10, 2007

Greetings,

I regret to inform you of sad news today. We have learned that Elizabeth “Betty” Gennarino passed away on Thursday, November 8, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. after a short battle with cancer. Betty is the spouse of emeritus Vice President for Educational Services Ralph B. Gennarino. Both Betty and Ralph are beloved by those who knew them during the period of the early 60s through the 70s when they made significant contributions during Ralph’s working years at Brockport and Betty’s at Monroe Community College. Since their retirements, Ralph and Betty continued to support the schools at which they finished their careers and many have benefited from their significant contributions. Of major importance to many of us who have been blessed with knowing both Betty and Ralph are the important lessons we learned from these excellent role models. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Ralph as he suffers through his loss but we celebrate with him the significant positive impact that Betty had on the lives of others. We are also extremely thankful that through the efforts of Jeanette D’Agostino Banker in particular, with Mike Andriatch and others including Chancellor John Clark, President John Halstead, and the College Council, there was a tribute to Ralph and Betty’s contributions as a part of the celebration of “the Brown years” and Betty, along with Ralph and Albert and Marge Brown were able to be in attendance.
Betty’s legacy is in the many people that benefited from her commitment to education and from her role model. She will be sorely missed.

Calling hours will be Sunday, Nov. 11, from 2 to 4 pm and 7 to 9 pm at Lind Funeral Home, 805 West Third Street, in Jamestown, New York.

The funeral mass will be held on Monday, Nov. 12, at 10 am at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 42 Main Street, in Bemus Point.

Condolences to: Ralph P. Gennarino, PO Box 103, Stow, New York 14785

Information on memorials to follow

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Other sad or troublesome news

The death of Camilla “Cam” Ferguson, spouse of the late Paul Ferguson who taught in the English Department in the 70s/80s

Right after reporting that Ted and Chamaine Starr enjoyed good health I received this from Ted:

Recently returned from a 3 day battle at hospital for health related problems. I’ve been home about a week and getting back to daily routines. [this is old but at last report Ted was doing well and I hope that continues to be the case].

Virginia Weis continues to have problems. Since she broke her leg she has had surgery for another problem and then had a staph infection as well. We wish Ginny success in dealing with her health issues.

Richard Mancuso continues to eliminate the possible causes of his health problems. He recently reported:

Bud,
I had the liver thing done yesterday. It was quite interesting.
They wanted to sedate me but I asked if they could go lightly on the sedation.
They did. I was alert the whole time and I learned a lot. It was all physics.
Take care,
Richard

Since then Dick has reported that the liver tests came back negative so he will be going forward with the surgery to remove his spleen on November 27th and it is hoped that his problems will be over.

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Marilyn Colby and Fran Whited have been involved in bringing together people interested in boating and other water activities on the canal in Brockport!

Great project... and, you can imagine that with those two terrific ladies involved, things are really
moving. Among others involved in the project are Nancy Duff, Jo Matela, Margay Blackman, Bill Andrews, and Dave Berky. They would appreciate input from interested people. To start with they are looking to place a “floating dock” on the canal in Brockport. Consideration is being given to launch sites at Commissary Park and Harvester Park. Contact Marilyn Colby, Margay Blackman or Bill Andrews if you would like to support this project. I certainly would be interested in helping if I were a little closer to home.

Then I have this to share from Ralph Black, co-chair of the Brockport Writers’ Forum.

Dear Brockport Colleagues,

The final reading of the Fall ’07 Writers Forum season promises to be a very special event. The English Department's own, Steve Fellner and Anne Panning, will be reading from their new collections of poems and short stories. Though the Writers Forum's usual practice is to bring in writers from far and wide, next week we stick close to home and celebrate the work our own dedicated and talented writers. Steve's Fellner's book of poems, Blind Date with Cavafy, won the 2006 Marsh Hawk Press Poetry Prize. Anne Panning's new collection of short stories, Super America, won this year's Flannery O'Connor Prize in Short Fiction.

Both books have been well-received, and Anne's new book has gotten glowing reviews in the New York Times and the Boston Globe!

The reading will be held in
The New York Room, Cooper Hall
SUNY Brockport
8 pm, Wednesday, November 14, 2007
Free & Open to the Public
Ralph Black, Co-Director
Brockport Writers Forum
SUNY Brockport
Brockport, NY 14420
585.395.5701
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Mary Jo Orzech invites emeriti to register for computer workshops being held next week on a “space available” basis. From my experience, there usually are spaces available to if you would like to improve your skills or learn new ones, you are welcome to take advantage of these offerings.

Information Technology Services Computer Workshops with Diane White
November 12-16, 2007
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Excel – Budgeting and Finance  9 am - 12 pm
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MS Access Part 4 of 4 – Reporting Database Information  1:00-4:00 pm

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I am pleased to share with you an “Update” from Lynn and Anne Parsons. I am familiar with their new “home town,” Castine, Maine from a sea kayaking adventure a few years ago. Jim Wood and I did a two-day paddle from Stonington, Maine to Castine and back, on a couple of very cold days. While in Castine, we warmed up at the home of then Town Manager Joseph Slocum who was married to a former colleague of mine, Susan LaClair-Slocum, former Assistant Director of Human Resources at SUNY Binghamton. It is a great town, though remote. Here then is some sharing from the remote town of Castine, Maine.

Our apologies to you and your readers for not contacting you before this. As you know, we retired two years ago and moved to Castine, Maine, where we have had a summer home since 1987. We’re still here.

Castine is a small town located on the east side of Penobscot Bay, about an hour south of Bangor and a little more than an hour west of Bar Harbor. The U.S. Census will tell you its population is about 1300, but this includes the students at the Maine Maritime Academy, one of seven state maritime schools (including SUNY Maritime). Without the students, the year-round population is about 500. No one knows for sure. Moving from one college town to another has afforded us the opportunity to observe similarities and contrasts between the two.
Not long after we made our permanent residence official, we were asked which town committees we wanted to volunteer for. Like many towns in northern New England, Castine is dependent upon volunteers in its library, its fire department, its ambulance service, and most of the Town’s working committees. We wound up on the Town’s Comprehensive Plan Committee (Lynn) and the Castine Arts Association (Anne, President).

The town is small enough to have been able to hold on to the traditional town-meeting form of government. There are three “selectmen” chosen for staggered three-year terms, but they have no more authority than the town gives them at the meetings. The meetings themselves are part Norman Rockwell, part Mel Brooks.

After we moved here in the summer of 2005, we spent a good part of the next few months in extensive re-modeling of the house to fit our year-round needs. We were warned about Maine winters, but we have assured our new fellow-citizens that winters on the coast of Maine are nothing compared to New York’s Snow Belt, and the last two winters have proven us right. We’ll see about the next one.

Since moving here we’ve been to the Caribbean twice, Las Vegas twice, the Southwest once, and Boston and New York City several times. We’ve stopped by to visit with old friends at Brockport twice on our way to Stratford for our annual Shakespeare injection. I am working on a book for Oxford University Press, scheduled to be done by the end of the year. I was invited by the State Department to travel to Russia last February to participate in the commemoration of 200 years of US-Russian diplomacy. This has resulted in heightened interest in John Quincy Adams because of his service as the first American minister to Russia. Last month I was part of a grant funded series of JQA presentations in Boston, Worcester and Amherst as well as a lecturer at the Massachusetts Historical Society.

Our interest in SUNY-Brockport continues, evidenced by our funding of the annual Anne and Lynn Parsons graduate scholarship and the establishment of permanent award, the nature of which is yet to be determined.

Here is news from James Horn. Although Sandy and I love NYC, it sure would be great to follow in the footsteps of Jim Horn, Roger Weir and Karla Merrifield sometime.

I am back in Cuernavaca after a sensational trip to Ecuador: Quito, Guayaquil, and the Galapagos islands. I wrote the summary below for my own records with an additional detailed resource list I have not included. Now I am playing catch-up and getting ready to receive an Elderhostel group here on Friday. The following may entice anyone thinking about this destination in the future. Feel free at this point to close your mail or read/skim the summary as you please. Regards Jim

Ecuador/Galapagos Familiarization Trip October 16-27, 2007

This was one of the most memorable trips of my life and a sheer delight. I had planned to take the month of October off and enjoy a rest in Cuernavaca but I was tempted by a tour broker’s invitation to join a familiarization tour for travel agents to Quito, Galapagos, and Guayaquil.
Their one-thousand-dollar single supplement put me off so I contacted the cruise ship directly and received an offer I couldn’t refuse. The Explorer II is the most deluxe cruise ship in the Galapagos with only 100 passengers and 3, 4, and 7 day itineraries. All cabins are suites. Their booking agency Canodros responded to my desire to investigate for a possible future group and they not only waived the single supplement but offered a 50 percent discount on the double per person rate. This really surprised me for a ship that is almost always fully booked so how could I say no? Mercedes Velez was efficient and helpful with all arrangements.

I was able to arrange business class flights on Copa Airlines with Continental miles with great connections into Quito and out of Guayaquil via Panama. With the cruise incentive, I set about making my own arrangements for Quito and Guayaquil where excellent hotels offered me significant discounts despite the fact that there were several simultaneous conventions in both cities. The Gran Hotel Mercure Alameda in Quito did not have any more standard rooms so they discounted the standard rate and gave me an enormous two-room corner suite with views in three directions, two televisions with DVD players, a stereo, safe, fresh flowers, and buffet breakfast included. I was able to view the standard rooms and found them spacious and cheerful and after tours of several other hotels decided I had lucked into my first choice.

One of the hotels I had contacted must have passed on my e-mail address to a start-up agency offering incoming services for groups as well as individual arrangements. They offered me a free city tour of Quito which I gladly accepted and the morning after arrival a delightful young man picked me up in an SUV and gave me the grand tour. We did the colonial center, presidential palace, major artistic churches, parks and the like. Paúl Aguilar is an excellent and cheerful guide who gave me many tips on restaurants and museums that I could explore on my own. I invited him and his wife to dinner at what may be the best restaurant in Quito, Astrid & Gaston, since I had enjoyed such a wonderful meal at their main restaurant in Lima in April.

Days in Quito were mostly overcast in the high 60s with some rain at night, not my favorite weather so I would probably pick another month for the group. The big surprise was the high quality of restaurants and the fabulous seafood. Imagine under 20 dls for lobster thermidor in a deluxe restaurant with a tenth-floor view of the city! (La Terraza del Tártaro) The ceviches were every bit as good as those in Peru and more generous, including about 25 shrimp in the shrimp ceviche. I also enjoyed great meals at Mare Nostrum and got information on other recommended restaurants like Theatrum and Rincón la Ronda with folkloric dance shows. I enjoyed the seafood so much I didn’t get to San Telmo, the highly-recommended Argentine Parrillada. President Correa didn’t invite me to tea, but otherwise I couldn’t have expected more from a city. The museums are top quality including a splendid archeological museum with a collection of pre-Columbian figures, ceramics, and even a gold room. I found plenty to keep me busy for three full days and couldn’t understand why some agencies book their clients here for only an overnight enroute to Galapagos.

My package with Canodros included the flights to and from Galapagos on Tame air, punctual, acceptable service with even a meal and free beer aboard, though little leg room. At the airport in Galapagos Canodros, reps met us and bused us to the dinghys to take us aboard the Explorer II. I was thrilled with the size of my suite and very impressed with the friendliness and attentiveness of the crew. The “hotel manager” aboard, Arturo Delgado, found me out quickly and told me he
had been alerted to my presence and offered all he could do to acquaint me with the ship. I came back early from a shore trip one day, skipping the beach part, to tour the facilities with the manager and see the differences between types of suites.

The food aboard was superb. Buffet breakfasts and lunches were not extraordinary except that the lunch included a huge bowl of ceviche each day varying from shrimp to octopus to seabass) and lots of shrimp and fish for those like me who skipped the potatoes, pasta bar, and the dessert table. Alcoholic beverages were not included except for the welcome champagne and a crossing-the-equator ceremony. Scotch was 6 dollars a shot but the shot glass got bigger for generous tippers. A good Chilean wine cost about 24 dollars.

I was delighted with the other passengers and moved around among Brits, Swiss, Dutch, Italians (only two aboard and grateful to speak Italian for a change) and only four Ecuadorans, two of whom were travel experts whom I mined for lots of valuable information on their country. I took the four-day cruise though the Brits on the seven-day trip said they would not have been happy with so short a tour. It was enough for me since all the iguanas started to look alike after a few days. We had a morning tour, lunch break, and afternoon tour daily, each time to a different island with different flora and fauna, and the guides were superb. In the evening, there was a briefing on the next day’s adventure by the marine biologist. Eight excursions were plenty I thought, and I was thrilled to see so many bird and animal species so close up. Since all the species are protected, they have no fear of fastest growing species on the islands, the fat-bellied photo-snappers, of whom I was one of the more enthusiastic.

All lectures and excursions were in English, though a French couple somehow snagged their own guide in French. I had breakfast one day with an American couple; otherwise I sat only with Europeans and Ecuadorians. The crew and guides were surprised to find an American who spoke Spanish even to idiomatic expressions and off-color double-meaning joking around, so I enjoyed many private conversations with guides and crew who seemed relieved to take a break from English. This was a far cry from the floating bowling banquet cruise I had in Greece in June and I am thrilled at the possibility of going back with my client/friends at a future date. In fact, I was sad to leave so many wonderful people, but Guayaquil beckoned.

The new airport terminal in Guayaquil would impress the most sophisticated travelers. The taxi ride to the city center took only ten minutes and cost only 5 dollars, though the porter told me I over-paid. The Gran Hotel Guayaquil is nicely located in the city center within walking distance of the two major parks and the sensational Malecon 2000 river promenade. The hotel was fine but a bit run down and in need of some redecoration. I couldn’t complain about my 70-dollar rate including breakfast and free internet.

Again, the agency in Quito came through and set me up with another start-up agency in Guayaquil with a staff of three, two of whom escorted me all over the city for far more than half a day. I took them to lunch at the wonderful Lo Nuestro restaurant and really learned enough to plan my future trip. I checked out several other hotels in city center including Hampton Inn and Oro Verde and liked best the Unipark, facing the Seminario or Iguana park. Its rooms are the largest of the ones I visited, with floor-to-ceiling windows, great views, and a lovely lobby with classic restaurant. It was a bit disconcerting to have to enter it via an escalator through a
shopping mall! I did see the area where the highly recommended, Hilton Colon, Four Points Sheraton, and Howard Johnson are located and I was turned off by the sloburbia of McDonalds, TGI Fridays, KFC, and the rest. Why leave home for that?

The restaurants in Guayaquil were even better than those in Quito, especially Caracol Azul with its incredible seafood menu at sensational prices, and Blu, a relatively new international restaurant, the candle-light sophisticated type I enjoy. (Here a lobster salad and a loin of lamb with a truffle reduction and a mushroom risotto). The local parrillada was too noisy for my taste and even the two-pound steak didn’t impress at 14 dls. I had to give half to a neighboring table of four young men before I could even begin. Of course, I might have eaten more if I hadn’t started with the 25-shrimp cocktail.

The highlights of the city are the Malecon 2000 with lovely gardens and museums, the Las Peñas neighborhood, a bohemian area rescued from an impoverished favela, where the city government gentrified the houses, painted them in lovely pastel colors, and allowed the poor to move back in for just an annual tax. The botanical garden was a bit run down and disappointing despite the orchids and tropical birds, and the Parque Historico outdid it with a delightful botanical/zooological garden in addition to restored 19th century buildings moved in entirety from downtown, and a reproduction of a typical farm and a medicinal herb garden.

The guide, Julio Rosas, who comes from a notable family, introduced me to the famous mayor, Jaime Nebot, who was leading a group of investors through a new development site in Las Peñas. He has accomplished incredible things for the city and instilled a wonderful civic pride. There are about 400 city employees cleaning and painting and watering public gardens daily, and one hardly finds any graffiti.

Most of all, I was impressed by the friendliness of the Guayaquileños, even beyond that I had experienced with Rio’s Cariocas whom I had always thought the friendliest in the world. The hotel and restaurant personnel treated me like a king, and they seemed to do the same to their other guests who didn’t come bearing travel industry credentials.

I had to move quickly to visit all the hotels and restaurants I needed to see as well as decide which museums I would include. I really needed a fourth day in Guayaquil. Luckily the internet and the two agencies will provide me with any additional information I might need later. The dates for taking a group will depend on the availability of suites on Explorer II which is almost sold out already for most of 2008.

I don’t think I have ever scouted a new country so quickly and thoroughly and with such overwhelming success in finding what I had hoped for and beyond. This was a magnificent adventure and I don’t know why it took me so long to get there! I can’t wait to share it with the many friends who have traveled with me and deserve a similar adventure. Now it’s time to start research on the November scouting trip to Chile and Iguazu Falls.

[Jim, if we continue to be healthy, Sandy and I will join you on one of your excursions one day. Thanks for sharing your excitement over your findings.]
Bill Rock recently shared the following information regarding activities in which he has been engaged in support of the college. Bill, along with others he names, needs to be recognized for his efforts. I also thought that some who are unaware of this work might want to know about it. So, I share Bill’s communication in its entirety.

For the past two years, Mike Andriatch and I working with others have reached out to you in a community effort to raise money to create a meaningful fund to support graduate education. This is a progress report to those who have already made a contribution to the fund. I am asking those who have not yet contributed to consider a gift of $1000 to the fund. Any gift you make will be most welcome.

As of October 18th, 789 donors have contributed and/or pledged more than $92,000 to the fund. Our largest gift to date is $5500 contributed by Betsy Balzano. A 1973 graduate also made a $5000 contribution. Forty-seven individuals have made gifts and pledges of $1000 or more. The initial goal of the campaign is to raise $250000 so we are well on the way.

A group of Distinguished Professors, working with the Division of Institutional Advancement, contributed more than $15,000 to challenge the college community to participate in the development of a permanent endowment to support graduate education.

Everyone who has contributed or will contribute $1000 or more to the fund, whether as a single gift or over time, will be included on a plaque that hangs in the Seymour Student Union. Said contributors may also, if they wish, serve on a committee to guide the development of the fund.

Only a portion of income from the endowment is used to make annual awards so the fund will continue to grow and exist in perpetuity. Dr. Susan Stites-Doe, Dean of Graduate Studies, awarded more than $1500 in competitive grants last year to assist graduate students in areas such as:

-- A software program that permits students to do research in their chosen areas
-- Attendance at a professional conference or seminar
-- The purchase of materials that allow students to learn something new about their chosen profession.

If you wish to make a pledge or contribution, please send it to Mike Andriatch, Division of Institutional Advancement at the College. Checks should be made out to the DP FUND FOR GRADUATE EDUCATION.

If you have questions, please call me {Bill Rock} at 6374097 or e-mail me at wdrrock@aol.com.

The names of the 47 individuals who are already included on the plaque are:

On a personal note, Sandy and I continue to enjoy NYC! Last Sunday we altered our plans after driving to Manhattan and decided to take in the NYC Marathon – watching of course, not running! We had a great spot for 5 hours just about 1 mile from the finish line and I was able to get a couple of good pictures of the male and female winners as they were being challenged by their last serious competitors.

We have enjoyed meeting up with Joe and Ellen Gilbert and Steve and Sue Ireland in Manhattan when they have been in the city. This week we will be welcoming our son Eric, daughter-in-law Julia and granddaughter Charlotte Yanfei Meade from China for a visit. We’ll be joined later by son Brice, daughter-in-law LaRee and granddaughter Gabrielle Marlane Meade – it will be a full apartment but life is good!

Sincerely,
Bud

December 30, 2007

Greetings,

As we close out 2007 I look back at my first 7 years of retirement with wonder. While we have certainly had some fun adventures, we find it difficult to think how fast the time has passed. I regret that I have not been in touch as much recently because of continuing problems with email coupled with just too much to do. I also find that because I am not in Brockport I am out of the loop for some news that might be shared. Unfortunately, much of the news that does reach me is in line with the sad news which provides most of the copy for this update.

Georges and Rosie Rich who are known to many of you recently shared some sad news. For your information, George was recently president of the Alumni Association for several years and he and Rosie, a former member of the faculty of the former Health and Physical Education Department, provide invaluable service to The College at Brockport. They recently shared with me news of the death of former faculty member Ann Uhlir with whom Rosie had remained contact since their days together as colleagues at Brockport in the early 1960s. Some of you who were at Brockport in the years before the growth of the 70s might remember Ann. She went on from Brockport to a distinguished career in higher education and we honor her and her dear friends George and Rosie Rich by sharing her obituary from the Denton [Texas] Record-Chronicle.

Ann Uhlir: Former TWU dean fought on behalf of women's rights 09:53 AM CST on Friday,
Two days before she died, Ann Uhlir penned her last Christmas card. Just as she had done years before, her remarks were upbeat and full of life. Despite being hospitalized for four weeks earlier in the year, Dr. Uhlir believed she could continue.

For eight years, Dr. Uhlir fought breast cancer, and for decades prior, she fought tirelessly for women's rights. On Wednesday, the former dean and professor emerita at Texas Woman's University in Denton died. She was 73. Born to George Cleigh Uhlir and Gladys Eleanor Young Uhlir in August 1934, Dr. Uhlir grew up in northern Indiana, where she graduated from Kokomo High School.

She earned her bachelor's degree from Ball State University in health and physical education in 1955. A year later, she earned her master's degree in recreation at Columbia University. She then began working at the State University of New York [we know it was a The Brockport College] and pursued her doctorate degree from Columbia University, which she was awarded in 1962.

In 1965, she became the chairwoman of the physical education department at Eastern Kentucky University. Following that stint, she worked as executive director of the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women. In that position, Dr. Uhlir worked to ensure women garnered the same rights as men.

In 1983, she was named the dean of the College of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance at TWU. Six years later, she was named the dean of the College of Health Sciences. In that position, Dr. Uhlir brought multiple disciplines together in one college. That was a major component to the success of the university, said Carolyn Gunning, the TWU provost. “Within the last 20 years, she is certainly one of the most prominent leaders at the university,” Dr. Gunning said. “She played a major role in the development of this university.” While at TWU, Dr. Uhlir chaired the university self-study for re-accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. She also established the Center for Research on Women’s Health and implemented the university's first distance-learning program. Many TWU students will be remember her most for securing approval and funding for the $17 million Pioneer Hall and getting TWU’s all-women’s sports program into the co-educational Lone Star Conference. “She fit in here so perfectly,” said her partner, Jo Kuhn of Denton. “TWU provided a vehicle for her to grow and promote the equality of women.” Dr. Uhlir retired from TWU in 1996. In 2000, she was diagnosed with breast cancer, but it didn't slow her down. Ms. Kuhn and Dr. Uhlir went on kayaking and hiking trips, and Dr. Uhlir became heavily involved in Earthwatch Institute, which works to ensure a sustainable environment. With that group, Dr. Uhlir traveled to Czech Republic and Kenya where she did research on environmental issues. Even after being hospitalized, Dr. Uhlir never believed that she would lose her battle with cancer. The final sentence on her Christmas card said it all. “We have the grim reaper beat,” she wrote.

A service was held at 2 p.m. Dec 7 at The Little Chapel in the Woods at TWU. A reception followed in the Southeast Ballroom at Hubbard Hall. Memorial donations may be made to the Dr. G. Ann Uhlir Endowed Fellowship for Higher Education Administration Fund at TWU’s Office of Institutional Development.
Brandon St. John, currently on the staff at The Brockport College and active in UUP recently was referred to me looking for input to story about the late Donald Wenzel, a former employee of the Educational Communications Center. Don died a few months back and I thought I had included him in an “Update” at the time but if I did I am unable to locate the copy. So, I am sharing with you my communication to Brandon.

Brandon,

I suspect I still no longer have an address book although I have not yet checked today. My address book included some 500 names of Brockport retirees and associates. So, I may be spending time next week reloading that file if our IT services can't do it for me.

In the interlude I have looked through my backup files for something on Don Wenzel because I know of his death and I thought that I had mentioned it in an ”Update” to emeritus at the time. But, I cannot find any document that includes such a write up. I have some recollection that I may have emailed a couple of people for input but I am not sure that is the case. In any event, I cannot find a reference to Don Wenzel in any of my documents so here is the best I can do without having his personal file as a prompt.

Don was part of the staff that that was involved in moving educational communications from the threading of 16 mm movie projectors to actually producing movies, slide shows and television productions, among other print and media services, in support of the educational mission of the College. As new informational technologies became available, he, like others, had to adapt and take on different duties and responsibilities, in his case, I believe, doing repairs and maintenance of equipment.

Donald J. Wenzel retired from SUNY Brockport in 1992 while serving as Assistant for Instructional Resources. His career spanned 27 years. Don's appointment at Brockport came during exciting times for the college as it was transitioning from a Teacher's College to an Arts and Science College. It was also a time when one of the best Educational Communications Centers in SUNY was being created -- both in terms of the physical facility (Edwards Hall) and the staff that was brought together under the leadership of emeritus Mel Smagorinsky. Don was part of the staff that that was involved in moving educational communications from the threading of 16 mm movie projectors to actually producing movies, slide shows and television productions, among other print and media services, in support of the educational mission of the College. As new informational technologies became available, he, like others, had to adapt and take on different duties and responsibilities, in his case, I believe, doing repairs and maintenance of equipment.

Don's early years at Brockport also coincided with the period following the passage of the Taylor Law in which collective negotiations came to the SUNY and its campuses. Don chose to become involved in that initiative and was involved early in the process in such activities as input to the unit determination issues. Shortly after the first labor agreements for faculty and professional employees, first with the Senate Professional Association (SPA) and subsequently with United University Professions (UUP), Don was active as the Vice President for Professional Employees for many years. As Human Resources Director, I worked with Don to resolve many issues and to try to make sure that Brockport complied with the sections of the "Agreement" that provided unique benefits for the Professional Employees such as evaluation and promotion. Don was a strong advocate for Professional Employees and was proactive in
making their issues known to management.

On a personal note, I got to know Don a little better when he and I both decided to take a course to learn the "Basic" computing language in the early 1980s. We both took the course from Dennis Martin who was a professor of mathematics and also the UUP Chapter President at the time. Don and I often collaborated to help each other with homework projects and I'll admit that I enjoyed working with him more in our roles as students than on a few occasions when we were strong adversaries because of our different interpretations of the labor agreement. Fortunately, we both received an "A" in the Basic Computing Course and my "A" was a great relief to me. During the period that the Basic Course was really "all Greek" to me I remember having the dreadful thought that following failure in the course I might soon be reading in the Beacon -- "It is no wonder the Personnel Office is so messed up -- the Personnel Director is not even capable of getting more than an "E" in Basic Computing". Of course that did not happen and Dennis Martin was an excellent teacher and all of us, Dennis, Don and me, had a certain bonding during that period that made it easier for us to work together on personnel issues thereafter.

Don, although in later years not all that happy with his work as new technologies evolved and the services provided by the Educational Communications Center were reorganized, continued to be an advocate for Professional Employees and there are many who are thankful for his friendship and support. Notice of his recent passing brings to mind many fond memories of him and the many associations we had together in the late 60s through the early 90s.

The staff of the former Educational Communications Center gets a lot of attention in this “Update”—some good news and more sad news to follow. First, do you remember Ed Lennert? He was an instructional development specialist in the Educational Communications Center from 1973 to 1977. After Brockport, he went to MCC where he completed his career. Mel and Helen Smagorinsky went to his retirement party recently. Dennis Jasinski, a former student and staffer at Brockport, was also in attendance. I suspect many of you will remember both Ed Lennert and Dennis Jasinski and join me in sending our best wishes to Ed for a healthy and happy retirement.

Jim Horn is home again in Cuernavaca after a 12-day investigation trip to Santiago Chile, the Falls of Iguazú, and Buenos Aires. He was able to complete most arrangements for a February 2009 tour to the southern cone. His January 2009 trip to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands sold out all but two doubles within a week. Jim planned to be in Brockport for a few days during the holidays.

Emeritus Mel Smagorinsky shared sad news a month or so ago about the death of Russell Teresi another former member of the staff of the Educational Communications Center. Russ Teresi was a television engineer who, according to Mel, was the epitome of a professional—he always strove for excellence in his work and was conscientious and dedicated. His primary responsibility was video recording—particularly in using the quadrature machine that was state of the art in the broadcast industry at the time. He also maintained the broadcast quality cameras in the studio among other assignments. According to Mel, you could not find a finer staff member.
Regretfully I cannot find a record for Russ in my emeriti directory or in my emeriti data file. I do not know how he slipped through the cracks but I will ask the HR Office at Brockport to send me the information to create his record. I do believe he came to Brockport in the late 60s and according to Bernie Lynch and Mel Smagorinsky he came from WROC, Channel 8 in Rochester. It is possible that he left Brockport before retiring which would explain why he is not in my data base.

Besides my knowledge of Russ’s work through experience and from Mel, I had the pleasure of seeing Russ perform as the only real bowler on one of the worst bowling teams to ever participate in the former Schoolmaster League. Russ could actually bowl and turn in some decent scores. But, he was truly handicapped by his teammates that included Mel Smagorinsky, Harry Emmerson and me—I was the worst by far! Harry could actually help the cause but the two of them—Russ and Harry—could not overcome the burden placed on the team by the very untalented Meade and Smagorinsky. The only thing that allowed them to keep us from being last in the league each year was that there was competition for that placement from another college team. If my memory serves me correctly, the members of that team included emeritus Bob Giblin and the late emeritus Donald Wenzel mentioned above, among others. Our two teams were cellar performers and it was always right down to the wire to see who succeeded in ending up ranked at bottom of the league.

I always enjoyed being in the company of Russ Teresi, although I know that he, like Don Wenzel, struggled following the reorganization that led to the elimination of the Educational Communications Center. The last contact I had with Russ was at Wegman’s some time ago [2-3 years would be a guess] and my recollection is that he shared with me that he had some serious medical concerns but was making the most of it. We regret the passing of Russell Teresi and are sad to surmise that he suffered in his last days. But, we remember the good times, particularly teaching him to somewhat enjoy his fate at the bowling alley, and we are better for having known him. Russ, rest in peace but get yourself on a good bowling team before we arrive or your fate in this life may follow you.

On a newsy note—the Elaine K. Miller Women and Gender Studies Scholarship will soon be up and running, recipient to be identified in the spring, for the AY ’08-09.

Emeritus George Toth reports that he is providing about 30 hours per week of service to the United Nations Association in Rochester. It is great that they and many other organizations and associations benefit from the services of emeriti/emerita from The College at Brockport.

I am pleased to report that Dick Mancuso is recovering nicely after the removal of his spleen. He looks good and is getting stronger every day with the hope that he will be able to teach a course in the spring 2008 semester. It has been a trying year for Dick and his family but hopefully 2008 will treat them better. They await test results on some tissue but are optimistic that the reports will be favorable and any remaining medical problems treatable. We will continue to keep Dick and Donna in our thoughts and prayers.

Finally, we have heard that emeritus John Kutolowski has some health issues and that he and Cathy could benefit from some good cheer.
Please don’t be afraid to share the positive things that are going on in your lives and in the life of The Brockport College to provide a little balance to these Updates.

Sandy and I sent our best wishes to all of you for health and happiness in the New Year. We continue to explore and enjoy the NYC area and look forward to Manhattan outings with the Irelands and Gilberts, among others, when they are in town.

Happy New Year!

Bud

January 1, 2008

Greetings,

On this first day of the New Year I share one piece of sad news I forgot to include in my recent Update as well as a little feedback from a few of you.

The sad news is the report of the death of Charles G. Welch. I clipped the obituary from the Rochester D&C while home and my great colleague and friend Jeanette D’Agostino Banker confirmed for me that Charles was the Charles I had known many years ago. Then I forgot to mention his passing because I have no memory and the obituary became buried in the bottom of my backpack.

Charles Welch, who was predeceased by his wife Joan, died on Saturday, December 22, 2007. Memorials are directed to the American Cancer Society for liver cancer research. For those of you who were part of the State University of New York College at Brockport before 1970 you may remember Charles G. Welch when he was Dean of Men during the 1960s. Others may have met him after he left the College since he remained in Brockport as a businessman. Charles was one of the first people I met when I arrived in Brockport in 1967. This was just at the time that “in loco parentis” was becoming a thing of the past and Brockport still had the traditional Dean of Men and Dean of Women titles in its organizational structure. Charles’ counterpart as Dean of Woman was Peg Bergen (not sure of spelling of her last name). A favorite of mine, Ollie Spaulding, was the Dean of Students at the time (I believe the last Dean of Students as the position evolved into a Vice Presidency thereafter if my memory serves me). The rest of the staff of the Dean of Students Office included emerita Barbara Sherwood, the late Daniel Sullivan (Director of the College Union/Center); Pat Ryan (Director of Student Activities—not to be confused with the Pat Ryan of English Department and Sponsored Research fame); and Michael Woodhouse (Director of Housing). Growth was on the horizon at the time and it was an exciting time for a young man just beginning his career who was probably a little naïve about the impact of change. All of these individuals who provided initial mentoring to me, except Barbara, were soon swept up [and maybe out] with the changes taking place in higher education and soon they had moved on to other jobs in higher education, to private business, or to retirement. Personally, I have some very fond memories of the 2-3 pre-growth years in my career at Brockport when there was a sincere sense of family and a feeling that we all had some responsibility for the
welfare of each other. The passing of Charles G. Welch brings back fond memories of those times and those people who were early contributors to whatever professional success I have had in life. I am sad to learn of Charles’ death but pleased that our paths crossed in this life.

It was nice to have feedback from emerita Joanna Kraus with some positive news to share. Her new picture book, "A Night of Tamales and Roses" was just published this fall by Shenanigan Books. To take a peek, go to their website: www.shenaniganbooks, Joanna, congratulations! Best wishes for the New Year—may you continue to enjoy your work and experience such success.

It was nice to hear from emeritus Mike Weaver even though he might be sharing sad news about a former faculty member. Mike reports that he saw an obituary notice for Sam Pisaro in the Washington Post a few weeks ago and from the accompanying picture he believes Sam was on the SUNY College at Brockport’s faculty in the 60s. I do not remember this name so I presume if he worked at Brockport it was before my time. I share the information in case some of you might have known him.

Dick Liebe remembers the cellar bowling team and sent the following note: Glad to get your recent update. Sorry to hear about Russ Teresi and Don Wenzel. Like you, I remember many fun filled Wednesday afternoons at the Brockport bowling alley. Your team was always enjoyable to bowl against and NOT just because of ability. [Note: As I recall, Dick’s team had talent—his own plus a great anchor in Bob Adams—making them stellar not cellar!] Dick also shared: We are fine and enjoying our 14th winter in Tucson. Hiking, volunteering, and social activities keep us busy. We often see the Hubbards, who are wrapped up in their tennis leagues, but miss the Rockhills this winter as they are "enjoying" a Rochester winter this year.

[Dick, regards to Jan and your family! If was nice to hear from you and we wish you a very Happy New Year!]

That’s all for now! Enjoy the day and the New Year!

Bud

January 12, 2008

Greetings,

Heaven is celebrating as it welcomes a new voice to the choir of angels—but we mourn! Sue Long, a care giver exemplary in this life as ministerial partner to Jim Long, former pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Brockport; as mother; as choir member; and as administrative assistant in the Academic Advisement and Anthropology departments during her career at the SUNY College at Brockport; moved on to new heights on January 9, 2008 after enduring illness for the past three years. Sue is sure to receive the highest honors and rewards in the next life because she spent her time in this life honing her angelic skills and manners with great success. As an administrative assistant, she was the cheerful greeter and care-giver to students and staff alike. As ministerial partner, she was loved by everyone in the Presbyterian flock as well as by
everyone else she encountered. She was intelligent, knowledgeable, always polite and generally simply dedicated to being charitable to others. Her transitioning is a great loss to this world and particularly to Jim and those closest to her but this world will continue to benefit from those who learned by her example. Once the mourning has past those who knew her will be able to celebrate in the knowledge that she was one of the best prepared ever to join the choir of angels.

Emeritus John Price shared with me that Sue died the morning of January 9, 2008 in a hospice facility in Marshall, Missouri. I have obtained her obituary from the Marshall, Missouri Democrat-News and it follows. We send our sincere condolences to Jim Long and the family.

Susan Jane Small Long died on Wednesday, January 9, 2008. She was born in Wichita, Kansas in 1944 to William Addison Small and Elaine Slothower who presently live in St. Louis. She married her high school sweetheart, James Campbell Long in 1966 after they graduated from the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio.

The couple has three children, James Campbell Jr. of Springfield, Missouri, Jesse Matthew of Titusville, Florida and Laura Lee of Columbia, Missouri. They have two daughters in law Jennie Johnson and Julie Vaughen, and four grandchildren, Susan Campbell, Allison Sedona, Addison Matthew, and Ethan James. Sue also has two siblings, Patricia Small French, who resides in Billings, Montana, and William Addison Small, Jr. who lives in Montrose, Colorado.

Sue taught elementary and secondary school in New Jersey while Jim attended Princeton Theological Seminary, from which he graduated with a Master's degree in 1969. Jim served three churches in New York State before the couple returned to their home state of Missouri. Sue devoted thirty-eight years in partnership with him in the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA).

In Marshall, she was part-time secretary for Covenant Presbyterian Church, Coordinator of the Family Literacy Program, and editor of the Marshall Writers' Guild annual publication.

Sue loved the outdoors, so you would often find her with hands deep in the soil. Sue loved singing. Sue loved writing. Sue loved peace -- not just finding quiet and meaning in the soil and singing and writing, but also in the quiet gifts of forgiveness and gentle patience she offered to friends and strangers.

Sue loved flowers, but she also loved serving others, and so in lieu of flowers we invite contributions to Covenant Presbyterian Church, 710 East Yerby, Marshall, Mo 65340.

There will be a Memorial Service, Saturday, January 12th, at 1:00 p.m. at Covenant Presbyterian Church. There will be a time for visitation from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. and a reception following the service. Arrangements c/o Campbell-Lewis Funeral Home in Marshall. Online condolences may be sent to www.campbell-lewis.com.

In a previous “Update” I shared information received from emeritus Mike Weaver about the passing of Sam Pisaro who he believed to be a former member of the faculty at Brockport. Several of you have responded that Dr. Sam was indeed a Professor at Brockport who was very popular with students, faculty and staff, and in the community. So, in tribute to his life I am
sharing from these responses:

Dr. Sam Pisaro. Yes, he was a Professor of Education here in the 60's. Can't remember how long but he was a good teacher, a "doer", and a "personality"! I'm sure others from those days will remember him. He was a Geneseo undergrad as was his wife. They had young children in the Campus School. If I could scan/send, there is a great photo of him on page 15 in the 1961 SAGA....next to Dr. George Queen. Other photos in the yearbook too. I'm trying to remember where he went when he left Brockport....I think Alaska is part of his history… [Jeanette D’Agostino Banker]

Bud, thanks for the news about Sam Pisaro. He was important to many of us here. I know he helped me, as I was getting ready to graduate in 1961, to get into Ohio University where he used to teach during the summers. He'd been a friend of Robert Frost, and told me stories. And when I got to Ohio University that summer, I met him there, and he introduced me to his friend Jesse Stuart, and I got my first book signed by an author, a book called The Thread That Runs So True that I've always felt should be required reading for all prospective teachers. Dr. Pisaro was a man whose presence enlivened Hartwell's halls, a big and hearty spirit. I wish I hadn't lost touch with him, but that's the way things go. [Bill Heyen]

Yes, Sam Pisero was on the faculty. I worked with him. He was in the Education Department. He was a good man. [Betty Nasca]

Thankfully, I have some relatively good news to report. While Dick Mancuso still has some medical issues, he is on the mend and the prognosis is good. I’ll let Donna’s words speak for themselves.

Hello everyone, you may know that the tissue from Dick's spleen was sent to the National Institute of Health for further study—the oncologist called us this morning with results. Dick has histocytic T-cell lymphoma. It's a rare form of non-Hodgkins lymphoma but one that is treatable with chemotherapy. We don't know how aggressive it is and so next week [last week now] he will have a PET scan and a CT scan to look at lymph nodes in other parts of his body and then a protocol will be set up for treatment. The doctor told us that treatment will be outpatient but we don't know how often or for how long--all to be determined once the written report from NIH is in and the results from the two scans are analyzed. This has been a long road...since July...but it's good to know that we have a diagnosis and something can be done. Since the surgery almost 6 weeks ago, Dick has improved every day. His color is good, he is gaining weight and we have taken walks in our neighborhood. We even enjoyed a great dinner with some friends last weekend where Dick managed a lively 3-hour conversation! We are optimistic and have great faith in our lead doctor. Again, we thank you all for your calls, emails and cards. We are grateful for the friendship you all have shown us. [Donna]

Finally, in a recent “Update” I mentioned the passing of former Dean of Men, Charlie Welch. I quoted from his obituary that he was predeceased by his first wife Joan but failed to mention that he was survived by Mary McCadden Welch who lives in Brockport, his wife for more than 25 years. We send our condolences to Mary.
With this update we welcome John Spitzer, a recent retire from the Business-Economics Department, to the group. Congratulations John!

I send my apologies to the Beers, Catons, Demings, Hjelles, and Sanfords who reported email address changes but have not been receiving update recently. I erroneously assumed that the Outlook software at Maritime would perform as my software does on my own computer. On my computer if I make a change to an email address in my directory it passes the change along and updates any group folder in which the person appears. I just learned that this is not the case at Maritime—probably a simple change I need to make to my settings. I have been fortunate enough to find this true for the following people so if you have current email addresses for the following individuals, please share them with me. Returns from recent Updates advise me that the email addresses I have for them are obsolete.

Barnes, Terry
Cassie, Robert
Carmichael, Shirley
Clevenger, Charles
Cloutier, Fay
Filardo, Frank
Fraser, Charlotte
Galvani, Peter
Gibson, Rosemary
Gorman, Mary
Jubenville, Robert
Kane, Peter
McLaughlin, Helen
Mukherjee, Sam
Payton, James
Perry, Shona
Van Duzer, Edward
Watt, Karen
Zayas, Francisco
Zimmerli, William

Thanks,

Bud

January 13, 2008

Greetings,

Unintentionally I learned a new technique for getting feedback from emeriti/emerita—just misspell their names in an update. Interesting timing since I was just rebuked last week by a department chair at Maritime for misspelling the name of a new faculty member of Asian heritage when I had typed a “g” where a “q” should be. As in the emeriti case, the mistake was
not in knowledge just in the connectors between the fingers and the patterns inscribed in the
brain. Anyway, I was pleased to hear from John Catan, not “Caton” who also shared a little of
what he has been doing as follows:

I have completed two translations from French to English: (1) The Correspondence of
Etienne Gilson and Jacques Maritain and (2) The Philosophical Constants of Being. Both
awaiting publication and number (3) in the wings entitled Being and Essence all by my
teacher Etienne Gilson of the Acadamie Francais.

John Catan, thanks for the correction and the feedback. We are pleased again to hear of the
activities of an emeritus and happy that you are continuing to contribute to the body of
knowledge in your discipline.

I am sorry to share more bad news of the death of Sandy Hill that was just reported to me by
Betty Nasca. Betty has provided me with the great write-up done for the paper by Sandy’s
daughters. I did not know Sandy well but I did know the late Derek Hill, her husband and
professor of Chemistry and Dean of the Science Division at Brockport during his career. Most
of my contact with Sandy was when I picked up one or the other of her daughters for baby sitting
in our early years in Brockport but I knew that Sandy was highly respected for her many
contributions in the Brockport Community. Following is the daughter’s information shared by
Betty Nasca:

I have sad news to report to you. Sandy Hill, wife of the late Derek Hill passed away
January 6th. Her calling hours and service were Thursday here in Brockport. Let me
send you the information her daughters had in the paper. They did a marvelous job.

Sandy passed away at her home on Sunday January 6th after a courageous battle with
cancer. Born on October 25, 1935 in Troy, N.Y. she was the daughter of the late John
and Mary Cloke. A graduate of Emma Willard, she attended Wellesley College,
graduated from Russell Sage College with a B.A. in psychology and received an M.S. in
elementary education from SUNY Oneonta. She and her late husband Derek moved to
Hong Kong in 1961 where she was founder and headmistress of Morninghill School.
They moved to Brockport in 1968 and she taught at a number of elementary schools in
the area, including the Brockport Migrant program, retiring from School 36 in Rochester.
Sandy loved cats, playing bridge, History Club, Fig Trig, gardening and her many
wonderful friends who supported her.

Sandy is survived by daughters Lauren (Mark) McMills of Athens, Ohio; Brenda (John)
Reffner of North Wales, Pa; Amanda (Daniel) McCarthy of Norfolk, Ma; and Sharon
(Richard) Levin of Roslyn, Pa; six grandchildren, Sarah McMills, Cassandra and Derek
Reffner, Brian and Sean McCarthy and Alexander Levin. In addition to her husband and
parents she was predeceased by her sister, Betty Ruth Cloke Curtiss.

Family and friends called Thursday from 12-2 at the Fowler Funeral Home, 340 West
Avenue, Brockport where Sandy's memorial service was held at 2pm.
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Humane Society of Rochester and Monroe County at Lollypop Farm.

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Thanks to feedback from Mel Smagorinsky I believe we are again in touch with Charles Clevenger and we are still working on getting the contact information for Frank Filardo corrected. However, in addition to those with whom we have lost contact listed in my last Update, please share email addresses for the following individuals if you have them.

Charles Barr
Charles Day
Hubert Grunwald
Bernie Petit

Thanks again,

Bud

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January 19, 2008

Greetings,

I guess it is our ages but it is difficult to find good news to report anymore. I used to count on Karla and Roger but they probably don’t have a computer with them in their tundra tent in Antarctica. But, thanks to some feedback resulting from the last bad news “Update” I do have some positive things to share. First though some news from Donna Mancuso that is not quite as good as expected:

Hello everyone---we are just back from the oncologist and have the "revised" diagnosis. The lymphoma is really a large B-cell lymphoma with T-cell involvement....a very rare form of blood cancer. The PET scan showed that lymph nodes in other body areas are involved and the disease is advanced. Treatment will start the week of January 28 and consist of a treatment every 3 weeks for a total of 8 treatments. Because the disease is so rare the doctor could not give us statistics...but she is confident that the chemotherapy will slow down the progress of the disease and probably make Dick sick and further compromise his immune system until the treatment is complete. After the chemo, he will participate in a clinical trial...i.e. trying another regimen of drug therapy involving a radioactive isotope. He wants to participate in this study because he is "an experimentalist" and is interested in "test results"! Ever the scientist! The doctor gave us a ton of reading material...so we will be studying this weekend in preparation for the first treatment which will take about 6 hours. Can you imagine Dick sitting still for that long? I can’t!

Dick's spirits are good...at least now we have a plan of action. As in our dancing, I will let him take the lead. I won't be sending any more updates.....but we always love hearing from you...so email or call when you can. Thank you, again, for your concern and care.
Dick, our thoughts and prayers for successful intervention will be with you and Donna as you play scientist and as she becomes caregiver during the experiments.

Mike Andriatch asked that I share the following information about a new program that provides an opportunity for members of the Brockport Community to socialize and reminisce. I’d definitely plan to attend if I were going to be in the area and encourage those of you who are to support this effort. The announcement reminded me of the days of the TGIF gatherings when the Alumni House was the Faculty Dining Hall and all of us were young—some of us even reckless. Following is your invitation:

Happy New Year from the Alumni Association!
As we enter into 2008, the Alumni Association and Alumni House Committee will be initiating a new program that will celebrate the gem of the Alumni Association: our historic Alumni House.

The program, First Fridays, will be a monthly event where the Alumni House will be open to the campus and local community. Those attending will be able to tour the entire Alumni House, enjoy hors d’oeuvres and refreshments and benefit from different monthly themes. The inaugural First Friday event [sponsored by Lori and Gary Skoog] will be February 1, 2008 from 4 to 6 pm. We will be dedicating a piano that was recently donated to the Alumni Association by Jon ’67 and Nancy ’67 Bell. There will be a short presentation and dedication ceremony to celebrate this generous gift.

Our goal is simple: open the Alumni House to the campus and community, have a place where people can relax and enjoy good food and friends, and celebrate the importance of keeping the Alumni House alive and active for those who continue to support it. We hope that you and your friends will be able to join us for these exciting First Friday events. We encourage you to reserve these future dates on your calendar:

March 7, 2008
April 4, 2008 (Tentative)
May 2, 2008

If you have any questions regarding these events, please contact one of us directly.
I am glad to again be in touch with Mo Beers, Hubert Grunwald and Phyllis Lista whose email address changes had not been updated in my “group” file and I am hopeful to reach Larry Hjelle and Jean Hitzeman again after fixing similar problems. In Jean’s case, we had a “.com” instead of an “.org”. As far as I can determine we either do not have the right email addresses for Charles Clevenger and Frank Filardo or their spam filters are just rejecting my mass mailing. If anyone is actually emailing them and getting through please share their email addresses again and also advise them to check their filters. Also, if anyone has a current email address for Sam Cornish I’d appreciate hearing from you. I also need to check with the College for names of recent retirees whose retirement I may have missed. Margay Blackman, a recent retiree is now a member of this group and she contacted me in response to the “Update” including the sad news of the death of Sue Long. Margay and the Anthropology Department are sponsoring a memorial tree planting for Sue Long and she has asked me to share with emeriti the following letter that she sent to others:

I believe that the news of Sue Long’s death reached most of you last week. Sue served the college for many years, as Secretary of the Department of Anthropology, staff member in Academic Advisement, and Secretary of the Department of Political Science. Sue was a wonderful colleague and close friend. Like me, you may already have sent a contribution to Covenant Presbyterian Church in Marshall Missouri as requested by her family in lieu of flowers.

Because Sue had so many friends at SUNY Brockport, I wanted to see a memorial here honoring her. Sue loved gardening and growing things, and I can think of no better living memorial than a flowering tree. (I have to confess that, as a member of the Village of Brockport’s fledgling tree board, I automatically think “trees”).

If you would like to donate to a fund to plant a memorial tree in honor of Sue, send your donation c/o Brad Schreiber, Brockport Foundation, 350 New Campus Dr., Brockport, NY 14420. Checks should be made out to Brockport Foundation/Sue Long. Donations are welcome in any amount and are tax deductible.
I’ve spoken with Rick Lair, Director of Facilities Maintenance, and we have chosen an appropriate site on Kenyon Street by Cooper Hall, just across the street from the Newman Center. It’s on Village property (and happily would fill one of over 700 empty tree spaces in our village) but right by the campus where SUNY employees and students walk. Rick will order the tree and I will notify everyone of its arrival so that those who wish to participate in the planting can do so.

Feel free to forward this message to other friends of Sue I may have overlooked and please contact me with any questions.

Thanks--
Margay

I regret that I forgot to mention in my “Update” that Sue also worked in the Political Science and International Studies Department and that she was working there when she retired. I was so reminded by both Sarah Liebschutz and Bill Andrews. Since their update also paid tribute to Sue Long, I include their comments as well:

Thanks for the information about Sue Long's death. The members of the Political Science and International Relations Department would want you to correct the omission that Sue retired from her position at the College as secretary of our Department to move to Missouri. I hired her during my tenure (1990-1996) as Department Chair. My colleagues and I quickly agreed that she was integral not only to the workings of the Department, but also to us. Competent and caring, Sue was a great asset and friend. My last conversation with her was over lunch in 2001, several months after my husband, Sandy, died, and not long before she left for Missouri to be near her parents. I remember her fondly and mourn her passing. [Sarah]

Bud--Sue served as department secretary in political science for several years, I believe longer than she was anywhere else. She was a wonderful secretary. Everyone loved her. She was a cheerful, gracious, efficient, competent presence in the office. [Bill]

IT Services again is offering computer workshops for faculty and staff with Diane White as the instructor. Emeriti/emerita are welcome on a space available basis—first priority of course goes to current employees. Seating is limited, so register early by calling x2368 or emailing tloscomb@brockport.edu

Tuesday, January 22nd  (Dailey 203)
  Word 2007 Intro/Intermediate  9 am-12 pm
  Word 2007 Discovery 1 pm - 4 pm

Wednesday, January 23rd  (Dailey 203)
  Excel 2007 Intro/Intermediate (spreadsheets and formulas)  9 am -12 pm
  Excel 2007 Discovery 1 pm - 4 pm

Thursday, January 24th  (Dailey 203)
  PowerPoint 2007 Intro/Intermediate (creating presentations)  9 am -12 pm
  PowerPoint 2007 Discovery 1 pm - 4 pm
Jim Horn sends greetings from Mexico and based upon his report one way to have contact with SUNY Brockport emeriti and friends might be to go on one of his tours. On his latest tour of Mexico City and Hacienda Cocoyoc he had 7 people with ties to Brockport with him including Tom and Mary Markusen on their 14th tour with Jim. He mentioned the Markusens by name to share that Tom Markusen was featured in the October 2007 issue of American Style with a nice article with many photographs. Unfortunately, Jim reports that only a summary and one photo are still on the website at: www.americanstyle.com where you would search on “Metal Artist Tom Markusen”. But, there is good news for those of you in the Rochester area as Jim reports that Tom Markusen has a one-man show of his metal work opening Jan 24 at the LeKae Gallery, 7106 E. Main St. Scottsdale.

Best to all,

Bud

January 26, 2008

Greetings,

For a change I am not sharing any terrible news today.

But first, a correction! Thanks to Jim Horn’s reading and editing of my last “Update”, I learned that the Tom Markusen Art Exhibit in Scottsdale, Arizona really isn’t too convenient to those who live in Rochester, New York. My eyes and mind really wanted to see Scottsville, New York in Jim’s email but it wasn’t there! Hopefully most of you have better eyes—I am sure better minds—and did not attempt to find the gallery in Scottsville.

The following was recently sent to current employees. If you still have an email account at the College you can access the printable version of the faculty/staff directory using your email ID and password. Emeriti who do not have a NetID (an on-campus e-mail account) can gain access to the directories from the Office of Human Resources. Please contact HR at hrdept@brockport.edu or (585) 395-2126 to set up access.

You can also access the emeriti on-line directory but you should know that it is also being updated. My recent experience is that it is too slow to be useful and many emeriti are not listed. But, watch for improvements at: https://www.brockport.edu/edir/

In response to comments and suggestions received through the recent Quality Service Initiative, a printable version of the faculty/staff campus directory has been developed and is now ready for use by faculty and staff at The College at Brockport. It can be found at The College’s home page by selecting “Faculty & Staff Directory” from the Faculty & Staff link in the upper right-hand corner. You may also click on the following: http://www.brockport.edu/publications/phone/fsdir.html [Joani Martin]
I checked out the current directory and learned that there are very few names I recognize. I suspect that you will have the same experience.

The following information is “time sensitive”. Dick Evans has photographs in an exhibit at High Falls Fine Art Gallery and he and Donna hope that many of you will be able to attend. Here is the information:

Donna and I invite you to the latest art show at the High Falls Fine Art Gallery, co-sponsored by the Community Darkroom. The exhibit is titled "Land Sea and Sky". It runs through February 4. Dick’s photographs are sunsets on Lake Ontario, each including land, sea and sky.

High Falls Fine Art Gallery
January 20 through February 4, 2008
High Falls Art Gallery, 60 Browns Race, Rochester, New York 14614
Wed through Fri 10 am – 5 pm; Sat 12 noon – 6 pm; Sun 1 pm – 5 pm
Information: (585) 325-2030 or www.centerathighfalls.org

It is also noted that the there is a solo exhibit of Silk Constructions by Mary Ann Scarborough, widow of the late Gregg Scarborough, (Physics) in the Museum.

Eileen OHara, a retiree from Drake Memorial Library has responded to my request for “good news” with the following information about the Drake Library retirees. I am pleased to be able to share it:

“I thought I'd send some good news your way. A group of Drake Library retirees meet monthly in Brockport for lunch. The attendance sometimes varies with busy retirement schedules, but here’s the group: Raj Madan, Steve Buckley, Carolyn McBride, Pat Jewell, Barb White, Eileen OHara, Betty Chan. Friendship ties are strong -- Barb White calls us "family".

Speaking of Barb White -- she's become quite the world traveler! Her son Jeff and his family are currently working in Germany. Barb and her husband Phil spent the past 7 weeks with them, traveling around Europe, particularly Paris and Venice. She's off again soon to stay with her son Keith and his family in San Diego, to catch some warmth and sunshine. We try to catch up with her when she's in town, which is not easy! Steve visited with Cal and Margi Rich in Monterey, Calif a few months ago. They are doing well. Carolyn is off to Ireland this summer with the Dady Brothers tour. Pat and Dave Jewell (Recreation Dept. faculty) have spent some time in Florida. Betty Chan and her husband Steve (Biology faculty) built a new home on Keuka Lake, doing most of the interior work themselves. They also have a new grandson, their first grandchild. My husband and I will be traveling to Philly to visit friends (Band of Brothers veterans) and then off to Florida for a week or so to get in some golf. Raj is busy, visiting family in Washington DC.” [Eileen OHara]
Eileen, thanks for sharing! From feedback I’ve received, emeriti enjoy hearing about the activities of their former colleagues and friends from Brockport.

Then I share this news from Rosemary Wilson, Procurement and Payment Services, that is bittersweet!

DONA HAZEN, after 38 years of service to The College at Brockport and the Office of Procurement & Payment Services, will retire on February 28, 2008. You are invited to join the Division of Administration & Finance to wish Dona all the best at a reception in her honor on: Friday, March 7, 3-5pm New York Room, Cooper Hall.

Donations for a gift are being accepted by Mark Stacy and Rosemary Wilson in the Office of Procurement & Payment Services, and Joani Martin in the Office of the VP for Administration & Finance, by February 22. Congratulations, Dona!

If you would like to include a special note or favorite story in a notebook for Dona, please send it to Mark, Rosemary or Joani by February 22. Contact: Mark 585-395-5149 or mstacy@brockport.edu Rosemary 585-395-2351 or rwilson@brockport.edu

Congratulations Dona and best wishes for a long, healthy and happy retirement!

This announcement was distributed via campus email but I know that emeriti are always welcome at programs sponsored by the American Democracy Project. This announcement might be of particular interest to emeriti because one of our own, Elaine Miller is one of the presenters.

The American Democracy Project (ADP) is pleased to announce the spring ‘08 Distinguished Speakers Series. Mark your calendars and consider attending/bringing your classes to one or both of these exciting spring ’08 ADP events.

Dr. Elaine Miller, Faculty Emerita, Foreign Languages and Literatures,
Tuesday, February 26, 2008
7:30 p.m. Hartwell Theatre
“Drawing Conclusions: Political Cartoonists on the 2008 Election”

Azim Khamisa of the Tariq Khamisa Foundation
Tuesday, April 1, 2008
Time and Room TBA
"Engagement in Community and Society: A Journey of Forgiveness, Peace, and Purpose”

For additional information about the lecture series, please visit the ADP website http://www.brockport.edu/adp/pdss.html or contact:
Dr. Barbara LeSavoy (ext. 5799) or Dr. Dena Levy, (ext. 5893) ADP Speaker Series Co-chairs.
Finally, I share this announcement from the people at the Raye H. Conrad Welcome Center. Emeriti can pick up RARES discount cards by presenting their college ID.

RARES (Regional Area Recreation Employee Services) Discount Cards
The 2008 RARES employee discount cards are available at the Raye H. Conrad Welcome Center.
RARES membership entitles you to over 200 discounts on area and nationally-based products and services.
Dozens of discounts may be obtained by simply showing your RARES ID card. Other discounts require you to purchase tickets in advance or utilize a discount code available on the RARES Web site.
An overview listing of current RARES discounts can be found at: http://www.rares.org/downloads/rares%20discounts.doc and a more complete descriptive listing can be found at http://rares.org/profilesalpha.htm.
You will need your RARES ID #, 20084482, (found on your RARES ID card) to fully access the RARES Web site.

Best to all,

Bud

February 9, 2008

Greetings,

I have just a few quick items to share with you. First, I’ll get the bad news out of the way.

Sadly I report the passing of Connie Seifert on February 2nd. Connie has been retired for several years but I am sure many of you will remember her from the days when she reported to the late Len Neidert as the manager of the parking division when it was located in Lathrop Hall. Some of us will recall that we mostly saw her for unpleasant business—either standing in line to buy a parking pass (why should we have to pay to come to work) or standing in line to pay a parking ticket. During Connie’s tenure in that office there were significant improvements the parking registration process such as a mail in registration so that we could avoid at least one of those lines as well as improvements in record keeping and other parking services. My recollections of Connie are that she was a pretty rigid interpreter of policies and procedures but a fair-minded person who was a competent and dedicated employee. As I think back I have fond memories of her welcoming smile as I, with my most disgusted look on my face, rounded the corner in Lathrop to face the Parking Office’s service window to pay one of those “unfairly issued” parking tickets. I recall that sometimes her personality took on my disgusted look as well when she was beaten down by complaints, but she remained as popular as you can while doing an unpopular job. We mourn her death but we honor her for the work that she did for the College, for her volunteer work after retirement and for her life.

Joe Kandor recently visited the Emeriti website and after reading the material prepared for the “Brown Years” building naming and dedication he shared the following omission from that
information. At some point, I’ll condense this and add it to the webpage. For now, I’ll share Joe’s comments and also acknowledge his contributions to the success of the program he describes.

“I recently had the opportunity to review the list of innovations under President Brown’s leadership. One of the programs he fostered during my first year as chair was the development of the Counselor for Minority Groups that later became Counselors for Multicultural Groups. Because the late Ray Coley, then Director of EOP in 1971, perceived a need for well trained counselors for the newly created EOP, EOC, and HEOP programs, Ray, David Henderson and I put together a Master’s Program that started in the fall of 1972. We started with 12 full-time and 12 part-time students who were working at various programs like the EOC who only had bachelor’s degrees. There were many prominent graduates from program over the years including Robert James, Gary Owens, Connie Walker, Laurie Adams, Douglas Best, Peter Blain, etc. At one time over ½ of the minority school counselors in the Rochester School District were graduates of the program that existed for 25 years. A number of graduates are still working in EOP, HEOP and Counseling Centers in the Rochester Area.”

Loyal Fan Rewarded!

Just rewards often follow for those who are patient! And no one has had more patience than Mel Smagorinsky who remained a loyal, faithful, hopeful, and often disappointed fan of the New York Giants through some very miserable seasons. We send our sincere congratulations to Mel for his super bowl win! It has to be a very nice feeling following the disrespect he has endured from friends who have been fans of teams with winning records. Mel, enjoy the reward for loyalty!

OK, so my reference to the directory on the Emeriti Website’s directory page in my last update managed to get everyone’s attention. Regretfully I did not do a careful read of the directory page before providing the link or I would have removed the reference about the availability of a printed directory. But, I am happy to advise you that the directory page at http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti_directory.htm has been updated and, if you still have a Brockport email account you can use your ID and PASSWORD and follow the “internal” link from the Faculty/Staff Directory page to the on-line Faculty/Staff and Emeriti directories. To protect the personal information in the internal directories and to limit the risk, I can assist emeriti only in gaining access to the internal directory. Those emeriti who no longer have Brockport email accounts who want to access the directory can do so with an emeriti ID and PASSWORD previously shared with you. If you were not yet an emeritus when they were shared or you have forgotten them, you may email me at rmeade@brockport.edu and I will share them with you. We would ask that you not share them with anyone besides other emeriti so that the privacy protection that password access is intended to provide is not compromised. Others are welcome to visit the public directory for current faculty and staff at http://www.brockport.edu/publications/phone/fsdir.html. Unfortunately, there can be no public version of the emeriti directory because all of the information for emeriti is personal (e.g. home address, home telephone number and home email).
David Hale has confirmed that he and Peggy will be in Xi’an, China from April 5 through April 26 to teach conversational English. They are doing their work through Global Volunteers and David and Peggy invite those of you who might be interested to visit the website of Global Volunteers at http://www.globalvolunteers.org/ to learn more.

Matthew Vanderwerf, Richard Black, Jamie Beers-Wilson, and Cherise Oakley are currently making the final edits to an updated Emeriti Brochure. As soon as it is finished it will be made available on both the Human Resource and Advancement websites. I will also update the “Emeritus Status” page on the Emeriti website to reflect the up-to-date emeriti benefits and provide a link to the on-line brochure. I hope to provide you with news of the availability of the new brochure with the next “Update”.

An emeritus colleague has requested help related to retirement benefits from the collective wisdom and knowledge of emeriti. If any of you have rolled optional retirement funds to IRAs or other retirement investment vehicles and are willing and able to offer advice please share the information with me and I will pass it on. Let me know in your responses what information you are providing that you are willing to share more broadly with the group and I’ll try to consolidate responses to share in a future “Update”. My own understanding has been that as long as you do not co-mingle funds and your NYS retirement funds can be clearly identified in the funding vehicle in which they reside that you continue to have benefit of no NYS taxes on distributions. Of course, this applies only to the regular retirement account to which both the State and the employee have contributed not to personal TDAs, SRAs, or Deferred Compensation contributions on which the combined NYS tax exemption is distributions of only up to $20,000 per tax year. But, I could be wrong. In any event, here are the questions raised by your emeriti colleague:

- My retirement money is in TIAA-CREF and I continue to live in New York State.
- Withdrawals from the TIAA-CREF Retirement Accounts are NYS tax exempt.
- There seems to be some question about whether the NYS tax exemption can be maintained if the TIAA-CREF Retirement Accounts are rolled over to an IRA.

[The IRA does not have the mandatory 20% withholding and may offer many more lower cost investment opportunities, so there are decided advantages to the rollover.]

Have any of the many Brockport retirees crossed this bridge? Are they willing to share war stories/experiences? I really would appreciate some guidance on this question. Has anyone successfully done this? Has anyone unsuccessfully tried this?"

The Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT) presents a workshop on "Faculty Learning Communities" with Dr. Milton Cox on Thursday, February 14, 2008 from 8 am - 12:15 pm in Seymour Union Room 220. Please register by this Friday, February 8 to celt@brockport.edu or 395-5088.
Breakfast: 8-8:30

Session 1: 8:30 – 10:00 - "Involving Community in Learning: Making Connections for Your Classroom and Campus, Your Students and Colleagues,"
Why is community so important now? Community is often missing in higher education, where connections across classrooms, disciplines, and curricula are broken. Beyond the classroom, what are ways that learning communities help achieve student, faculty, and institutional learning objectives? This session will provide opportunities to consider these questions, examine evidence of success, and consider ways to engage faculty learning communities that can benefit your students, colleagues, and institution.

Session 2: 10:15 – 12:15 - "Designing, Implementing, and Facilitating Faculty Learning Communities: An Opportunity to Ask Questions, Plan, and Get Started."
What are faculty learning communities, who participates, and in what activities do they engage? How is learning fostered and scholarship of teaching and learning developed? How do you build them, attract participants, and facilitate, fund, and sustain them? In this session, we will discuss some strategies as well as approaches for building these effective communities of practice.

Dr. Milton D. Cox is Director of the Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching at Miami University, where he founded and directs the Lilly Conference on College Teaching, is founder and Editor-in-Chief of the Journal on Excellence in College Teaching, and facilitates the Hesburgh Award-winning Teaching Scholars faculty learning community. Dr. Cox also is project director of a FIPSE grant establishing faculty learning community programs on other campuses and is co-editor of the book, Building Faculty Learning Communities.

Finally, as a result of a difficult experience on one of his tours, Jim Horn has some good information to share for those of you who were UUP members when you retired. Jim writes:

My last tour included a retired professor from SUNY Binghamton. He suffered a heart attack and was in grave condition and would have been hospitalized for weeks in Cuernavaca. Luckily, he was a retired UUP member who paid his dues. The dues include an incredible amenity: travel insurance including air evacuation at no extra cost. He was air evacuated to Florida and saved thousands of dollars. The policy has no extra cost and is included in your 35 dollars per year dues. Emeriti should request the brochure and ID card with emergency phone by calling or writing the UUP office.
Anne Marine
UUP Retiree Member Services Coordinator
amarine@uupmail.org
Phone: 800-342-4206
fax: 518-640-6698

Regrettably, I finish with more bad news! Information was just received that Dick Mancuso’s mother, Mary Elia Mancuso died yesterday. Her obituary can be found at: http://www.legacy.com/Link.asp?I=LS000102966556X. We send our condolences to Dick and we keep both Dick and Donna in our thoughts and prayers as they continue to deal with difficult times.

Peace,
Bud
February 23, 2008

Greetings,

I have just a few quick items to share with you today. I actually started this “Update” on February 17th but had an interruption and just did not get back at task. The good news is that a deadline for one activity I included in the “Update” was extended so I did not have to delete anything that was time sensitive. As always, I will get the bad news out of the way first.

Those of you who were at Brockport in the late ‘60s will remember Francis L. “Red” Caton who worked in facilities and was highly respected for his work and his good nature. I am reflectively sad to report his death on Saturday, February 9, 2008.

Red was predeceased by his wife Bess who had retired from FSA/BASC. They were a lovely couple who continued to visit the campus for events after their own retirements. It is fitting that the last time I saw Red and Bess together was at the dedication of the Raye H. Conrad Welcome Center shortly before Bess died because legend had it that Red and Bess welcomed many lost and lonely students to Brockport in the early years. They lived in the little house just across the railroad tracks from the Hartwell Parking lot. There are stories that at one time a train actually stopped in Brockport, and occasionally an incoming student from a distant place like NYC would step off the train and take note of his/her surroundings, which included World War II Quonset Huts, and be ready to hop back on the next train to anywhere. But, many such students were saved when Red or Bess observed them and made sure they were welcomed to Brockport.

I was not around to verify such stories but from my knowledge of both Red and Bess I am confident that there is truth in them. Red worked for the College during a period before the growth years when it was small enough to be a “family” operation and he was as much an ambassador and friend as he was a maintenance supervisor. The report of his death brings back fond memories from my first days at Brockport. While we mourn his passing it is great that we have such memories to cherish.

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It is always great to hear from former colleagues and friends who we have not heard from, or of, for some time. Peter Olevnik, a 1997 Drake Library retiree, provided the following personal update which he has authorized me to share.

“My wife and I celebrate our eleventh retirement year in Asheville, North Carolina, where we happily share church membership with two other Brockport alumni: Bob Potter (Sociology), and Allan Frank (Communication). Judy and I divide our time between art, classes, travel and volunteering. While Judy conducts craft classes in our home, I paint and show my works at the Asheville Gallery of Art; take classes at the UNCA campus, College for Seniors; and lend help at our neighborhood, public library. Recent trips for us include seeing relatives and friends while visiting in Eastern Europe and traveling to Peru, South America where we spent two beautiful days in Machu Picchu. I am pleased at this time to announce publication of my illustrated collection of poems and stories
entitled Look Homeward Asheville (published by Grateful Steps, Asheville, North Carolina). The title relates to the account of a friend who grew up across the street from Thomas Wolfe's mother's boarding house.”

[Peter, it was great to hear from you. Congratulations for your publication. We send our best to Judy as well as to Bob Potter and Allan Frank when you see them.]

So far, I have received only one response to the question posed in the last Update relating to NYS Taxes on retirement funds rolled from TIAA-CREF to other funding vehicles. It is:

“I saw in your latest update the question about rolling over TIAA-CREF funds. I did this about 7 or 8 years ago. My original T-A account, plus the SRA, plus the T-A account from the Research Foundation were all rolled over to an IRA I opened with a brokerage firm. All funds are now in that IRA account and whatever restrictions there were in T-A do not carry over. Since I live in states with no income taxes, I can't advise about that part of it but I pay no NYS taxes, either.”

The College at Brockport and President John R. Halstead invite emeriti to join them for our Thursday morning "Business Briefings" breakfast series. We have a great lineup of speakers once again this semester. Each session is from 7:30 to 8:45 am and will be held at The College at Brockport’s MetroCenter, 55 St. Paul Street, downtown Rochester. We hope you can join us -- and bring a friend. Please RSVP by the dates listed. If you have questions, please contact the Division of Advancement at (585) 395-2451. We look forward to seeing you on March 6!

"Business Briefings" - Spring 2008
Timothy McCormick, President & CEO, Unity Health System
Thursday, March 6
(RSVP date: February 28)

Thursday, April 3
Heidi Zimmer-Meyer, President, Rochester Downtown Development Corporation
(RSVP date: March 27)

Thursday, April 17
Joe Doody, President, North American Delivery, Staples, Inc.
(RSVP date: April 10)

Thursday, May 1
Arnold Klinsky, Vice-President & General Manager, WHEC-TV
(RSVP date: April 24)

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It has been quite some time since we have had an “Update” on the Adventures of Karla and Roger. I am happy to be able to share their latest with you and I remain mostly envious although
being stuck on an ice flow in the Antarctica is not high on my list of things to do before I die. I’ll just be happy to see some of their photographs! But, to Karla and Roger, thanks for sharing!

“After our Antarctic adventures in December, the winter has found us washed up once again on Floridian shores. We no sooner got home from the antipodes than we turned around and headed south again...but only as far as Florida, not all the way to Tierra del Fuego and beyond. Our route took us down the Atlantic coast where we camped at three new (to us) state parks on the ocean with many, many miles logged walking the beaches, collecting shells, watching shorebirds, breathing the salty air. As usual, we spent some time in the Everglades and the Keys for more hiking, more beach time. Now, we're slowly making our way up the Gulf Coast, hopping from state park to state park, getting in some kayaking too.

Both of us are still trying to process all that we saw and did while in Antarctica. The Lindblad/National Geographic Expedition people were as wonderful as they'd been in the Galapagos. The captain outdid himself and, with fair winds and currents, got us south of the Antarctic Circle, which rarely happens with any expedition group (most ships aren't equipped for the heavier ice). That was a thrill. But the quintessential Antarctic moment had to be the morning we awoke to complete silence -- no hum of the ship beneath our cabin. I got up, threw open the porthole curtains and looked down to see a dozen or so chinstrap penguins right below the porthole. During the night, the captain had rammed the ship into a shelf of ice extending several miles from land. "Moored" there in the ice, we were able to walk down the gangway out onto the ice to mingle with those penguins who'd stood below our porthole. There were hundreds of them coming and going, paying us little attention. You could lie down on the ice to take photographs of the waddling creatures to get their birds' eye view...and they'd walk right up to you, stare, then go on their way with a waddle, waddle, hop. It was in this locale, still below the Circle in a narrow channel called The Gullet that we also got out kayaking, being careful to keep out from under icebergs (they can roll over on you) and away from the leopard seal who was hunting in that penguin-rich area. One thing I realized about Antarctica: It's not the White Continent that it's so often called -- it's the Blue Continent -- blue of sky and sea and ice, impossible blues, blue everywhere.

And it seems so far away now in time as well as distance. We expect to be home by the end of March for a couple months to attend to doctors' appointments (routine -- we're both fine), taxes, spring cleaning, and some poetry readings and classes to be taught for me at Writers & Books (yes, I'm getting in lots of writing this winter). So, we'll see ya'll then.”

This Tuesday emerita Dr. Elaine Miller will be talking at Brockport. Following is an update about her presentation and I am sure she would love to see some emeriti in the audience.

Pasted below is a corrected blurb (a couple of words were cut off on the last sentence) for Dr. Elaine Miller's upcoming ADP talk, “Drawing Conclusions: Political Cartoonists on the 2008 Election,” next Tuesday, February 26, 7:30 p.m., Hartwell Theatre.
"Political cartoonists are looking at a unique moment in American history – two potential “firsts” in the contest for the U.S. presidency. This campaign offers up a goldmine of material. The cartoonists negotiate the terrain of cultural stereotypes and offer up takes on the candidates, and on the issues, that run the gamut – hard-hitting, poignant, hilarious, wickedly incisive. As one cartoonist quipped, “Do I want to vote for the one who will be the best president? Or do I want to vote for the one who will make my life just fabulous for the next four years.”

Update: Elaine was interviewed yesterday by WXXI for an NPR program on political cartoons that will air on their "On the Media" series sometime in the next few weeks.

The following information was shared by Jill Campbell. The campaign has been extended through February 29, 2008 so if you were not aware of it before and would like to participate you still have time. Here is the information shared by Jill:

“Colleagues / Emeriti / Friends:

On behalf of the "Have a heart. Give a book." Committee and for all the children, you are invited to assist SUNY Brockport in obtaining its goal by the campaign end date on Friday, February 29, 2008. As Friday, 2/15, per Wendy Fritz (Bookstore), the College had collected 225 books. Faculty and Staff contributions are our leading Student contributions.

For more information please check out the web site http://www.basc1.com/bookdrive.htm for Donor forms and suggested book titles by grade level. Click on "Media Coverage" to see the College's Public Service Announcement and for Channel 13's Bright Spot aired last Friday night on the 6pm News!!...or, just click on the links below:

http://www.13wham.com/mediacenter/local.aspx?videoId=190607@video.wokr13.com&navCatId=1292
http://www.brockport.edu/newsbureau/999.html

By sharing our excitement with faculty, staff, students, alumni, emeriti, friends of the College, and the greater Brockport community, we can reach our goals:
1. to provide new books to 1300 needy children pre-K through Grade 12, and
2. to help improve literacy in Monroe & Orleans counties.
FYI: Children in the following areas are slated to receive books:
Rochester City School District – ~800 (85%-95% of children at poverty level)
Spencerport BOCES 2's ESOL Program for western Monroe and Orleans Counties - ~160 (includes BCSD)
City Grant - ~100 to our College student mentors' mentees & Rochester's CommunityPlace
Brockport Central School District special programs - ~100
The College's Brockport Migrant Ed Program - ~60
RCSD- School 5 (affiliated with our REOC)~40
BrockportChild DevelopmentCenter– 4 new books per classroom library
On behalf of the "Have a heart. Give a book." Committee and for all the children, "Thank you" to all of our Story Time readers, our volunteers, to everyone who has already donated, and to all of you who are donating this week.

We appreciate your generosity!

Jill F. Campbell, PhD

Reminder: Dona Hazen Retirement Reception

Friday, March 7, 3-5 pm
New York Room, Cooper
* Presentations at 3:45pm

Donations for a gift are being accepted by Mark Stacy and Rosemary Wilson in the Office of Procurement & Payment Services, and Joani Martin in the Office of the Vice President for Administration & Finance, by February 29 at the latest.

If you would like to include a special note or favorite story in a notebook for Dona, please send it to Mark, Rosemary or Joani by February 29.

Best wishes,

Bud

March 9, 2008

Greetings,

It is hard to believe but here we are setting our clocks ahead again. Yesterday in gale force winds and heavy rain the SUNY Maritime College’s sailing team hosted a competition. You really have to love to sail to be out on such a day! Anyway, the signs of spring are rapidly appearing and I suspect some “snow bird” emeriti will soon be returning to, or visiting, the Brockport area so I include some upcoming College events for them and the rest of you as well. First, as always, let’s dispense of the bad news first.

Institutional Advancement shared with me recently that Dr. William Owens, Chair and Professor Emeritus of the Speech Communications Department (the department’s name during his tenure if my memory serves me) died recently in Richmond, Virginia at age 86. Bill Owens was a member of one of the first groups I had contact with when I started at Brockport in 1967—the Academic Chairs. In my first job, I was responsible for determining department needs for the assignment of student workers who were eligible to participate in the College Work-Study Financial Aid Program. Several CWSP student workers were assigned to Bill’s department and I got to know him through that process. His death brings back fond memories of him and that period in my career at Brockport. I remember Bill Owens as a cordial, easy going person who generally presented a soft but sincere smile in his initial communications with everyone. He was
respected by everyone at Brockport for his role as chair and professor and also made significant contributions to the theatre experiences then available at Brockport and in the greater Rochester community.

A few years before I retired Bill Owens surprised me by dropping in at my office in the Gordon Allen Administration Building. Many years had separated us by that time but I found that he looked and acted exactly as I remembered him. He was soft spoken, had the same smile and twinkle in his eyes. He told me he was visiting the area and had just been touring the campus to see if there were any faces he still recognized. He was pleased to find a few people, including me, still around from his days at Brockport and I felt honored that he had sought me out. Bill's death leaves a void in the higher education community and in the lives of those closest to him. We mourn his passing while honoring his contributions to the College and our living working environments. Following is a copy of his obituary from the Richmond Virginia Times-Dispatch:

Dr. W.H. Owens Jr. led revival of VUU Players
Educator who loved theater, taught at alma mater, was 86

Friday, Sep 28, 2007 - 12:08 AM Updated: 10:23 AM

By JEREMY SLAYTON
TIMES-DISPATCH STAFF WRITER
Dr. William Henry Owens Jr. flourished as a member of the Virginia Union University Players as a freshman in 1939. He landed the lead in the VUU Players' production of "Outward Bound," and his performance was lauded with the best-dramatic-performance award.

From there, the Richmond native's talent and love for the arts grew, leading him to direct numerous plays during a 46-year career in higher education.

Dr. Owens, who revived the VUU Players in 1990 when he became director of the speech and drama program, died at a Richmond-area nursing home Wednesday after a brief illness. He was 86.

Before beginning a career as an educator, Dr. Owens had a brief stint as a professional touring actor. He also studied the craft overseas and earned a certificate from the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London in 1954.

But education was important to Dr. Owens, and he continued going to school, earning a master's degree from Columbia University and a doctorate in theater from the University of Denver -- before settling on a career as an educator.

As a professor, Dr. Owens did whatever was possible to help his students achieve. "He was very generous in helping other students," said his wife of 26 years, Esther Owens of Richmond. "He helped them out and gave them good advice."

Dr. Owens was an active participant in theater, no matter where he was living. While
serving as chairman of the department of speech communications at State University of New York College at Brockport, Dr. Owens directed dozens of plays at the Opera Theater in Rochester, N.Y. He is also a professor emeritus at the college.

Dr. Owens' career came full circle in 1977 when he returned to his alma mater as a professor of English and humanities. In 1986, he became vice president for academic affairs, holding the position until 1990, when he became director of VUU's speech and drama program. After reviving the VUU Players, Dr. Owens directed such plays as "Fences," "A Soldier's Play" and "Ain't Misbehavin'."

He also directed more than 30 short, one-act plays and 10 operas, including a production of "Madame Butterfly."

In addition to his wife, Dr. Owens' survivors include a stepson, Edward Wright of Palmdale, Calif.; and a stepdaughter, Thelma W. Wright-Grobes of Thomasville, N.C. [A funeral was held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Moore Street Baptist Church, 1408 W. Leigh St., in Richmond. Interment followed at Roselawn Memory Gardens.]

Reminder:
“Drawing Conclusions: Political Cartoonists on the 2008 Election”
by Dr. Elaine Miller, Faculty Emerita, Foreign Languages and Literatures,
Tuesday, March 11, 2008
7:30 p.m.
now in The New York Room, Cooper Hall

"Political cartoonists are looking at a unique moment in American history – two potential “firsts” in the contest for the U.S. presidency. This campaign offers up a goldmine of material. The cartoonists negotiate the terrain of cultural stereotypes and offer up takes on the candidates, and on the issues, that run the gamut – hard-hitting, poignant, hilarious, wickedly incisive. As one cartoonist quipped, "Do I want to vote for the one who will be the best president? Or do I want to vote for the one who will make my life just fabulous for the next four years."

For additional information about the ADP lecture series, please contact Dr. Barb LeSavoy(5799) or Dr. Dena Levy (5893) ADP Speaker Series co-chairs

An event
Reconsidering “the Orient” and “the Occident”
in the 21st Century:
Observing the 30th Anniversary
of Edward Said’s Orientalism

Saturday, April 12, 2008
9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
The New York Room, Cooper Hall
The College at Brockport
Although it has been challenged in various ways, the influence of Dr. Edward Said’s book Orientalism has outlived its author, touching both academics and activists by critiquing the relations of power that operate between East and West, and between Self and Other. This interdisciplinary event will encourage reflection on what Edward Said did, what it has meant in academe and in the larger society, and how the questions he raised might be answered in the 21st century.

We have a very interesting array of panelists prepared, representing four nations and the disciplines of History, Comparative Literature, Art History, Sociology, Law and Gender Studies.

In addition, we are delighted to welcome Mrs. Raheel Raza as our keynote speaker. Mrs. Raza is a journalist and activist in the Toronto area, working on women’s issues and interfaith dialogue. A dynamic speaker who brings to the discussion a rich, practical background in matters of cross-cultural contact, she will be speaking about the impact on her career of the re-evaluation of Muslim-Western relations brought about by the work of Dr. Said.

As part of this event, we invite attendees and presenters to join in a round-table symposium. We hope this free-wheeling discussion of Said, Orientalism, and related topics will give all a chance to reflect on the issues raised by the conference in a more unstructured format.

This event begins at 9:00 a.m. in the New York Room of Cooper Hall, on the campus of the College at Brockport. All are welcome. Admission is free to students, faculty and staff of the College at Brockport.

www.brockport.edu/orientalism
Sponsored by the Better Community Coalition, the Department of History, the William Rock Fund, the School of Letters and Sciences Fund and Phi Alpha Theta

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An event
What: Robert Marcus Annual Lecture by Joyce Antler, Brandeis University, with reception following
When: 7:30 PM - April 2, 2008
Where: New York Room, Cooper Hall

Lecture: You Never Call! You Never Write! A Historical Perspective on "Mother-Blame"

The nagging, guilt-tripping "Jewish mother" and the intrusive, over-possessive "helicopter mother" are only two examples of the ways in which our culture scapegoats mothers. This talk analyzes the origins and meanings of these images, as promulgated in literature, film and stand-up comedy, as well as in the social and behavioral sciences. Showing how such images are continually revised and reinvented, Prof. Antler illustrates how history can help us understand and overcome negative stereotyping.

Dr. Antler is the Samuel Lane Professor of American Jewish History and Culture. She serves as the Undergraduate Advising Chair of the American Studies Department. Her Ph.D. is in U.S. history, and major fields of interest include women's history, Jewish women's history and
culture, the history of education, and history as theater. She currently serves as the Co-director of the Spencer Program in Educational Research at Brandeis University. She is the author or editor of ten books, including most recently You Never Call! You Never Write! A History of the Jewish Mother. Professor Antler is a founder of the Brandeis Women's and Gender Studies Program and the Graduate Consortium of Women Studies at M.I.T., and has served as the chair of the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities. She is a founding member and chair of the Academic Advisory Committee of Jewish Women's Archive. Professor Antler is co-author of the historical drama, Year One of the Empire: A Play of American Politics, War, and Protest, which will be produced off-Broadway in 2008.

Best to all,

Bud

March 26, 2008

Greetings,

Here is some very sad news from Mike Andriatch. Our condolences go to all who knew Jim DeBell, especially Mike who worked with Jim a lot when he was Sports Information Director at Brockport. From Mike:

Jim DeBell ’51, who was inducted into the Alumni Hall of Heritage at Homecoming last fall, passed away yesterday after a battle with cancer. Jim was a very well respected educator, coach, teacher and administrator in Rochester and at the College (baseball coach, timer for basketball) for decades. He was beloved by many.

The calling hours for Jim DeBell will be on Friday, March 28 from 1 - 3 p.m. and 5 - 8 p.m. at the Bartolomeo and Perottoa Funeral Home at 1411 Vintage Lane near Long Pond Road.

The memorial service will be on Saturday, March 29 at 1:30 p.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church at 4115 Dewey Avenue, Rochester (the church is 1/2 mile south of Latta Road on the west side near Northgate Plaza).

Following is more sad news that was shared by Norman Frisch. I regret that I was away from my group mailing list when Richard died and could not send something out prior to the memorial events.

Richard J. Incardona who was a close colleague to Norman Frisch for many years died on March 13, 2008.

Here is information from his obituary:
Irondequoit: July 29, 1944-March 13, 2008. Survived by daughters Jodi (Greg) MacLean and Lora Incardona, brothers, Joseph Jr. and David, Uncle Angelo (Mary) Cali, loving friend Linda Gohagan, niece Lauren and nephews Michael and David, Jr., many cousins, and many other dear friends. He had a passion for art and animals and served in the US Air Force, worked at SUNY
College at Brockport as a graphic designer and was a substitute teacher in Greece for many years.

When first employed at Brockport Richard was a key member of the staff of the Educational Communications Center. When restructuring eliminated that unit, Richard, along with Norm Frisch and others, moved to the Design and Production unit of Marketing Communications where they contributed to major improvements in the marketing materials used by Brockport to enhance its image. Although the restructuring was a bitter pill to swallow for the staff of the former Educational Communication Center it is a credit to all of them that they continued to make significant contributions to the mission of the College in their new assignments. Richard is remembered for his contributions including his design of at least one clever and memorable cover of a Student Handbook that was creative yet not well received. We mourn Richard’s death and thank him for the memories. To refresh your memories, I am imbedding a photograph in this update when I place it on the website that includes Richard Incardona and three others you will have to identify yourselves. I am also placing a dated picture on the same page that includes Francis “Red” Caton who recently died. That photo will also challenge you to remember the others pictured. See “Your News” at: http://www.itss.brockport.edu/%7Ermeade/your_news.htm

The family received friends Tuesday 4 to 8 pm at the Dierna Funeral Home, 2309 Culver Road. Services and interment will be at the convenience of the family. Those wishing may direct contributions to Pines of Peace Comfort Care Home, 2378 Ridge Rd., Ontario, NY 14519 or to the American Cancer Society in his memory.

TO: All BASC, State, Research Foundation Employees, and Emeriti

FROM: Matt Vanderwerf, Personnel Associate
DATE: March 27, 2008
RE: Invitation - 2008 College Recognition Dinner

The College at Brockport would like to cordially invite you to the thirty-second annual College Recognition Dinner. The Recognition Dinner is held each year to honor recent retirees, recipients of longevity awards, and recipients of service awards. A listing of this year’s honorees can be found at www.brockport.edu/hr/honorees.doc The dinner is being held on May 2, 2008 in the Seymour Union Ballroom. A reception begins at 6pm with a cash bar, dinner is served at 7pm and a brief honoree ceremony is held immediately after dinner.

Dinner Menu
Antipasto Platter with Cheese Marinated Vegetables, and Grilled Bread
Mixed Greens with Macerated Fruit Red Wine Vinaigrette, Toasted Almonds, and Blue Cheese
Seared Breast of Chicken with Marinated Salmon
Apple Prosciutto Compote
Rice Pilaf
Baby Zucchini and Squash
Filo Cup Filled with Vanilla Pastry Cream and Fresh Berries

Cost of Attendance: $25.00 per person
Checks may be made payable to the Brockport Auxiliary Service Corporation and must be received by the Office of Human Resources by April 14, 2008.

You must RSVP online at www.brockport.edu/hr/rsvp
You must RSVP by April 14, 2008.

If you have any questions regarding the dinner or ceremony, please contact Matt Vanderwerf at mvanderw@brockport.edu or 395-2442. Please note that Matt will not be able to accept RSVP’s by phone or e-mail.

List of 2008 College Recognition Dinner Honorees as of 3/25/08

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**EMPLOYEE AWARDS PROGRAM**

Brockport Auxiliary Service Corporation 2008 Extraordinary Performance Award in memory of Barb Baney
Mary Tarbrake, Catering

Brockport Auxiliary Service Corporation 2008 Extraordinary Performance Award in memory of Jessie Stirk
Dan Cater, Brockway Dining Hall

Outstanding Service to the College
Clarke Mahaney, Facilities - Zones
Andrea Vella – V P Administration and Finance
Matthew Vanderwerf – Human Resources
James J. Ross – Criminal Justice

Outstanding Service to Students
Kevin Comden, Facilities - Utilities
Tammera Loscombe – IT Services
Shirley Shaw – EOC Office Technology
Diane Drake – Student Support Services Program

Adele Catlin Memorial Award
Edith Zsuzsics - Mathematics

Reminder:
Robert Marcus Annual Lecture by Joyce Antler, Brandeis University, with reception following

7:30 PM April 2, 2008
New York Room, Cooper Hall

Lecture: “You Never Call! You Never Write!”: A Historical Perspective on "Mother-Blame"
The nagging, guilt-tripping "Jewish mother" and the intrusive, over-possessive "helicopter mother" are only two examples of the ways in which our culture scapegoats mothers. This talk analyzes the origins and meanings of these images, as promulgated in literature, film and stand-up comedy, as well as in the social and behavioral sciences. Showing how such images are continually revised and reinvented, Prof. Antler illustrates how history can help us understand and overcome negative stereotyping.

Dr. Antler is the Samuel Lane Professor of American Jewish History and Culture. She serves as the Undergraduate Advising Chair of the American Studies Department. Her Ph.D. is in U.S. history, and major fields of interest include women’s history, Jewish women’s history and culture, the history of education, and history as theater. She currently serves as the Co-director of the Spencer Program in Educational Research at Brandeis University. She is the author or editor of ten books, including most recently You Never Call! You Never Write! A History of the Jewish Mother. Professor Antler is a founder of the Brandeis Women's and Gender Studies Program and the Graduate Consortium of Women Studies at M.I.T., and has served as the chair of the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities. She is a founding member and chair of the Academic Advisory Committee of Jewish Women's Archive. Professor Antler is co-author of the historical drama, Year One of the Empire: A Play of American Politics, War, and Protest, which opened off-Broadway this month.

Also please remember and pay tribute to Gerry D’Agostino by attending the 19th Gerry D’Agostino Memorial Lecture “The Sky’s the Limit!” at 7:30 p.m. in the New York Room, Cooper Hall on Monday, March 31, 2008. Featured speakers are Chuck Mitrano and Katie Robertson Zinkiewich. I don’t have time to summarize the credentials of the speakers but I can say that from reading the flyer announcing this event (I personally can’t believe Gerry has been gone for 19 years) I am sure the presentations will be informational and inspiring.
I am pleased to announce that SUNY System Administration has established a Center for SUNY Retirees Services Corporation effective January 1, 2008 at SUNY System Administration. It will be administered by Executive Director Dr. Ram Chugh and will be dedicated to promoting lifelong engagement of SUNY retirees in community service.

SUNY will be sharing more information about the Center in the near future. Ram is looking forward to working with all of us in creating new opportunities for SUNY retirees. I will share that information as it is received.

Best wishes,

Bud

April 3, 2008

Greetings,

A couple of years ago while our son Eric was visiting from China he and I were driving from NYC to Brockport passing through a speed-sensitive area on U.S. 80 near East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. Eric was driving and I was reading. As we crossed from New Jersey into Pennsylvania and I recognized that we were coming into this area I put the paper down briefly to survey our speed relative to the rest of the traffic. At first I thought maybe I should tell Eric to slow down but after the survey I felt confident that we were “safe” because he was holding his place in traffic although everyone was moving slightly faster than the posted speed. However, I felt good because there was quite a bit of distance between us and the vehicles ahead so I went back to reading. Then out of nowhere came those flashing lights and sounds that make your heart nearly stop. We soon learned that we had been struck by radar from a bridge. After we had received the “paper trail” related to our misdeed I told the officer my story about looking up and feeling that we were driving safely since we were “going with the flow” and I asked him why we were singled out. He replied simply that it was because we were distanced from the pack and an easy target and that with the radar he had to make sure he could single out a vehicle in order to issue a summons. I replied, so it is better to tailgate and stay tight with the pack and he implied that there was safety in numbers.

Well, with the news I share tonight I ponder how to avoid the summons when the pack in front of me disappears. As we travel this road just “going with the flow” the leaders of our packs just keep getting picked off and all too soon we find ourselves in a position where we can be singled out. I speak these words because another former friend and colleague who was a member of the “pack” that I first met when I arrived at Brockport, has received his final summons. Sadly, Donald Leffler, Associate Professor of Physics (1958-1985), faculty senator, and dedicated academic advisor, died at his home in Idaho the evening of April 1, 2008. I was fortunate to get to know Don as a hall mate in the main corridor of Hartwell Hall in 1970 when he worked with Mildred Kiefer and Susan Cloutier in the Academic Advisement Office which was across the hall from the Personnel Office. This work was in addition to his teaching in the Physics Department. Don’s death reminds me that at that time I had a great pack in front of me
monitoring my speed and protecting me in the halls of Hartwell. It included the late Harold Rakov, the late Raye Conrad, the late Gordon Allen, the late Armand Burke, the late Carl Neuschler, and the late Stanwood Hyde, among others who occupied the northeast corner of Hartwell. The recent passing of Donald Leffler, Bill Owens, and Red Caton, among others, reminds me that with every passing my protective pack diminishes and I become a more vulnerable target for a summons myself. As I fear that I am getting to distant from the pack I wish we could get some feedback from the departed—should we speed up and try to catch another pack or slow down and enjoy where we are to best avoid our own summons?

Don Leffler was particularly loved by his close friends the late Gregg Scarborough, the late Bob Griswold, the late Don McWherter, the late Steve Dellaquila, and the late Bill Owens, as well as by Rosie Rich, Dick Alexander, Charles Clevenger, C. Stuart Dube, and Jeanette D’Agostino Banker, who was a co-advisor with Don to the Class of 64, among so many others who were blessed by his friendship, dedicated teaching, and advisement.

I can say it no better than Don’s dear friend Jeanette D’Agostino Banker: “Hate losing good friends. Blessed that they were part of our lives!” We are sad to hear of the death of Donald Leffler but happy to have known him. We are indebted to him for his many contributions to the College during its period of major transformation in the 60s, 70s and 80s.

In Don’s memory I am placing a that includes him from his period at Brockport on the “Your News” page at: http://www.itss.brockport.edu/%7Ermeade/your_news.htm One friend has suggested that some people may be interested in remembering Don with memorial gifts to the Donald and Beatrice Leffler scholarship at the College.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Theron and Claribel Rockhill. Their daughter Cheryl was severely injured in an automobile accident a couple of weeks ago and continues to be hospitalized. You can keep up to date with her progress at http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/cheryld.

Peace,

Bud

June 28, 2008

“Dear Bud,

I said I wuld respond on Thursday. This id Friday. I spent too much time a doctor's office and receiving an infusion of blood. Time sort of left me limp.

I have myelodisplastic syndrome. The name alone is beyond my ken. The definition is easier. My bone marow has simply become too lethargic to create enough of the crucial blood cells” red, white, and platelets to supply me requirements. As the doctor explained it. As people age, some have hearts that wear out. Some have livers, or kidneys, or lungs, or intestianl tracts, etc. I have bone marrow that is no longer taking its responsibility seriously. The operative response is: we
have no cure for this situation, but we have procedures that may prolong life with it. So, with a
schedule of weekly blood tests, with weekly infusions or injections, I could live to be ninety, or
niety one, or not. I am now eighty-nine, simply put, on the threshold of being really old!
You have over the yeers mastered the skill of putting not so pleasant news in suitable form. I am
not depressed, simply taking the last stage of being human in what I consider proper perspective.
I am not in pain. I am not handicapped beyond extraordinary fatigue. The doctor allows that I
may do anything that I feel right doing, but be aware that with low white cell counts, exposure to
any form of foreign bacteria could be a serious problem. During the week in hospital, I was in an
isolated ward. Nurses and doctors entered only after donning masks and smocks, and that
included Ann. At home I am less isolated, but always have purell antispetic on hand when
needed.
So much about me. When you see Dick Mancuso, give him my hearty greeing and wish him
well for me. I send my love to you and Sandy, and to anyone who cares.

My Best to All, Kemp(es) Schnell”

[Heart wrenching message from the late Kempes Schnell.]

July 6, 2008

Greetings,

This is something I should have shared many weeks about but it was buried somewhere down
deep in my incoming mail until some recent housekeeping. Someone shared that they had
received a link to a beautiful Don Leffler memorial website from Barbara Suflita, Don's step-
daughter. The website shares some of Don’s and Barbara’s experiences in Brockport including
references to and pictures of Brockport friends. Take a look at www.donaldleffler.blogspot.com
and remember Don and reflect on his contributions during a transitional period for the College.

Following because of a dearth of editorial time I am sharing with you some of the “share”
information I received following my last update pretty much as received:

[From Norm Frisch]

Hi Bud,

Bill Andrew's book is titled "Around Brockport." It is one of Arcadia Publishing's Postcard
History Series; 127 pages of postcard images, usually two to a page. He first had a presentation
and signing at the Seymour Library June 2. The book was very well publicized at Wegman's,
including several color posters with his picture! He will also be presenting at the Lift Bridge July
30 with other local history authors. See more at:
http://liftbridge.booksense.com/NASApp/store/IndexJsp?s=storeevents&eventId=378130Bill is
an incredible guy. If there is ANYTHING happening in Brockport that is community building,
he's involved...but I assume nearly everyone knows that.
Norm Frisch
Bill is indeed an incredible resource for and contributor to Brockport community—more from Bill himself later.

[From Elaine Miller]

Hi, Bud -- thanks so much for all the updates. I'm sorry to hear about the sad ones, but I have to agree with Kempes -- you do a very sweet and peaceful rendering of them. Brief news from me: I'm just back from completing the Underground Railroad route bicycle tour, from Mobile, Alabama to Niagara on the Lake, Ontario. It was five weeks of cycling; about 2000 miles. (I may have mentioned before that I was going to do this.) It was quite an adventure -- to summarize!

Elaine--thanks for this update! I am impressed with 2,000 miles and the route! If I am not mistaken I believe there must have been some mountains in your way that must have been as challenging as I am sure they were beautiful and peaceful on the downside. Congratulations!

[From Benita Jorkasky]

Benita wrote that she had recently left the mountains of PA and visited friends in Brockport among whom was Peg Browne. During her visit, Peg shared some of her memories of going to lunch with Benita, the late Dick Fitch and Jeanette D'Agostino in the early 70's. As Benita was leaving, Peg called her attention to several greeting cards that were posted near her bed mentioning how colorful they were. As a result, Benita asked that I please pass along Peg’s address so that others could occasionally send her a card for her enjoyment? Peg Browne’s address is The Lakeside Beikirch Care Center, 170 West Ave., Brockport, NY, 14420. 

Benita—thanks for this thoughtful and sensitive message! Let’s follow Benita’s suggestion and bring some good memories and some joy into Peg Brown’s restricted life at Beikirch.

[From Bob Strayer]

Dear Bud --

Thanks so much for your newsy update and philosophical reflections. Here are a few notes from my new life in California. We've been here now for 6 years and are perhaps starting to become Californians. I continue to teach at several area colleges on a part time basis, although in total I have been teaching at least as much as I did at Brockport. This will soon change. And I've continued writing. A short book comparing Soviet and Chinese communism came out last year (THE COMMUNIST EXPERIMENT (McGraw Hill, 2007) and a longer two volume world history text WAYS OF THE WORLD (Bedford/St. Martin's, 2008) will appear at the end of August this year. Suzanne, formerly of the Theatre Department, has been teaching part time at a local community college and in a theatre school for children as well as performing from time to time. We live in a delightful village by the sea called La Selva Beach, about 10 miles south of Santa Cruz. We've become active in various religious/spiritual communities in the area. It's always a delight to get your missives, so I thought I might send you some news of our new life.

All the best -- Bob Strayer
[Bob—thanks for this update! I am sure the group will enjoy hearing from you. We send congratulations to you for the publications. While your talents are missed at Brockport, it is great to hear that you continue to have an impact! Give our best to Suzanne! Her contributions to the College and the Brockport community are also missed!]

[From Larry Bassi]

My retirement is wonderful! Shari and I are returning from WV where we helped our daughter take her son back and forth to Johns Hopkins for more radiation. His cancer has returned and the second surgery was as successful as possible. This second round of radiation has been made possible only with the advances of technology. He would not have been able to have these treatments if those advances had not been made. He is also on radiation again, but is tolerating it well. We are in a motor home and have four grandkids traveling with us. We are nuts but love it. [Larry, we are happy to hear that you are enjoying retirement but sad for the medical problems faced by your grandson. We’ll keep your family in our thoughts and pray for success with the treatments.]

[From Dick Liebe]

I just returned from a two-week hiking Elderhostel In Ireland. Fabulous scenery and people! Even had good weather for the most part!

[Dick—we send our best regards to Jan and your “children”! It is always great to hear from you and to learn that you are still enjoying traveling and hiking.]

[From Brockport’s treasure—Bill Andrews]

Bud--My signing at Wegmans was for my postcard history of Brockport, published by Arcadia, the same publisher as did my earlier pictorial history of Brockport. Both books have the title "Around Brockport", despite my strenuous objections. I thought the postcard history should have been entitled "Twentieth Century Brockport". I am still working on the Civil War Brockport book. I have finished about 100 pages--but still much remains to be done.

[Bill—thanks for the clarification! We’ll look forward to picking up a copy next trip to Brockport while we await the publication of the Civil War Brockport book.]

[From Dody Ballard]

Dody spent last week vacationing in the Chautauqua Lake area. While there she was able to visit with, and check up on, Al and Marge Brown. She reports that President Emeritus Albert W. is in pain but doing well after double knee replacement surgery. He is currently in a nursing care rehabilitation facility but is working hard to get back to be with Marge at their place on the lake. The unofficial report from the health care facility is that because of Al’s current mobility problems they are confident that the nurses are safe but that they’ll boot him out and send him home as soon as he gets his feet under him again.
More seriously, for the next couple of weeks he could probably use some good cheer so feel free contact him—probably best by regular mail that his family will take to him since he probably does not have email access right now. Send mail to: Dr. Albert W. Brown, PO Box 184, Stow, NY 14785.

[Dody—thanks for sharing! And we send our best wishes to Al for a speedy recovery!]

[From Steve Ullman]

Hi Bud, though I am not yet retired, I do love your emeriti newsletter. Would it be possible for you to send along to Kempes greetings from me along with my thanks for being such a wonderful role model to those of us who were new and very green in 1970? He is a wonderful, kind man who was helpful to many of us without always being aware of it. Hope all is well with you - Steve Ullman

[Steve—Thanks for this! I’ll let your own words reach Kempes. You express a common theme that was included in all of the responses I received following the last “update”. Kempes Schnell is held in high esteem by everyone who knows him and his soft approach to mentoring was a benefit to many. His life is a template for all who seek to live a “good life” to follow. Kempes, thanks from all of us and Steve, thank you for sharing.]

[From Bob Gilliam—very sad news!]

Hi, Bud--thank you so much for the updates--we got a call yesterday from Gene McCreary in France that his wife Francoise had died on 6/24--though Gene (& Francoise) had mostly worked in France running the SUNY Paris program, they were quite often back here-- Bob Gilliam

[Bob, thanks for sharing this very sad news! The summer visits of Gene and Francoise are special memories for me—they were similar to the welcome return of Bob and Florence Skelton from Hawaii each spring after Bob retired—they marked time and a changing of season. Moreover, many of us hold fond memories of the few academic years that Gene and Francoise spent in Brockport because of the opportunity that presented for our children to learn French from a caring and gifted teacher in after school French classes offered by Francoise. My own sons participated in and benefited greatly from this program and their exposure to this classy, talented and dedicated woman and teacher. We are saddened to hear of her death. For those who wish to send condolences, the most recent addresses I have for Gene and Francoise are: Dr. Eugene C. McCreary, 47 Rue Erlanger, 75016 Paris, France, or 2, Place Jean de Tourtier, 80470 Ferrieres, France. If anyone has a different address for them please share it.]

Ni Hao (hello),

We had a very interesting three weeks teaching conversational English in Xi'an, China. I'll attach one account of our experiences.

Dave Hale
Three Weeks Teaching in China
In April Peggy and I spent three weeks in Xi’an, China, teaching conversational English with Global Volunteers (www.globalvolunteers.org). The rest of the group and I were at Goa Xin No. 2 School, a new (2006) facility with 1,200 students in grades 1-9. English instruction begins in grade 1, so after a few years the students are fairly proficient in reading and writing, but have much less experience speaking and listening. For the students and most of the teachers, this was their first interaction with native English speakers. Classes are large, 45 or more. Group chanting and singing are standard activities. Having regular teachers in the classroom helped greatly with translation and, occasionally, discipline. Eight-year-olds can be wiggly. My routine was to introduce myself with my English and Chinese (Da Wei) names, using a map and photos to locate “America” and “Brockport” and illustrate words like “canal,” “bridge,” and “boat.” The postcard of Hartwell was “school.” This was followed by whatever useful could be found in the text books. The books are American, so the English is idiomatic, in contrast the odd phrasings seen on signs and in other publications. I did a lot with a fable about a couple of cats, an analogue to the parable of the Prodigal Son. Less useful was a unit on field trips in a school which doesn’t do them. Then I took questions from the students: “Do you like Chinese food?” “Do you know Yao Ming?” and the like. Halls and classrooms are adorned with portraits of Confucius, Marx, Mao, Edison, and Einstein—an improbable assortment. Midmorning the students are lined up outside for half an hour’s exercises done in unison. Midafternoon there is a five-minute break for the students’ massaging their eyes—traditional medicine. Our last day included a Farewell Celebration, which included speeches, presentation of gifts, music and dance performances by some of the students, and our group singing “So Long, It’s Been Good to Know You,” with new verses by me (O.K., I should have taken a poetry workshop).

For the first two weeks Peggy was at La La Shou (Hand in Hand) Special Education Center, a small (60 students) private school. The Chinese government does nothing for autistic or otherwise several handicapped students, so two mothers created this school. Peggy worked with six students, a teacher, and an aid or two. Her last day there I came along to take pictures and play the piano for simple songs. Peggy and I also spent an afternoon in Gaoqiao, a small, relatively poor village about thirty miles from Xi’an. We toured the school and met fifth and sixth grade classes.

I had limited experiences with university English majors. Xi’an is a city of eight million, with about forty universities and technical institutes. One afternoon most of our group went to Eurasian University for English Corner in the student union. We sat at tables and engaged about sixty students. Questions ranged from one who wants to come to American for her masters to a couple of freshmen who asked for recommended authors whose vocabulary and syntax are relatively simple. Hemingway before Faulkner. Frost before Pound. Herrick before Milton. Shakespeare is required for all English majors, though the language is regarded as a major challenge. One afternoon two students from Guilin University turned up to give lessons in spoken Chinese, with limited success. Cissy did, however, give me a Chinese name (Da Wei) and taught me how to write the characters. One night we were in a mall near Chang ‘An University and encountered half a dozen English majors. One bemoaned the lack of native
speakers on the faculty; another helped Peggy buy some special Chinese birthday candles at a bakery.

There was plenty of time for sightseeing. Xi’an was the first Imperial capital (225 BC-907 AD), so there are bits of history around. The Terra Cotta Warriors are inevitable; the scope of the excavations is awesome. Across the street from our hotel is the City Wall, rebuilt in the 1370s, with a park and moat around it. We visited the lovely Famen Si Buddhist Temple (147 AD, rebuilt in the eighth century), the Taoist Temple of the Eight Immortals, and Great Wild Goose Pagoda. We saw, but did not enter, the Great Mosque. One night we went to a dinner theater: twenty kinds of dumplings then a gorgeous production of Tang dynasty music and dance.

Meals were a more or less western breakfast at the hotel, with tourists mostly from Australia. Lunches and dinners were Chinese, at school, the hotel, or in neighborhood restaurants. Food was served on big glass lazy susans. One of the local specialties is steamed buns stuffed with ground pork. I became fairly adept with chopsticks; Peggy didn’t go hungry. And beer was cheap: 90 ¢ for a 633-ml bottle.

All in all, it was a new and rewarding experience.

Thanks to all who have been willing to share. We send strength to those who need it—Larry Bassi’s family, Al Brown, Dick Mancuso, Gene McCreary, Kempes Schnell, in particular at this time, by keeping them in our thoughts!

Peace,

Bud

August 24, 2008

Greetings,

I am sorry I have not been in touch recently. The good news is that I have not heard of any really bad news that needed immediate reporting.

It is hard to believe that the summer is nearly over and that colleges are already welcoming students back to the rigors of academic life. Sandy and I also find it hard to believe that we are still at SUNY Maritime College where it looks like we’ll be for at least 1-2 more years. It is still a fun and challenging experience and we still have a lot of exploring to do. This past week we had our son Brice’s family for a visit (Brice, LaRee and Gabrielle) so we did some exploring of a different nature for Gabrielle. Included were Playland Amusement Park at Rye Beach, a trip to Jones Beach, two street festivals in Manhattan, and a free concert at Damrosch Park at Lincoln Center. Our legs are taking a rest now that they have departed. I haven’t been so physically tired since before Dick Mancuso retired from the Noontime Basketball Association several years ago. Of course, with Gabrielle I am just tired, not bruised and tired!

And, speaking of Dick Mancuso, I am pleased to report that I have learned from Donna that he
has completed all of his treatments. She advised me that his hair is growing back, his energy levels are beginning to increase and he will teach Physics in Toys this semester. There will be more tests coming up but they are cautiously optimistic.

Dick, we are happy to hear this news. You remain in our thoughts as you continue in your new role as an experiment rather than an experimenter in the laboratory.

I did hear one piece of bad news a while ago that I did not have a chance to share. It is the passing of Frida Young. When she died at age 102, she was the surviving spouse of Eugene Young who was a SUNY Brockport retiree from FSA, the predecessor of BASC. I am not certain but I believe he might have preceded Dennis Kellar as the Executive Director of FSA. Dennis, I believe, was the Executive Director who preceded Sandy Mason. If Eugene was not the Executive Director he likely was either in charge of dining services or at least in charge of one of the dining halls but my memory does not serve me well! Anyway, we are sad to hear of the passing of Frida, a lifelong resident of Brockport who was also a member of the SUNY Brockport family.

Kempes Schnell continues to write the final chapters of his life although he portrays his path more from the perspective of a game metaphor than a book. He wrote recently to update me. Part of his note reads:

“Ann and I saw the hematologist this morning and he gave me a very candid answer to my request for a more specific prognosis. Treatment will continue, but the ninth inning is very illusive. I could live three more years. I could end the game next week. Speak of joy and sorrow in the same breath!”

While he had my attention, he went on to ask:

When the last chapter is written, I need to know how to go about transferring my Empire medical plan to Ann. I know that I retired too soon to have her on it by right, but would like to maintain the service for fee, if that is now possible. What number would I call? Whom would I ask to speak to, etc.? Should I call now to set up the procedure when time is ripe, etc.?

First I want to say to Kempes that we all continue to have him in our thoughts and prayers. Kempes, we wish you peace as you approach the end sign in your passage through this life. We also thank you for your inquiry and suspect that there are others among the retirees these “Updates” reach who might also be interested in my response so I am sharing it here.

This is a general response that I believe is accurate. Matt Vanderwerf in the Human Resources Office at the college (MVanderw@brockport.edu) may have a more current view and I am asking him to let me know if anything I say below needs to be corrected.

Many of you receiving these “Updates” retired before you had the option of allocating some of the value of your sick leave credits to an lifetime actuarial account to be used to defray all, or a portion of, the retiree share of health insurance premiums in retirement to your spouses in the
event that predecease them. However, retiring before the option for spousal use of sick leave credits became available does not mean that your surviving spouse cannot continue health insurance following your death providing you were otherwise eligible to participate in the health insurance program following your retirement. Generally, if you retired on or after April 1, 1979 and were eligible to continue health insurance as a retiree, your surviving spouse will be eligible to continue coverage following your death as long as s/he remains “un-remarried”. Your surviving spouse will just have to pay directly the equivalent of the employee’s share of the premium without the benefit of the use of your sick leave credits.

[A surviving spouse of a former employees who retired before April 1, 1979 may also be eligible but you will need to confirm such eligibility with the Health Insurance Unit of the Department of Civil Service.]

The current full premium cost per month is $483.37 Individual and $1,118.71 Family. Importantly, in retirement, the State continues to pay 90% of the cost of the premium for single coverage and 75% of the cost for family coverage. Normally once the retiree is deceased the surviving spouse will be able to change to single coverage and thus be liable for only 10% of the cost of the premium for single coverage as a retiree.

As an example, if you are a retiree who retired on or after April 1, 1979, were eligible to continue health insurance in retirement, and are enrolled in the Empire Plan, the monthly employee share of the cost of premiums would be $48.34 for Individual coverage and $207.17 for Family coverage. If you had sick leave credits when you retired these premiums will either be covered or reduced by the lifetime monthly amount covered by the value of your sick leave credits. The same current premiums stated above will apply to your surviving spouse regardless of whether or not you elected the dual annuitant option for applying your sick leave credits. So, assuming you have the Empire Plan and your spouse is your only covered dependent, s/he will convert to Single coverage upon your death and her/his monthly premium (current rate) would be $48.34 per month during 2008 as long as s/he maintains the coverage by ensuring timely premium payments and remains “un-remarried”. This surviving spouse premium amount will be covered or reduced if you were able to elect the dual annuitant use of sick leave credits at the time that you retired. Of course, health insurance premium rates are always subject to change although typically they only change once a year on January 1st.

Following is additional information and support for my interpretations from the NYSHIP website.

If you die while you are retired, your enrolled dependents will have health insurance coverage for three months beyond the month in which you die. The last two months of coverage will be provided at no cost to your dependent survivors.

Who to call:
Survivors should contact the employee's agency Health Benefits Administrator (Matt Vanderwerf). The Employee Benefits Division sends information about eligibility, enrollment and payment methods to survivors during the extended benefits period.
Coverage after the extended benefits period ends:
Your **un-remarried spouse**, or domestic partner who has not acquired another domestic partner, and eligible dependent children may be allowed to continue their coverage under NYSHIP after the extended benefits period ends. **If your dependents are eligible for dependent survivor coverage but choose not to participate or fail to make the required payments, coverage will end permanently. They may not re-enroll.**

It may also be helpful to know that if at the time of your death, you were a retiree who retired on or after April 1, 1979, with 10 or more years of active service with the State or with a combination of service with the State your dependents will make the same contribution as active employees make toward the cost of The Empire Plan or HMO premium.

**Note:** If at the time of your retirement your employer offered and you had chosen the Dual Annuitant Sick Leave Credit that credit will continue to be used to reduce the enrollee share of the premium for dependent survivors.

**Q. Who will help my dependent survivors if I die during retirement?**

**A.** The same Employee Benefits Division staff is available to speak with your dependent survivors in the event of your death in retirement. Your dependent survivor must notify the Employee Benefits Division of your death and then the Division will send your dependent survivor information about continuing NYSHIP coverage.

**If You Need to Call**

**Employee Benefits Division**  
518-457-5754 (Albany area)  
1-800-833-4344 (U.S., Canada, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands)  
State of New York Department of Civil Service  
Alfred E. Smith State Office Building  
80 South Swan Street  
Albany, NY 12239  
[www.cs.state.ny.us](http://www.cs.state.ny.us)

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On August 1, 2008 Matt Vanderwerf asked me to share some other information related to Health Insurance with you in my next “Update”. Following is the message he wished to share. If you have any questions, contact him directly.

It came to my attention yesterday that retirees that are under **Blue Choice** are receiving monthly statements concerning how close they are to reaching their prescription drug coverage gap under the donut hole provision of their plans.

When I was trained on the impact that Medicare Advantage Plans will have on our retirees I was **informed NYS plans are exempt from the donut hole provisions**. So, I called Excellus and verified that **NYS retirees are not subject to the provision and the gap**. However, I am worried we may have retirees out there that are under the belief that
they are and thus resorting to cheaper medications or not taking medications to avoid that gap.

In your next update would you consider informing our retirees that they are not subject to this provision or any prescription coverage gap EVEN if they are receiving documentation to the contrary?

In the meantime, I will be working with Excellus or Albany to try and amend the monthly statements our Blue Choice participants have been receiving.

Thanks,
Matt

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Finally, I share with you an experience at SUNY Maritime this past week. A dump truck operator working for a contractor that is rebuilding the narrow road to the peninsula on which the College is located severed Verizon’s fiber optic cable while dumping a load of gravel. Since both the College’s telephone and its computers are linked to the outside world via this cable, we had no telephone service, internet service, or outside email service to the off-campus world for approximately 24 hours. Fortunately, the cable was able to be repaired a lot sooner than originally predicted. But, the whole experience gave me pause. While we worry about rouge nations getting access to dirty bombs, we might want to consider the havoc a few crazed backhoe, dump truck, or bucket truck operators could wreak—especially if no backup or redundant connections are in place.

Just a passing thought...

Cheers,
Bud

September 17, 2008

Greetings,
Incredible! I spent quite a bit of time composing an “Update” last night and then closed out a bunch of windows without saving the file I intended to send. So, here is a much poorer version than the original.

Yesterday I received sad news from Craig and Dona Hazen which follows:

Good morning Bud. You may have already heard, but just in case you have not, Bill Benz passed away on September 13th. I thought you might want to pass it on to the Emeriti list. His death notice is in today's Rochester Democrat & Chronicle, which can be viewed online at www.democratandchronicle.com. Bill's niece called me this morning, and said that apparently, some medications caused a bowel or abdominal perforation, they performed surgery, and unfortunately his system became septic and his organs shut down. It was all very sudden. Condolences for the family can be sent to Bill's sister:
Carol Hanyak
117 Hopkins Rd.
Apt. 4
Liverpool NY 13088

Craig and I are shocked. Bill was at my retirement reception in March and he looked great. We had some great times with Bill, at work and outside of work. Craig will certainly miss their yearly NCAA Basketball pool that the two of them have been competing with each other for years. Bill opened so many doors for me at the College, and had a huge part in my being given the opportunity to take over as director when he left for Plant Management in 1985. How incredibly sad that such a great person has to die so young!

Take care.

Dona Hazen

Dear Craig and Dona,

Condolences to both of you! I know how much Bill meant to you and how much you will miss him. This is very sad news. As you will recall, I spent 3-5 months working with Bill when he helped out in Facilities on an interim assignment between (a person whose name I can’t recall, then Don Pickard, and before Gerry Luzum). I always enjoyed working with Bill when he worked in Purchasing. I also remember Bill’s diligence, along with others including you Dona, in handling the special procurement/payment requirements for hosting the Special Olympics.

No fun this aging up stuff! Sad stuff but it goes with the age I guess and, so far, there is only one way out of this world—it is just particularly sad when people go too young, of course when you are at the exit, it is “too young” at any age.

Following is Bill’s obituary for the Rochester D&C:
Benz, William T. "Bill"

Brockport: Navy veteran and proud Irishman, William T. Benz "Bill" died at Highland Hospital on September 13, 2008 at the age of 62, after a brief illness. He was predeceased by his beloved Hannah, who passed in April. He is survived by his children Bridget Striker and Fred Benz, and his sister Carol (Thomas) Hanyak and her family. Bill was a loving grandfather to Amber, Cameron, Codey, and Rhonda. He was a beloved uncle to David and Mary Beth and great uncle to Matthew and Sara. Born in Rochester March 29, 1946 to Harold and Cecelia (Nunan). Bill was employed at SUNY Brockport for 18 years before retiring in 1992. He loved working with the public and since retiring, he has owned a model train shop in Brockport and worked at various IGA's within the community. Model trains were his passion and his greatest joy was to spend time fishing with his family.

Friends may call Wednesday 3-7 pm at the Fowler Funeral Home Inc. 340 West Ave, Brockport. A Funeral Mass will be said Thursday 10:00 am at the Church of the Nativity BVM, Main St. Brockport. Interment Lake View Cemetery.

Although a little late, you can still take advantage of a little “space available” training at the college. Here is an invite from Mary Jo Orzech:

Hi Bud,

As always, we appreciate your help in getting the word out to emeriti that they are welcome to attend these sessions on a space available basis.

Thank you.

Mary Jo

MS Office 2007 Workshops
With: Diane White
September 15-19, 2008

Learn the new features of Office 2007 including MS Outlook (for email and calendars in offices). Campus labs have been upgraded to Office 2007 and office PCs are being upgraded to on request (call x5151). Register for these half-day sessions at http://www.brockport.edu/its/itss/workshops

Monday, September 15
Microsoft Office 2007 Upgrade Class 9 am -12 pm (Drake 44A) MS Outlook for office users 1 pm - 4 pm (Drake 44A)

Tuesday, September 16
Word 2007 Intro/Intermediate 8:30 am-11:30 am (Drake 30)
Word 2007 Discovery 1 pm - 4 pm (Drake 44A)

Wednesday, September 17
Excel 2007 Intro/Intermediate (spreadsheets and formulas) 9 am -12 pm (Drake 44A)
Excel 2007 Discovery 1 pm - 4 pm (Drake 44A)
Thursday, September 18  
PowerPoint 2007 Intro/Intermediate (creating presentations) 9 am -12 pm (Drake 44A)  
MS Outlook for office users 1 pm - 4 pm (Drake 224)  

Friday, September 19  
Access 2007 Intro/Intermediate (databases) 9 am – 12 pm (Drake 44A)  
Access 2007 Discovery 1 pm – 4 pm (Drake 44A)  

Workshop Descriptions:  
Office 2007 Upgrade Class - learn features in Office 2007 applications from the ground up. Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access interface and program options will be discussed.  
Discovery afternoon sessions - designed to familiarize previous Office users with new interface and locations of features and functions used most frequently.  

And our own Jim Cook continues to distinguish himself in the golf world. In the October 2008 issue of Golf World, he is quoted as follows:  
As you all know, beyond being a person who has earned respect for his knowledge of, and contributions to, the golf game, Jim also is known for his ability on the course.  

Mary Jo Orzech has also shared another experience with us as follows:  
Hi Bud,  
While on vacation at near Lake Chautauqua, I picked up a brochure describing the Scandinavian Folk Festival in Jamestown, NY, July 18, 19, 20  
http://www.scandinavianjamestown.org/lecture.htm  
Listed among the many events were sessions by Brockport’s own Bill Andrews, who presented sessions on Anders Beer Wilse - Norwegian Photographer.  

Our Emeriti certainly get around, you never know where they'll show up!  

Best,  
Mary Jo  

For a flash back to the past, Sandy and I went to an intimate evening with Jack Jones in the Oak Room at the Algonquin Hotel in Manhattan on Saturday night. His performance was good for a man his age and we now have a current photo of Sandy and Jack together pasted on a picture of him with Dean Martin and Peggy Lee from years ago. Not quite as good as listening to a lecture by Bill Andrews or witnessing Jim Cook’s performance on the golf course, but nonetheless a fun time in the city.  

While the passing of Bill Benz causes us to pause and think back on the “good old days” at Brockport, it also is another reminder that we are mortal beings. As we continue on our journey,
we encounter more and more exit signs. While we envy the accomplishments of Bill Andrews, Jim Cook and others, we also pay tribute to those members of our group who are in a struggle to stay clear of the exit.

Bud

September 24, 2008

Greetings,

Although there is other news to report, I will hold it until a future update in order to focus on the passing of a significant First Lady in the history of The Brockport College. Sadly, I report that Marge Brown died on September 24, 2008. While we all are saddened by her death we all have special memories of her and of the Brown years and are most appreciative of her contributions. Many of us are also very thankful that former Acting President John Clark, current President John Halstead, the College Council and others saw fit to honor Albert and Marjorie Brown along with Ralph and Betty Gennarino with the naming of a building and a plaque before the deaths of Betty Gennarino and Marge Brown. I know from talking with both of them that they were deeply touched by these tributes. I have many fond personal memories of the Brown years, and of Marge, as many of you do. But, I also know that one of the things that the Browns and Gennarinos greatly appreciated recently was their reconnection to the College resulting from the extended hand of friendship from John and Kathy Halstead. I therefore think it most appropriate to share, with President Halstead’s permission, his letter to the College Community that follows:

Dear Members of the College Community,

We are greatly saddened to learn that Marjorie Brown died early this morning, Wednesday, September 24. When Al personally called me this morning, he assured me that Marge was surrounded by her loving family. He also spoke fondly of their 62 years together. Marge served as First Lady to the College at Brockport during Dr. Brown’s tenure as President of the College, 1965 through 1981.

Dr. and Mrs. Brown were recently honored by the College on May 5, 2006 when the faculty office building was named and dedicated the Albert W. Brown Building. Additionally, they were honored at the Hartwell Luncheon that same year.

In our time at the College, Kathy Halstead and I have been fortunate to count Al and Marge among our closest friends and we’ll always be grateful for their service to Brockport. In Dr. Brown’s own words, “Marjorie always will be remembered by friends and family as kind-hearted, supportive, generous and welcoming to all she touched.”

A memorial service will be held on Friday, September 26, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 410 N. Main Street, Jamestown, NY. At her own request, in lieu of flowers, donations in memory and celebration of Marjorie may be made to The President Albert W. and Marjorie H. Brown Scholarship Fund at The College at Brockport, St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, or Hospice-Chautauqua County.
In addition to being a caring mother of five, Marjorie also made many contributions to the College and village communities. She will be greatly missed by all who were fortunate to have known her. Our thoughts go out to Al and the entire Brown family during this difficult time.

John R. Halstead, PhD
President

Following is an edited version of Marge’s obituary.

Marjorie Higley Brown, 84, of Connelly Park, Stow, NY died September 24 at home surrounded by her loving family.

Marjorie was born an only child on October 8, 1923 in Cleveland, Ohio. She was the daughter of Brewster and Beatrice Higley. When she was six years old her family moved to Compton, California.

Mrs. Brown graduated from Compton Junior College in 1943 where she was a member of the Alpha Tau and DK sororities. She transferred to the University of California at Santa Barbara and became president of Chi Delta Chi sorority. She held various other class and sorority offices while in college. In January of 1946 she graduated from Santa Barbara.

After graduation, she taught elementary school in Bakersfield, California until June 1946.

On September 1, 1946, she married Albert W. Brown, who was then a student at Syracuse University.

Marjorie was formerly a resident in Brockport, NY; Ypsilanti, MI; Charleston, IL; Syracuse, NY; Santa Barbara, CA and Compton, CA. She was engaged in painting, rug hooking, reading, meditating, genealogy, antiquing and she was a member of the Historical Society of Early American Decoration. Along with others, she started the movement in Brockport for Historical Preservation. In addition to being a caring mother of five, Marjorie also made many contributions to the college and village communities. While living in Chautauqua County she was a member of Fort Nightly, Great Decisions, American Legion Auxiliary Post 1286 of Lakewood, Alter Guild and other committees at St. Lukes Church, DAR, Fenton Historical Society, Roger Tory Peterson Institute, the Thursday Rug Hooking Group of Bemus Point and Audubon Society. She has taught early American art forms and written several articles on crafts that were published by national magazines, as well as creating a decorative egg that has been on display at the Smithsonian Institution.

Marjorie is survived by her husband of 62 years Albert W. Brown. She is also survived by a son Brewster (and his wife Elizabeth) of North Carolina, a daughter Solye Brown of Portland, Oregon, a daughter Shauna Anderson (and her husband Daniel) of Bemus Point, NY, a daughter Sheryl Galinski (and her husband Francis) of Poestenkill, NY. She
has six “perfect” grandsons: Seth Brown (and his wife Joanna) of Greenville, NC; Nathan Brown (and his wife Susan) of Gates County, NC; Colin Kagel of Portland, OR; Bradley Anderson of Falconer, NY; Daniel and Nicholas Galinski of Poestenkill, NY. She also has two “perfect” granddaughters: Melanie Anderson of Bemus Point, NY and Annie Kagel of Portland, OR, and three great-granddaughters: Caitlin and Madison Brown of Greenville, NC and Charlotte Anderson of Falconer, NY. She was predeceased in death by her parents and a son Nelson H. Brown in 1996.

Marjorie will be always remembered by friends and family as kind-hearted, supportive, generous and welcoming to all she touched. Marjorie loved Chautauqua Lake and the people there.

As we send our condolences to Dr. Brown and the rest of Marge’s family we thank them for sharing her with us. She was a fine role model and her presence in this life is a loss to all who knew her.

Peace,

Bud

October 18, 2008

Greetings,

This morning I have some very sad news to share. I have learned through emeritus Dick Liebe of the death of emeritus Robert Cassie. Dick has given me permission to share his heartfelt tribute to Bob so I am just going to share our email exchange from yesterday as a tribute and thank you to Bob for his many contributions to the College and those he made on behalf of all who had the pleasure of knowing him. Thank you, Dick, for this tribute to Bob and for permission to share it.

“Bud,

In case you have not heard my dear friend and colleague Bob Cassie passed away from complications associated with a heart attack on Wednesday, October 15th. Needless to say, it came as a complete shock to all. My association with Bob began in 1966 at the College of Wooster, Ohio when he took a one year replacement position while I was still teaching there. We became fast friends, and when Phil Hewitt called me the next year and asked me to become part of the geology section of the newly formed Earth Sciences Department, we asked Bob to come along as our structural geologist and "hard rocker", which he eagerly accepted. This invitation was to become an active association of over 35 years. Bob was the consummate teacher. He was one of the most intelligent persons I ever knew and was able to communicate that to students without being overbearing. He worked very diligently on his classroom preparations and always had time for his students when necessary. He was very active in college and community affairs, serving on many committees and for several years organizing and running the Brockport School's annual Science fair. Upon retirement, he entered a new
vocational phase of his life, photography. He spent the remainder of his life taking photos and teaching in that area. This work included setting up photographic shows in the Rochester area as well as organizing the community darkroom in Canandaigua, where he continued to teach classes until moving to Ohio. He specialized in black and white photography and had several prize-winning photos published in the Finger Lakes Magazine among others.

Our paths did not cross often after our retirements, but we always stayed in contact for our mutual birthdays and other times as well. I have lost a dear friend but his legacy at Brockport and in the Rochester area will always be things that we can all savor in the coming years…”

Dick,

I had not heard about Bob Cassie. I am sorry to hear this news. I’ll try to get something out tonight if at all possible. We are busy—moving this weekend and we just came back from my sister’s memorial service. She was buried the day before Bob died. The basketball group has fond memories of Bob because he had to endure our bantering as he prepared for a court game (handball/racquetball) with Donald McWherter, Maury Kleiman, Ara Zulalian, Martin Lindauer and others. He was a great friend of Don McWherter and the continuation of their game as Don weakened was a testimony to their friendship and to Bob’s character. [Added: This world has lost a talented man of character and talent. I truly regret having to remove him from the emeriti list and regret that I had not tried harder to reconnect to him after he moved to Ohio.]

Bud

Here is some better news shared by Emerita Pat Baker. It includes her note to the local newspaper with copy for an article about emeritus Roy L. Bubb. We send our congratulations to Roy and are sure that those benefiting from his donation are most appreciative.

[There were photos with the article that I will post with this information on the emeriti website].

[From Pat Baker]
Here is that one I promised you last week and didn't get to. I hope you have room because Roy is one the most interesting, witty and generous persons I know. He is very well known in the Brockport area and of course has thousands of students living in the area. Just for interest sake I also attached a photo showing Babe Ruth's daughter's really interesting book complete with artifacts. She is a long-time neighbor of Roy's and at 92 is very spry. She just moved out west after throwing out the ball at the last game at Yankee Stadium.

Thanks,

Pat

*Local Author Donates Profits from Latest Book to Madison, NH Museum* Roy L. Bubb, College at Brockport Assistant Professor, is shown signing his recently published second book entitled /*White Mountain Palette, The Life and Times of Charles A. Hunt*/ at a private book signing held at his Holley home. Flanking Bubb (l-r) are long-time friends and colleagues Ann O'Toole and Jeanette D'Agostino Banker, both of Brockport. One of Hunt's recently restored works is shown in the photo. Bubb became interested in Hunt through his work as a docent with
the Madison Historical Society Museum in New Hampshire. (Bubb lives in Silver Lake near Madison part of the year.) He enjoyed working on a book about a relative unknown because he was able to "break new ground," bringing someone of interest to public view for the first time. Hunt, a White Mountain landscape painter lived from 1852-1930. Hunts beautiful painting are well represented in the book by Bubb's colorful photographs. Please note that the profits from this book are being donated to the Madison Historical Society Museum. The book can be ordered by contacting the Madison Historical Society at PO Box 505, Madison, NH 03849 or at www.madisonhistorical.us. Bubb, a talented teacher at both the elementary and college levels, began authoring books by writing his memoirs, *Memories of Manning Corners*, a hamlet in Orleans County. He found he really enjoyed doing the research and meeting people. A third book is in the works.

In a recent note from emeritus Jim Horn he wrote:

I am back in Mexico after trips to Brazil and Brockport (talk about cultural diversity!). I scouted out the beach resorts in Recife for a week and visited old haunts in Rio de Janeiro while working to revive (successfully) my fluency in Portuguese. I am now going to “vacation” until doing a tour in Ecuador and the Galápagos Islands with a group which includes many Brockport folks.

I have to run for now—it is moving day. We are giving up our very nice and new apartment overlooking Long Island Sound for a private residence right on the East River. We are not sure whether we are upgrading or downgrading but since we moved half of our belongings last night, I guess we must complete the task.

Bud

November 6, 2008

Greetings,

Unfortunately, I have mostly bad news to report in this “Update”.

First, we have learned that Bud DeTar is in hospice at ParkRidge/Unity. Our thoughts and prayers go out to both Bud, of the Music Department, and Stella who worked for many years in the Office of Registration and Records.

Thinking about the Music Department reminds me that I recently heard that the Class of 1953 donated a portrait of Ian Henderson, first dean of the Fine Arts Division and a member of the music department for many years to the College. I remember that Ian also served briefly as the acting president back in the early 1970s and, as I recall he actually lost take-home pay in the process. The small increase he received for serving placed him in a higher tax bracket and as I recall he actually lost money for the increased responsibilities. From my recent experiences at several campuses this would not happen today or at any time since SUNY obtained its “flexibility” legislation. I hope the Henderson portrait is displayed appropriately. He is a significant person in the life and history of the College.
Then we have the sad news about Anna Gallagher, the mother of the Nursing Program at the College. I will share my response to Jeanette D’Agostino Banker and Mike Andriatch after they asked me if I had known her and then shared her obituary.

From: Jeanette Banker [mailto:ebanker1@rochester.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2008 12:04 PM
To: 'Michael Andriatch'; 'Bud Meade'; Meade, Richard
Subject: RE: Anna H. Gallagher

Hi,

I remember Anna Gallagher and I'm sure you do too, Bud. Lovely woman .... started something that really grew in to a valuable program. Thanks, Mike. Might you send on the obit? I know there are some emeriti and alums who would be interested in that information.

Dear Mike and Jeanette,

Sad news but nice to know that she lived a long life! Yes, I knew Anna, and Dick Alexander and I worked very closely with her when we were in the Financial Aid Office. Jeanette, you may want to share this information with Dick. I don’t think he receives my “Updates” anymore as I lost his new email address that I think you gave to me. We worked with Anna at the start of the program because of new scholarship and loan programs (kind of like the National Defense Loan Program) that were created just for nursing students at about the time that she was starting the nursing program. I’ll never forget driving to Cleveland with Dick for the National Nursing Conference in order to meet with some administrators from the federal nursing scholarship and loan programs out of Washington, D.C. I think Dick and I may have been the only males at the conference. Anna was a devout Nurse who put her heart and soul into creating an excellent program and in providing services to students and attending to their individual needs as they began their nursing careers in her program. I always found it a pleasure to work with her both during my time in the Financial Aid Office and later when I move to Human Resources.

Bud

“Gallagher, Dr. Anna Helen* GALLAGHER(nee Giordano) DR. ANNA HELEN Educator and Pioneer in Nursing Dr. Anna Helen Gallagher, 95, of Deptford, NJ, formerly of La Jolla, Ca, passed into eternal life on September 18, 2008. She was married to Dr. John J. Gallagher (deceased) an eminent researcher in the species Rotifer. Dr. Anna Gallagher is survived by a sister, Viola Zambrowski, a sister-in-law, Marion Giordano (Orlando) and an extended family of nieces and nephews. Dr. Gallagher received her RN from Philadelphia General Hospital in 1939 and continued her education at the University of Pennsylvania culminating in being conferred with a doctorate in education in 1956. As associate director of Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia (1953-55), she developed an experimental 26-month program for the School of Nursing. She was responsible for rehabilitating the Nursing curriculum at Idaho State University (1957-60). Dr. Gallagher served as Founder and first Chairperson of the Department of Nursing at Northeast Louisiana State University (1960-67). She founded the Department of Nursing at the State University of New York at Brockport (1987-74) and Lewis University in Romeoville,
Illinois (1974-75). In 1974, Dr. Gallagher was appointed Chairman of the Undergraduate Nursing Program at the University of Massachusetts and in 1975 founded the Department of Continuing Education in Nursing. She was appointed Director of Nursing and full Professor at James Madison University in 1976. While at the State University of New York, she pioneered with John, a program with the emphasis on use of computers as a teaching-learning instructional tool and the program was introduced to all entering nursing students at the University. Dr. Gallagher had membership in many nursing and educational societies. She was a visiting scholar at Columbia University (1963) and was appointed to many committees for the advancement of nursing and woman in the medical field. From 1942-45, she trained nurses for the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps and was awarded the Meritorious Service Certificate from the U.S. Department of Public Health Services. Dr. Gallagher is the author of Educational Administration in Nursing (1965) and co-authored with John, A Phantasy (1970), dealing with the use of computers in the medical sciences. She was designated by many leading journals for her leadership qualities and contributions to education and nursing. Of the many acknowledgements, she was extremely proud of being honored in the Foremost Women of the Twentieth Century (1984). Her many papers and articles were donated to the University of Pennsylvania Center for the Study of the History of Nursing. In 1993, she completed the work begun by her husband John, A Bibliography and Species Citation for World Literature on the Rotifers in the Gallagher Collection, and the collection is part of the Carnegie Museum of Natural History in Pittsburgh, PA. Prior to her death, Dr. Gallagher had completed a monograph, Nursing, An Emerging Profession. Dr. Gallagher dedicated her life to her students and the nursing profession. Generations of nurses will benefit from this dedication. May her reward in heaven be great! She will be missed by her family and friends. Memorial Mass will be Saturday, 12:00 Noon at Our Lady Queen of Peace R. C. Church, 161 Pitman Ave., Pitman, NJ 08071. Arrangements are under the direction of Earle Funeral Home, Blackwood, NJ. Condolences may be viewed/posted at www.earlefuneralhome.com online.

Dear Brockport Community:

The History Department presents its Annual Synnestvedt Lecture focusing on an aspect of the minority experience in the United States on Thursday, November 13th at 7:30 p.m. in the New York Room, Cooper Hall.

This year's speaker is Dr. Jack Tchen from New York University. The title of his lecture is "Reclaiming the Abjected, Rejected, and Subjected - Manhattan's Forgotten Port Culture Commons." Dr. Tchen will focus on the experiences of Asian Americans.

All are welcome and refreshments will be served.
Thank you!
Jennifer M. Lloyd, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of History and Chair
The College at Brockport
State University of New York
Then thanks to Rick Kincaid for sharing the sad news that emeritus Bob Jubenville will never light his pipe again.

[From Rick] “I'm writing to let you know that Bob Jubenville passed this last week. I attended the calling hours on Sunday, and his son said he had just slowed down- no particular cause. Here's the info from the paper.”

Jubenville, Robert L.
Brockport: 88, predeceased by his wife, Virginia, in April of this year. Robert is survived by his two children, Diana (son Tristan) and Jeffrey (wife Elizabeth, and their two sons Jacob and Tanner). Born in Kendall in 1920, he lived most of his life in Brockport. He enlisted in the National Guard in 1940, and was part of the 209th Coast Artillery. Through his eight trips over the Atlantic, he served in North Africa, Italy, France, and Germany. He was deactivated in September of 1945 and received a degree from SUNY Oswego after the war. He was employed at Bausch and Lomb for over 16 years and later was employed in the placement department at SUNY Brockport for 17 years, where he received his Master’s Degree. Bob was a familiar face to many in Brockport in the early years at Conner's Corner, and the later years, the bridge games at the senior center. He also enjoyed having morning coffee at K&K with his comrades. Robert was also an avid flyer out of Ledgedale Airport for many years.

Calling hours will be held at Fowler Funeral Home Inc 340 West Ave Brockport NY November 2, from 11-2 P.M. Private family burial at Lakeview cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the VFW or Brockport Ambulance. The family also wishes to thank Julie Wilson for her compassionate care of dad.

In the early days of my career at Brockport I shared the hallway of Vanderhoff Hall with Bob, Chuck Lang, and Marion Sargent, among others. Bob was a good career counselor but back in the days when smoking “was in”, he drove Marion Sargent crazy with his pipe. I believe Marion probably had a lot of influence on current anti-smoking laws as she championed the cause while encircled by the smoke from Bob’s pipe. Bob played a significant role in helping many students find jobs while serving in the Careers Services Office for many years. He was a charter member of the email “emeritus group” and although his email address has not been active in recent times, it will still be difficult to remove him from myemeriti group email list. Bob, have a peaceful smoke—I cannot imagine that they have not come up with a pipe where you are that will not offend others.

Finally, I have heard from several that the Emeriti Reception hosted by the Halsteads was well attended, enjoyable, and very much appreciated. I am sorry I could not attend and have the opportunity to visit with those who attended.

That’s all I have time for right now!

Peace,

Bud
January 4, 2009

Greetings,

Although there is much bad news in our world and in the lives of many recipients of these emails and their former colleagues and friends, Sandy and I do send our best wishes for a Happy New Year to you along with our hope for peace to those whose are contemplating the end chapters of their book-of-life while struggling with illness or the normal consequences of aging. May we all find joy in making the best of each precious moment provided by this New Year!

I neglected to keep you posted on some significant events as we closed out 2008 because many things impinged upon my time from October through December. Hopefully I will find time to do better in 2009. For, now, here are the items intended to bring you up-to-date. Although many fall in the category of sad/bad news, there is much to celebrate in the long lives well lived by those whose earthly books have recently ended.

First, with great sadness I share an update about Kempes Schnell received yesterday from Ann. I thank Ann for sharing and I am including it unedited because it contains feelings and inspirations that would be lost in editing.

Dear Bud,

I just want to update you on where Kemp is on his Journey.

Until Thanksgiving, we were still hopeful that he would be given more time on this earth. Though, since his diagnosis in June, we've felt like we're living on a rollercoaster, with hopeful signs constantly alternating with some that were not that encouraging, he was still able to continue many of his usual activities.

Just before Thanksgiving, he became rapidly weaker, needing to use a walker in the house and a wheelchair to get him to the doctor's office and infusion center. The doctor informed us that his disease was progressing, and we should consider contacting Hospice.

Julie and Rick were here for Thanksgiving, and Julie stayed on to be with her Dad and help with his care. They both were here for Christmas, and will stay until tomorrow. Rick will fly out to Las Vegas to the big electronics show (part of his job) on Tuesday. Julie will take care of bills and other duties at home, and return here after Rick leaves.

We have been only partially participating with the Hospice program since December 12. Kemp's doctor and the Hospice doctor agreed to Kemp receiving nursing care while continuing transfusions until the first of the year. He had his last transfusions on Tuesday - which gave him the boost he needed to enjoy our family Christmas. However, the effect didn't last long, and today was the first day he hasn't been able to get dressed. We will start on full Hospice care on Monday, and contact Comfort Keepers to help us with some of the household duties. As you might know, Kemp's main concern
about "moving on", has been for me - that I am provided for to the very best of his ability.

God has provided us with this time for our family to spend together, strengthening, even more, our loving relationships. Last night, when he couldn't sleep, he and Julie sat up and talked for several hours - a joyful occasion for both of them. Kemp has maintained his interest in what is going on in the world, and, this week, has enjoyed listening to Obama's reading of his book that Rick downloaded from the Internet. He was able, until mid-December, to take care of our business affairs, and e-mail short letters, but had to let the jobs requiring muscle strength to go - one by one, until now, it is difficult for him to get out of his chair, let alone write a letter.

We don't know (do any of us?) how much time he has - days or weeks, but we are trying to make whatever amount of time that is as comfortable and as full of love and laughter as it can be.

Kemp has requested that we wait until winter's end to have his memorial service, so that family and friends might find travel easier. **He would be honored to have any of his former colleagues and/or students attend.** If any of those reading this message would like to attend, and could suggest what would be a good time for them to come, please have them contact me at: kaquick@innernet.net.

I will try to schedule the service for the time that is best for the most people, and will let you know when the decision is made.

We hope that all of you had a joyful Christmas season, and will have a New Year filled with unexpected blessings.

All the best, Ann

We send our love to Kempes and his family and wish them peace as their lives are altered with the movement of Kempes’ book to the top shelf in a new realm where new chapters may be written.

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I am sad to report the death of Orlo “Lee” Derby, Professor of Education Emeritus, who served the College from 1941 to 1974. His passing on December 13, 2008 at the age of 97 is a great loss to all of us for whom he provided hope and inspiration. Who amongst us did not marvel when we saw him trudging up the main street hill in front of the old Burger King store on his way to Wegman’s at 90+ years of age, or when we saw him bundled up in Special Olympics Stadium while sitting in below freezing temperatures cheering on the Golden Eagle Football Team. And, while we gave him wide berth and probably would avoid parking next to him if we knew his car, we also marveled that he was still driving his car around Monroe County and out to the Genesee Country Museum well into his 90’s. Sadly, this symbol of hope and inspiration for many of us who continue to look for the fountain of youth has departed this spiritual realm but thankfully his memory will continue to inspire us to make the most of this life while we have it. On a personal note the passage of Lee Derby brings back fond memories of my first days at Brockport. I worked with Dick Alexander in the Financial Aid Office which was located on the ground floor in Vanderhoof Hall (now Morgan III, I believe – International Education). The
student teaching office was located on the second floor. As new employees Dick and I much appreciated the friendly hallway encounters with the members of the education-student teaching unit which, included Jeanette D’Agostino Banker, Frances Moroney Whited, Marguerite “Peg” Browne, the late Dick Fitch and Donald Novelli, Robert Blake, Claude Cornish, Barbara Vaughn and others. They spent a lot of time in the field checking up on student teachers and visiting sponsor teachers and schools so days would go by when we did not see them but when we did they all provided friendship and support to us as we became oriented to working at Brockport.

Following is a copy of Orlo Derby’s obituary from the Rochester D&C which has been edited to remove time sensitive information.

Derby, Orlo L.
Brockport: On Saturday December 13, 2008 at the age of 97. Predeceased by his wives Heidi & Margaret. Survived by his loving wife Verdell, daughter Deborah Czepiel; granddaughters Heidi Zufelt & Christine Essel and 4 great-grandchildren. Dr. Derby was a professor at SUNY Brockport, and a veteran of WW II. Friends wishing may contribute to St Luke's Episcopal Church.

It is nice to have some good news to report as well. Emeritus Earl Ingersoll continues to write and publish. “Conversations with Anthony Burgess”, edited by Earl and his wife Mary, has been published by The University Press of Mississippi in their Distinguished Conversations Series of interviews with major writers. Earl reports that the book is already in over 100 libraries worldwide, about halfway to average for academic books, as reported by the Modern Language Association.

We are very sorry and sad to very belatedly report the death of Francis E. “Bud” DeTar. In an Update on November 11, 2008 I wrote: First, we have learned that Bud DeTar is in hospice at Park Ridge/Unity. Our thoughts and prayers go out to both Bud, of the Music Department, and Stella who worked for many years in the Office of Registration and Records. Bud’s last entry in his book-of-life was on November 23, 2008. He has begun a new book elsewhere after serving and entertaining us for years. I am sure many of you have fond memories of listening to and/or dancing to his music over the years. As a member of the Music Department from 1973 to 1985 he provided instruction to students and musical support for a wide range of campus activities including plays, dinners, special receptions and events. He was a talented musician well known and respected in the great Rochester community. His big band sounds have a greater audience now and our wish for him is to continue to be able to provide the joy of music in the next life as we wish for peace to Stella as she continues in this life without him. Following is his obituary from the Rochester D&C with appropriate edits to remove time sensitive information.

Bud (Francis) DeTar
Brockport, NY: November 23. Born Albion, NY, in 1922. A well-known local musician, Bud was a graduate of Rochester's Jefferson High School (1938), SUNY Brockport and the Eastman School of Music. Bud was an Army combat veteran of World War II in Europe. He served on the faculty of the music department at SUNY Brockport. Throughout his life, Bud was a performing musician and bandleader in the Rochester area, with the Dixieland Ramblers, the Gates Swingers and other popular groups. The
concerts performed by the Bud DeTar Big Band at the SUNY Brockport campus, several seasons in the 1990’s, were memorable.

Bud is survived by his wife of 66 years, Stella, and five children: Julie Ann (George) Buckland, James Russell (Cynthia) DeTar, Jon Edward (Sharon Harding) DeTar, Janis Katherine DeTar (Ron Koch), Joseph Michael (Shari) DeTar, ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. A son, Jeffrey Robert, preceded him in death in 1974.

Emeritus David Hale continues to serve humanity, most recently by building homes in New Orleans. He reports that he was involved, along with others from the Presbytery of Genesee Valley, in a project to build houses on Ferry Place, a one block street in the Pigeontown neighborhood close to the Mississippi River west of downtown. The work was directed by Habitat for Humanity and Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans (RHINO), a ministry of the St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church. After leveling the abandoned and burned out houses on the street, Habitat and RHINO have built seven houses in the traditional “Camelback” style and ground has been cleared for building seven more. Dave did jobs of painting trim, building platforms for HVAC units, organizing the storage containers and cleaning up the back yards. The team stayed at a hotel linked to the Ochsner Medical Center, close to the work site. Breakfasts were at the hotel, lunches generally at the site. Dinners were either at the church or local restaurants—jambalaya, red beans and rice, po’boy sandwiches, seafood gumbo, and beignets at Café du Monde.

David, thank you for this report and the photograph that I will place with this “Update” on the emeritus page on the internet at:

We were pleased to be in Brockport and joined by our sons with their families for Christmas. While there we were able to connect with Dick and Donna Mancuso, among others, and obtain an update on Dick’s health. I regret to inform you that Dick has had a relapse and his lymphoma has returned with a vengeance and has required some heavy duty medical intervention. Dick remains positive and committed to getting well returning to the golf course with the return of spring. Please keep Dick and Donna in your thoughts and prayers as they continue in the battle.

In closing I’ll pass along a little poem shared by Emeritus Terry Hover. Unfortunately, it hits close to home and I apologize to those who may have shared information with me that I have forgotten to include in this Update. If so, please share information again if it remains timely and I’ll try to remember to include it next time.

Forgetter Be Forgotten

My forgetter's getting better,  
But my rememberer is broke  
To you that may seem funny  
But, to me, that is no joke

For when I'm 'here' I'm wondering  
If I really should be 'there'
And, when I try to think it through,
I haven't got a prayer!

Oft times I walk into a room,
Say 'what am I here for?'
I wrack my brain, but all in vain!
A zero, is my score.

At times I put something away
Where it is safe, but, Gee!
The person it is safest from
Is, generally, me!

When shopping I may see someone,
Say 'Hi' and have a chat,
Then, when the person walks away
I ask myself, 'who the hell was that?

Yes, my forgetter's getting better
While my rememberer is broke,
And it's driving me plumb crazy
And that isn't any joke.

Can you relate?
You just may get this poem twice because
I'll never remember who I sent this to!

Happy New Year!

Bud

January 17, 2009

Greetings,

As you must have expected from my last email, there would be more bad news to follow. I am sad to report that Kemp Schnell’s final chapter on earth was finished at 1:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 15, 2008 and he has commenced a new journey. But, what a book he left behind for the hearts and minds of those who knew him. Ann advised me by email and I sent her this response:

Dear Ann,
I am sorry to hear this news although it was not unexpected. Sandy and I will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers as you make the necessary adjustments in your lives. Kemp was certainly an example for all of us to follow in both his life and his grace in passage…

Love, Bud
We will miss Kemp's presence in this world but he will be long remembered as a perfect example of how to love and be loved in this life. Ann is willing to share her message of love and hope and I think that all of us who knew Kemp will agree with her description of his journey here. We rejoice that we have had the pleasure of knowing him.

Dear Bud,

Please inform Kemp's former colleagues and friends that his spirit left his tired body this morning at one a.m.

He had continued to hang on, though getting continually weaker, until Sunday night. We had had a good day, with Julie here, and the afternoon visit from a friend, and lovely dinner prepared by Julie. He participated in, and enjoyed each activity. However, by morning on Monday, he reached the point of needing a hospital bed, and soon after he was moved into that bed in the afternoon, he lost his ability to communicate. He was in that state until he died. We are grateful that he did not linger longer that way. Rick arrived Monday morning, and they will both stay until Sunday. I am grateful for their love, help, and that they were able to be here to share Kemp's last weeks.

We can only rejoice (through tears) that his spirit is now free to embark on his next journey of discovery. We will try to carry on his legacy of love, compassion, open-mindedness towards people with different opinions and religions, and his love of learning.

We are grateful for the many letters of support we have received, and the memories of working with Kemp that many of you have shared. Thank you for your prayers. May God bless each of you as you continue your earthly journeys!

As I promised in my last letter, I will let you know when his Memorial Service is being planned.

Love, Ann

Here are a few items of good news:
*Jim Horn visited Brockport briefly during the holidays and reaffirmed the wisdom of his decision to live most of the year in sunny Mexico. He wrote about reacquainting himself to the thrill of driving on slippery roads during whiteouts. We are always happy to hear from Jim and hopefully he will be able to share information about his most recent trip soon.

*Although you have already missed one session I am pleased to share information about next week’s computer software training course at the College at Brockport. Mary Jo Orzech and the college invite emeriti to participate in these training programs on a space available basis. Following is the schedule for next week. If you have been introduced to Office 2007 you likely will find those workshops very helpful. SUNY Maritime College just upgraded to Office 2007 and it has been a great “search and cuss” experience for one old guy who was pretty happy with the 1997 version and not that adaptable to change. If you have had this experience, here is an opportunity to have someone help you find the tools you were used to having at your fingertips without the aggravation.

MS Office 2007 Workshops
with Diane White
Learn the new features of Office 2007. Campus labs were upgraded from Office 2003 to 2007 in Fall 2008. Campus office PCs are being upgraded to Office 2007 on request (call 5151). All sessions will be held in Drake Library rm #30 on the ground floor. Register for any of these half-day sessions at http://www.brockport.edu/its/itss/workshops

**January 16th, 20th-23rd, 2009**

**Tuesday, January 20th**

*Word 2007 Intro/Intermediate*  9 am-12 pm  
*Word 2007 Discovery*  1 pm - 4 pm  

**Wednesday, January 21st**

*Excel 2007 Intro/Intermediate (spreadsheets and formulas)*  9 am -12 pm  
*Excel 2007 Discovery*  1 pm - 4 pm  

**Thursday, January 22nd**

*PowerPoint 2007 Intro/Intermediate (creating presentations)*  9 am -12 pm  
*PowerPoint Discovery*  1 pm - 4 pm  

**Friday, January 23rd**

*Publisher 2007 Intro/Intermediate*  9 am -12 pm  
*Photoshop*  1 pm - 4 pm  

**Workshop Descriptions**

**Flash for Beginners** - New to Adobe Flash? Learn how to use the various features of Flash including the Flash workspace, how to create a Flash file, and build your first Flash project.

**Flash for Dreamweaver Users** - If you want to get a Flash video or project on the web, this workshop will show you how to publish your FLV files quickly and easily to your HTML pages using Dreamweaver.

Intro/Intermediate morning sessions are for NEW users or students needing a refresher.

**Word** – This orientation to Word 2007, for new or current users of earlier versions, features basics of word processing to develop, format and revise documents from simple letters/memos to more complex documents containing graphics and tables. Includes how to use mail merge for mass mailings

**Excel** – This orientation to Excel 2007 features the basics of Excel spreadsheet applications.

**PowerPoint** – This orientation to PowerPoint 2007 features the basics of PowerPoint presentation graphics

Discovery afternoon sessions -Office 2007's newly redesigned interface can pose a challenge to finding and using familiar features. Discovery workshops familiarize users with the location and changes in functions used most frequently. This class is appropriate for previous Office users of all levels.
**Word Discovery** - familiarize users with location and changes in Word functions.

**Excel Discovery** – learn the location and changes in Excel spreadsheet functions.

**PowerPoint Discovery** – learn the location and changes in PowerPoint functions.

**Publisher** - Students will learn how to use Publisher, a desktop publishing application, to arrange text and graphics on a page to produce an attractive layout for a print publication. Students will create, enhance, revise, edit, & correct documents containing graphics including.

**Photoshop** - Students will learn how to use Photoshop to enhance and improve any photo, revise, edit, or correct digital or paper photographs. Learn to use Photoshop to create a slideshow.

*I had a nice note from Bill Sanford recently and I don’t think he would mind my sharing some of its content. Bill and Sharon continue to live in The Villages in Florida and report having had contact with people from Brockport. Among them have been Angela and Jim Dempsey (Angela worked in several offices at the college including Human Resources, before retiring). Bill also reports that along with Janet and Jack Beck, they went to the Brockport Day in Punta Gorda last March. He reports that the event is planned and organized by former Brockport residents Larry Scoppa and Jack Wadams and his wife, among others. Sharon and Bill are happy to report that they continue to enjoy life in The Villages engaging in such activities as golf, bocce, bridge and reading to little children in a Reading is Fun Program sponsored by a local Kiwanis Club.

Bill, thanks for sharing your news! These “Updates” can be pretty glum if people like you and Sharon, Jim Horn, and others, don’t provide me with some balance once in a while.

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Sorry, but that is the extent of the good stuff.

Sadly, I have other passages to report. First, we were saddened to hear recently that Marion Wells who preceded the late George Cornell as the head of the library at the college died this past summer (reportedly in June) in Florida. Marion worked at the college from 1960 through 1976. She was in charge when the library was located in what is now named the Rakov Building (does anyone recall its name before it was named after the late Harold Rakov?). She was replaced as director by George Cornell shortly before or just after the library moved to its new location on New Campus Drive. I became a fan of Marion Wells during my first year at Brockport when I was responsible for coordinating the assignment of student employees to departments. The library used a lot of student employees and I worked closely with Marion in placing the best students with her. Under her tutelage these best students learned through her example how to become both good employees and good supervisors. Similarly, I learned a lot from working with her about organizational skills although some will probably challenge this statement. I was saddened to hear of her passage at 97 or 98 years old but her departure brings back many fond memories of her and the college during some of those years.

John and Helen Maier have reported more sad news. Brian Doyle, who was a leader in the Sea Grant program and was located at Brockport for many years died suddenly on December 14, 2008. I presume many of you, especially some who were in one of the science departments, knew Brian. I regret that I recognize the name but beyond that I have no recollections to share.
For those of you who knew him I share his obituary from the Fosters Daily Democrat, Dover, New Hampshire.

DOVER ; Brian Edward Doyle, 60, of Dover, N.H., passed away late Sunday night, Dec. 14, 2008, of a heart attack in his home in Dover where he lived with his girlfriend, Martine Bishop, and her daughter, Nathalie.

Brian was born in New Rochelle, N.Y., on Oct. 30, 1948, to Madeline and Edward Doyle. Brian graduated from SUNY Stony Brook, where he received a bachelor's and a master's degree.

Brian was the associate director for the NH Sea Grant Program and program leader of the UNH Cooperative Extension Sea Grant and Water Resources. He was also an avid golfer and was known for his great love of the game, which he shared fondly with his loving son, Brian Christopher Doyle, and his many friends met on the links over the years. He was also a member of the Portsmouth Country Club.

Brian is survived by his son, Brian C. and daughter-in-law, Mary Chris; his siblings, Maureen Boyan, Claire Blodorn, James Doyle, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Finally, we just this week learned that Marc Gordon a former student and active member of the Brockport Student Government during the 1980s, died recently in Florida. Marc was a resident of Miami since 1990 and a New York (Long Island) native. Marc Gordon passed away quite suddenly in December. A real estate agent and excellent marketer, Marc was well-liked in the community and will be missed by the many who knew him. I suspect that many of you will recall Marc as he and the rest of the board were reasonably visible during his time at Brockport. We were especially saddened to hear of his death since we knew him through Sandy’s work as Board Secretary for BSG during those years.

We close by sending our thoughts and prayers to Dick Mancuso and his family as he continues his work in a science laboratory he never intended to enter along with sending our thoughts and prayers to others of our group who find themselves in similar laboratories.

Peace,
Bud

February 1, 2009

Greetings,

Wow! Here it is February 1, 2009. It seems like it was just New Year’s Day yesterday and yet a whole month of 2009 has passed. Even though many of us have been cooped up inside because it has been such a cold winter in the northeast, that did not seem to slow down the passage of time. We were always told that time goes by much more quickly for us as we approach the years when time runs out and this month certainly proves it to me. However, as a result of being
cooped up in January, I am hoping to extend my time clock by a few years. My son Eric sent me the book “Younger Next Year…Live Strong, Fit and Sexy—Until You’re 80 and Beyond” by Chris Crowley and Henry S. Lodge, M.D. I’m not sure what he has heard or observed that prompted him to single me out for this gift but it was a good read about how to extend and improve your last years in this world through exercise, diet, and caring about yourself and others. I finished the book in January and made a commitment to a new life on February 1st, so, “tomorrow”, I hope to commence a new routine. It likely will not succeed in making me sexier, but it might prepare me for a return to the NBA (noonetime basketball association) upon my return to Brockport.

I have heard that this might be a special day for John Maier who grew up in the Pittsburgh area and not so good a day for Mel Smagorinsky from Brooklyn. While we have no great plans for what will transpire later today, we will likely be supporting the “home team” along with John, and my bet is that Mel will transcend is regrets for his beloved Giants and do the same.

My “Updates” frequently prompt replies and I enjoy hearing from everyone. After the last update, I received feedback from many including Elaine Miller who wrote while waiting out a blizzard in Watertown on her way skiing, Jim Cook, Mauro Panaggio, Joe and Elaine Gilbert, who were responding to the ‘Update”, among others who wrote to assure me that they had received the “Update”.

Since we are well into a new year it is probably time to remind you about a couple of things relating to how I manage the “Updates”. First, the best email address for reaching me is rmeade@sunymaritime.edu. Although I still maintain an email account at The Brockport College and have a RoadRunner account in Rochester, it is easier for me to receive and reply via the SUNY Maritime account. The other reminder is that although I try to be careful to edit the news you send it is helpful if you clearly identify information you do not wish to share.

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I do not have a lot of new information to share with you this time but I do have the following information relating to old news that will be of interest to many of you. First, Ann Schnell has asked me to share the following information in response to several inquiries she received about a memorial for Kemp.

Dear Bud,

I’ve had several inquiries from emeriti regarding where to send a memorial gift for Kemp. Kemp and I had talked about the possibility of helping at least one student a year by having memorial gifts sent to his history scholarship, and I have been checking out that possibility. In these difficult days, with all investments declining, and more families having a hard time meeting the high costs of college for their children, and the common interest that the emeriti of Brockport have in the success of our students, we have decided to suggest that anyone wishing to donate to the: Kempes Schnell History Scholarship Fund. They can make out their checks to Brockport Foundation, and indicate on the check that it is for the Kempes Schnell History Scholarship Fund. The checks may be mailed to the Foundation, 350 New Campus Drive.
Thank you for sharing this Ann. We continue to have you in our thoughts as you make adjustments in your life.

The following messages are tributes to Marion Wells from two of her former colleagues.

Dear Bud,

I hope you will consider posting the following on your SUCB listing:

I was greatly saddened at learning recently of the death of Marion Wells in September 2008. Marion held the position of Head of Public Services and Director in Drake Library at a time of its transition from a modest college library to a facility meeting the needs of a major research oriented scholarly community. Marion was my immediate supervisor in 1973 when the library was undergoing its transition. She was a most gracious, kind and dedicated administrator, serving as guide and mentor to the many students she employed in the library during her tenure. There are many untold stories of her kindness to her students. Marion also served as a bridge between the library faculty and teaching faculty in her commitment to development of students' library skills. I feel certain that many Brockport students found a distinct advantage in their research skills as they went on to advanced study, or as information seekers regardless of their career direction. All who knew her were touched by her kindness and generosity.

Peter Olevnik

Bud—Re: Marion Wells. She joined the library in 1960, one year after me (1959). The present Rakov building was named "Drake", primarily for previous librarian Ruth Drake but also co-named for Barney Drake who had been in the Social Science Dept. (I believe). When the new "Drake" was built, we had to transfer the name because of all the books and manual charge cards that were rubber-stamped or printed "Drake Memorial Library".

Joyce Ogden

Joyce goes on to share a little from her life we me and I do not think she would mind my sharing it with you. So, here is the rest of her story:

I'm still in Olympia, where the rest of the town tried to survive a record two feet of snow at Christmastime and just two weeks later a total of 8 inches of rain. Even after that 8 inches there are still snow banks in the big parking lots.

The highway people don't know how to handle that volume of snow here. They don't believe in salt "It would kill the baby salmon when it runs off!" The plows have rubber blades instead of metal, and don't scrape the roads bare. They didn't plow the residential streets because "the homeowners would have no way to get out of their driveways past the bank thrown up by the plows!"

Cheers--JOYCE
Joyce also reports that she was in Canada for the Christmas holidays, and has a different tale to tell about two shut-down airports; but she says that is nothing special for all the other would-be holiday travelers, but she still wonders if a lady behind her in the ticket line ever got to Monckton (New Brunswick).

Thanks to both Peter and Joyce for sharing their remembrances of Marion Wells and for keeping in touch.

In closing Jim Horn reported that he was back from a trip to Ecuador/Galapagos and by now is entertaining an Elderhostel group before heading off to Argentina. Given the winter we have had many of us can be envious of Jim, for both his place of primary residence and his travels. Which reminds me: Where’s Karla?

FYI – if you hear that someone did not receive an “Update” please advise them that I try to post the updates on the emeriti website under the “Your News” link so they can usually find them, although edited to remove time sensitive information at:
http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm

Our best wishes to John Maier for a Happy Super Bowl and cheers to all,

Bud

March 4, 2009

Greetings,

Well another month has passed and I am yet to embark on my “Younger Next Year...Live Strong, Fit, and Sexy—Until You’re 80 and Beyond” journey. That plan, like my New Year’s resolutions, has escaped me with the rapid passage of time. Maybe tomorrow!

We recently had a very short visit to Brockport and were pleased to see some “Brockport People”! We enjoyed a surprise encounter with Maury Kleiman, one of our favorite people from the past, who also was visiting Brockport from his home in Glen Falls. We managed to have a nice conversation while blocking traffic until the other customers at Wegman’s managed to break us up. While engaging Maury, Harley Davidson Downey dropped into the conversation and it was nice to banter with him for a few minutes as well. Jeanette D’Agostino Banker, Bob Conrad and Brad Schreiber gave us a nice welcome and we hewed on a few words together as they met for Breakfast at Two Brothers to discuss plans for the Marguerite Hare “Peg” Browne recognition event at Greece Central Schools. We were also able to talk briefly through a car window at a stop sign with Dick and Donna Mancuso as they were heading to one of their frequent visits to the hospital. More on Dick later but he was nothing but “thumbs up” in our brief conversation. Along the way, we also encountered Diane Dwyer and Roger McNally as well as others who have a preference for being excluded from my updates. And, we were very pleased to meet up with Ena Farley as we waited to give up our blood for testing at the ACM center in the Booth Building. In the past, we have joked that it is a characteristic of our time in life that we now meet more people we know at the blood test center in the Booth Building than at
Wegman's. But, as they say in our 3rd World Nation—the Bronx: “it is what it is,” and “you got it”! So, although it was a brief visit, we enjoyed seeing Brockport people and catching up on their lives.

Unfortunately, I have also encountered some bad news to share. Sadly, I do not have time right now to elaborate on each passing but I need to share the information while it is timely.

I have learned of the deaths of Lenna Whiteman, Ron Dilcher, and Frieda McCray. All were surprises to me. Ron Dilcher was Professor Emeritus of Biological Sciences who served the College from 1957 to 1995 and beyond. Even recently, I have observed him walking home down Lake Road to Clarkson from Brockport and the College. I did not know Ron well but I always enjoyed the brief encounters I had with him and felt that he had the great gentle smile of a peace-maker and that it probably served him very well throughout his career at Brockport.

Frieda McCray had spent many years in the Admissions Office before her career at Brockport ended at the MetroCenter. Knowledge of her passage reminds me of the people, events and challenges that helped define the Brockport College we know today.

Lenna Whiteman, like the late Helen Mueckle Beatty who worked in the Student Financial Aid Office, was one of the personalities at Brockport during the 60s, 70s and 80s who defined student support services. Lenna was the first contact in the Registrar’s Office for students having questions about their status, for graduates in need of transcripts and for students in need of a good mother figure (before in loco parentis became a “no no”). Lenna, along with one of her former bosses, Neil Pfouts, was one of the few constants in the Registrar’s Office for many years. During her career, she saw many changes from pen and ink registration and record keeping to IBM punch card processing and up through the use of computerized files desk electronic access to them from her desktop. Along the way, she supported College Registrars Neil Pfouts, Horace Crandall, David Metz, William Sanford and I believe Larry Humm. Everyone I know who knew Lenna held her in high esteem. I even held her, and her husband John, in such high esteem that I let them talk me into running for the Town Council in Clarkson after we moved there. Fortunately for me and for the Town of Clarkson, I became the first Republican Candidate to ever lose a contested race in Clarkson when I went up against Democrat David Carney, a member of the Brockport College Council at the time. John and Lenna were much more disappointed than I was when the final tally showed that David Carney had won by 6 votes (2 in his favor were cast by Bud and Sandy Meade). Anyway, the passage of Lenna, Ron and Frieda bring back fond memories. For example, at the time I thought it pretty hilarious when I heard the story about how Frieda had called the State police to report her State vehicle stolen from a shopping mall while on an Admissions trip only later to discover that she had simply walked out the wrong side of the mall. As I have aged I know longer see the humor in this situation. We thank Lenna, Ron and Frieda for their contributions to our life experiences and wish them peace.

The good news is that Dorie Sweeting, secretary to Interim President Gordon Allen, I believe, and for sure, first secretary to President Albert W. Brown, continues to do well in Shelby, North Carolina. She shares this note with us:
Good Morning,

This is just to let you know that I still receive the Updates and really enjoy reading them. Some names are new to me but most are ones I recognize from the time I spent at SUCB. I have kept in touch with some since moving to Shelby, NC but not others. I met so many wonderful people at the college. Two of them who were very special to me--Kemp and Ann Schnell and I was saddened to learn of Kemp's death.

Like you, time passes much too quickly but I keep very active. I still enjoy traveling to PA, NY, and many other places. I was with John last evening watching the Super Bowl. What an exciting finish and my team won!!!!!

My best to all who happen to remember me! By the way, the weatherman is predicting snow for us tomorrow. I would welcome that!

Warm wishes for 2009!

Dorie

Dorie, it was great to hear from you and we send you our best. We still have fond memories of the Friday night events and particularly remember the occasions when you hosted at your home on South Avenue.

And, Raj Madan wishes to add her tribute to Marion Wells to the record.

Dear Bud:
I hope you would post this on your next “Update”

I was also very saddened to hear about the death of Marion Wells, my dear friend and mentor who left for the heavenly abode in June 2008. Pete Olevnik and Joyce Ogden touched upon the professional side of Marion but I would like to describe the human side of Marion. I learned a great deal from her professionally as well as watching her perform kind acts. Marion was a big hearted and generous soul who helped many people in her life ranging from Christian Children whom she monetarily supported through the Christian Children Fund and many students who worked in the library. She had a special affinity for students and helped them in their academics and monetarily so they could succeed in College. Her generosity also extended to the library staff in need. I vividly remember when one of the librarians was being laid off because of budget cuts, Marion went to the Personnel Dept without telling the Late George Cornell, the library director at the time, and gave them her personal money so that that person would have a job for few more months. There are many other examples like this that showed the big heartedness of Marion. During my 12-year association with Marion I always saw her smiling and sometimes smirking at the idiocy of human nature. Even after her retirement we remained in touch until she moved to Florida 7 years ago and in the last few years suffered from amnesia.
I’m sure she is in heaven smiling and performing her good deeds there too. May she rest in peace!
Raj Madan

Thank you, Raj, for this sincere tribute to Marion that reminds us again that often unknown to us we are in the company of greatness in human beings who give to others with no requirement for recognition or reward. Your testimony along with those of Peter and Joyce are proof that Marion’s spirit lives on in the hearts and minds of those who were privileged to have known her or to be touched by her charity.

Some time ago I mentioned in an “Update” that SUNY System Administration was attempting to find a way to reach out to emeriti, to recognize them, and to facilitate volunteer activities by emeriti. Brockport has a very active group of emeriti who are involved in many activities but here is another opportunity to be recognized and to share. So, I am pleased to provide you the link to the “test site” of the SUNY Retirees’ website. I think you will be able to reach it by clicking here: http://test.suny.edu/retirees but later when it is “live” access may be restricted to only SUNY emeriti confirmed to be such by their campus’ HR department. Take a sneak preview now and I’ll be sure to advise you when the site goes “live” and provide you information about how to register if you desire.

Finally, we need to keep Dick and Donna Mancuso and their family in our thoughts and prayers as Dick prepares for his next challenges. On March 3rd, Donna shared the following on Dick’s continuing battle:

Hi everyone--forgive the mass email...it's easier to write once than to repeat information. We heard from the oncologist this morning. Dick will need another round of chemotherapy before the bone marrow transplant. Even though the lymph nodes are reduced, the marrow has shown active T cells. The oncologist feels there is a better chance for the new marrow to engraft if Dick's diseased marrow is reduced as much as possible.

Dick will go into Strong Hospital today or tomorrow for 4 days while the chemotherapy is administered. Tentatively the bone marrow transplant will take place at the end of March or early April. The coordinator for that procedure still has to set a schedule for the donor.

That's all we know so far.

Keep Dick in your prayers...

Donna

Donna, we continue to keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers. Give Dick a hug from all of us and our best wishes for success with these treatments.

Peace,
March 10, 2009

Greetings,

Where is Karla when I need her? After reading through my last “Update” I realized it may be tyme to gita editer! I hope you’ll excuse the typos.

I just decided to do a quick “Update” because I have no really bad news to share for a change. So, I am just sharing some things that have been shared with me and celebrating the news of or from others.

First, congratulations to Richard Deming, son of Dick and Barb, and, to the proud parents. Here is a note from Barb.

Friends—

I am thrilled to let you all know that our son Richard’s first book of poetry, “Let’s Not Call it Consequence”, was selected by poet Martha Ronk as winner of the Poetry Society of America’s 2009 Norma Farber First Book Award! Details and Ronk’s citation are online here: http://beineckepoetry.wordpress.com/2009/03/09/deming-farber-award/.

Barbara Deming

I checked out the information on the link and borrowed the following:

The Poetry Society of America has awarded Yale Lecturer Richard Deming the 2009 Norma Farber First Book Award for his collection of poems Let’s Not Call It Consequence. The book was selected by this year’s judge, poet Martha Ronk. In her award citation, Ronk wrote:

Let’s Not Call It Consequence contains poems of restless thinking as the speaker wrestles with the mysteries of both small matters and great tragedy. They are intelligent, original, and highly crafted and keep one tracking lines that maneuver through specifics of the world (“the cold pear atop the formica table) and the fictionalizing that sustains and deludes: “Say/ it is winter, and through the snow/ a dark figure-a man-crosses/ a bridge between you and there.” Or the repeated use of “let’s” that pulls in the reader, as in Let’s Not Call It Consequence. They are written out of anxiety, insomnia, disappointment; yet the vivid singularity of things works to shift the thinking that always undergirds the poem at hand: autumn leaves, cast-off shoes, stones thrown from the 5th Ave. bridge (“The Logic of Green”).

Deming’s language is so engaging that readers feel literally caught in its permutations and fragility: “it’s difficult, some-/ times to know/ how one/ means.” At the center of this book is the language out of which we try to think (including that of other poets):
Night’s out of joint
and with the incessant
din of insomnia, reason’s a dog to kennel.

How to be disinterred from nothing.

If only
this thinking thing thought thoughts only

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A lecturer in the Yale English Department, Richard Deming is a poet and a theorist who works on the philosophy of literature. His poems have appeared in such places as *Sulfur, Field, Indiana Review*, and *The Nation*, as well as *Great American Prose Poems: From Poe to the Present*. In addition to his recently-published collection of poetry, *Let’s Not Call It Consequence* (*Shearsman Books*), Deming is also the author of *Listening on All Sides: Toward an Emersonian Ethics of Reading* (*Stanford University Press*). For more information and examples of Deming’s work visit: [http://www.phylumpress.com/richarddeming](http://www.phylumpress.com/richarddeming).

Barb congratulations to all and thanks for sharing!

Barb’s poetic son links me to another poetic encounter that reminds me of the piece I forgot to include in my last Update. During my recent trip to Brockport I had a few minutes to “waste” and I dropped in on the noontime basketball association “NBA” game to see if there were any survivors I could recognize. It was a bitter-sweet experience. The “players” were in the back gym (the darn long one) because the Brockport teams, both men and women, had taken over the short-court area. But, I saw a couple of the “old timers” who managed to get to both ends of the court—although often it was a waste of effort because the play was over before they got there. But, it was good to see Ralph Eisenman, Bill Heyen (the poet in the remembering encounter), Rick Kincaid and others and see that their spirit was still willing though, my oh my, their bodies appeared to be NOT! Sadly, after hearing stories of prostate, knee, hip, and rotator cuff problems, I broke into the Tuttle South Faculty/Staff Locker Room (literally, they had changed the lock on me) and emptied out my locker to make room for someone still capable of running the floor. For a moment as I stood before the locker I reminisced about those with whom I had enjoyed such great banter in that room over the years including the late Harold Rakov from whom I had inherited the fine double locker. It was sad for me to remember that he had not been able to clean out his locker himself because of his sudden decline in health and untimely death but happy that at about the same age at which death overtook him I could still empty my locker on my own. As I glanced down the line of lockers my mind played games with me as I brought up images of Don McWherter, Ed Southwick, Bob Cassie, Ed Cain and others who had used the lockers and shared the room who have been invited to take their game to a higher level. Thanks to all for the camaraderie that we all enjoyed in the Tuttle South locker room over the years. May the next occupant of the Rakov Locker enjoy it as much as I did!

Today I also have good news about Lynn Parsons shared by Mike Andriatch. Lynn recently wrote an article for the Daily News in Bangor, Maine that provides insight to the leftist movement. Here is the article and a link if you want to see the real thing:
The BDN’s Feb. 26 editorial cartoon shows President Obama signing the federal stimulus bill with his now-familiar “left hook.” That refers to neither boxing nor politics, but his way of signing documents, in which he appears to wrap his left hand in front of his signature, instead of allowing it to flow “normally,” that is to say, the way a right-handed person would. It has attracted a certain amount of attention, not to say puzzlement.

As a leftie myself, I think I can explain.

Years ago, in 1943, long before the birth of either President Obama or the ball-point pen, we second-graders sat at desks with inkwells. You’ve probably seen the desks at museums or antique stores, and you may have noted that the holes for the inkwells were always on the right-hand side. This created a problem for us southpaws. (This is a phrase drawn from old-time baseball, in which ballparks were usually designed so that batters would always face east, thus avoiding the sun in the afternoon. A left-handed pitcher facing the batter would have his arm on the south side of the stadium. But I digress.)

In those days, in order to dip our pens in the inkwell, we left-handers had to reach across the desk, running the risk of smearing the ink. (Try it, if you don’t believe me.) Most of us solved the problem by holding the pen, as it were, upside down, much in the way President Obama holds his.

However, my second-grade teacher, Mrs. Stevenson, at the Forest Avenue Grade School in Brockton, Mass., had a different approach. She told me to turn my paper counter-clockwise, so the upper left-hand corner was higher than the upper right-hand corner, thus avoiding the smeared-ink problem. (She was probably a leftie herself, but I didn’t notice it at the time.) Ever since, I have re-tilted papers presented to me by hotel clerks, lawyers, petition-circulators, and others seeking my signature.

Apparently, President Obama never had a Mrs. Stevenson in his youth. I can’t tell whether he uses ball-point pens or wet-ink pens for his signings, but apparently, he is hooked on the wrap-around method. If he isn’t, then someone, perhaps Mrs. Obama, needs to tell him to tilt his papers counter-clockwise, just as Mrs. Stevenson did for me over 65 years ago.

Neither Mrs. Stevenson nor the Forest Avenue Grade School is with us any longer, but the problems faced by us lefties remain. Both the president and I still have to deal with keys that don’t work, scissors that don’t cut, and coffee mugs with the picture on the wrong side. Moreover, anyone who has studied Latin knows that the word for “left” is “sinister,” and Francophones know that the word for “left” is “gauche.”

Neither of these words in American English is particularly complimentary. Overcoming these and other cultural biases probably explains why lefties like President Obama and former Presidents Bill Clinton and George H.W. Bush tend to be over-achievers.

By the way, I noticed that Sen. John McCain is a southpaw too. So, no matter how last year’s election turned out, at least in one sense, it was going to be a triumph for the left.
Lynn Hudson Parsons lives in Castine. He is professor emeritus of American history at the State University of New York, College at Brockport.

Lynn, it is great for us to observe your continuing contributions from afar. And, I am sure the College is thankful for your thoughtfulness in noting your connection to Brockport. Brockport is proud to be connected to the southpaw from Castine!

[The link to the real thing: http://www.bangornews.com/detail/100972.html]

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And this news is just in from Jim Horn. “I am just back from taking my first group to Buenos Aires and the Falls of Iguazú. Thanks to the falling peso, a fabulous steak dinner is still under ten dollars. It was so successful and so much fun for me that I hope to repeat it again in February 2010. Now I am enjoying a long vacation with no other tour groups until next August. I will do some exploration for future group sites... a week on the beach in Costa Rica in April and an Adriatic cruise Venice to Dubrovnik in September.

Jim, it is good to hear from you and that you have had safe travels…out of Mexico. We would love to hear your view of the border drug trafficking problems that seem to be constantly in the news. PS. If it is under $10, can you be sure its steak?

I have a feeling that I have left something out that has been shared recently but I cannot find anything else if my emails. So, if I have missed anything one of you has shared, please send it again and I’ll include it in the next “Update”.

Thanks for the good news and peace to all,

Bud

March 21, 2009

Greetings,

My last two emails seem to have reached the rochester.rr subscribers, because I did not receive the long list of “bounces” and Sandy reported that she had received these “Updates” so maybe that problem somehow resolved itself. Some members of the group appear to no longer be monitoring their email at the address I have for them or they have changed email accounts. After this “Update” I will prepare a report to include in my next “Update” listing their names and the email addresses I have for them with the hope that someone might help me update their status.

For now, I just have a couple of things to share. First, from Ann Schnell:

Dear Bud,
I believe I promised to write you about the date for Kemp’s memorial service.

It will be held on Kemp's 90th birthday, May 9th, at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Chambersburg, at 4 p.m., with visitation at the church from 3 to 4). A catered dinner
(with birthday cake) will follow the service.

A local motel offers corporate rates to the guests of the residents of our retirement community. If anyone is interested in coming, please check with me at kaquick@inernet.net or 717-261-4184 regarding directions to the church and the motel; the motel rates; and whether you will be here for the dinner, so I can let the caterer know. We'll look forward to seeing any of you who are able to come!

May you and the rest of the Retirees have a great spring season! You who are Northerners certainly deserve it!!

Ann

[Ann thanks for sharing! We hope that you are cherishing your memories and able to adjust to living after your loss.]  

John Zwierzynski replied to the last “Update” in which I raised concern about Jim Horn’s safety in Mexico. John has this to say about how things have changed in Phoenix.

Bud

Sad to say the "Border Wars" are here in Phoenix. Rival gangs kidnap illegal immigrants held in drop houses and then blackmail their remaining family members in the USA or still in Mexico. A number of "illegals" (a politically incorrect name) have caused serious crimes within the Hispanic community of Phoenix. Many are unreported as deportation is always a deep fear if the police are brought in. Why I don’t understand because the city of Phoenix’s police, really don't enforce immigration laws.

Many churches, including the Catholic Church here in Phoenix, try to do what they can for these immigrants—legal or not. They often provide sanctuary and material help.

It is a sad commentary on our society and that of Mexico that puts these people at risk. Of course, the few "bad apples" cause problems for all Hispanics. And yes, crimes have been inflicted on the native population both Hispanic and White. We need effective border and immigration policies to stop this ongoing tragedy.

As for missing Karla, I still miss Jackie and her eagle eye scanning. I still struggle with "dining and dinning" and always seem to use the wrong spelling for what I mean.

Good to hear the names of people from Brockport I still remember. Peace, Johnz

John thanks for the up-close account of the border problems from your perspective. Hearing from you reminds me of the story you once told me about an encounter with President Brown on an elevator shortly after you arrived at Brockport. You reported that you were having a “bad” day with the mainframe and shared some frustration with the President to which he responded: “If we didn’t have these challenges we wouldn’t need you” or words to that affect. Well, I am not suggesting that you offer your services to President Obama to solve the border problems but I do concede that you might be as capable of doing so as anyone else put forward as of this date.
But, speaking for your friends, we just hope you will stay out of harm’s way and continue to enjoy your retirement.

Hang on everyone! Spring will definitely come some day!

Bud

April 4, 2009

Greetings,

Regretfully I have mostly sad news to report today. The worst of it is overwhelming as we send our love and condolences to Margie and Cal Rich upon learning that their son Tom lost his life in an automobile accident recently. Tom was a much beloved son of exceptional abilities and his loss at a young age is devastating to his family and all who had the pleasure of knowing him. We mourn with Margie and Cal and we pray that their wonderful memories will sustain them as they deal with their loss.

We also mourn the death of Betsy Ruf the surviving spouse of the late emeritus William Ruf. The College received the following note from their daughter Betsy Ruf Field which I share with you along with Bette’s obituary.

I would like you to post an announcement of my mother's death in your alumni magazine. My father, Dr. William A. Ruf, was a professor of English at SUNY Brockport from the late 40's to the early 70's, and Mom, Bette Ruf, was active in the Faculty Wives Club and worked at the College Library. She, Dad and I participated in the Summer Arts Festival in the early 60's under the direction of Dr. Lou Hetler. Mom was personal assistant to Peggy Woods for "I Remember Mama". I have attached the obituary, which you will probably want to trim back.

Thank you,

Betsy Ruf Field (BHS ’63)
2815 W Winterberry Lane
Peoria, IL 61604

Elizabeth (Bette) Jane Weir Ruf died March 20, 2009 at the Meadows in North Andover, MA. She was born on November 12, 1916 in Cleveland, OH to James W. Weir and Gertrude Vernal Aiken Weir. After graduating from Cleveland Heights High School in Cleveland Heights, OH, she studied for one year at Hiram College and ultimately received a B.A. in Sociology and History from the College of Wooster in 1938. She later continued her studies at the University of Wisconsin, Madison and New York University’s Sunrise Semester. She taught Physical Education and Western Civilization and served as Dean of Students at Dover High School in Westlake, OH, where she also met her husband of 63 years, William A. Ruf.
Bette’s young adulthood was indelibly marked by World War II. Her older brother William (Bill) served as a Navy Commander on a ship in the Pacific and then again during the Korean War. Bette’s younger brother Robert (Bob) served as a pilot in the Army Air Forces. He was killed in a training exercise at Schofield Barracks in Honolulu, Hawaii in 1942 and is buried in the island’s famous Punchbowl Cemetery. Bette’s husband, Bill Ruf, was called to service on their honeymoon in 1942 and entered the Army Air Force as a Private. To assist in the war effort, Bette studied nursing at Western Reserve University and served as a nurse’s aide at bases in Tonapah, Nevada, and Bishop, California, where her husband was stationed. Her first daughter, Betsy, was born in San Francisco in 1945.

In 1948 Bette and Bill moved to Brockport, NY, where they lived for the next twenty-six years. Their second daughter, Carolyn, was born in 1950. Bette continued her work as a nurse’s aide at the Brockport Memorial Hospital for the next decade and also taught life-saving courses. She was an avid supporter of the Girl Scouts and led several troops. Bill was a Professor of English at SUNY Brockport, and Bette volunteered at the college library. During their years in Brockport, Bette and Bill hosted dozens of Sunday open houses for the faculty of SUNY Brockport. Bette was a charter member of the Morgan-Manning House Restoration Guild. Her daughter Betsy’s wedding reception was the first event to be held in the newly-restored historic mansion in 1967. After Bill’s retirement in 1973, the two moved to Andover, MA, to enjoy the cultural wealth of Boston in their golden years.

Bette enjoyed a wide range of interests during her long life. Weaving was a great passion, and she honed her craft for over fifty years. She was especially gifted at creating colorful tapestries based upon their photographs of Greece. She was a charter member of the Rochester Weaving Guild, a group of master and amateur weavers and spinners. She later joined the Boston Weaving Guild and was awarded its Certificate of Achievement for Superior Performance. Her love of handcrafts was passed along to her daughters and granddaughters. Bette was equally passionate about the study of Western Civilization, especially Greek and Turkish culture, and always had a book on archaeology on hand. She and Bill made over twenty-five trips to Greece and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on the Island of Crete. Bette and Bill were frequent sailors at the Brockport Yacht Club and spent many hours on Lake Ontario and Sodus Bay. Also during summers, Bette participated in the Brockport Summer Arts Festival as the personal assistant to the featured professional actor. Bette was an avid gardener, spending many happy hours tending her plants and flowers. Her grandfather, William J. Weir, was a professional golfer who emigrated from Scotland at the request of President William Howard Taft to teach him the game of golf. Following in the footsteps of her grandfather and then father, Bette was an avid golfer who frequently shot par. Throughout her life, Bette’s sly sense of humor and sharp repartees made her a force to be reckoned with.

Bette Ruf is survived by her loving daughters Elizabeth R. Field and her husband Kurt W. of Peoria, IL, and Carolyn Ruf of MA; cherished granddaughters Kimberleigh J. Field of Reno, NV and Robin E. Field of Wilkes-Barre, PA, as well as several nieces and nephews. In keeping with the Ruf family tradition, there will be a graveside gathering in
Gorham, NY, in the summer. Memorial contributions may be made in Bette Ruf’s memory to the Center for Archeological Studies, Boston University, 675 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the Dewhirst and Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third Street, North Andover, MA 01845.

I did not have the pleasure of knowing Bette Ruf but I certainly have fond memories of the late Bill Ruf. We are sorry to learn of Bette’s death but happy that both she had Bill had great lives and that for many years they shared their gifts with the Brockport community.

Sadly, I must also share the passing of emeritus William B. Nestle who died Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at the Villages of Orleans, Albion, NY. Bill graduated from Brockport in 1940 and returned to teach in 1948. Along the way, he earned an MS in Education at Harvard and his EdD from the University of Rochester. He retired from the Department of Education and Human Development in 1979. Like most of us who have been able to retire in good health, he continued to make significant contributions to this world following his own retirement as evidenced in his obituary from the Daily News in Batavia on Friday, March 3, 2009:

ALBION – William B. Nestle, 89, formerly of Ridge Road, passed away on Tuesday (March 10, 2009) at the Villages of Orleans.

He was born in Buffalo to Clifton and Nellie (Briar) Nestle and had lived here most of his life.

William was a professor at Brockport State College until his retirement in the early 1980s, and also a dealer in the antique business. He was a WWII Army veteran, a member of the Bergen Swamp Society, The Rochester Oratorical Society; and a lifetime member and past president of the Cobblestone Society. In his spare time, William enjoyed bird watching.

He is survived by dear friend and caregiver, Rene Schasel; friends, C. W. Lattin, Marena Rupert, Doris Bruski and Mark Tillman; and neighbors, Arthur and Helen Gould.

Memorials may be made to the Cobblestone Society or PAWS. Arrangements were completed by Merrill-Grinnell Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at [www.merrill-grinnell.com](http://www.merrill-grinnell.com)

I knew Bill Nestle in my early days at Brockport and enjoyed our hallway encounters. He was one of the members of the student teaching faculty housed on the second floor of Vanderhoff Hall when the Financial Aid Office was located on the ground floor in that wing. He and the others in the Education Department at the time made up the welcoming committee for Dick Alexander and me when we first started at Brockport and we remain indebted to all of them for their good will. Bill lived such a long and productive life that he has a legacy of retired teachers who remember him fondly. While we mourn his death, we cherish the sweet memories of those
days at Brockport when it was transitioning from a Teachers’ College into an Arts and Sciences College.

Now I have some better news to report. Emerita Peg Browne who now resides at Beikirch has recently made a gift to the Clarkson Court House. Years ago, Peg commissioned artist Nancy Breslaski to do a painting of the famous historic barns across the way from Peg's home on Lake Road North (old Sagawa property). Peg enjoyed the painting in her home and now, as she planned years ago, the painting will be at home in the Clarkson Court House. The painting, "The Barns at Whitehall on the Estate of Frederick H. Gordon" was presented to Clarkson Supervisor Paul Kimball, Town Justice Allyn Hammel, and the Clarkson Historian. Peg's gift was given in honor of past Town Justices, Dick Alexander and Andy Virgilio and Town Supervisor in the 1960s, "Scoop" Maw!

Speaking of art, I have recently learned that the 9-11 Memorial from Russia that is located near the Statue of Liberty was created by Zurab Tsereteli, the artist who created the Prometheus and Special Olympics sculptures on the Brockport campus. Sandy and I had never known of the existence of this memorial until we took an educational NYC harbor tour sponsored by the Global Business and Transportation Department at SUNY Maritime College last April. I managed to take a few pictures of the memorial from the boat but had no idea of the connection to the sculptures at Brockport. Recently a Brockport friend learned that the Russian memorial had been created by Zurab Tsereteli and shared that information with me. I now intend to pay an actual land based visit to this memorial so I can get a closer view as soon as the weather becomes more dependable. If you are interested you will find a picture of Zurab with Eunice Kennedy Shriver at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zurab_Tsereteli](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zurab_Tsereteli) and, at [http://www.tsereteli.ru/eng/g.php](http://www.tsereteli.ru/eng/g.php), you can see pictures of his remarkable sculptures including the two located on the Brockport campus.

In response to the Update in which I included some remarks relating to the celebration of the life of Lenna Whiteman I had a note from Bill Sanford. Bill reported that his youngest son David and Lenna’s son Eric had worked together for New York State Electric and Gas in Plattsburg for a couple of years. Through this connection, Bill shared the “Update” with Eric who was thankful for the opportunity to read it. Bill and Sharon continue to reside at The Villages but when he wrote they were just getting ready to spend a week on Marco Island with relatives. Somehow, I sense that Bill might be enjoying retirement more than I am. Although until this recession bottoms out I am often thankful to still be working. On that note, on a recent rainy day I pulled out a blue TIAA-CREF umbrella along with a blue TIAA-CREF wind breaker and I was tempted to have Sandy take my picture. The caption might have been, “40+ years with TIAA-CREF and this is what I have left”. Anyway, it is always good to hear from Bill and we are happy that he and Sharon continue to enjoy retirement.

Also, I received the following responses from Jackie Thomas, Jim Horn, and Bernie Lynch after sharing concern about the drug trafficking on our border with Mexico and my need for a proof reader.

Bud:
It is nice to see the note from John Z that he still misses my eagle-eye on proofing. I’m still going strong with proofing for my current boss, Darwin Prioleau and the dance faculty. Hope you are doing well and staying out of trouble.

[Jackie]

Bud: We have been spending our winters here in Tucson for the past 15 years or so. I guess that being much smaller than Phoenix has spared us from some of the problems that John speaks of in his message. We are actually much closer to the border than Phoenix, only about 70 miles. If you remember your geography & the Gadsden Purchase, Tucson is in that part of Arizona. We do have a lot of immigrants, people here legally & otherwise, but for a fairly large city (about a million people in the county) we probably have no more violence than Rochester. The border is a problem. The root cause of the problem is terrible poverty in Mexico. The people take on unbelievable dangers crossing the border & then about 50 or more miles of desert. Many perish in the attempt. Drugs are big problem here too and are the cause of much violence.

This is an immigrant state & Tucson is certainly an immigrant city. We are a lot warmer with much more sunshine than home.

Bernie Lynch

Hi Bud,
Thanks for the update. I didn't realize there was any concern for my safety. Almost 80% of the violence is on the border and inland at Culiacan, 1000 miles from here. There have been only isolated drug-killings in Mexico City and Acapulco, none affecting tourists, and nothing in Cuernavaca. In fact, the Governor of Morelos State just got an award from the national government for being the safest state in the republic. The murder rate in Cuernavaca is significantly lower than Rochester NY yet I drive into Rochester for dinners and movies when I have to be back there and never give the murder rate a thought.

Like any city, there are places you would stay out of. Actually, away from the border I am aware of only a single tourist being shot in Oaxaca and she may have been involved in bad company. Almost all of the violence is drug lords killing each other, which can't be all bad. When police are shot, it is often cops who were in the pay of rival drug lords. The police force is ridden with corruption. The Mexican government spends 200 million a year in the war on drugs while the drug lords spend 400 million on bribes alone. Much of the border violence is abetted by the huge traffic in US arms along the border where anyone can buy automatic rifles and exotic weapons with impunity and make big money smuggling them into Mexico. The previous administration did nothing to slow down that arms traffic and Obama just last week created a task force to investigate border arms traffic. I have brought thousands of students and tourists to Mexico over the course of 35 years and not one of them has ever been assaulted or injured due to crime. I doubt I could do the same in Miami, LA, Detroit, or many other cities in the states. In fact, given all the campus shootings, work place rampages, and other murders that don't happen here but are frequent in the US, Mexico ought to issue a travel advisory for its citizens to avoid travel in the US.
Now down to the pool to enjoy one of our 360 days of sunshine while waiting for some brave houseguests from Buffalo to arrive...

Cheers, Jim

Thanks for the feedback. Since I originally mentioned the Mexican border problem there have been shootings in places where crime is not supposed to exist like Brockport and Binghamton, New York. And for sure these places do not offer 360 days of sunshine. We certainly appreciate the insights about the border from those of you who are closest to it; John Zwierzynski, Bernie Lynch and Jim Horn. And, as much as we currently enjoy the Throgs Neck, Peninsula, we are more than slightly envious, particularly this year, of Bill Sanford, Bernie Lynch and Jim Horn who stay closer to the sunshine.

Sheila Myer, emerita from the Nursing Department, sent me a very nice note in response to the “Update” in which I shared my memories of the locker room. She mentioned her own reminiscences and added: “…I can so picture the line of lockers and the absent players…” While I regret that much of the news I share is bad, I am pleased when I hear that it sometimes provokes memorial reflections that in one way or another honor those about whom we write.

On a personal note, we are very happy that our son Eric has moved his family, wife Julia and daughter Charlotte to Old Alexandria, Virginia from China. Eric is enjoying his work as a Futurist with the Institute for Alternative Futures while working to sell off the inventory of his TopShelfHoldings toy company before selling the company itself. We are happy to be able to drive 4 hours to visit them and see cherry blossoms on the National Mall rather than tucking our legs under a seat on an airplane for 24 hours to visit them in China.

Peace,

Bud

April 22, 2009

Greetings,

It is tough being at an age when if you don’t get bad news you get no news at all. Half of the bad news I am in tune with I don’t even have permission to share. If I thought I could change things I’d head back to Brockport but many of the things I am informed of need a higher level of intervention than I have the ability to provide.

I will begin with some sad news that is time sensitive in case anyone in the Brockport area is unaware of the passing of emeritus Billy Wayne Reed of the Communications Department. Billy ended his long battle with A.L.S on April 17, 2009 at age 69. Following is his obituary from the Rochester D&C.
Reed, Billy W., Ph.D.
Spencerport: Friday, April 17, 2009, age 69. After a courageous battle with A.L.S.
Survived by his loving wife, Ellen; 4 children; Leisa (Brion) Raymer, Kerrie (Edgar) Baker, Matthew (Carolyn) Reed of MA, Bradley (Heather) Reed of VA; 7 grandchildren, Michael (Jenny) Ortolaza, Corey Raymer, Krysta Pagan, Daniel Caraballo, Kyle, Jessica and Opal Reed; 2 great-grandchildren, Maria and Elizabeth.
Billy was a graduate of Memphis State and earned his graduate degree at University of Michigan. He was past Chair of the Communication Department at SUNY Brockport; past NYS Faculty Senate Parliamentarian, Faculty Senate Representative. Billy taught at the Simon School as an adjunct, as well as Kodak and other education arenas.
Funeral Mass Friday 11:00 AM at St. John the Evangelist Church, 55 Martha St., Spencerport, NY 14459. Memorials to MDA, 1425 Jefferson Rd., Rochester, NY 14623 or Lifetime Care. [Also, FYI, there is the Billy Reed Prize in Public Speaking fund at SUNY Brockport c/o the University Relations Office.]

Billy was a great colleague and friend. He was somewhat caught by surprise when friends advised him that he might want to talk to his doctor as his speech patterns started to be impacted by A.L.S. It took months before a final diagnosis but once it came Billy remained determined to contribute to student success at Brockport. When he could no longer teach, he pursued his passion for advising students by contributing more of his professional obligation to the academic advisement office where he had for years been one of its most loyal faculty contributors.

Billy was a fun loving, easy going, friend and a dedicated professional who cared deeply for the College, its students and his colleagues. Particularly with the help of the late emeritus Andy Brown of the Health Science Department, who was a close friend of his, Billy could find humor in almost any circumstances and could light up a group with his humor and good will.

Although we knew that Billy’s days were numbered we are still deeply saddened by his departure and we send our condolences to Ellen and the rest of his family. While we will miss Billy’s presence and remember his courageous battle, we can only hope that his star will continue to bring joy in the spirit world.

Following is a list of names of emeriti that I no longer seem to be reaching. I suspect that they have changed their email addresses and either unintentionally or, maybe intentionally, failed to update their address with me. If anyone has contact with anyone on this list and has their current email address please share it. I will give them the option of dropping off the distribution list if you share.

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Larry and Shari Bassi have another take on the Mexican issue from their perspective in Sierra Vista, Arizona.

Hi Bud – Here is another take on the Mexican issue that has been mentioned by a number of folks. We live only 20 miles north of the Mexican border in Sierra Vista, AZ. I hope our readers realize that often the immigrant issue and the drug violence issue are two different topics. In many instances the immigrants simply want employment and all the other riches that come with living in America. Here in Sierra Vista we find them simply “moving through” trying to get to another location where they can move about more easily. The drug violence issue, as Jim Horn mentioned, is often a border town issue. It is real, but with some common sense most people are able to avoid putting themselves in harm’s way. We have been to Mexico three times in the last six months. We recently returned from a 5 week stay in Mazatlan. We traveled in our motor home pulling another vehicle, got lost once in a small village looking for a beach resort, drove through Culiacan (although we did not stop) and we never encountered a single problem of any importance. In fact, Mexican nationals treated us very well. On our trip back, we did experience one corrupt official who entered our motor home to inspect it and asked for candy. After a bribe of two hands full of M&Ms, he thanked us and we were on our way. We will definitely return. Our best to all! Larry and Shari Bassi

Dick and Jan Liebe are well though saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Tom Rich. They reminisce that for years they lived just down the street from the Richs and were good friends for many years and members together in one of the college staff bridge clubs that began with the large influx of new faculty in the early 1970s. Dick reports that they are fine and, at his writing, were just finishing up the 15th winter in Tucson. They recently returned from a visit with daughter Diane’s family (a former Meade baby sitter in Washington and are heading back to NYS in mid-May.

It is nice to hear from Dick and learn that he and Jan are doing well!

I am unhappy with news from Herb Fink of the possibility that I may never be able to ski at Swain again. Herb reported awhile back that Swain was up for sale and that if it doesn’t sell by August, the assets will be liquidated. This must be devastating news for people like Bill Rock and Gene Orbaker along with the rest of the members of the Brockport Community. Although I have not been on skis myself since coming to Maritime, I had hoped to renew my mediocre
skiing at Swain with the rest of the senior citizens when I return to the Brockport area. But, although this is bad news, it is not nearly as difficult to digest as the really sad news I must frequently report.

In a recent note from Jim Dusen, I learned that he had been in NYC recently to photograph Pat Madama for an article. Watch out for your next issue of KScope and you might see the results. I do hope that the next time he has a shoot in NYC he will get in touch and maybe we can do a shoot together and he can coach me on how to become a better photographer.

Based upon feedback from Mirko Pylyshenko via Joe Winnick, I need to correct something reported in my last “Update”. The sculptures by Zurab Tsereteli on the Brockport campus were gifts from the USSR not from Russia.

Eileen O’Hara, retiree from the library, reports that she was able to enjoy the Cheery Blossoms during her recent trip to visit her son in DC. She visited DC a week or so earlier than our Easter weekend trip to visit our son when we found literally only a handful of cherry blossoms still on the trees. Eileen also reports that her son John, now works at George Washington University. He works with faculty to design and implement online learning websites as well as how to use Blackboard in their curriculums.

Donna Mancuso reports that Dick has had a successful bone marrow transplant of 6 million stem cells transported in a bag about the size of a sandwich baggie—just like you see on TV. The cells now must find a place to settle in and “engraft”. In the meantime, Dick has no new blood cells and no marrow. He will have to have blood transfusions every day until the stem cells start producing. During this time, Dick will be quite susceptible to infection because he has no immune system. Dick will remain at Strong Hospital for 3-4 weeks until there is evidence that the stem cells has engrafted. It has now been 15 days since the transplant so they expect to see some evidence of results within the next few days.

Please keep Dick and Donna in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to wait for the results of Dick’s latest experiment.

Bud

May 7, 2009

Greetings,

Some good news for a change! Sandy and I were in Brockport for a couple of days last weekend to take care of some personal business and to attend the Donor Recognition Dinner in the Ballroom. It was a very nice event and we were pleased to be able to see many friends and former colleagues but sorry that we did not get to say hello personally to many who were present. While in town I made a pass through the campus and I must say that as the environmental enrichment projects begun under the leadership of John Van de Wetering have matured the campus is very well defined and very inviting. Of course his vision has been enhanced and maintained by those who have followed but my message is to thank him for that
initial vision and to suggest that if you have not visited the campus recently you ought to do so to remind yourself of how proud you should be for having been part of the history of the College.

You will find more to cheer and be thankful for at:
http://www.brockport.edu/newsbureau/1291.html

Also, if you are in the Brockport area you may want to take advantage of the opportunity to see the campus as the College celebrates the success of its students at commencement in Special Olympics Stadium at 12:45 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2009.

Tomorrow, Friday, May 8th is the annual Recognition Dinner at which employees receive recognition for longevity (25, 30, 35… years of service), celebrate the onset of the “retirement years” and/or are recognized for exceptional service through local and SUNY award programs. Your copy of Statements will provide you with the list of names in each category. If you are an emeritus/emerita and do not receive Statements, please contact Institutional Advancement and make sure they have the correct address for you. I will share the names of those who are joining us in retirement because as their names are dropped from the College’s active directory there will be even fewer names that we recognize: Catherine Appleby, Nina Christopher, Pauline Codori, Patricia Craine, Carol Cuddihee, William Dillon, Thomas Donaloio, Richard Fenton, Robert Gilliam, Terrence Hooper, Mary Ellen Hosford, Robert Jenks, Jennifer Lloyd, Clarke Mahaney, Linda Pickering, Marion Quill, Sharon Ryan, Michael Sherwood, Bonnie Sills, Beatrice Simmons, Joseph Siracusa, Barbara Speed, Ralph Toscano, Marcia Ullman, Richard Whelan, and Paul Yu. I could tell some great stories about many of these retirees but for now from the waterways of NYC I just welcome them aboard the ship “Retirement” and wish them safe passage and following seas. Congratulations to all!

Here is some news of interest (at least to me and I suspect to many) about a former Administrative Computing employee. Tim Mech recently presented a forum at the Presbyterian Church in Brockport describing the experiences he and his wife have had working with the gypsy tribes in Chennai, India. Tim Mech left Brockport to pursue his doctorate but he has distanced himself both vocationally and geographically from his computer programming job at the College. From my experience, he was one of the best programmers we had during the early years, and apparently, he continues to excel as a humanitarian. Many of you likely remember Tim and I thought you might be interested in hearing this.

Sadly, I misplaced information I received about a significant birthday for Erna Henschke Bowman, spouse of the late Professor Emeritus of English, Walter Bowman, and I failed to include it in a timely notice in an Update. Erna celebrated her 100th birthday with friends at the Presbyterian Church in Brockport on April 5th. Belatedly we wish her continued health and happiness as she tackles the next 100 years.

The SUNY Retirees Services Corp Website has been approved [check out the test site at http://test.suny.edu/retirees/ ] and will be made public shortly. One of the items on the website is "Retirees in the News". The emeriti coordinator for SUNY is asking for assistance in obtaining updated information for this link. They are looking for links that contain information in the following areas for any retiree (classified or unclassified service) or retiree activity:
• Retirees in the news (for accomplishments at your campus or in the general community)
• Lectures, presentations, etc. at your campus by or for retirees
• Luncheons, social activities, etc. at your campus by or for retirees

Dr. Chugh says that having this information will enhance the website, feature campuses and its activities more prominently in the public, and provide current information for retirees who access the site. You can email any information to be included to Dr. Ram Chugh at Ram.Chugh@suny.edu both now for current events and as information becomes available in the future. [There are several members of the Marketing Communications Department on my Update mailing list and I hope they will share copies of Statements with Ram as well as help inform him of emeriti events on campus. Unless I hear objections, I will share the link to “Your News” on the Emeritus page at Brockport with Dr. Chugh.]

And it is always great to hear of Karla and Roger’s travel adventures. Even better, Sandy and I encountered Karla at Wegmans while we were home last week and caught up a little bit more on their activities. But, for now, here is a recent note from Karla:

Dear Bud – It has been so long since I’ve dropped you a line or two to add to your emeriti listserv that I’m a bit embarrassed. But, with all the sad news of late, I thought it might be a good time to send along an update.

Roger and I are home after our winter travels to the south…and to the Baja of Mexico, where we spent eight days among whales and dolphins on another Lindblad/National Geographic Expedition. And whales we did see in abundance: randy male humpbacks jockeying for position to claim a female…giant sperm whales (of Moby Dick fame) spouting to high heaven…and mother and calf pairs of gray whales in their nursing grounds in the lagoons off the Pacific Coast. At several points our Zodiacs were surrounded by the beasts – the babies are fifteen feet when born! One mother rose a few feet away from the Zodiac, almost at arm’s length from me and I was thrilled to have her look me right at me with her great eye peering back at my tiny human eyes.

Our winter in Georgia/Florida was punctuated with two weeks for me as Artist-in-Residence at Everglades National Park. I left Roger in the western Everglades (with fridge well supplied with soups and salads) so I could spend my time devoted to further exploration of the eastern Everglades – and writing, writing, writing. The park furnished me with a small apartment where I worked sixteen-hour days on average as the poems flowed. I was amazed at my productivity – 40 poems in two weeks, which are currently being incorporated into a book of Everglades poems, combining the new poems with ones I’ve written about in recent years. I made time to explore on foot and bike an area of the park off-limits to tourists where the wildflowers were blooming in abundance following a controlled burn of the pinelands. I managed to identify 32 species of flowers – great practice for poetry with a focus on tiny details. It was a joy. And Roger managed to survive without me – the longest we’ve ever been apart. Now, the park folks want me to return. I will, but want to take a year or so off before returning.
Before and after my Everglades residency, we had plenty of time to hike and kayak throughout Florida and favorite corners in Georgia such as the Okefenokee Swamp. And we had the joy of discovering a new lighthouse (new to us) at Ponce Inlet near the Atlantic where I did some photography that was particularly satisfying.

Now we’re home and settled until May 24 when we head off with our little rig for points west, going across the Dakotas into Montana and back for two months before returning, unpacking and repacking, and heading off in mid-August for two weeks in the Canadian High Arctic (think Northwest Passage) and Greenland.

But in the interim, it’s time to visit with Brockport friends, do a few poetry readings, make the usual rounds of doctor appointments and tend to the yard and garden, such as they are.

So, warm greetings on a cold morning in Kent to all our Brockport colleagues.

Warmly, kindly,

Karla (and Roger, of course!)

[As always, ENVY is the word! Karla, thanks for sharing. Let us know if you are successful in publishing your Everglades poetry.]

Dick and Donna Mancuso could still use some “good cheer”. Donna continues in her role as caregiver extraordinaire and Dick continues his research. I am sure they will benefit greatly from knowing that they are in our thoughts and prayers.

With mixed feelings, I report that Laura Emerson is leaving the Advancement Office to work in Drake Library. I have enjoyed working with Laura over the years in our efforts to keep our contact information for emeriti/emerita up-to-date. She shares changes in contact information that she receives and I do likewise. I wish her well in her new job and look forward to working with Dawn Schmidt who is on the alumni support staff and will be assisting with emeriti affairs.

I was pleased to hear from Walter Boston recently and learn that he and Abbie travel to NYC and Russia as their most frequent destinations. While we probably won’t bump into them in Russia, we likely will have an encounter with them in Manhattan in the months ahead. We know where they stay and will be on the lookout!

Although the reason for her contact, the passing of Billy Reed, was not something to enjoy, it was a pleasure to hear from Ginny Studer and to learn that she and Ruth Garis have survived another winter in Vermont, which they still love despite a severe ice storm on December 11, 2008. They have been spending their time trying to correct the damage and find places to store the wood. Ginny reports that she has become involved in a fuel-assistance, non-profit which gave away 50 thousand dollars worth of fuel this year. They do some fund-raising and Ginny is involved with “The Best Dam Walk in Vermont”—a half marathon planned for September.
[Ginny, it was great to hear from you despite the circumstances. It sounds like you are keeping more than busy in retirement.]

I was also pleased to hear from John Phillips, Craig Hazen, George Toth and others who provided email address corrections and other information following my last “Update”. While they appreciate the updates, they are not often happy with the news. At the time of the “Update” John Phillips was “house sitting” while his son and his wife were in Russia picking up their three-and-a-half-year-old son through adoption. George and Ginger Toth similarly reported that they were grandparents for the first time through the birth of Peter Matthew Lisack to his daughter Karen and son-in-law Matt. Congratulations to John and George and thanks for the feedback from Craig and others.

We are still enjoying most of our time on the Throggs Neck Peninsula. While we have great views and a deck I can fish from at high tide, there is no perfect world. When we were in Brockport last weekend we noted that less dust had accumulated in a month at home than accumulates in one day in our troll quarters beneath the Throggs Neck Bridge. In addition, while we were away someone backed into the vehicle we had left behind right in our own private driveway. And, while it is fun to watch the sea gulls dive for clams and then fly high to drop them on the stones on the beach to break them open, it is not so much fun when they get off course and drop them on the cars in the driveway. But generally, we are having a great time in this second run at the old careers and looking forward to the excitement of commencement tomorrow morning, the Navy ROTC Commissioning aboard the Intrepid in Manhattan tomorrow afternoon and the departure of the Empire State Training Ship for some southern exposure before heading to Gibraltar, Germany, and Iceland – and, maybe we’ll depart with it next year!

Peace,

Bud

May 22, 2009

Greetings,

This is just a catch up. Some of this news is a little old like most of those receiving it—whoops, some of us are more than a “little” old! Anyway, I am pleased on this memorial weekend as we think about all those who have touched our lives who are no longer with us that I have no really bad news to report. Basically, I just wish to take this opportunity to share the news of others.

First, we send our congratulations to Kenneth O’Brien, History Department, upon his election as President of the University Faculty Senate. This is a significant recognition of his many years of service in governance at the College and within SUNY and we are sure that SUNY will benefit greatly from his leadership and insights as he articulates his informed thoughts with the passion we have all come to know and appreciate. Best wishes to you Ken as you continue to work to ensure that SUNY can be all it can be.
Martin Lindauer wrote that he had problems reading the last “Update”. Sandy reported a similar problem but I do not have a clue what caused it. If you had problems reading it I’ll be posting it along with other fairly recent Updates on the “Your News” page on the emeriti website at: http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm

I have some good news for a change. Donna Mancuso wrote the following update on Dick’s status as of May 11, 2009. I have since talked with both Donna and Dick and learned that although everything is difficult the thing that is getting Dick down the most right now is back pain. Of course, now that the weather is getting good his great pain is also his current inability to win some skins games on the golf course and punish those who would dare to challenge him. We need to keep Dick and Donna in our thoughts and prayers as they continue wait for Dick to finish his experiments and get back in the game.

Hi everyone--again, please forgive the mass email...the news is that Dick was released from Strong today [May 11] because "he no longer needs critical care". So, we are home and Dick is being treated as an outpatient. A visiting nurse will come twice a week to draw blood and hang fluids. I will be taught how to care for his port and how to flush it. Then the days after the blood draws we will go to Strong for adjustments to medications, tests and transfusions as they are needed. The big and scary dangers are infection and graft versus host disease. We have a pharmacy of drugs on our kitchen counter, a huge box of medical supplies...an IV pole, saline solution, pre-filled syringes with heparin for flushes---ok, too much information...sorry. I get carried away, I know.

Thank you all for your kind words, cards, calls, prayers. We would be so diminished if we didn't have you in our lives.

donna

I was pleased when Martin Lindauer sent me the following email following his email to advise me of his problems with reading my last “Update”:

Hi Bud,

I continue to enjoy your Updates and appreciate receiving them, written as they are with your positive attitude and good cheer. Here's an Update about me that you can use (and edit as you see fit):

Too financially challenged to travel much, too clumsy to play golf well or bike any distance, too far away from grandchildren to visit often, Martin Lindauer (Psychology) spends his time writing. His book on the psychology of literature, "Psyche and the Literary Muses: The Contribution of Literary Content to Scientific Psychology" (John Benjamins) is coming out this June (http://www.benjamins.com/cgi-bin/t_bookview.cgi?bookid=LAL%207), his second book since retirement ("Aging, Creativity, and the Arts" [Springer. 2003]). Published this year, too, is a chapter on creativity, "Literary Creativity and Physiognomy: Expressiveness in Writers, Readers, and Literature" in Kaufman and Kaufman's, “The Psychology of Creative Writing”
Martin, hearing from you brings back fond memories of the locker room when the “gentile intelligentsia”—you, the late Don McWherter, the late Bob Cassie, the late Harold Rakov, Lefty McIntyre—well maybe not Lefty, at least not the gentile part, and other handball/racquetball players brought a bit of class to the scene and brought locker room communications to a higher standard. Thanks for that and congratulations for your continued success as a writer in retirement.

And here is a nice tribute to the late Ron Dilcher from Carol Blake, who was both his friend and student.

Dear Bud--Here are some comments about the passing of Ron Dilcher, one of my favorite teachers from SUNY Brockport.

I was so sad to learn of Ron Dilcher's death. I took two classes with him in the early 70's. He took us on many outdoor trips--the most memorable being one to the Bergen Swamp. He suggested we wear slacks and long sleeve shirts, boots and gloves because of deep mud and rattlesnakes. What fun! (It really was.)

A few years later I went with my son's Cub Scout Troop there. I don't know why I didn't think to tell other mothers what they had better wear. Most of them showed up in shorts and sneakers. It's a good thing they were all young then!

Those trips were never forgotten. Of course, we had to write about all the flora and fauna we saw. Ron was one of the finest persons I ever knew--both in and out of the classroom.

Carol Blake

Carol, thank you so much for this tribute! I know that there are many like you who echo your praise of Ron and whose remembrances memorialize his life and his contributions.

Betty Nasca has more to add to the story of Erna Bowman’s birthday. Here is what she has shared:

She [Erna] not only had the birthday party at the Presbyterian Church but the Friday before her actual birthday she had one at "The Village at Park Ridge" where she resides and then on her actual birthday, son Ken from California, took her to Woodcliff, her favorite restaurant, for lunch and on Saturday the 25th she hosted a spectacular event at the Morgan Manning House here in Brockport. She is now anxiously awaiting "her" Gourmet group to take her to lunch. She wanted to rest a few days before doing that. This group is the original Faculty Wives Gourmet Group from the college that Sally Jackson and Elsie Elton started over 35 years ago. We were 18 members at times but are now down to just 6 but we still meet regularly if nothing other than celebrating birthdays.

Betty
Betty, thank you for this additional information to add to the Erna Bowman story! I am happy but surprised that you still meet. I am not sure what caused the demise of the Faculty Wives group – maybe just the name could not withstand the changes resulting from all of the civil liberties activities of the ‘60s and ‘70s. We have fond memories of the Faculty Women’s Associate Ball in our first years at Brockport and of our participation in the Faculty Wives Gourmet Group – or a spin off of it. We thoroughly enjoyed our experiences with Bob and Leonie Boon, Adam and Jet LaZarre, Dave and Dottie Field, and, I believe a guest Chinese Dinner presentation by Perry and Pam Fuller. We have great memories (well, actually a lot of memories stored away that we too often have to struggle to access) and are pleased that your feedback has opened the door to a few. Thanks, and we again send our best wishes to Erna as she continues to be “gourmet”.

It is always fun to hear from Anne and Lynne Parsons—partly because we know where they live and can connect to their news a little bit but also because they somehow live interesting lives in an idyllic community. Here is their news:

We celebrated our fiftieth wedding anniversary here in Castine last September with a surprise reception/party organized by our two sons. They had been stealthily working on it for over a year. Old friends, colleagues and family were smuggled into town without our knowledge.

We had intended to observe our fiftieth by embarking on some sort of extended travel, but couldn’t agree on where to go, so we saved our money and waited. Then we learned of an Elderhostel tour to Spain and Morocco next October, which will focus on the Christian, Judaic, and Islamic influences in that part of the world, and signed on.

Lynn’s book, *The Birth of Modern Politics: Andrew Jackson, John Quincy Adams, and the Election of 1828*, was published by Oxford University Press in May. Among those he thanked in his Acknowledgments was the Brockport History Department, whom Lynn described as “an unusual band of teacher-scholars who never wavered in their commitment to their students and to their discipline. I became a better teacher, and a better scholar, as a result of my many years with them.”

Anne served as president of the Castine Arts Association for the past three years and was recently elected president of the local Unitarian-Universalist Congregation. Lynn is a member of the town’s Comprehensive Planning Committee, and we both co-edit the *Castine Visitor*, the Castine Historical Society’s newsletter.

Thank you for sharing this news. While Brockport misses your contributions, you certainly have continued to share your talents in your new home. Best wishes.

Finally, I always enjoy hearing from Sheila Myer because her messages pump me up. I have to confess that I do enjoy this type of feedback but it is the “keeping in touch” that makes this work so rewarding. Thank you, Sheila, and, all the rest of you, who keep me informed.
I seem to be receiving your missives without problem now. Who knows why?
I'm just glad I am. Whenever I finish one I think "Thank God for Bud for providing this very important service". I enjoy reading it very much.
I'll be attending the Recognition dinner tonight to officially welcome Marcia Ullman into retirement.
Sheila Myer

Have a safe holiday weekend,

Bud

June 24, 2009

Greetings,

I am sorry for not being in touch for some time. For some reason this “retirement life” is too full and I have difficulty finding time to do many of the things I want to do. I am also somewhat out of the loop for information and the dearth of responses after my last mailing led me to believe I probably had offended everyone with something I said. But, here we are again and sadly, with mostly bad news.

First I regret not getting something out to all of you following receiving information on June 8th from Herb Fink that Sachio Ashida was recovering from a stroke at St. Mary’s Hospital in Rochester. In that message, Herb told me that the stroke did not affect Dr. Ashida’s cognitive ability but did affect his speech and that although he did not need a wheelchair anymore he was using a walker. This was bad news but there was a positive tone in it for a reasonable degree of recovery for someone who had just turned 85 a few days earlier. Sadly, Dr. Ashida died on June 22, 2009. Some members of the College community first learned of his death by an email Mike Andriatch shared with me from Rosemary Custer, the principal at the Ginther School. In her email, she described Dr. Ashida as a wonderful man who touched the lives of many, many people in and outside of the Brockport community. Those of us who knew him certainly agree as we often stood in awe of this humble professor’s lifetime experiences and accomplishments. Because so many were touched by Dr. Ashida, I share the link provide to me by Lucinda Dumaw in the HR Office at Brockport that will take you to some tributes paid to him by his Judo associates. Go to: http://judoforum.com/index.php?showtopic=38070

Below is an example of what you will find shared with feeling by Cichorei Kano:

This is a sad, sad, day for me.

Dr. Ashida was an absolutely extraordinary man, who still harbored the old Butokukai spirit. With Fukuda Keiko-sensei, and since the leaving of Ishikawa-sensei and the passing of Mitsuo ‘Mits’ Kimura and Kaname ‘Ken’ Kuniyuki, all three 9th dan, Ashida had been the most senior jūdōka in the United States.

His education in Psychology, and in which he held a PhD, made him someone who was not only
uniquely gifted in judo, but someone who also had and kept the academic perspective.

The last time I met Ashida-sensei, was at the Kōdōkan in 2007. Those who knew Ashida-sensei were aware he had undergone total knee and hip replacement surgery in the past. As such, walking sometimes caused him great pain. On the first day of the Kōdōkan Kata Summer courses, I would see Ashida with difficulty, but with perseverance walk up the stairs all the way from the 4th to the 7th floor, and ‘stand’ while listening to the lecture, until finally Daigo or another very senior Kōdōkan-sensei told a junior teaching staff member to fetch a chair for sensei. I point out that in the meantime many people one third his age, were already sitting on chairs …

It also was not until Ōsawa-sensei invited him to take the special elevator that he would accept. If Ashida-sensei lacked one thing, then it was complaining.

I feel very fortunate to have known sensei. Together with Imamura-sensei, 9th dan, and Fukuda-sensei, 9th dan, he was one of the three sensei in the US I would deeply bow for. I did not meet Ashida very regularly, but we had a strange common root: Kyōto.

Ashida-sensei was born in Tamba Takeda in Hyōgo Prefecture in 1924, as one of eight children. In Kōbe, he met Muneyuki Genji-sensei, who at the time was a yodan. When Ashida found out, he decided he wanted to study judo, and did so at age 12. In 1938, he won the All Japan Kotoshō Gakkō Championships, as well as various other tournaments. He obtained shodan in 1940 at age 15. He also won the Hyōgo-ken Seinendan Championships, as well as the Hyōgo-ken Senengakkō Yūdansha Championships three times

His teacher, still quite young then, was also fascinated by Confucianism and Zen buddhism, which he successfully transmitted on to his young pupil. If I remember well, he studied zen at the Kasei Zen temple in Nishinomiya.

In the war, when he was about 20 years old, Ashida-sensei was in the Japanese Air Force as a suicide pilot fighting the Americans. He was on a mission to fly over Hiroshima about 16 hours after the bomb had been dropped. In one of the most tragic and chilling accounts, Ashida told that he landed his plane, found a bicycle and pedaled amidst the burning remnants of the city. He mentioned that he came across a woman carrying a bucket on her arm; in the bucket was the head of her daughter whose body had been blasted apart. It was an image he never was able to ban from his mind.

Later, Ashida studied Psychology in Japan. He obtained a BA in Economics from Kwansei University in Osaka, and a BA in Psychology from Kwansei Gaku’in Nishinomiya University.

Ashida-sensei held black belts in judo, karate, and kendo. He was also a student of Tenjin Shinyō-ryū under Nagasuga-sensei. I have been told that he was taught the kuden of Tenjin Shinyō-ryū, which would imply that he would have held menkyo, but I do not know for sure. One of my projects was to discuss some of these things with him, but unfortunately it never
transpired. I believe that he even held, what is extremely rare these days, a rank in Kitō-ryū jūjutsu.

After the war, when he was 29, in 1953, he decided to come to the US and wanted to study for a PhD in Psychology & Mathematics at the University of Nebraska. At that time, he held the rank of godan. He struggled with English, of which his knowledge was insufficient to pass the entrance exam. In consequence, he was assigned an English tutor by the name of Margaret. The two later married. As rumor goes, Margaret’s father who fought under MacArthur refused to meet Ashida at the time. Interestingly, Nebraska law at the time actually prohibited its inhabitants from marrying either Japanese, Chinese or Indian people.

Later, Ashida-sensei taught jūdō at Michigan State University and at Brockport State University, where he also became an Associate Professor of Psychology, later Emeritus.

In 1956, Ashida was one of the founders of the Midwest Judo Association, a predecessor of the Midwest Jūdō Yūdanshakai, which he founded himself in 1960.

In 1973, Ashida-sensei was inducted in the Black Belt Magazine Hall of Fame as Sensei of the year.

In 1975, Ashida-sensei unfortunately was diagnosed with colon cancer, but beat the disease, and lived for almost another quarter century.

In 1976, Ashida-sensei was the Head Coach of the US Olympic Judo Squad which featured outstanding athletes such as Pat Burris. Ashida was also a respected and early IJF-A referee. He was the only US referee to referee at the 1984 Olympics. He still shared his expertise during the AmCan all-day referee clinic in which he cooperated together with another great judo referee pedagogue, Rick Celotto.

He held USJI A-Certifications as a Kata Judge in the 7 kata for which the certification exists, and also was a USJF Instructor for the kata in which certification exists in the US, although he was not very happy with the current kata instruction and certifications structure.

In 1991, at age 77 he had total knee replacement surgery in both knees, and hip replacement.

In 2001, Ashida-sensei was bestowed with Order of the Sacred Treasure, 4th level by Emperor Akihito in recognizance of his contributions to spreading Japanese culture.

In 2003, Ashida-sensei at the USJI Championships in Las Vegas, was presented with a portrait painted by Ador Paposi-Job, which depicted Ashida-sensei and his recently sadly diseased wife, Margaret, as well as his grandson.

Ashida-sensei brought tears to my eyes twice. In October 2005, Ashida-sensei then 82 years old was promoted by the USJF to 9th dan. His answer? “It is too early, I was still studying jūdō”.

In a day when we see 40-year olds with virtually no budō history sport red belts, and demanding
to be addressed as, *shihan* professor, *sensei*, and with little hesitation claim 9th or 10th degree black belts, Ashida taught me in a single sentence what progression in rank in *jūdō* really was about.

Once a long time ago, I performed *jū-no-kata* for him. Afterwards I asked him what he thought. His answer brief and pointed: "*I felt like vomiting*. I did not feel hurt, and remember smiling in accepting his valued verdict. I tripled my efforts in working with Umezu-*sensei* and Fukuda-*sensei*, and although I was never given a chance to demonstrate it again to his discerning eye, I was confident that his single sentence had provided me power and determination to study harder and improve.

I saw Ashida-*sensei* for the last time in August of 2007. On the 20th of July, on the final day of the Kōdōkan Summer Kata Course, he received out of the hands of Kanō Yukimitsu his Kōdōkan rank certificate (in Japanese), in front of the three *jūdan* holders, the entire corps of Kōdōkan-*sensei*, and many of his contemporaries and followers. It is an image that I will not easily forget. Despite his aging body and past health problems, he walked up straight to the Kōdōkan kanchō. Took deep bows to all the *jūdō-sensei* and the kanchō and respectfully accepted his rank. He made again a deep bow as he walked back. Even in Japan, I have rarely seen anybody in *jūdō* with such dignity and character.

In a world of martial arts jokers, Dr. Sachio Ashida exemplified the word 'sensei'. On top of that, he actually WAS a 'professor', a real one, not a self-designated one.

Dear friends, a truly great man of *jūdō* has passed today, a man with 73 years of *jūdō* experience who has touched the lives of many, a man whose image will remain an example to us all. Let us all in the privacy of our homes and *dōjō* reflect on his passing.

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Then more sad news was received from Rita Burrell about the passing of Teresa M. Knapp who served the campus for many years as an administrative assistant in the Office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs under the late Armand Burke, assistant to Dr. Burke when he, with others, founded the Time Shortened Degree Program, later to become the Alternate College, and retired in 1990 as Registrar at the Rochester Educational Opportunity Center. I have fond memories of Teresa from my early days at Brockport and the great halls of Hartwell. Teresa was a dedicated assistant to Dr. Burke who often could be found working in her office well after the rest of Hartwell was silent for the night. When she put her head down to work it was for pure production not appearances and I remember fondly seeing her with her finger print covered out-of-kilter eyeglasses as she provided information to students or produced work in support of her work unit. She worked hard yet had time to take courses at Brockport and the great halls of Hartwell. Teresa was predeceased by her husband Roger, her daughter Jean and her sister Pat. She is survived by her 8 children John, Jim, Jeff, Jane, Joel, Jerry, Jill and Joanne, 21 grandchildren, 4 brothers Dave, John, Bob, and Dick Burgess. She died on June 14, 2009 and here is her obituary as shared by Rita Burrell:

*Teresa M. Knapp: On Sunday, June 14, 2009 at the age of 77. Predeceased by her husband Roger, her daughter Jean and her sister Pat. She is survived by her 8 children John, Jim, Jeff, Jane, Joel, Jerry, Jill and Joanne, 21 grandchildren, 4 brothers Dave, John, Bob, and Dick Burgess. Teresa had a passion for flying, flowers, traveling and a love of solving puzzles. At*
Teresa's request, there will be no prior calling hours or funeral. Those wishing may contribute to the American Diabetes Association.

Teresa was a major contributor to the success of the College during the growth years of the 1970s and later to the success of the Educational Opportunity Center. There are many former students at both the College and the EOC who were assisted in their career goals by Teresa who remain indebted, as the College doe, for her dedicated service. We pray that Teresa will now rest in peace and thank her for her support and contributions in this life.

Dick and Donna Mancuso continue to struggle with Dick’s recuperation and we should keep them in our thoughts. Although some of the medical events are predictable in the view of the doctors they still create a lot of anxiety and stress. We pray that Dick will continue on the road to recovery with fewer and fewer events.

Following the last “Update” I was pleased to hear from Janet and Jack Beck. After 43 years of association with Brockport they say that they enjoy hearing about their colleagues and friends. They have now sold their house in Brockport to Bonnie Kleiman, daughter of emeritus Maury Kleiman and now spend their time between Venice, Florida and the Saratoga Springs area where they are close to son Tom and daughter Nancy at least part of the year. As they have been settling in at their townhouse near Saratoga Springs they have found that their favorite pieces are those of Bill Stewart, especially a quirky “bobblehead”, Tom Markusen’s stunning candlesticks, and some favorite scenes of Brockport by Helen Smagorinsky. Their regret is that that they do not have a Jack Wolsky painting but they plan to rectify that sometime in the future. Jack keeps busy playing and holding pickleball clinics both in the Saratoga Springs area and in Venice, Florida, playing tennis and missing his B-port partners, Jack Wolsky, Bill Andrews, Mel Smagorinsky, Dave Hale, and Chuck Kiehl, among others. Both Janet and Jack play golf wherever they are although they are not yet ready for the professional tours and they also spend many happy times watching grandchildren in their activities.

[Thanks for the update Janet and Jack. It is always great to hear from former colleagues and friends and to be able to share in their retirement lives. I regret that I haven’t a clue what “pickleball” is but I am happy that Jack has found it a good retirement pastime—likely more stimulating than making “bobbleheads”.

In closing our thoughts and prayers go out to others in our group who have heavy burdens but choose privacy.

We wish them peace.

Bud

July 15, 2009

Greetings from our third-world country—the Bronx—where you can triple park next to an empty double parking meter without getting a ticket but where you’ll get a $100 ticket for actually parking at the same meter during the hours designated for street sweeping even on days when no
sweeping is scheduled; where you can do a u-turn in front of four lanes of traffic from the right hand lane at a red light without getting a ticket as long as your vehicle is fast enough to get you through the u-turn without “blocking the box”; where you can get by in communicating with the natives if you can master the phrases “You know what I’m saying”, “Youse guys”, “It is what it is” and, “You got it” with just a little of the “F” word sprinkled in; and where run on conversations and sentences are the norm. We are, in a sense, in “another world”, but, although other worlds present a lot of unknowns and many challenges, we all face them both in this life and beyond. Sadly, for us, I must report on the departure of three of our colleagues who have moved on to another “other world” where they will likely have to learn new rules of the road and methods of communication. We wish George Cond, Senior Computer Operator at the College; Harry Sentiff, well know businessman, former member of the College Council and, if memory serves me, former member the Brockport Foundation Board, and distinguished lifetime supporter of the College; and Robert “Bob” Pedersen, retired Health Science Professor and Hockey Coach, peace as they enter the “other-world” of the afterlife. We send our condolences to their families and loved ones and we will miss their presence in this world. Following are the details of their passings.

**Pedersen, John R. "Bob"**
Spencerport: July 3, 2009. Passed away at age 82, surrounded by his loving family. Bob is survived by his high school sweetheart and devoted wife of 61 years, Margaret (Marge); daughters, Sharon (Michael) Specksgoor, Patricia (Richard) Merritt; son, Paul (Kristen) Pedersen; grandchildren, Kory, Matt, and Nate Merritt; Gretchen and Megan Specksgoor; MacKenzie and Brennen Pedersen.

Bob touched the lives of many students as a professor at SUNY Brockport, as a high school and college coach for more than 30 years. As a hockey coach, he was inducted into the Monroe County Hockey Hall of Fame. Bob was influential in starting hockey programs at both McQuaid High School and SUNY Brockport College.

Bob's family is honoring his wishes for a private interment with NO PRIOR VISITATION. A mass will be celebrated in his honor at a later date. Your prayers are greatly appreciated. Donations may be made to a charity of choice in Bob's memory. Bob's family extends their sincere gratitude to Unity Hospital, the Dialysis Unit, Hildebrandt Hospice, and the angels of the 3400 wing. Services and care entrusted to Walker Brothers Co. Funeral Home, Inc., 15 West Ave., Spencerport, NY 14559.

**Harry Sentiff**
We have learned that Harry Sentiff died on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 and await details. The only thing we know for certain is that there will be a memorial service next Friday (July 24, 2009) at the Presbyterian Church at 7 pm. We hope to have more details later. Harry and Chris Sentiff were exceptional members of the Brockport Community who were unselfish in their commitments to their church, the College, their friends, and to the community. Harry and his great smile and friendship will be missed by many. He lived a long and productive life and he has earned the best that the afterlife can offer.

**George Cond**
The untimely death of George Cond is a shock to the Brockport Community. George served the College from 1970 until his death last Friday at 59. George arrived at Brockport College the same year that I moved from Financial Aids to Personnel. He was hired by Jeff Balling, former Director of Administrative Computing and he stayed true to his tasks through much iteration of supervisors and computer systems. Although George had a slightly gruff exterior—often deep in thought and staring at the floor when you encountered him outside of his workspace, he had a soft interior and he was dedicated to providing service to the computer center and those who needed its support. I was fortunate to get to know him quite well over the years. Early on, after Mike Oshier taught me to key punch and I started punching cards to produce reports from our early database, I would take my punched program cards to George for the running of the reports. He was always tolerant when programs blew up because of key punch errors and supportive. In George Cond’s untimely death Brockport College has lost a significant resource and the Brockport Community has lost a good contributor and friend. We send our condolences to George’s family and loved ones and are thankful that we were able to know him in this life.

Cond, George F., III
Batavia: Age 59, of Batavia, NY, entered into rest July 10, 2009. Fiancé of Diana Briatico of Corfu; sons George F. Cond IV; James Cond, both of Batavia; brothers, Roger Boyce of Batavia; Fred (Debbie) Cond of Brockport; sister Audra Dillon and her daughter Alyssa of Holley survive along with many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his wife, Linda L. (Conibear) Cond, 1999, and his parents.

Friends may call on Tues., July 14, 2009, from 4 to 8 PM at the Gilmartin Funeral Home & Cremation Company, Inc., 329-333 West Main Street, Batavia, NY. Funeral services will be held at the funeral home, 11 AM on Wed., July 15, burial in Evergreen Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials suggested to the family for various charities.

Better news follows:

As many of you are probably aware Raj Madan has had some major health issues during the last few months. The good news is that after having a couple of successful heart procedures she is feeling well and back on track to enjoy her retirement. During her difficulties, she had the support of her husband, her sons, and many of her former colleagues and friends from the College. We are very happy for her restoration to good health and send our best regards.

Following my last Update I heard from Elaine Miller. She continues to be active in retirement and reported that she had just finished a bike tour through Yellowstone and the Teton Park and was at the time at a Political Cartoonists convention in Seattle. Thanks for sharing and best wishes for many more bike trips in your future.

I also had a nice note from President John Halstead in response to the last Update. He commented on his pleasure at having gotten to know Jack Beck and others during alumni events in Venice, Florida and mentioned how much he enjoys occasionally playing tennis with the emeritus crows—Jack Wolsky, Bill Andrews, Mel Smagorinsky, David Hale, and Chuck Kiehl were mentioned. It is great to know that this group is still playing and that they are willing to include a relative youngster like the president in the game. Dr. Halstead’s note reminded me that
we had never been able to get him to join the NBA (noontime basketball association). As I previously reported he was on a tour of the NBA gym in Tuttle shortly after his arrival in Brockport when we were playing. Someone tossed our game ball to him on the sidelines and in suit and tie he smoothly pushed the basketball skyward from the sidelines with a resulting swish through the net. He probably felt he could never top that so found more comfort with the rejection of our invitation to be a regular than having to prove that this one great shot was not a fluke.

Jim Horn reports that, as might be expected, Mexican tourism is off because of the treatment by the press of the drug wars and the influenza scare along with the problems in the US economy. He says: “No matter that the drug wars have not affected Cuernavaca at all and that 85% of the counties in Mexico didn’t have a single case of flu, the damage is done with hundreds of thousands unemployed in a country with no unemployment insurance.” Jim has no tours currently scheduled until January so he is enjoying life in sunny Mexico while spending time planning other tours. He’ll be to Venice for 3 nights at the end of August before boarding an Elegant Cruise along the Dalmatian coast to Dubrovnik and back to see if it would be a good tour for his clients. Jim, Sandy and I will be very interested in what you discover and could be clients for a Croatia excursion. Keep us informed.

Finally, we need to continue to keep in our thoughts and prayers Dick Mancuso and others who are in wars they can win but for whom optimism remains elusive because of repeated setbacks.

Peace,

Bud

September 9, 2009

Greetings,

Aghh! Technology is wonderful when it works! But…Maritime has had three occasions when contractors cut off our internet access this summer. Now, although new wiring has been ready to be hooked up since before last October, my internet service to our apartment remains connect via a wire running along the ground to the power plant with many things piled on it along the way. Thus, we are experiencing some real delays in connecting and I am only prayerfully hopeful that this “Update” will reach you—at least in my lifetime!

That said, having just returned from my 50th High School Class Reunion and going into my 5th year of a six-month stint at SUNY Maritime College, I find myself somewhat overwhelmed by the passage of time and the contemplation of the years left to communicate with all of you. Will my words stop before your ability to receive them? But then I think about all the members of our group that are fighting the great reaper or impediments that keep them from enjoying life to the fullest and I am thankful. Fifteen members of my high school graduating class (only 57 of us to start with) are gone and several are counting their days. Yet Sandy and I are still able to tour the NYC area on foot and continue to enjoy our work and our leisure which bring me to a secret for you all. We have learned that the best tickets for Broadway Theatre are released just before
show time. We have stood in line for 2 hours to get the best Jersey Boy seats in the house—5th row seats formerly available online at premium prices. Two weekends ago we decided to run into the city to see if we could get tickets for the “sold out” South Pacific and ended up dead center stage in the 5th row. I am convinced that Nellie was singing only to me when she came up stage and looked straight into my eyes—or so I’d like to believe. But, there are more important events to share.

First, there is the Nathan Lyons Exhibition and Lecture that is very time sensitive and I apologize to Nathan for my delay. Following is what you need to know. Please note that the lecture at the George Eastman House is tomorrow. I wish I were in Brockport so I could attend. It had been my intent when I retired to talk to Nathan about doing some volunteer work at the Visual Arts Center just to be around people who might share some of their expertise. If you are in the area and can add these events to your schedule I am sure you will enjoy them:

Nathan Lyons Exhibition and Lecture

On September 11, 6-9 PM, Artisan Works (565 Blossom Road, Rochester) will open "After 9/11," an exhibition by Nathan Lyons that was developed in response to the destruction of the World Trade Center.

On September 10, at 5:30 PM, in a lecture at the George Eastman House, Lyons will present a preview of a new body of work entitled "Return Your Mind to its Upright Position," Lyons will discuss his working method and the structural considerations used in developing an extended sequence of images

"After 9/11"

In response to the tragic events of September 11, photographer Nathan Lyons, known for his direct and often questioning observations of American culture, has created a poignant body of images. Photographing in small towns and large cities, Lyons has keenly observed the extreme variety of responses– from deep reverence to blatant commercialization – displayed by average Americans. The provocative sequence of images, often loaded with multiple messages, is powerfully coherent and strangely disturbing. The edited sequence of photographs will both engage audiences to question their responses to this horrific event in the context of our complicated society and memorialize the loss of so many innocent lives.

"Return Your Mind to its Upright Position"

This current project represents a continuation of an ongoing investigation of the complexity of American culture. It began in the early 1960’s with the publication of Notations in Passing, and was followed by Riding 1st Class on the Titanic, in 2000, and “After 9/11 in 2003”. This extended sequence of photographs has been developed over a period of almost fifty years and traces at one level a selective social history of America through this period and also sustains a broader historic overview of our layered past.

Following my last “Update”, I had the following note and invite from David Hale:
Thanks for the PR. Ian Henderson (Music) and Herb Fink (Psychology) join the regular group for early morning tennis from time to time. Chuck Kiehl is back on the DL. More players are, of course, most welcome. 9:00 am MWF on the College courts!

[Dave Hale]

So, if you are willing and able and capable of entering something on your calendar and remembering it’s there, feel free to take your racquet and balls to the tennis courts on MWF.

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You may have heard of this but it is worth repeating. J. Emory Morris has joined us in retirement (well he is still working part-time as Director of Pre-Professional Health Program) and he has put out a challenge to all of us. I’ll let his words speak for themselves:

My challenge to chemistry alumni and other friends to match with contributions my pledge of up to $100,000 (over 3 years) to support stipends for undergraduates to conduct research full time for 8 weeks during the summer is moving along. Gifts can be designated for either the restricted fund or an endowment fund. Interested persons can contact me or Roxanne Johnston, VP for Advancement for more information. One of the special benefits for me has been hearing from graduates from the first class of chemistry majors who graduated in 1968 (I joined Brockport's faculty in September 1967) to the present.

Emory also reports on his plan to complete hiking the Finger Lakes Trail end-to-end this past summer. Knowing Emory, I would expect that he has done so. He reports that he started toward this goal seriously with the Chenango County hike series in 2002.

[Emory, did that Chenango County hike get you close to the Chenango River and my home town of Greene, New York?]

[Also, here is an opportunity to make your contributions to Brockport grow—at Emory’s expense! But, since he is willing, double your investment in Brockport by donating to his summer research stipend fund.]

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From one of my most loyal reporters I have learned that Mrs. Barbara Cornell, widow of Dr. George Cornell, Director of Libraries after the late Marion Wells and before emeriti Raj Madan, died about 2 weeks ago in Ithaca, NY. The reporter advised me that the funeral was private and that the Cornell's had a daughter who lives in Ithaca and a daughter who lives in France. Their son, a medical doctor, lives in Maryland, maybe Virginia? Barbara and George were wonderful members of the Brockport Community during the growth years and the move of the library from what is now the Rakov Student Services Building. George was a true professional who was held in high esteem by all who knew him. Barbara provided him with great support and together they attended many college functions. We are sorry to learn of her death but happy in the memories of the Cornell days at Brockport. I hope that George and Barbara are now in a breezy place where they can again go fly a kite together again.

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I am saddened to report the death of Dr. Jean Barry Bobear. Jean was a dedicated botanist who continued to care for her plants in Lennon Hall long after the demise (retrenchment) of the Botany Program in the Biological Sciences Department at Brockport. In her work, she was sincere while at times challenging because of her personal convictions. In the late 1970s she and
the late Jay Reese from Educational Communications had a confrontation with the College over ownership of a video/movie which they had created together. While they held to the belief that they had ownership because of their creative efforts, SUNY prevailed in maintaining ownership under the Policies of the Board of Trustees because it had provided the resources for the development of the video/movie and paid the salaries of the creators. Similar debates are now on-going over the ownership of course materials developed for on-line instruction. Jay and Jean’s arguments over ownership of the movie/video in the ’70s likely will influence the logic of the current debate. Jean’s passing also brings back fond memories of Jay Reese and Jean driving through Brockport in Jay’s long, green Cadillac with the top down and Jay having a smoke with a long cigarette holder and his neck scarf blowing in the wind. When I first arrived in Brockport I was sure that Jay Reese must have been recruited right out of Hollywood. In any event, Jean’s passing brings back fond memories. Following is her obituary from the Albany papers.

Bobear, Dr. Jean Barry

She was born in Schenectady on July 29, 1922, the daughter of the late William H. and May B. Bobear, and also predeceased by a brother, William 1. Bobear, of Latham. During her early years, Jean pursued ballet at the Littlefield School of Ballet in Philadelphia, and later assisted in local ballet instruction, being active in Union College's Mohawk Drama Festival, and dancing in their production of Mendelssohn's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

Jean was a graduate of Haverford High School, Brookline, Pennsylvania, and earned a BS from the College of Saint Rose, an MS from Cornell University, and a PhD from Trinity College, University of Dublin in 1964 in Biological Sciences. Through her doctoral thesis, she introduced the use of statistics in botany at Trinity College, Ireland, and at Cambridge University, England. Her various professional appointments included: Engineering Assistant with the General Electric Company (1943-53), Herbarium Assistant at Cornell University (1954-56), Assistant Professor of Biology (1956-58), Associate Professor of Biology (1958-64), and appointed Professor at the State University College, Brockport, New York in 1964. During her career at Brockport she initiated an herbarium to which she continued to add specimens as a Professor Emeritus. She also became involved in documentary film scripts: Floristic Associations of Bergen Swamp (1968-69), Contributor to: Proceedings of the Botanical Society of the British Isles, American Journal of Botany, Watsonia. In 2004 Jean donated her herbarium collection to the NY State Herbarium, Cornell University, and to the Smithsonian Institution.

Her professional affiliations included: International Association of Plant Taxonomists; Botanical Society of the British Isles; American Association of Plant Taxonomists; Botanical Society of America; American Institute of Biological Sciences; American Association for the Advancement of Science. Organizations and club memberships included: State University College of Brockport (vice chairman, faculty senate 1955-66), administrative council (1956-66), chairman of graduate policies committee (1966-68). Honors, prizes, awards included: Grant in aid 1966, fellowship 1967, research and development grant 1970, State University of New York; National Institute in Systematics, Smithsonian 1968; Visiting Professor, Cranberry Lake Biological Station, Adirondack NY 1969, 1970.
Jean is survived by her brothers: Dr. John B. Bobear (Valerie) of New Orleans, C. Richard Bobear of Clifton Park, David B. Bobear (Mary) of Clifton Park. She is also survived by her sister-in-law Noreene B. Bobear of Clifton Park, and many nieces and nephews.

I have great news to report about the distinguished former Brockport couple, Lynn and Anne Parsons. A few months back Lynn was elected a fellow of the Massachusetts Historical Society (founded in 1791). For historians (and others too) this is one of the greatest honors. Anne is the recipient of the 2009 Brockport Alumni Outstanding Service Award that will be presented Homecoming Weekend. This honor recognizes those who have given outstanding service to the Alumni Association and/or given outstanding community service and/or shown outstanding professional achievement. Lynn and Anne were pillars in the Brockport Community during their careers there and continue to bring credit on themselves and the College during their retirement years. Thanks, and congratulations to Lynn and Anne.

Sandy and I were both pleased to see that the College was also recognizing Helen E. Simpson for her many contributions to the College and to the Brockport Community. She will be recognized for her sustained commitment through her service at the Alumni Awards Ceremony and Dinner on Homecoming Weekend. Throughout her photographic career in Brockport Helen was a strong supporter of the College and anyone who has ever known her has been touched by sincerity and her charm. She is a very deserving recipient and we congratulate her upon her receipt of this award.

Although this is old news I do want to share with you Harry Sentiff’s obituary that was not available to me when I sent out my last “Update”. Harry was a significant influence in the Brockport Community and his many contributions are highlighted in his obituary. Again, we mourn his passing but we were honored to have known him in this life.

**Sentiff, Harry J. (C.P.A.)**

Brockport: Peacefully joined his loving God on Tuesday July 14, 2009. Harry was born in Rochester, NY on August 23, 1916 to the late Martha and Joseph Sentiff. He graduated from the John Marshall High School in 1934 and Syracuse University in 1938 where he captained the cross-country squad and was prominent in campus activities. Harry began his accounting career with Price Waterhouse & Co. in Buffalo, NY and in August 1942 was drafted in to the U. S. Army where he served 3 ½ years in the Counter Intelligence Corps, Manhattan Project. He then continued his accounting career in Buffalo, Philadelphia, Medina and Brockport.

His family mourns his loss: wife Christine, sister Marjorie, brother Ross of Lyndonville and sister in-law Shirley Sentiff, nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. He was pre-deceased by his first wife Thelma, brother "Bill", sister Carol (Bob) Doyle and sister in-law Martha. He was a long-time member of the First Presbyterian Church of Brockport, the Lion's Club, Monroe County Historical Society and an honorary member of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants and Stafford Country Club. Harry was one of the founders and the first President of the Western Monroe Historical Society which restored the Morgan Manning House. He served 2 terms on the Board of Lakeside Memorial Hospital. He was named "Citizen of the Year" in 1985 by the Brockport Rotary Club for "service beyond self to the village and
town of Sweden. He was a former member and President of the SUNY College at Brockport Foundation. He served on the SUNY College Council for 10 years and was a former President of the State Association of College Council and Trustees.

And, I share some old news from Elaine Miller. She continues to bike and work with political cartoons. She probably has more Palin cartoons to review from recent news. Yes, the bike trips are great. Do you post pics? I have one at the Continental Divide, and one of a buffalo looking in the window of the lodge at Yellowstone.

Re political cartoons -- I'm carefully watching those about Sotomayor -- such a hoot, so revealing (as we've seen in the televised hearings). I will write it up with the title "Politics and Piñatas." An article I did on Palin in the '08 campaign cartoons will be out in early fall, in a collection of articles titled _The Sociological Imagination_.

[Elaine, it is always great to hear from you. I do post pics to the emeriti website but I do not share them as email attachments to “Updates”. So, if the website works for you, please feel free to share. Speaking of which, Dick Evans recently sent me some wonderful pictures of birds in flight. I keep telling him I have to re-retire and come home so that he and Jim Dusen can instruct me on how to get great photos. The more I spend on cameras the worse I seem to get!]

Reminder: If you are emailing me, please use rmeade@sunymaritime.edu. While I can read email at my rochester.rr.com email address, I cannot reply and have to cut and paste the content into my Maritime email and send it to myself in order to place it in my emeriti folder. Similarly, I have to forward mail sent to my Brockport email address and in the process, I lose the identity of the sender and sometimes emails get lost. Following may be one of those lost message…I apologize if I have sent it before and apologize if I have not! I always enjoy hearing from Karla and Roger about their travels—even if it is delayed!

Dear Bud – It has been so long since I’ve dropped you a line or two to add to your emeriti listserv that I’m a bit embarrassed. But, with all the sad news of late, I thought it might be a good time to send along an update.

Roger and I are home after our winter travels to the south…and to the Baja of Mexico, where we spent eight days among whales and dolphins on another Lindblad/National Geographic Expedition. And whales we did see in abundance: randy male humpbacks jockeying for position to claim a female…giant sperm whales (of Moby Dick fame) spouting to high heaven…and mother and calf pairs of gray whales in their nursing grounds in the lagoons off the Pacific Coast. At several points our Zodiacs were surrounded by the beasts – the babies are fifteen feet when born! One mother rose a few feet away from the Zodiac, almost at arm’s length from me and I was thrilled to have her look me right at me with her great eye peering back at my tiny human eyes.

Our winter in Georgia/Florida was punctuated with two weeks for me as Artist-in-Residence at Everglades National Park. I left Roger in the western Everglades (with fridge well supplied with soups and salads) so I could spend my time devoted to further exploration of the eastern
Everglades – and writing, writing, writing. The park furnished me with a small apartment where I worked sixteen-hour days on average as the poems flowed. I was amazed at my productivity – 40 poems in two weeks, which are currently being incorporated into a book of Everglades poems, combining the new poems with ones I’ve written about in recent years. I made time to explore on foot and bike an area of the park off-limits to tourists where the wildflowers were blooming in abundance following a controlled burn of the pinelands. I managed to identify 32 species of flowers – great practice for poetry with a focus on tiny details. It was a joy. And Roger managed to survive without me – the longest we’ve ever been apart. Now, the park folks want me to return. I will, but want to take a year or so off before returning.

Before and after my Everglades residency, we had plenty of time to hike and kayak throughout Florida and favorite corners in Georgia such as the Okefenokee Swamp. And we had the joy of discovering a new lighthouse (new to us) at Ponce Inlet near the Atlantic where I did some photography that was particularly satisfying.

Now we’re home and settled until May 24 when we head off with our little rig for points west, going across the Dakotas into Montana and back for two months before returning, unpacking and repacking, and heading off in mid-August for two weeks in the Canadian High Arctic (think Northwest Passage) and Greenland.

But in the interim, it’s time to visit with Brockport friends, do a few poetry readings, make the usual rounds of doctor appointments and tend to the yard and garden, such as they are.

Finally, Sandy and I regret that we will not be able to be home for Homecoming. We were happy to spend some time in Brockport the first week in August taking care of doctors and dentists appointments and being home for a granddaughter’s 6th birthday. Unfortunately, I had to spend much of my time working on a project for Maritime but we did squeeze in a walk through the Brockport Arts Festival and were very pleased to encounter many friends along the way. We wish you health and happiness as we change seasons and prepare for the winter months ahead. We hope we have many seasons in which we are able to share the news of our friends and colleagues.

Best regards,

Bud

September 13, 2009

Greetings,

Sad news – I don’t have time for an “Update” right now – more to follow:

Sabourin, Doris M.
Albion: Doris M. Sabourin, age 85, died September 10, 2009.
She is survived by her cousins Terry Donovan of Ottawa, Ontario, Sheila (Ron) Bradley of Newark, NY, also several other cousins, special friends Sr. Marian Adrian, Sr. Dolores
O'Dowd and Kathryn Wood.  
Her family will receive friends at the Christopher Mitchell Funeral Homes, Inc., 21 W. Ave., Albion, Sunday, from 2:00-7:00, where prayers will be said Monday at 9:30 followed by her Mass of Christian Burial at Holy Family Parish-St. Joseph's Church at 10:00am. Interment will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery. 
Memorials may be made to the Genesee-Orleans Ministry of Concern. Visit www.christophermitchell.com to sign an on-line guest book.

Doris was one of the early members of the Nursing Department serving from 1974 until her retirement in 1990. She will be sorely missed by friend Kay Wood, retired chair of the Nursing Department and others. She guided many into the nursing profession, mentored them and monitored their practicum experiences. Her legacy will be her gift of caring that she instilled in others.

Bud

October 18, 2009

Greetings,

I am sorry I have not been in touch for a while but maybe that is good news since there has been no terribly bad news to report.

I write again from a third world nation, the Bronx, where we currently reside and where the heat is not turned on until November 1 no matter what the temperature. So, I write amidst space heaters with a stocking cap on my head and two layers of sweatshirts. Yet we continue to enjoy our little spot on the east river and enjoy the sound of the “tides rushing in” and crashing against the foundation of our little block house.

We continue to enjoy receiving Statements and Kaleidoscope and especially enjoyed the most recent issues. I had intended to include something about the timing of the death of Eunice Kennedy Shriver at the time but failed to do so. I had noted that the 1979 International Special Olympics were held in Brockport from August 8 – 13 and that Eunice died on August 11, 2009. So, 30 years before her death she was intimately working on behalf of the disabled amongst the faculty and staff of Brockport College and people from the greater Brockport/Rochester Community. Sandy and I had the privilege of meeting Eunice as we were chosen to chaperone her when she visited the campus for some final planning events in 1978. I remember the anxious moments when I decided to give her a little back roads tour while driving her back to the airport and we ended up getting her to the airport after they had already started loading the plane. Sadly, along with Eunice there are many who were involved in the 1979 Special Olympics who have moved on to a higher calling. In a summer visit home I happened upon some memorabilia we had kept from the 1979 Olympics and noted the number of VIP/Celebrity chaperones from the Brockport Community who had died. I will post a link to the listing on the emeriti website for anyone who is interested. The current issue of Kaleidoscope brought back many fond memories and I particularly enjoyed seeing the picture of a young Robert “BJ” James in the background of the picture of Muhammad Ali. During the Olympics BJ was Muhammad’s chaperone but more
importantly to us, he was a good student at Brockport, a great basketball player, an excellent administrator as Director of Brockport’s Educational Opportunity Center for many years, and an influential advocate for Brockport and SUNY while playing a significant role in SUNY’s System Administration. There are many such stories that can be shared and I know that this issue of Kaleidoscope will bring back special memories to all of us who were at Brockport College during the time of the Special Olympics. I cannot leave this topic without also commenting on how proud we all should be when we see the quality of the publications that the College shares.

There is great news for you if you want to keep abreast of what is going on at the College! Always a dream and now a reality, the College has created the Daily Eagle webpage at http://www.brockport.edu/eagle/view.php where you can find out all the exciting events on-campus. Pay this page a visit and you will be informed and impressed. Save the link as one of your favorites so that you can quickly check to learn about upcoming events and programs.

After the last update, I had a nice note from Bill Sanford, former College Registrar, from his home in Florida. In August, he visited his sons Doug and David in the Glen Falls area and was also able to connect with Jack and Janet Beck for a tour of their condo and with Ann Henderson, former Assistant Registrar at Brockport and the Registrar at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs for more than 19 years. Ann is the daughter Ian Henderson (emeritus) and Rita. Bill reports that he and Sharon have gotten very comfortable living in Florida and are always happy to get back after treks north to visit their sons and others. It is always good to hear from Bill and others about their retirement lives and adventures.

Since the last update, I have also had very pleasant exchanges with emeritus Jack Wolsky who occasionally provides me feedback on a few of my photos that I share with him. I am grateful for the feedback and keep hoping that someday I will be able to get 1 or 2 great photos out of the many I take each month. In a recent exchange with Jack I shared an experience I had at the recent SUNY Human Resources Association (SUHRA) Conference in Lake Placid and Jack and Gladys insist that I share the information with you. At the awards banquet on October 5th I was surprised, humbled, and honored to be a first recipient of a new award created by SUHRA—the “Lifetime Achievement in Human Resources Award”. The beautiful award is inscribed as follows: “The SUNY Human Resources Association is pleased to award Richard D. “Bud” Meade with the 1st SUHRA Lifetime Achievement in Human Resources Award which honors a long-standing member of the human resources community who has made contributions throughout his/her career, most notably with SUNY, that have positively impacted the human resources field and/or enriched the human resources field and/or enriched their campus community. These contributions demonstrate a lifetime commitment to advances in the field of human resources.” While I was nominated for my current work at SUNY Maritime College and for my work with SUHRA, I am grateful to many at Brockport College over the years, most notably President Albert W. Brown and President John E. Van de Wetering, for permitting me to participate in many university-wide projects which in large measure led to this opportunity for me to represent the many hard working and deserving human resource professionals who work together to make SUNY a truly outstanding place to work. Again, I am humbled by it but extremely honored that my colleagues saw me worthy of this award.
Some time ago I reported that SUNY had begun a project to recognize and stay connected with retirees. The program has now received support from the highest level of government and the SUNY Administration. An inaugural conference on “Re-Imaging SUNY Retirement” is being held at SUNY System Administration from 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2009. Matthew (Matt) Vanderwerf, Personnel Assistant, will be attending as the administrative representative from Brockport. He will then be working with the unions and possibly the Advancement Department at Brockport to form an “official” retiree relations strategy that uses the tools that have been developed by the State, SUNY and Dr. Ram Chugh, Executive Director for The SUNY Retirees Service Corps, and a Distinguished Service Professor of Economics (Emeritus) at SUNY Potsdam over the past couple of years. Matt asked me to share this information as well as the Conference Brochure and the Conference Registration form. The conference seeks to have both current employees who might take the lead on emeriti relations on their campuses along with a retiree, or two from each campus, in attendance. The best way for me to get the Conference Brochure and Registration Form to you (since I am committed not to send attachments with “Updates”), is to refer you to the following website: http://www.suny.edu/retirees/

Please advise Matt if you are interested in attending: Matthew M. Vanderwerf, Personnel Assistant, 585-395-2442 or mvanderw@brockport.edu.

Congratulations to Johnna Frosini, the director of parking services! As reported in Statements, Johnna successfully completed the International Parking Institute’s program to become a Certified Administrator of Public Parking. The CAPP designation, an industry benchmark, is a symbol of excellence, knowledge, and proficiency. Before leaving Brockport, I had the opportunity of working with Johnna and have witnessed her contributions to ensure that the Raye H. Conrad Welcome Center and the Parking Division are service-oriented and from my view, I think she has excelled. Congratulations Johnna from all your friends and associates in the “Retirement Division”.

I have checked my email and I cannot find anything else from you to report except the following from William Andrews in my response relating to the trek of J. Emory Morris through Chenango County:

My great-great-great grandfather Joshua Straight and my great-great grandparents Joseph and Fanny Whitaker Straight lived in the Town of Greene and my great-grandmother Sarah Straight Andrews was born there.

Bill, I do not recall that any descendants of the “Straight” line, at least not by name, were around during the period I was growing up in Greene, New York but there were several Whitaker families.

That is all I have to report this time. Don’t hesitate to share your activities with me and clearly identify what is for public view and what is personal so that I have something besides deaths and my own personal stuff to report.

Cheers,

Bud
PS. The link to the listing of VIPs/Celebrities with their chaperones will be placed in this article under “Your News” on the Emeritus website at: http://www.itss.brockport.edu/%7Ermeade/your_news.htm. Whoops---I just tried to upload to the site and learned that my access has been denied. I will try to figure that out tomorrow and hopefully will still be able to maintain the Emeriti website—or maybe they learned that I’d been awarded a lifetime achievement award and have counted me “out”!

October 25, 2009

Greetings,

Although I am quite certain my last Update did not reach subscribers to rochester.rr.com it did reach a number of you and I have had some very nice responses. As an example, Ralph Jordan emailed me and updated me on changes in their lives (Ralph and Zeddys). Instead of paraphrasing I have permission from him to share the content:

First of all, I want to thank you for your e-mails. They help in keeping us up to date with what is going on within the Brockport family. At times, I feel like the prodigal son who left his father and family. I really enjoy all the reports about former colleagues. Thanks for giving me a reason to look up John Warthman. The internet has a lot of info, if you persist long enough to continue looking until you find something. I did find John's phone number and we had our first conversation in 25 years.

We are now living in an independent living community in Winston Salem. We left our summer home in Boone to be closer to hospitals and an airport. Boone can be described best by comparing it to Brockport. It is a college community in the Carolina mountains—same size student body in the college and probably 25% of residents spending winters in Florida (as we did). Our home was on a mountain at a 4,000 ft. elevation. We never thought that one day hospitals would be first priority for determining a place to live. We are doing relatively well, but our traveling days are over.

I had a nice exchange with Ralph in which I shared my regret that his traveling days were over but that I was pleased that he had been able to reconnect with John Warthman, especially since it would seem that the numbers-game continues to erode our opportunities for connecting.

That leads me to the sad news that our opportunities in this life to connect to two former members of Ralph’s own department, Claude “Sam” Cornish and Harry Emmerson, have passed.

Emeritus Claude “Sam” Cornish, Education, 1962-1992 disconnected for the time being on Monday, October 19, 2009. Sam was a character in the old Education Department who was involved in the transition of the College from a Teacher’s College to a College of Arts and Sciences. He had a somewhat grizzly appearance with his bedroom-styled hair and his finger-printed glasses (Jack Crandall style) sliding off his nose but beneath the surface was a heart of gold and a professional with a charming and happy disposition. I always enjoyed my exchanges...
with Sam because he always had a sincere smile for everyone and a positive attitude that were uplifting. He was known for his hobbies, one of which was stamp collecting, and, if I recall correctly, he was the force behind getting the U.S. Postal Service to issue a commemorative stamp for the 1979 International Special Olympics hosted at Brockport. I believe I still have 2 or 3 of the first day of issue envelopes with the stamps attached hiding somewhere in my “stuff” in Brockport. Sam’s legacy will be the enthusiasm for teaching and learning that he shared with his students over the years. We are sorry to hear of his passing but glad to have known him. Following is his obituary from the Rochester D&C.

Cornish, Claude S. Jr. "Sam"
Brockport: On Monday October 19, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn of 50 years, his children, Scott (Lori), Jeanne (Ray) Fradella, 3 granddaughters, Lyssa, Ashley, and Emily; brother, Edward (Sally); sister, Joanne (Clare) Wallace, Rosalie Frank and sister-in-law, Mary Cornish. He was predeceased by his brother, Ronald. Mr. Cornish was a professor at SUNY Brockport for 30 years.

No prior calling. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, October 25, 2009 at 1 pm at the United Methodist Church at the corner of Erie and Main Street. In lieu of flowers those wishing may contribute to the Alzheimer's Association or the Brockport United Methodist Church.

Emeritus Harold “Harry” Emmerson was a beloved member of the Brockport faculty from 1953 to 1992. During those years, he was an exceptional role model for the many students at Brockport College who followed him into the teaching profession. I believe I may have mentioned this before at the passing of Russell Teresi, but I’ll repeat. Mel Smagorinsky talked me into becoming a member of his bowling team in the “Schoolmasters League” many years ago. Mel had no idea what damage his recruitment efforts would cause. Our team included Mel and me along with the late Russ Teresi and Harry Emmerson. My recollection was that there was one other team member in the rotation but if so the name escapes me at the moment. During the 2-3 years that I was a member of this team I got to know Harry pretty well and found him to be a low key, fun loving, and tolerant person. Harry and Russ were the bowlers on the team and Mel and I were there for their tolerance and comic relief. So, although they might have wished for a top place finish in the league, they appeared more than content when we ended up no better than second from the bottom in the standings each year. Following retirement Harry became a jogger for several years and then tapered off to walking. In recent years, he moved into our neighborhood in Brockport and it was always reassuring that “not so much has changed” when we visited and I saw Harry walking in the neighborhood. Sometimes we would talk and sometimes we would simply wave. I am sad to lose that connection but pleased to remember the very good person, Harry Emmerson.

Following is Harry’s obituary from the Rochester D&C:

Emmerson, Harold "Harry"
Brockport, NY: Died suddenly October 23, 2009 in Indianapolis, IN. A Professor Emeritus at SUNY Brockport, he is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Norma; 6 children, David, Thomas (Karen), Bruce (Deborah), Jeff (Lisa), Carol Clark (James),
Robert (Darla); 14 Grandchildren; 2 brothers, Norman (Marguarite), Glen (Ethel). Memorial service will be held Thursday, at 7pm at First Presbyterian Church, 35 State St., Brockport, NY 14420. For those wishing, in lieu of flowers, contributions to Lakeside Foundation. Lakeside Memorial Hospital, 156 West Ave., Brockport, NY 14420 would be appreciated. Interment at convenience of family. Arr. by A.R.N. Cremation Services, Indianapolis, IN, 317-846-6501.

Thankfully Emerita Pat Baker has shared some better news from the Education and Human Development Department. She sent me a few pictures from a wedding with the following note. I will select one of the pictures and post it with this Update under “Your News” on the Emeriti Website. From the picture, you can compare how well you are aging compared to former colleagues if you wish. Of course, my view is that we all look basically the same as babies and if we live long enough we’ll all look basically the same when we arrive at the exit gate.

Long time SUNY distinguished teaching professor Morris Beers from EDI and wife Carol finally let go of their youngest child, Emily. Emily married Kris Kimmel on November 10 at the Fountainbleu Inn in the Finger Lakes region. It was a beautiful wedding with lots of Brockport attendees. [Pat Baker]

Then I receive a nice note from Emerita Joyce Odgen who, as a librarian expressed some concern about the new “Daily Eagle” related to the preservation of history/archives and whether it might replace “The Stylus”. Mike Andriatch checked and assured Joyce and me that there was no threat to “The Stylus” and that the technology wizards are keeping in focus the need to preserve history as the use of technology continues to evolve. Here is more from Joyce:

Nothing much new out here in Olympia WA! The local library system is recruiting for an executive director, and from their ad I quote "headquartered in the beautiful Olympia, Washington area, near snow-capped mountains, coastal beaches and spectacular vistas." Well, yes, but those mountains and spectacular vistas are more often than not obscured by clouds. Our total rainfall doesn't average over 60 inches a year, and hardly any of it comes in the summertime when most folks think about vacations. The ad could have mentioned how near we are to Forks, WA, the site of those vampire novels and movies that all the teeny-boppers are gushing about.

I was pleased to hear from emeritus Dean and Professor, and one time acting president (the only person I have encountered in my career who actually ended with a pay cut for assuming such role and not because he was overpaid as a Dean either), following my last Update in which I mentioned his daughter Ann. Like Ralph Jordan, Ian has also given me permission to share his note to me.

I'm always pleased when your update has no mention of a recent passing of one of our colleagues. Must be tough on you to be the all too frequent bearer of that kind of news. Our daughter, Ann, had told us recently that she had a pleasant surprise visit from Bill Sanford and Jack Beck at her Skidmore offices. I've talked with Bill only once since they moved to The Villages but I had many mornings of tennis with Jack Beck over the past several seasons. He drops in on the Brockport emeriti group when he visits from the
Saratoga area. Mel Smagorinsky, Jack Wolsky, Dave Hale, Bill Andrews, and sometimes Herb Fink or Chuck Kiel and I continue to play outdoors in good weather. John Halstead has dropped in to join us on some of the mornings when I have been there. He makes a great doubles partner and we all get to share his good net play when we rotate. I still play two mornings a week with a different group at Roberts Wesleyan's courts in good weather and indoors at Salmon Creek when cold or foul weather interferes. Rita and I continue in relatively good health and try to stay fit with golf and tennis. She also does Yoga and Pilates on days when I am cutting grass or picking up fallen leaves. Andy Virgilio's son, Dave, has given me good assistance with the yard this past summer. And the loyal Class of '53 keeps me up on all of their many doings, including lunch from time to time. You reported last year on the surprise portrait they created and presented to me last year. Thanks for the mention of our names, especially the reference to Ann's activities. The Skidmore faculty and administration are convinced she walks on water. Her husband, Tom Nelson, recently retired from his position as Dean of the Faculty at Schenectady Community College, also shares that view.

Ian, thanks for the feedback! I regret that recent “passings” have taken over the content of the “Updates” again.

Finally, I am pleased to share that Raj Madan reports that she is slowly recovering from her recent medical experiences although it is taking longer than she desires to get past the fatigue syndrome. Ray, we send you our best wishes for an early and complete return to good health and restoration of energy.

I believe that is all for now and apologize if I have left someone or something out.

Peace,

Bud

PS. If you encounter individuals who are no longer getting “Updates” (rochester.rr.com seems to be a problem), tell them they can still get the Updates by going to “Your News” at: http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm

November 14, 2009

Greetings,

This will be a quick “Update” with some date-sensitive information. I will try to do a more thorough update before Thanksgiving. If you have anything you wish to share please send it to me before Wednesday next week.

Sadly, I have to report the sudden passing of Alice Mae Fulton, spouse of the late Emeritus James Fulton. Just two years ago the James Fulton Natatorium at The Brockport College was dedicated as a memorial to his accomplishments and, while it was sad that Jim could not be
there, the dedication to his memory brought joy to Alice Mae and their daughter JoAnne. This reminds us again that time, though thought of as eternal, is finite in this world and our opportunities for recognizing and thanking others can be gone in an instant. I am glad that the dedication of the natatorium occurred before the tragic passing of Alice Mae.

Alice Mae Fulton was a nurturing individual who while supporting Jim’s career at Brockport made many contributions in support of Brockport College, the First Presbyterian Church in Brockport and the greater Brockport community. For many years, she filled the air of the choir loft at First Presbyterian Church with her voice and her presence. She was well known for her faithfulness to family, church and friends and for her dedication to serving others. Tragically, Alice Mae’s time in this world ended when she fell down 14 basement steps at her home a week ago today and within a short time thereafter she went on to join her soul mate Jim in the afterlife. Following is her obituary from the Rochester D&C including the notice that there will be a celebration of her life at First Presbyterian Church of Brockport at 3:00 p.m. tomorrow, Sunday, May 15, 2009.

**Fulton, Alice Mae**
Brockport: Passed away suddenly and peacefully to join her soul mate of 65 years James, on Saturday November 7, 2009. She is survived by her beloved daughter JoAnne and grandson Harris Weiss, niece Linda MacKay, special family friends Cheryl and James Brown, Carol Barnard, Sabra and Gunnar Richardson and a multitude of close friends and neighbors.

There will be no prior calling hours. A Joyful Celebration in remembrance of Alice Mae will be held Sunday November 15th, 3:00pm, at the First Presbyterian Church of Brockport. Interment will be at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may donate to the First Presbyterian Church of Brockport or Lakeside Memorial Hospital. Ref: Fowler Funeral Home Inc.

On another matter, it appears that my Updates are no longer reaching the many individuals who have subscribed to rochester.rr.com as their internet provider. During the holidays, I will try to figure out a way to resolve this issue but in the meantime if any of you have contact with the people listed below, refer them to the “Your News” page on the Emeriti website. [http://www.itss.brockport.edu/%7Ermeade/your_news.htm](http://www.itss.brockport.edu/%7Ermeade/your_news.htm) where I also post these “Updates”.

Grace Alverez  
Pat Baker  
Betsy Balzano  
Jeanette D’Agostino Banker  
Gordon Bemis  
John & Sue Bixler  
Sue Cloutier  
James Cook  
Ronald Davis  
Jerry Donigian  
Ray Duncan
Diane Elliott
William Elwell
Dick Evans
Alice Goosley
Robert Gemmett
Robert Getz
Robert Guhde
Rose Hamlin
Craig Hazen
William Heyen
Earl Ingersoll
Judy Jensen
Peter Kane
Barbara Kays
Fran Keenan
Larry Kline
Linda Fitz Gerald
Edward Lehman
Sarah Liebschutz
John Maier
Donna & Dick Mancuso
David Morien
John Mosher
Sheila Myer
Donald Nelson-Nasca
Darwin Palmiere
John Spitzer
Shirley Schuff
Ted Starr
Robert Thompson
Vincent Tollers
Janye Vogan
Judy Wade
William Ward
Karen Watt
John Williams
Kathryn Wood

Bud

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December 15, 2009

Greeting,

Out of great respect for a legend and a friend I share only the following sad news with this “Update”.

Passionate + compassionate + energetic + intense + committed + experimental + competitive³ = Dick Mancuso, a wonderful gift to the Brockport Community for 40+ years. Dick’s last research project in search of anything that would keep him alive and allow him to continue to pursue his passions in this life has ended. Like the balloons, he rubbed together to energize them to become drawn to other surfaces, the recent frictions in his life have drawn his spirit out of this life to attach to another world. Dick fought his various illnesses with the same passion, energy, commitment, and competitiveness with which he attacked everything in life such as his learning and teaching physics, mastering a golf swing that could literally pulverize a golf ball while likely causing similar damage to his hip joints, committing his hurting body to learn and to excel as ballroom dancer, and challenging us all in all things in the process. During his life, Dick did things that sometimes did not seem to fit and I think he enjoyed doing so. For example, when a group of his basketball friends first saw Dick and Donna do formal ballroom dancing at a wedding reception, some mimicked his very formal and disciplined movements because they seemed so out of character for the competitive person we knew who could inflict pain in the spirit of competition on the basketball court. Dick seemed to enjoy it when at times his friends jokingly made fun of his intensity and he would always respond with a wry grin. Sandy recalls a funny story about Dick that he would enjoy related to a student who needed to fulfill an “Other-World” requirement. When Sandy said, “do you have an elective that would meet the “Other-World” definition,” the student’s response was: ‘Well, I did take Physics from Dr. Mancuso and that was an “Other-World” experience.’

My personal memories of Dick are many but one that I will never forget is when he knocked on my door at home one evening and handed me a six pack of beer. At the NBA session (noontime basketball association) that day our competitive spirits had seriously clashed and he was taking the blame and apologizing. I was both moved by his good will and somewhat embarrassed by it because I had been equally at fault for the on-court skirmish and I had done no repentance. But, while Dick was a “take no prisoners” competitor, beneath the surface he was a compassionate and sensitive friend who looked out for others as he would for himself.

It will be difficult for me and many others to think about this world without Dick Mancuso in it. For Sandy and me and our family he was an extraordinary friend and neighbor. I'll personally never forget looking out our front room late at night after returning from a late-night meeting at which names were attached to the positions that had been targeted for retrenchment and thinking of Dick and the other friends and neighbors who were to be affected if the plan were implemented. It was a devastating time for the college and those involved with or affected by retrenchment. Fortunately, Dick was able to be saved because of his critical role as Radiation Safety Officer and he went on to help grow the Physics Department by marketing Physics and SUNY Brockport in the greater Rochester community and across-the-state. Many will remember Dick driving around Brockport in his billboard-for-Brockport-College van loaded with equipment needed for physics experiments as he traveled to high schools across the State to do physics shows at assemblies. As Master of Ceremonies for the College’s Recognition Dinner for a couple of years Dick demonstrated his show and his showmanship to his colleagues and friends. Along with Ken Schlecht, who joined his show to add a Chemistry component to it, Dick created an interest in science that likely resulted in many students deciding to pursue careers in the sciences to the benefit of us all and that, along with the continuing love and
appreciation of his students, friends, and competitors, is a legacy Dick would choose to leave behind. Dick, with love and affection, and a big thank you for being our friend, we let your spirit go to find peace from your recent suffering.

To view a couple of photographs of Dick, go to: http://www.itss.brockport.edu/%7Ermeade/your_news.htm

Arrangements:

A celebration of Richard “Dick” Mancuso’s life will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, December 19, 2009 – Ballroom, Seymour Union, The Brockport College, Brockport, New York 14420. There will be no prior calling hours.

Memorial Donations:

The Richard V. Mancuso Undergraduate Research Award c/o Brockport Foundation, Brockport College, 350 New Campus Drive, Brockport, NY 14420 Attention: Mike Andriatch

Condolences:

“The Family of…” or Donna Mancuso, 23 Valley View Drive, Brockport, NY 14420

With a head bowed in soulful remembering I wish you peace,

Bud

December 31, 2009

Greetings,

As the end of 2009 bears down on us it is hard to believe that only yesterday we were worrying about how to cope with y2k. As Sandy and I contemplate our last 365 days at SUNY Maritime College we cannot help but think about the future and elsewhere. While our future has worn pretty thin with the passage of time we are hopeful that we have enough of it left to explore one or two more “elsewheres” before we join our many friends and colleagues whose elsewhere is not of this world.

As we close out the year we are sad to report the departure of two more people who were significant to the Brockport experience who have gone elsewhere in recent days. I was fortunate enough to have met, if not known, each of them. William Ward was a professor and researcher who distinguished himself with educational research while at Brockport. Wilbur, “Buck” McCormick was an alumnus who served the college and the community in many ways throughout his long life. William Ward died at 86 and Buck McCormick died at 94 so they were fortunate to have been able to wear their futures for a long time and create noteworthy pasts filled with achievement. We thank them for their many contributions in this world and wish
them peace as they reside “elsewhere”. Following are their obituaries from the Rochester D&C. I regret not being able to get this information to you sooner.

**Ward, William David, Sr., Ph.D.**

Pittsford: December 24, at 9:30 p.m. He was born July 5, 1923, in Chicago, Ill. He is preceded in death by his grandson Mitchell Ward and parents, Carl and Mabel Ward. He is the husband of Wanda Dobbs Ward and father of Susan Ward Stare (Dan), William David Ward Jr. (Linda) of Pittsford and Steven Carl Ward (Laurie) of Springfield, Ill. He has seven grandchildren: Ward Edwin Stare, Stephanie Stare, William David Ward III and Jackie Ward, Katie and Sarah Ward.

Dr. Ward was an Area Psychologist throughout southern Illinois, a Clinical Psychologist at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Danville, Ill, Director of Mental Health Clinical Services for the Rochester Schools, Professor at SUNY Brockport retiring in 1985. He authored several books re: Behavioral Practices and several professional papers in Psychology Chronicles and Reports. Dr. Ward was Second Lieutenant in the Marines in WWII. He also played AA baseball for two years between 1947 and 1948 for the Chicago Cubs and the St. Louis Cardinal minor league teams.

Friends are invited to bring a written memory or photo for the families Memory Book. Contributions in his name may be made to VNS Hospice, Wilmot Cancer Center, American Heath Association, Ronald McDonald House of Rochester or the Pittsford Volunteer Ambulance. To light a candle in his memory visit [www.anthonychapels.com](http://www.anthonychapels.com)

Anthony Funeral & Cremation Chapels
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**McCormick, Wilbur M. "Buck"**

Brockport: Saturday, December 26, 2009, at age 94. Buck passed to his eternal rest peacefully, surrounded by his loving family. Buck is survived by his beloved wife of 70 years, Mildred; his devoted daughter & son-in-law, Ann and Bill Sweeting of Brockport; his loving son & daughter-in-law, John and Cynthia McCormick of Medina. He will be lovingly remembered by his grandchildren and their spouses, David and Lisa Sweeting and Susie and Bill Armstrong, all of Atlanta, GA, and Scott and Rebecca McCormick of Winston-Salem, NC. Buck will be missed by his 4 wonderful great-grandchildren, Max Sweeting, Ainslie, Liam and Aiden Armstrong, all of Atlanta, as well as his special sister-in-law, Audrey Klick of North Chili. He also will be missed by his nieces and nephews and their families. It is comforting to know that Buck has been reunited with his son, James W. McCormick, and his granddaughter, Katie Sweeting, who predeceased him.

Buck was a lifelong resident of Brockport, graduate of Brockport High School and Brockport Normal School (now SUNY Brockport), active member of SUNY Brockport Alumni Assn., Kodak retiree of 32 years, member of Free and Accepted Masons, Brockport Exempt Firemen Assn., Western Monroe Historical Society, Brockport United Methodist Church, Knights of Rest, and Mornings with the Professors. He contributed to local politics and government, serving the Village of Brockport with pride as a board member. Buck supported everything "local", including sports teams such as Brockport High School, SUNY Brockport, and extended his allegiance to the Buffalo Bills,
Syracuse basketball, New York Knicks, and especially the New York Yankees. He spent many happy hours on the golf course until just a few years ago.

Please consider donations to Lakeside Foundation, 156 West Ave., Brockport, Brockport United Methodist Church, or SUNY Brockport Foundation, 350 New Campus Drive, Brockport (attn: Mike Andriatch). Donations of blood to the Red Cross would be life-giving to others who suffer from blood disorders such as Buck's.

Buck's family extends a warm and heartfelt thank you to the staff members at Interlakes Oncology and Hematology (especially Drs. Asbury and Solky, and Kelly Halvernik, P.A.), Lakeside Beikirch Care Center (Third Floor staff) and Lakeside Memorial Hospital (Same Day Surgery, Emergency Department and Second Floor staffs) for the excellent care given and compassion shown to both Buck and Millie during his stays at those wonderful "close to home" facilities. Thanks to all friends and volunteers who made Buck's visits comfortable and welcoming.

I continue to not be able to reach subscribers to rochester roadrunner from my group mailer files so I have to send individual emails to them. For their information, please check the “Your News” link on the Emeriti Website at http://www.itss.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm periodically to make sure you have not missed anything. I may not always have time to do the individual mailings to you but I likely will have time to put the “Update” on the “Your News” page.

I will try to have some better news to report in 2010! For now, I send you my best wishes for us all to have a Happy New Year!

Bud

January 1, 2010

Greetings,

Sadly, I have learned from Bonnie Park whose aunt lived near emeritus Oliver and Helen Spaulding in Florida that, Oliver, known affectionately as “Ollie”, died on January 10, 2009 and Helen is in a nursing home. Bonnie located Ollie’s obituary on the internet and was kind enough to share it with me.

Ollie was Dean of Students and then Vice President for Student Affairs when I arrived in Brockport in 1967. He accepted the recommendation of Richard “Dick” Alexander, who at the time was Director of Financial Aid, that I be granted a graduate assistantship and then a job as a Counselor in the Financial Aid Office. Ollie presented those recommendations to then president Albert W. Brown who approved then and thusly my career at SUNY Brockport was born.

I am extremely grateful for the guidance that Ollie Spaulding gave to me in my first years at Brockport and for his handling of a couple of my missteps in ways that were corrective but did not become impediments to my career. Ollie was still of the cloth of “in loco parentis” and he
truly cared for his students (as well as his staff) as much as he cared for his own sons. It is little known that he is also largely responsible for giving birth to the work that I do in my attempt to keep Brockport emeriti connected and informed. A few years, before I retired, as we were preparing a mailing to emeriti to have them update their data for the faculty/staff directory I decided it would be nice to share information with them as well as to collect it from them. So, I asked our student employees at the time to write a nice letter that would be included with the mailing that briefly outlined what Brockport meant to them and thanked the emeriti for their contributions which laid the foundation for the student’s “Brockport Experience”. The students did an excellent job and when the data collection forms were returned they were often accompanied by notes on them, or actual letters, that thanked the students for sharing their experiences and thanked the office for being in touch. Ollie Spaulding’s letter was particularly appreciative and it inspired me to continue the practice of including some information about Brockport in the mailing to emeriti for the annual updates to the faculty/staff directory. It also prompted me to begin asking them for their email addresses, if they had them, from which I began developing the emeriti email address book that I continue to use to communicate with emeriti. So, although some of you arrived in Brockport after Ollie’s retirement in 1971, like it or not your lives have been affected by the inspiration he provided me.

I always regretted that Sandy and I were on our most extended vacation ever when Ollie retired in 1971. But, because of my great respect for him we had his retirement party date on our calendar and we called him on the telephone from the coast of Oregon during his party to have some part in his celebration. It is also little known to others, except Ollie, that our oldest son was conceived while we were on this vacation trip and that he was also born on Ollie’s birthday. I therefore have a built in annual reminder of the charity Ollie Spaulding bestowed on me. I will cherish my memories of Ollie and all of the other distinguished looking pipe smokers of that era who contributed to my success.

Elsewhere has been blessed by the arrival of the saintly Oliver Spaulding while a void has been created in the hearts and minds of his earthly associates, friends and former colleagues.

His obituary from the website of the Harden/Pauli Funeral Home in Eustis, Florida follows:

Oliver C. Spaulding, 92, of Tavares, FL passed away on Saturday, January 10, 2009. Born in Burdett, NY, he moved to Tavares in 1974 from Brockport, NY. He was a Vice President of Student Affairs within the State University Level and attended the First Presbyterian Church of Eustis. He is survived by his wife of 70 years-Helen M. Spaulding of Tavares, FL; sons-John G. Spaulding of Altoona, FL and Oliver C. Spaulding, Jr. of Burdett, NY. Online Guestbook available at www.hardenpauli.com Arrangements by Harden/Pauli Funeral Home, Eustis.

I am placing the best photo I can find of Ollie on the “Your News” page at the emeriti website but I know I have a better one somewhere where he is looking very distinguished with his pipe. I have also added photographs of Billy Reed, Buck McCormick and William Ward on the “Your News” page next to their stories for those of you who need visual aids.

I’ll try for better news so that we can all have a Happy New Year!
Peace,

Bud

January 8, 2010

Greetings,

Sorry to have to hurry on this one. I have other news to share but not the time to do so right now. But, because what follows contains time-sensitive information I cannot delay.

Again, this world has lost another soul whose footprints were imbedded in the halls of Tuttle South and Hartwell Hall, as well as elsewhere on the Brockport College campus, during 14 years of service. While leaving those footprints Eugene Bowers significantly impacted the lives of students during the period from 1963 to 1977 when the College was being transformed from a teaching college to a college of arts and sciences. Regrettably my memory of Eugene Bowers is somewhat foggy but when I conjure up his image I see a thoughtful, sensitive man who was about the tasks he felt he could accomplish to make Brockport College and the world a better place. In my memory, Eugene was a significant leader in the health studies area when it was just a track within the Health and Physical Division before it became a department, Health Sciences, in the School of Professions. While we mourn his death, we celebrate his life and his longevity. He was fortunate enough to have had 32 years of life following his retirement from Brockport at age 56 in which to continue to contribute to the greater good. Following is Eugene’s obituary from the Rochester D&C. Please note the details for the memorial service scheduled for 11 am on Saturday, January 9, 2010.

Bowers, Rev. Dr. Eugene V.
Phelps: Age 88 died on Wed. December 30, 2009 at the Clifton Springs Hospital & Clinic. He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years Gloria Bowers; 2 daughters Leslie Bowers (Douglas) Angers of Phelps, Deborah (Robert) Heinsler of Raquette Lake, NY; grandson Erik Heinsler of Inlet, NY; 2 brothers Thomas Bowers of Florida, Owen (Irene) Bowers of Avon; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by 2 children Ronald and Kathleen.

Friends are invited to attend a memorial service Saturday January 9, 2010 at 11 A.M. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 1 Teft Avenue in Clifton Springs. It is suggested that memorial donations be made to St. John's Episcopal Church 1 Teft Ave. Clifton Springs, NY 14432. Funeral arrangements have been made with the Cheney Funeral Home, Phelps, NY.

I am still not reaching people with Rochester’s road runner so please pass this on to emeriti and friends-of-emeriti in your address books that you know use road runner for their email server.

Peace,
Greetings,

I am sharing some feedback from some of you:

Bud, the news isn't all bad on the "emeritus" front. Some of us are still out there publishing (in a way).

The December 2009 issue of "American Libraries" includes my letter in their "Reader Forum" about "When Catalogers Retire."

The Winter 2010 issue of the Olympia Genealogical Society's quarterly features an article about my great-aunt's life, titled "Helen T. Durgee / Van Hoosen / McGee / King: Letters are a Girl's Best Friend."

And it's still raining in Olympia, so I'm happy to be here and not in upstate NY just now!  
[Joyce Ogden]

Greetings, Bud, and Happy New Year!

I _do_ enjoy your updates even though they, at times, must convey sad news. It's good to be able to keep up with what other folks are doing.

My hubby and I have been enjoying both grandkids and travel since I retired. One of my goals this year is to write you an e-mail re: some of our experiences.  
[Diane Elliott]

… from Bill Heyen

And I think of letting you know what's going on with me and Han, but then get lazy. I keep scribbling. A first volume of my journal is out. Another book comes out in the spring. All is new and everything is the same.

Sorry to hear about Dick...a real bummer. Please note that Ruth and I can now be reached at sunrise2@hughes.net. We have had to go satellite in this rural part of VT. We are both healthy and happy and wish you and Sandy the best during this holiday season and the new year. I send you special thoughts during this difficult and sad time.

[Ginny Studer]

I have news of another loss to the Brockport College community of the late '60s and early '70s and would appreciate your passing on the basic information. The family has agreed to this and also expressed appreciation. The following are the "facts," but please convey them in any way you would like.  
[Kathy Kutolowski]
Nadine Synnestvedt, widow of Sig Synnestvedt, chair of the Department of History (1969-1974), died at her home in Huntington Valley, PA, on December 28, 2009. She was 84 and had been seriously ill since August. A memorial service will be held at 2 pm on February 21 at the Bryn Athyn Cathedral (Swedenborgian) in Bryn Athyn, PA. It may be viewed live via Internet.

The family suggests donations in Nadine's memory to the Synnestvedt Fund of the Department of History, c/o Brockport College Foundation. For many years, Nadine traveled to Brockport each year to attend the annual Synnestvedt Lecture, connect with old friends, and visit a class or two. The lectures focus on topics that elucidate the history of race relations and civil rights in America's multicultural society, issues central to Sig's teaching and writing.

Faculty, staff, and friends will remember Nadine as a gracious, witty, lively woman who was passionate about political issues, a wonderful hostess and conversationalist, a talented artist, and a voracious reader. Invariably, she had read the main works of each Synnestvedt lecturer and raised some of the most cogent questions.

Condolences may be sent to Barbara Synnestvedt Karas, 8796 Perry Long Court, Kempton, PA 19529-8922.

Bud--Nadine may have earned a degree while at Brockport. I know that she took courses. She also worked at the college for a time after Sig's death. I believe that it was in the counseling office (Hazen Health Center). I don't have an obit. nor correct names of surviving children (one daughter died a few years ago of cancer). You could contact Barbara if you need more information (bskaras@live.com), but the main thing was to let friends know of Nadine's death and the memorial service. Many thanks!

[Kathy Kutolowski]

Sadly, I also have to report the death of Elaine Bishop who served administrative assistant to the head of the Physical Plant for many years and was the wife of the late Clifford Bishop, who himself was Plant Superintendent for many years. Elaine was a highly effective and competent assistant whose work was respected by all who had contact with her.

Bishop, D. Elaine
Brockport: On Friday January 15, 2010 passed peacefully surrounded by her family. Predeceased by the love of her life, beloved husband Clifford F. "Bud" Bishop and parents Mary and Milton Tooley. She is survived by her daughters Maureen (Jon) O'Connor, Holly (Val) Ziegler; four grandchildren Kevilyn and Michael O'Connor, Jamie and Jeremy Ziegler. She will also be missed by numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, sisters-in-law and brother-in-law. She was a secretary for many years at SUNY Brockport. Special thanks to HCR nurses Nancy Balcom, and Lauren Tracy and the nurses and staff of the third floor at Lakeside Hospital.

No prior calling. A memorial service will be held on Sunday January 24th at 12 noon at the First Baptist Church, 124 Main Street Brockport. Springtime interment Lake View Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, friends wishing may contribute to the American Cancer Society or to Lifetime Care, 3111 Winton Rd. South, Rochester 14623. Please visit www.fowlerfuneralhomeinc.com to light a candle in her memory.
Greetings,

I do not know where the time goes—'cept trying to catch up on all of the movies nominated for awards this year! In the past two weeks, we have seen Avatar, The Blind Side, Crazy Heart, District 9, An Education, Inglorious Basterds, Precious, Up in the Air and a non-award nominee Hangover thrown in because the video store recommended it and said that even though we were old we seemed to be alright and might enjoy it—which we did. On schedule, we also have seen Julia & Julia and The Hurt Locker so we only have a few movies to go before the award show a week from Sunday.

I have stuff to share but sadly no time to put it all together right now except for the sad news. I do hope to do better and, also, I hope to get the problem with “Rochester road runner” straightened out soon. I now know that it is an issue with Maritime College’s email server but I have no idea when it will be resolved.

So, quickly, here is the sad news. I knew Marion Nestle back in the “good old days” before the Teachers’ College faculty and staff—Pre-College of Arts and Sciences days—started losing their grip on this life. Sadly. Marion Weidig Nestle has joined the ranks of her departed colleagues from the Education Department at Brockport Teachers’ College. Our good colleague, emeritus Walter Brautigan, sent me the following information about her passing and has authorized me to share it. I thank him for this contribution to this Update.

Bud,

Here is another one of the far too frequent notes about the passing of colleagues. Marion Nestle passed away in Eugene, Oregon on January 31, 2010. Marion was at the College from 1957 and retired in 1982 and moved to Oregon to be near to her three daughters; Carol, Linda and Tina. Marion started at Brockport at the Campus School when it was still in a wing of Hartwell and then made the move to Cooper Hall. She joined the education faculty in the late sixties when it was then the Curriculum and Instruction Department and Andy Virgilio was the Dean of Education. She was very active and involved with programs in the Rochester City School District especially with The World of Inquiry School. She was also one of four Brockport professors involved with the Professional Year Program in Rochester. Teacher candidates were placed for one full academic year with a city school district school and all courses were offered in the city by the four resident faculty members. Other courses were presented by what was then, the latest technology by faculty on campus such as the late Eileen Corcoran, Psychology and Jerry Berry, Reading.
Marion's home on Adams Street was always home to all students especially for students from Rochester during the tumultuous late sixties and early seventies. The coffee pot was always on and students were always welcome.

Those wishing to contribute in Marion's memory may contribute to the Edison-Brockport Partnership in care of the Brockport Foundation. [Walter Brautigan]

Another former colleague adds that Marion was an excellent teacher who was dearly loved by her students and that throughout her career she was especially devoted to assisting minority students in reaching their goals. [Anonymous]

Marion Nestle’s legacy resides in the hearts and minds of the many students and others she both challenged and helped during her career at Brockport and in her life generally. She will be missed and we send our condolences to her family.

Peace,

Bud

April 8, 2010

Greetings,

I suppose that given the type of news I usually report that a little break from “Updates” is good. Although when I started this update I had no new “bad” news to report some did creep in yesterday and I’ll begin with it. The following was shared by Mike Andriatch. Although I do not have permission(s) to share this I believe it is public knowledge by now in Brockport so I am hopeful not to offend anyone.

For those who had not heard, Walt Brautigan’s apartment at Viking Way was the one that had the fire yesterday [April 6, 2010]. I just spoke with Betsy Balzano to get an update.

Walt is in Strong with burns on his face and hand. He is OK, rested well (is on oxygen) but will need some skin grafts for the hand(s). She spoke with him twice yesterday and is heading in to see him now for the first time. We cannot send flowers (not allowed in burn unit) and she will let us know if he wants visitors, calls, etc.

She doesn’t know the whole story, but he walked into his building, saw smoke, and found that the fire was in his apartment. He tried to put it out with the sink hose, but the fire had already melted his phone, garbage can, other plastic containers, etc. He was lucky. Not sure how much damage to the whole place, but we know there was significant damage in the kitchen and living room.

I’ll give you more updates as I get them. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers.
We echo Mike’s words to keep Walter, a gift to The College at Brockport community, in our thoughts and prayers.

Then, I have much better news to share from Diane Elliott. Sometime ago she had promised to share some of her retirement activities with us and I am pleased that she has now done so. I will let her words speak for themselves.

Hi, Bud. Although it pales in comparison with news from other folks (AKA Karla and Roger), here are some highlights on what I’ve been doing in the 8 years (gasp!) since I retired.

First, we’ve been enjoying life at our house on the lake. My husband is a part-time Website designer, serving small business owners, from a local school district to a chapter of the Hells’ Angels. He’s also a pro-bono guardian angel for friends and some local non-profits when their computers and networks go awry. I’ve worked a bit at the College doing projects for Graduate Studies, but have now “retired” completely......too many other things are calling. My only standing commitment now is volunteering every Monday morning at Strong, staffing the desk in the surgical waiting room.

Family keeps us delightfully busy! Jess (our daughter), and her hubby, are raising two great boys (8 and 5 yrs. old): smart as whips, kind hearts, and still young enough to love visiting Grandma and Grandpa! They live just two miles away on the other side of the neighborhood pond, so they play a huge part in our everyday life. What a blessing to be able to watch the boys grow and be part of their milestones (like catching your 1st fish with Grandpa)!

Then we have our travel! Ken and I feel truly blessed in this life. We NEVER could have imagined that we’d have the opportunity to visit the places we’ve now been.

First was Costa Rica with friends. Our most intense memory is the drive to Arenal volcano. There were two ways to get there, a modern highway and a short cut that used a small road through the jungle. Guess which we chose! The locals said we’d have to drive through a little river, but that it would be “no problem.” It was indeed a beautiful drive......few signs of civilization, jungle growth close enough to brush the car doors and some interesting road signs (one warning of jaguars). Finally - THE RIVER! Fast water, big rocks, couldn't see where the road emerged from the river on the other side. We said our prayers and gunned the engine, listened to rocks hammering the bottom of the car and watched as the water level approached the doors. When we later told a local fellow that we’d crossed the river, his response was “NO *%#”!

If any of you plan to visit Arenal, the Arenal Observatory Lodge (formerly a Smithsonian research site) can't be beat. It's only 1.7 km from this active volcano, you can watch the volcano from your room's balcony, and you can feel the rumble with each eruption. We got less sleep than usual, since we kept getting up to watch the glowing lava flows.
One of the many things we learned in Costa Rica was that, prior to our next trip we should take language lessons so we could understand directions when we were lost! Since our next scheduled trip was to France, I joined 20+ freshmen in French 101 at MCC (closer to our house). Couldn't believe how stressful it was to talk in front of the group and have to take exams!

Soon we were in a 300-year-old house nestled in a vineyard in Provence, truly a little corner of heaven! The focus on family in this culture was striking. Life proceeds more slowly, with less concern for acquiring “things.” Then on we went to Normandy, where it was humbling to stand on Utah Beach and visit the nearby village of St. Mere-Eglise. My dad came ashore at Utah Beach on the 2nd day of the D-Day invasion and lived in this village, sleeping in an abandoned car filled with straw. The WWII Museum in Caen relates the horrific toll of this war, over 50 million war-related deaths.

With Normandy came some health challenges. Venturing into a field to photograph poppies, I learned what nettles feel like! Then a spider bite turned into cellulitis—providing a first-hand experience with the impressive French health care system. No emphasis on office décor (cinder-block walls, Rubbermaid chairs, a sparsely equipped office), but an MD who confidently used his diagnostic skills rather than relying on tests/technology. I left with a print-out detailing precisely how to take five prescribed meds and what complications to look for. Total cost (they didn't take insurance) = 20 Euros!! And the meds totaled only 60 Euros (my guess is that they'd cost >$300 in the US).

The trip ended with a brief visit to Paris, a city that was as wonderful as we had imagined. We knew we had to return, and we were indeed soon again in Europe with friends.....this time for a 6-week trip to France (Paris and the Dordogne region), Belgium (Brussels and Brugge); the Netherlands (Harlem and Amsterdam); Italy (Milan, Verona and Corinaldo, a perched village near the Adriatic); and Austria (Lienz). Having made all of our own arrangements, we stayed in either B & B's or rentals, and did the trip within an amazingly modest budget. Remember the opening to the movie Chocolat, when the mother and daughter (wearing red cloaks) climbed a small street to an ancient stone village? We stayed on that street, renting the old post office that had been converted to a home!

High points of the entire trip included listening to the Haarlem organ played by Mozart, Handel and Bach; listening to the tinkle of cow bells on an Austrian mountainside while visiting a chalet reached only by climbing the fences in a cow pasture; and an amazing dinner in an unusual Italian restaurant. In a town of only a couple of hundred folks, the restaurant was on the backyard patio of a modest house. Décor consisted of Rubbermaid chairs and a string of lights; staff was a waiter (the owner) and a cook (his mother). Before they could set out the paper tablecloth, they had to shoo a cat, dog and chicken off of the table. We asked the owner to select the menu, and he was thrilled! We ate for hours, course after course. Best meal of our lives; total bill = 29 Euros per person!
Great trip and, before we knew it, we were back to Europe again......this time to a small town in the Parma region of Italy and to Paris. Italy is for eating!! I've had Parmesan cheese my whole life, but it's a different thing all together when it's fresh! And Milan's cathedral is beyond description, literally thousands of statues on its exterior. Its roof-top walk provides wonderful photo ops of its architecture and gargoyles. But my favorite part of the trip was the two weeks that my hubby and I spent in Paris. I think that I could now serve as a tour guide in this city, we covered it so completely. Again, we did so in an economical fashion, staying in modest neighborhood hotels, shopping at their wonderful street markets, and enjoying fruit/bread/cheese/wine as a frequent substitute for restaurant meals. We found the people of Paris to be helpful and engaging, and I got lots of chances to use my French....sometimes with success, sometimes not. I've definitely found a city that touches my soul, and we'll be back.

But not in 2010! This year we're off to the Canadian Rockies to see mountains and wildlife. We're trying to make the most of our “young” aging years, since I'm making a few more “old lady” sounds as I get up from the couch. I know the time will come when we'll be limited to enjoying our garden and our lake house. But for now, we'll roam as far as our money and health will allow!

Well, Bud, that's probably more of an update than you wanted. Please feel free to shorten it and pass it along as you see fit.

Wow! Diane, you have had some great trips. Sandy and I share your excitement over Brugge, Paris and Milan. Thank you for sharing your traveling adventures. And, what a wonderful job I have as the writer/editor for “Update”—participants in the Brockport experience enhance my own life experiences by sharing theirs and generally they allow me to pass it on. Thank you, Diane, and our best to you for continued health and happiness.

Jim Horn continues to enjoy his post-retirement tour business and recently shared with me a report on his last tour adventure as well as some personal travel and leisure experiences. Jim does not share his reports with me for “Updates” but only because Sandy and I have expressed interest in joining him on one of his tours if we ever find some real leisure time before we die. But, I thought the content of his last email to me would be of interest as it provides some travel insights and experiences that give provide a snapshot of what Jim’s life it like and with the exception of rainy days on tours and an occasional bad restaurant or bad airport experience, I’d say that Jim has an enviable life and I thank him for giving me permission to share his recent experiences.

Anyway, I am home in Cuernavaca again after a great trip to Argentina and a 6 days solo extension in Uruguay. I had 27 clients this time. There were 29 until a late cancellation when a man was gored by a wild hog on a golf course in Georgia. The group was wonderfully compatible and enjoyable with no one whose address I plan to lose.

By not using a booking agency this year and doing everything myself I was able to offer the trip for less than last year while upgrading the hotel in Buenos Aires and adding some extras. The Loi Suites Recoleta is only a few blocks from last year's L'Etoile, located a
half block from the famous cemetery where Evita Peron's tomb attracts tourists. We used the same hotel in Iguazú as last year, the Sheraton, the only hotel right in the park and a short walk to the falls.

Unfortunately, it rained the morning that a large group took the adventurous boat ride up to the falls and they got quite a chill being soaked with a brisk wind. It did clear up enough in the afternoon for walks about the upper and lower falls, and all but four went right to the Devil's Throat in good weather right after our arrival the first day. It was the rainiest February in Argentine recorded history but we were lucky not to be rained out on the trip to the ranch and the Sunday city markets as we were last year, but it did pour the day we went on the Río de la Plata estuary, negating the extra hour I added to see more remote areas and forcing us to eat inside at the island restaurant instead of on the delightful terrace. It wasn't worth upgrading to the deluxe yacht.

We enjoyed the same wonderful guide as last year, Elizabeth Georges, and she found a better tango class for us. After the class, we went to a milonga at Confiteria Ideal to watch the locals dance. The show at Tango Porteño was as spectacular as usual though they skimmed on the wine with our empanadas.

I think everyone enjoyed the restaurant selection, too much beef again but two restaurants had such great appetizer buffets the beef was secondary. And we did have a new-to-me seafood restaurant with a wonderful mixed seafood platter and Caesar salad, and an Italian night with five different dishes served family style. (In the early 1900s, half the population of Buenos Aires was Italian). The parillada (barbecue) at the ranch was sensational with half a dozen different cuts not counting the offal that most of us skipped. We enjoyed lots of good malbecs and cabernets, though four or five in the group preferred their white wines. No one could complain about quantity in either food or drink.

After seeing the group off, I took the buquebus (fast ferry) to Uruguay. I couldn't get my hotel selection in Montevideo due to the inauguration of President Pepe Mujica so I went by bus first to Punta del Este. Expecting something like Acapulco or Copacabana, I was surprised to find it more like St Tropez or Marbella with enormous expensive high-rise condos. The hotels are not on the beach unless you go out of town about 10 kms and taxis, all late model deluxe Toyotas, are very expensive. Of course, I ate well including a sensational french rack of lamb with 8 large chops I was middle-class enough to feel I had to finish off.

After 3 nights, I took a ten dollar first class bus to the capital and was delighted by my internet selected hotel Cala di Volpe, right on the Ramblas facing the river, the widest estuary in the world, with a seafood restaurant across the street. I got an agent's rate for an executive suite with a computer in the room. The Cuban delegation to the inauguration was still hanging on at my hotel but I didn't get an opportunity to chat with any of them. Hillary attended the inauguration then visited Pres Cristina Fernandez in Buenos Aires before going on to Chile. The tragic earthquake in Chile was felt mildly in Buenos Aires about 4 am but none of my group reported feeling anything. I did a city tour with ten
people in a van, and hated the 45-minute tour of hotels as we picked up the others. I did see enough of the city to say I was glad I went but would not go back. The restaurants were even cheaper than in Argentina and the beef cuts were better since a huge inflation in Argentina caused restaurants to skimp on the better cuts. The buquebus schedule to return to Argentina was awful so I flew Pluna for the first and last time. I had not calculated the 20 dls luggage charge and the 17 dls exit tax in figuring expenses. Pluna has internet only check-in and their website was down the day before my departure causing frustration, lots of wasted time, and plenty of practice for my Spanish vulgarities.

I was back in Buenos Aires by 11 am the day before my departure and welcomed back to the hotel like a celebrity with an upgrade to an executive suite. I had time to check out the street fair in Recoleta, buy some new luggage and a leather laptop case, and enjoy a fabulous dinner with a friend at La Cabaña where Madonna and Bill Clinton's visits caused a rise in prices so that few locals dine there. Luckily, I can deduct it from the war on terror.

My Copa business class flight back to Mexico had a boring 3-hour layover in Panama and the food was less than mediocre but the Johnny Walker black was abundant enough so it didn't matter. I was 14 hours in transit not counting the drive to Cuernavaca from the airport. I had only a morning to catch up on paper work and a return to the gym before my house guest arrived, my friend Jackie Lyall from Pittsburgh/Chicago whom I met here in 1975. We had a nice reunion with grilled salmon on the terrace (a relief after 18 days of restaurants 3 times a day) with my permanent tenant/friend Jane, Pancho and his friend Genaro. I only put on a few pounds, mostly water weight I think, or an expanded liver, so time to revisit Dr. Atkins. I did my push-ups in the hotel room faithfully every other morning and reached a personal high of 50, and 200 sit ups daily as penance. I have lots of work to catch up on but no more groups until August so there is no big rush. As soon as I shed the additional weight I will be off to Acapulco. I plan to return to Brockport in time for Mothers’ day. My 92-year-old mom has recovered from her broken pelvis and is driving again!

Cheers, Jim

Jim, your daily life is certainly different from the norm for retirees. Thank you for sharing.

While Sandy and I hope to travel with you some day, there is one thing I’d like to know before signing up, would getting gored by a wild hog on a golf course in Georgia entitle me to a refund of my tour payment or should I make sure to have trip insurance?

Ingo “Pete” Petersen and I had a recent email exchange and as part of it I mentioned places Sandy and I were considering for retirement. As a word of caution, he advised that he had learned that leaving New York State and the benefit of not having to pay NYS taxes on NYS retirement income impact on your income if the state you move to have a State income tax. Beyond that caution Pete offered some advice, particularly in light of his knowledge that we enjoyed college basketball. Of course, at the time the Big East—Syracuse in particular—was flying high and our second favorite league, the ACC—especially North Carolina—was flying low. I remember remarking that although Duke was our second favorite team—after Syracuse—that I didn’t think they had a chance in the tournament this year. Well, I am glad this year that I
am not a gambler and Pete Petersen probably wishes he were! [Well, except for our sympathy
to Roy Williams, a great coach, who fell short of his goal this year.]

Bud, you might want to add the North Carolina Research Triangle area to your relocation
search. It has a lot going for it culturally, athletically (specifically basketball), and
climatically. Once you've experienced ACC men's basketball (think Duke, UNC and
N.C. State in that order) virtually everything else seems like high school games.
[Pete Petersen]

Sometime ago I believe I shared with you that Emory Morris was working on completing a hike
of the Finger Lakes Trail. He is happy to report that he reached his goal successfully and he
encourages those of us who are able to get out on the trails and enjoy the experience. I’ll let his
words speak for themselves:

Hi Bud!
Maybe this will be a piece of "good news" to include in Update:
I finished hiking the 564-mile Finger Lakes Trail (from PA state line in Allegheny State
Park to junction with the Long Path in the Catskills (Town of Denning, Ulster Co.) in
October 2009. My trek began in 2002 with the organized cross county hikes in Chenango
County, and proceeded west county by county (year by year) Cortland, Tompkins,
Schuyler, Steuben, Allegheny, Cattaraugus, and jump east in 2009 to Delaware. Most of
my hiking was in groups. The hikes I missed during the year I was a Fulbright Scholar in
Kenya (2003-2004) I made up in 2005 and 2006, and the last 30 miles to the eastern
terminus I did on my own or with small groups. Hiking the trail end to end is a proud
accomplishment, but my achievement was only possible on the shoulders of trail
designers, trail builders and maintainers, organizers/leaders of the cross-county hikes, and
the vision of the trail creators in the 1960's/70's. In 2010, the cross-county series will be
once again in Chenango County. I encourage Update readers to find a trail and go take a
hike.

Emory, thanks again for sharing and for encouraging us all to “Go take a hike!”

In the last “Update” I reported on the death of Marion L. Nestle. Afterwards, Mike Andriatch
shared the following narrative about Marion’s life that was written by Marion’s daughter Linda
D. Weidig. I thought you might all appreciate reading it because it depicts how proud Linda is of
her mom’s accomplishments, how proud Marion was to be a part of Brockport and a factor in the
successes of her students and colleagues, and because it includes some historical reminders of
“the way we were.”

Marion L. Nestle; 03/27/23 to 01/30/10
Marion L. Nestle was a caring, dedicated and compassionate educator and individual.
These are some of the adjectives that come to mind when one thinks of Marion L. Nestle.
She came to Brockport in 1957 and began her career when the college was a State
Teachers College as a seventh and eighth grade English Language Arts teacher at the
Campus School, then housed in Hartwell Hall. The college then became a College of
Education to eventually transition to a Liberal Arts College. The Campus School moved
into its own building in 1965 and added a ninth grade. The Campus School played a major role in the preparation of future teachers and Marion continued in her dual roles of providing imaginative, creative and high quality instruction to junior high students and teaching and inspiring student teachers in the pursuit of their own teaching careers.

As a teacher, Marion was always an ardent advocate for a quality education for all students. She was actively engaged throughout the political and emotional turmoil when students were bused from Rochester to integrate the Campus School student population due to the passage of the celebrated Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 coupled with the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Marion took pride in her part to see to it that more and more disadvantaged kids received the equal education they deserved. The Campus School’s staff was committed to provide innovative programs to teach and inspire their Brockport and Rochester students to succeed in school and enrich their lives. Her dedication was evident through her tireless good work with students, parents, her colleagues, student teachers and administrators. Not only did her campus school students love and respect her, she was an excellent role model for all of the college students with whom she worked, taught and counseled.

Due to budget constraints, despite the innovative programs and dedicated staff, the Brockport Campus School closed in 1976. During the transition period, Marion joined the college faculty of what then was the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, which is now, the Department of Education and Human Development. In the education department, Marion focused on working with schools in the City School District of Rochester and worked extensively with the teachers and administrators of the World of Inquiry School. In the early seventies, Marion was one of four professors assigned to a unique program, a joint venture between the Rochester City School District and the College at Brockport whereby teacher candidates spent one entire school year in one of four city schools. All classes in Methodology were taught on site by a professor from each of the four academic disciplines. Unfortunately, because this program was so labor intensive, committing four full time professors for a year, this program was abandoned in 1974. Marion however continued her involvement with the World of Inquiry School and with other city schools. She and the late Harry Emmerson would regularly offer weekend workshops and seminars in the city schools to make it easier for Rochester teachers to keep up with current trends in education.

During the late 1960’s and early 1970’s, following the earlier path of the Campus School, SUNY at Brockport took an active role to admit low-income students from around the state and particularly from Rochester. Marion was instrumental to reach out to potential new students, assisting them both on campus and at her home to pass the GED examinations or the preparation coursework required for entrance. These were tumultuous years for both the student body and the faculty, e.g., the Vietnam War, integration, busing, racial tension, gender tension, peaceful and more volatile student protests, etc. Marion opened up her home on Adams Street to any and all college students who needed a quiet place to talk, seek advice and counsel and to just unwind among themselves. This was particularly true of the minority students from Rochester who arrived on campus during the late sixties and early seventies, as Marion was one person
who they could relate to in terms of the cultural shock that attending a college and the new responsibilities that they were trying to adapt to on campus. The door to Marion’s house was always open and there was always a pot of coffee ready, plenty of food and a large kitchen table to discuss current issues and play cards. Marion’s fondness memories were her years at SUNY at Brockport.

Marion L. Nestle, Professor Emeritus, Education retired in 1982. During a visit to her daughters in Eugene, Oregon, she purchased a home and she moved to Eugene in 1984. Marion loved to engage in conversation about current events, politics and how much she loved her home nestled in the older growth evergreens in the south hills of Eugene. Marion took the time to get to know and made friends with anyone and everyone who entered her home. Following Marion’s death, the owner of the landscaping business taking care of Marion’s property, commented that due to Marion’s interest and encouragement to his wife, she returned to school, earned a Master’s Degree and is now teaching the third grade. Marion never stopped inspiring and encouraging the possibilities within each individual. She firmly believed that anyone can create a meaningful life through education.

Marion was the central point for her three daughters and grandson, regularly spending time together throughout the next twenty-six years. She fed her “petting zoo,” one cat, many squirrels, birds, raccoons, possums and deer. Once in a while, she would see a flock of wild turkeys running up the street in front of her home. She never missed Sunday morning Meet the Press and was quite saddened by Tim Russet’s sudden death.

Marion’s friend and colleague, the late Peggy McCrory called every Sunday sharp at 1:00 pm to discuss the current events and happenings in Brockport, Rochester and Eugene. She maintained contact with others like Walt Brautigan, Harry Emmerson and Peg Browne. One of Marion’s most memorial times was with Jeanette D’Agostino Banker and Peg Hare Browne, when they both were in Portland, Oregon several years back. They enjoyed an evening of bar-be-que, conversation and walks down many memory lanes together under the incredible clear evening Oregon sky. A surprise guest was Solye Brown, the daughter of one of SUNY Brockport’s Presidents, Albert Browne with her children. Over the years, Marion received phone calls from her Campus School and college students just to update her on their own lives and thank her for being in theirs.

Marion L. Nestle died on January 30, 2010 two months shy of 87 years old. She was at home with all of her family.

Following Marion’s death, her daughters emailed several of their Brockport friends dating back to when Marion taught the 8th grade. Her daughters were touched by how quickly the word spread across the county and to receive many emails expressing their thoughts and in particular, the positive impact Marion had on their lives. Marion leaves behind daughters, Carol J. Weidig, Portland, Linda D. Weidig, Beaverton, Christina E. Weidig, Eugene and grandson Joel L. Staver, also of Eugene, Oregon.
At Marion’s daughters’ request, any donation to celebrate Marion’s lengthy life of giving, please make donations to The Edison – Brockport Foundation. For more information regarding The Edison – Brockport Foundation, please contact Walt Brautigan, SUNY Brockport at 585 637-6631. Submitted by: Linda D. Weidig, email: weidig1@worldnet.att.net and Walt Brautigan email: wbrautig@brockport.edu.

Linda, thank you for sharing your testimony to the goodness of your mom, to her accomplishments, and to the high esteem in which she was held by all who knew her including you and your family and all of her close friend.

Peace,

Bud

April 28, 2010

Greetings,

[Please note below that the memorial service for John Williams is today, Wednesday, April 28, 2010. I apologize for the late notice. I have additional news about awards and recognitions at the College and of the induction of new members to this group to share with you but they will have to wait until the next Update. I have run out of time.]

First I have an announcement of an event from Lauren Lieberman. She would love to see emeriti/emeriti friends and colleagues at a fundraising event for Camp Abilities. I will let her speak for herself:

Hi! Lauren Lieberman here. As you know this is our 15th year of Camp Abilities. I write grants and fund raise all year. It costs over $90,000 to run camp EACH year. If you want to learn more about camp see www.campabilities.org.

We are having our big fund raiser this year on May 8th at the Brockport Country Club. It is a golf tournament and dinner and auction. The golfing starts at noon and the dinner and silent auction starts at 5:30. The golfing is $70 per person, and the dinner is $20 with 2 hours of open bar! There are many wonderful items at the auction from memberships to zoos to bed and breakfast gift certificates to children's toys and rugs.

You can sign up for the golfing through the Brockport Country Club web site, and you can sign up for the dinner and silent auction through me. If you sign up for the golfing the dinner is included.

Then I have sad news to report about the passing of David (Hamilton) Hanhilammi—not an emeritus but a former member of the faculty of the Theatre Department who is known to many—and John Williams—emeritus Professor of Meteorology.
For David, I have both an obituary from the Rochester D&C and “Life Journey” that was read at his memorial service on the campus on April 24, 2010. I did not know David well but I recall that he was very serious about his profession while at Brockport and I would agree with the statements below from what I knew of him. Please give your thoughts to him as you read on.

New York City: (1938-2010) Passed away on March 6, 2010. Memorial service [was held] on Saturday, April 24, 2010, at 11:00 AM, in the Lab Theatre, Tower Fine Arts Center, Brockport. Theatre professor and director at the College of Brockport. Fulbright Fellow at the National Theatre of Finland. An affectionate friend with a great sense of humor is missed. [Rochester D&C]

Life Journey of David (Hamilton) Hanhilammi

David was born on 1-23-1938 in Ashtabula, Ohio. He completed bachelor’s degree, magna cum laude, from Syracuse University (1963); and two master’s degrees from University of Syracuse (1967), and Hunter College (1998).

He began his teaching career at Bennington College, and continued as a Visiting Associate Professor of Drama at Syracuse University. His longest teaching tenure was at the College at Brockport, and taught mostly acting and directing courses. He established himself as an exceptional director by his imaginative and unique directorial approaches. He presented plays of different styles and genres, from the 17th century restoration comedy, the Country Wife, to contemporary controversial plays like Marat/Sade.

He developed a strong enthusiasm to find his Finnish roots. As a Fulbright Scholar, he taught theatre at the University of Helsinki, and directed for the National Theatre and other professional theatres. He also participated in significant research projects at the University of Helsinki: (1) A Semantic Differential Measure of Visually-Presented Theatre Concepts. (2) The Influence of Emotional Aspects of Language on Word Recognition and Oral Expression in Various Types of Aphasia. (3) Finnish and English Language Speech Synthesis Systems. He was also an English language Broadcaster for Finnish National Radio.

After returning from Finland, he was active in the theatre for a while. As a Visiting Professor from the Finnish National Theatre at the University of Minnesota’s Scandinavian Theatre Festival, he directed and co-translated Minna Canth’s Tyomiehen Vaimo (the Worker’s Wife). His interest shifted to other activities. He was a Research Assistant for Rehabilitation Medicine at Mount Sinai Medical Center: Traumatic Brain Injury Study. He analyzed computer software and wrote manuals for Salomon Smith Barney, Telerate Systems, Prodigy, Citibank, and Mainiot Systems.

He taught in the program, “Home Instruction” for the New York City. In spite of hardships in traveling to the homes of the students, he enjoyed teaching one-on-one basis.

His approach to directing was very unique. He would devise a floor plan which would enable him to demonstrate and communicate playwright’s theme. His use of stage space and actors’
well-choreographed movements was very imaginative. As an acting and directing teacher, he exerted a great influence on the students who considered themselves fortunate to work with him. His obituary reads: “David’s unmatched humor and unique world view will be forever a fountain to which all can return for comfort and loving memories, strength and humor, always humor, in the days and years ahead. As David would surely remind us, dying is easy, it’s comedy that is hard.” (Betsy)

David Wanted This Poem To Be Read At His Memorial Service:

“Desire for a Monument”

_set a monument for me, _
built of sugar, in the sea.

_it will melt, of course, and make _
briefly a sweet-water lake;

_meanwhile, fishes by the score _
take surprised a sip or more.

_They, in various ports, will then _
be, in turn, consumed by men.

_this way I will join the chain _
of humanity again,

_while, were I of stone or steel, _
just some pigeon ungenteel,

_or perhaps a Ph.D. _
would discharge his wit on me.

Christian Moregenstern
_Galgenlieder_ 1905

An Award in Memory of David:
The Department of Theatre will award a prize to a student, who has achieved a distinction in acting and directing, and contributed to the program of the Department.

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James Howard Kunstler, who is a well-known author now, wrote: “David was by far the most important teacher I ever had and to this day the things I do are influenced by what I learned from him. … It is little hard to believe nowadays, given the current pusillanimous mood of the college arts departments, that David ventured to put on plays as difficult as Waiting for Godot, Marat/Sade, and the Balcony, and I feel very fortunate that I was in his orbit for all that. I hear
his voice in my memory, and remember what we did together, and what he gave to me with more power than the voices of my own parents. He’ll always be a part of me. He’s in the dialogue of my next book. For me, David was really the perfect mentor.”

Larraine Sammler, a colleague: “No friend had a greater impact on my life—both in its directions and its moral compass than David. … David was a perfectionist, and he demanded perfection from all the those who worked with him. He recognized the human voice in dialogue as music, and every cue as a musical element, and so his dramas became wondrous symphonies that transported the viewer far into universals that an art form can not achieve on its own.”

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Following is the obituary for John Williams:

Williams, John Milton
Brighton: April 23, 2010, at age 95. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Violet "Vi"; daughter and son-in-law, Mary Lou and Jim Eshelman of MA; son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Heather Williams of VA; grandchildren, Christopher, Timothy (Stephanie) and Julie Eshelman, Emily (Daniel) Boudreau, Holly (Jim) McMahon and Shelly (Pat) Kelly; 11 great-grand-children; several nieces and nephews.

John was Chief Meteorologist of the Rochester Weather Bureau for over 25 years. Following his retirement from the Weather Bureau in 1972, John was Professor of Meteorology at SUNY Brockport for many years.

A Memorial Service will be held Wednesday, April 28th, 10:00 AM at Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church, 1200 Winton Rd. South. Donations in memory of John may be directed to the Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church or to a charity of choice. To light a candle in memory visit www.anthonychapels.com.

I remember John Williams as a meteorologist and then Professor of Meteorology at Brockport. Although I did not know him well my contacts with him were always high quality and he distinguished himself by his thoughtful, humble, and caring demeanor. I last saw him at the 90th birthday party for the late emeritus Victor Schmidt if my memory serves me. He was blessed with a long life and the College was blessed by his presence for some of his 95 years.

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I am pleased to have more positive news to share from emerita Janet Beck and Elaine Miller.

From Janet:
Here is some news from the former Brockport contingent who are now snowbirds in Venice, Florida. Don and Leah Johnson, Bob and Judy McLean and Jack and I were able to get together for dinners and good times as all of us are here in Venice for several months. A highlight of our get together was a golf outing and dinner for President Halstead and his wife, Kathy. It was coordinated by Mike Andriatch and hosted by Nancy Brousard and her brother Jim Gauvreau, both Brockport class of 1954 and Jim’s wife Dottie. The President turned in the low score in golf, outshooting those who had
played all winter here. We spent the evening reminiscing about former College presidents from Ernest Hartwell, who guests Hank and June Moshano, class of 1948(?) remembered to Paul Yu. We came away with a twinge of envy for those still working at the College and who are part of the current "action". However, none of us is ready to trade in our retirement freedom for the world of work. "Emeriti" is a wonderful title.

[Thank you for this update Janet. It is good to have the more positive news to share. We send our best regards to the snowbirds of Venice. From what I know of Jim Cook’s golf game and now the report about President Halstead, the College might want to think about teaming them up for some skins games to raise money to close the budget deficit. Of course, Jim might have some reservations about the potential for the success of such a teaming when he considers the quality of the President’s competition.]

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From Elaine:

A small bit of travel news:

Had a fun, and funny, time at Band Camp (New Horizons Band -- I play percussion) in Cambria Pines, CA in March. Tho we're pretty good, some of us excellent, we have a good time with the "inadvertent solos."

Also, will do a bike trip in Corsica in May -- with Marilyn Colby. (I've recovered from my fractured fibula.)

And in August it's up the Inside Passage in Alaska. My next news may well be a personal Palin sighting.

[Thanks for sharing. We hope you travel safely. Although a personal Palin sighting might be the last thing I’d cherish about a trip to Alaska we will await your news and wish you luck if that is one of your desires.]

Cheers,

Bud

May 12, 2010

Greetings,

The Grand Dame of the Brockport Normal School Alums and Brockport College Emerita extraordinaire has graduated from this life after enriching the lives of everyone she encountered on this planet earth for 87 years. Marguerite Hare Browne, known affectionately by everyone who knew her as “Peg”, commenced her journey into the afterlife peacefully at 6:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at Beikirch Care Center in Brockport, New York. Throughout her life, Peg brought joy to everyone she met through her openness, her inviting smile, and her caring
heart. She was an educator ‘par excellence’ who created a passion for learning and teaching in those with whom she worked and whom she taught. She leaves an enviable legacy in the goal of excellence she ingrained in the students she taught that will continue throughout the generations. She will be long remembered for her contributions to teacher education and for her commitment to her profession and to The Brockport College.

Peg was a great inspiration to many including me. The fact that I am writing this “Update” is directly related to the influence of the late Bob Skelton, the late Harold Rakov, the now late Peg Browne, the late Ollie Spaulding and Peg’s great friends Frances Moroney Whited and Jeanette D’Agostino Banker. They were, and some continue to be, the care givers of the Brockport Heritage and those who created it, whether faculty, staff or student. Through their mentoring and some exchanges with Ollie Spaulding and Peg after they retired, I recognized the need to create some kind of connection between the College and its emeriti. Thus, was born the “Update” and, although I often have heartbreaking news to share, my contact with all of you is most rewarding and I thank Peg, Jeanette, and Ollie Spaulding in particular for their influence that led me to create this connection.

Peg loved the College and she especially loved her students who have gone on to become significant leaders in teaching and in all facets of the human experience.

For many years, I passed by Peg’s house on Lake Road in Brockport on my way to and from work and just to town and back. Jerry and Peg had beautiful flower gardens and it was rejuvenating to see them start blooming in the spring. Following Jerry’s death, Peg cared for the flower beds for several years and then I believe her neighbors lent a hand as aging took its toll on Peg and she could no longer care for “Jerry’s flowers.” Peg, like your flowers you were one great spring fragrance in the lives of everyone who ever encountered you in all seasons. You will be sorely missed but you will always be remembered by those you inspired to excellence during your time with us.

I mourn with and for the members of the old Education Department, especially Jeanette D’Agostino Banker, who especially loved Peg and provided her friendship and care in recent years. But all in all, what a wonderful 87 years Peg had to serve us all. While we should mourn Peg’s departure, we should also celebrate her life as we, ourselves, strive to emulate all that she stood for.

Following is Peg’s obituary from the Rochester Times Union:

Browne, Marguerite Hare "Peg"
Brockport: On Tuesday May 11, 2010 at the age of 87. Predeceased by her husband Gerald L. Browne, siblings Ruth Deming, Donald M. Hare, sister-in-law Marilyn Hare and nephew David Heise.

She is survived by siblings Dorothy Heise, Bette Meadows, G. Stanley Hare, Cyril (Beverly) Hare Jr., sister-in-law Sandra M. Hare, nieces and nephews Julie (Larry) Carter, Mary Claire Heise, Trudy (Russell) Dawson, Howard (Nancy) Deming, Robert (Sheila) Cummings, Michael (Pamela) Cummings, Peggy (Al) Mercer, Deborah Cummings, Thomas (Karla) Hare, James
(Joan) Hare, Richard (Denise) Hare, Patricia (Robert) Vanderstouw, C. Leonard Hare, Cindy Lou Hare (Douglas Haslip), Scarlet (David) Moore, Peter M. (Cynthia) Hare, Tamsin (Craig) Mac Donald, many great nieces, great nephews and numerous special friends. Peg was an outstanding educator committed to excellence.

There will be no prior calling hours. A Memorial Service will be held Sunday May 16th, 3:00 PM at the United Methodist Church of Brockport. Interment will be at the convenience of the family. Friends may make contributions to the Marguerite Hare Browne Professional Education Awards and Scholarships Fund (MHBPEAS) c/o the Brockport Foundation, The College of Brockport, Brockport, NY 14420. Please visit www.fowlerfuneralhomeinc.com to light a candle in her memory.

Peace,

Bud

May 23, 2010

Greetings,

Some good news from my perspective! I have given up on my efforts at communicating with emeriti who rely on rochester road runner via the email server at SUNY Maritime College. For some reason, SUNY Maritime College and rochester road runner are not on the same page. I believe that it is because rochester road runner has created some exceptional spam blockers that block out even desirable email at times. For that reason, several emeriti have started using gmail for their email and once they did that they started receiving “Update” again. But, to avoid this problem going forward I have created an address book on Brockport’s email server (in my email account) to include all emeriti using rochester road runner for their email. I have done a test mailing and it seems to have worked. But, you should be aware that rochester road runner may be blocking more than just mail from me. In his response to my test email, Earl Ingersoll reported that he has had some anxiety about whether or not he was receiving non-spam emails. He reported that he had a nightmare situation last year when he was in the finishing stages of a book he co-edited with a colleague on the West Coast. His colleague’s system was routinely trashing his messages and she said when she tried to acknowledge receipt of his message it would cause problems in her system. He had to tell her to expect at least one message every day and then he had to number them so that she had some way of knowing she was missing one or more. He reported that this certainly made long distance proofreading and editing a challenge.

[Thank you for your feedback Earl. We are also pleased to hear that you are still writing and publishing.]

[And thank all of you rochester-road-runner subscribers for your patience. Remember, I try to do at least one “Update” per month—more when sad events occur—so if you don’t hear from me for a while it could be that I am not reaching you because (1) you changed your email address and did not tell me or (2) your server upgraded its SPAM blocker and is rejecting the “Updates”. But, until these issues are addressed, you can generally find the latest “Updates” at: http://www.itss.brockport.edu/~rmeade/your_news.htm]
As is too often the case I have sad news to report today. As of Thursday May 13, 2010, Emeritus Vice President for External Relations, John E. Stoller, (1985-1997) has only an external relationship with those significant to him in this world and all others. John lost a battle with a serious illness he had been fighting for some time. Until very recently John was continuing to receive “Updates” but I received bounces after mailing out the last two or three of them. Unfortunately, I had another “sometime” moment and did not follow up to really try and reconnect with John until I sent an email to Mike Oshier at 4:18 pm on Thursday May 13, 2010 asking him if he still had contact with John. He replied with John’s new email address and telephone number. At 6:28 am on Friday May 14, 2010, I sent John an email advising him that Mike had shared his new email with me and that I was heading out of town for the weekend but would be back in touch on Monday. Sadly, this is another reminder that we need to get rid of the “sometimes” in our lives and take care of things when they are most timely.

I have fond memories of the period when, under the leadership of John E. Van de Wetering (President Emeritus 1981-1997), with the support of John E. Stoller, the College was able to change the false image the Rochester media painted of it and begin building the distinguished reputation the College enjoys today. “Rochester’s Public College/University” became a slogan known in the Rochester Community that had previously only thought highly of RIT and UofR, and thought that Brockport was at the other end of the earth. The Brockport College has a debt of gratitude to John Stoller for his role in beginning the process for gaining the recognition the College deserved in the Rochester Community and beyond during that period and today.

I enjoyed working with John Stoller. Our only disagreement was our annual battle over the timing of the publication of the Faculty/Staff Directory. Initially, Human Resources designed the Faculty/Staff Directory, first a simple alphabetical listing of faculty and staff; then the addition of a front departmental section with other key numbers, organizational information, maps, etc.; and finally, the addition of an emeriti section. At some point in time preparation of the front section was turned over to external relations and Ginger Ioannone was assigned responsibility for it. For HR’s section, we had to rely on data fed back from Albany and because of the lag payroll the first data that would include new appointees for the fall semester and show the removal of those who had left would not be complete and accurate until around the first of October. This was after John’s desire to have a new Faculty/Staff Directory published in time for the opening of school, although I don’t believe Ginger would ever have been able to do her part by then either. This was the only issue John and I ever debated but it ended up that we were either tolerant of our separate views or at least understanding of the impact of different publication dates on the accuracy of the directory.

John’s passing to an external relationship with this world brings back good memories and his work in creating a positive image for the College in the Rochester Community is a great legacy.

John’s obituary has not yet been published but on May 18th Joanne shared the following:

To friends near and dear and far and dear:

Many of you have asked when John’s memorial service will be held. Today I worked out the details with the ministers at the church and have a date and time. Also, I have
included the address for gifts in John's memory that many have asked about.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 12 at 4 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church in Chapel Hill, NC (Southern Village). There will be a reception at the church immediately after the service.

In lieu of flowers, a gift in memory of John should be directed to:

Duke Homecare and Hospice, 4321 Medical Park Drive, Suite 101, Durham, NC 27704

Thank you all for your immediate responses of caring and support.

Love to you all. [Joanne]

Pat Baker recently sent me the following message and I have added the photo she shared to the internet version of this “Update”. See above for access information.

Hi Bud,
Here is a photo of emeritus Roy Bubb soon after he presented the Bubb Award to Marian Graney-Roth, one of the College’s exceptional elementary teachers and outstanding practicum supervisors. The Bubb Award, established by Roy, each year honors a supervising teacher like Marian. This was a special year as it celebrated the 30th anniversary of the inauguration of a ceremony to recognize prospective teachers who have completed all academic requirements for their NYS teacher certification. A luncheon was held to recognize Roy for creating the ceremony in 1980. Most of the EHD emeriti were present: Benita Jorkasky, Art Smith, Jeanette D'Agostino, Fran Moroney Whited, etc. Former staff members were invited and both events were well attended. Betsy Balzano, Diane Mauer and Don Halquist designed the celebratory events. Roy was also the keynote speaker at the Certification Ceremony on Friday evening. [Pat Baker]

[Thanks Pat, and congratulations to Roy for creating this award and for his recent recognition and thanks to Pat Baker for sharing.]

Then, I would like to pass on several of the tributes to Peg Browne that were shared with me following the “Update” that reported her death.

“Just a short note to say "thanks" for the news and the very thoughtful words of praise regarding the recent passing of Peg Browne. I, too, regard her as a remarkable educator and true friend of SUNY Brockport. My thoughts and prayers will be of her and with her family.” [Frank Filardo]

“You do not know me, but I wanted to thank you for the wonderful story you wrote about Peg Browne. My mother, Marianne Virgilio, received it and passed it along to me. I grew up in Brockport, NY right down the road from her on Lynnwood Drive. I had the privilege of attending the College at Brockport, obtaining my degree in Political Science, and now work for Congressman Lee in Washington, DC. I consider Peg another grandmother to me; I will remember her fondly, and will miss her dearly every single day. Thank you again - what you wrote about her depicts her entirely. She was a wonderful woman, and an inspiration to me.”
“Peg was the embodiment of Brockport -- strong, wise, caring -- she lives forever in our memory.”  [Charles Clevenger]

“Thank you so much for the excellent summary of Peg's passing. She was truly one of the stalwarts who made the base upon which the College of Brockport stands today. She will be deeply missed by all of us who depended upon her and who enjoyed her friendship and support both professionally and personally. Thank you again for all you do in keeping us informed and reminding us of the outstanding associates were able to be with during those interesting years.”  [Al Brown]

“Thanks Bud. You are certainly correct in saying the “grand dame”. Peg was certainly that! I have Peg to thank so very much for she brought me to Brockport. I did my student teaching with Peg and in my third year in the teaching field she wanted to go to Germany and she asked Dr. Tower to locate me to take her position. I did and then I was offered a permanent position the following year and the rest is history.  [Betty Nasca]

[Thanks to all of you for your remembrances.  Peg was a wonderful educator and I am sure your recollections of her outstanding service are share by all who knew her.]

Similarly, Ellen Gilbert shared fond memories after reading about the passing of Marion Nestle. She wrote, in part:

"…enjoyed" reading about the life of Marion Nestle-- When I first came to the Campus school - I knew immediately that she was a very special person— I see that it says that the campus school closed in 1976—but I think it was 1982— It was truly a wonderful place- and as you know - I am so glad that I was a part of that "era"

[Thank you, Ellen, for sharing this tribute and for sharing your feelings about a period in the College’s history.]

In conclusion, I share some information received from Jerry Begy, emeritus of the Department of Education and Human Development. Jerry moved to Palm Springs, California several years ago and has been volunteering as a reading tutor for third and fourth graders in a local school. As a recipient of the Chancellor’s Excellent in Teaching Award at Brockport several years ago, Jerry thought he had earned his last award and recognition when he retired. But, recently the Palm Springs Unified School District Board presented him with the “Shiny Apple Award” recognizing his contributions: “…for his enthusiasm and steadfast dedication to the students of Rio Vista Elementary School.” In his note to me Jerry adds: It is interesting that I am back in elementary school since this is where I started in 1966 as a fifth-grade teacher in Geneva, New York.

[Jerry, we send you our congratulations upon your receipt of recognition for using your expertise as a volunteer. Thank you for sharing.]

Best regards,
July 7, 2010

Greetings,

Of late it seems that I do not get an opportunity to communicate until I have bad news to report. The bad news I have to report today almost slipped by me. Thanks to Earl Ingersoll for bringing to my attention the death of Frederick M. Burelbach who served the College from either 1966 or 1967 until his retirement in 1996. Fred and his first wife Annette were one of the first couples Sandy and I met when we arrived in Brockport in 1967. Fred and I had frequent professional contact in my early years at Brockport in what was then called the Personnel Office. I became Personnel Director in 1970 and Fred succeeded Ira Schwarz as UUP Chapter President in 1972. He served in this capacity for academic years 1972-1974 and we worked through some personnel problems together. Fred was always very professional in our sometimes, sensitive exchanges and I learned from him, along with from the other UUP leaders who followed him. And, from my exchanges with him I have to agree with Earl Ingersoll’s description of Fred, except that I am not able to say that Fred and I were ever “good friends—not that we couldn’t have been but because our paths just did not cross that often: I didn't know Fred well until he became Chair of the Department and I began working closely with him on the APT Committee and on several search committees. He was a great colleague to work with—modest, with a good sense of humor, warm, personable, honest, and more than everything, a good friend.

Frederick M. Burelbach Jr., age 76, of Fredonia, died June 25, 2010 at home after a short illness. He was born in Cranford, N.J. on March 28, 1934. He was the son of Frederick M. Burelbach and Theresa Schmidt Burelbach of Cranford, NJ and the father of Jonathan Wade Burelbach and Leanne Wade Burelbach, both of Washington D.C. He attended elementary school and high school in Cranford, NJ and was valedictorian of his class. After high school he attended Haverford College, University of Michigan where he took his master's degree in English, and then went on to Harvard University for his doctorate. After attaining his doctorate, he went on to teach at Vanderbilt University and St. Luis Obispo in California. In 1966, he joined the faculty of the English Department of SUNY Brockport where he taught until retirement in 1996. In 1993, he received a Fulbright scholar award to Nanjing University in The People's Republic of China. Among his many scholarly contributions were articles in the Dictionary of Literary Biography, British Fantasy and Science Fiction and Names in Literature. He was co-author of Names in Literature: Essays in Literary Onomastics. Founding editor of the Modern Language Review, he also served as editor of Literary Onomastics. Memorials may be made to Dunkirk/Fredonia Meals on Wheels, Fredonia Fire Department, Chautauqua Rural Ministry. A celebration of Fred's life will be held late in July.

Peace,

Bud
July 24, 2010

Greetings,

Since about 2:00 a.m. this morning my mind has been filled with songs combined with sadness and celebration. The songs are Maria from the “Sound of Music” and Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious from “Mary Poppins”. The sadness and celebration are for the loss of a friend who we loved dearly and who was loved by emeriti and so many others in the college community. Somehow these songs give me peace as I consider the life of our friend Julie McWherter who passed from this life yesterday after a long and heroic battle with cancer. Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious is a big, big word and it brings to mind the huge impact that Julie had in the lives of everyone she knew. It also has a nice ring to it and I hope it will play through your mind as it does in mine as you memorialize Julie in your thoughts. According to some, the roots of the song title have been defined as follows: super- “above”, cali- “beauty”, fragilistic- “delicate”, expiali- “to atone”, and docious- “educable”, with the sum of these parts signifying roughly “atoning for educability through delicate beauty”. Julie McWherter was certainly a notch above the majority in the way that she cared for others in this life whether it was creating a social event with her Friday home-baked cookies for the office, her annual distribution of 5,000 home-baked holiday cookies to friends and associates, her surprise gifts of handmade crafts, or her care-giving to other women who became or had become widows. And she was certainly a delicate and beautiful person inside and out. And then in giving my thoughts to Julie, David and Julie’s family and friends I am drawn to the following lines from the song Maria: “How do you catch a cloud and pin it down?”, “How do you keep a wave upon the sand?”, “How do you hold a moonbeam in your hand?” Both Don McWherter and David Dworzanski accepted and thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and recently Julie acknowledged to me how blessed she had been to have had both of them in her life. Julie was a unique gift to this world with her sometimes childlike, innocence—she will be remembered for her energy and creativity, and for the many ways that she demonstrated her compassion and love for others. She will be greatly missed by all of us who knew and loved her.

Bill and Monika Andrews share the following remembrances:

Julie was a dear, dear friend. She and Don were among our first acquaintances when we arrived in Brockport 43 years ago. Don was our best man when we were married, was a departmental colleague, and we stayed close friends ever after. Julie brightened the lives of all who knew her. Her many years working in the Office of Academic Advisement made that little bureaucracy much more humane with her perky personality and her cookies. She knew the students who had problems, held their hands, spoke soothing words, and navigated them through their troubles. She was everlastingly cheerful—even when she seemed to have little to be cheerful about. Monika visited her yesterday at the hospice where she spent her last days. Julie was barely able to speak, but, nevertheless, let Monika know that she was her usual upbeat self. She struggled with her illness for all too many years, but never lapsed into self-pity or morose pessimism. Fortunately, she had the unstinting, patient support of David, her companion for most of the years after Don's death in 1991. The high point of recent years was the "craft weekend" that she organized for her far-flung family on Fourth of July weekends. Despite her realization that her days were numbered and she was severely impaired, she looked forward eagerly to this year's
event and was able to enjoy it fully. Nothing was more important to Julie than her three children and their offspring and that weekend was a kind of capstone. She and her entire family were so fortunate that she could enjoy it. Julie was a bright star in this community--college and village--for nearly half a century and will long be remembered fondly by her many, many friends and acquaintances.

--Bill and Monika Andrews

Sandy and I were very blessed to have been able to visit with Julie and David a week ago Thursday while we were in Brockport. We all knew that this might be our last visit but after a few tears Julie took charge and we engaged in “old time” conversation for an hour. We were very disheartened, although not surprised, to learn early this week that cancer had completely taken over. Yesterday Sandy prepared a farewell letter to send to Julie that of course did not make it. Some was personal but she has allowed me to share this excerpt…

What a wonderful way with people you have displayed. Your student workers were so loyal to you because they knew that you respected and cared about them—and they respected and cared about you in return. Little did we know in 1963-64 that we were spending a year together at Geneseo—but I have to believe that you had signed up to be an education major because you are such a fantastic teacher. There is a fine line called perfection that separates giving a person so much information that he is overwhelmed and still giving enough information to communicate what s/he needs to know to go forth. At work, you lived on that line called perfection—always the right amount of information delivered in the most perfect of words. Actually, in all things you have lived very close to that realm of perfection. Your children and grandchildren will be proof of that for years to come. And look at the influence you have made in the lives of your children’s spouses, in David’s life, in my life—and so many others. You have lived a life of loving and caring, and so many of us keep much of you with us every day.

-Sandy Meade

We send our condolences to David, Kirsten, Jonathan and Karl and their families and join them in celebrating a life well lived!

There is some other news that I will try to get out in a separate update later this weekend.

Peace,

Bud

July 24, 2010

Greetings,

No bad news allowed in this “Update”!

Mary Jo Orzech shared the following information with me earlier in the week. I am sorry I did not get the Heyen information out sooner but…
• Bill Heyen’s name was spotted on this week's calendar of speakers at the Chautauqua Institution. He'll be speaking Thurs. July 22 at 3:30 pm. For more info, http://www.ciweb.org/clsc-book-club/

• Elaine Miller is thanked for creating a display of political cartoons related to Mexican-American border issues that is on display in Drake Library this spring/summer.

• Mo Beers and wife Carol were in Brockport recently. They shared stories and photos of recent travel to Antarctica.

• Pat Baker has been busy helping with the first ever Brockport BBQ and Music Fest (brockportbbqfest.com) being held July 31-August 1 at the College. This Kansas City Barbecue Competition is being held in conjunction with the Brockport Arts Festival (brockportartsfestival.com). All are invited.

Mary Jo, thank you for sharing.

Sometime ago I wrote to you about a new retirement initiative undertaken by SUNY to both support emeriti and to encourage their volunteerism. The communications I receive from many of you tell me that volunteerism is alive and well within the SUNY Brockport emeriti ranks and I have told SUNY as much. However, I thought I should help The Brockport College reach emeriti with the latest news out of the SUNY Retirees Service Corps (RSC) and to point you to a survey that they would like emeriti to complete. Here is a letter forwarded to SUNY Campuses on behalf of Ram Chugh, Executive Director, (RSC) for forwarding to emeriti:

Survey of SUNY Retirees Volunteer Activity*

Dear SUNY Retirees:

SUNY retirees remain active as volunteers on their campuses and in their communities. This was emphasized at the SUNY Retirees Service Corps (RSC) inaugural conference ("Re-Imagining SUNY Retirement") in Albany which some of you attended in November 2009. Participants felt it was important to encourage SUNY retirees to stay active through volunteer activity and to document the extent of their involvement.

The accompanying online survey is our attempt to quantify SUNY retiree volunteer activity. We believe that the survey results will serve as yet another example of the great positive impact SUNY retirees have on peoples' lives throughout the state. Additionally, survey responses will help the RSC determine strategies which can be taken to promote even greater involvement of our retirees in volunteerism.

SURVEY OF SUNY RETIREES VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY
http:// surveymonkey.com/s/V6NCDH9

If you have technical problems in filling out the survey contact Pierre Radimak at pierre.radimak@suny.edu and he will be happy to assist you.
Your input is very important to us. Please take a few minutes to complete this brief online survey by clicking the link at the bottom of this page. This survey is anonymous and your response will remain confidential. Kindly submit your response by Friday, July 30, 2010.

It is possible that you may receive more than one link to the retirees’ volunteer activity survey as it is being distributed to SUNY retirees though a variety of channels. If you have previously completed and submitted the survey, please do not fill it out again to avoid duplication.

Please feel free to contact me at ram.chugh@suny.edu or 518-320-1488 for additional information on the survey or the SUNY RSC. Thank you very much for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,
Ram Chugh, Ph.D.
Executive Director
SUNY Retirees Service Corps
* Volunteer activity is unpaid, though expenses may be reimbursed.

I completed the survey on Friday and it only took me a few minutes to complete—of course many of you have much more to report and Bill Andrews probably should get started right now in order to meet the July 30, 2010 deadline.

Jim Horn found and shared the following interesting article about the State University of New York in the July 19th New York Times. I could not quickly find the link to it so I am pasting in the article and will hope that it will reach you.

NANCY L. ZIMPHER, the new chancellor of the State University of New York, is a woman with a plan. From 1998 to 2003, when she was chancellor of the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, it was “The Milwaukee Plan.” From 2003 to May 2009, when she was president of the University of Cincinnati, it was “UC/21.”

And for much of this year, Dr. Zimpher has been crisscrossing New York State, PowerPoint engaged, promoting “The Power of SUNY,” with its pragmatic and somewhat buzzy bullet points “SUNY and the Entrepreneurial Century,” “SUNY and the Seamless Education Pipeline,” “SUNY and the World” about the university as economic and community-building engine for tough times. Dr. Zimpher is somewhat famous in higher education as a tireless and creative marketer.

“I have to say that if you planted me on Mars, this is what I would try to do,” she said a few weeks back, after spending the morning touting “The Power of SUNY” to the staff of the Research Foundation, which administers more than $1 billion in university research funds. She then swore in a new student representative to SUNY’s board of trustees, positively beaming when, without prodding, the student put her hand on the “Power of SUNY” brochure, in lieu of a Bible, in reciting her oath.

“My belief is that to move an organization forward you have to have a common,
comprehensive and ambitious agenda,” Dr. Zimpher said. “It has to be aspirational. It has to move you. I think the full manifestation of SUNY is underexposed and underexploited. If people really knew and understood the difference these campuses make in their communities they would be amazed.”

But a funny and absurdly unlikely thing happened on Dr. Zimpher’s way to revamping and rebranding SUNY, the unloved colossus that is the biggest comprehensive system of public higher education in the country. The empowerment legislation that was the companion piece for the plan—giving campuses greater autonomy, including the ability to set their own tuitions—became the pivotal, ferociously contested boulder in the road in New York’s seemingly endless budget impasse (which at press time remained unresolved).

Of the two most powerful men in Albany, one, Gov. David A. Paterson, who proposed the legislation, insisted that it be part of a deal tied to the state’s 2010-11 budget. The other, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, was adamant that it never would be.

On one level, this has been a classic case of the warring duchies of Albany, of how an educational issue morphs into a political power struggle. But its issues are both distinctly national and parochial. On the one hand, it provides a condensed glimpse of many of the issues roiling public higher education nationally: access versus status, state control versus campus control, universities as centers of disinterested scholarship versus universities as economic engines, rising demand versus falling revenues. On the other, it is the latest and most conspicuous chapter in a battle over turf, money and, oh yes, education that began 62 years ago, when New York State reluctantly approved a system that has gone on to become the accidental giant of American higher education.

TWO things define the State University of New York. It’s huge. And compared to its public peers, it’s weird.

The numbers suggest a system that’s borderline unmanageable: 64 campuses, 7,660 degree programs, 88,000 faculty members, 465,000 students, a $10.7 billion budget, a campus within 20 miles of 97 percent of the state’s population. Many of its campuses are anchors of far-flung small communities that only locals could find on a map: Fredonia, Delhi, Cobleskill, Potsdam. People know some campuses by reputation but not that they’re part of SUNY Fashion Institute of Technology in Manhattan, Maritime College in the Bronx, and the colleges of agriculture and life sciences, human ecology, veterinary medicine, and industrial and labor relations at Cornell. Four are ambitious university centers with a national reputation: Stony Brook, Buffalo, Binghamton and Albany. Thirty are community colleges.

In a brand-name culture, SUNY is an awfully hard brand to define, especially when it’s still often thought of as an upstate phenomenon in a state whose center of gravity is south in New York City and its suburbs.

But another reason that SUNY has struggled to forge an identity is because that was the
idea from the start. New York was the last of the populous states to form a university system. SUNY was not founded until 1948 and over the strenuous objections of the state’s powerful private colleges and universities. And it began with the stipulation that it would only “supplement” the private institutions and not compete with them. State legislators established an unfriendly board of regents and imposed the nation’s strictest regulations on what the university could do. An informal prohibition on raising private funds meant that New York’s state universities for decades grew without the endowments that supported campuses elsewhere. No wonder that a study in 1960 called SUNY a “limping and apologetic enterprise.”

Virtually alone in the country, there was (and still is) no flagship institution, no Madison, Berkeley or Austin to provide a network of loyal supporters for years to come, no beloved Buckeyes, Huskies or Gators to create a common wellspring of good will. (SUNY’s most conspicuous attempt to play in that league Binghamton’s one trip to the N.C.A.A. Division I basketball tournament in 2009 ended in scandal, with arrests of several players, accusations of preferential treatment for athletes and the implosion of the program.) Add in that the City University of New York was there to suck up all the energy and attention for public education in the most populous and influential part of the state, and SUNY has been climbing uphill since its inception.

It prospered in flush times under Nelson Rockefeller but has been under siege of late. State and SUNY leaders repeatedly debate its mission, including the question of whether it could be seen as a great university system without its own Berkeley or the University of Virginia.

Still, not many of the moments has been more challenging than this one.

Since 2000, SUNY has had five interim, acting or full chancellors. It faces a budget meltdown with no bottom in sight, having lost $634 million in state support over the past three years. Those cuts come amid steadily growing demand for its services. Enrollment has increased by 25,000 over the past year, and even the downstate suburbanities who are most receptive to the appeal of private universities are taking long looks at the state’s public ones as well.

It’s true that on college message boards and in admissions buzz, SUNY doesn’t get much love. “Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio all have excellent state flagships and are close to the northeastern private colleges. Where did NY go wrong?” wrote one posting in March on the Web site College Confidential.

But almost all the SUNY campuses are seeing rising numbers of applicants as price and practicality loom larger than the perceived brand on the rear-window decal. Maybe in good times you didn’t think twice about spending $50,000 a year for Lehigh or Colgate instead of $20,000 for comparable educations at Binghamton or Geneseo, but that has never been an option for people of limited means, and increasingly it’s not an option for many of the affluent, either.
Enter “The Power of SUNY,” the result of Dr. Zimpher’s Hillary Clinton-style listening tour of all 64 campuses, an exhaustive series of meetings across the state and a 200-member task force.

To be honest, the strategic plan is more broad statements of intent than nuts and bolts. But the plan, and the legislation meant to help put it into effect, reflect both the problems of the moment and SUNY’s historical challenges. To address the former, Dr. Zimpher’s plan, to the chagrin of many of SUNY’s professors, is more about building the state’s economy than it is about the traditional educational missions of higher education. “There is a growing and welcome recognition that in a knowledge economy, institutions of higher education can and must be pivotal in generating growth and revitalizing communities,” it begins.

There is talk of research but research translated into tangible, measurable results more patents issued, more grants won, more jobs created. SUNY StartUP is a program to invite entrepreneurs onto campuses to act as mentors. SUNY-INC (Incent New Companies) is supposed to link researchers at different campuses and companies in a development chain designed to speed up the process from concept to commercialization. SUNY is supposed to bring doctors, nurses and teachers to underserved urban and rural neighborhoods, and create a wellness network to establish statewide health goals and programs in areas like obesity, smoking cessation and the prevention of chronic disease. It is supposed to do groundbreaking research in renewable energy and work with the state’s Smart Grid Consortium to drive down energy costs.

To Dr. Zimpher, who grew up on a small farm near the town of Gallipolis, Ohio, the daughter of educators, it’s a powerful statement of what SUNY can do for New York and an inducement for state support.

“We don’t really have an economic development plan for the State of New York, but if we did, it would look a lot like ‘The Power of SUNY,’ ” she said.

Her supporters say this is absolutely the right time to enunciate a vision that defines SUNY. “New York north and west of Albany is a disaster area, even great cities like Rochester, so it’s entirely appropriate to say the university has a mission beyond educating students,” said Gerald Benjamin, a professor of political science at SUNY New Paltz. “It’s very important to have a plan while you’re struggling to keep the ship afloat, so your plan isn’t simply to keep the ship afloat.”

To many others, the plan has some good points but reflects a system in danger of forgetting its core mission of providing opportunity to students regardless of economic status. “The strategic plan doesn’t talk about educational missions, it doesn’t talk about affordability or accessibility, there’s very little about undergraduate education and keeping it affordable and accessible,” said Phillip H. Smith, president of the powerful United University Professions union, which represents more than 34,000 academic and professional faculty members. “It reflects an attempt to corporatize the university.”
Those issues and many others came to a head this summer in the debate over the plan’s companion piece, the clunky-sounding Public Higher Education Empowerment and Innovation Act, giving SUNY and CUNY greater control over tuition, purchasing and public-private partnerships. Governor Paterson wants tuition-setting taken out of the state budget process, where it’s forever at the mercy of the state’s fiscal gyrations and where tuition increases go to Albany and often stay there. Instead, different campuses would establish different tuitions, with caps and added financial aid to cushion the blow to access.

To advocates, the effort to break the shackles that SUNY was born with has long been overdue. For the largest SUNY campus, the University at Buffalo, such self-determination is an essential part of its ambitious growth plan, “UB 2020,” which local officials say would create thousands of jobs, expand the campus to downtown and foster new ventures with industry.

Samuel L. Stanley Jr., president of Stony Brook University, said increased revenue from the legislation could enable the hiring of 400 new faculty members over the next decade. And Stony Brook’s most generous donor, the hedge fund manager James Simons, has made a pledge of as much as $150 million, contingent on the passage of some form of the legislation.

But a prestigious flagship or a brand-name research university to some is a quasi-private school with unaffordable tuition to others. Critics in the union, the Assembly and the universities other than the largest research institutions see in this a new, tiered SUNY with higher tuition and campuses perceived to be better for those who can afford them and ones perceived as inferior for those who cannot.

Henry Steck, who teaches political science at SUNY Cortland and has written on SUNY’s history, wrote to his colleagues during the height of the budget battles last month that if the legislation passed in its current form, “I believe we will face the end of SUNY as we know it.” He added: “SUNY will move dramatically toward a ‘privatized’ university and SUNY will be (like UVa or UVt) ‘public’ more or less in name only in terms of its financial support. … It would be as if we moved the cost of our K-12 public schools to the children and their families, with ‘aid’ for poor families.”

What SUNY should be doing, many of these critics say, is fighting for adequate financing and affordable tuition, not looking for higher tuition and private sources that will inevitably sap resources from the public contributions while expecting something in return. “If we look at the public-private partnerships the university has entered into in the past, we see that not only have they not brought significant and continuing dollars into the university, but instead have caused a long-term drain on university revenues and financial resources,” said Dr. Smith, the union president. “My question is, Why is now any different than the past?”

That’s a good question. And increasingly the answer seems to be: It’s different because it’s different. The way public higher education has traditionally been supported no longer
seems to be working. Until 1963, SUNY had free tuition. Three decades ago, the state bore about 80 percent of the cost of running SUNY. Now it’s more like 30 percent.

And it’s not just SUNY. Books about public higher education these days have titles like “Saving Alma Mater: A Rescue Plan for America’s Public Universities,” by James C. Garland, and “Saving State U: Fixing Public Higher Education,” by Nancy Folbre. Both argue that the economic trends buffeting public higher education will continue with state budgets under a long-term siege and other expenses—elementary and secondary education, health care, prisons—deemed more critical and less discretionary.

“The business model of higher education that has worked for a century isn’t working anymore, and it needs to change,” said Dr. Garland, a former colleague of Dr. Zimpher at Ohio State and the former president of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. “Is New York going to be able to meet the financial needs of future students? The answer is no. The money just isn’t there. None of the forces depleting state resources are going away, and it’s wishful thinking to think government can find the money to fund campuses at the level they once did.”

So maybe the new face of SUNY was the scene at its headquarters in May. That was when Mike Russo, director of government relations and regulatory affairs for Globalfoundries, a leading semiconductor manufacturer, was meeting with SUNY officials about the training and personnel needs of the $4.3 billion plant under construction near Albany. The plant is expected to create 1,400 technology jobs in its first phase, with perhaps more to come. Mr. Russo says the company is working not just with nearby community colleges and the nanotechnology institute at SUNY Albany, but also with the chancellor’s office to identify potential workers throughout the SUNY system.

“Educational institutions are very parochial by nature,” he said. “They want to sell you their wares. It’s the survival of the fittest. In order to change that you need more than a strategic plan; they’re a dime a dozen. You need leadership that makes everyone feel they have a stake in it. And I tell you that’s happened with SUNY over the past seven months.”

CHANCES are SUNY will never be reducible to a single brand. It’s too many things to too many people with too many competing interests: to be accessible and to be elite, to be intellectual centers and to be job creators, to serve their communities and to (belatedly) compete with private universities that are its neighbors.

Still, if there’s no single beloved campus, for some the hope remains that SUNY can morph into something more than the sum of its parts, though it’s not clear whether the more tiered system that autonomy seems to foster would help the system build a common identity or blur it further.

“A lot of us still want New Yorkers to think of SUNY as their university, a part of our patrimony, like Ole Miss or the Texas Aggies,” Dr. Steck said.
But then patrimony and the tug of the heart may be luxuries in the current Darwinian educational world. So, despite the bruising battles this year, Dr. Zimpher is betting that in hard times, SUNY can find the identity its founders were half-heartedly groping toward six decades ago. “We are the growth engine for New York,” she said. “We will yield a return on that investment and eventually enhance the taxpayers’ ability to grow ourselves out of this deficit. Cut the engine loose, and let it do what it will for New York.”

Peter Applebome writes the Our Towns column for The Times.

Thanks for sharing Jim!

Best regards,

Bud

August 1, 2010

Greetings,

I have just one item to share but it is important.

Many have asked about memorials for Julie McWherter. The family has advised me that memorial gifts may be made to the Donald J. and Julie McWherter Scholarship at The Brockport College to honor Julie along with Don. There are two easy ways to make a memorial donation to this scholarship fund to honor Julie’s generosity in donating her time and energy to others in this life while ensuring that her legacy of supporting others can continue:

☐ Write a check payable to the “Brockport Foundation” and write in the comments/notation on your check “McWherter Scholarship” and mail the check to:

Brockport Foundation
The College at BROCKPORT
350 New Campus Drive
Brockport, NY 14420

or

☐ Click this link: http://www.brockport.edu/giving/givenow/index.html

Then click the "give online" link in the paragraph and fill out the form.

It is important on the form to direct your donation to the proper account. Under The heading "designated for" please choose "restricted" and in the comment box below that please put "MCWHERTER SCHOLARSHIP" in the box.

The college uses the on line pay system PayPal to process requests but you do not need an account in order to donate to the fund.
Greetings,

Great news to report this time—no bad news—at least none that I have permission to share!

First, congratulations to a favorite emeriti couple, Joe and Ellen Gilbert, who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, September 7, 2010. I really don’t have their permission to share this significant event with you but I hope they will forgive me. They are two of Brockport’s treasures and Sandy and I are fortunate to have had memorable experiences with them in our “post retirement” years even though our paths were late in connecting. They are perfect examples of the benefits of staying in touch with your Brockport College family even after you hang up your working duds. We wish them much happiness as they celebrate this milestone in their lives and we wish them health and happiness as they continue their journey together through this life.

And, you may get to congratulate them in person if you are available to attend “First Fridays” at the Alumni House this Friday, September 3, 2010 as we believe they plan to attend. This is a very special “First Friday” as it also is the “kickoff event” for the 175th Anniversary Celebration of the College. Here is the posting for the event that is available on The Brockport College’s website:

September 3 promises to be an historic(al) day as The College at Brockport, State University of New York, helps celebrate its 175th Anniversary with a special edition of First Fridays, a monthly program designed to bring members of the College and the greater Brockport communities together. The First Friday of the semester will take place 3:30-6:30 pm at the College’s Alumni House, located on 142 Utica Street in the Village of Brockport and will feature numerous activities including:

- Bill Hullfish and the Golden Eagle String Band
- The Sankofa African Drum Ensemble
- Books and art celebrating the College and the Village
- Nineteenth century-inspired food and drink
- Guest “appearances” by local historical figures
- A poem for the occasion by William Heyen

Sandy and I will try to play “Jack be nimble, Jack be quick”, and see if we can slip in and out of traffic on the George Washington Bridge fast enough to join in these festivities on this special First Friday. If we are successful we hope to see many of you there.
The list of new retirees is extensive because the State offered a retirement incentive this year. There is a huge loss of institutional memory leaving the halls of learning at the College this year to join us in these retirement destinies. I include only the names, you’ll have to work on the associations yourselves. Here they are:

Jill Campbell, Denise Stoll, Linda Hartmann, Ellen Tobin, Charles Edwards, Sharon Wright, Carolyn Everett, Jacqueline Thomas, Mariangela Ardino, Helen Wunderlich, Phyllis Romanoeldred, Christian Tucker, Susan Lower, James Dusen, Dorothy Ballard, Connie Graves, Ruth Levesque, Susan Steinbrenner, Newell Allport, Donald Ball, Josephine Blackmon, Mark Banker, Mark Cavanaugh, James Cenci, Gail Conley, Gerald Driesel, Carol Engel, Robert Hofstra, Bonnie Huglemaier, Daniel Kavanagh, Pam List, Orlando Perez, Diane Skrypnik, Raquel Quinones, Patricia Delavak, Susan Donk, Cheryl Reining, Virginia Campbell, Edith Zsuzsics, Kathleen Becker, Marcelle Stickles, Sandra Mitchell, Kathie Mc Cleary, Virgenmina Lopez, Sharon Bertsch, Karen Lingle, Dolores Indovino, Carol Giblin, Mary Ann Giglio, Michael Ryan, and David Taramasco.

The College is having a reception for this group of retirees on Tuesday, September 14, 2010. For more information contact Betty Drennen at betty.drennen@basc1.org

Darn, I remember walking Jill “Frost” Campbell from the Financial Aid Office to the Bursar’s Office to introduce her to John Goosley to solve some kind of billing/payment problem from when she was a mere freshman somewhere between 1967 and 1970 and now she is finally graduating to another life…

And, if you haven’t already done so, don’t forget to memorialize Julie McWherter by your gift to the McWherter Scholarship:

**By Mail:**

Checks or money orders can be made out to and mailed to:

Brockport Foundation  
The College at BROCKPORT, State University of New York  
350 New Campus Drive  
Brockport, NY 14420

In the memo field on the check or money order they would put "MCWHERTER SCHOLARSHIP"

**On-Line:**

Click this link: [http://www.brockport.edu/giving/givenow/index.html](http://www.brockport.edu/giving/givenow/index.html)

Click the "give online" link in the paragraph and fill out the form.
It is important to state in the form where the donation goes to. Under the heading "designated for" please choose "restricted" and in the comment box below that please put "MCWHERTER SCHOLARSHIP" in the box.

They use the online pay system paypal to process the request but you do not need an account in order to donate to the fund.

Any questions they can contact jsapienz@brockport.edu or by telephone at (585) 395-2451

Finally, there is a great program on Estate Planning and Planned Giving that is being offered as a program item for “Mornings with the Professors” but this particular program is open to emeriti and others free of charge. If you are in the Brockport area and would like to gain insight on these important topics, follow the RSVP directions below.

**September 14 - Estate Planning and Planned Giving — Defining Your Legacy**
- Understand your financial planning options as you near retirement
- Learn about the importance of a living will and health care proxy
- Find out how life insurance can be used as a means to make a gift
- Learn how legacy giving can benefit you and the College
- Understand how you can give a gift and receive income during your lifetime

These topics, and much more, will be covered at this Brockport Foundation-sponsored event. **It is free of charge, but you must RSVP by September 7 to (585) 395-2451 or giving@brockport.edu.**

*Presented by James E. Meyer ’66, Partner, Greco Planning Group*

7:30 – 8 am Continental breakfast and registration
8 – 10 am Presentation and Q & A

Our best to all,

Bud

September 9, 2010

Greetings,

Wow! Sandy and I were in Brockport last weekend and had the opportunity to take part in the “First Fridays” kickoff to the 175th anniversary celebration of what is now known as The College at Brockport. Although the only rain in the forecast decided to bless only the scheduled time of the event, the planners had things under control by having two tents for guests, and the front porch of the Alumni House protected the special guests and presenters. While I was delighted to join people in the “talking tent” as opposed to the “listening tent” which enabled me (and on and off Sandy—who tried to have both experiences) to get caught up on the happenings with former colleagues/friends, I regret that I missed a few special moments including the reading of a poem.
that one of my favorite NBA stars (noontime basketball association), Bill Heyen, had written for the occasion. I am hopeful that the poem will be published and I will get to purchase it and enjoy it as Sandy shared with me that she was particularly touched by it. Anyway, we were very pleased to be able to participate in this activity, a real “first Friday” for us, and we congratulate Gary Skoog (I believe the “inventor” of “First Fridays” as well as the inventor of another now archived program—the Reverse Raffle fundraiser formerly held on the night of the final basketball game of “March Madness” that was successful for many years), the President, and the Division of Advancement staff for providing this most enjoyable “Town and Gown” event. I don’t dare try to mention the people we were pleased to encounter because I’d forget to mention someone and then not sleep for nights!

On an earlier visit to Brockport in August for a granddaughter’s birthday it was nice to see a feature article about alumnae Helen Smagorinsky in the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle. The article said that Helen could be the “Grandma Moses of Rochester”. While the article focuses on Helen’s background and how she came to the role of artist it also gives special recognition to her emeritus husband, the now legendary Mel Smagorinsky. We have been at two gatherings attended by Helen and Mel recently and we always enjoy being in their company. The full article, including photographs, can still be found in the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle’s internet archives at http://www.democratandchronicle.com/article/20100808/LIVING/8080323/Helen-Smagorinsky-could-be-Grandma-Moses-of-Rochester or you can just Google “Helen Smagorinsky Rochester Democrat and Chronicle”. Both Helen and Mel seem to have enjoyed this much deserved recognition and we congratulate them for it.

Mike Andriatch has asked me to share an invitation to a very special event during Homecoming 2010”

“You are cordially invited to a very special day—honoring the memory of an international icon—at The College at Brockport, State University of New York.

On Saturday, September 25, 2010, The College at Brockport will re-name its outdoor stadium—formerly known as Special Olympics Stadium—in memory of Eunice Kennedy Shriver, Founder of the Special Olympics and the woman responsible for putting the 1979 International Special Olympics on our campus.

The ceremony will take place at halftime of that afternoon’s Homecoming football game between the Golden Eagles and The College of New Jersey. Kickoff for the game is 1:30 pm.

Please RSVP to alumni@brockport.edu as to your attendance for this special event with your name and contact information. For more information on the history of the Special Olympics at The College at Brockport and Eunice Kennedy Shriver click here.”

Sadly, I have to report the passing of another individual who was a significant player in the history of The College at Brockport, particularly in its transformation from a Teachers’ College
to a College of Arts and Sciences. Herbert S. Bailey, emeritus Professor and Chair of the Physics Department died at the age of 95 on Tuesday, August 31, 2010. He lived a long and productive life and was fortunate enough to still be living independently at age 95 according to his daughter, Deborah Bingley. Dr. Bailey served the college from 1950 until his retirement in 1979 and it is noted that he became the first chair of the Physics Department when the Science Department divided into specific disciplines during the growth years. He became chair the same year that I became a Counselor in the Financial Aid Office and I had contact with him in my role of placing college work study students in jobs around the campus. As a young professional I remember being impressed with Dr. Bailey because of how respectful this already distinguished educator was towards a young want-to-be. While we never engaged in any lengthy conversation, encountering Herb Bailey over the years was always a pleasurable experience. He always greeted you, at least me, with a wry grin – again, not a lot of conversation beyond the business at hand but a great deal of mutual respect was exchanged when we engaged. I was pleased to have had the opportunity to speak with him at a donor recognition banquet in Brockport a year or so ago and also to meet his daughter Deborah who has reported that her father was looking forward to attending that event again this October because he was very pleased about the choice of the recipient to receive the Bailey scholarship this year. At the time of his death Herb was living in Centerville, Ohio. His funeral was held on Saturday, September 4, 2010 at the J. Homer Ball Funeral Home in Canastota, New York. His final resting place is in the Perryville Cemetery, Perryville, New York. Memorial contributions may be made to the Dr. and Mrs. Herbert S. (Inez W.) Bailey Scholarship, c/o Brockport Foundation, The College at Brockport, State University of New York, 350 New Campus Drive, Brockport, New York 14420 or to Honor Flight, Inc., Attn: Diane Gresse, 300 East Auburn Avenue, Springfield, Ohio 45505. Condolences to: Deborah Bingley, 6674 Munger Road, Dayton, Ohio 45459

Following are a couple of additional tributes:

“I am so sad to have read of Dr. Bailey's passing. Dr. B hired me in September 1968 as the first full time secretary for the newly formed Department of Physics at SUNY Brockport. He took a chance on a very young (17), inexperienced young girl. He was a very patient, kind and gentle boss and taught me so much. We worked together to set up the department and establish our office. He was very patient with me as I struggled to use the old Royal standard typewriter and my attempts to produce usable copies. What a joy it was for both of us when we were finally able to purchase a selectric typewriter for the office. Herb Bailey become like a second father to me. He and Inez regularly invited me to their home for lunch and conversation. My condolences to his family!”  [Phyllis Lista]

“Sadly, we learned yesterday of the passing of Herb Bailey. I had only known Herb for a short time, but he quickly touched my heart. He was a kind and generous man - always had a big smile; and was so supportive of the College. I was so touched by the fact that he would travel each year from Ohio to attend our President's Donor Recognition Dinner in Brockport. We will miss him dearly. My deepest sympathy to his family!  [Roxanne Johnston, Vice President for Advancement, The College at Brockport].

Herb Bailey touched many lives and his presence in this world will be missed.
Announcements:

Brockport Writers Forum Announces the Fall 2010 Schedule of Visiting Writers

   Poet Kimiko Hahn kicks off the fall schedule on Sept. 22

   Contact: Ralph Black, rwblack@brockport.edu

   Read complete story here: http://www.brockport.edu/eagle/view_item.php?id=955

History Dept. Presents Annual Sig Synnestvedt Lecture

   Dr. Derek Chang, from Cornell University Speaks at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 16.

   Contact: Meredith Roman, mroman@brockport.edu

   Read complete story here: http://www.brockport.edu/eagle/view_item.php?id=956

Best regards,

Bud

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September 18, 2010

Greetings,

About the only good news to report this time is that in response to my last “Update” I received an “automatic response” from Karla Merrifield that she was out of touch with civilization—no cell phone, land phone, computer, TV, etc.—what a wonderful privilege! To accomplish this, she was in the Amazon (not the on-line book store I am sure) and continuing her great explorations of this planet earth. We have no way of knowing, and I hate to make assumptions, but my guess is that she probably had some help paddling her dugout canoe down the Amazon. Maybe this “Update” will prompt her to fill us in on her travels.

While that is great news to report, we are saddened that too many of our group are leaving this planet earth and starting explorations of their after-life worlds.

Sadly, we learned last Monday evening that a very dear member of the College Community, Robert Thompson, Professor Emeritus, Biological Sciences, had only recently been diagnosed with a life ending illness and on Tuesday we learned that he had passed. Several people advised Bob’s daughter Mary about the “Update” and as a result she and I had an exchange of emails. I share excerpts from her email to me and my response. While we mourn Bob’s passing, we also
celebrate the significant impact that Bob Thompson had in keeping “justice” in the forefront of the thinking of everyone he encountered by both his words and his deeds.

Edited note from Mary:

From: Mary Thompson  
To: Meade, Richard  
Dear Bud,

Bruce Leslie and Jeanette Baker informed us that you were an appropriate person to send Dad’s obituary to and that you would be able to circulate the word around campus. We would appreciate very much that kindness.

Dad’s death has been quite sudden for us, but we are blessed that he did not suffer and that he died at home. He was a lovely example to us all right until the end.

Please do let people know that everyone is welcome to the service and the reception which will both be held at Newman Oratory.

Thank you.

Mary Thompson

My response:

Dear Mary,

First, I am truly saddened to learn of your dad’s death. While we did not have frequent contact, he was on my Emeriti mailing list and over the last few years, for various reasons, (his moving and changing email addresses, my not typing in his new email address correctly), he was dropped from my mailings for a couple of “Updates” on a couple of occasions. When it occurred, I would suddenly hear from Del Smith, others of his colleagues, or from him that I needed to correct my records. I think he truly enjoyed the connection to Brockport, particularly during the time he was living out of the area.

From my perspective, you had to be truly blessed to have had him as a father. He was one of the kindest and most just people I have ever met. We were not close friends but I always enjoyed our encounters and I really respected him for his work and his commitment to peace and justice in this world. I will try to draft an update tonight and attempt to get it out by the weekend. BTW, I just scrolled below to see if you had mentioned the date for the memorial and found the obituary and noticed the reference to the words I just wrote ”peace and justice” – I find that interesting because I had not gone there yet...but it is truly his legacy.
I hope you will find some peace and, hopefully a sense of justice, inasmuch as this very just man, though struck suddenly, did not have to suffer long. I think it might just be a just reward for a very just life!

Following is a copy of Robert Thompson’s obituary shared by Mary and later appearing in the Rochester D&C:

Dr. Robert Poole Thompson, February 8, 1923 – September 14, 2010

Robert Thompson died peacefully at home, surrounded in love by his family. Predeceased by his first wife, Sylvia and his second wife, Zee, he is survived by his sister, Patricia and his children Timothy, Martha, Paul, Mary and Katie and their families. Bob exemplified integrity, a sense of adventure, wisdom and compassion. A Professor Emeritus of Biology at The College of Brockport at the State University of New York (1967 - 1988) he demonstrated a continuous curiosity about learning. A Canadian veteran of the Second World War and the Korean War, Bob devoted many years to further the cause of peace and justice. His deep faith was a driving force in linking religious belief with intellectual and social development. A long-standing member of the Brockport Newman Oratory, he created opportunities for students to nurture their spiritual development. Bob lived every day in kindness and humility.

Memorial Service at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 2nd at the Newman Oratory, 101 Kenyon Street, Brockport, with reception following at 2:30 at Newman, everyone is welcome. In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to the Newman Oratory (address above), specifying the “Fully Alive” Prison Ministry.

We are also saddened to learn of the passing of another member of the Brockport College family. While I did not know Charles Napravnik, and never really encountered him during my career at The Brockport College, it is noted that he served as Assistant Professor from 1969 to 1998. Thus, he was appointed the year before 1970 when the college’s participation in a “full opportunity program” resulted in its largest growth year—with new positions already approved, in June 1970 the college received approval of an addition 40-60 faculty positions (approximate memory) and filled the majority of them by September. So, possibly the competition for a position at The Brockport College was a little tougher in 1969 than in 1970 and Charles was successful. We mourn the passing of Charles Napravnik, and are sure that he touched many lives during his 29 years as an Assistant Professor of English. Following is his obituary as reported in the Rochester D&C.

Charles Joseph Napravnik, Ph.D, 73, of Sandy Springs, GA died suddenly Monday, September 13, 2010. He was a retired English professor from the State University of New York of Brockport. He served as an instructor for the Retired Professionals' Program at Emory University. He is survived by his wife, Jane Kelly; daughter, Kirsten (Cleveland) Napravnik McCray; son, Anselm "Hans" Napravnik; stepdaughter, Molly Kelly Weigel; stepson, John Emmett Kelly; sisters, Peggy Ann Derhammer, and Mary Jane Kemmerer; grandchildren, Jasper McCray, Alissa McCray, Gabriel McCray, Griffin Wiegel, Delaney Wiegel, Julia Kelly, Lyla Kelly. The family is having private services.
Contributions may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research, www.michaeljfox.org

I advised you of the passing of Herbert Bailey in the last “Update” but since then Nick Mascari has shared with me the “hometown” version of his obituary. I learned some things about Herb from this and thought it might be of interest to others.

CENTERVILLE, Ohio — Herbert S. Bailey, 95, of 6103 Singletree Lane, Centerville, Ohio, and a former Brockport resident, died Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2010, at his home.

He was born on Dec. 18, 1914, in Schoharie, N.Y., a son of Horace and Anna Sternbergh Bailey.

Herbert spent his early years in Cobleskill, and was a 1932 graduate of Cobleskill High School. He was a 1936 graduate of Albany State Teachers College, later, receiving his Doctorate from Syracuse University. Herbert lived in Brockport from 1950 to 1993, spending winters in Tucson, Ariz. from 1979-1992, and has lived in Ohio since 1993.

He had been a physics professor in the Science and Math Department at SUNY Brockport for 28 years, where he was the chairman of the Department of Physics from 1956-1978, when he retired.

Herbert was a World War II Veteran, serving overseas with the U.S. Navy.


Surviving are: two daughters and a son-in-law, Barbara Mathews of Clay, and Deborah and Theodore Bingley of Dayton, Ohio; a brother, Ernest Bailey of California; a sister, Edith Monroe of Albany; five grandchildren and their spouses, David and Ozden Mathews, Jason Adlowitz, Matthew and Heather Bingley, Amanda and Ryan Miller, and Jeffrey Bingley; five great-grandchildren; as well as several nieces and nephews.

In his memory, contributions may be made to Honor Flight, Inc., Attn: Diane Gresse, 300 East Auburn Ave., Springfield, Ohio, 45505, or the Dr. and Mrs. Herbert S. (Inez W.) Bailey Scholarship Fund, in care of Brockport Foundation, SUNY College at Brockport, 350 New Campus Drive, Brockport, NY 14420, with envelopes available at the funeral home.

To finish on a happier note, Sandy and I are pleased to have been able to join Ken O’Brien and Bruce Leslie over dinner in Manhattan last Monday while they were in the city for a book signing. You likely know this already but they, along with former Acting President at The Brockport College and former Acting Chancellor, John B. Clark, edited the recently published SUNY history, “SUNY at 60”. I’ll share where and how you can purchase a copy in my next update. For now, we share that we had a most enjoyable time with Ken and Bruce—catching up and sharing memories.
Greetings,

I have some mixed news, some bad news and some “good” news to report.

First the mixed—good/bad news! Good for Jim Dusen, bad for The College at Brockport!

Combined with the First Friday gathering (4 – 6 pm) at Alumni House tomorrow, Friday, October 1, 2010, will be a farewell gala, “better learn to live without him” for retiring college photographer James Dusen. “That’s right, after 31 years, the shutter is closing one last time, and Brockport’s favorite photographer is RETIRING.” [Richard Black].

As anyone who has ever seen any Brockport publication knows, Jim Dusen’s work has earned both him and The College at Brockport a national reputation for the quality of its publications and photography. On his own he has won numerous awards and he has been willing to share his expertise in many presentations. Richard Black and Jim hope that many retirees in the Brockport area will drop in during the First Friday event tomorrow to say farewell to Jim as he prepares to move to Arizona where he will be able to spend time with his granddaughter. Jim’s talents will be sorely missed at The College at Brockport. I am sorry that I cannot be present tomorrow but I thank Jim for his willing to share photography information with me over the years and I wish him much happiness and success in all of his future endeavors.

While we are still at the Alumni House, here is information about an event to be held there tomorrow following First Friday:

Benefit Concert for Undergraduate Summer Research in Chemistry

A benefit concert will be given by emeritus Dr. Emory Morris (*baritone), Dr. Markus Hoffmann (classical guitar), and Mrs. Ruth Heitz (piano) on Friday, October 1, 7:30 pm at The Alumni House, 142 Utica Street. General admission: $10 at the door, $5 for students.

If you are in the area, combine the events for a great college town experience, and be thankful for the great contributions college provide to their communities. And support Emory Morris and others in their efforts to provide support for Undergraduate Summer Research in Chemistry.

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The bad news is the latest “sharing” from our river runner colleague, emeriti Karla Lynn Merrifield. And, I think it best that, with her permission, I simply share her recent updates to me.

Dear Brockport friends:

You’ve known me and my beloved husband Roger Weir for many years and you know how much we treasure you and our times together at the college and beyond. That’s why I thought you would want to know the latest on his battle with cancer, now in Stage IV, the final stage. There’s no curing it at this point, but, thankfully, his current treatment regimen is holding the monster at bay for a while longer.

As his wife, I’ve stood by his side, struggling with him, always celebrating our marriage as I’ve pondered the future of a life without him. And, as a poet, I’ve explored the idea of widowhood in words. My poems have taught me this: The most powerful cancer-fighting drug known to humankind is: Love.

Those poems have now become my new chapbook, The Urn from Finishing Line Press (FLP). It’s a book both somber and joyous. It’s my gift to Roger – my “pre-elegy” poems as friend and fellow poet William Heyen calls them – a memoriam to Roger that he can cherish before his ashes return to the Earth.

And I hope it’s a book you’ll want to read, even if you don’t know Roger (or me!). Maybe even share with those loved ones whom you treasure and are struggling and surviving, or grieving—or celebrating each day that’s given us.

If so, please order your copy now.

I’ll be frank: Orders placed now will determine how many copies FLP prints—or if they print the book at all. (I need to help FLP sell a minimum 50 books from now through the pre-sale period ending Nov. 18; such are the vicissitudes of small-press publishing these days.)

Here’s how to order your copy/copies of The Urn:

Go to this FLP direct link http://www.finishinglinepress.com/NewReleasesandForthcomingTitles.htm Scroll down the alphabetical list to The Urn by Karla Linn Merrifield. Click the “Buy Now” button and invest $15 in this celebration—and triumph—of love over cancer. (That’s $14, plus $1 shipping; after Nov. 18, shipping costs will increase.) The book will be delivered to your mailbox shortly after Jan. 15, 2011.

Or go to www.finishinglinepress.com and click on the “New Releases and Forthcoming Title” link. This will take you directly to the page as well.
Not convinced to buy now? Consider what poet and publisher Steven Huff said about The Urn:

"In her strongest offering yet, Karla Linn Merrifield again finds music in nature that eludes most of us. Here she takes that music to the bottom of human longing, need, and grief. These poems carry us with her through the terrible things that nature throws at her, into a darkness that is also light, where we learn what it is to 'fall prey,' and 'to feed on the final / drumbeats of our time.' These are thick and tough poems that stop us, make us take a breath, and read again."

And here’s what friend Bill Heyen, author of Shoah Train: Poems, finalist for the National Book Award, says:

“In The Urn, her powerful pre-elegy collection, Karla Linn Merrifield offers ‘part of herself to be buried alive / with her husband.’ Part. And he will be thankful that she is able to reserve some part of herself still to live when he bequeathes to her her widowhood. These poems are wrenching, filled with the fear that generates them against old age and cancer, but also filled with love so fierce that the reader holds breath in witness, drawn into the body of the lyric poet whose spirit will help her, we hope, ‘grasp life firmly, then let go when it’s time.’ Amen.

Thank you in advance for supporting us. I promise you a fulfilling read. Roger, too, as humble as he is, will be grateful as well.

In the name of love,
Karla

[Karla has shared the following poem from the collection and also shared a copy of the cover of the book featuring Roger as “everyman”. As you know, I do not include attachments with “Update” but I will share the copy of the cover with this story when I post it to the emeriti website later today at:
http://www.itss.brockport.edu/~rmeade/your_news.htm

The Calling

The dapper clan of backyard avians
   comes calling to celebrate
   with me your cancer’s remission.

Chickadee, titmouse, junco, downy—
   quartet in a spectrum of grays-to-black—
   feather the sun this mild November morning.

Capped and cloaked, turned out
   as if in petite tuxedos, they chirp
   in unison my relief.
For the first time in many ruffled months
I am able to watch their lightness
in light of being with pizzicato heartbeats.

You, my rara avis nonpareil, are reprieved;
and in this autumn of your life are whistling again
on jaunty wings to my feeder.

If you wish to order, go to:
http://www.finishinglinepress.com/NewReleasesandForthcomingTitles.htm and place your order now.

With the bad news about Roger comes the good news from Karla that they are still able to enjoy life and continue their travels and make the most of their time. Here is their more positive news including the information that they are leaving on a trip to Egypt next week.

We're home! Safely, soundly and without any nasty tropical diseases. The AMAZon was AMAZing. So much to process and explore in my head (I did get several poems drafted). The best part? Seeing a harpy eagle, one of the rarest birds on the planet, a magnificent raptor that we first encountered in the San Diego Zoo (and I wrote about in my first book, *Midst*). A breathtaking bird that makes my heart pound still. As we expected, the rainforest was hot and humid. Very! Stand still and you’re soaked. But the fellow guests, our crew and the natives we met along the way were wonderful people. And then there was the wildlife, including 68 species of birds, all but a handful of which were “bird firsts.” And, gasp, spectacled caiman – a very scary reptile – and a three-toed sloth acting, well, very slothlike up in the top of his tree. Our sturdy riverboat, the *Tucano*, was a joy to travel on the Rio Negro and Amazon. Roger calls it one of the top two trips we've taken; I agree.

Soon [now, now] we will start packing for the expedition to Egypt with its cruise on the Nile and visits to the stunning ancient ruins of Giza, Valley of the Kings, etc. [Karla]

[Karla we send our love and our thoughts to you and Roger as you continue to explore your physical and soulful existence in Egypt and on the Nile.]

I recently had a couple of email exchanges with Mo Beers which were initiated by my inquiry of him about how he liked living in Southport, North Carolina. He had some good news to share about his son, Eric’s achievements and I thought you’d like to read some good news for a change.

Thought you might like to know that our son, Eric, who is now working at the Pentagon, will be promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on October 1st. He has chosen the National Archives for his venue, in front of the Constitution. He pledges to defend the Constitution so figured the Archives were an appropriate location to make his pledge.
Carol and I get to pin on his new oak leaves. First time we have been present for a promotion since we saw him Commissioned 15 years ago.

Eric has also made the list for possible Squadron Commander. Since his appearance on the list is a year earlier than he thought, he was excited. If he gets selected for command it could be anywhere in the world and he probably won't know until the end of the year.

Also, Carol and I made one of our trips of a lifetime to Antarctica last January and February. I will take some time and write about that in more detail.

[Mo, thanks for sharing. Congratulations to Eric and his proud parents! And we hope you do find time to share with us some details about your trip to Antarctic.]

Jim Horn is now relaxing in Acapulco for a few days after a trip to Venice and the Adriatic aboard Wind Surf after which he has great praise for Windstar Cruises. Jim is attempting to put together a tour for next September. In his email to me he said: “Perhaps the highlight of the sailing was the dusk departure with the Wind Surf, its five masts under full sail, drawing crowds of spectators to the shore as it cruised through the Grand Canal to the Adriatic, passing San Marco, the Doges Palace, the Arsenale, the Lido, and the colorful islands. Windsurf is the largest sailing vessel in the world, though it keeps the engines humming for air conditioning and other power necessities. When the winds are right and the sails are unfurled, it is a spectacular sight.” Jim highly recommends Windstar Cruises even if you do not travel with him. If you are interested in either Windstar Cruises or Jim’s tours, you can keep abreast of what they are planning at:

www.windstarcruises.com and
http://www.educationaltravel.com.mx

[Jim, thanks for sharing although it brings out the envy, and jealousy in us!]

Best regards,

Bud

November 9, 2010

Greetings,

Today I feel the pain and suffering of the family of Dr. Rawle Farley, Professor of Economics Emeritus, who died on November 6, 2010. I feel the pain of his esteemed spouse, Ena, who ably balanced her own distinguished career with her commitment of devoted service to her husband and sons and I feel the pain of the devoted sons whose accomplishments gave both their father and mother great pride. I also feel the suffering that Rawle’s devoted family endured over several years as they observed the slow deterioration of the body that held such a great brain and soul.
I first met Rawle in 1967 when I had responsibility for assigning student employees to departments and he was chair of the Economics Department. I got to know him better through many halls-of-Hartwell discussions after I transferred to Personnel and had an office in Hartwell. Over the years, I don’t think I ever had a conversation with Rawle in which he did not praise Brockport and public higher education—he played the role of Brockport Ambassador with distinction! In most conversations, he also bestowed praise on different young people of the community who had been recognized for some academic achievement. One of his endearing practices was to give chess sets to selected Brockport High School students to honor them for their academic success—honor society, top of their class, etc. I remember Rawle being extremely pleased when he heard that our son Eric was going to the University of Virginia because he felt it was one of the great public universities. I am proud that Rawle chose to award my son Eric with one of his chess sets.

Rawle Farley had a distinguished career and, maybe more importantly, a distinguished life. His life is a map for others to follow. His markers were his focus, his persistence, and his devotion to the pursuit of excellence in all things related to the human experience.

We will greatly miss Rawle Farley and we send our condolences to Ena, Anthony, Felipe, Christopher and Jonathan.

Following is Rawle Farley’s obituary as posted in the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle. Please note in particular the information about the funeral and the memorial contributions.

“Professor of Economics at SUNY Brockport passed away on Saturday November 6, 2010 at the age of 88. Predeceased by his son Jeremy, sisters Olivia, Enid. He is survived by his loving wife of 49 ½ years Ena, sons Anthony (Maria), Felipe, Christopher (Sharon) and Jonathan, grandchildren Obadiah, Elisha, Sarah, Dylan, Astrid and Emma, brother George Farley in Guyana, nephew Jay Callender, brothers-in-law Dr. George Morris and Dr. David Morris and sisters-in-law Mrs. Rosalie Markes and Mrs. Hyacinth Anglin. Dr. Farley had been a professor of economics at the State University of New York, College at Brockport since 1966. He was the founder and first chairperson of the Department of Economics at SUNY Brockport, and was named Professor Emeritus in 1995.

Dr. Farley is the author of a number of seminal works that helped shape the study of the economics of the developing world, including "Planning for Development in Libya: The Exceptional Economy in the Developing World" and "The Economics of Latin America: Development Problems in Perspective." With his wife, Dr. Ena Farley, a noted scholar of African American history who is also a Professor Emeritus at SUNY Brockport, Dr. Farley had four sons, Anthony, Felipe, Christopher and Jonathan, who all graduated from Harvard College, Harvard Law School or both. Born Rawle Egbert Griffith Farley in South America in Courtland Village, Berbice, Guyana, the young Farley taught elementary school and held posts with the Guyanese government before leaving the country to pursue his education. Dr. Farley earned a Teacher's Diploma, B.A., B.Sc.Econ.(Hons.), and a Ph.D. from the University of London, and went on to attend the London School of Economics and to become a member of St. Catherine's Society (now St. Catherine's College) at Oxford University. Among his many grants and prizes, he was
awarded a Ford Foundation Grant. Dr. Farley taught for over a decade at the University College of the West Indies (now known as the University of the West Indies) founding and participating in academic programs across the Caribbean. In Belize, he helped institute the first Belizean UCWI campus, founded the Festival of One-Act Plays and the British Honduras National Festival of the Arts. Among his many academic and government posts, he served as a United Nations economic development and planning expert in Libya. Dr. Farley was a highly-ranked chess player, who was well known for playing and winning tournaments around the country.

There will be no prior calling hours. A funeral service will be held Saturday November 13, 2010 at 11:00 am at the Brockport Free Methodist Church, Fourth Section Rd. Interment, Lake View Cemetery. Those wishing may contribute to The Brockport Foundation, 350 New Campus Drive, The College at Brockport, Brockport, NY 14420. Please visit www.fowlerfuneralhomeinc.com to light a candle in Dr. Farley's memory.”

You can also find a nice tribute to Rawle written by his son Christopher John Farley at: http://blogs.wsj.com/speakeasy/2010/11/06/death-of-an-economist-or-why-house-is-not-your-home/?blog_id=120&post_id=53145

I missed Albert W. Brown’s birthday last week but tomorrow is his other birthday—the Marine Corps birthday—so I send him best wishes for a happy Marine Corps birthday filled with memories of his great service to his country, to Brockport College, and to his community. I also extend a Happy Birthday greeting to my fellow marines Frank Hillman and Dave Morien, among others. Along with the receipt of the Geneseo Scene this week, the Marine Corps birthday reminds me of a project I had proposed in an Update a few years ago—the recognition of our faculty and staff who served in the military at times of war by interviewing them and printing their stories. The Geneseo Scene includes an article with the personal stories of Geneseo alumni who served in World War II. Unfortunately, the stories of many of our World War II faculty and staff have been lost with their passings (e.g. Ed Stephany, Jack Crandall, Phil Hewitt), but the others may have stories to tell that would make for interesting reading (e.g. Albert W. Brown, Ed Lehman, Stefan Pribil, Ted Starr, among others). I cannot do this project right now but I thought I’d share it again in case someone has an interest is pursuing it.

Jim Dusen’s retirement reminded Will Hunter of something he had proposed a few years ago to enhance the appearance of the MetroCenter. He suggested:

“we honor Jim for his decades of service by having a Jim Dusen Wall of Fame. We'd have a plaque with his photo and biography accompanied by the numerous awards he's won over his tenure at Brockport. Surrounding this, would be Jim's most prized photographs, chosen by him.”

The college has now given support to Jim’s proposal and Will Hunter and others have pledged some support to make it happen. If you would like to support this project and pay tribute to Jim Dusen’s outstanding work while also enhancing Brockport College’s presence in Rochester, you may do so by sending your contribution to the Advancement Office and noting that it is for the “In Honor of Jim Dusen” fund.
Greetings,

I don’t have much time but I do want to share some time sensitive information with you.

I am sure many basketball fans will remember Jim and John Vlogianitis and might be interested in the announcement from Mike Andriatch that follows:

On Tuesday, Nov. 23, in celebration of a very generous gift to The College at Brockport, we will be re-naming the main basketball facility in Tuttle North as the “Jim and John Vlogianitis Gymnasium.” Jim and John were outstanding All-American basketball players for the Golden Eagles and have gone on to very successful business careers.

To welcome them back to campus, and to celebrate this special occasion, we would like to invite you to the festivities that evening:

- The ribbon-cutting and unveiling of the new name of the gym in the main lobby of Tuttle North at 7:15 pm
- The men’s basketball game vs. St. John Fisher starting at 7:30 pm
- A half-time ceremony honoring Jim and John for their support

This promises to be a great night in recognition of Jim and John’s dedication and generosity to their alma mater. We hope you can join the Vlogianitis family, John and Kathy Halstead and others for this fantastic evening.

Emerita Joanna H. Kraus continues to work in children’s theatre and to write. She reports that she is a correspondent for the Bay Area News Group and has contributed numerous articles to the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of California and Stroke Connection published by the American Heart Association. In December, the Diablo Actors Ensemble Studio will produce her play, “Pilot Christabel,” identified as a family theatre premiere suitable for ages 10 and up. The posting for it states: “When 14-year-old Christabel falls off a 20-foot ladder, she becomes an instant paraplegic. Discouraged and embittered, she believes that her life is over. Only after accepting a challenge to enter an eight-hour Pedal Power endurance race—and crossing the Finish Line—does she learn a whole new life lies ahead.” Congratulations to Joanna the acceptance and presentation of her play and best wishes to her as she continues to be productive as a “retiree”.

For any of you who are New York Jets fans you’ll see one of our best friends at SUNY Maritime College, Head Football Coach Clayton Kendrick-Holmes, toss the coin at the Jets game on Sunday. SUNY Maritime College’s football program has been in the news a lot this season
because they have been winning (perfect season so far with a post-season game against Alfred on Saturday) and the fact that just before the season began Coach Kendrick-Holmes, a navy reservist, received orders to active duty for an assignment in Afghanistan. He will leave right after the Jet’s game to begin his active duty.

Jim Horn continues to travel. Recently he joined a group of travel agents investigating new resorts in Panama. Later he used a time-share trade to investigate a new beach resort on the coast of Costa Rica including an overnight visit with Emeritus Victor Rojas and Linda Hall in their lovely home near San Jose. He was an invited guest on the National Geographic Explorer/Lindblad cruise from Colon Panama through the canal with stops at national parks in Panama and Costa Rica. He also reports that he has recently been successful in negotiating an early-booking discount for his clients on the deluxe Wind Surf cruise from Venice along the Adriatic coast to Croatia in September 2011. In an earlier update, I shared his experience with Wind Surf, a cruise line he highly recommends and is happy to work with himself. Jim reports that other than some short trips close to home, he will stay in Cuernavaca for his Elderhostel / Road Scholar program there in late January and a Mexico tour of Oaxaca, Puebla, and Hacienda Cocoyoc in February. Jim certainly is staying busy in retirement and getting to see the world and also share his travel knowledge and experience with others.

Emerita Pat Baker has been engaged in some community activity by being involved in the planning of a Community Appreciation Open House for Bob and Debbie Ryan who have owned and managed Ryan’s Market on the north end of Brockport for several years. Many in the Brockport Community are sad to see the market close and have planned this event to thank Bob and Debbie Ryan for their two decades of love and support—including their support of Brockport College students and activities. The event will take place at the Elks Lodge, 4400 Sweden Walker Road from 3-7 pm on January 15, 2011. Those interested can get more information by contacting Pat Baker directly at: pbaker2@rochester.rr.com

Cheers,

Bud

December 19, 2010

Greetings,

Wow! 2010 is nearly over. We send our wishes to all for a healthy and happy 2011. I do not have much time to write today but I do have a couple of things to share before beginning my holiday travels to Greene and Brockport. Hope to bump into some of you at Wegmans!

First, we recently learned that H. David Hammond died on November 26, 2010. I did not know David very well—just well enough to know that he was very serious about his chosen discipline—Botany, and he was very disturbed, as were all members of the college community, when a necessary retrenchment resulted in the elimination of the Botany program in the Biological Sciences Department. Most of my contact with David resulted from my role in Human Resources and David’s active membership with UUP, a role in which he rarely missed a
Labor/Management meeting. While he did not speak up much at the meetings, it was always my belief that he had a lot of influence on the preparation of the agenda and on the leaders at the top of the UUP organization. From my perspective, he appeared to be humble, a man strong in his convictions, strong in commitments, and strong in his dedication to his discipline. He was a member of the “Update” distribution list and shared his activities with all of us on at least one occasion. It is hard to say goodbye to another individual who was at the college as it began its stretch to Redman Road. While his death and the relatively recent deaths of so many others who became part of the Brockport family in the late 60s and early 70s evoke fond memories they are so bittersweet! Below I share David’s obituary from the Rochester D&C.

H. David Hammond Ph.D.
Friday, November 26, 2010 at the age of 86. David completed his undergraduate work at Rutgers University and later received his PhD. in Botany from the University of Pennsylvania in 1952. He subsequently taught Botany for many years at Howard University and, later, SUNY Brockport. David worked as an editor at the New York Botanical Garden and most recently volunteered at the Deaver Herbarium at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, AZ. David had a lifelong commitment to education and social justice. He is predeceased by his parents, Clarence E. Jr. and Myrtle S. Hammond and brother Richard Hammond. David is survived by his loving daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Robert Wagner, grandchildren Emma and Connor Wagner, sister Helen Smith, sister-in-law Carolyn Hammond, former wife Sarah L. Hammond, nephew David Hammond, niece Mary Beth Gonski and many friends. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to The Deaver Herbarium, C/O Dept. of Biological Sciences, PO Box 5640, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ 86011.

Maury Kleiman reports that he and Liz recently took an AAA sponsored bus tour and spent some time in Manhattan where they enjoyed seeing the Radio City Christmas Spectacular and the Rockettes. Maury also mentioned hearing from Gloria Cameron about the passing of Alex Cameron, former Vice President for Administration at the college. While I cannot verify it from the records I have with me at SUNY Maritime College, I seem to recall that I knew of Dr. Cameron’s death and reported it in an “Update”. If not, we do want to mark his passing. Dr. Cameron was Vice President for Administration when I began my career. He was a very capable administrator and very easy to like. One thing I really appreciated about him was that he could never be accused of “paralysis through analysis”. He sought good information before he made a decision, and then he acted. Before leaving Brockport, Dr. Cameron was sought for, and accepted, the role as the first Director of Rochester Area Colleges, a job in which he provided leadership and programs for the colleges in the Rochester area for many years.

[Maury and Liz, thanks for sharing your trip. Please extend to Gloria Cameron the best regards of all of us.]

From several sources, we have heard that Peter Marchant had a stroke while visiting relatives in London. According to Bruce Leslie, he received attention quickly and is expected to fully recover. Bruce heard about Peter’s illness from Earl Ingersoll just before he took a quick trip to London and as a result he was able to visit Peter and spend some time with Mary Elsie while
there. Mary Elsie reported to Bruce that she and Peter are very happy in Arkansas with a pleasant lifestyle and access to the intellectual life of the University of Arkansas.

[We send our best wishes to Peter for a speedy recovery and to Peter and Mary Elsie best wishes for health and happiness in the New Year!]

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We send our condolences to Ginger Ioannone at the loss of a daughter recently. Ginger was a beloved member of the staff in the office of the Vice President for University Relations for many years. She retired about the same time as her last supervisor, Vice President John Stoller. Following is the obituary of her daughter, Lou Ann from the Rochester D&C.

Lou Ann Ioannone
Suddenly on Friday November 26, 2010. Predeceased by her father Tony "Pal" Ioannone. She will be dearly missed by her loving daughter, Bryn Baube; mother, Ginger Ioannone; sister, Toni (Rick) Burch; nieces, Jen and Erin Burch; loving companion, Dean Docteur; cousins and many friends.


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And for those of you who preceded me and have longer memories of faculty and staff who worked at the College, I pass on the obituary of another person who is woven into the fabric of the history of The College at Brockport. I did not know Liz McCrory—I was graduating from high school when she married Jack. But the McCrory name is well known to many of us and I thought I’d pass this on. Here is her obituary from the Rochester D&C.

Elizabeth Q. "Liz" McCrory
Died at her retirement home, Kendal at Longwood, on November 22, 2010, at age 78. She is survived by her husband of 51 years, John B.; son, William (Deborah); son, John B.; daughter, Anne E. Turry (Alan); and grandchildren, Christopher, Nicole, Lee, Max and Lucas. She graduated from SUNY Fredonia in 1953 with a B.S. in Music Education, and earned an M.S. from Ithaca College. She was a member of the faculty at SUNY Brockport when she married Mr. McCrory in 1959. She was a board member and president of the Rochester Visiting Nurse Association; a board member of the United Way of Rochester; a board member of the Ralph Bunche Scholarship Committee; and a board member of, and board advisor to, the Junior League of Rochester.

Contributions may be made to the Third Presbyterian Church, 4 Meigs Street, Rochester, NY 14607, or the William E. McKnight Scholarship Fund at the Rochester Area Community Foundation, 500 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607.

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Looking back over this “Update” I am not so sure it is an appropriate “Update” for the season of holidays and celebration. About the only positive in it is that Maury Kleiman (also Liz, but probably to a lesser degree) enjoyed the Rockettes. But like runners approaching the finish line we retirees are fortunate to be “still standing” and have the opportunity for a “kick” to the finish
As I wrote when Santo Giglio died, “sometime” is now—let’s all work diligently in attacking our “bucket lists” this year.

I leave with a couple of lines that Sandy wrote for our Christmas letter:

“Write a wonderful story this holiday season with those you love. Enjoy the company of the wise men and angels among your family and friends. And, as they say in the maritime world, may the New Year bring you “fair winds and following seas.”

Peace,
Bud

January 2, 2011

Happy New Year!

Well, I had resolved to send this “Update” on December 28, 2010 but did not quite make it. However, I’ve decided to leave it intact even though dated, since I don’t have time for another new beginning today.

December 28, 2010

Greetings,

Here we are again getting ready to celebrate the completion of another year and looking forward to a date stamp on our new beginning—and likely most of us who have shortening life spans will be making more resolutions than ever that in spite of our time limitations still will not be kept. But, even unfulfilled resolve challenges us to do better/be better—and trying must be an important ingredient to “being”. So, guts it out and make a lot of resolutions—assuming that you need them—and don’t beat yourselves up if you fail to keep them all. Just resolve to live life fully and be, as we say in SUNY, all that you can be!

That said I regret to inform you that the life energy of Robert John “Bob/Jazzbo” Potter, emeritus chair and professor of Sociology (1967-1985), and husband of the late Helen Potter of the Nursing Department, will not be with us in 2011. His “being” in this life has ended. According to friends, and as reported in the Rochester D&C, Robert “Bob”/”JazzBo” Potter passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 18, 2010 in Asheville, North Carolina at the age of 87.

As I have previously reported, I was very fortunate to join the staff at SUNY Brockport in the fall of 1967 and to have had a role as the placement coordinator for the college work-study program that provided me the opportunity to interact with all the “then-current” department chairs—Robert Potter, Herbert Bailey, John Crandall, Ian Henderson, Louis Hetler, Rose Strasser, Kenneth Damann, James Edmonds/Phil Gerber, Anna Gallagher, Ira Geer, James Fulton, Ruth Garis, Howard Kiefer, Andrew Virgilio, Martin Rogers, George Pinckney, Martin Rogers, Kennard Ramage, Edward Stephany, and Clark Whited among others. In my first year, I
took an immediate liking to Bob Potter. He was 17 years my senior with prior service in higher education/sociology research. Our esteemed president emeritus Albert W. Brown reports that: “Bob was in charge of the sociology research project organization in Colorado when SUNY Brockport hired him [in 1967] to create the sociology program. He and Helen were very active in the community and their early years at Brockport.” I certainly remember well their involvement and always enjoyed my interactions with Bob and Helen although Bob and I did not always agree on issues. While I found Bob to be “down to earth” and a person who was easy to communicate with and respect, we often ended up in opposite positions on issues because he was very active in UUP, the union representing professional staff at SUNY campuses, and I was, from 1970 on, involved in the administration of the UUP contract from a management perspective. I’ll never forget one particular incident when Bob Potter presented me with a book—I don’t have the title because I was unable to locate it while in Brockport for Christmas—that provided guidelines for implementing a hospitable work environment for women. In particular, it described employers that provide child care facilities. Bob sent me the book with a friendly note after he had learned that I had advised a supervisor that allowing an employee to bring a new-born to work and leave them unattended in a crib in an office while she performed lab/teaching obligations could not be condoned because of liability issues. I remember sending Bob a note that I appreciated the good “read”—and I actually learned from it—but that the College and UUP had already attempted to address the issue by supporting the child care center in Cooper. I still treasure the exchanges we had over this issue and quite frankly I am distraught that I could not find the book when I was home recently because I think it would be a good “re-read”.

Bob Potter was a great contributor to what has become The College at Brockport today. As the growth of the college required the development of a broader curriculum, the organization of the college changed as new departments were added. As the first chair of the new Department of Sociology in 1967, Bob Potter played a significant role in the transformation of the Brockport Teachers’ College to the SUNY Brockport College of Arts and Sciences. I truly enjoyed my exchanges with Bob Potter and remember with fondness looking out the windows of the Allen Administration Building at some of the 1970’s protest with the likes of Albert W. Brown, Ralph Gennarino and Joe Lawrence to find that Bob Potter, among others like Bill Rock were in leadership roles in the protests. If my memory is correct Bob Potter brought some very talented faculty to SUNY Brockport who made significant contributions to the transformation including Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus Edward Lehman (who later served as chair of the department).

Dr. Albert W. Brown shares that he had a great deal of respect for both the late Bob and late Helen Potter. I share that respect with him.

All of my contacts are at a loss regarding the “JazzBo” nickname for Bob Potter so if anyone knows where that label came from share it with me and I’ll share it with the group.

While we mourn the death of Robert John “Bob”/”JazzBo” Potter, we must also celebrate his contributions to what is now known at The College at Brockport and celebrate his passion and commitment.
Surviving family include sons Jason Potter, Robert and Nancy Potter, daughter Katherine, grandchildren Amanda Padgham and Chris Potter, and great-grandchildren Cody and Lola Padgham.

[I give special thanks to emeritus Peter Olevnic, who lives in Asheville, NC, for bringing Bob Potter’s passing to our attention. As far as I can determine no one who saw the obituary in the Rochester D&C recognized that it referred to a member of the Brockport College family. So, thank you Peter!]

Before we leave the “bad news” section I want to report on Justus Hartnack, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, who was on the faculty from 1968 to 1978. President Brown and the late Philosophy Chair Howard Kiefer brought the internationally distinguished philosopher, Justus Hartnack to Brockport during a Philosophical Year program hosted by the College in the late 1960s. During his ten years at Brockport Justus continued to distinguish himself on an international scale through his scholarship and he and his wife, Inge, (who predeceased him) graced many events at the college with their presence. Around 2004 I did an internet search on Justus and learned that there was an active group in Denmark and Germany that supported his works but that Justus was in a care facility. I had intended to follow up but then along came the “gig” at SUNY Maritime College. But I believe I do have confirmation now that Dr. Hartnack died on May 1, 2005 just a few days short of his 94th birthday. If you care to read more go to: http://da.wikipedia.org/wiki/Justus_Hartnack

I am sorry to confirm Dr. Hartnack’s passing. He was an exceptionally stately gentleman and someone who demonstrated a strength-of-character we might all wish to emulate.

Better stuff:

- We had lost contact with Distinguished Professor Emeritus Henry Bretton (change in email address) until recently. I was pleased to receive an email from Henry on December 27, 2010 in which he sent us his best wishes for a Happy New Year. Henry, thanks for being in touch and best wishes to you for health and happiness in the new year as well!

- Bruce Leslie shared with me that he had plans over the holidays to meet with John Ingham in Los Angeles. John spent a few years teaching at Brockport before moving on to a distinguished career at the University of Toronto. I am sure many of you will remember him John. If I remember correctly I believe John and his family lived in “newly developed” housing area off Clark Street along with many new, at the time—now mostly retired—faculty while he was in Brockport.

- Jeanette D’Agostino-Banker and Frances Moroney-Whited are working on a Campus School Reunion project for July 22, 2011. You will soon be receiving a mailing in which Dr. Halstead will extend to you an invitation and Mike Andriatch will ask you to share any information you might have that to support this project. One person Jeanette is trying to locate is Polly (Brink) Smith. Polly was the music teacher in the campus school for couple of years in the late 50s or early 60s. She was hired as Polly Brink but later
married Dr. Sig Smith, professor of mathematics (son of Helen Smith who was a dormitory director in the 1970s) who went on to become president of Broome Community College but now believed to be deceased. For now, if anyone has information about Polly, please share with Mike Andriatch at: mandriat@brockport.edu

- And, speaking of Mike Andriatch, he sent an email to the campus on December 2, 2010, the anniversary of his 25 years of service. For those of you who do not use Brockport’s email server I am pasting in a slightly edited version—it is too late for you to drop by his office and share a cookie or two:

  “Today is a special day in my professional employment history at The College at Brockport. I wanted to take a minute to THANK YOU for being a part of it and to “celebrate” with me (if you are on campus).

  Twenty-five-years ago today, Dec. 2, 1985, I officially became a member of the staff at the College when I was hired to be Brockport’s Sports Information Director. I still had more than two weeks of classes and exams before I finished my degree, but I had been hired and was off and running with my first “real” job.

  At that time, I was the youngest employee in “College Relations” and my hair was as black as shoe polish. Now, I am one of the “greybeards” – with hair to match. Never in my wildest dreams did I envision being a part of this community for a quarter-of-a-century, but here I am – and still loving it! I guess it makes sense that my hair color matches the anniversary I am celebrating.

  Whether you were a professor who was a mentor; we worked together in my “first-life” over the 15 years I was SID and a part of Marketing Communications and Athletics; or if our paths have crossed over the last 10 years in my current world of Advancement; or if all of the above are true … please know how much I have valued our professional and personal working relationship. It has been a great ride, and one that I hope will continue for quite some time to come. (I have joked lately that I expect to be here in 2035 for the College’s 200th anniversary, my 50th Reunion from the College [Class of 1985] and my 50th year of employment. That would make for a nice story.)

  Today I just wanted to say THANK YOU to Brockport and all of the people who have been such an important part of my life over the past 25 years. I am blessed to have made your acquaintance.”

[Mike, it is hard to believe that you have been in service at Brockport for 25 years. I am one of many who are very happy that you stayed. I have enjoyed working with you on several projects during your accumulation of years. You have made significant contributions and I send you best wishes for your continued success in your next 25 years.]

Sandy and I continue to enjoy unique experiences in NYC and struggle with the thought that we will soon be leaving for Brockport and then likely someplace else, unknown as of this writing.
Some of you are aware that SUNY Maritime College received some exceptional media coverage as a result of a 10-0 football season—a team that did not exist until 2005—and the fact that the Head Football Coach, an active navy reservist, received orders at the beginning of the season that he would be in Afghanistan by mid-December. We count the coach and his family among our best friends at Maritime and had the experience of watching the Army-Navy game with his wife, Johanna Kendrick-Holmes, their sons, and some other friends. It was somewhat a unique experience during the game for us to watch the highlight spots on the former football players now on active duty—one from the Army and one from the Navy—and their families while sitting in the same room with members of the family of one of them. Moreover, it was a special occasion to spend New Year’s Eve at the on-campus home of Clayton Kendrick-Holmes where instead of watching the ball drop in Times Square we talked with Clayton in Afghanistan via Skype. We could see him on the big screen TV while he was able to scan his living room from Afghanistan and talk with the family members and friends gathered there. It was a pleasant end to the old year and a reminder of just how far communication technology has advanced since the days of the first Iraq War when both the audio and video from reporters in the field were broken and not easily understood. It was also a reminder, regardless of political views about what is right and wrong in the world, of the tremendous sacrifices made by those who serve in the military.

Peace to all in 2011!

Bud

January 13, 2011

Greetings,

“It’s a small world after all…it’s a small, small world” [Disney]—and often as we age our world gets smaller yet!

As we begin to close the NYC chapter of our lives, Sandy and I decided we had to make at least one visit to Madison Square Garden. So, as serious Syracuse basketball fans, we decided to go to the Syracuse St. Johns game last night which included a chance to see the University of Connecticut women against St. Johns in the second game of a double header. Because of the recent storm, we headed into Manhattan early to make sure we could get there and had a little time to spare. We decided to grab a snack and ended up in the Statler Grill which is in the back of the Hotel Pennsylvania—although not affiliated—right across the street from Madison Square Garden. We were greeted by an attractive hostess and told her we would just have a seat at the bar. We were soon having an interesting conversation with another attractive young woman worker as we placed our order. In the course of conversation, she asked us where we were from. Suddenly we learned that she and the hostess were from Hilton, New York, a Syracuse fan sitting next to us had graduated from Gates Chili High School, and a short time later as a shift-change occurred we were introduced to a bartender who was a Communications and Business Major and 1995 graduate of The College at Brockport. It was a very interesting “small world” experience in the middle of Manhattan.
You may recall Ingo “Pete” Petersen—Professor and Chair Emeritus of the Chemistry Department—and I had an email exchange about similar “small world” experiences that I shared with you in an “Update” a year or so ago. Sadly, I have recently learned that Pete’s real world has gotten much smaller following hospitalization on December 8, 2010 and his experiences for the rest of his life in this world will be severely limited. With Pete and Dot’s permission I am sharing some information Dot sent to me:

After several weeks of failing health Pete entered the hospital on 12/8/2010. He continues to be very ill, but we now know the cause of his health problems. He has been diagnosed with metastatic abdominal cancer. It is our plan to have him return to the health center in our retirement community; as soon as he is medically stable, to be closer to me. We have decided to not have him undergo extensive radical treatment.

You may recall that several months ago Pete was commenting with you that “no man is an island”. He has come to realize the truth in this statement. He believes that at no time did he have to stand alone; that throughout his life he has been surrounded by a wonderful assemblage of family, associates and friends.

We lived in Brockport for 32 years and experienced the exciting transition from being a teachers’ college to being a member college of SUNY. It was where our children were raised and we have many happy memories of our life in Brockport.

Pete is no longer able to e-mail you but our children will be able to follow incoming e-mails for a while. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

After they received word of the constriction of Pete’s world, John and Sue Bixler shared this tribute to Pete and Dot Petersen:

They were the first people we met in Brockport. They housed us when we came to look for apartments. That feels like a lifetime ago.

That is the way Pete and Dot have always been. Through all that they have done for the college, for their church, and for their friends and their family they have been caretakers for all with whom they have had contact. We are very saddened to hear that the walls of this world are closing in on Pete but happy to have been blessed by knowing him and enjoying his voice in song, his many contributions to the Brockport community and his friendship. In a fairly recent “Update,” Pete sent me the following information and quote which Dot mentioned above and which I shared with you in an “Update” and it bears repeating at this difficult time for the Petersen family:

“You often write very eloquently and metaphorically about the deaths of people in your updates. In that context, I wonder if you are familiar with Meditation 17 of John Donne (recently brought to my attention by a member of the college near here). Note the portions I have tried to emphasize.
Perchance he for whom this bell tolls may be so ill as that he knows not it tolls for him; and perchance I may think myself so much better than I am, as that they who are about me and see my state may have caused it to toll for me, and I know not that. The church is catholic, universal, so are all her actions; all that she does belongs to all. When she baptizes a child, that action concerns me; for that child is thereby connected to that head which is my head too, and ingrafted into the body whereof I am a member. And when she buries a man, that action concerns me: all mankind is of one author and is one volume; when one man dies, one chapter is not torn out of the book, but translated into a better language; and every chapter must be so translated. God employs several translators; some pieces are translated by age, some by sickness, some by war, some by justice; but God’s hand is in every translation, and his hand shall bind up all our scattered leaves again for that library where every book shall lie open to one another. As therefore the bell that rings to a sermon calls not upon the preacher only, but upon the congregation to come, so this bell calls us all; but how much more me, who am brought so near the door by this sickness.

And further on:

Who bends not his ear to any bell which upon any occasion rings? But who can remove it from that bell which is passing a piece of himself out of this world? No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friend’s or thine own were. Any man’s death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind; and therefore, never send to know for whom the bells tolls; it tolls for thee”. [shared by Pete Petersen]

In this difficult time, I am sure Pete and Dot would enjoy hearing words of love and encouragement from friends and former colleagues. They can be reached at:

Email as: asburypete@comcast.net and your mailing address as:

11505 Emmanuel Way 537
Solomons, MD 20688-3033
(410) 394-3147

Pete, thank you for the shining example you have given us of how to live a soulful life. We pray that you will find peace in this small world as you approach the pathway to a world without end.

Peace,

Bud

February 9, 2011

Greetings,
The walls of this world closed in on him on Sunday morning, February 6, 2011 and Ingo “Pete” Peterson moved on to his rewards for a life well lived to a place without walls. In a recent update, I reported that Pete was in grave physical condition and had been since just before Christmas. Pete will be remembered as a genuinely gentle man, a sensitive and caring husband and father, an able and considerate academic chair, and a dedicated professor, colleague and friend.

J. Emory Morris, Professor Emeritus, Chemistry shared with me that he had visited Pete on February 4, 2011 and found him weak but that he was at that time expected to tarry on awhile longer. During Emory’s visit with Pete they had a long conversation reminiscing about students they felt especially close to and proud of, colleagues, and the highly cooperative environment they had built, where they put nurturing students first and usually succeeded to “Let each become all he or she was capable of becoming.” Emory’s note also reminded by that Pete was the first chairperson at the inauguration of the Chemistry Department, and his leadership and recruiting choices were major factors in the development of the Chemistry Department and its programs.

Sunday morning seems an appropriate departure date for Pete. Somehow I picture Sunday being a special day for Pete as he would prepare to attend services at First Presbyterian Church in Brockport and sing in the choir. Pete had an excellent voice and was a dedicated member of the choir for the full duration of his time in Brockport. Today, his voice is an echo in my mind!

We thank Pete Petersen for his contributions to the college and the Brockport community during his life and are sorry to lose his presence in this world.

Plans are pending for a celebration of Pete's life which will be held at Asbury Solomons, Solomons, MD.

Condolences may be conveyed to Dot and the family as follows:

Karla Brown tkbr2@yahoo.com or
Karen Renehan jkrenehan26@charter.net.

Dorothy Petersen
11505 Emmanuel Way 537
Solomons, MD 20688-3033

Memorials:

The family has listed the “Undergraduate Research Fellowships in Chemistry” fund at The College at Brockport as the recipient of memorial gifts. Donations, referencing this fund and referencing “in memory of Ingo “Pete” Petersen, should be forwarded to:

Brockport Foundation
350 New Campus Drive
The College at Brockport
Brockport, New York 14420
I will end today with some more sad news. Kendra Gemmett informed me last Friday of the death of Virginia “Ginny” Atherton. Ginny was the widow of former English Department Chair and Dean, John Atherton. According to Kendra, Ginny had had a stroke and had just returned to San Antonio Gardens where she lived in Claremont, California where hospice care was begun. Kendra also reports that the Atherton’s three children; Rick from Nantucket, Tom from Joshua Tree, California, and Carol from Albany, California were with her when she died. Kendra had stayed in touch and reports that Ginny maintained her wit and her faculties to the last and will be greatly missed by those who knew her. Kendra reports that the only address she has is for Carolyn Atherton, the youngest of the Atherton children and that address is:

812 Masonic Avenue
Albany CA 94707

I have fond personal memories of the days when the Atherton’s were at The College at Brockport. They were an elegant yet down to earth couple who were wonderful and sharing hosts. I remember feeling very privileged to have been invited to their renovated farm house for gatherings, planning meetings and celebrations related to the Brockport Symphony and the International Special Olympics. As I reported when John Atherton died he was the person responsible for Brockport having the first direct deposit program in SUNY. Long before the Office of the State Comptroller was able to handle the electronic deposit of State payroll checks into employee accounts, Brockport had a program. John Atherton had had a direct deposit program at Pitzer College before he came to Brockport and he suggested to me that we create one. So, I contacted Mike Kirby, then manager of Lincoln Rochester Bank (now Chase), and we created a direct deposit system. For employees who signed up we sorted their checks and every pay day the late John Goosley would take the checks and a list of participating employees to Lincoln Rochester for deposit of the checks into employees’ accounts. Lincoln Rochester gave participants free checking accounts. Once we had the program working with Lincoln Rochester John Goosley expanded it to the other banks in Brockport. Participants appreciated this simple but labor intensive program that never would have existed had John Atherton not suggested it. I have many other fond memories of John and Ginny Atherton and I regret putting a final period on the Atherton chapter of my life. Following is some more information about John and Ginny Atherton from Pitzer College’s website:

Claremont, Calif. (February 7, 2011) — Pitzer College mourns the death of Mrs. Virginia Richards Atherton, widow of Pitzer’s founding president, John W. Atherton. Mrs. Atherton passed away on February 4, 2011. She had just celebrated her 90th birthday on January 5 with her family and friends.

Since 1963, Mrs. Atherton was an active member of the Pitzer community and held a keen interest in the developments of the College. As Pitzer’s “first lady,” Mrs. Atherton set the standard for entertaining and hospitality in Claremont. Founding faculty and their families credit her for building genuine friendships and relationships that turned Pitzer into a true community on and off campus.
Mrs. Atherton often attended campus events including the Atherton Society Dinners established by Emeritus Professor Ronald Macaulay in the early 80s and more recently the Munroe Center for Social Inquiry's "Capitalism in Question" lectures. She enjoyed meeting each of the John W. Atherton Scholarship and Esther Stewart Richards Scholarship (established in 1967 in honor of her mother) recipients and invited them to her home for lunches and dinners--a tradition she maintained since the scholarship fund was established.

In 2005, the College announced it would dedicate one of its three Gold LEED certified residence halls, The John W. and Virginia Atherton Residence Hall, in honor of President and Mrs. Atherton, which pleased her so much that during her monthly lunches with Emeritus Professor Lee Munroe she would often ask to drive by so she could check on the building's construction progress. The Atherton building opened in fall 2007 and she participated in the celebration. Virginia Atherton will be greatly missed by everyone fortunate to know her and will be remembered as a great and wry conversationalist, a wonderful hostess, a kind and caring individual, a fantastic bridge player, a Claremont historian and a beloved member of the Pitzer College community.

Three children survive Mrs. Atherton and her husband President Atherton: John Jr., Thomas and Carolyn; four grandchildren: Anne, John, Jenne, and Matthew; and three great-grandchildren: Esamine, Burdine and Adelle.

A memorial service is being planned and when more information becomes available it will be shared with the Pitzer community. In lieu of flowers please direct donations to the John W. Atherton Scholarship and Esther Stewart Richards Scholarship at Pitzer College.

Peace,

Bud

February 9, 2011 (2)

Greetings,

The Memorial Service for Ingo Hans Petersen will be held on March 19 at 1:00pm at Asbury-Solomons, Solomons, Maryland with a graveside service to follow at 4 pm.

Below is the obituary the family has prepared for publication.

Ingo Hans Petersen, professor emeritus of chemistry at The College at Brockport, NY-SUNY died on Sunday, February 6 at Asbury-Solomons, MD after a short illness. He was 80 and had retired to Maryland with his wife Dorothy in 1996, following a 32-year career as an educator.

Dr. Petersen was born in Davenport, IA, on July 27, 1930 and grew up in the nearby town of Tipton, where his father, August, owned the local hardware store. He graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in Chemical Technology in 1952. He then served in
Ingo then attended the University of Iowa, from which he earned a Ph.D. in Chemistry in 1960. Following this, he took a job with the Union Carbide Corporation in Tonawanda, NY, but family and professional considerations led him to transition from a position in industry to one of a lifetime in academia. He was hired, in August of 1964, by the then State University of New York at Brockport as an assistant professor of chemistry and he began the process of building an autonomous Department of Chemistry. Ingo served as department chair at various times over his 32-year career at Brockport and was instrumental in building that department into one of the most successful chemistry programs in the SUNY system. He retired in 1995, having mentored hundreds of young scientists on their path to rewarding careers in biology, chemistry, and medicine.

Ingo wed Dorothy Louise Heck in 1952 which began a lifetime partnership of 58 years. He was a devoted husband to Dorothy and they provided a model for friends and family of how to nurture and preserve a successful marriage. He was the proud father of Karen, David (deceased), Marcia, Brian, and Karla, and his children amply returned his respect and love for them through the years. In addition to his children, he is survived by his sister Marlene, his son-in-laws Jim Renehan and Talley Brown, his daughter-in-law Debra Carr-Petersen, and four grandchildren: Kimberly and David Renehan and Rachel and Rebecca Brown.

He will be greatly missed by many.

Memorial Donations can be made to:

The Chemistry Scholarship Fund
#1900056
Iowa State University Foundation
2505 University Boulevard
PO Box 2230
Ames, Iowa 50010-2230 and/or

Brockport College Foundation
Memo-- "Undergraduate Research Fellowships in Chemistry" or "Petersen Memorial"
March 5, 2011

Greetings,

It is hard to believe but March has arrived already and it is close to the end of another academic year in higher education. As we all know, as the year ends there are a lot of special activities—the well-known Employee Recognition Banquet, the Donor Recognition Banquet, and the ultimate recognition event, Commencement! This year in recognition of the College’s 175th anniversary a couple of other special events have been added especially for emeriti/retirees.

I am pleased to share the following information about these events and to encourage you to take advantage of these “free lunch” opportunities to get together with former friends and colleagues and to be reminded of where the College has been and informed about where it is going.

Following is an “early bird” announcement of this spring event that Mike Andriatch has shared with me—your invitations should reach you soon but just in case you need to know that all emeriti and retirees are invited and are welcome to bring a guest. Some recipients of this “Update” are not actually “emeriti/retirees” but are people with ties and commitments to the College. If they are interested they are encouraged to “hook up” with an emeritus and become “a guest.”

As part of the festivities associated with the College’s 175th anniversary, all emeriti and retirees from The College at Brockport, State University of New York, are invited to two special luncheons where you will hear about the growth, development and changing face of your favorite institution of higher learning. You are welcome to bring a guest.

**Monday, March 29, Noon to 1:30 pm**
Seymour Union Ballroom

Provost **Dr. Anne Huot** presents:
The Academic Face of Brockport, Past, Present and Future:
A look at the recent re-structuring of Academic Affairs
The Provost, who will be introduced by Richard J. Fenton, Emeritus, Business Administration and Economics and chair of the academic re-structuring committee, will touch on other exciting academic initiatives, including the new School of Business, as well as some “teases” about the College’s Facility Master Plan.

**Wednesday, June 1, Noon to 1:30 pm**
New York Room, Cooper Hall
President John R. Halstead presents:
Brockport’s Strategic Vision for the 21st Century

As the College embraces its new and evolving strategic plan, President Halstead will discuss how Brockport intends to become a “nationally recognized comprehensive master’s institution” despite the economic uncertainties in New York State. Jeanette D’Agostino Banker, Emeritus, Education and Human Development, will introduce President Halstead.

There is **NO CHARGE** for you to attend these events, but you must RSVP by the following dates to be included:

Respond by **Monday, March 21**, for the March 29 lunch
Respond by **Tuesday, May 24**, for the June 1 lunch

You may RSVP by calling (585) 395-2451 or sending an email to alumni@brockport.edu

For more information, contact Mike Andriatch ’85, Executive Director of Advancement, (585) 395-5809; mandriat@brockport.edu or Brad Schreiber ’83, Executive Director of Development & Alumni Relations, (585) 395-5161; bschreib@brockport.edu

Thankfully I have no terrible losses to report with this “Update” so I will share some recent activity that is very good news for both the College and its students. It also recognizes the recent significant contributions from our emeriti group and by the Halsteads.

**Richard and Joan ’79 Fenton**
Creation of an Endowed Scholarship

Dr. Richard and Joan Fenton have created an endowed scholarship to support undergraduate students planning to enter the field of education.

The Richard J. & Joan S. Fenton Scholarship will be awarded to students entering their junior or senior year and who will be studying at the College full time the following year. The recipients must have an interest in careers in the field of education and demonstrate a commitment to community service.
The Fentons were both educators. Joan taught at all levels of the public school system, spending the bulk of her career as a reading specialist in a middle school setting. Richard taught at all levels of college, as an economics professor in the Department of Business Administration and Economics and the College’s Delta College Program.

The Fentons established the scholarship with the hope that it will help motivated, committed students to complete their undergraduate degree and immediately continue their education in graduate school.

First preference will be given to a student who has graduated from Brockport High School and is matriculated in the Department of Business Administration and Economics and/or is a student in Delta College.

Joan said creating the scholarship was the couple’s way of helping future generations. “It’s really a wonderful way to pass it forward—in the same way as others who helped me over the years did,” she said. “It is at least as enriching for us as it is for the recipients. We get a great deal out of our relationship with the students.”

Richard said creating the scholarship has allowed him “to continue the best part of what I did as a faculty member.”

“My greatest fear when I retired was I would lose contact with students. It was still the most rewarding part of my job,” he said. “We gain access to this whole community of scholars, not only our own award recipient, but others.”

Richard also noted the process of creating the scholarship was simple. “I realized how easy it was to do this. The process of creating a scholarship could not be easier,” he said. “It really is relatively small compared to the things we do in our lives. For less than the amount that people spend on a new car, they can create a scholarship that will go on in perpetuity.”

William ’61 and Hannelore Greiner ’62 Heyen
Endowed Scholarship in Creative Writing

Dr. William ’61 and Hannelore Greiner ’62 Heyen have created an endowed scholarship to support graduate scholarships in creative writing.

The Hannelore and William Heyen Graduate Scholarships in Creative Writing will be awarded to two students each year who are enrolled in the graduate program in creative writing at the College. Each year, one poet and one writer of fiction/lyrical essay/creative non-fiction will be chosen for this prestigious award by members of the College’s creative writing faculty.

The Heyens established the scholarship with the hope that that, at least in some small way, it will acknowledge how important the College at Brockport has been in their lives, and to keep necessary faith with Walt Whitman’s “poets to come.”
The Heyens were both born in 1940: Hannelore in Berlin, Germany, and William in Brooklyn, N.Y. The couple met while they were undergraduate students at Brockport. Hannelore received her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in 1962 and 1979, respectively, from Brockport. After various teaching positions at the College, she worked in and served the community for several decades. In 2000, she was elected to the Brockport Alumni Association Hall of Heritage.

Beginning as a physical education major at Brockport, and becoming a two-year All American in soccer and a three-year varsity basketball player, William graduated with a degree in English education in 1961. He earned his master’s degree and doctorate in 1964 and 1967, respectively, from Ohio University. He then returned to teach at Brockport. Author of more than 30 books, he served as a Senior Fulbright Lecturer in American Literature in Germany and has received prizes and fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the NEA, the American Academy of Arts & Letters, Poetry magazine and other organizations. He is a member of the Golden Eagle Athletic Hall of Fame and the Brockport Alumni Association Hall of Heritage. He retired from the faculty in 2000 as Professor of English/Poet in Residence Emeritus.

[I can’t hold my back the key strokes on this one – many know this already but Bill is also a legend in the NBA—Noon time Basketball Association—where, until his knees wore out he was poetry-in-motion for many, many years! He is still poetry-in-motion when he shoots but not so much with his efforts to get to his hot spot.]

Bill and Annette Rock
Endowed Scholarship for Study Abroad

Dr. William and Annette Rock have created an endowed scholarship to assist students to study abroad.

The William C. and Annette L. Rock Study Abroad Scholarship in the Liberal Arts will provide awards to students in the School of the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences who are undertaking study abroad experiences.

A distinguished service professor emeritus of the department of educational administration at Brockport, Bill served on the faculty from 1968 through 1995. In 2001, Bill established the Annette Lamphier Rock Nursing Scholarship in honor of his wife, a lifelong nurse. The Rocks reside in Brockport.

In addition to their contributions to Brockport, Bill and Anne have established endowed funds at three other SUNY colleges and university centers because of their strong belief in public higher education.

“This is the second endowed fund we have created at Brockport, and the sixth fund we have created within SUNY,” said Bill. “We have created all of these funds because of our strong belief in public higher education and the need for increased private support as state support is dwindling.”
Annette said this is the third study abroad scholarship they have created in SUNY. “We believe study abroad is essential to a complete undergraduate education in an increasingly global economy and are pleased that our funds encourage and help students to have this experience,” said Annette.

**John and Kathy Halstead**  
**Raising the Bar**

President John R. Halstead and Mrs. Kathy Halstead have demonstrated their leadership and commitment to the College with the creation of two endowed scholarships to assist students.

The Halstead’s gift is the largest cash gift by a faculty or staff member in the history of the College.

The John R. Halstead Family Leadership in Higher Education Award will support an outstanding junior or senior who demonstrates academic excellence, leadership skills through service to the College and/or community and aspires to a career in student development or higher education.

The John R. and Kathleen A. Halstead Scholarship will support a freshman who demonstrates strong academic achievement and leadership skills through service to the College and/or community. Preference for this scholarship will be given to first-generation college students.

“John and Kathy have generously committed to this substantial leadership gift, which will have a long-term impact on the scholarship recipients,” said Roxanne Johnston, vice president for advancement and president of the Brockport Foundation. “It’s a continuation of their giving since day one at the College.”

**Provost Dr. Anne Huot Creates Scholarship in Honor of her Parents**

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Anne E. Huot has created a scholarship that will recognize outstanding student leaders at the College and pay tribute to her parents.

The Donald and Gloria Huot Excellence in Leadership Awards, named in honor of Huot’s parents, will help support two juniors and two seniors each year. The scholarship recipients must demonstrate strong academic achievement and leadership skills through service to the College or community, such as serving in a position of leadership of Brockport Student Government or other student clubs or organizations, being a successful and respected Resident Assistant or organizing or leading a group of peers or other in a successful fundraising or community service activity. Preference is given to first generation college students.
Huot said her parents didn’t graduate from college but placed a high currency on education. Out of the couple’s seven children, all attended college, six graduated and four went on to receive graduate degrees.

“When we were kids, we all sat at the dining room table after dinner and did our homework, whether we had any or not. They taught us discipline, responsibility and an appreciation for what we had,” said Huot. “They knew that access to a quality education was important to our futures, and they sacrificed to make it happen.”

Huot said creating the scholarship was her way of repaying what her parents gave her.

“I gave it forward out of respect for their sacrifices and gratitude for how much that sacrifice has contributed to my success,” said Huot. “I hope that with these scholarships the recipients will someday give the gift forward as well so that the legacy will continue.”

Huot said her parents, who live in Manchester, New Hampshire, devoted their lives to instilling in their children a deep respect for the power of education and an understanding of their responsibility to give back to their communities so that others may benefit by being thoughtful and engaged citizens.

“My parents are salt of the earth people,” she said. “They don’t have a lot of pretense; they know who they are and they are proud of it.”

In addition, Huot said that as Provost of the College she believes it is her responsibility to lead by example and to let others know that she values a Brockport education enough to personally invest in it. And just as she hopes to inspire others, Huot said she, too, was inspired by donors, including Dr. Richard and Joan ’79 Fenton and George ’54 and Rosie Rich among others.

And, many of you will recall that when Professor of Chemistry J. Emory Morris retired he created a scholarship and challenged the college community that he would match other donations up to a certain amount. Emory has not issued a new matching challenge but I’ll bet the College would love it if we all decided to match Emory’s recently announced gift as follows:

$1.1 Million Emory Morris Gift is the Largest Gift to the Sciences in Brockport History

Professor Emeritus J. Emory Morris, who taught chemistry for 42 years at The College at Brockport, has made a gift commitment of $1.1 million to endow a scholarship in the field of science and to expand funding available to support opportunities for undergraduate students to pursue research in chemistry and biochemistry at the College full time in the summer.

The gift is the largest ever made in support of the sciences in the history of the College, which is part of the State University of New York system. It will support the Morris Opportunity Scholarship for the Study of Science. In addition, a portion of the gift will be
used for annual awards to the faculty research mentors. These Opportunity Scholarships are intended as incentives to pre-college students to pursue this preparation.

Morris is an advocate for educating students in the sciences and mathematics at a young age and rebuffed the common views of science as being terribly complex or only for people considered to be “brainy.” He said that it is critical students have completed the right coursework before they enter college because it is the foundation that will allow them to succeed academically. As part of his advocacy efforts, Morris volunteers as a tutor at a local school.

“Since I have spent my career in education, I have been focused on supporting education,” said Morris. “It used to be the case that an ambitious student could earn the money in the summer that was needed for school. But that is not the case anymore.”

“Our history from the earliest formation of the republic was that education was supported as the public good. Now, with so many demands being made on public money, we seem to have unconsciously taken the decision that higher education is a personal good rather than a public good.”

Brockport Foundation Board Chair Diane McCue praised Morris for his generosity. “Seeing the results of the program that Emory spearheaded demonstrates that real-life experiences and a traditional education are a powerful combination,” said McCue, who is a 1977 graduate of Brockport.

The gift to The College at Brockport is the latest in a long history of support by Morris. In 1988, he established the Morris Fellowships for Summer Research in Chemistry. Through this program, students are able to spend their summers exclusively collaborating with professors on research projects. These sustained research opportunities provide a clear advantage for chemistry majors when they apply to graduate school or begin their first jobs.

And in 2008, Morris created a $100,000, three-year challenge to the College’s chemistry alumni and other supporters of the sciences to help fund the

A native of Silver Spring, Md., Morris’ father was a research biochemist at the National Cancer Institute. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Cornell University in 1959 and went on to earn his master’s (1962) and doctorate (1966) degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

He joined the Brockport faculty in the fall of 1967 after spending two years with the U.S. Peace Corps in Iran teaching biochemistry and chemistry at Shiraz University. While in Iran, Morris responded to an advertisement Brockport had placed in an academic career opportunities journal asking for applicants for a teaching position. Morris still recalls receiving the cable for a one year contract despite not being able to interview in person.
When he arrived, Morris successfully turned a semester-length biochemistry course into a yearlong course with laboratory and went on to lead a successful career here. In 1973, he received the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching. And from 1988-94, he led the department as chair. In 2009, he became a member of the College’s emeriti community, but Morris continued to work until last September as director of the College’s Pre-Professional Health Program.

In addition, Morris has demonstrated his leadership in making this gift to the College. “I would hope to encourage the development of a tradition of giving to support the programs at Brockport,” he said. “The College at Brockport (and all of SUNY) is relatively new at developing private giving, but private gifts are the traditions by which the great private colleges and universities of America have become great.”

“People of ordinary means are also generous in the causes they support,” he said.

There are many others—both current faculty and staff at the College and emeriti/retirees who have made significant contributions including current Vice President for Administration Lou Spiro and his wife Gene. Such contributions, both the roles played at the College and the philanthropy, are certainly greatly appreciated—and the philanthropy will memorialize them through the ages. In fact, this morning while waiting for the weather to improve I found it a refreshing walk down memories lane to visit the following links on Brockport’s website and see the names of both former colleagues and continuing friends.

http://www.brockport.edu/giving/guide/donor.html

http://www.brockport.edu/scholarships/c_scholarships.html

And speaking of “continuing friends” and memories, Sandy and I had a very pleasurable experience meeting Joe and Ellen Gilbert in Manhattan for dinner on Thursday evening except for one thing. I don’t know whether it was something I said—probably something I didn’t “said” at our last outing, but Joe presented me with a copy of the following poem written by Billy Collins, former U.S. poet laureate:

**Forgetfulness**

The name of the author is the first to go
followed obediently by the title, the plot,
the heartbreaking conclusion, the entire novel
which suddenly becomes one you have never read,
ever even heard of,

as if, one by one, the memories you used to harbor
decided to retire to the southern hemisphere of the brain,
to a little fishing village where there are no phones.

Long ago you kissed the names of the nine Muses goodbye
and watched the quadratic equation pack its bag, and even now as you memorize the order of the planets,

something else is slipping away, a state flower perhaps, the address of an uncle, the capital of Paraguay.

Whatever it is you are struggling to remember, it is not poised on the tip of your tongue, not even lurking in some obscure corner of your spleen.

It has floated away down a dark mythological river whose name begins with an L as far as you can recall, well on your own way to oblivion where you will join those who have even forgotten how to swim and how to ride a bicycle.

No wonder you rise in the middle of the night [emphasis supplied]
to look up the date of a famous battle in a book on war.
No wonder the moon in the window seems to have drifted Out of a love poem that you used to know by heart.

For your information, Joe, I don’t have to “rise in the middle of the night” to look anything up—that is when I remember! If you could be with me a 3:00 am when I am between deep sleep and a second or third rapid eye movement (REM) stage, I could probably wake up and fill you in on the missing gaps in our conversations. So, I still have a memory, it is just of little use, so, before I forget and end this “Update” prematurely, I am pleased to share with you that my good NBA colleague and friend, who was responsible for one of my fondest memories at Brockport—an oral/dance interpretation of his Holocaust Poems—will be receiving an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters and will serve as commencement speaker at the College’s Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony this year. See details below:

Honorary Degree Recipients Named

On behalf of SUNY’s Board of Trustees, Chancellor Nancy Zimpher, and The College at Brockport, President John R. Halstead is pleased to announce this year’s honorary degree recipients: Dr. William “Bill” Heyen and Ms. Anne Wilkes Tucker.

**Dr. William “Bill” Heyen** will be conferred an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters and will serve as our commencement speaker at the College’s Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 14, 2011, at 12:45 pm in the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Stadium. Dr. Heyen is an alumnus of the class of 1961, professor and poet-in-residence emeritus. As an English major, Dr. Heyen was an outstanding student-athlete and leader, including being named All-American in soccer in 1959 and 1960. After earning his MA and PhD degrees from Ohio University, he returned to his Alma Mater, serving the College and its students from 1967 through 2000, focusing on American Literature and creative writing. Dr. Heyen has been recognized by the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters, the John Simon Guggenheim
Memorial Foundation, the NY Foundation for the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts, to mention only a few.

Ms. Anne Wilkes Tucker will be conferred an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Fine Arts at the College’s Graduate Commencement Ceremony and will serve as our commencement speaker on Saturday, May 14, 2011, at 9 am in the Tuttle North Jim and John Vlogianitis Gymnasium. In 2001, Time Magazine honored Ms. Wilkes Tucker as “America’s Best Curator” for her outstanding accomplishments as founding curator of photography at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston (MFAH). She accepted this challenge a short time after earning her MFA in photographic history from Visual Studies Workshop (VSW) where she studied with VSW founder Nathan Lyons and famed historian, curator and photographer Beaumont Newhall, and where she also served as a trustee from 1980 through 1997. She has lectured throughout the US, Europe, Asia, and Latin America and has received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation. In 2005, she received the International Award from the Photographic Society of Japan and was listed among “The 100 Most Important People in Photography” by American Photo Magazine.

Congratulations Bill on a lifetime of achievement and thanks for your contributions and for the memories!

For the rest of you—if you think of it—remember to be remembered if you can!

Carpe diem,

Bud

March 12, 2012

Greetings,

I am very sorry to add to your inbox again but I just learned of two losses—one a beloved emerita and the other an alumnus and former professor. And, for those who knew them I want to share the schedule for their memorial services.

First, I am very sad to have to report the departure from this life of Eleanor Hamilton Cushing, affectionately known simply as “Ellie” and whom no one could know without affectionately holding her in high esteem. I had the pleasure of working with Ellie while she served with distinction as a senior administrator at the Educational Opportunity Center. Ellie was often on campus for meetings and events and regardless of the circumstances she always demonstrated an upbeat professionalism that was somehow infectious. After retirement, she continued to support SUNY Brockport activities by attending events held in Rochester. I believe the last time I saw Ellie was at an “Art of Fact” event in Rochester and I enjoyed talking with her and recall that she remained as upbeat and charming as always. Beyond her wonderful personality, she was an excellent administrator who was able to get even the tough assignments completed successfully because she was both love and respected by both her superiors and her subordinates. Her
leadership skills were impeccable.

I know her passing will bring back fond memories for many EOC emeriti and emeriti with whom she worked on the campus.

Following is her obituary from the Rochester D&C. If you are in the Brockport area please note that her memorial service is scheduled to be held within the next couple of hours—today at 11:00 am.

Cushing, Eleanor Hamilton
Pittsford: Passed away on March 9, 2012 at age 83. She is survived by her loving husband of 25 years, Charles; children, Joseph, Martha & Thomas Hamilton; step-children, Janet, Mark & Robert Cushing; 11 grandchildren; brother, James (Helen) Lyle.

Ellie was a long-time administrator at the Rochester Educational Opportunity Center of SUNY Brockport. She will always be remembered for her wonderful personality and her reaching out to family and friends.

Friends may call Monday, 4-7 PM at the funeral chapel (2305 Monroe Ave.). A Funeral Service will be held Tuesday, 11 AM at the All Seasons Chapel of White Haven Memorial Park, 210 Marsh Rd., Pittsford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Visiting Nurse Service, Meals on Wheels, 2180 Empire Blvd., Webster NY 14580.

To share a memory or photo of Ellie visit www.anthonychapels.com.

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Vincent J. Natale, an alumnus and former professor was before my time and likely before the time of many of you. However, many emeriti knew him because of his subsequent roles in the greater Rochester Community. Following is his obituary from the Rochester D&C. Please note that his memorial service is scheduled for 9:30 am on Wednesday.

Vincent J. Natale

Predeceased by his loving wife of 58 years, Gloria (Dalberth), and parents Lucia (DiSanta) and Antonio Natale; brothers William May, Albert Natale, Fr. Joseph Natale, Louis Natale; sisters, baby Rose, Louise Bartholomay & Elizabeth Zicari. Survived by his children, Barbara (Dr. John) Spoonhower, Thomas (Mary) Natale, and Karen (Mark) Natale-Atkins; grandchildren Dr. Christopher (Dr. Kimberly) Spoonhower, Jeffrey (Marie) Spoonhower, Paul Spoonhower, Vincent T. Natale, Luce Natale, Renae Atkins, and Michael Atkins; great grandchildren, Joshua Spoonhower, Sean Spoonhower, Claire Spoonhower, and Teresa Spoonhower; sister-in-law Rita (Louis) Natale; brother-in-law, Dr. Salvatore (Joan) Dalberth, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Vincent was a 1944 graduate of Madison High School where he excelled in basketball and soccer. He received a Bachelors Degree from SUNY Brockport and a Masters Degree from Penn State University. Vincent was a U.S. Coast Guard/Merchant Marine
veteran of WWII. He proudly devoted his entire professional life to education at Rochester City School District, Greece Central School District, SUNY Brockport and Monroe Community College (Professor Emeritus of Psychology). Vincent was totally dedicated to his family, who loved him and will miss him dearly. For more information about Vincent, visit www.aliferemembered.com

Vincent's visitation will be held 5-8PM on Tuesday at the funeral home, 1411 Vintage Ln (between Rte 390 & Long Pond Rd) His Funeral Mass will be celebrated 9:30AM on Wednesday at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 3003 Dewey Ave. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to the Palliative Center for Caring-St. Ann's Foundation, 1450 Portland Ave. Rochester, NY 14621 or the American Heart Association, PO Box 3049, E Syracuse NY 13220-3049.

Again, I am embarrassed and apologize for the removal of quotations marks, apostrophes, and other punctuation marks that seem to disappear from my updates when I upload them. Just go ahead and mentally put them back in as you read.

Best wishes to all,

Bud

March 13, 2011

Greetings,

I am sorry to be “a day late” on this but sadly I report the death of Stella O. DeTar who served the college and its students for many years in the Registrar’s Office. In a caring manner, she provided a welcome to students visiting that office for guidance and assisted in responding to their requests for transcripts while also helping with the tasks required in an office responsible for student records. Stella was friendly and outgoing and provided good service. We are sad to learn that she is no longer with us. As reported below in her obituary in the Rochester D&C her memorial service was yesterday and I regret not getting this out beforehand.

Brockport: March 7, 2011 at age 86. Predeceased by husband Francis "Bud" DeTar of 66 years. Also, predeceased by son Jeffrey (at age 17 in 1974), brothers Julius Ostrowski (WWII), Rudolph Ostrowski, Michael Ostrowski and loving sister, Helen Weeks. Survived by children Julie (George) Buckland, James (Cynthia) DeTar, Jon DeTar (Sharon Harding), Janis DeTar (Ron Koch), Joseph (Shari) DeTar, 10 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, sister Olga Puleo, sisters-in-law Virginia (Peter) DiPasquale and Annabelle (George) Mamo. Stella was born and raised in Clarendon, attending country schools thru 8th grade. She graduated from Holley High School, soon married her husband and followed him over the country during WWII until he was shipped overseas.

Friends may pay their respects at the Fowler Funeral Home Inc. 340 West Ave Brockport from 2 to 4 pm and 7 to 9 pm on Friday March 11. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at the Church of the Nativity of the B.V.M., Brockport at 10 am, Saturday March 12.
Interment at a future date at Mt. Olivet Cemetery next to her husband and son. Memorials may be made to the Sweden Senior Center or a charity of your choice. Please visit www.fowlerfuneralhomeinc.com to light a candle in Stella's memory.

Better news is in the information from Mike Andriatch that follows:

Dear emeriti and friends:

I would like to extend an invitation to all of you to a special event on Friday, April 8, when four of our most successful “entertainment” alumni, all of whom have had exceptional careers in different aspects of the business, return to campus from Hollywood to speak to our students, faculty, staff, alumni, emeriti and friends. Information about this exciting event follows:

Join us for a conversation with four of The College at Brockport’s entertainment industry success stories, followed by a question and answer session and a reception.

William Fichtner ’78 (Prison Break, Entourage, Crash); Jesse Goins ’74 (24, Boston Legal); Stu Krieger ’73 (Screenwriter, The Land Before Time); Paul Pape ’74 (Saturday Night Fever, Voice-over Artist)

Friday, April 8, 2011 at 3 pm
Tower Fine Arts Center
180 Holley Street
(585) 395-2451

Please feel free to bring any guests who may be fans of these “stars” or just have an interest in their craft. There will be a light reception after the symposium with an opportunity to meet with these alumni.

Any questions, please let me know. We hope to see you on April 8.

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Call for 2005-10 Brockport Authors

[This event is sponsored in collaboration with the College's 175th-Anniversary.]
Drake Memorial Library is planning a celebration of faculty/staff scholarship on Friday, April 8. We will be including a display of Brockport faculty/staff publications created from 2005-2010.
Drake Memorial Library is planning a celebration of faculty/staff scholarship on Friday, April 8. We will be including a display of Brockport faculty/staff publications created from 2005-2010. How can you help?

1. If you would like your work to be included in the 2005-2010 bibliography of Brockport publications, please submit to [http://brockport.edu/q/5ZJ](http://brockport.edu/q/5ZJ) by March 17. We are compiling citations from several sources and would like to ensure your books, peer-reviewed articles, DVDs and other scholarly works are included.

2. The library owns a limited number, but not all Brockport-authored materials. Please send or e-mail copies of published works you would like considered for inclusion in the library’s display to: Mary McGonigal, Drake Library (mmcgonig@brockport.edu). Authors are invited to autograph works that they would like to donate to Drake for possible inclusion in the library's collections, or indicate if you would like material returned in May.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the Faculty/Staff Scholarship Reception on Friday, April 8, 2-4 pm in Drake Lobby.

For more information, contact: Mary Jo Orzech, (585) 395-2141

Dave Hale has been back in the classroom. He and Peggy spent two weeks in Mexico teaching conversational English at La Universidad Tecnologica de Queretaro (UTEQ), about 150 miles north of Mexico City. UTEQ has 4,000+ students, a modern campus, and is making the transition from two-year to four-year status. The Language Department also teaches French and German. The Hales were with a group of seventeen Global Volunteers (check their web site). Typically, two to four Volunteers would go to a class, which would be divided into small groups. They did whatever the instructors wanted, from formal grammatical drills to just sitting and chatting. Dave always used a map to show that Brockport is far from New York City. Many classes were second-semester freshmen whose vocabularies were often quite limited. The first week the group met evening classes (5:00 p.m.-9:00), the second day students (7:00 a.m. on). There are no dorms, so students got up very early to get to class.

Founded by the Spanish in 1531, the city of Queretaro has an elegant historic center with churches, museums, parks, and restaurants. Important events in the city include the beginnings of the Mexican struggle for independence (1810), the defeat and execution of Emperor Maximilian (1867), and the signing of the Constitution (1917). The city also has extensive sprawl as the population approaches one million and the city overtakes Monterrey as the economic center of the country.

[David, sounds like you had a great experience and we are sure your work was appreciated. Thank you for sharing.]

Cheers,

Bud
March 14, 2011

Greetings,

A reminder – for planning purposes the College needs an RSVP for the following event:

_As part of the festivities associated with the College’s 175th anniversary, all emeriti and retirees from The College at Brockport, State University of New York, are invited to two special luncheons where you will hear about the growth, development and changing face of your favorite institution of higher learning. You are welcome to bring a guest._

_Tuesday, March 29, Noon to 1:30 pm_
_Seymour Union Ballroom_

_Provost Dr. Anne Huot presents:_
_The Academic Face of Brockport, Past, Present and Future:_
_A look at the recent re-structuring of Academic Affairs_

_The Provost,_
_will touch on other exciting academic initiatives, including the new School of Business, as well as some “teases” about the College’s Facility Master Plan._

_There is NO CHARGE for you to attend this event, but you must RSVP by the following date to be included:_

_Respond by Monday, March 21, for the March 29 lunch_

_You may RSVP by calling (585) 395-2451 or sending an email to alumni@brockport.edu_

_For more information, contact Mike Andriatch ’85, Executive Director of Advancement, (585) 395-5809; mandriat@brockport.edu or Brad Schreiber ’83, Executive Director of Development & Alumni Relations, (585) 395-5161; bschreib@brockport.edu_

Cheers,

Bud

March 16, 2011

While I pray not to hear from them I am grateful for those who inform me of news—even bad news—that needs to be shared.

Fortunately, we have all had the freedom to pursue our relatively narrow and unique pathways to our personal goals and aspirations for most of our lives. Unfortunately, the paths of aging peers, by nature’s laws, must converge at some point and thereafter we move with common purpose along a broader pathway that has room for more intense competition—the race in which we want to be the last to cross the “finish” line. Unfortunately, I have to report that for those of us who
knew and loved George J. Rentsch, a supreme educator and education administrator, he is no longer in the competition.

The College at Brockport was blessed that George, after a long career as a teacher and administrator in the Rochester City Schools, chose to finish his career in the Educational Administration Department. He served as professor with distinction from 1972 to 1983 and for some part of that, if memory serves me, he was chair of the department. A colleague, who is one of the most important emeriti at The College at Brockport but prefers anonymity, reminded me that George was selected and served as one of our Clinical Professors-in-Residence at Escola Americana do Rio de Janeiro as part of the College’s Program for American International Schools Overseas. But, I remember George Rentsch as just being a very dedicated educator and a remarkably good man. He was one of those who came to see me in the Human Resources Office as both an employee and chair that I would engage in conversation beyond his purpose because I enjoyed both his insights and his company. My last encounter with George after he retired, and maybe after I retired from The College at Brockport, was when I went to Greece-Ridge Mall early one morning and encountered George trying to wear out some new sneakers in an early morning exercise routine. We communicted briefly as “old friends”. Sadly, George will get no older-but hopefully, we, his competitors, will have much more time to “lose this race”! Following is George’s obituary from the Rochester D&C.

George J. Rentsch

Greece: On March 13, 2011. Predeceased by his beloved wife, Jerry. He is survived by children, Gary (Joan), David (Jacqui Bowman), Patricia (James) Kuhl, Robert (Kathleen) and grandchildren, Jessica, Jared Kuhl, Holly Kuhl, Atticus, Anthony, Nathaniel, Elizabeth, Victoria; sister-in-law Virginia Farrell; brother-in-law Don (Beverly) Clifford; many nieces and nephews.

Friends may attend his Memorial Service on Saturday, March 26, 11:00 AM at Bethany Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Bethany Presbyterian Church, 3000 Dewey Ave., Rochester, NY 14616 or Journey Home, 994 Long Pond Rd., Rochester, NY 14626.

George, you were an excellent traveler along your chosen narrow pathway as an educator through this life and those who knew you truly regret your departure from the broader path competition!

Bud

April 9, 2011

Greetings,

In June 2010, as part of an annual passage of former Assistant to the President Joe Lawrence through the Brockport area, he and a group of associates from the College, that was to have included former hockey coach EJ McGuire, made a sojourn to Chautauqua Lake to enjoy some
time with former President Albert W. Brown and Vice President Ralph P. Gennarino. Unfortunately, two events prevented everyone from being together at the same time. EJ was held up in traffic on the bridge from Canada and other members of the group had early evening commitments in Brockport that held them to a fixed departure time. As the Brockport group departed they talked with EJ by cell phone as he was nearing Chautauqua Lake after which he had an enjoyable time with Dr. Brown and Joe Lawrence as the rest of us continued traveling back to Brockport. After an “Update” that began with: “No bad news allowed in the Update” that included a lot of news about the College and SUNY, E. J. emailed me this note:

...a particularly thought-provoking edition, Bud. Thanks! I read them all, though summertime is unfortunately the only time when I can shake myself free enough to make the odd commentary.

As you know, at mutual friend (and old curmudgeon) Joe's prompting, I recently spent a wonderful couple of hours on Dr. Brown's back porch discussing the rise and fall of Chautauqua Lake and other important topics. I must try to repeat. It was an exercise in right-brain thinking in which I (sadly) too infrequently engage. I'm sure he [Note by Bud -- he meant Dr. Brown I presume] would have some insightful comments on the discourse below on SUNY [Note by Bud – not included here].

All the best to you and Sandy. Keep the emails coming. Thanks again, E. J.

[E. J. McGuire]
Hockey Operations
National Hockey League

Recently, while making plans to repeat the get-together, we received shocking news that E. J. was seriously ill and would not be able to “repeat!” On Thursday, April 7th we learned that E. J. McGuire, former hockey coach, and if memory serves me, briefly the Director of Athletics at The College at Brockport, had died. Accolades immediately appeared on the internet and the sports news for this former Brockport student, coach and administrator (late 70s to 83). More information about his career and plans for memorials follows. While I am not a great hockey fan, I am an E.J. fan and I will cherish my exchanges with him before he became ill after we had recently reconnected after many years.

Rochester D&C
Former Brockport State player and hockey coach EJ McGuire, who began his pro coaching career under Mike Keenan with the Calder Cup champion Rochester Americans in 1982-83, died on Wednesday night after a five-month battle with cancer. He was 58.

McGuire, whose given name was Edward John, had been vice president of the NHL’s Central Scouting Bureau since 2005. He was diagnosed with a rare, incurable form of cancer, Leiomyosarcoma, in October.

He spent nine seasons as an NHL assistant coach, seven under Keenan with the Philadelphia Flyers and Chicago Blackhawks. He also served as head coach of the

McGuire played four seasons of hockey at Brockport and graduated in 1975. He became the Golden Eagles head coach in 1977-78 and had a 44-74-1 record when he left after the 1981-82 season.

He joined Keenan as a volunteer assistant coach with the Amerks in 1982-83.

McGuire is survived by his wife, Terry, and daughters Jacqueline and Erin.

Thursday, 04.07.2011 / 11:17 AM / News NHL.com

NEW YORK/TORONTO – Edward John "EJ" McGuire, Vice President of NHL Central Scouting Bureau, one of the most beloved, respected and accomplished men in all of hockey, died today in Toronto from cancer at the age of 58.

A head coach at the collegiate, junior and AHL levels and an assistant coach for three NHL organizations over 12 seasons and a scout for two Clubs, McGuire had been the Director of the NHL's Central Scouting Department since 2005. In his many and various roles in nearly four decades in the sport, the effervescent Buffalo native, who held undergraduate and Master's degrees from the State University of New York at Brockport, touched and educated thousands of players, coaches and fans.

"The National Hockey League was privileged to benefit from EJ's expertise and enthusiasm, both of which were limitless. ... The NHL family has suffered a tremendous loss. As we celebrate EJ's contributions and mourn his passing, we send our condolences -- and our gratitude -- to EJ's family and friends."

-- NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman

"The National Hockey League was privileged to benefit from EJ's expertise and enthusiasm, both of which were limitless," NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman said. "EJ loved scouting games and loved the internal debates over the strengths and weaknesses of Entry Draft prospects. The way he ran Central Scouting made it vitally important to every one of our Clubs.

"The NHL family has suffered a tremendous loss. As we celebrate EJ's contributions and mourn his passing, we send our condolences -- and our gratitude -- to EJ's family and friends."

After the untimely passing of EJ McGuire, the following visitation and funeral arrangements have been made:

VISITATION: Glen Oaks Memorial Gardens
3164 Ninth Line
Oakville, Ontario L6H7A8
(905)257-8822
Monday, April 11 from 4 PM to 8 PM
Tuesday, April 12 from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM
Luncheon reception immediately following.

Any charitable donations can be made in EJ's name to any charity, but especially to the Ian Anderson House (www.ianandersonhouse.com) which was the palliative care center EJ was in or as amended by the family, please make donations payable to "Benefit for the Children of Edward (EJ) McGuire". Donations accepted at any M & T Bank Branch or mailed to 2180 Union Rd. West Seneca, N.Y. 14224. All donations are kindly appreciated. This is a non-profit set up and is tax deductible. (EIN# 38-38-37096)

Again, thank you all for your continued prayers.

E.J. we are sorry that you will be missing at our “repeat” this year. Unfortunately, “repeat” possibilities are extinguished in exponential speed for many of those who receive these “Updates” but it was much too soon for your repeats to end. You will be sorely missed by family, friends, former players and your associates in the NHL.

Better news is that Henry Bretton has shared another memory of his experience in World War II. In 2001, I shared an earlier World War II story of Henry Bretton’s experiences that was also published in Brockport Statements in December of that year. Henry, thank you for sharing! There are so many such stories remaining for the “telling” in the minds of the remaining World War II veterans that should be captured before they are lost forever.

Two World War II Mysteries, or SNAFUs, Cleared Up.

By

Henry L Bretton

How a single short sentence in a book read sixty-five years after a series of SNAFUs towards the end of the war in Europe, cleared up for me two mysteries involving two Generals and the US Military Intelligence team of which I am proud to have been a member.

It was early 1945, when six of us, including two officers, just arrived from the US, reported for duty at our Paris HQ. After a few formalities, we were asked to step outside into a beautiful garden. Soon a Major appeared to ask a simple question. Did we wish to remain together as a team? Our unanimous response was affirmative. In that case, the Major informed us without missing a beat; we had to volunteer for parachute duty. Accepting the invitation, we were directed to report for parachute training at a base in northern France. Upon arrival at the base, after being issued parachute battle dress, we were informed that our orders had been changed. No parachuting. Instead we were to report for unspecified action to an Allied command post, near the town of Wesel.

On a day early in February, courtesy of British Commandos establishing a bridgehead during the night, we proceeded to cross the iconic German river, the Rhine. Even if British Commandos
played a part, nothing suggested to us that we were not still under American command. We did not have to swim across. Thanks to a suddenly materializing detachment of the US Coast Guard we crossed on a swiftly constructed pontoon bridge. There the next SNAFU awaited us. After no more than four hours on the eastern side of the river, before we could interrogate our first prisoners, we learned that our orders had once again been changed. We were ordered to return to our Paris HQ. There we learned that we had now been transferred to the Third Army under Gen. Patton. Unbeknownst to us, the Wesel crossing of the Rhine was a top-secret operation, code name “Varsity”. The operation was so secret in fact that even after the war, maps showing Allied Rhine crossings, did not show our crossing. I was left wondering for years where I had crossed the Rhine.

Ordered to report a.s.a.p. to Gen. Patton, we raced, in two jeeps, from Paris through south-eastern France into Germany. As Patton’s Third Army had progressed faster than planned, we were never certain whether the area near the town or village we drove through had been entirely cleared of German troops. I learned later that some had not. No unpleasant incidents, we reached Patton near the German town of Kassel in what seemed to us in record time. It turned out the General did not see it that way. Our CO, a First Lieutenant, found the General standing on a raised platform, about to address his troops. Permission to approach the General granted, the Lt. saluted smartly and reported our arrival. The General’s response was shock. “Where have you (expletive) guys been?” he thundered in his well-known temperamental style. “If you had come another (expletive) day later, you would have missed the (expletive) war”!!

It turned out that his Third Army’s unplanned rapid progress against the enemy had produced a shortage of maps, urgently calling for Military Intelligence, the eyes and ears of advancing armies. He probably was informed about Operation Varsity and knew where we were located at the time we had been re-assigned to his force. Thus, he could not understand why a trip half a day’s distance had taken nearly twice as long. Alas, he accepted us and attached to an Armored Reconnaissance Squadron we took part in several battles under his command before the war ended in Europe. I earned the Bronze Star for one exploit during the Battle of the Ruhr.

One night, shortly after Christmas, 2010, sixty-five years after our wartime experience on the Rhine, I proceeded to enjoy my bed-time reading, a book about the Office of Strategic Services (OSS.) I was in for a surprise. One single sentence on p.243, dealing with “Operation Varsity” virtually lit up. There I read:

“Varsity was the airborne phase of General Montgomery’s crossing of the Rhine at Wesel.” There it was. We did cross the Rhine at Wesel, part of a British operation under the command of Field Marshall Montgomery. Now at long last cleared up, in one short sentence, were the particulars of the Wesel crossing and the reasons for General Patton’s irate reception of our team. This was the first and only mention of the crossing of the Rhine at Wesel that had come to my attention over the years. Apparently, our crossing via pontoon bridge was part of an operation to create a landing area for Allied gliders and parachutists on the eastern side of the Rhine. It was the area into which we had originally been destined to parachute when we first reported to Paris Headquarters.

General Patton and Field Marshall Montgomery were bitter rivals. General Patton regarded Montgomery, commander of a disastrous operation in the Netherlands, grossly overrated, differing with his British colleague on virtually every proposed strategy or tactic to bring the war
in Europe to an end. Presumably, when Patton learned that an urgently needed American Military Intelligence team had been assigned to his British rival, he demanded that General Eisenhower, the commander of Allied forces in Europe, order the immediate transfer of the team to his command. Then when the team did not reach him as expected - - as he saw it - - he blew up.

*Immediately after the war in Europe ended, I was transferred from Military Intelligence (MIS) to become an agent in the Secret Intelligence section of OSS. Hence my interest in that book “Operatives, Spies, and Saboteurs. The Unknown Story of World War II’s OSS.”

[Henry, thank you for sharing this story! And, FYI, your note to me upon my retirement from Brockport remains one of my cherished possessions! Best regards from all of your emeriti associates.]

Emeriti and current faculty and staff continue to lend financial support to The College at Brockport to support student success. Here is a record of a couple of recent support events:

**Roxanne and John Johnston** Create Three Scholarships in Honor of Family and a Dear Friend

Roxanne Johnston, vice president for advancement and president of the Brockport Foundation, and her husband, John, have created three scholarships in honor of family members and a dear friend.

[http://www.brockport.edu/eagle/view_item.php?id=1720](http://www.brockport.edu/eagle/view_item.php?id=1720)

**Betsy Balzano.**

Planned Gift to Support Partnership between College and Rochester City Schools

Distinguished Service Professor Dr. Betsy Balzano has made a planned gift to The College at Brockport to support partnerships between the College and high schools in the Rochester City School District.

Balzano, who joined the Brockport faculty in 1971, teaches graduate classes in math, science and technology, supervises student teachers and coordinates the Brockport/Edison School Partnership.

“The favorite part of my job is teaching and working in the schools with the teachers and student teachers,” said Balzano.

The gift to the Edison/Brockport Partnership is the latest in a long history of giving by Balzano to the College. In addition, Balzano has made a generous cash gift to support this important program.
The youngest of six children to immigrant parents, Balzano was the only one in her family to attend college. Her father and mother, from Ireland and England, respectively, made their home in Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Balzano took advantage of Rhode Island’s public higher education system and received her bachelor’s degree in mathematics and science from Rhode Island College.

“I wouldn’t have been able to go to college unless it had been a public education institution,” said Balzano. “I really believe in supporting public institutions and people who are first-generation college students.”

Balzano decided to further her education when she was living in Florida, where she was teaching at a junior high school. She earned her master’s degree in biochemistry and doctorate in science education from Florida State University. When she decided to return to the Northeast, she obtained a teaching position at Brockport and made a successful career here.

In making these gifts, Balzano is demonstrating her commitment and leadership to the College. “I believe that it is important to contribute to the College as resources get less and less,” she said. “The reason I give is because I believe in public education and the need to support the College,” said Balzano. “We need to provide for the people who come after us, in particular the students in Rochester who probably would not be able to even consider college without some financial support.”

Finally, if you are in the Brockport area and have time, the 22nd Gerry D’Agostino Memorial Lecture “The Rewards of Service” will be presented on Monday, April 11, 2011 at 7:30 pm in the New York Room in Cooper Hall at The College at Brockport. Features speakers are Beverly J. Ziegler, Ed.D and Rocco Aiello.

Best regards – if you enjoy something or someone – “repeat, repeat, repeat” as often as possible while time remains on your side!

Bud

April 22, 2011

Greetings,

Aging certainly can have its unsettling consequences. We go about our daily routines with our minds thinking we are much the same as we were when we were 18 years old as we kind of live each day with some anticipation of sameness. We are blessed by many events that occur that are pleasant! As examples, within the past year an esteemed former Chair of the Counselor Education Department and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, a former Director of the Educational Communications Center whose center was said by former SUNY Vice Chancellor Kenneth MacKenzie to be the best in SUNY in the 1970s had a significant birthday, and I had the opportunity to refuse the invitation of a retired philosopher, who is senior to me in age, to punch him in the stomach as hard as I could. I refused because I knew I’d be the one...
injured if I accepted. Although those referenced, along with the rest of us who have been fortunate enough to pile on the years in relatively good health, probably can attribute some longevity success to a good gene pool, I am sure that many also attribute this success in the aging process to good exercise habits, including taking advantage of the facilities that became available as a result of working in a college environment.

While the examples above are the expected “sameness” things that we want to hear about, and those that make us happy and content with our stations in life, another unsettling consequence-of-aging-event has occurred--the loss of someone who likely was instrumental in helping many of us recognize that exercise was good for longevity but whose life was cut short despite his own best efforts. I recently learned that Bob Sinclair who was Assistant Director of Recreation under Director James Gillette and then Director himself, died on Saturday, April 9th at age 64. I have fond memories of Bob’s efforts to encourage us all to use the recreation/exercise facilities at the college and I thank him for giving me, along with many other faculty and staff, an orientation (for me more than once) to the nautilus room and all its equipment. He loved his work and loved to invite and encourage faculty and staff to participate in recreational programs.

I was also fortunate to know Bob outside of work and have many fond memories of playing cards with a group that included college associates Terry Hover, Tom Nugent, Chris Schrank, Gary Kenny, Bob, myself, and Fred Stoeffel, among others, from the Brockport community who joined us from time to time. While Bob was a big hearted and fun loving guy he was serious about work and his contributions to the “greater good” through his work with the Rotary. Pat Baker has shared comments about Bob from Mo Beers which she passed on for me to share:

I knew him well, both from the college and Rotary. The Rotary club used to supply Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners to needy families in Brockport that Bob organized and used his van to deliver. I remember it as a great feeling of giving and fellowship. We had to end it when the schools would no longer supply us with the names of families in need. Good memories. I would also add that Bob was the inspiration for and the first recipient of the Brockport Rotary's Irv Kropman Award for dedication and service back in 1993 and was Club president in 1989-90.

Following is Bob’s obituary as reported by the Mohnke Funeral Home in Big Rapids, Michigan:

Big Rapids – Robert Edward Sinclair, 64, of Big Rapids, passed away Saturday, April 9, 2011 at Spectrum Health Butterworth.

He was born September 19, 1946 in Providence, Rhode Island, the son of Robert and Jessie Anne (LaLonde) Sinclair, and was raised in Garden City, MI. Following his graduation from Garden City High School in 1964, Bob was a musician in the U. S. Navy.

After being honorably discharged, Bob earned his B.S. Degree in Education from Eastern Michigan University, and his Master of Education degree from Ohio University. He worked at SUNY College in Brockport, NY as Director of Intramural Sports, until moving to Big Rapids in 1995, where he was Director of Student Recreation at Ferris State University until retiring in February 2008.
Bob was a member of the Mid-Michigan Officials Association and for many years officiated high school football and softball games. He was active in the Big Rapids Rotary Club, and in 2009 began the Rotary program to provide Thanksgiving meals for area needy families. Bob was also a champion skeet shooter, and enjoyed deer hunting.

On October 10, 2008, he married Sandy Jacobsen, who survives. Also surviving are 2 step-sons, Eric (Amy) Jacobsen of Kirkwood, PA, Pete (Brandy) Jacobsen of Fairbanks, AK; 2 grandchildren, Avery and Evelyn; his brother Daniel (Karen) of Wayne; 4 sisters, Peggy (Jim) Burklow of Garden City, Kathi Sinclair (Steve Platt) of Carson City, NV, Eileen White of Warren, and Linda Sinclair of Garden City; dear friends Mike Haas, Ed and Bonnie Dorman, Bob and Bonnie Meadows, Marty Kelley, Donna and Norm Lyttle, and Barb and Jim Dyer; and several nieces and nephews. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, his brother-in-law Noel White, and dear friend Dan Kelley.

Memorial services for Bob [were at] 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 23, 2011 at the Mohnke Funeral Home in Big Rapids, with friend Ed Dorman officiating. Following cremation, burial will be in the Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Garden City later this spring. Memorial contributions can be made in his name to the Rotary Club in Big Rapids, MI to help continue community projects. Contributions can be left at the funeral home or mailed directly to the Big Rapids Rotary Club at PO Box 521, Big Rapids, MI 49307. Bob’s family greet[ed] friends at the funeral home after 10:00 a.m. on Saturday until time of services.

Unsettling as the occurrence of deaths in our peer group can be, we hurry to return to the security of “sameness”. Before doing so, we mourn Bob’s death, cherish his memory, and thank him for his contributions in this life.

Better news is that Jim Horn was recently surprised when he was invited to a cocktail party at Universidad Internacional and walked into an ovation and porras from about 60 teachers, staff, and administrators and then learned that he was the first recipient of a new honor—Distinguished Member of the University. There were three speeches before the Rector presented Jim the wood and bronze plaque, then a musical video presentation filled with photos of him at school events over many years. Jim was being recognized for his 31 years of service to Universidad Internacional. Jim had served 8 years with other schools in Mexico before Universidad Internacional opened so he has served higher education in Mexico for nearly 40 years, the majority of that service being performed while he was employed by The College at Brockport. We send our congratulations to Jim Horn upon his receipt of this very special recognition.

Best regards,

Bud

April 25, 2011

Greetings,

As I enter the date on this “Update” I am reminded of the birthday of the late Oliver Spaulding, the Dean of Students when I arrived in Brockport many years ago. In fact, because I arrived 10
years before emerita Margay Blackman who will be mentioned later in this update and who retired with 30 years of service, you probably are surprised that I would remember such trivia. But, Ollie was still at the College when our first son was born on Ollie’s birthday so over the years until his death we often communicated at this time of year because we had a common reminder to stay in touch. So, today as we celebrate our elder son’s birth, I reflect also on some fond memories of the “Spaulding years” at The College at Brockport.

Among those fond memories is the hospitality shown to me by my neighbors in Vanderhoof Hall when I first arrived at Brockport in 1967. Among those who helped me become oriented and dedicated to the College was a person who remains a dear friend and colleague to this day. That person continues to work tirelessly for the College on many committees assisting the Advancement Office and helping to ensure that we remember the past and its players as the College looks to the future. This individual is Jeanette D’Agostino Banker, my best reporter, and a person who prefers to work behind the scenes, not in the limelight. However, since others have chosen to publicly recognize her for her extraordinary contributions as an educator and as a nearly life-long supporter of The College at Brockport I hope she will forgive me for my indiscretion today. I am pleased to share with you that Jeanette D’Agostino Banker is to receive the Frederica Hollister Pi State Professional Educators Award from Delta Kappa Gamma International Society on Sunday, May 1, 2011 in Syracuse, New York. In accordance with the guidelines, the recipient of this award shall be a woman who has exemplified the best in education and has had considerable visibility, making a significantly positive impact in New York State and possibly nationally with her experiences and contributions to education. Her contributions should be varied, widely known and well documented over a period of 5 years. She may be either an active or retired member of the teaching profession. For Jeanette D’Agostino Banker this award honors her many diverse contributions to the field of education and The College at Brockport over several decades such as her student teaching programs overseas (Rio de Janeiro and Brazil, for examples), for her work in the schools in the greater Rochester area, for her support to her former department, and for her extensive work in creating the “ties that bind” between The College at Brockport and its alumni, emeriti, supporters from the community, and other former faculty and staff. We “Cherish Her Heritage” as we send her our love and our congratulations along with our thanks for the outstanding service for which she is being recognized.

If you don’t remember Vanderhoof Hall, check out: [http://www.brockport.edu/archives/life/living.html](http://www.brockport.edu/archives/life/living.html)

The person I mentioned earlier, Margay Blackman, continues to be active on behalf of the College and the greater Brockport community as an emerita. Since her retirement in 2007 following 30 years of service to The College at Brockport as a teacher and researcher, she has served as a member of the Village’s Historic Preservation Board, as a Welcome Center Greeter, and a founding member of Walk/Bike Brockport committee, and as chair of the Village of Brockport’s Tree Board. She now is looking to add to these contributions as a Village Trustee and is running in an election for that role to be held on June 21, 2011. While we remember and thank Margay for her contributions at The College at Brockport we also thank her for the commitment she continue to make and for her aspirations for another significant role in the
Brockport community. And, we bring to your attention as special event scheduled by the Tree Board that celebrates The College at Brockport’s 175th anniversary as outlined below:

To commemorate the College at Brockport’s 175th anniversary, join the Village of Brockport Tree Board in planting 17 trees on College and Utica Streets.

FRIDAY APRIL 29TH
10:00—noon, rain or shine
Meet on the Hartwell Hall lawn by the Alumni House
Attire: Dress to dig
Shovels furnished
Snacks and refreshments following

For more information, contact Margaret Blackman, mblackma@brockport.edu

I am sorry if I have missed news from anyone. I am now trying to balance 4 different email accounts and sometimes things disappear from view quickly. Through July the best email to use for sharing things with me remains rmeade@sunymaritime.edu even if you are receiving the “Updates” from my Brockport email address (mostly the rochester rr group).

We are happy to report that yesterday we had another “half-day in a row” of decent weather in NYC since around December 25th—I believe that matches a record set a week or so ago but thankfully, after today the forecast suggests that we may finally see spring before the end of the week.

Best regards,

Bud

April 30, 2011

Greetings,

Both the weather and the news belie the calendar’s message of spring and instead they cause us to continue to have the winter blues. There is untold misery in the weather reports as well as in the news of serious illness and death among our friends and former colleagues. However, within all the turmoil we are grateful for the many caregivers—both those who help others recover from natural disasters and those who care for those for whom there is likely no possibility of recovery. They are true heroes as are the victims of disasters, or disease, who struggle to face each day and make the most of it in spite of their circumstances. Today, with permission to share their situation in an “Update”, I honor two of these heroes who have been among my best friends since my undergraduate days at SUNY Geneseo. One was best man in our wedding and before that we have fond memories of playing cards at their house on Friday evenings during college. Over the years, we have shared with them many of the joys and the trials of life.
I speak of Terry Hover, former Director of the College Union/Student Activities, and later, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, and his wife Gayle. Together they successfully fought through Terry’s heart problems a few years ago but over the past two years they have been in a desperate battle against cancer. Until recently Terry and Gayle have fought the noble battle with support of a small group of close friends—never complaining, always understanding their difficult circumstances, and always attempting to find the silver lining. At this time, I think a great “silver lining” for both Terry and Gayle would be to know that they have the prayers and support of a wider group of friends and former colleagues. They can be reached by email at: tghover@frontiernet.net, by mail at 43 Havenwood Drive, Brockport, New York 14420 or by phone at 585-637-4777.

Terry and Gayle, you should know that you are in the minds, hearts and prayers of your many friends and former colleagues as you continue in your efforts to delay what is the inevitable physical end for all mankind. We send you peace and love!

Before we leave the winter blues, there is other sad news to report. This week we learned that Perry Fuller, a beloved former pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Brockport who is known to many of you has begun his own battle with cancer. You can find out more by visiting the website for the Bethesda by the sea church in Palm Beach at http://www.bbts.org/ where you’ll also find a link to Pam and Perry’s blog at http://www.perryandpam.info/ . We send our prayers to Perry, Pam and the Fuller family as they engage in this battle.

Better news is that The College at Brockport has announced the 2011 recipients of Chancellor’s Awards and I still recognize a few names. The recipients are:

2011 Chancellor's Award Recipients
The College is pleased to announce this year’s Chancellor’s Award winners.
The Chancellor's Award winners will be honored at the 35th Annual College Recognition Dinner on May 2 in the Seymour College Union Ballroom.

Please offer your congratulations to the following recipients:

Ms. Debra Ames, Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Librarianship
Mr. Thomas Dreyer, Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Professional Service
Dr. Baban Hasnat, Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching
Dr. Markus Hoffmann, Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities
Dr. Alisa James, Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching
Ms. Marsha Moss, Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Classified Service
Dr. Andrea Ciliotta-Rubery, Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching
Dr. Margie Lovett-Scott, Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Faculty Service

This information was posted on the Daily Eagle which you should be able to access at: http://www.brockport.edu/eagle/view.php if you don’t already get this information because you have continued to use your Brockport email address.
May 16, 2011

Jack Wolsky has a special event to celebrate Father’s Day this year. He and his daughters are showing their works at a Father-Son/Daughter Art Show at A Different Path Gallery, 27 Market Street, Brockport, New York 14420. I was excited to hear about their participation in this show. I was also happy to hear that Brockport now has an Art Gallery.

The show is entitled: “generational influence-Father-Son-Daughter Art Show”. It will run from June 3 to June 26, 2011 with a reception scheduled from 5:30 – 9:00 pm on June 10, 2011. Otherwise, gallery hours are:

   Wednesday-Thursday-Saturday 10 am-5 pm
   Friday 10 am-7pm
   Sunday Noon-4pm

The artists for this show:
   Milford Apetz-Jennifer Apetz
   Richard Harvey-Eric Harvey
   Jack Wolsky-Bonnie Wolsky Farid & Marsha Wolsky-Carson

[encaustic painting – watercolor – mixed media – printmaking – sculpture]

For more information and directions to the gallery go to www.differentpathgallery.com. Make sure you click on the link to the “Gallery Page” once you are on this page and you’ll see all of the various activities scheduled at the gallery.

If you are in the area any time between June 3rd and June 26th, make sure to stop by the gallery and lend support to Jack Wolsky and his daughters, the other artists, and this cultural center located right in the heart of downtown Brockport. If you are able I am sure Jack would love to see colleagues and friends at the reception on June 10th.

Cheers,

Bud

June 9, 2011
Greetings,

Sandy and I are just back from a wonderful trip to Charleston, South Carolina for parts of the Spoleto Festival. We enjoyed a nice array of musical, theatre and dance events and we highly recommend this annual festival. While in Charleston we also enjoyed some small world experiences of the type the late Ingo “Pete” Petersen and I shared in emails, and in an “Update”, a couple of years ago. Ours included an art exhibitor who grew up in Geneseo, a waitress who is a recent graduate of Brockport and hoping to land a teaching job in Charleston, and the Assistant Manager/Wine Steward at “Husk”, a new and exceptional restaurant in Charleston, who graduated from my high school in 1998. Friends who made the trip with us had a nice exchange in the hotel swimming pool with a man visiting from Fairport. These interactions added to the enjoyment of visit.

I regret that the trip prevented me from the timely sharing of the sad news of the passing of Ted Starr, Professor Emeritus of Biological Sciences. Ted and I had had frequent exchanges via email until about a year ago when I was no longer sure my emails were reaching him. I also regret that I was never able to meet with him to get his war stories that he wanted to share. Ted participated in D-Day, June 6, 1944, and had kept in touch with some other D-Day survivors. Maybe now he can share stories with those that did not survive on D-Day as he joins them on the other side. Ted was a quiet but very thoughtful man and I enjoyed my contact with him over the years and especially appreciated his competence as a department chair. I am sorry to see him pass but pleased that I had the opportunity to know him. Following is his obituary from the Rochester D&C.

Starr, Theodore J.

Albion: Passed away peacefully at home after a short illness on June 1, 2011, at age 86. He was predeceased by his father, Maurice Starr; mother, Fannie Starr Smulewitz, nee Blank; brothers, Mortimer & Daniel Starr. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Charmaine, nee Paradis; children, Celeste (Mark) Frohm, Diana (Sam) Barber, Leonard (Nancy) Starr; grandchildren, Jeffrey, Aaron, Rachel Frohm, Lauren, Margaret, William, Scott Barber, Jack, Logan Starr. Ted was a member of the VFW, American Legion and was Professor Emeritus at SUNY Brockport.

Ted Starr served in World War II in the US Army Medical Corps, Fourth Infantry Division. Ted landed on Utah Beach on D-Day and then served in Europe until the war ended.

After the war, Ted returned to college and later received a PhD in Marine Microbiology from the University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. Ted taught and conducted research in several universities from Georgia to Western New York.

Ted moved his family to Western New York in 1970 when he accepted the position of Chairman of the Biological Sciences Department at SUNY Brockport. Ted taught within that department until he retired as Professor Emeritus in 1989.
Throughout his scientific career, Ted published about 100 research papers in the fields of Microbiology and Virology.

Funeral Services [were] held FRIDAY (Today) at 2 PM in the Nature Trail Gazebo of White Haven Memorial Park, 210 Marsh Road, Pittsford. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675.

I’ll break up the sad news with an invite for you to participate in an event to celebrate the work of James Dusen, photographer emeritus. Mike Andriatch and Brad Schreiber have shared the following with me for distribution:

“The Brockport College is looking forward to honoring Jim for his years of exceptional service to the College through his photography. He, as everyone well knows, was at just about every event that ever happened on this campus and the stories he can tell through pictures and words are just incredible. The awards he has won for his work are distinguished and, beyond his expertise, he is just such a great guy! Through the efforts of former Foundation Board Chair, Will Hunter, this photo wall project has become a reality and we are so pleased to be able to honor Jim in this way.”

The Brockport Foundation invites you to the unveiling of the James Dusen Photo Wall

Monday, June 13
5:30-7:00 pm

Ribbon Cutting at 5:30 pm, 3rd floor classroom wing
Reception immediately to follow, Grand Hallway

MetroCenter
55 St. Paul Street
Rochester, NY

RSVP by June 9
(585) 395-2451 or kehret@brockport.edu

For more information contact
Kim Ehret ’05
Assistant Director of Donor Relations
585-395-5124 or kehret@brockport.edu

The College’s emeritus photographer, James Dusen, generously donated ten photographs to make this collection.

Jim Horn reports that he is back in Mexico after a month in Brockport with a one week escape to Savannah/Charleston. We had hoped to be able to see Jim when we were in Brockport recently but he was, at that time, enjoying the Spoleto Festival in Charleston. While we could not do so,
Jim was pleased to have been able to attend the President’s Luncheon while in Brockport where he heard about the future of the college and enjoyed the opportunity to see a lot of emeriti.

Sadly, I also have another passing to share. While I did not know him very well I do have memories of Dick Bonalewicz when he was baseball coach at the college in the 1970s. However, I was unaware of his military record as recorded in his obituary. With all of his causes and accomplishments I think that his choice for donations, in lieu of flowers, to the Brockport Foundation, is a testament to his memories of his experiences at the college—an example for those of us who have been rewarded as a result of our relationship to the college to follow. We honor this former coach who touched the lives of former students of The Brockport College and who chose to honor Brockport students with any memorial contributions. Following is his obituary from the Erie Times-News.

Lt. Col. Dr. Richard M. Bonalewicz, USAF Ret. (70) lost his battle with lung cancer June 3. Survivors include his wife, Marcia Will Bonalewicz, North East; daughters, Joanna, Neb., Kristal and Carrie, Md.; and siblings, SMSgt. Mathew A. Bonalewicz USAF Ret. and his wife CMSgt. Connie Bonalewicz USAF Ret., Va., Bob W. Bonalewicz, Mass., Kathleen August and her husband, James, Nev., and Marianne Bonalewicz, Mass.; also nine nieces and nephews; nine grand-nieces and nephews; aunts; uncles; cousin; and friends. He was an All-American athlete excelling in baseball, football and basketball. He attended Colby College (BS) ME, California State University at Sacramento, (Master's) and University of Oregon Eugene (PhD). He taught at SUNY Brockport, RIT, Gannon University and Mercyhurst College NE, coaching baseball at Brockport, RIT and Gannon. He was an Air Force Navigator in Vietnam, a Reserve Liaison for the Air Force Academy and a proud veteran. Bonalewicz was affiliated with numerous professional and coaching organizations, American Legion Post 105 and the local AFS organization as father and mentor to over 20 students from around the world. An ardent traveler, he visited over 160 countries. Friends will be received at the W. Tad Bowers Funeral Home, 92 S. Lake St., North East, Pa. on Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. and are invited to attend a celebration of his life there on Thursday at 11 a.m. Burial will be with honors at Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations made payable to Brockport Foundation: Golden Eagle Baseball Team, 350 New Campus Drive, Brockport, NY 14420. Place "In memory of Coach Dick Bonalewicz" in the remarks section of the check would be greatly appreciated. To send condolences, please visit www.bowersfuneralhome.com.

The rainy commencement at the college caused some speeches to be cut short. You can access Bill Heyen’s full speech at: http://www.brockport.edu/commencement/BillHeyen.html

In closing, on our return from Charleston we had time to stop in Alexandria, Virginia to visit our son Eric’s family for an overnight and, amongst other things, discuss Eric’s latest passion—the eradication of poverty from the world. For an example, visit http://www.ssireview.org/opinion/entry/poor_economics_needs_a_theory/. We hope that his voice and others with similar goals get an appropriate audience.

Respectfully,
Greetings,

Sorry but in this update the bad news far outweighs the good news! There so little good news that I have to report that I’d leave it for last to give you some uplifting at the end but one of the good-news items is time-sensitive so I will do the good new first.

One good news item that has been reported before is the recognition bestowed upon Jim Horn in Mexico recently. However, as a follow up to that story, I am able to report that Universidad Internacional has posted its video in Jim's honor on “YouTube”...the ceremony took place April 14, naming him the first recipient of a new honor, Distinguido Miembro de la Universidad. It celebrated his 30 years of work in international education, bringing hundreds of college and adult students to Cuernavaca. The link is: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=biXNtk1-ElU.

The time sensitive piece is that the Bill Evans Dance Company will present a concert of award-winning choreography in the Hartwell Dance Theater on Thursday, June 30, at 7:30. A discounted ticket, only $5, is offered to all Brockport students, staff and faculty and seniors. This discount is available only at the door. If you have a college ID, you may want to have it with you. The box office will open at 6:30 pm.

I had a great email from a recent retiree and now a legitimate member of this group, Steve Ullman, in response to the last “Update” that unfortunately carried the story of the death of Ted Starr. I am taking a chance but I do not believe that Steve would mind my sharing the following excerpt from his email to me:

Hi Bud – greetings from Antrim, New Hampshire where I am sitting with my 93-year-old father who, like Ted Starr, was in the first ranks at Gold Beach during the D-Day invasion. His reward for doing such a great job at Normandy was to be ordered to captain a “rocket ship” – a ship with a rack of rockets – which would have softened up the Japanese mainland for the invasion – his life span would have been measured in seconds. [I believe the footnote to this story is that other things intervened and Steve’s dad got a lot more seconds of life and while we may bemoan the intervention, we are happy for Steve and his dad.]

I have good news to report about emeritus George Simmons. Bruce Leslie was recently in touch with him and has shared this about him:

I just had a long conversation with George Simmonss and he would love to be added to your emailing list. He will be 90 at the end of the summer, but he and his wife Esther still go to an office on the Bowie State campus every day and are completing a history of the college. They also continue to build a special collections library room they endowed at their alma mater, the University of the Southern Caribbean and to sponsor an
Before moving into the abyss of the disheartening news and sad news, I will report that Sandy and I have been blessed with the many friendships resulting from our association with The Brockport College and while in New York City we have especially enjoyed our meetings for dinner with Joe and Ellen Gilbert. As we are preparing to leave New York City within the next month, Joe and Ellen were kind enough to invite us to a “last supper” at the same restaurant they had introduced us to on our first dinner engagement together. While we were sad when we said out goodnight on the corner of 8th Avenue and 23rd Street, we are thankful that we can anticipate the opportunity to remain friends and in contact in this world. This is a very sad, and for me a tear-jerking transition, as I must now share the disheartening and very sad news about others whose futures in this world are either limited or extinguished.

First, in an earlier email I mentioned that Terry Hover and his primary care giver, Gayle, were struggling with a difficult chapter in their lives. These struggles continue and they live in the moment and prepare for the possible expiration of Terry’s membership in the “this-world” club. Similarly, Monika Andrews, the dear partner of emeritus Bill Andrews, faces similar circumstances. Monika has an inoperable brain tumor and recently completed 6 weeks of radiation and chemo and is now into other medications awaiting an MRI on August 8 to measure the results. She is having her ups and downs and she and Bill, along with Terry and Gayle, appreciate your kind thoughts and prayers.

While sad to learn about her death, we must also celebrate the long life and many contributions of Erna H. Bowman, the wife of the late Walter Bowman, who was professor emeritus of English. The following is her obituary as published in the Rochester D&C.

Erna Bowman. Rochester: June 18th, at the age of 102. Mrs. Bowman was born April 20, 1909, in Utica, NY, the daughter of Richard Henschke and Clara Schmitt Henschke. She was the widow of Walter P. Bowman. For many years, Mrs. Bowman was a resident of Brockport, NY. More recently she resided at the Villages at Park Ridge in Greece, NY.

She received her undergraduate degree in psychology and sociology from Elmira College in 1933, a diploma from the New York School of Social Work in 1935, and a Master of Social Work degree from Columbia University in 1942.

Mrs. Bowman was active for more than 60 years in the practice and teaching of social work, and was a member of the National Association of Social Workers and the Association of Marriage and Family Therapists. She was one of the founders and chair of the Children's Alliance of Rochester. A counselor at Family Service of Rochester from 1963 to 1997, she left to establish a private practice in marriage and individual counseling, which she continued until the age of 80.

She won numerous awards for her work, including NASW's Rochester-Area Outstanding Social Worker of the Year (1981), the American Red Cross Family Support Project Award (1983), the Social Services Award from the Rochester Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Bowman was a long-time and devoted member of the First Presbyterian Church of Brockport, NY, and was active in numerous social justice causes. She was especially proud of her work with the Brockport Ecumenical Outreach Committee, an interdenominational group fostering cooperation between migrant farm workers and their local employers.

She is survived by her son Kenneth, five nieces, and a nephew. She was predeceased by her sisters Dora Henschke Pugh and Elsa Henschke, and her brother, Richard Henschke.

Memorials in Mrs. Bowman's name may be made to the Endowment Fund, First Presbyterian Church of Brockport, 33 State Street, Brockport, NY 14420 or to Children Awaiting Parents, Inc., 595 Blossom Road, Suite 306, Rochester, NY 14610.

A memorial service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, July 15, 2011 at the First Presbyterian Church of Brockport.

I knew Walter more than I knew Erna but I was familiar enough with her to know that she was a wonderful partner to Walter and a friend to many. I hope Donna Mancuso has no objection to my quoting her statement, “Even though she was the spouse of the larger-than-life Walter P. Bowman--"the first and the last" as he liked to say, Erna was a force in her own right. Wasn't she so recognizable with her henna-hued hair? You could spot her 2 blocks away!” because it is a lasting memory for me of the both of them. Erna will be missed by her many friends who found joy in her company.

Then some of our fondest of memories are evoked in hearing of the passing of Jet LaZarre, wife of the late emeritus Dean of Arts and Performance, Adam LaZarre. Jet died in Arizona after moving there from California to be close to her daughter Julie after her health deteriorated and she needed assisted living. All who were at the college at the time remember the stunning performances by Jet in starring roles in theatre productions (Hello Dolly) or her solo and duet (with Adam) singing in pops concerts during the days when Ascher Temkin conducted the Brockport Symphony Orchestra. Sandy and I also have fond memories of Jet and Adam from our gourmet cooking group (something sponsored by the Faculty Women’s Association back in the late 70s). We met on a monthly basis, and Jet was known as an excellent cook. We last saw Jet and Adam in California a day or two before the San Francisco earthquake in 1989 and have fond memories of that time with them. Jet will be fondly remembered by all who knew her and we are sorry that her journey in this life has ended.

Shockingly, I learned today of the unexpected and untimely death of Stuart Appelle, Dean of Science and Mathematics. I have learned that Stu died last night shortly after climbing out of his pool at home after a swim. I have also learned that there will be no service but more likely just a gathering of friends at his home the weekend after next. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Joan Sussman, 115 Summit Drive, Rochester, NY 14620-3129.
I knew Stu throughout much of my career at Brockport and had the good fortune to have worked with him the last few years before I retired. I enjoyed working with him and I was shocked and saddened to learn of his death today. President John Halstead wrote an excellent tribute to Stu which was sent to the college community today that captures the essence of an excellent scholar, teacher, administrator, colleague and friend and he has authorized me to share it with you:

Dear Members of the Brockport Community:

It is with great sadness that I share the news that Dr. Stuart Appelle passed away unexpectedly last night.

Stu touched the lives of thousands of students, faculty, and staff during his years at The College at Brockport. Just this past May, Stu was honored at the Employee Recognition Dinner for his 40 years of service to the College.

Stu served as Dean of the School of Science and Mathematics since July 2003. A former chairman of the Department of Psychology, he had also served as interim dean of the School of Letters and Sciences, Associate Dean of the School of Letters and Sciences, and as the director of Brockport's graduate program in Liberal Studies. He held the rank of professor of psychology at Brockport.

In addition to these administrative activities, Dean Appelle was an active scholar whose research focused on perception and the nature of conscious experience. His work in these areas has been widely published, spanning theoretical problems in the senses, applied work related to blind and developmentally delayed populations, and topics of popular interest such as hypnosis and anomalous experience (e.g., accounts of unidentified flying objects and alien abductions). Dean Appelle was a member of nine professional organizations including the American Psychological Association, the American Psychological Society, Psychonomic Society, and the Society for Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis.

Stu began his graduate work in experimental psychology at the Pennsylvania State University and received his PhD from George Washington University in 1972. In addition to teaching at The College at Brockport, he has held teaching or research positions at George Washington University, Mount Vernon College, and the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry (Department of Pediatrics).

We will provide additional details once we learn of them. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Joan Sussman, and their two children.

Sincerely,

John R. Halstead, PhD
President
Greetings,

So often when I write I must deal with opposites—good and bad news, expected and unexpected events, births and deaths. Today is no exception.

First, I am especially sad to report this morning that Terry Hover, my dear and long term friend, left this life early in the morning yesterday, July 28, 2011. This was an expected event as he had been fighting a courageous battle with heart disease, lung cancer and brain cancer these last several years. A wonderful tribute to his character and courage was his hosting, with the significant help of Gayle, his lifetime partner and recent caregiver, his own birthday/farewell party for a group of close friends on July 10, 2011, two days before moving into hospice. A gathering to celebrate his life will be held from 3:00 to 6:00 pm on Sunday, July 31, 2011 at Newcomer Funeral Home, 2636 Ridgway Avenue, Rochester, New York 14526. Terry Hover and I have a long history, dating to our meeting after a health class at Geneseo in the fall of 1964. We were both Vietnam era veterans—he was Air Force and I was Marine Corps—but fortunately neither of us had to serve in the front lines. Anyway, it is pretty awesome that Terry and I, two veteran students, developed a friendship at SUNY Geneseo in 1964 that led to Terry being “best man” at my marriage to Sandy. Through the mentoring of another good friend, Dick Alexander, who served both Geneseo and “The College at Brockport”, Terry and I both ended up in a graduate program at SUNY Albany and then jobs at “The College at Brockport”. As proof of the good that comes from the connections we make in higher education, whether as students or employees, I honor Terry Hover as my “go to person”—a person I met in college who has been my significant “life-line” since 1964 whenever I have encountered what seemed to me to be a crisis of drowning proportions. While at times we went our separate ways because of different interests created by ourselves, or our children—he is a good golfer and I am better at paddling a canoe—he has always been my “go to” crisis manager. During his working years, Terry was an “old school” advocate who believed that you should follow the rules unless and until they were properly changed if needed. As a friend of his and an observer of some significant problems in our world, I wonder if Terry’s example had been followed, say in the financial environment, we might be a lot better off today. Although the issue does not bubble up to the Wall Street, world-wide financial level, I recall that Sandy’s dad died while Terry was the advisor to Brockport Student Government. At that time, Sandy was the secretary to the BSG board of directors. The board decided to purchase flowers from BSG funds and Terry Hover, “best man” in our wedding and “faculty advisor to BSG”, determined that it was an inappropriate expenditure and disapproved the voucher. It was one of the many very right, though sometimes unpopular, decisions he made throughout his career! He took his fiduciary responsibilities, along with all other responsibilities, very seriously and his integrity has always been infallible! It is too bad that we haven’t had the benefit of people like Terry in government these past several years—we, and the country, would likely be far better off.
When I think of Terry Hover I am reminded of the late Gordon Allen, another Brockport College personality from the past whom I also hold in the highest esteem. Gordon was a member of the faculty and an administrator before serving as Acting President just before the appointment of Albert W. Brown as president after which he became Dean of the College before his retirement in the early 1970s. Gordon was Dean of the College before collective negotiations when there were in-house promotions and raises that were to be announced on a certain date each year. A faculty member went to Gordon a couple of days before the “date-certain” to advise Gordon that he needed to know that day whether or not he was receiving a raise and a promotion because he had another job offer that he had to either accept or reject that day. A paraphrase of Gordon Allen's response is: “I am sorry you have such a difficult decision to make—stay, or go—because I cannot reveal that information until the “date-certain”. While some might question such a rigid enforcement of the rules, I agree with Terry Hover and Gordon Allen that administrators should attempt to provide a level and fair playing field to the extent possible. I honor and respect both Gordon Allen and Terry Hover in their steadfastness in this endeavor! That said, for sure Terry is the “best” best man and friend-for-life that anyone could ever ask for or imagine. Sandy and I regret that he and Gayle have had to deal with so many serious medical problems these past few years but we cherish our friendship that spans 47 years. We were extremely pleased that Terry was able to make it to his 70th birthday and that we were able to celebrate it with our “best man”, his devoted wife, and their family and friends. Terry, we will miss you and we send peace and love to you, to your family and to your friends as we mourn your passing, while celebrating your life.

Condolences to Gayle or “the Family of…” at 43 Havenwood Drive, Brockport, New York 14420

Then I regret the sharing of another similar event that was much unexpected. I did not know Dr. James Fatula personally so I cannot share any information from that perspective. But, below is the wonderful tribute sent to the faculty and staff at the College by Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Ann E. Huot after she learned of his unexpected death:

“It is with great sadness that I share the news that Dr. James Fatula passed away unexpectedly. Jim served as Associate Professor of Public Administration since 1998, and was department chair from 2001-2010. He had also taught at the College as an adjunct from 1992-1998. With his dedication and hard work the Public Administration Program thrived under Jim’s leadership. He excelled in the classroom and his students, many of whom live and work in the area, thought very highly of him. He recruited an excellent faculty, positioned us for a successful reaccreditation this coming year and gave generously of his time through service to the College. Jim was an active scholar whose published research focused on health care and social services issues, and nonprofit management. He was also widely used as an expert by the Rochester media, with more than 20 appearances on WXXI’s 1370 Connection radio program and numerous editorials and columns published in the Democrat and Chronicle and Rochester Business Journal. Prior to joining the Brockport faculty Jim had a long career in the Health Care industry, including positions with the New York State Office of Health Systems Management, Rochester Area Hospitals Corp., and Monroe County Medicap Plan, Inc.
Working in the community was a passion of Jim’s as he gave of himself to assist the United Way of Greater Rochester in strategic planning and on issues of nonprofit sustainability as well as working with the Golisano Foundation on a policy paper regarding Medicaid spending on those with developmental disabilities. Jim also worked with organizations such as the Children’s Institute, The Rochester Area Community Foundation, Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency, and The Advocacy Center.

Jim received his PhD in Philosophy from Fordham University in 1985, specializing in Ethics and Public Policy. He received the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2007. Our thoughts go out to his family and friends.

Anne E. Huot, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs”

Before leaving the bad news section I need to mention the passing of Perry Fuller on July 7, 2011. Many recipients of these “Updates” knew Perry Fuller, former pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Brockport where he was a good shepherd for many years. Sandy and I had the pleasure of knowing Perry and his wife Pam when they served in Brockport and will miss the presence of this very thoughtful and compassionate man in this world. His words to live by were: “Is it kind, is it true, and is it necessary?” These are good words for consideration as we journey through this life and our relationships with others.

Thankfully there is some good news to share today as well.

First, it has been reported that the Campus School Reunion last weekend was a huge success. Of course, how could it be otherwise? Success is guaranteed anytime a project has the likes of Jeanette D’Agostino Banker and Frances Moroney Whited behind it. Last fall they started with a mailing list of zero and through a great deal of effort and the help of many the mailing list grew to over 900 and 400 former campus school students or teachers attended the reunion. Jeanette and Frances have received lots of thank you notes from the campus school kids, youngest about 35 years old and the oldest...beyond 70. Attendees were from all over the country; California, Oregon, Idaho, Pennsylvania...New England, Ohio, Virginia, Florida...and even Brockport, Hamlin, Fairport, Brighton, etc....... Jeanette reports that “It was the right thing at the right time!”

On Thursday night, there was a dinner for campus school faculty, 28 were there. Again, from Florida (3), California, Oswego, etc.
Watch for more news of this event in College publications and on the College’s website.

Other good news is that on June 24th during the Fiftieth Anniversary Symposium of the University Photographers' Association of America at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, emeritus James Dusen received the following honor:

"The UPAA Board of Directors confers the honorary title of "Master of the Profession" in recognition of a remarkable career providing excellent university photography exemplified by consistently producing outstanding photographic imagery in UPAA competitions."
The UPAA 50th Anniversary was chosen for the inaugural presentation of this award. Jim also shared the following with me: “I've been most grateful for the opportunity to make university photography my profession, to have made a positive visual impact at Brockport during the course of my career, and to have all of it recognized by my peers on campuses across the country. University photographers open the campus to the public, telling its story and record the photographic history of the institution. This past month I turned over my film collection to the College Archives. With my thirty-one years at Brockport it consists of over half a million images. Somebody is going to have fun sorting that all out!”

Jim, we congratulate you on your receipt of this well-deserved recognition and thank you for your significant contributions in defining the College we all care so much about and that provided us all with such great careers and opportunities for success.

I close with thoughts of some conflicting emotions and events that are so often prevalent in our lives. While Sandy and I mourn the loss of a dear friend and celebrate his life we also await the birth of our first grandson who will for sure be born tomorrow if not today. Today also marks the bittersweet end of our work at SUNY Maritime College as at the end of the day we will be packing up to move back to Brockport tomorrow morning. The passings, though sad, are not in the end unexpected or unavoidable and for those who remain life moves on…

Finally, we keep Monika Andrews, Bill and their family in our thoughts as Monika continues in her personal battle with disease.

Peace,

Bud

October 1, 2011

Greetings,

The move back to Brockport put the “Update” out of business for a few weeks. I apologize but several things diverted me from this activity, not the least of which was that I had to recreate my email address book, configure a new office, consolidate files maintained on two different PCs and two different laptops, and, although Sandy accuses me of too much multi-tasking, I could not figure out a way to type with a paint brush in one hand and a “Goof Off” can in the other. Thankfully I have no horrible news to share this time and this “Update” will be to share “Your News” and a test of how well I have done with the reconstruction of the address book. So, here we go.

After the last Update I received a very nice note from Distinguished Service Professor Emerita Sarah Liebschutz in response to notice of the death of James Fatula. Below I share most of the content of her tribute to Jim and his career at Brockport:
I take some credit for Jim's career at Brockport, since, as chair of the Political Science Department, I invited him to teach a course on health politics in 1992. Our paths had crossed in the community around Medicaid research. I thought his combination of impressive health policy knowledge and just plain decency would make him a good instructor. The undergraduates rated him highly and respected him greatly, and so, subsequently, did his graduate students in public administration--the department to which he "migrated" from adjunct to full-time faculty, and then served as chair. I was honored to nominate him for a Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2007, and to be present at the annual awards dinner when he received this honor. Rochester-area listeners of Bob Smith's daily shows on WXXI-radio were also educated by Jim, whose clear explanations of the arcane details of health care were extraordinary.

More recently, Jim was an unofficial advisor for my book, Communities and Health Care: The Rochester, New York, Experiment, published this summer by the University of Rochester Press. Jim read draft chapters and gave me candid, helpful, and supportive comments. Unfortunately, I was so focused over the winter and early spring on the final pre-publication details of the book that I was unaware of Jim's health problems, and was shocked by the news of his death. All of us who knew Jim Fatula have lost a fine colleague and good friend.

[Sarah, we thank you for this tribute to James Fatula and send you congratulations for the publication of your new book this summer.]

Susan C. Petersen, EdD, Associate Professor and Chair, Dept. of Kinesiology, Sport Studies, & Physical Education recently shared with me the names of two recent retirees in her department, Merrill Melnick and Luz Cruz, to be added to my address book. She also shared the following information about Luz Cruz:

One of our recent Emeriti faculty in the Department of Kinesiology, Sport Studies and Physical Education, Dr. Luz Cruz, received a "Volunteer Woman on the Move" Award from the Upstate Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Luz has received recognition at a variety of venues for this award and her work since retirement so I thought it might be nice of Brockport folks were aware of it as well.

Luz was a member of our faculty for 13 years and just "retired" on a disability due to her ongoing battle with Multiple Sclerosis.

It was my distinct pleasure to nominate Dr. Luz Cruz for the 2011 Professional or Volunteer Woman on the Move. Dr. Cruz was an Associate Professor Emeritus in the Department of Kinesiology, Sport Studies and Physical Education at the College at Brockport. Not long after being diagnosed with MS in 1983, Luz received her doctorate in curriculum and instruction from Teachers College, Columbia University. She has taught at San Francisco State University, Springfield College and the College at Brockport.
Luz spent 14 years at Brockport in teacher preparation in physical education and recently (June 2010) retired due to continued limitations from MS. Outstanding professional achievement characterized every semester she was at The College. She was one of the most valued and respected members of the Department having won a SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching, the Outstanding Academic Advisement Award, the Amazing Person Award (twice) from the state professional association, etc. Luz won the Latinas Unidas Recognition Award for her leadership and achievement in the Hispanic community.

Despite the increasing limitations imposed on her by the disease, Luz continued to adapt; she displays a positive attitude and demonstrates the strength and the courage needed to be a role model for people of all ages. When her own physical limitations began to effect her ability to teach children in physical education, she returned to school for her doctorate so she could teach others to teach what she loved. When her ability was further compromised and full time teaching at the college was no longer possible, Luz once again summoned her courage to volunteer with Rochester organizations such as Women Helping Girls and agreed to serve on the Board of Directors of the Upstate MS Chapter. There is no question that Luz is now bringing the same passion and quality to the volunteer world that she has brought to all other aspects of her life. She may not be able to create a world free of MS but she is certainly a symbol of how to make the most of her world with the disease.

[Susan, we thank you for sharing, congratulate Luz on receipt of her award and we welcome both Luz and Merrill to the emeriti/emerita “Update” distribution list.]

Then I had a nice note from Steve Ullman after I inquired about his email address and whether or not they had been damaged by Irene. Here is some of his response:

“… I have never dreamed that retirement would be this time-consuming. We had our third grandson delivered in DC in late July - then lengthy visits from both boys, their wives, and children. Marcia and I are happily ensconced in my boyhood summer town and are taking classes (for the elderly) at Keene State…We were okay with Irene though having lived through a number of hurricanes in my teens we absolutely stripped our lawns and adjoining property of anything that could fly. My brother Richard lives in Jamaica Vermont - 25 miles northwest of Brattleboro and he could not get to work at Castleton State for a week - moreover his town was the lead item on the CBS evening news - it could have been worse for us…”

[Steve, we thank you for this update and we are pleased that you and Marcia were okay with the storm.]

Bruce Leslie had requested that I announce the September 2nd, “First Friday” event to you in particular because it honored a new emerita, Mary Jo Gigliotti, who was the College Archivist and co-author with Bruce and Ken O’Brien of the college history and of the historical section of the Kaleidoscope 175th issue. Mary Jo was recognized for her remarkable work with the College’s archives even though she was only half-time for most of her career at The Brockport College. I was unable to honor Bruce’s request or to attend because Sandy and I returned to
SUNY Maritime College that week to attend the Change-of-Command Ceremony as Admiral John Craine retired as President there and replaced by Admiral Wendi Carpenter. I was sorry that I could not get this message out and even sorrier that I could not be in attendance since I also have had the pleasure of working with Mary Jo and would have liked to have been there to honor her work. We welcome Mary Jo to the emeriti group and wish her health and happiness throughout her retirement years. While Mary Jo will be missed, we are glad to know that the archive work at the college will continue and has been placed in the capable hands of Charlie Cowling in Drake Library. If you have information, photos, or documents you think might be significant to the history of the college, please share them with him for evaluation before you toss them.

Julie Miller, daughter of Adam and Jet LaZarre sent me a nice note following the “Update” that contained notice of Jet’s death. She reported that the family had had a memorial service a month or so ago at which Jet’s ashes were laid with Adam’s in the lovely National Cemetery in Prescott, Arizona. Adam was a WWI Normandy and Battle of the Bulge survivor so their ashes and grave site will always have great care. Julie’s note again reminded me of some of the great times we enjoyed watching Jet and Adam LaZarre perform at college events during their time with us.

For those of you who were at Brockport before 1982, this information from a July 2011 issue of the Daily News at The Brockport College will bring back some fond memories as will, listening to the music at the link provide at the end of this article.

From 1968 until the demise of the Music Department in 1982 one of the active performing ensembles on campus was a chamber chorus, The Brockport Singers, conducted by D. Donald Cervone. This group usually performed at least four concerts a year on campus, most often in the Lobby of the Fine Arts Building, or at local churches: Nativity Church; or—if an organ was needed for some of the music—the First Baptist Church. They also performed at other sites in the Rochester area and other parts of the state.

Dr. Cervone is beginning to put recordings of some of these performances on a web site called brockport-singers.cervone.net. Here you will find recordings that you can listen to or download and information about the ensemble and the music they perform. This is an on-going project that will take some time to complete. [Daily News from The Brockport College]

We hope that you will enjoy the music and check the site frequently. The music site can be found at: The Brockport Singers Website [D. Donald Cervone]

I am sorry that I cannot provide you with the full story of Elaine Miller’s biking adventure this summer as it was reported in the Rochester D&C because the link is no longer available. But I am pleased to congratulate Elaine on her completion of an “Unforgettable Bike Trip Through Bhutan” and look forward to hearing about her next adventure.
A new book, *Fictional Presidential Films*, by Sarah Miles Bolam, former writer/editor/publisher at The College at Brockport, with Thomas J. Bolam, was recently published. Sarah shared a promotional piece with me recently and I share excerpts from it to share her accomplishment with you:

“Since the beginning of the film industry, the president of the United States has been one of the favorite characters used by the [film] industry. *Fictional Presidential Films* identifies 230 commercial theatrical films that have been released with a fictional president of the United States as a character.” “The main body of the work provides a brief summary of each decade along with a summary on the overall nature of films in which a fictional president appeared. Each relevant film is then discussed with credits, plot summary, description of the presidential appearance and, when possible, as assessment of the presidential portrayal included.”

For more information to secure a copy if interested, contact Xlibris at (888) 795-4274 or on the web at [www.Xlibris.com](http://www.Xlibris.com)

[Sarah, Congratulations! We hope this publication does well!]

The College at Brockport, State University of New York, will continue its tradition of First Fridays events at the historic Alumni House, located on 142 Utica Street during the fall 2011 semester. “First Fridays” is a monthly program designed to bring together people from the College and members of the Brockport Community. The "theme" for the October 7, 2011 First Friday is the status of Prometheus and some flashback 1979 when the College hosted the International Special Olympics. Also, BASC will be unveiling some new menu options.

Five little housekeeping items…(1) please let me know if you are changing your email address or have a preference for one other than the one I am using to assist me in keeping my address book up-to-date, (2) those of you who are newly added to this list can review the emeriti website at [http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm](http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm) and see some content from former “Updates” by following the link to “Your News” there, (3) if you are in contact with other Brockport retirees after receiving this and learn that they did not receive it, please have them contact me, (4) it is my intent to update the emeriti website as soon as I can get the paint brush out of my hand for the immediate future, and (5) please contact me via email at either rmeade1@rochester.rr.com (preferred) or rmeade@brockport.edu --- I will soon be closing my email account at SUNY Maritime College.

While we have been mostly occupied with getting our house in order, interrupted only by a couple of trips, since returning to Brockport, we are pleased to be slowly reconnecting with the community. Unfortunately, we have learned that at our ages, six years, results in a lot of changes in appearance both in ourselves and others. We have been reluctant at times to engage others at Wegmans because we are not sure we are seeing people we should know and have also been on the other side of that experience. But it has been nice to have closer interaction with lifetime friends, Jim and Lexie Wood, who are family to us, as well as others including Ray “Global” Duncan and Ute who shared their hospitality and some of their travel adventures with us recently. Their upcoming travel plans are to honor the 50 years of marriage they have enjoyed
together as of September 13th. We congratulate them on the achievement of this milestone in their lives and, as we said at SUNY Maritime College, we wish them “Fair Winds and Following Seas” as they continue to celebrate their 50th. Sandy and I look forward to seeing many of you who are in the area at the “First Friday” event on October 7th.

Best regards,

Bud

October 5, 2011

Greetings,

I write again so soon because of a couple of time-sensitive items.

The annual Synnestvedt Lecturer that honors the late Sig and Nadine Synnestvedt will be held in the New York Room, Cooper Hall, at 7:30 pm on Thursday, October 6, 2011. “Dalia Muller, SUNY Buffalo will tell the story of Ignacio Martin Arbonay Dominquez, one of many thousands of Cubans who were forced into exile as a result of the devastating anti-colonial wars that wracked the island of Cuba from 1868 to 1898.” [The College at Brockport Daily News]. Contact Morag Martin mmartin@brockport.edu for more information.

Pat Baker has asked that I share some information with retirees relating to the UUP Retirees of Western New York's fall meeting will be held in the College's New York Room on October 17th. If you are a member of UUP (this event is only open to members) you should have received the notice about the meeting but reference to the RSVP to Pat Baker contained an erroneous email address. If you are a UUP member and wish to email her your reservation, please contact her at pebl1@frontier.com and arrange to get your check to her on or before Tuesday, October 11, 2011.

I meant to share some information about Jim Horn in my last “Update” but summarizing his travels was taking more time than I had available. Jim has been in and out of Brockport a couple of times recently but I missed him because our time in Brockport did not coincide. Following is a brief summary of some of his recent activities:

Jim took an early September vacation in Sao Paulo & Fortaleza Brazil, designed to maintain his Portuguese-speaking ability. He flew to Brazil via JFK so he could enjoy some time in Manhattan and stop in Brockport for a week, but his flight was diverted to White Plains due to Hurricane Irene. He was on the very last flight into the NY area since White Plains airport closed just after his arrival. He found museums, Broadway shows, and public transportation shut down for two of his four days there. While in Brockport he was able to attend the Alumni Awards brunch at which he enjoyed seeing many ex-colleagues. He is back in Cuernavaca now, planning upcoming trips to Acapulco, Puerto Vallarta, and Cancun with no tour groups scheduled until after the New Year.

I am sorry that I forgot to report the passing of Louise Kretchmer in my last “Update.” Someone had shared a link to her obituary in the Rochester D&C with me and I had copied it for inclusion
in my next “Update” but forgot. Today in an exchange with Jill Campbell she reminded me. Louise, along with Barbara Sherwood and a secretary to Housing Director, Mike Woodhouse, whose name escapes me, were among the first people I met when I came to Brockport in the fall of 1967 to work with Dick Alexander in the Financial Aid Office. Louise was always helpful and personable and served several other administrators following the retirement of late Oliver Spalding, Dean of Students at the time, and the departures of Dean of Men Charles Welch, Dean of Women Peg Bergen, Director of the Student Union Dan Sullivan, Director of Housing Mike Woodhouse, and Director of Student Activities Pat Ryan. Some of you “old timers” will remember these names. Louise Kretchmer’s passing brings back fond memories of those days and of her excellent service to staff and students during her career at Brockport. Following is her obituary from the Rochester D&C. I believe the Suburban News had more about her life and contributions but unfortunately that information has been lost in my delay.

Brockport: On Saturday September 3, 2011 at the age of 91. Predeceased by her parents Lillian and Fred Epke, husband William Kretchmer and brother Harris Epke. She is survived by her children Nancy (Laurence) Kaplan, Mary Ann (Paul) Nichol and James (Penny) Kretchmer, grandchildren Jake (Kim) Nichol, Kevin (Heather) Nichol, Laurie (Brian) McFetridge and Jeffrey (Mindy) Kaplan, great grandchildren Lennon and Grace Nichol, Virginia Nichol, Michael and Katherine McFetridge, Cooper Kaplan, sister-in-law Ruth Leistman. There are no words to adequately express our thanks to Liz Adams and all the many very special caregivers and staff of Pinehurst Senior Living Community.

Dave and Peggy Hale report that they have enjoyed some traveling adventures recently as follows:

We’ve had a couple of trips recently. In July, we spent two weeks with friends in a large house on a small island in the “Near North,” 150 miles north of Toronto. Very low-key—somewhat primitive! There were side trips to Sudbury and North Bay, ON. Most of September was a tour of Ireland, where we’d never been before. Starting in Belfast, the group took a leisurely swing around the Emerald Island—Derry, Kilarney, Cork, Waterford, ending in Dublin. Mostly tourist things—castles, churches, museums, rural scenery, Guinness! They report that Ireland was mostly rainy and expensive, but not beyond expectations.

Dave, Thanks sharing! Your “Near North” trip reminds me of my first multiple-day canoe trip in Tamagami Provincial Park. It was such a memorable adventure that at one time I thought that I’d like my ashes to be dropped on the Lady Evelyn River there. It certainly is God’s country—in the summer time!]

In response to the last “Update” Eileen O’Hara sent me the following information and I thought it might be of interest to some of you:

I don’t know if folks would be interested, but there is a website where many NY State newspapers have been scanned - from 1790’s onward. It’s easy to search and it’s free! There are literally thousands of articles about the College. Caledonia, Tonawanda, Rochester’s D&C, Watertown, Yonkers, Elmira, Bronx News, etc. are all there and more.
"This website is a searchable repository of many of the old Newspapers published in New York State. The microfilm for this site was obtained from the State of New York Newspaper Project and/or from libraries, historical societies, or private individuals who wanted to share what they had."

http://fultonhistory.com/

Thomas Trysinski made this site possible - a generous and dedicated historian.

I warn you, it is addictive. I found out so much about my family's history, about the College, and that milk was 9 cents a quart in 1925. :-) Love it!

[Eileen, Thanks for sharing!]

I believe I failed to include the link to the Brockport Singers website in the item about D. Donald Cervone and the singers in my last “Update.” So, here is the link where you will find some musical history: http://brockport-singers.cervone.net/

Fortunately, I still remain somewhat in control of myself although those closest to me might disagree. As a senior I could have a whole lot more fun if I felt I had the license the recently retired Andy Rooney enjoyed the past few years. I have decided not to play with this but there is great temptation with the title of Roy Bubb’s latest book, “From Clarendon to Colon.” But, if you join Roy to celebrate the release of his latest book you will find that his sub-title is “The Lure of Panama’s Isthmus”. The celebration will be held in the Clarendon Town Hall, 16385 Church Street on Sunday, October 23, 2011 from 2-4 pm. Stop in for refreshments to join Roy in celebrating. All proceeds from book sales will benefit the Clarendon Historical Society. For additional information contact Mellissa Lerlan (585-402-0148 or tcbd@rochester.rr.com)

Please continue to keep Monika and Bill Andrews and their family in your thoughts and prayers as Monika continues her journey at a hospice.

Finally, while I know there is still work to do to add recent retirees to my emeriti address book I regret that I am no longer reaching the following individuals who likely have changed their email addresses without notifying me, have just given up email or worse. However, before I delete them from my address book I ask your help. If you have contact with any of the people listed please advise them to contact me at rmeade1@rochester.rr.com if they would like still like to receive “Update”.

Charles Barr
Terry Barnes
Ann Barton
Albert W. Brown
Grace Alvarez-Altman
Fay Cloutier
Charles Day
Romine Deming
November 2, 2011

Greetings,

Living in the moment is an important ingredient to a good life and many of us, as the late Perry Fuller, former pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Brockport, noted during his last days, have great difficulty doing so. Not so for Monika Andrews, wife of emeritus Bill Andrews, whose exceptional contributions to others in this life ended on October 31st. Monika made a career of living in the moment and being watchful and attentive to the needs of others. Her passing is a significant loss to all of those who are needy in our midst.

Monika likely would want her passing to serve as admonition for those of us who struggle with the past or are anxious about the future. It was only slightly more than a year ago that Monika and Bill wrote a beautiful tribute to her friend the late Julie McWherter. At that time, she was
engaged in her volunteer work, engaged in physical activities and living as a beautiful person, inside and out. Shortly thereafter, in just a moment…her moments of opportunity for additional service were erased.

In mourning the death of Monika Andrews, we also mourn for the people she served who have lost a faithful servant. But, in this moment we celebrate with Bill and the rest of her family a wonderful person who lived a wonderful life. Following is her obituary from the Rochester D&C. Please note the time-sensitive calling hours at the end.

“Brockport: October 31, age 69, after a lifetime serving her family and the needy, as a nurse; in the Peace Corps; building Habitat houses; running a food shelf and a shelter for homeless families; creating a handicapped-accessible public playground; and volunteering at hospices, a shelter for homeless women, a Dominican Republic health project, a help line, Meals-on-Wheels, a wellness center and many other outreach programs at Incarnate Word Lutheran Church. Survivors are her husband of 42 years, William G.; sons William G. Jr. (Alison), Edwin B. (Marilyn), C. Scott (Chloe), and Thomas N. (girlfriend Karen); daughters Dona (Martin) Rifken and Jennifer (William) Hughes; grandchildren Andrew, Kate, and Ben Rifken; Ben and Rebecca Hughes; and Nathan, Alec, Aidan, Nicholas, Joshua, Jeremiah, Sophie and Jasper Andrews; and sponsored Guatemalans Edgard and Rosaria; sisters Christine and Gabriele Wickert and Eva Imhof, brother Max (Katka) Wickert; Bill's sisters and their husbands and many nieces and nephews. She organized family reunions and vacations and trips throughout the U.S. and to fifteen European countries, Palestine, Israel, Jordan, Egypt, Morocco, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Botswana, Peru, Costa Rico, Guatemala, Honduras, Belize, Dominican Republic, Mexico, New Zealand, Borneo, Malaysia, Brunei, Singapore, China, Turkey, Thailand, and Taiwan. She was an avid tennis player, hiker, swimmer, and bicyclist, having pedaled 100 miles in a day twice, 400 miles on the Canalway Trail twice, the Katy Trail, and 250 miles along the Danube. She hiked 191 miles across England, the Grand Canyon, the Inca Trail in Peru, and the Milford Track in New Zealand; and climbed several 46ers in the ADKs and Pico Duarte in the DR. Monika was a beautiful woman in every way and her vibrant energy, loving compassion, and sunny disposition will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

Calling hours, 2-4 and 7-9, Thursday, November 3, at the Fowler Funeral Home Inc. 340 West Ave, Brockport. Funeral service at Incarnate Word Lutheran Church, 597 East Avenue, Rochester, NY, 14607, 2 pm, Friday, November 4, 2011. Please honor her memory with gifts to Incarnate Word and Isaiah House, 71 Prince Street, Rochester, NY 14605.”

Yesterday we also learned of the passing of “Jill” Crandall, the wife of the late John C. “Jack” Crandall who was Vice President and Professor emeritus. Jill was a beloved high school English teacher who also made significant contributions in the greater Brockport community while residing here. We send our condolences to the Crandall family and celebrate with them her long life and her contributions. Following is her obituary from the Post-Standard in Jamestown, New York.
“Beverly J. "Jill" Crandall, 93, of 19 Bemus St. Bemus Point, NY passed away at 8:45 a.m. Sunday (October 30, 2011-one day before her 94th birthday) in her home.

She was born October 31, 1917 in Jamestown, NY the daughter of the late Oscar G. and Anna E. Olson Carlson. Jill was a graduate of Jamestown High School and earned her Bachelor's Degree from Houghton College in 1939. She also completed graduate work in English from the University of Rochester.

Before her retirement, she was an English teacher in several school districts for over 25 years retiring from the Brockport Central High School, Brockport, NY in 1983.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and will be remembered as a loving and caring mother, grandmother, and great grandmother who loved to cook and spend time with her family. She was also an avid reader, a lover of animals and enjoyed working outdoors.

Surviving are two daughters Dr. Anne "Candy" (Ron) Luce of Bemus Point, Dr. Elizabeth "Molly" (Malcom) Frisbie of Richmond, KY, five grandchildren, Jack Frisbie, Nate Frisbie of Richmond, KY, Sommer Donovan of Jamestown, Shannon Donovan of Bemus Point, Jonathan Luce of Greenwich, CT and two great grandchildren, Anna and Donovan.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Dr. John C. "Jack" Crandall, who was a Professor Emeritus of History at the State University of Brockport, whom she married November 21, 1940 and who died July 3, 1995 and a brother Roger A. Carlson who died December 22, 2009.

The family will receive friends from noon to 1:00 p.m. Wednesday in the Lind Funeral Home where a time of remembrance will be celebrated at 1:00 p.m. in the funeral home. Her Nephew, Rev. Chris Carlson will officiate the service. Burial will be in the Lake View Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Chautauqua County, 20 West Fairmount Ave. Lakewood, NY 14750, the Chautauqua County Humane Society, 2825 Strunk Rd. Jamestown, NY 14701 or to the Jack Crandall Scholarship Fund, c/o SUNY College at Brockport, 305 Allen St. Brockport, NY 14450.

On a more positive note a group of nearly 30 people chipped-in and car-pooled to Peak 'n Peak Resort in Clymer, New York yesterday to assist former President Albert Brown and former Vice President Ralph Gennarino in celebrating their 90th birthdays. President John Halstead and Kathy, along with Roxanne Johnston and Mike Andriatch, joined the celebration with people from the Brockport community, alumni, former employees, family and friends.

Years ago, Ralph Gennarino had been forced to miss the opportunity to ride in a Rolls Royce because of a work obligation so his friends arranged to have Albert and Ralph transported to the resort in a beautiful vintage (1960) Rolls Royce. The luncheon was delayed a bit because the Rolls Royce had limited braking power and therefore had to be driven very slowly. Albert and Ralph were surprised by the turnout because they had assumed they were going out to lunch with about five people and had no knowledge of the mode of transport.
At 70 years old I was one of the younger members of the group although I was somewhat chagrined that to others that might not have been all that obvious. It was great to see Neil Pfouts, College Registrar emeritus, who is a few years senior to the celebrants and was able to give them some advice for living their next decade. But, Ralph’s recent purchase of a 3-wheel motorcycle and preparations to take a road test on it in the spring was not necessarily what Neil had in mind.

While this “Update” has altogether too much sad news to report, we have much to celebrate and for which to be thankful as a result of the great career experiences and connections that The College at Brockport provided us. We wish Albert and Ralph health and happiness and they continue to write the chapters of their lives.

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Feedback from others:

Thanks to many of you I now have good email addresses again for Judy DesFosses, Ira Geer, Donald Nelson-Nasca, and Theron Rockhill.

Because of some medical issues, Judy DesFosses reports that she moved from Brockport to Rochester a while ago. She does not get to Brockport often but does, with her daughter Suzanne, attend the dinner every fall for Benefactors and Scholars for Lou's Scholarship in International Business and enjoy the students who are impressive young people. Her daughter Suzanne has a business “Touching Hearts at Home” that provides an array of services for care of the elderly to maintain home independence.

Del and Jeanette Smith provided me with the Rockhill email address and in the process shared that they had: “just returned from visiting Las Vegas and touring Utah's five national parks on a Road Scholar program. It was great.”

Karla Merrifield has a new book of poetry being published, *The Ice Decides: Poems of Antarctica*, from Finishing Line Press. These poems relate to the recent trip she and Roger took to Antarctica. If interested in more information contact Karla or check out the offering at: [http://www.finishinglinepress.com/NewReleasesandForthcomingTitles.htm](http://www.finishinglinepress.com/NewReleasesandForthcomingTitles.htm)

Helen Maier has shared that alumnus Dan Stinebiser and wife Lorna, former employee, recently had a great trip to Ireland. In her report, she also mentioned several college people who play in her bridge club including Arline Stephany, Betty Nasca and Ann Rock. In response to the “Update” that mentioned the college chorus she shared that she loved the music and that she continues to sing in the Brockport College Community Chorus. And, she reports a sighting and connection with emeritus Victor Rojas and his wife Linda who she encountered during their recent visit to Brockport.

Larry Humm reports that Donald Nelson-Nasca having fun doing slide presentations on New Zealand and Australia. Don has also uncovered some Civil War letters from his great-great-grandfather and is doing readings dressed as a civil war solider.
It is great to hear the good news about the many activities in which our emeriti and emeriti associates are involved.

Peace to the families of Monika Andrews and Jill Crandall, and to all,

Bud

November 14, 2011

Greetings,

I do not have much to report today but there is a time sensitive event that I think might be of interest to emeriti that I hope Sandy and I will be able to attend. Professor Emeritus Jack Wolsky, along with two other artists, Lori Cooley and Alice Gold, will be exhibiting paintings in The Donald F. and Maxine B. Davison Gallery at Roberts Wesleyan College, 2301 Westside Drive, Rochester, New York 14624 from Tuesday, November 15 through Thursday, December 15, 2011.

There will be a reception from 7-9 pm on Thursday, November 17, 2011 and I am sure Jack would be pleased to see colleagues and friends from Brockport at this event.

If you cannot make the reception the other gallery hours for you to view Jack’s recent work are 11 am – 5 pm Monday through Friday and 1 pm – 4 pm on Saturday, November 15th – December 15th. For more information contact the Art Department at Roberts Wesleyan at 585-594-6120.

I received a number of emails following my last “Update” that honored our memories of late Monika Andrews and Jill Crandall. They were truly exceptional women who made significant contributions towards improving the welfare of others during their lives--wonderful legacies.

If you would like to see a picture of Ralph Gennarino’s “Spider” and see him as “Spider Man”, follow this link: http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm. At 90-years-young Ralph Gennarino has found a new mode of transportation that challenges all of us to seek ways to stay young!

Best regards,

Bud

December 13, 2011

Greetings,

I started this “Update” on December 11, 2011 and was feeling good that there was no really bad news to report. Little did I know that one of Brockport’s most loyal and dedicated alums, George Rich, would finish his life on this earth before I finished this “Update.” George and Rosie were at the center of many activities on behalf of the students and staff at The Brockport
College for as long as I can remember. They served many roles: idea people, planners, administrators and laborers. As examples, they were first to support efforts to welcome student athletes back to the campus each fall. In particular, I recall the annual picnic on the parking lot behind Tuttle North to welcome back the football team. George could be observed setting up tables, hauling food, cooking hot dogs, and doing cleanup after the event—basically doing whatever needed to be done. If there were an event at the College you could bet that George and Rosie would be in attendance and if there were work to be done they would be doing it. They also kept in touch with and gave support to the students they met while making their contributions on behalf of the college. If my records are correct George served as the president of the Alumni Board an unprecedented six years from 1998 to 2004 and worked tirelessly to involve alumni in college activities. In addition to his commitment to students and alums, George, along with Rosie, were very supportive of faculty and staff activities and especially maintained contact with emeriti and other faculty and staff they had known who had left Brockport before retiring. One example of their support of emeriti was their planning and hosting of a 90th birthday party for the late Professor Emeritus Edward J. Stephany. George Rich was a tremendous asset to the college and the greater Brockport community and he and his presence will be sorely missed. Rosie, we send you our condolences and love—both you and the Brockport community have lost a best friend! Following is George’s obituary from the Rochester D&C. Please note, in particular, the Wednesday, December 14th calling hours and the memorial contribution information at the end of the obituary.

Brockport: On Saturday, December 11, 2011 at the age of 79. Predeceased by his parents Harris and Helen, sister Marlene, brother James. He is survived by his wife and best friend of 38 years Rosie, sister Shirley Hicks, brothers Fred, Terry (Mary Ellen), many nieces, nephews, in-laws, family and friends.

George received his Undergraduate and Master’s Degrees from Brockport State Teachers' College. While teaching, he was very active in the Rochester Teachers’ Association, the Western Monroe Historical Society and SUNY Alumni Association. He supported the efforts of all college students for their service, scholarship and involvement in campus activities and athletics.

Family and friends may call Wednesday, December 14, 2011 from 3 to 7 pm at the Fowler Funeral Home Inc. Interment will be at the convenience of the family. A remembrance gathering will be held at the College of Brockport at a time to be announced. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the George Rich Student Philanthropy Award, SUNY College at Brockport, 350 New Campus Drive, Brockport, N.Y. 14420

Other bad news is the passing of Bruce Schlageter known to many of you because of his dedicated involvement in alumni events and activities over the years. When I first moved to Brockport my mother asked if I had ever met Bruce and his wife Grace. She was interested because she and Grace had been best friends in elementary school. Soon thereafter I did meet Bruce and Grace who both made significant contributions to the College, the Brockport School District and the greater Brockport community during their lives. Although in a wheel chair in
recent times, Bruce still managed to attend some College events and his involvement and presence will be missed. His obituary from the Rochester D&C follows:

Andrew Bruce Schlageter
Brockport: Died peacefully on Monday November 21, 2011. He was predeceased by his wife Grace, grandson Stephen Dahlheim and parents Andrew and Grace Schlageter. He is survived by his daughters Ann (James) Dahlheim, Kit Schlageter (Fred Porter), and Elizabeth (Scott) Banner; grandchildren Andrew, Jesse and Kate Porter, James and Samuel Dahlheim and William Banner; sister Janice Northrup; brothers Noel (Grace) Schlageter and David (Cris) Schlageter; many nieces and nephews.

Those wishing may contribute to SUNY Brockport Alumni Association.

Thank you for the responses to my request for changes in your directory information. Several changes were reported.

Of the 417 people on my distribution list it appears that the recent update reached all but 30 of them. Five of the 30 had email addresses that had critical errors that would not allow the mailing to leave my out box. I had to delete their email addresses before I could distribute to the rest of you. I will notify them personally of this problem because I know that the email addresses I have are correct and current for at least 3 of them.

The last “Update” was not distributed to the following individuals as well as to a few others because I have learned they are no longer using email. If anyone has a current email address or has information about their status that you can share please email me with the information, or ask them to, so that I can restore them to my update distribution list.

Terry Barnes
Charles Barr
Ann Barton
Norman Bloch
Walter Boston
Charles Day
William Dillon
Jack Dudley
Mary Gorman
Rosemary Gibson
David Kendall
Alvin Landy
Diane McGhee
Sailajananda Mukherjee
Mary Neumann
Luis Oyarzun
John Royal
Helen Saunders
Barbara Sirvis
Recently John Zwierzynski visited his daughter Celia’s family in North Carolina. He continues to be proud of her swimming accomplishments that he has supported since she was a very young girl. She is now coaching and swimming in a master’s program at Fort Brag and is listed in the national top 10 in two strokes. John is now in Arizona for the winter. [John thanks for sharing – keep in touch!]

As reported earlier, Don Nelson-Nasca has been doing power point presentation based upon letters his great grandfather wrote to his wife and family during the Civil War and on his travels in New Zealand and Australia. He reports that he finally gave up playing basketball—he was an NBA, “Noontime Basketball Association” player at Brockport for many years—but keeps active maintaining his property, woodworking, oil painting, golf, and volunteer work. [Don, we are glad you are back on the list and thank you for your feedback.]

In a nice note from Ian Henderson he reported: “Our daughter, Ann, who started her Registrar work under Neil Pfouts, Mildred Kiefer, and Bill Sanford, retired in December of 2010 from her service as Registrar for Skidmore College and her husband, Tom Nelson, retired from his position as Dean of Faculty at Schenectady Community College one year ahead of her.” [Ian, I was surprised to hear that Ann could qualify as a retiree—I recall her as a youngster when she was working at Brockport yet, when I reflect, I do believe that time was before we moved to the “new” administration building which was many years ago. We send our best regards to Ann and Tom and to you and Rita.] And, in a note from Mike Oshier, who keeps busy in the mountains of Montana, he expressed some dismay after reading about the 90th birthdays of Albert Brown and Ralph Gennarino, that he is now old enough to be an invitee to a 90th birthday event because he was once a colleague of these folks.

Here is some information about “Update” that I have not shared for some time and because so many people have recently been added to the “Update” distribution list, it is timely to share it again:

Based upon rumors, real news, direct contact with employees, or the omniscience enjoyed by emeriti, I take the liberty of adding employees to the emeriti directory and emeriti group email list when these sources suggest that an employee’s retirement either has occurred or is imminent. Through the website and the group email I attempt to keep emeriti informed of things going on at the college, the activities of other emeriti, and, unfortunately, the "passings". The emailed "updates", when I have time, are also placed in the "Your News" page on the emeriti website currently hosted at http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm

If you wish to be included in the email group, I need to know your preferred email address. At Brockport, emeriti may continue to use their college email address. However,
if they have an email address at home, most emeriti prefer to use that one after retirement. In any event, if you wish to be included in this group, let me know your preference, including your home email address if that is your preference at: rmeade1@rochester.rr.com. Of course, another option is to tell me you don’t want to receive these emails and I will not include you in the group list. (Note: If you choose to belong, make sure you let me know if your email provider or email address changes if you want to continue to receive mailings.)

For your protection, I use "Update" in the subject line of my email messages to group. I also mail the update to myself and blind copy the members of the list so that you do not have to read through a page or two of email addresses before getting to the update. I also will not send attachments with my group mailings. If there are pictures to share, I place them on the website and just make reference to them in the email. So, if you decide to participate and receive email from me that does not have "Update" as the subject or includes attachments, be suspicious and do not open it unless we have had a personal email exchange and the subject in my email makes sense based upon that exchange. It is also important for emeriti to keep either me or the Human Resources Office at the college informed about any changes in your home address information and phone number when you retire or thereafter. I share such information I receive with the college and vice versa.

I should point out that I am pursuing establishing a LISTSERV at the College that I would manage to make the distribution of “Update” more efficient when I am away from home. It would change nothing above except that I would no longer have to use the “blind copy” method to avoid your receiving everyone else’s email address in the “TO” line.

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Finally, a retired HR colleague from another campus recently shared some information with me that may be of interest. As a result of collective-negotiations, State employees accepted a reduction in the percentage of the health insurance premiums paid by the State. As you know, this reduction in a previous benefit was passed on to retirees even though retirees are not “represented” employees under the Taylor Law. My colleague who is a member of Retired Public Employee Association (RPEA) shared with me that RPEA has filed a lawsuit against the State in an attempt to repeal the diminishing of this benefit for unrepresented retirees. If you are interested you can read more at: http://blog.timesunion.com/capitol/archives/94224/retirees-sue-the-state-over-health-insurance-increase/ Also, if you are interested, here is the contact information for the association: Retired Public Employees Association, 435 New Karner Road, Albany, New York 12205, 1-800-726-7732

We send our best wishes for all for health and happiness throughout the holiday season and beyond…

Bud

PS. If you are in the Brockport area on February 3, 2012 Sandy and I highly recommend the 7:30 pm concert in Tower Fine Arts by alumna Christine Lavin. We met Christine outside the Town Hall Theatre in NYC in a “small world” experience. We had been to the Town Hall for the birthday celebration concert of Andrea Marcovicci. Both Julia Gold (songwriter – “From a
Distance”) whom Sandy and I had previously met at an intimate discussion/performance at Lincoln Center for “old people” and Christine Lavin were in attendance as they are close friends of Andrea. Christine joined Andrea and performed on stage as part of the celebration. We found her to be charming, very talented and very entertaining. Since we wanted to say hello to Julia Gold we hung out in front of the theatre and ended up having words with Andrea and more extended conversations with both Julia and Christine. In the discussion with Christine we were all surprised to learn of our connection with Brockport and western NY—Christine, if memory serves me, is from Batavia. This is much more than you need to know, ’course that is not unusual for me, but from our experience of seeing Christine on stage we are confident that her concert in Brockport will be a very entertaining experience.

December 22, 2011

Greetings,

Updating my emeriti files has reminded me again that it really is easier to keep things up-to-date on an on-going basis than it is to fix things later. But, the enjoyable part of the task has been the very nice email exchanges I have had with many of you.

Similarly, we have enjoyed getting back into the groove in Brockport—catching up with old colleagues and friends at Wegmans, at doctors’ offices, and at various activities. For example, as a result of a breakfast invitation from Jeanette D’Agostino Banker, a dear emerita friend, we witnessed a heartwarming small town event at the Golden Eagle Restaurant on Tuesday. The event was a reunion of vintage Brockport High School baseball and basketball players and other student friends with Ed Nietopski (Brockport College alum, class of ’57, MA ’86), their esteemed coach. Ed Banker who recently had his 96th birthday and was the esteemed High School Principal when Ed Nietopski was coach also was another honoree for the group of 40 in attendance at this event. As an observer, I learned that this reunion has been held on a somewhat smaller scale for at least the past three years but this year it brought people to town from as far away as Chicago and North Carolina just for this event. This special reunion that was predicated by the love for a coach and an administrator demonstrated that there are a lot of good people and a lot of good will in our small-town college community!

PS. It has been reliably reported that Ed Banker made quite a day of it by going from the reunion to the Department of Motor Vehicles (a challenge at any age) to renew his driver’s license for 8 more years—we wish him many more years of happy motoring!

While purchasing some wine for the holidays Sandy engaged some help in her selections. Somehow in her exchanges with the expert the name of the late Adam and late Jet LaZarre’s son Adam came up as she knew Adam is a wine maker in California. The exchange that Sandy shared with me prompted me to ask Julie Miller, Adam’s sister, about his whereabouts and his winemaking career and here is what I learned:

Adam works for Villa San Juliette but has his own label at LaZarre Wines as well. That was the label that was served to the President (yes, Mr. Obama) a few months ago at a dinner - a fine
LaZarre Wine Sauvignon Blanc. Julie also shared the following links where you can find more information:

http://www.villasanjuliette.com/

http://lazarrewines.com/

and where I found this biographical information.

Adam LaZarre is the man behind our outstanding wines here at Villa San-Juliette Winery. Making the transition from Hahn Estates Winery in Monterey where he has been the head winemaker for the past 8 years, Adam has an impressive list of accomplishments under his belt. He has led the nation in gold medal hauls three out of the last five years as well as Best-of-Show awards. In addition, he has been honored by the Sacramento Bee as Winemaker of the Year in 2005, and was named one of the Top Five Winemakers in 2006 by the San Francisco Chronicle. Adam first fell in love with California wine while serving in the US Navy. At some point, his passion for the liquid became so consuming, that he enrolled in the Enology program at Fresno State University immediately upon receiving his honorable discharge. While in the department, he fell in love with the Central Coast wine growing region and chose to make it his home upon graduation. Although he has produced wines from virtually every major appellation in California over the course of his two-decade career, he truly enjoys above all else the challenges and rewards that Paso Robles wine making has to offer. While walking through the vineyards after first meeting with Ken and Nigel, it became apparent to him that Villa San-Juliette should be his new home. All of us here are excited to have Adam in charge of the team.

I thought those of you who knew the LaZarres (Adam and Jet) would enjoy hearing about their son and some might even be interested in finding out what President Obama has been drinking!

Charlie Cowling, College Archivist and Librarian wrote that he was sorry to learn about George Rich’s passing but also advising me that he maintains an Archives Blog at: http://brockport175.wordpress.com and that he had posted a blog about George on it. Take a look and then you may want to save this link in your favorites.

[Thank you, Charlie, for the nice piece on George and for letting us know about the Blog.]

As a result of feedback from many of you we now have good email addresses for some people on the list of people I sent out with the last update but we have none for the following individuals. If anyone has an email address for any one listed below, please share with me at rmeade1@rochester.rr.com. Please note that I will be closing my email account at SUNY Maritime College soon so if you have me in your address book please make sure to change my email address to the one above.

Terry Barnes
Walter Boston
Mary Neumann
Luiz Oyarzun
Barbara Sirvis
Edward Van Duzer
I am only reporting good news today so I will close by congratulating Jack and Gladys Wolsky—I have learned that they just celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary within the past week. What a wonderful milestone for a wonderful couple! We wish them many more years of health and happiness as they continue their journey together.

May everyone in this world find peace and charity during the holiday season that will carry over to the New Year and beyond…

Happy Holidays,

Bud

December 29, 2011

Greetings,

This year we had the largest live Christmas tree ever. Upon our return from Maritime we got rid of some furniture which gave us some space and we chose a tree that would fill the room. It provided us with joy and brightened each day as we anticipated gathering around it with family. But, on Wednesday we removed the memorable decorations and the tree was trimmed to fit into four drum liners in preparation for its return to the earth from whence it came. A similar transition has occurred to a personality that both filled and brightened every room she ever entered. On December 23, 2011, minutes before I was to click the send button on the last update, I received an email from Joe Kandor that emerita Dr. H. Jayne Vogan had passed from this life that morning. I chose not to include this sad news in the previous update and to wait until now to celebrate Jayne and her 28 years of service to the Counselor Education Department, the College and the greater Rochester community. Like our Christmas tree, Jayne Vogan brought a sense of joy to everyone she encountered. She was a bigger than life personality and role player who seemed to get pleasure from her unique attitude towards life. From my contacts with her the words that come to mind to describe her are: flamboyant and sincere—some might think these are contrary concepts.

For flamboyant I remember that whenever she came to see me in my office I was always aware of her presence long before she arrived at my door. She greeted everyone within sight with a smile and conversation as she made her way to my office and was exuberant when she got to my door and greeted me. If I recall correctly, the first time I met her she was dressed in what she might have described as one of the finer things in life—not a fur coat but one made out of feathers! In one of my early encounters with her in which retirement was discussed she joked with me with words to the effect that she was too young then to worry about retirement and retirement benefits were not a big thing anyway because she just planned to die a million dollars in debt. I never asked her if she made any adjustments to that plan during the inflationary period of the 1980s.
While she had a unique style, she was very sincere in her commitment to her profession, to her department and to the students that she taught. Her legacy, in part, is the large number of counselors who gained invaluable insights from having her as an instructor and friend. She was also a respected colleague invoking this description from a former colleague: “I could always expect her to be forthright and honest, and she certainly contributed well-thought-out opinions in departmental meetings. She knew how to take opposing views and somehow fathom compromises acceptable to all sides.”

Jayne’s passing brings back many fond memories. One such memory was when Jayne was asked by President Brown to be an observer and reporter for an administrative council retreat at the Fancher Campus around 1974. The retreat was for the purpose of reviewing changes in the demographics relating to the college-age population in NYS and anticipated reductions in State support so that the College could fashion an institutional response. I am not sure where Jayne slept but the men slept in the upstairs bunkhouse and that was a real eye opening experience—as in how can you close your eyes and sleep with that many people snoring! I may have mentioned this before but one thing that was most memorable for me from the retreat was when Stu Dube, then Director of Institutional Research, repeatedly stumbled over the word Suffolk in Suffolk Community College causing Frank Feigert to double up in laughter and fall out of his chair. I don’t recall ever having the opportunity to read Jayne’s report but my guess is that its treatment of Stu’s word block would have been the only thing in the report that would have brought any pleasure to the reader.

While no obituary has yet been published, the following information was taken from her emerita resume on the Counselor Education Departments page on Brockport’s website.

Dr. Jayne Vogan has been teaching Counseling Theory and Practice, Consulting and Supervision, Internship and Practicum for Counselors since 1971. She also maintains a small private therapy practice that includes individuals, couples and families. She consults in both the public and private sectors for management and labor specializing in interpersonal relations and communications skills, stress management, assertiveness training, sexism and racism, and women’s issues.

Additionally, she is much in demand as a public speaker. Topics include those listed above and expand to human sexuality, child development, parenting, and humor as applied to mental health. The following are some sample comments after a recent presentation.

- "Excellent presenter. She should make video tapes and go on the road. Her material was excellent and the delivery was terrific."
- "Outstanding! Entertaining as well as effective."
- "Wonderful! Could her session be extended to a full day?"
- "The best session of the week. She made me think in new ways."
- "Truly inspirational! Jayne’s message and delivery had high impact on me. She gave great suggestions on how to achieve balance in life -- and I'm planning to take her suggestions seriously. Too bad she's not based in Atlanta -- a regular meeting with Jayne must be good for the head, heart, and soul!"
• "What an incredible breath of fresh air. She has gotten it -- she knows what is important in life. I would love to have her in my life."

Vogan has a bachelor's degree from Cornell in industrial and labor relations and a master's in counseling from the University of Virginia, in addition to her doctorate from the University of Rochester. She has been the president of the SUNY Brockport Faculty Senate and has chaired both her own department on an interim basis and the Department of Education and Human Development, and has been associate dean in the School of Professions at SUNY Brockport.

I asked Joe Kandor to review this “Update” before distributing it because he has been Jayne’s chair, colleague and friend for many years. His feedback was: “You certainly captured the essence of this outstanding woman who impacted many, many individuals through a variety of contacts with them—teacher, speaker, friend, role model, etc. Jayne is a one of a kind and I will miss her more than I can express in words. She had a major impact on my career and life.”

Beyond her impact on Joe’s life and career, Jayne Vogan played many roles that enriched the lives of all who encountered her. We mourn her passing, celebrate her life and thank her for the fun memories.

As of this writing there is no information about a memorial gathering or memorial contributions but if and when I obtain such information I will pass it along.

Jayne would have us mourn and remember…then Carpe Diem!

Bud

January 23, 2012

Greetings,

Not much has been shared recently for inclusion in “Your News” and I am not sure but what I have already posted some of the information included in this “Update”. But there is some recent sad news to share along with some more welcome news and comment, so here goes.

First, I am pleased that we have reconnected with Barbara Sirvis. She retired from the Presidency of Southern Vermont College in 2006 and relocated to South Burlington. Since our last contact, she has lost her father and relocated her mom from California to North Carolina. Barbara’s joys in retirement are volunteer work in Burlington, traveling this amazing country in her new motorhome, and assisting with PGA and LPGA tournaments in Palm Springs when she visits there. She shared that she is “grateful for a wonderful professional life and now feels the same about retirement.” Thanks for the update Barbara and welcome back!

I am also pleased to welcome Linda Hartmann, Dolores Indovino, Linda Pickering and Phyllis Romano to the “Update” distribution list. They are recent administrative services retirees and are members of a group of retired COSAC employees who meet for lunch about once per month.
Several other retirees from this group have also been included in the distribution of “Update” for several years.

I may have already reported this but if not, it is good news to learn that Eileen and Harold Rose have moved back to Brockport. While they do a lot of travel in their motor home, including to Newfoundland where Harold was born, don’t be surprised when you bump into Eileen at Wegmans when they are in town. Eileen reports that she and Harold are really enjoying retirement.

Some time ago John Mosher shared some news some of which I may have already shared. I apologize if I repeat but access to some of my past “Updates” to refresh my memory is limited at the moment. So, I share an edited version of a note from John.

“Some good news. A former student of mine Dr. Andrew W. Saul, has been invited to Korean University in Seoul to give presentations on his work in the field of Orthomolecular Medicine.

Andy graduated from Brockport sometime in the mid to late 1970's. He worked with Don Myers in the Office of International Education and subsequently taught at several institutions of higher learning including the New York Chiropractic College and as an adjunct in the Health Sciences Dept. at SUNY Brockport. Andy has a couple of books published and several about to be published. Andy has gained international recognition through his web site doctoryourself.com, his publications and his work as assistant editor with the Journal of Orthomolecular Medicine.

I know Andy was not full time faculty at SUNY Brockport but I thought it might be of interest to faculty who knew Andy as a student and perhaps as an adjunct to find that this Brockport graduate has become internationally recognized for his work in the field of self-health care.

About my wife, Connie, and me. Connie continues with her artwork and has lately focused mainly on Polaroid Transfers. I still follow my avocation of counseling and teaching stress reduction and meditation, sometimes T’ai Chi. We are both well and enjoy our children, grandchildren and life in general.”

Thank you, John, for sharing and best wishes to you and Connie as you pursue your retirement goals.

Back in August I had a note from Bruce Leslie that contained some information of interest that I do not think I have shared yet. It was in reference to the late Walter Bowman of the English Department. Bruce shared that Walter Bowman was the son of Isaiah Bowman, a great geographer and a former President of John Hopkins. Bruce went on to report that minutes after reading the “Update” in which Walter’s wife Erna’s death was reported he came across Walter’s name in the Johns Hopkins magazine.

The sad items to report are the recent deaths of one of our own, Eugene Gartland, and of Fred D’Andrea, a member of the Brockport community known to many of us. Eugene Gartland was a full-time GED instructor at the Educational Opportunity Center for many years who also was an adjunct in The Earth Sciences Department as well. He died unexpectedly just before the start of
classes for the spring semester. Fred D’Andrea is better known as the “shoe man”. For many years, he sold and repaired boots and shoes in his shop on Market Street in Brockport. I did not know Eugene Gartland but with a walk like mine I got to know Fred pretty well at his shop where he was always friendly. I got to know him a little better after he closed the shop through his association with some other emeriti including Tom Nugent and Joe Kandor. Fred was an affable person who enjoyed a good joke and always could be counted on for a good greeting and a twinkle in eye. Both of these individuals will be missed in the greater Brockport community and we are sad to see them gone. Below are their obituaries as reported in the Rochester D&C.

Eugene Gartland
Rochester: Suddenly on Sunday, January 8, 2012 at the age of 61. Predeceased by his parents, Wilbur & Loretta; brother, Robert. Gene is survived by his wife of 40 years, Wendy Gartland; son, Ian P. Gartland; daughters, Erin(Michael) Gould, Carrie (Sean) Kelleher; grandchildren, Shannon & Donovan Gould; brother, Wilbur (Sandy) Gartland; mother-in-law, Peggy Bennett; sisters in law; numerous nieces and nephews.

Gene worked as an educator starting at St. Charles Borromeo for 5 years teaching junior high students. He then worked for over 20 years at EOC/SUNY Brockport instructing for GED Program. He also taught geography, geology & meteorology. Gene ran numerous trips starting through the Rochester Science Museum resulting in the founding of Nature Discoveries with his partners Steven Daniel & Peter Debes. With Nature Discoveries, Gene traveled to numerous locations leading trips across the US and abroad. He volunteered for the Rochester Environmental Commission for over 20 years in which he chaired the committee for over 10 years. Most of all, Gene's passion was to share his information with all he encountered.
Memorials may be directed to American Heart Association, PO Box 3049, Syracuse, NY 13220.

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D’Andrea, Fred R. "Fritz"
Kendall: Age 81, died January 9, 2012. Fred owned and operated Fred's Shoe Repair and Boot Shop in Brockport for 40 years.

He was predeceased by his brother Donald. He is survived by his wife Lois (Kemp) D’Andrea, son Ryan D'Andrea, grandson Luke, sister-in-law JoAnn D'Andrea, sister-in-law and brother-in-law Susan (Robert) Conge, several nieces, nephews, cousins.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Mark's Church, St. Vincent DePaul Society in Holley, the Kendall Ambulance, or Open Door Mission of Rochester.
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Once again Sandy and I have commented that we often see more of former Brockport friends and colleagues when not at home. Recently we have enjoyed spending time with Mo and Carol Beers in Southport, NC and with Ken and Mary Jo Schlecht in Chapel Hill. Both couples gave us great tours and we are grateful for their hospitality.
February 15, 2011

Greetings,

Joe Kandor has shared with me the following information about the scheduling of the memorial service for H. Jayne Vogan:

Place: Rochester Memorial Art Gallery  
500 University Avenue  
Rochester, New York 14607  
Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm  
Date: April 20, 2012

[Joe, thanks for sharing.]

After the last update, I received some “Your News” and I thought I should share it before I lose it. Thanks to those of you who shared.

From Dorie Sweeting  
Bud, I just want you to know that Ed and Johnnie Lehman have been friends of mine for many years. Not only from my time at the College but as members at First Baptist Church. Each year, when I visit in Brockport and attend church, Ed and Johnnie greet me with open arms. I am saddened by the fact that Johnnie is facing a rough time--maybe not for her but for Ed. I am so glad that Ed has his wood-working shop as that will be a great help for him. I will definitely keep them in my prayers.

I also have many great memories of other folks from the College--not only Professors but clerical and secretarial staff as well. There were many good times shared as well as rough times.

[Dorie, it is always good to hear from you. Thanks for your feedback.]

From Pat Baker  
Just a few comments and an addition.

As I graduated from high school (Holley ’57) with Lois Kemp D’Andrea and still keep in touch with her. I sent her what you wrote in the last newsletter about Fred. Fred was a person who loved people and his brain held a tremendous amount of history of the locality and its residents. If you wanted to know anything about anybody, in Brockport, Holley, Kendall, he could spin it off in an instant.

Second, thank you Jeanette for the history of the Emeritus section of the directory. I still have and use my 2005 edition that is showing a lot of wear. There is nothing like leafing through a
I am so sorry about Johnnie Lehman's condition, may she and Ed have many more years of enjoyment together! Selfishly, I hope Ed is still able to act as woodworking judge for the Brockport Arts Festival again. Ed is very humble about his own works and couldn't see why I wanted him as a judge last summer. As most of you know his pieces are elegant and beautiful showing a true artist's ability to melt form to the piece of wood selected.

Finally, I am chair of the Brockport Arts Festival, August 11-12, as it returns to its true home MAIN STREET. This year sponsor BISCO is working toward much more community involvement (including Kevin Warner, Arts for Children and Judy Jensen, Recreation and Leisure Emerita as we finalize the transition to being our own festival promoter. We expect this to be our best festival ever. Please visit brockportartsfestival.com and view 2011 YNN. Also view the vendor winners that Ed helped to select. We were smaller last year, but our best in show, a wood carver, was first class. We are always looking for arts and crafts vendors (and different food vendors as well) so feel free to direct any you know to our website. And, anyone with ideas for using the canal on Saturday (that weekend is also NYS Canal System's Canal Splash Weekend) or other special events, we are still taking ideas. Call 395-9606 or e-mail brockportartsfest@frontier.com.

[Pat, we all appreciate your feedback. Best wishes for a very successful Arts Festival August 11-12 back on Main Street. I am sure BISCO and the greater Brockport Community appreciate your efforts which certainly give you an active retirement!]

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From Jim Dusen
Jim sent me three great photos from Arizona with the comment that he had not seen photos with “Update” but that on occasion he might want to share some of his work. The photos were excellent and I was envious but I had to advise him that it is my policy not to include attachments with “Updates” as a protection to email recipients but that in the past I had posted photographs on the “Your News” page on the Emeriti website. Currently, I am unable to do such postings until April. While I think that in some instances the distribution of photographs relating to emeriti post retirement activities with “Update” might be welcome, as editor-in-chief I just do not want to be in a position of determining whether to reject or to distribute photographs. However, I will try to remember to post Jim Dusen’s excellent photos on the Your News page on the Emeriti website in April and to include a reference to the posting in an Update.

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From Dick Evans
Dick has shared with me that after two arthroscopies on the same knee followed by a knee placement during the summer/fall, he finally has a knee that works very well. [Dick, we are glad to hear of the success of your surgery.]

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From Neil Pfouts
Neal was a participant in the surprise 90th birthdays celebration for Drs. Brown and Gennarino and I had the pleasure of driving to the event with him. He wrote that he enjoyed the event and that it was a great day for him. He also shares:
“I am doing quite well but I do have my ups and downs. What else could I expect at 94. God has been good to me. At this point my wife, Neva, is my sole caregiver. She is doing a great job.”

[Neil was College Registrar when I arrived in Brockport in 1967 and it is always good to hear from him. He and Ed Lehman are cut out of the same cloth -- made of character, service and integrity.]

From Terry Lehr

I have been delighted with "Update" ever since I began to receive it last fall. I hope this e-mail will give the newsletter some of the "balance" you're seeking. As a former adjunct (8 years) and then QAR (13 years) in the English Department, I met the folks the newsletter mentions sometimes in brief meetings but mostly through reputation. And other than Sandy (please say "hi" to her), with whom I worked on registrations for classes for transfer students, few will remember who I was.

But many will remember Phil Gerber from the English Department. In 1994, Phil invited me to work with him on a collection of Civil War letters written by an Illinois colonel to his wife between 1862 and 1864. For the next ten years, he and I transcribed and edited the letters and thoroughly researched their contexts. Unfortunately, the 650-page tome that resulted from our decade of work was too large for any of the university publishers Phil submitted them to. And when he died in 2005, the project became dormant.

Two years ago, with the colonel's descendants and a researcher who was writing a history of Col. Carter Van Vleck's regiment, I agreed to work on getting an abridgment of the letters published. Since then, I have polished the shortened edition, preserving the main themes and the colonel's authentic mode of expression.

Emerging Leader: The Letters of Carter Van Vleck to His Wife Patty 1862-1864, is a great love story! It also gives the reader an accurate sense of what a participant in the war experienced, including navigating through the choppy waters of regimental politics, being wounded at Chickamauga, exhuming his best friend's body from a mass grave, and being threatened both physically and emotionally by the trauma of battle.

In a few weeks, the autobiography/memoir, Emerging Leader: The Letters of Carter Van Vleck to His Wife Patty 1862-1864 will be available through major outlets. Royalties will mostly benefit the descendants of the colonel who have underwritten the cost of publication. The descendant I have most contact with is a woman in her mid to late 50s who cleans houses for a living.

But most of all, the publication of Emerging Leader will make Phil Gerber's 10-year efforts worthwhile and be a tribute to his memory.

Thanks to all who shared.

Sorry the punctuation translation continues so feel free to add apostrophes, quotation marks, etc. where you feel they are needed.
Cheers from sunny and so far, snow free” North Carolina to those of you who have been “under the weather”!

Bud

February 20, 2012

Greetings,

Sometimes “Your News” is not strictly about emeriti but instead might highlight the very exceptional accomplishments of their family members that I think might be of interest to other emeritus. Such is the purpose of this Update.

I recently learned that the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL), headquartered in Washington, DC, has won a $1,000,000 award for creative and effective institutions from the prestigious John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. The President and CEO of ICNL is Doug Rutzen, the middle son of emeritus Robert Rutzen who taught in and chaired the Sociology Department for many years. Doug attended Brockport schools while living in Brockport from 1971 to 1976. He then graduated from Brighton High School after the family moved there. He went on to complete his undergraduate studies at Cornell and Oxford (Worcester College) and his JD from Yale. Emeritus Bob is understandably very proud of his son’s accomplishments that led to this award and also happy that Douglas is a good person--modest and kind. Following is a copy of a press release announcing the award:

Washington, DC, February 16, 2012 – Today the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation named the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL) as a recipient of the MacArthur Award for Creative and Effective Institutions. The award recognizes ICNL’s work to create an enabling environment for civil society worldwide and provides ICNL with a grant of $1,000,000.

The MacArthur Award honors and supports ICNL’s efforts to advance the legal environment for civil society, philanthropy, and civic participation in over 100 countries. Among other examples, ICNL is working with partners to create the legal framework for humanitarian groups and other civil society organizations in Libya. ICNL is also engaged with partners to promote philanthropy in China, increase public participation in Russia, enhance state-civil society relations in Brazil, and enable civil society in scores of other countries.

“As we see in Egypt and other countries around the world, the legal framework for civil society is front page news,” said Doug Rutzen, President of ICNL, “and our goal is to promote safe legal space for individuals to work together to improve their societies.”

At the global level, ICNL’s work led to the first-ever UN Special Rapporteur on the freedoms of association and assembly. ICNL also convened a Global Forum on Civil Society Law at which Aung San Suu Kyi, Desmond Tutu, US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, and Sweden’s Minister for International Development Cooperation and Ambassador-at-Large for Democracy
provided remarks.

“From Chicago to Kampala, these extraordinary organizations demonstrate exceptional creativity and effectiveness,” said MacArthur President Robert Gallucci. “They provide new ways to address old problems. They generate provocative ideas and they reframe well-worn debates. And their impact is altogether disproportionate to their size.”

The award is recognition of ICNL’s leadership and an investment in the organization’s future. It comes at a critical time for ICNL, enhancing its sustainability and enabling it to develop a communications strategy to support civil society law reform efforts around the world.

“The MacArthur award is a tribute to our partners, donors, staff, board and advisory council,” said Doug Rutzen. “Our impact results from the innovation, dedication, and inspiration of this remarkable group of colleagues.”

ICNL is one of only 15 organizations from six countries to be recognized with the MacArthur Award for Creative and Effective Institutions. The MacArthur Foundation does not seek or accept nominations for these awards. To learn more about the MacArthur Award for Creative and Effective Institutions, please click here.

For more information on ICNL, please click here.

[We send our congratulations to Douglas and his proud father and other family members as well as to all of his colleagues upon his organization’s receipt of this exceptional award and we also send our best wishes for continued success as he and his organization continue in their efforts to make the world a better place.]

Best regards,

Bud

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February 24, 2012

Greetings,

Emeriti John Halsey has been added to the “Update” distribution list. John was one of the emeriti for whom I was missing an email address. He sent me a note while he and Val were visiting Del and Jeannette Smith in Florida. While there they were planning to visit John and Joan Kramer as well. John is now retired and he and Val still live in London but he continues to work part-time with the College’s London programs.

[John, it was nice to hear from you and to be able to add you to the distribution list. Enjoy the rest of your time in the US. And, always, it is nice to hear about instances where emeriti continue to stay connected.]
An artists’ reception from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Oxford Gallery on Saturday, March 10th featuring Amy Williams McLaren (painting in oil, acrylic, and mixed media) and Jack Wolsky (painting in encaustic) will provide an early spring opportunity to support emeritus Jack Wolsky and to meet and greet other emeriti. If you miss the reception the exhibit will run from March 3 through April 7, 2012. The Oxford Gallery is located at 267 Oxford Street, Rochester, NY 14607 and its hours are Tues. - Fri. noon to 5:00 pm; Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm.

[Jack, we cannot be there but best wishes for a well-attended reception and exhibit.]

My “Your News”
On Wednesday, February 22, 2012 I had a nice conversation with Connor Barth the kicker for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers who was working out at The Crest Fitness Club on Wrightsville Avenue in Wrightsville Beach. Connor kicked for the University of North Carolina where he currently holds UNC’s record for most field goals at 54. His younger brother Casey was 4 field goals short of breaking Connor’s record when he was sidelined with a groin injury last fall during his senior season. Connor was a top NFL-recruit when he graduated from UNC and was affiliated with the Kansas City Chiefs and the Miami Dolphins before signing with the Bucs in 2009. I learned that although he graduated from Hoggard High School in Wilmington he has a lot of family in western New York—Orchard Park and other suburbs of Buffalo. I told him I wouldn’t want his job because there are too many opportunities where you are either the hero or the goat. Connor had a great year with the Bucs-making 26 of 28 field goal attempts in the last season—just short of breaking the season record for the Bucs. I was very impressed that this 25-year-old professional athletic was very humble, pleasant and down to earth and willing to engage in conversation while working out. I’ve never been a Bucs fan but I suspect I’ll be giving them a look next season after this encounter.

And, as a closet photojournalist, I was pleased to see my first by-lined piece published in the “StarNews” in Wilmington this week. I had previously had a photograph chosen for print but I must admit it was even more fun to see my first ever submission of my, by-chance, coverage of an event show up in print.
[Obviously, I need more of “Your News,” so please share.]

Enjoy your day,

Bud

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February 2, 2012

Greetings,

I have decided to begin this “Update” with a little background about how “Update” began since many people have been added to the distribution list the last couple of years and also I need to plant the seed for someone else to step forward when I retire from this assignment. So, here is some history.

Shortly after I transferred from Financial Aids to Personnel in 1970 I got to know the late Bob
Skelton from the Art Department pretty well. He was a retiree and he frequently came to the office seeking information and forms with which to assist other retirees who were not able to visit the office themselves. I was impressed by his concern and caring for his emeritus colleagues and friends. Over the years, I observed and worked with others who were committed to promoting a continuing relationship between emeriti and the College including the late Peg Browne, the late Harold Rakov, and, of course, Frances Moroney Whited and Jeanette D’Agostino Banker who continue to this day to encourage and support this relationship and so much more. Their examples and the prompting of Jeanette and Peg, in particular, led me to add the emeriti section to the Faculty/Staff Directory many years ago and then to be in touch with emeriti on an annual basis to ensure that their directory information was current and correct. Again, I was impressed by the devotion of these retirees in their efforts to ensure that the College remained connected to its emeriti. Then sometime in the late 1990s I thought it would be nice to update emeriti about what was happening at the College when we asked them to verify their directory information. I also thought it would be great to have the student employees in HR write up this information, describe their experiences at the College and thank emeriti for helping to lay the foundation for their own success. The response was overwhelming. The recipients of the letters from the students (one of whom was Matt Vanderwerf who is now Benefits Officer at the College) wrote notes on their directory update sheets sharing their news and thanking the students for the “Update.” I was particularly inspired by the response from the late Ollie Spaulding who shared what was going on in his life and some of his memories and expressed sincere appreciation for the “Update.” As the Internet developed and emeriti started buying into email services, I decided to use a combination of email and direct mail to maintain directory information for emeriti and to include information that emeriti wanted to share as “Your News.” By the time I retired in 2000, the feedback from “Update” (best compensation I have ever received for anything I have done) led me to continue the service. However, of late, the “Your News” contributions have been overshadowed by the sharing of the bad news of the “passings” of members of our group. So, we need more “sharing information” from you to obtain the right balance. I also hope that when I complete my term of office with this project that someone will take over to facilitate the sharing of “Your News” and College News among you.

Fortunately, following the last “Update” I have received some “Your News” which I share below. As usual this “Your News” includes information that is welcome and some that dampens our spirits. Yet both types can be catalysts for recalling the great, and sometimes not so great, experiences we have had through our association with the College and the greater Brockport community, and to be grateful for the memories and accomplishments we have made together.

On that note, I share a note from Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus Edward Lehman, referred to as the “soul of the Sociology Department” by the late Bob Marcus, who, with his wife Johnnie, have graced the College and the greater Brockport community with their presence and contributions for many years. Here is what he has to share:

“Ed Lehman here. I have some news that some of the emeriti would find of interest. Perhaps some “remnant” faculty from older cohorts would as well.

First, the good news! Johnnie and I have now been enjoying retirement for 16 years. Life has
been good. Our family now sees all grandchildren grown, and all of them are excellent students and very competitive in athletics. The youngest, Danielle, has been making her mark as a senior at Brockport High School both as a soccer player and as a scholar. We are very proud of the kids. Their parents (our children) are doing well. Our daughter, Jeanne, now lives in New Jersey. She is a vice president in one of AT&T’s divisions there. She has done well. Our son, Mark, is a physical therapist working based in Orleans County. He’s still quite a tennis player.

In 2005, we down-sized to a lovely ranch home in Don Hibsch’s development, McCormick Place. He built us a great home. Within that structure, I now have the largest wood-working shop I have ever had. I spend a lot of time down there. Many in the community know that my focus is on turning bowls, candlesticks, platters, etc. The community has been very generous in responding to my work. They commission me to make gifts for them. They “buy me out” at the annual Candlelight Christmas show at the Morgan-Manning House each December. Local folks have also been very supportive in yet another way. When they have a tree coming down (or see one nearby), they inform me of it, and I get to harvest some very nice local hardwoods. One even cuts it down and brings it to me in his pickup. Am I spoiled or not? In all of this, I remain amused that after earning my living working with my head, people are willing to part with good money for what I make with my hands!

Unfortunately, I also have some very bad news. Johnnie has been diagnosed with early-stage Alzheimer’s disease. She’s taking it like a trooper. At present, she still enjoys most activities that have been a part of her life up to now. As everyone knows, that will change. So, Johnnie and I ask for your understanding and your prayers. In the immediate future, we look forward to spending time with our friends and family.”

[Ed and Johnnie, we have been honored to know you. Your support of others has been exemplary. We now lend you our support in our thoughts and prayers as this chapter in your lives unfolds.]

Other “Your News”

From Steve Ullman:

Bud - Fred D'Andrea was a wonderful person. Years ago, I mentored a blind (from birth) student named Jon Miller who has since died. Fred could not have been friendlier or more supportive to Jon. Fred is one of my many happy Brockport memories - Steve

From David Hale:

Happy Year of the Dragon! A few things to report. I’ve been reappointed to the Town of Sweden Planning Board. Been there since 1970, chair 1972-79. Served with Ned Grade (English) and Terry Hover (Student Affairs) as well as a number of our graduates, currently Bill Hertweck. Also, reelected President of the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church (incorporated 1827). Meanwhile I play tennis a couple of mornings a week with Herb Fink and Ian Henderson (when he’s not in Florida) and--in the summer--with Bill Andrews and Mel Smagorinsky. Right now, we're off to be tourists in Guatemala and Costa Rica for three weeks.
Dave Hale

From Ed Kelly:

Bud,
I really enjoy these news items. Don’t have anything to report, still University Counsel at ETSU and Quillen College of Medicine and teaching law at a law school in Virginia. Best wishes to you and Sandy in what is clearly a happy and productive retirement. Ed

[The “Update” distribution includes many former employees who did not retire as well as many others in the community who are “friends of the college.” Ed Kelly served as Assistant to the President, briefly under Albert W. Brown and then throughout the presidency of John E. Van de Wetering. Ed went on to a very successful career at Eastern Tennessee State University where he continues to serve. Ed, thanks for sharing.]

News:

In the last “Update” I mentioned a visit between the Meades and Mo and Carol Beers. What I did not mention, because I had forgotten to obtain permission, was that Mo was heading to the hospital for knee replacement surgery. I now have permission to share that Mo’s surgery a week ago Monday was successful and that he is doing his therapy routine and hopes to be walking without pain soon.

As I mentioned in an earlier “Update”, if you are in the Brockport area I truly believe you’ll enjoy the February 3rd Concert featuring alum Singer/Songwriter/Entertainer Christine Lavin. See www.brockport.edu/newsbureau/1691.html for details.

Following is an announcement that if I am not mistaken was shared with me by both Matt Vanderwerf and emeritus Herb Fink. I believe emeriti in the area will be welcome at least on a space available basis after current employees have been served. In these times, I suspect it is never too late to make adjustments to attempt to ensure that your retirement accounts last as long as you do. If you are interested, check with Kristen Adduci to see if you can secure a seat.

UUP and Human Resources Brings you: Retirement/Investment Basics you NEED to Know!

Insufficient basic knowledge of investing for retirement can reduce a retirement fund by appreciable six figure amounts at retirement time. Join us as our ORP representatives discuss the basics you need to make informed choices.

Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2012
Time: 4 - 5:30 pm
Location: 220 Seymour College Union
Light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP to Kristen Adduci, UUP, at 395-2208 or kadduci@brockport.edu.
Finally, as most of you know I am now distributing “Update” using a list-server at the College rather than from my personal email accounts. Actually, it has made the whole process much easier. The only problem I have yet to resolve is that depending upon which of the two upload options I have tried so far, the server either completely strips punctuation from the documents or replaces it with odd characters. If there is a way to correct this I’ll work on it but not this time unless I get lucky.

Keep the Ed and Johnnie Lehman in your thoughts and prayers and otherwise, enjoy the day,

Bud

March 6, 2012

Greetings,

Regretfully, I have to begin this update with sad news. George L. Todd, a friend and colleague for many years departed this life to begin his after-life journey on Monday March 5, 2012.

I first met George Todd after the late Roger Knapp hired him as a Janitor in 1971. Although his obituary did not include it, if my memory serves me correctly George, at the time, had recently separated from military service with the army where he had gained military police experience. George immediately became one of our best janitors and it was not surprising that he soon took the promotion examination for Supervising Janitor, passed it with a high score and was promoted to that title in 1972. Again, he proved to be one of our best Supervising Janitors at the time. His performance was noted and as he held an undergraduate degree he was soon promoted to the professional service where over the years he served variously as Environmental Health and Safety Officer, Benefits Officer, Assistant Director of University Police and as Staff Associate in Residential Life. George retired August 15, 2000 and subsequently worked for Rochester Transportation Authority. George was always friendly and helpful to employees and others in the different positions he held at the College. In addition to the things cited in his obituary I remember that he was helpful as a counselor to several teenage boys who were having adjustment difficulties and he also provided Red Cross training and certification for many young people who needed the certifications for, as an example, life guard jobs.

I have many fond memories of my early associations with George Todd as both a colleague and friend. While I lost contact with him after he left the College I was pleased that he moved on to another career at RTA in which he found happiness and success. I hope he will find peace and just rewards in the afterlife.

Following is George’s obituary from the Rochester D&C on March 6, 2012.

Hamlin: After a courageous battle with cancer, went home to be with his Lord on Monday, March 5, 2012, at the age of 66. George was predeceased by his parents Henry and Martha Todd and his sister Bernice Williams. He is survived by his loving wife Dody {Ballard–recently retired from the College}; his sister Linda Ebanks of Aurora, Colorado; his daughters Andrea Williams of Kansas City, Missouri; and Sabrina (John)
Terranova of Brockport; grandsons Marcus and Christopher Williams of Kansas City, Missouri; granddaughter Bianca Todd of Brockport; nieces Michell James and Monique Smith of Aurora, Colorado; other numerous nieces and nephews and friends. George belonged to the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Organization, New York Chapter IV; and was a Mason at Clio Lodge #779 in Hilton, New York. He was also a member of the Lifetime Assistance Board of Directors, a past member of the Hamlin Republican Committee and the Hamlin Lions Club.

Calling hours will be Thursday March 8th from 2-4 and 7-9 at the Fowler Funeral Home Inc., 340 West Avenue, Brockport. His mass of Christian burial will be Friday March 9th, 10 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (SEAS) in Hamlin. Interment will be in Lakeside Cemetery in the spring. Those wishing to make donations in his memory may do so to Lifetime Assistance, 425 Paul Road, Rochester, NY 14624; the Masonic Care Community, 2150 Bleecker Street, Utica, NY 13501; or to a charity of their choice. Please visit www.fowlerfuneralhomeinc.com to light a candle in his memory.

George, your absence from this world creates a void and your presence will be sorely missed.

Jim Horn provides better news as he has “hit 70”!

Jim Horn led his last tour in February, taking 28 clients to Mexico's Mayan Yucatan. After 80 Elderhostel/Road Scholar programs in Cuernavaca and 66 tours in 8 countries, he has decided to move on to other challenges.

He recently used his 70th birthday to seduce friends and family who had not visited Cuernavaca in a long time by offering them free lodging and 8 days of fiestas, music, optional excursions, and fine dining. One of the first to renew her passport was Jim's 94 year-old-mother who lives independently, drives, and bakes for all family gatherings.

Twenty-four friends and family arrived including Brockport emeriti Joe and Ellen Gilbert who arrived from New York City, and Victor Rojas and Linda Hall who flew in from Costa Rica. Jim's tour assistant for 15 years, Ruben Duran, came from Oslo with his Norwegian wife and family. Eight family members stayed in his villa and the others were housed with neighbors who usually lodge students.

The gala fiesta at the villa for over 50 guests featured a mariachi band and an Estudiantina, a 16-member student orchestra. Other fiestas included a local singer/guitarist and a Rondalla, nine harmonizing singer/guitarists. With all the activities and meals included, it could count as a 67th tour.

[From comedian George Carlin—at least we think so:]

Do you realize that the only time in our lives when we like to get old is when we are kids? If you're less than 10 years old, you're so excited about aging that you think in fractions. "How old are you?" "I'm four and a half!" You're never thirty-six and a half. You're four and a half, going on five! That's the key. You get into your teens, now they can't hold you back. You jump to the
next number, or even a few ahead. "How old are you?" "I'm gonna be 16!" You could be 13, but hey, you're gonna be 16! And then the greatest day of your life . . . you become 21. Even the words sound like a ceremony . . . YOU BECOME 21 . . . YEAS!!! But then you turn 30. Oooohh, what happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk. He TURNED, we had to throw him out. There's no fun now, you're just a sour-dumpling. What's wrong? What's changed? You BECOME 21, you TURN 30, then you're PUSHING 40. Whoa! Put on the brakes, it's all slipping away. Before you know it, you REACH 50 . . . and your dreams are gone. But wait!!! You MAKE it to 60. You didn't think you would! So, you BECOME 21, TURN 30, PUSH 40, REACH 50 and MAKE it to 60. You've built up so much speed that you HIT 70! After that it's a day-by-day thing; you HIT Wednesday! You get into your 80s and every day is a complete cycle; you HIT lunch; you TURN 4:30; you REACH bedtime. And it doesn't end there. Into the 90s, you start going backwards; "I was JUST 92." Then a strange thing happens. If you make it over 100, you become a little kid again. "I'm 100 and a half!" May you all make it to a healthy 100 and a half!!

[Jim, we are all very pleased that you are now a big hitter and hope that you live long enough to be a kid again!]

Sorry but memorial events seem to be the order of the day so here are a few things to put on your calendars if you are in the Brockport area:

**Stuart Appelle**
A memorial service to celebrate and remember the life of Stuart Appelle (1946-2011) will be held in the New York Room at 3 pm on March 23. A reception will follow.

Stuart was at Brockport for 40 years. He served as a faculty member and chair in the Psychology Department, Dean and Associate Dean of the former School of Letters and Sciences, director of the Masters of Liberal Studies, and Dean of the School of Science and Mathematics.

The Stuart Appelle Memorial Lectureship will be presented to his family at the service. Please contact Jamie Beers-Wilson (jbeers@brockport.edu) to make your gift or pledge through the Faculty Staff Campaign.

**George Rich**
Watch for an article about the life of the late alumnus George Rich in the D&C on Sunday, March 11, 2012. Mark Hare of the D&C interviewed Rosie Rich recently and he is writing an article about George that will appear that date. The article will be in the section about those who have passed and have had an impact on others.

Also, the Remembrance Gathering for George is on Friday, March 30 at 4:00 P.M. in Tuttle North Gymnasium at the College.

**H. Jayne Vogan**
February 21, 1937 – December 23, 2011
A celebration of Jayne’s life will be held on April 20, 2012
5:00 to 7:00 pm
Program at 5:45
Bausch & Lomb Parlor, Memorial Art Gallery
500 University Avenue
Rochester, NY

To know someone here or there with whom you can feel there is understanding in spite of
distances or thoughts unexpressed… that can make of this earth a garden.
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Other News…

I am happy to report William “Bill” Sanford, former College Registrar, is finally on the mend
after hip surgery. While the hip surgery was successful and of no real consequence, Bill ended
up spending most of the month of February in a rehabilitation unit because of other medical
issues that surfaced following the surgery. He is now home and finding that sleeping in his own
bed is of great benefit. He sends his regards to his friends and former colleagues at the College.
We are happy that he is now on the mend and we wish both Bill and his wife Sharon health and
happiness as they continue to enjoy retirement at The Villages in Florida.

Following the last update, I had a note from Pat Coates that she and husband Jim Coates would
also be visiting with John and Val Halsey in Florida. The meeting event is now past (it was the
day after the last update) but we are again pleased that Brockport emeriti keep in touch. Pat and
Jim report that it is nice to be retired and to be able to visit their London friends in Florida (in
February). Pat and Jim are enjoying an RV for a month or so to see how they like it and they
report that so far—with 80-degree temperatures in Florida—it sure beats working in the Rakov
Building or Morgan III in February.

Peace and love to the families and close friends of George Todd, Stuart Appelle, George Rich
and H. Jayne Vogan as we mourn their passing and celebrate their lives,

Bud

March 11, 2011

Greetings,

Welcome to daylight savings time! It truly is a better barometer for the coming of spring than
some hole-dweller’s shadow.

This is a quick update to share the write up about alumnus George Rich, written by Mark Hare
that appeared in the Rochester D&C today for those who may not have seen it. I mentioned this
upcoming article in my last update and I thank Jim Horn for sending me the link to it.
Following the link required you to page through the article so I thought you might enjoy being
able to just scroll through it. I also want to remind you of the scheduled memorial service for
George that is planned for 4 p.m., March 30 at the Tuttle North Gym, 350 New Campus Drive at
the College. In addition, I had a nice note from Joyce Ogden following the last update that I am also including after the write up about George Rich in the Rochester D&C that follows:

“George was a one-on-one guy,” says his wife, Rosie. “I was always a crowd person, but we always worked well together.”

He was a constant fixture around The College at Brockport, always at athletic events (including road games), active in alumni affairs, chatting with students around campus and at their favorite bars on weekends.

“Young people were enthralled with him,” Rosie says. He listened to them. He cared for them. He pushed them to think about their lives. “He would ask, ‘What do you want to be doing in 20 years?’ or ‘What kind of legacy do you want to leave?’

The students liked him as a friend, but respected his judgment as a mentor figure, too, she says.

George Rich, 79, was born in Brockport, the oldest of six siblings. His father was custodian at Eastman Kodak. He attended the Campus School at Brockport — for years a training ground for future teachers.

He earned both his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in education at Brockport. In between those programs, he served in the U.S. Army for two years. His entire teaching career was spent in the City School District, where he taught elementary grades from 1956 through 1990, mostly at School 42 in Charlotte.

George and Rosie met in 1958 through a mutual friend. “It was a blind date,” Rosie says. “My friend told me I was finally going to meet a rich guy, and I thought, ‘It’s about time.’

Rosie had moved to Brockport to teach health and physical education at the college. They dated for six years, and then she took a position at the American College in Beirut, where she worked another six years. George and Rosie saw each other during the summer months, while both were on break.

When she finally moved back and began to teach middle school in Batavia, “we reconnected.” They were married in 1973. “We eloped in town,” she says. They took a honeymoon — but their destination has always been their secret, she says. They bought a home in Brockport in 1977 and never moved from it.

They attended opera performances from Rochester and upstate New York to Italy. They traveled to Alaska, Ecuador, China, Russia, Vietnam and several European countries.

In retirement, she says, they had the time to pursue interests separately and jointly. George was editor of the Rochester Teachers Association newsletter, active in and for a time president of the Western Monroe Historical Society in Brockport, and for nine years, president of the college’s Alumni Association.
Rosie worked long hours at an orchard and sold produce in the city. She worked as a docent at the George Eastman House. They developed an interest in each other’s work, she says, and kept attending Brockport sporting events and making road trips of the away games. Throughout their marriage, “we always had dinner together.” Rosie says, no matter how busy their schedules. In retirement, that became lunch and dinner. “I love to cook and he loved to eat,” she says. “He became my sous chef.”

George was a great cook, too, Rosie says. He made great chili and was a “grill master.” “Everything was perfect when it came off the grill,” she says. But what defined his life, and theirs, was a love for Brockport — for the community, its history, its college, and most of all, its students. Until months before his death, George would often go out alone on Friday nights, stopping at favorite college bars where he would sit quietly and talk to students, Rosie says. “When I was in school, we dubbed him the Midnight Mayor,” Terry says of his brother. “He was a night owl. He would have a beer and talk, and later when his sugar was high, he’d just have water. He was soft-spoken, low-key and he would really listen.”

Every year, he would cook a pre-Thanksgiving dinner for 30 fraternity boys, Rosie says.

Elaine Leshnower, a 1961 Brockport grad, Brighton resident and currently the vice president of the Brockport Alumni Association, says, “I don’t know anyone who is as committed to the current student population as George was. He was Mr. Brockport.”

He was able to build relationships with generations of students because of his and Rosie’s attendance at sporting events. But he also established ties with many fraternities and sororities and encouraged students to be involved in community service.

“He got fraternities involved with gardening and clean-up at the Morgan-Manning House (the Historical Society’s building),” Leshnower says. He organized students to build a playground as well. He was always positive and made it fun, she says. “He wanted happy students who would become happy alumni.”

Rosie and George each established awards at the college. Hers is a scholarship awarded annually to an incoming student majoring in teaching. His, the George M. Rich Student Philanthropy Award, gives $500 to a student or an organization, which is then required to give half that sum to a campus philanthropic, cultural or educational undertaking. Its goal is to help students develop the habit of service and giving back, Rosie says. “His philosophy, and mine,” Leshnower says, “is that just because people are born after you doesn’t mean you command their respect. You have to earn it.”

[What a great tribute to a great alumnus and a great late member of the earthly human experience! George along with Rosie have been wonderful assets to have in the Brockport College and greater Brockport communities and George’s death leaves a huge void!]

And, here is the note from Joyce Ogden who currently resides in the great western state of Washington.
Hi all Brockporters and ex-Brockporters…

An article in this morning's newspaper sums up what we Olympians are dealing with.

"Respect the conifers... Here in the Evergreen State conifers fill forest and sky with their Godzilla-like proportions. While our natives look majestic in our National Parks, they can become The Tree That Ate My House in our backyards.

Many a homeowner's chain-saw finger gets itchy while cleaning needles out of gutters"

The previous owner planted THIRTEEN of these along our backlot line thirty years ago, and last week it was time to send them to their sawdust graveyard. It took the crew two days to get them all down, and then we were left to deal with a couple of piles of chips, not to mention the needles on the roof and gutters.

So, if anyone in upstate NY is tired of shoveling snow and thinking of moving west, check out prospective new houses with a native here before buying something with a shady roof or cutesy-trees.

Cheers,
JOYCE OGDEN

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Last item! Ken and Mary Jo Schlecht just returned from Tucson, Arizona where they helped their daughter Kendra’s family get settled after their move from Rhode Island. Mary Jo took an exceptional picture and video of a dead lizard being moved by a hoard of ants. If you can picture the construction of the pyramids by humans (supposedly) you can picture the coordination and effort of these ants. There absolutely must have been someone in charge and a common objective. Lo that those holding political office could learn from Mary Jo’s ants!

Cheers,
Bud

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March 16, 2012

Greetings,

Some emeriti who still use the email server at the college have shared with Herb Fink some concerns about the new email system that will be in place on Monday following changes being made over the weekend. Once he knew of the concern he contacted IT at the college and shares this information:

“There are two ways to seek help if one has problems logging in starting Monday morning. If you are in The Brockport area you can go to the walk up help computer desk in Drake (the library) and get assistance while making the changes on a computer in Drake. The other method
is to call x5151 at the college.”

I also read the instructions sent out by the college and I am hopeful that I understand them. If so and if you use webmail, it is my belief that you will simply need to make a few changes to how you access your email.

First, instead of entering http://mail.brockport.edu on the internet you will now have to enter http://email.brockport.edu [note mail is replaced by email].

Then instead of entering your current userID you will enter your userid preceded by “win\". [Make sure you use the backslash key not the forward slash key. For example, my userID is: “rmeade” and that is all I have had to enter as my userID in the past. On Monday, my new userID will be “win\rmeade”

After entering win\userid you then just have to enter your current password and you should be able to use your email account at the college as in the past but with some enhancements.

Also, don’t use your Brockport email account after this afternoon until Monday morning when you will have to follow the guidelines above to access it or seek help if you cannot do so.

Bud

March 31, 2012

Greetings,

The news of the day challenges my thinking about how to reconcile who we appear to be and who we might be… While sitting in a coffee shop on Wrightsville Beach in North Carolina today my early morning solitude was interrupted when I read a short article in the paper under the heading “Liberian war leader removed from the U.S.” I went on to read that a Liberian man accused of leading a faction responsible for human rights abuses during the West African country’s civil war was removed from the United States. While not as final as death, the passing of Brockport alumnus George S. Boley from the U.S. to Monrovia, Liberia, nonetheless is disconcerting. I first met George in a graduate class—if memory serves me it was Bill Rock’s personnel administration class—in 1967-1968, or thereabouts. George sat in front of me and as a result we had frequent interchanges during breaks. What I remember most about him was that he had a wonderful smile and his whole face lit up with it whenever I encountered him after our first introduction. I was impressed by George’s friendly, easy going personality and enjoyed discussing course content with him during breaks. At his request, and upon my knowledge of him, I wrote references for him (qualified by my defined association with him) on at least two occasions—one for a job at Brockport and once in support of his application for a doctoral program. Subsequently, I was aware of his being out of the country and being actually jailed in Liberia for some time but upon his return to the U.S. I encountered him at the Clarkson Transfer Station on Saturday mornings occasionally and his big smile and casual manner belied the
charges against him. George’s current situation is incongruous with my association with him and difficult to reconcile.

On a more positive note, we have learned that Benita Jorkasky is on the mend after some fast action to improve the blood flow to her heart. Here is a note she sent on Monday, March 26, 2012 to bring her friends up-to-date:

A quick note that after 3 days of tests, I had a heart catheterization, followed by an immediate stent insertion in one of the blood vessels that feeds the heart muscle on Friday morning. I came home Saturday and am slowly catching up on things here. Feeling good but still easily tired. Thanks for passing the word along to others and for your prayers. Sorry I didn’t contact you sooner but I just couldn’t face the computer until this morning. Take care, Love, Benita

And, Susan Houston Jones, former Assistant Registrar at Brockport shares her decision to retire from George Mason University:

Dear Colleagues, I am writing to let you know that three months from today will be my last day at George Mason University, as I will be retiring effective July 1, 2012. I announced this about a month ago on campus, so we are all getting used to the idea. However, I did not want to get away without contacting colleagues outside Mason who have been supportive over all these years. I went to work as Assistant Registrar at the College at Brockport, NY, more than 34 years ago, moving to George Mason in 1991, celebrating 20 years here last September. I am leaving with mixed feelings, but it is time.

Hillary Clinton says: "it takes a village." When I think about the assistance, advice and problem solving we have shared, I know it's true. I am grateful for your partnership and friendship throughout the years, and wish you all the best in the future.

With heartfelt regards,

Susan “Huston” Jones

[Susan, we wish you much happiness as you join the retirement ranks with your emeriti associates and friends from Brockport.]

In conclusion, please note:

The Department of History is presenting the Robert Marcus Memorial Lecture at 7:30 pm on Thursday, April 5, in the New York Room of Cooper Hall. Professor Susan Cahn of the University at Buffalo will be giving a talk entitled "Reading, 'Rithing, Rhythm, and Romance: Southern Girls and Sexual Politics."

Professor Cahn will be speaking about teenage sexuality in the Jim Crow south of the U.S. in the mid-twentieth century. She examines the private and public meaning of desires – both sexual and others – in the lives of girls. Dr. Cahn will discuss teen culture in the era of WWII and the
immediate postwar period focusing on the politicization of girls’ sexuality in the 1950s in the midst of the debate over school desegregation.

Carpe diem,

Bud

P.S. If you have not already noticed this, when using Brockport’s new email server to send an email to more than one person you separate the recipients with a comma rather than a semicolon. On that note, I again remind you to place punctuation in this “Update” as it is needed. I include quotation marks, etc. but I have not yet figured out how to prevent the list mailer from removing them.

May 2, 2012

Greetings,

I began this “Update” on April 1st but did not send it out. At the end of this document you will find a section containing additional information that I have received since drafting the first section.

April 1st effort

This is a follow up email because I forgot to include a couple of items in my most recent “Update.” Ray and Ute Duncan had a great travel experience recently that they told me about back on March 18th. I had intended to share it with you because if you have not taken their trip, you may want to do so and I am sure they will be happy to share their experience with you. Here is what Ray wrote:

Greetings from the Philly Airport, 8:00 AM, as Ute and I await our return flight to Rochester. We’ve just completed a 2-week cruise through the Panama Canal: Ft. Lauderdale - PC - San Diego. We layed over in SD to visit with Ray's many relatives who live in Encinitas, CA, like a rabbit warren and stayed with Ray's old hitch-hiking friend, Ronald Endeman and his wife Judy (they are world travelers; Ron is past president of the World Explorers Association, headquartered in NYC. He's travelled (since our 1956 hitch-hiking across the US, CA-NY, and through Europe on $300.00 in 1956) to literally virtually every country and every major island on Planet Earth. We look forward to returning to the fabulous Quality of Life Village of Brockport!

Ray and Ute had a pretty good winter. They spend January in Phoenix, February in Brockport so Ute could see snow, and the first two weeks of March cruising the Panama Canal.

Evelyn Newlyn who retired as Professor of English in 2003 wrote shortly thereafter that she was enjoying teaching in a Senior College at University of South Maine in Portland. She has now reported that this activity is one of the happiest things she does.
Evelyn’s intent in writing to me was to advise me that the use of commas versus semicolons between addressees in the college’s email system depends on whether you are in the TO box the COPY box or the BLIND COPY box.

A week ago, Saturday (March 24th) we had the pleasure of having dinner with Mo and Carol Beers in the historic district of downtown Wilmington, N.C. during restaurant week. Mo is steadily on the mend from his recent replacement surgery at the New Hanover Orthopedic Hospital. Both Mo and Carol are enjoying retirement and keep very busy with church and craft activities.

New Stuff – since April 1, 2012

Following are two rather exciting news items from Ray Duncan:

His first novel, *Patriot Trap*, has just gone "live" on Amazon's Kindle e-book program. Anybody interested can click on the following link and then hit "Kindle Edition." Ray is having lots of fun with his writing, and I'm enjoying the technology! Here is the link: [https://www.amazon.com/author/raymondduncan](https://www.amazon.com/author/raymondduncan) and

His latest novel, *Trespassers*, is now on line at Amazon Kindle 3book store. *Trespassers* features Neal McGrath from *Patriot Trap* as the central figure in an international conspiracy focused on the U.S.

Following is the *Trespassers* synopsis and web link to view it on Amazon:

“With the US economy once again booming, Mexicans are crossing the U.S. border illegally in alarming numbers—at a time when terrorist acts are taking place at the boundary line. Protest marches in Phoenix over a “Stolen Southwest” only aggravate what has become an explosive situation. The CIA, tasked to investigate this escalating national security threat, recruits Professor Neal McGrath to help. McGrath, a former Special Forces officer who has worked previously with Langley, has valuable contacts in Mexico City. To add to the tension, the beautiful CIA operative, Elena Rodríguez, with whom McGrath shares a romantic and dangerous past, is assigned to work with him. Together they unearth a deadly international conspiracy that puts their lives in danger at every turn.” [http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Ddigital-text&field-keywords=Raymond+Duncan+Trespassers](http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Ddigital-text&field-keywords=Raymond+Duncan+Trespassers)

[Ray, Congratulations on the publication of your second novel! I look forward to downloading a copy and catching up on the activities of Neal and Elena!]

Jan Kandor had knee replacement surgery on Tuesday, April 17th. She is recuperating at home and hoping to be pain free and on the move again soon.

[Jan, we wish you a speedy recovery.]

2012 Chancellor’s Award Recipients announced by the College who will be recognized at the 36th annual recognition dinner on May 3rd are:
Dr. Alison Parker, Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activity  
Dr. Thomas Hernandez, Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching  
Dr. Matthew Mulvaney, Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching  
Dr. Meredith Roman, Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching  
Sandra Mullin, Chancellor’s Award for Classified Service  

[Congratulations to the awardees and thanks for the services that led to them!]

I was not aware of the retirement and death of Kate Madden until today when I read the Daily Eagle on-line. I did not know Kate well. I did recall that she had come to us from Geneseo and that she was highly respected by her students. Here is an announcement of a remembrance event for her obtained from the Daily Eagle:

“Students, faculty and friends will gather Sunday at the Alumni House to remember Associate Professor Kate Madden, who died unexpectedly April 10. The Celebration of Kate Madden's Life will be held from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Alumni House on Sunday, May 6.

Madden taught in the Communication Department at Brockport for more than 17 years before retiring recently. She died April 10 following complications related to heart surgery.

The event has been organized by the Department of Communication with support from the Division of Academic Affairs.”

Following is a memorial to her that was obtained from the April 23rd issue of the Stylus:

A teacher, mentor, friend and, above all, a beloved member of the College at Brockport family, Dr. Emeritus Kate Madden, 65, passed away April 10, following complications from heart surgery.

An associate professor in the Brockport communication department, Madden taught journalism and communication courses for more than 17 years at the college. Before her time at Brockport, she received her bachelor’s degree in English from Colby College at Waterville, Maine. She went on to earn a master’s degree in communication from the University of Pennsylvania. After earning her master’s, Madden worked in the communication field, holding various jobs as an editor, reporter and community relations coordinator. She also spent some time at the front of the classroom as an adjunct professor and teaching assistant.

Eventually, Madden chose to return to college to receive a doctorate degree and become a college professor. Madden received her doctorate in speech communication from Pennsylvania State University. After spending time teaching at Lycoming College, Allegheny College and SUNY Geneseo, Madden came to Brockport in 1994.

Monica Brasted, Brockport communication department chair, said Madden joined the Brockport communication family after a spot opened.
While at Brockport, she taught many of the media studies classes, including news writing, film as a social commentary and history of American journalism. Madden was also influential in creating a former course in the department titled the communication revolutions. “She was really kind of a character,” Brasted said. “She had her own unique style of teaching and was larger than life.” Every time a new faculty member comes to Brockport, he or she is given a staff mentor. This is someone to answer questions and offer advice to the new members. When Brasted first came to Brockport, Madden was her mentor. Brasted said that as a mentor, Madden was very helpful.

When Marsha Ducey, an associate professor in the communication department came to Brockport, she too had Madden as a mentor.

Ducey said she was glad she had the opportunity to be mentored by Madden. Madden was a fantastic mentor, offered great advice and always pushed Ducey to do more, she said.

“She was always on my back about my dissertation,” Ducey said. “Two weeks wouldn’t go by without her asking me if I had worked on it. She was so happy when I got it done and defended it last summer.”

The fall semester of 2010 was Madden’s last teaching at Brockport. Her retirement was not official until April 2011. Once retired, Madden spent time travelling, a favorite hobby of hers, colleagues said.

“Right after she was retired she took a cross-country trip with her dog,” Brasted said. “The two got in the car and drove to Oregon where she had some family. She loved to travel.”

Madden also became involved in dog competitions. She and her Labrador retriever, Caleb, would compete in agility training and fly ball competitions across the country.

“She was a wacky person but in a good way,” Ducey said. “I feel so lucky I got to know her. She was extremely smart and had a great sense of humor. She always had us laughing.”

The students lucky enough to have met Madden or have her as a teacher were shocked and saddened by her death. Many applauded Madden for the way she challenged her students daily and livened up the classroom atmosphere.

Bethany Young, a 2010 graduate from Brockport, now works as a reporter at the Messenger Post. Like many, she was a student of Madden’s and spoke of the impact Madden left behind. “She was a tough teacher, but I am so thankful (to have had her) in the long run,” Young said. “She made us become better thinkers.” Young took her first class with Madden during her sophomore year. She said Madden was a challenging teacher. When you signed up for a Madden class, she said, you knew what you were in for.

“In a class with Madden, you knew you would be writing a lot,” Young said. “There were essays after essays. She was challenging and made you think. There were no easy answers.”
Outside of being a professor who forced students to work their hardest, Madden was also known for her props in the classroom. Young said when she took communication revolutions with Madden, Madden would bring in many tangible examples that made the course more interesting.

She said Madden would come into the class with newspapers from the 1800s or original telegraphs and even a rain stick Madden would use to “shake up” the class.

Andy Chruscicki, a 2011 Brockport graduate also had the chance to learn from Madden while at Brockport. He took many of her classes and was also a teaching assistant for Madden.

“She was easily the best teacher I ever had,” Chruscicki said. “She was encouraging toward her students and that is something that is very hard to find in a teacher. When you experience someone like that, it sticks with you your whole life.”

Chruscicki, Young and other students who shared their feelings through various social media outlets all agreed Madden looked at her students as though they were family. “Her students were like her children,” Young said. “She wouldn’t let you get away with anything; she wanted you to succeed. There was a lot of tough love.”

Madden started a tradition in the communication department that celebrated all of the department graduates. She would research each student’s plan for after graduation and create a board highlighting their plans. The board was on display at the communication department’s annual reception.

“The first time she did it — when some students posed by their names on the posters and their families took pictures — she was so happy,” Ducey said. “She took tremendous joy out of congratulating, hugging and cheering on the new graduates and their families at the reception each year.”

Brockport will be hosting its own memorial service to celebrate the life of Madden Sunday, May 6 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Alumni House.

It will feature a short program of speakers who knew Madden. It will also give others a chance to share their stories about the professor. Ducey said this will be an opportunity for past and present students and staff to celebrate Madden’s life at Brockport and in the community.

Those who knew Madden agree she has left behind a great legacy, and has impacted those around her. “I am going to miss her and I think I speak for many that she’s sometimes the voice of conscience to not just stop at one question, but to keep on going and ask more,” Young said.

[The passing of Kate Madden is a sad event but the tribute of her students as chronicled in the Stylus article is a wonderful legacy to a dedicated teacher.]

Steve Lewis, web manager and information security coordinator, has made a leadership gift to the James E. Fatula, PhD Memorial Scholarship through the 2011-12 Faculty/Staff Campaign.
The scholarship is named in honor of Dr. Fatula, who passed away unexpectedly July 9, 2011, after 13 years of service to the College. The scholarship will support graduate students enrolled in the department of public administration. Lewis and others hope to raise $25,000 to endow the scholarship.

Dr. Fatula served as associate professor and was department chair from 2001 until 2010. The program thrived under Jim’s dedication, hard work and leadership. He excelled in the classroom, and made lasting connections with his students. He recruited an excellent faculty, positioned the department for a successful reaccreditation this coming year and gave generously of his time through service to the College. Jim also was an active scholar and was frequently sought after by the Rochester media. He had a passion for working in the community and volunteered for several nonprofit organizations.

Anyone wishing to remember Dr. Fatula through this memorial scholarship may contact the Division of Advancement at (585) 395-2451 or visit http://www.brockport.edu/q/WBh.

Curtis Hill, leadership giving officer for the Division of Advancement at The College at Brockport, has established the Edward J. and Ruth Bauer Gafney Washington Internship Award. He has created this award in his aunt’s and uncle’s name to support students who pursue the Washington Internship Program.

Curtis was inspired to create the award because of his aunt and uncle’s enthusiasm and passion for education and travel. He called them his “guide through life, who instilled in him the importance of relationships among and communication between people throughout the world.

The Washington Internship Program is a semester-long program held in Washington, DC, which provides students the opportunity to earn up to 16 credits during their experience in the nation’s capital. Students intern in Congressional offices, executive agencies, at the Supreme Court, with political party organizations, interest groups, or think tanks. This provides students with direct involvement in the policy-making process and illuminates the relationship between academic knowledge and practical, real-world experience.

Alumni who have participated in this program often credit their success in life to the opportunities that were provided to them in Washington. Many have said, “I wouldn't be where I am today if it wasn’t for the program.”

This award will provide stipends for students engaged in unpaid Washington, DC internships. Curtis hopes the recipients will help to further enhance the program and that they will serve as ambassadors for the program in the future.

John Sapienza, associate director of the Office of Finance and Advancement Services at The College at Brockport, has established the Frank and Carrie Sapienza Scholarship in honor of his grandparents. The scholarship will make available financial assistance to an outstanding transfer student from Monroe Community College.

The recipient will be a business administration major who is committed to both education and community service. The student will be a recipient of financial aid and will carry a grade point
average of a 3.25 or higher. Also, as the recipient will be a transfer student from MCC, this will mirror John’s own college experience.

John was inspired to make this gift, in part, in response to the College’s current campaign. Wishing to give back to the College, he feels that this scholarship also is a special way to pay tribute to his grandparents who never had the opportunity to complete their own educations.

Family and friends of John also have given to the scholarship fund. They look forward to seeing it continue to grow into the future.

[The college is thankful for the contributions of these staff members and all who have contributed to the success of The College at Brockport.

Best wishes,

Bud

May 11, 2012

Greetings,

Some of our beloved emeriti/emerita are facing difficult times. Two I have heard about recently are Dr. Albert W. Brown and Sister Jean Hitzeman. Their updates follow:

Al Brown fell on Sunday May 6, 2012 and broke his leg. In a telephone call to President John Halstead today he said he is doing ok (still in pain) but will have full cast for 5-6 weeks and several weeks (2-3 months) of rehab afterwards. It is reported that his great sense of humor is still intact after the fall and that is the good news to offset the bad news. We wish Al a speedy recovery and want him to know that our thoughts are with him.

Sister Jean who has been doctoring for Parkinson’s disease recently learned that she also has breast cancer. Following is a letter with information she has chosen to share that was provided to me by David Brannigan.

“One hardly anticipates receiving a diagnosis for breast cancer when one is also doctoring for Parkinson’s. However, the mammogram and ultrasound tests reveal that I have breast cancer.

After further tests and consultation with an oncologist I received word that metastasis to the spine and rib have occurred. The following paragraph written for me by my Chapter Priorress, Sr. Jo Gaugier, summarizes the alternative to surgery, chemo or radiation that generally follows a diagnosis like this one.

A consultation with Dr. Kathleen Beekman, MD gave Jean a boost of hopefulness. After explaining to us the growth path of infiltrating ductal carcinoma from the right breast to spine and ribs, the doctor clarified that though not curable this cancer is treatable. She explained that 70 and 80-year-old women who have taken an Aromatace inhibitor drug called Arimidex have
experienced the reduction of tumors and reduced pain promoting a better and longer life than without the drug. In spite of some undesirable side effects, Jean has decided to accept this treatment.

Jean is thankful in advance for our prayerful support and for joining with her in the hope that she may continue to have some quality of life in the days ahead.

[While we are distanced from the unfortunate circumstances of Al Brown and Jean Hitzeman we hold them in high esteem and hope that that knowledge will help sustain them during their difficult times.]

Better news is that by all accounts the Sixth Annual President’s Donor Recognition Dinner was a huge success. It was a particularly nice event for Sandy and me as we had a chance to meet and greet people we had not seen in quite some time. Without their prior knowledge of our prior relationship, the planners and facilitators of the event even placed us at a table with alumni Joe and Mary Ann Maresco. We had not seen them since August 1968 when Joe and I graduated with Masters Degrees from SUNY at Albany. While the opportunity to reunite with the Marescos was a pleasant surprise, the significant purpose of the event was to recognize and honor new members of the various donor groups which include significant numbers of emeriti. Those new members (individuals or groups) recognized this year include the following:

Brockport Circle
($1,000,000 or more)
There were no new members this year but “Anonymous” and Emeritus J. Emory Morris extend an invitation to all of us to join them.

Hiel Brockway Society
($500,000 to $999,999)
No new members this year

Ernest C. Hartwell Circle
($250,000 to $499,999)
New member:
Brockport Auxiliary Service Corporation

Donald M. Tower Society
($100,000 to $249,999)
New member:
Nicholas ’73 and Beverly Billotti

Robert E. O’Brien Society
($50,000 to $99,999)
New members:
Nancy Barbour
Brian M. Brady ‘03
Joe ‘74 and Peggy Doody
Thomas Gosdeck ‘73 and Catherine Schuth-Gosdeck
David and Gwendolyn Hoffberg
Elaine Leshnower ‘61
Salvatore P. Salorenze ‘62

Marguerite Hare Browne Society
($20,000 to $49,999)

New members:
Barnes and Noble Booksellers, Inc.
Tou-Ta Chen
Susan Collier
Michael ’80 and Vicki Doyle
EFP Rotenberg LLP
Donald ’63 and Margie Greene
Charlotte ’46 and Alexander Holstein
Joseph ’99 and Josey Kakaty
Peter and Marguerite Kane
Salahuddin and Sarwat Malik
Richard “Bud” and Sandra Meade
Presbytery of Genesee Valley, Inc.
Daniel ’69 and Elizabeth Senkowski
Francis and Kristine Short
Michael Sondow ‘81
Sysco Food Services

The capstone of the evening for Sandy and me, was the bittersweet announcement of the Volunteer Service Award which recognized the late George, and Rosie Rich. George would have been greatly touched by the much-deserved recognition bestowed upon this great volunteer couple and it was great to see Rosie receive and enjoy the tribute that was due to both of them.

[For a wonderful tribute to George and Rosie Rich that includes some of their many contributions written by Mary E. McCrank go to: http://www.gftpln.org/Article.do?orgId=5853&articleId=19209 ]

For more information about the various lifetime donor groups and lists of their members go to: http://www.brockport.edu/giving/guide/donor.html

It appears that The College at Brockport will have the best Rochester area weather available in several weeks for its commencement activities tomorrow. For information about the Graduate and Undergraduate ceremonies visit “Events” on the college’s website. Congratulations to the graduates and to the faculty and staff that helped to prepare them.
Carpe diem,

Bud

PS. If you want to be in touch with either Al Brown or Sister Jean you can find their directory information by going to: https://www.brockport.edu/internal/fsedir/ and then signing on with

UserID = emeriti and
Password = fromsuny

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Also, if you are an emeritus/emerita and you are unable to find yourself or if your information is inaccurate, please let me know via email.

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May 18, 2012

Greetings,

I do not have a lot of news to report today but I wanted to get some events to you before I lose track of them in case you want to add them to your calendars. I also wanted to draw your attention to the significant promotion and accomplishments of Lauren Lieberman who is not yet a member of our emeriti group but is known to many. First, here are the calendar events for those interested:

Stephen Merrit, a prominent ceramist, has built his own studio and exhibition area behind his home. For a number of summers, he has held a series of summer exhibitions in his modest exhibition space. For his upcoming event, he has invited Brockport Emeriti Tom Markusen, Bill Stewart and Jack Wolsky to exhibit with him. Jack has reported that he is delighted to do a show with his dear Brockport colleagues and friends. The show will run for three days as follows:

Dates: June 8, 9, 10
Friday 6-9 pm
Saturday & Sunday 12 noon-5 pm
222 Hermitage Road, Irondequoit
585-342-3086

As reported in an earlier “Update”, D. Donald Cervone continues to work with a group known as “The Brockport Singers”. They will have a reunion in June for rehearsals and then a public performance as outlined below:

Former members of “The Brockport Singers” will assemble on the SUNY Brockport campus 8 - 10 June for a series of rehearsals culminating in a public performance 10 June at 2:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church, 124 Main Street, Brockport. The program will consist of sacred and secular music from Medieval to modern, including works by Byrd, Morley, Monteverdi, Bach,
Mendelssohn, Wagner, Brahms, Holst, Vaughan Williams, and Cervone, among others, as well as madrigals, folk songs, and other traditional music.

The performance is open to the public free of charge.

[a little history]
From 1968 until the dissolution of the Music Department in 1982 “The Brockport Singers”, a chamber chorus, conducted by D. Donald Cervone was one of the active performing ensembles of the college. This group usually performed at least four concerts a year on campus in the Lobby of the Fine Arts Building, or at local churches: Nativity Church; or—if an organ was needed for some of the music—the First Baptist Church. They also performed at other sites in the Rochester area and other parts of the state. Recordings of some of their performances can be heard at: brockport-singers.cervone.net.

[It is great to see emeriti and former faculty/staff continuing to be engaged in activities that benefit the community. These events also provide a nice opportunity for emeriti and others to socialize while lending support to their colleagues and friends. Thanks to both Jack and Donald for sharing news of these events.]

Congratulation to Lauren Lieberman upon her promotion to the rank of Distinguished Service Professor. Lauren’s work in adapted physical education has earned her an international reputation in the field that has brought honor and recognition to the College as well as to herself while her programs have been of significant benefit to countless participants around the globe. We celebrate with Lauren her distinguished contributions as outlined in the article below which was taken from Brockport’s website:

“Brockport’s Lieberman Named SUNY Distinguished Service Professor
Lauren Lieberman becomes just the 10th Brockport faculty member to earn prestigious honor

Brockport, NY— Lauren J. Lieberman, PhD, has been appointed to the rank of Distinguished Service Professor by the State University of New York Board of Trustees. Lieberman, who teaches in the Department of Kinesiology, Sport Studies, and Physical Education, is just the 10th faculty member in The College at Brockport’s history to receive this prestigious honor.

Lieberman has achieved an international reputation as a leader in the field of adaptive physical education. She has founded Camp Abilities, a developmental sports camp for children with visual impairments, blindness, or deaf-blindness. In the 16 years since its inception, over 800 children have participated in the camp and 1,200 students have gained first-hand supervision and knowledge from an international expert on teaching children with visual impairments. The program’s success has led to its being replicated both in the United States and abroad.

“Dr. Lieberman has earned an international reputation for her work with visually impaired children. Founded in 1996, the Camp Abilities program has brought significant attention to the College at Brockport and has been replicated nationally and internationally,” says Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Anne Huot, PhD. “Lauren is a high valued and outstanding
member of our faculty. Earning the rank of Distinguished Service Professor is a tremendous recognition of her work.”

Lieberman, who won the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activity in 2005, has published 10 textbooks, 80 peer-reviewed journal articles, and obtained over $800,000 in grants. She is frequently invited to give keynote addresses at conferences in her field and her texts are widely used in adaptive physical education courses.

Created by the Board of Trustees as a prestigious system-level distinction, the Distinguished Faculty Rank programs recognize and reward SUNY’s finest and most accomplished faculty. The Distinguished Service Professorship is conferred upon faculty having achieved a distinguished reputation for service not only to the campus and the University, but also to the community, the State of New York or even the nation, by sustained effort in the application of intellectual skills drawing from the candidate’s scholarly and research interests to issues of public concern.”

[Lauren – your work continues to enhance the lives of many and this recognition is richly deserved. Again, congratulations!]

Carpe diem,

Bud

May 30, 2012

Greetings,

Fortunately, I checked my SUNY Maritime email tonight so there is still a chance that some of us who knew emeritus Neil Pfouts but missed his obituary in the Rochester D&C will be able to make it to his memorial service tomorrow. Here is the information I just found that was received from Neva Pfouts:

“Neil Pfouts passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 27, just 10 days after celebrating birthday number 95. He had been slowing down for several months but I had no idea that he was going to leave me so soon. So, he has spent his first Sunday in heaven.

His Memorial service will be Thursday, July 31 at 11:00 a.m. at Pearce Memorial Church, 4322 Buffalo Road, North Chili, NY.

Neva Pfouts”

Neil Pfouts was an exceptionally human being who could always be counted on for doing what was right. There were many who set their watch by when he arrived at and departed from work because he gave his fair share of himself to his job but also made sure he met his obligations to family, church and the other things for which he felt obligated. I, along with emeriti Joe Kandor and Frank Hillman, had the opportunity to travel together to the 90th birthday celebrations for Al
Brown and Ralph Gennarino and we all enjoyed our time with Neil. I've told this story before but it is worth repeating. In 1968 I was an “upstart” Financial Aid Counselor and Sandy was a second-year English teacher who needed a transcript of her Brockport grades to support a salary increase at her school district. Since I worked at the College I thought I should be able to request a transcript for Sandy but found out from Neil that she, as the student, needed to make her own request. As a “budding” professional I felt this was unfair and it took a meeting with Ralph Gennarino, Neil and me for me to learn that there is merit in rules and regulations. I really learned to appreciate what I learned from this interchange as throughout my career I was sometimes challenged by individuals making statements to wit: “Do you know who my husband/wife is?” Neil was a true believer in rules and regulations and a true follower and contributor to his faith and a person whose contributions to “goodness” will be sorely missed by all who knew him. In accordance with his beliefs, there is no question but that Neil Pfouts has a new address on the streets of gold in paradise—he certainly lived a saintly life in this world and we thank him for it and for his example.

[In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to: Pearce Memorial Church or Roberts Wesleyan College.]

Better news has been received from Karla Merrifield and Roger Weir:

“Well, it's good news from our neck of the woods. We have returned from Florida -- just long enough to unpack and repack for two weeks in Hawaii. I'd planed this small-yacht cruise (23 guests) of the paradise islands for Roger's 80th birthday, which he celebrated in April. Hawai'i was the only state he'd never been to of the 50, and the only remaining piece of North America he'd not been to, having visited all the provinces in territories of Canada. Well, now he's got all 50 states under his belt - and five of the seven principle islands in the Hawai'ian archipelago... And what a fabulous time we had. Perhaps the most memorable part of it was snorkeling -- at night! -- with manta rays. They gather in small bays after dark to gorge on plankton and our crew got us out in our snorkeling gear with lamps to illumine the 15-foot wide creatures as they "flew" on their "wings" through the water, sometimes brushing against us as they rolled in the waters of a bay along the Kona Coast. But we also hiked in the steep valleys, took in a macadamia nut farm and plumeria farm where they raise the trees that bloom profusely for making leis, and attending a pa'ina, which is a kind of luau feast families and community members hold for themselves. Our crew were made part of the Moleka'i town community for a night and much traditional Hawai'ian was enjoyed along with songs and hula dances. (The attached picture is of us boarding the Safari Explorer.)

Now we're home for the summer, except for excursions into Canada to attend some plays in Stratford, visit friends and camp a few days. That'll give us plenty of time to catch up with Brockport and Rochester friends as do repairs and improvements to the house out here in Kent. Next journey on the schedule is in mid-September -- an expedition to Peru onto the Upper Amazon, where I'll be floating on my 60th birthday.

Everyone should know that Roger's doing quite well. He's been able to be off his hormone-management medication for a year now and that's given his body a break...more energy, and enough to get him out walking with me just about every day. This past winter in Florida he
routinely walked four miles a day to whip his muscles back into shape after the meds consumed so much muscle mass. Hopefully it'll be several more months until he has to go back on that treatment as his PSA slowly climbs back toward the danger zone. He is most fortunate to be pain-free and so very active.

Meanwhile, I've kept kicking on the poetry front. As many of our fellow emeriti know, I had two books come out this winter: The Ice Decides: Poems of Antarctica and Liberty's Vigil, The Occupy Anthology: 99 Poets among the 99%. Completely different books, but both of which I'm quite proud of. One more will be coming down the pike soon; I'm awaiting word from the publisher on the production schedule. And three more manuscripts are in the works at various stages. And, of course, I'm writing, writing, writing new poems all the time. A great, great joy!

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Then, I forgot to mention in my last “Update” that both the Graduate and Undergraduate commencement speakers this year were Brockport graduates. Check out the undergraduate and graduate commencement links at http://www.brockport.edu/ to learn more.

Peace to the family of Neil Pfouts,

Bud

June 4, 2012

Greetings,

The following recent, or soon-to-be, retirees are being welcomed to the emeriti ranks with this Update:

Gary Briggs, Business-Economics
Kirk Compton, Recreation and Leisure
Gilbert Cooper, Criminal Justice
Jacqueline Davis, Dance
Thomas Dwyer, Facilities
Joseph Franek, Residential Life
Mary Jo Gigliotti, Library (Information and Technology Services)
Thomas Golaszewski, Health Sciences
John Halsey, International Education
William Hullfish, Theatre
Lori Lampert, (Information and Technology Services)
Margie Lovett-Scott, Nursing
Louis Spiro, Administration and Finance
Jacqueline Stolt, EOC Health Care
Conrad Van Voorst, Education and Human Development

Welcome to all of you new emeriti. For the “Update” I am using your Brockport email address which you are entitled to keep but if you have another email address that you prefer, please share
It. Please note that to enhance security I always use “Update” as the subject for my distributions and I never include attachments with “Update”. Although it needs to be updated, and will be soon, you can find out more about emeriti at http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm and we welcome news about your post-retirement activities to include in “Update” distributions via email and, when time permits, to also post under the “Your News” link on the website.

I am very pleased to include a “Your News” piece from William “Bill” Heyen with this “Update.” Bill had a distinguished career as a writer and professor at Brockport after previously distinguishing himself as an undergraduate student and student-athletic at Brockport. Bill has continued to be a prolific writer in retirement and we thank him for the following “Update”:

Exciting times for Han and me! In July, we’ll celebrate our 50th--we met when I was a sophomore and she was a freshman back at Brockport in 1958. For 50 years now, she has demonstrated extreme patience with her off-the-wall husband. As always, she stays extremely busy, not only with family these months, but in a book club, at yoga, at bridge, in a sewing group, and as co-chair of her class of 1962’s golden reunion this September, and as election chair right now for Bill Andrews and Margay Blackman who are running for Brockport Village Board. I do manage to see her once in a while.

And this is a time of harvest for me in many ways. Four new books are out or on the verge: Straight's Suite for Craig Cotter & Frank O'Hara (about my readings of gay poetry and meetings with gay poets over the years), published by Mayapple Press of Woodstock; Hiroshima Suite from Nine Point Publishing in Maine (this is an especially handsome hardback); The Football Corporations (hard-nosed sports poems, apocalyptic) from Etruscan Press in Pennsylvania, the press that published my National Book Award finalist Shoah Train in 2004; and finally--and maybe this is what brings this update on--H_NGM_N Press in Syracuse has just published a huge tome called The Cabin: Journal 1964-1984, the first of several of my journal volumes. The Cabin includes my beginning years at Brockport, mentions dozens, even hundreds of colleagues, administrators, townsfolk (gulp, some not always in the journalist's best light), and keeps tracks of my beginning attempts at writing, at poker, at noontime basketball, at being a father, at being a Fulbright lecturer in Germany, and on, and on. I think that mine, over the years--and I know what I'm saying here--might be the most voluminous (I didn't say the best) journal in our literature. I believe that emeriti would find The Cabin interesting reading, to say the least. All these books are available at various stores, at Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble online, etc.

William Heyen

[Thanks again Bill. As you know already, along with the late Joel Loy’s solo performance of “Shelly the Idealist”, Jet LaZarre’s performance as Dolly, and dinner with James Beard at the home of Bob and Leonie Boon, the interpretive dance-reading rendition of some of some of your Holocaust Poems is among my favorite memories. I suspect there will be many who will have an interest in what you have been writing in the cabin these many years. Best wishes to you and Han for continued success and thanks for reminding me about our emeriti candidates for office.]

I had set aside a May 21th article in the Rochester D&C about the candidacies of Margay Blackman and William Andrews for seats on the Brockport Village Board of Trustees. Both of
these Brockport retirees have been exemplary in their volunteer roles and they should be commended for their interest in the Brockport community and for their willingness to serve. Village of Brockport voting will be held from noon to 9 pm on June 19th.

Following the last “Update” Charles Clevenger shared with me news that alumnus and former employee Connie Walker, Principal Law Clerk, Monroe County Court, is about to be installed as president of the Monroe County Bar Association. I checked the Monroe County Bar Association’s website for more information and learned that the Connie Walker Installation Dinner will at the Hyatt Regency Hotel from 6 – 9 pm on June 21st. Registration must be received by Friday, June 15th. Individual registration is $85 ($75 for legal service provider individuals). I am holding back an editorial thought on this fee structure. If interested in this event you’ll find the information you need at:


[Congratulations to Connie Walker. It is great to learn of the success of alums and former employees. During my earliest days at Brockport I knew Connie when she was a student and I was impressed with her at that time. She was later successful as an employee and since leaving Brockport has been steadily climbing the ladder towards a pinnacle of success in the legal profession.]

If you are a veteran and unaware of the discount program for veterans, here is some information that should be of interest. I recently learned that Lowe’s provides a 10% discount for veterans. At the Brockport Store, you just need to provide a photo ID and show a copy of your DD-214 to get the discount. Other Lowe’s stores and vendors might require a veteran’s photo ID so if you don’t have one you may want to obtain one. It is a very easy process to do. Except for the travel time it only takes about 10 minutes. Just go to room 101 at 39 West Main Street in Rochester (the County Clerk’s Office) with your DD-214 and a photo ID and within minutes you will walk out with your veteran’s photo ID (they messed mine up with the picture of an old guy instead of the person who became a veteran in 1964 but it still worked for a 15% discount at the Dakota Grill on Saturday night). You will also receive a listing of some of the vendors in Monroe County who participate in the veteran’s discount program. It is noted however that Lowe’s is not listed and neither is The Home Depot that reportedly also gives a discount to veterans. So, it would be wise when shopping to always ask whether or not the vendor provides discounts to veterans.

Save the date, September 14, 2012, for the grand opening of the Special Events Recreation Center (SERC).

By the way, there were a few updates to the Emeriti website at http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm today including changing the picture to one of the late Neil Pfouts and Ralph Gennarino that was taken on November 1, 2011. Other changes are to the drop-down links at the bottom of the page and some, although more to come, to the Emeritus Status page.
Finally, you are reminded that “Art in June” at Stephen Merritt’s studio at 222 Hermitage Road, Irondequoit will feature emeriti Thomas Markusen, William Stewart and Jack Wolsky this weekend. The showing will be 6-9 pm on Friday and 12-5 pm on Saturday and Sunday (June 8-10).

Carpe diem,

Bud

June 15, 2012

Greetings,

Guests were inspired and witnessed lots of love in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church on Sunday, June 10, 2012 as D. Donald Cervone conducted the Brockport Singers Reunion. The audience was treated to an exceptional musical performance which was the culmination of a dream that Don had to bring members of this group together as a way for him to celebrate his 80th year. Twenty-six former members of the Brockport Singers plus a few guests returned to Brockport for the reunion of this group that Don created from student volunteers in 1968. From then it continued to exist and perform until 1983. It was a moving musical event that truly touched the hearts of those in attendance. After the ending of the prepared concert the singers surprised Don with a moving rendition of one of the pieces, Psallite, with new lyrics that one of them had written to honor Don. This was followed by everyone singing Happy Birthday to Don. Too bad for those who missed this event—it was special!

And, a side-benefit for Sandy and me, was to encounter Gisela Fritzsching, Assistant Professor Emerita, Theatre Department (1968-1990), whom we had not seen in years. She still resides in the area (Greece) and at 92 years old she remains as we remembered her. A good day all around!

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A recent Daily Eagle reported that Dr. Joseph P. Winnick, distinguished service professor, qualified for the National Senior Games in the sport of racquetball by finishing third in the New York State Games held in SUNY Cortland on June 9. The national competition will be held in Cleveland, Ohio in July 2013. [We send out congratulations to Joe and our best wishes for continued success next year.]

As reported earlier Lou Spiro, Vice President for Administration and Finance is retiring in June. Emeriti are now invited to attend a farewell reception to honor him and his service on June 27. Here is the information:

After thirty-four years of dedicated service to The College at Brockport, Lou Spiro, Vice President for Administration and Finance, is retiring. A reception in his honor will be held on Wednesday, June 27 from 3-5 pm in the Main Lounge of Seymour College Union.

Donations gratefully accepted to the Brockport Foundation for the Norma and Herbert Spiro Memorial Scholarship, Edward J. Kumar Administration and Finance Scholarship and the Extraordinary Scholarship Fund.
If you are a retiree and have kept your mailing address up-to-date by notifying either me, the Advancement Office, or the Human Resources Office of changes, you should have received an invitation to a pre-opening exclusive (emeriti and their guests only) tour of the new Special Events Recreation Center (SERC). Following is the invitation in case you did not receive it.

[Note: There are many “friends” of The Brockport College on my distribution list who are not retirees but this invitation went out to retirees only. Retirees may bring guests so if you are not a retiree but have a burning desire to attend this event you will have to connect with an emeritus who is attending and participate as her/his guest and the emeritus will have to name you in her/his RSVP as requested below.]

A Very Special Event
Open to emeriti, retirees and your guests ONLY!

Are you excited and intrigued by what the new Special Events Recreation Center, also known as SERC –will look like on the western edge of The College at Brockport campus?

Would you like to get an opportunity to see the inside of this shining new building two weeks before the general public?

On Thursday, June 28, the College will be hosting all emeriti and retirees for an “insider’s tour” of SERC, as well as a light lunch in the lobby of the Gordon F. Allen Administration Building.

There is no charge for this event, but you must pre-register by Friday, June 22.

Meet in front of the Allen Building at 11:30 am (park in lot V west of SERC).

Scott Haines (Director of Campus Recreation) and Erick Hart (Director of Intercollegiate Athletics) will lead the tour, which also will include other upgrades in the Tuttle Athletics Complex.

Please RSVP to alumni@brockport.edu or (585) 395-2451 with your name, the name of your guest(s) and your contact information. A follow-up email and/or letter will be sent on Monday, June 25, with all details.

For more information, contact Mike Andriatch, Executive Director of Advancement, (585) 395-5809, mandriat@brockport.edu or Brad Schreiber, Executive Director of Development, (585) 395-5161, bschreib@brockport.edu

We truly hope you can join us.

[I hope to see many “old” friends and former colleagues at this special emeriti event!]
After my last “Update” I had a couple of email exchanges with Margie Lovett-Scott, a close colleague for several years when she served as Affirmative Action Officer. We worked very well together and I counted on her good counsel many times but I chided her that she could not be old enough to retire. She assured me that was not the case but also shared that she is in the final edits of a book on Global Health Systems and remarked that the book would never be completed if she continued to work full-time.

[Margie, we hope you are successful with the publishing of your book and look forward to hearing about it when it is in the marketplace. Best wishes as you pursue this project and your other interests in retirement.]

President Emeritus Albert W. Brown reports that he is healing from the broken leg but doesn’t recommend this for summer activities. An additional, more recent report via others is that a break near his ankle is healing perfectly but one below knee is a little slower. The doctor put him in a cylindrical cast that will stay on until July 11, then a walking cast for four more weeks.

[Al, we are sorry for the inconveniences you are enduring but happy to hear of the good progress.]

After the June 4th “Update” I received the following note from Charles Clevenger:

You didn't mention that today, June 4th, is the 71st anniversary of the dedication of Hartwell Hall ... a landmark for all of us!

[I was not aware of this anniversary. However, Charles and I, along with Jim Horn and others certainly can relate to this anniversary—unfortunately while Hartwell was rehabilitated several years ago, the same is not true for us!]

Ed Kelly, former Assistant to President Emeritus John E. Van de Wetering, sends his greetings. He is still working as University Counsel at Eastern Tennessee State University and Quillen College of Medicine and also teaching at Appalachian School of Law. He has survived brain surgery, a revolution and a Russian winter so he is now, in a sense, immortal for facing legal issues and challenging students.

I recently read Ray Duncan’s new book “Trespassers” and found it to be a fun and intriguing read. It likely will not be the All-American novel or make Ray wealthy enough to replace SERC with RDRC (Ray Duncan Recreation Center) but he might still have a chance if in his next book he has his main character, Neal McGrath, dump Sam Goodwin and stay with Georgia Cummings.

[Ray, best wishes for continued fulfillment from your post-retirement writing projects.]

Cheers,

Bud
June 21, 2012

Greetings,

Happy summer to all! Here is a little information that I did not have available when I sent out the last “Update.”

In addition to Joseph Winnick, Herb Fink was a “winner” at the senior games in Cortland on June 9th. Here is the report he has shared with me:

“Bud,

This is the first time I entered the Empire State senior games (in racquetball). If you win match 1, you then play match 2. If you win, then on to match 3, etc. One match of racquetball is pretty tiring. So, to prepare for the June 9th matches I went down to Lakeside Hospital on Friday, June 8th and loaded the back seat with oxygen tanks, ran over to Wal-Mart and found a portable casket that fit in the trunk, then scurried to the lawyer and added the 19-year-old “chickie” to the will. The first match my opponent had his racquet in one hand, his cane in the other. The second-round opponent wore very dark glasses and did not move well. Her name was Helen Keller and she wanted to play the second set (I crushed her in the first set) without lights. I refused. She accused me of poor sportsmanship. So, I tripped her at the beginning of set 2 and she had to retire. The third-round opponent had the coolest motor scooter. My last opponent was very tall and could almost touch both side walls standing in the middle of the court. Also, it was tough to get ceiling balls by him. His name was Wilt Chamberlain. He won. If I play him for the gold next year, I think I really have to practice my passing shots & ceiling shots. I think a better idea is to contact Guido "the shoulder" Sebbio. He'll make a deal with Wilt if I fall behind. For the wagering crowd, smart money says to bet on Guido's boy.

Silver medalist Herb”

[I learned at the artists’ reception for the recent art show that featured the works of Tom Markusen, Bill Stewart and Jack Wolsky that Herb Fink was competing in the senior games in Cortland the next day. It was interesting to hear about Herb’s plans for the next day. However, in our conversation—no intention to disparage Herb’s accomplishment or that of Joe Winnick—I advised him that I was not about to compete in any event in the senior games until I was sure I was in an age bracket where I could be assured of the gold. I come from good genes—at 102 my aunt could probably win a lot of gold in the over-100 age category and at 92 my mom could likely bring home some gold herself in her age bracket. So, I hope the gene pool works as I wait my time.

In a subsequent conversation with Herb in which he reported to me that he was a silver medalist I also told him about my own rodeo success story from my youth—I won a 2nd place ribbon and two 3rd place ribbons for the three events I entered in the “male” rodeo event category. However, my success related less to my ability than to the fact that only three males participated in the rodeo and one did not participate in one of my events. If you read between the lines of
Herb’s spoof relating to his silver medal success I suspect you’ll conclude, as I have, that Herb’s success is more a matter of timing than ability. Yet, we must congratulate Herb for living long enough to be a winner! And, one finale note, one might speculate that Herb’s “chickie” line above might end any hopes for future competitions—yet, at least his purchase of the casket before making the remark was fortuitous.]

Some time ago Jim Dusen sent me three of his recent photos for me to share with you in “Update.” I had to advise him that I do not include attachments with the distribution of “Update” as one way of enhancing internet security for recipients. I did say that I would post the photos on the emeriti website when I found time to work on the site. For your information, I have now posted these photos and you can find them by scrolling down through the June 15th “Update” that is posted on the “Your News” page that can be reached from http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm.

I failed to mention is the last “Update” that the art show at Stephen Merritt’s personal gallery was a very nice show and the Friday evening reception was a great opportunity to meet and greet the artists as well as to see some of the recent works of Tom Markusen, Bill Stewart and Jack Wolsky and the works of host Stephen Merritt. We enjoyed seeing the Markusens, the Stewarts and Jack Wolsky, meeting Stephen Merritt, and visiting with others known to us who attended.

The following announcement recently appeared in the Daily Eagle. Thanks to the efforts of many, the College now had its own dock on the canal.

“New Dock and Boat Shed Ribbon Cutting Tuesday June 26 at 7pm at Commissary Park!

The College at Brockport is blessed with a wonderful accessible dock right near Commissary Park and a shed for boats off the parking lot next to the park. The official ribbon cutting will take place at 7pm at the dock!

Garrett Roe (senior), Rick Lair and Facilities employees and Lauren Lieberman from Kinesiology, Sport Studies and Physical Education have made history with the first ever dock on the Brockport Campus. The dock is for students, staff and community to use for recreation and relaxation. The dock is fully accessible and is close to the parking lot so people can park and fish or move boats onto the dock. The dock was made possible from donations from alumni, faculty, staff, and the Brockport community.

The boat shed was a donation by Gwen Parks a senior high school student in C.W. Baker HS in Baldwinsville who made the boat shed her Girl Scout Gold project to help Camp Abilities. Her brother has been coming to camp as a camper for 10 years and her mother is the camp nurse (Nurse Sheila).

Please join us for this exciting occasion! Everyone is welcome!”

And, don’t forget: Please RSVP to alumni@brockport.edu or (585) 395-2451 with your name, the name of your guest(s) and your contact information if you are planning to attend the emeriti-only tour of the new SERC building at 11:30 am on June 28th.
June 25, 2012

Greetings,

On Saturday, June 23, 2012 Sandy and I decided to end the day with a meal at The Garland where she chose Veal Parmesan and Rigatoni from the menu. Her meal inspired a conversation about the good old days when we first came to Brockport and on most Friday nights you would find us, along with Helen Phillips and her late husband and many others, enjoying great Italian food (our favorite-Veal Parmesan and Rigatoni, both smothered with cheese) at Lista's Restaurant. This led to a conversation about what had happened to Vinnie Lista and in our discussion, we even considered the inevitable. Today I received a very sad email from a dear friend advising me that Vinnie Lista took his culinary and engaging personality skills to a higher level on June 23rd. Following is his obituary from the June 25th Rochester D&C:

Lista, Vincent Joseph (Vinnie)

Brockport/Chili: Called to our Lord on June 23, 2012, peacefully, surrounded by his loving extended family, at age 82, following complications from a stroke.

Predeceased by his parents, Phyllis and Paul; brothers, Raymond and Gerald; and brothers-in-law, William and George Gailor.

He is survived by his adoring wife of 56 years, Doris; his children, Vynne-Jo (Curt) Penoyer, Bill (Wendy) Lista, Bruce Lista, Dan (Andrea) Lista and Mary Elizabeth Lista; and twelve grandchildren. He also leaves his sister, Phyllis Lista (Mark Bewicke); aunt, Dolores Dentino; as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews, family members, lifelong friends, and the many new friends at the Legacy at Parklands.

Vinnie dutifully served his country in Korea, was a devoted churchgoer and a locally renowned restaurateur.

Vinnie met his wife, Doris, in Brockport, where she attended college and he managed the family's restaurant business. The famous Lista's Italian Cuisine which anchored downtown Brockport's business district for nearly three decades. Later in his career Vinnie served 15 years at SUNY Brockport as chef/caterer for FSA/BASC.

In lieu of flowers, Vinnie had requested donations to Lifetime Assistance Foundation, 425 Paul Rd. Rochester 14624; Nativity of the BVM Catholic Church in Brockport, NY; or St. Christopher's Catholic Church in Chili, NY. Please call at Fowler's Funeral Home in Brockport on Tuesday, 2-4 or 6-8. A mass in celebration of his life will be said at the Nativity BVM church in Brockport on Friday at 10 AM.
[Vinnie was a very significant member of the Brockport Community throughout the majority of his life. He seemed always to have a smile on his face and even on very busy Friday nights at the restaurant he always found time to give his customers a welcoming greeting and farewell while also attending to the business of ensuring excellent food and excellent service. Fortunately for the college he brought both his charm and his skills to FSA/BASC after he made the decision to give up the family business which decision was a great loss to the village but became a great benefit to the college. While Vinnie's passing is a great loss it invokes some of our favorite memories from our years in Brockport. We send our condolences to his family and dear friends, in particular to his sister, retiree Phyllis Lista, who also provided excellent and dedicated service to the Physics Department and the College for many years. And, while we mourn, we celebrate and remember a very special person.

Please note the calling hours and the celebratory mass information above.]

The much better news is that following a recent telephone conversation between President Halstead and Al Brown it was reported that Al's broken leg did not impair his endless good humor. We are happy to hear that Al is still on the mend!

Busy week reminders:

. New Dock and Boat Shed Ribbon Cutting Tuesday, June 26 at 7 pm at Commissary Park!

. Farewell Reception for Lou Spiro, Wednesday, June 27th, Main Lounge, 3-5 pm, Seymour Union.

. SERC tour for emeriti and their guests only (those who replied to the invitation on or before June 22nd), Thursday, June 28th, meet in front of Allen Administration Building at 11:30 am.

Best,

Bud

June 26, 2012

Greetings,

First, for those emeriti and retirees who signed up for the SERC tour on Thursday, here is some more information about the event from Mike Andriatch. Please pass this information along to any guest(s) that you included in your RSVP as they will need to either ride with you or pick up a guest parking permit at the Raye Conrad Welcome Center:

Thank you for registering for the Emeriti and Retirees Tour of The Special Events Recreation Center (SERC) for this Thursday, June 28. We have had a great response (more than 65 have signed up!) and look forward to seeing everyone.
Here is a rundown of the schedule and what you may need to do ahead of time. Please reach out to one of us if you have any additional questions after you have read this.

- Check-in is at 11:30 am in the lobby of the Allen Administration Building.
- Park in either Lot V or V-1 (directly west of SERC). If you do not have your parking pass, either pick it up ahead of time or that morning at the Raye Conrad Welcome Center (next to the Townhomes). Here is the message directly from Parking Services:
  - “If Emeriti and Retirees do not have permits, they will need to get them. They may receive one free permanent permit by filling out an application here: [http://www.brockport.edu/parking/docs/retiree_emeriti_registration_form.pdf](http://www.brockport.edu/parking/docs/retiree_emeriti_registration_form.pdf)
  - Or if they are uncomfortable with that, they may fill out the form here at the WC (Welcome Center). Please communicate with all who are coming to the luncheon, as we do not want to give these people unnecessary tickets.”
- Our main group will be broken down into three smaller groups to make it easier to hear all of the great facility information. The groups will be led on our tours by Scott Haines and Damian Flint from Campus Recreation and Erick Hart from Athletics.
- SERC will open to the public in about two weeks, so construction and readiness crews are still in the facility preparing final items.
- Wear comfortable shoes and dress. We will be walking throughout SERC and parts of Tuttle (to see some of the recent renovations and upgrades in that building as well).
- A light lunch will be served at approximately 12:30 pm back at Allen at the conclusion of the tours.
- Scott Haines will have information about SERC (and Tuttle) fitness memberships. As you may or may not be aware, emeriti and retirees have always received free usage of the fitness facilities within the complex. That will remain true with everything in the new building. The only cost, if you do not have one already, will be a valid Brockport ID.

Again, if we can help with anything before Thursday, please let us know. We look forward to seeing you at 11:30 am on the 28th.

In response to the Vinnie Lista obit in the last Update I learned from Rick Kincaid that he got to know Vinnie and liked him when Vinnie was a BASC manager. Vinnie’s grandson Peter, a doctoral student in sociology at Indiana University described by Rick as a very competent young man, worked in Career Services during Rick’s final years before retirement. Rick also advised me that for a while after retiring from the college Vinnie cooked one night a week at Flash’s Tavern just because he missed his work and that when he gave it up he also gave up permission for Flash’s Tavern to use his recipes which they did on Thursdays. Rick was not sure whether or not they continue to use Vinnie’s recipes but assures that if it is still going on it is worth a visit. Rick did try to
confirm with Flash’s Tavern that they were still serving Vinnie’s recipes on Thursdays but no one has answered his calls.

Alumnae Elaine Leshnower shared that she had served as a waitress at Lista’s Restaurant during the 1950s and early 1960s when it was known as “The Campus Restaurant.” She reports that Vinnie’s mom Phyllis was like a mother to her and that felt that she was a member of their wonderful family when she worked there and that she will miss Vinnie as she has missed Phyllis and Pat.

Linda Sweeting shares that along with so many others, she was very sad to see Vinnie's obit in the paper. Rick and Linda Sweeting had their first date at Lista's (and they are willing to bet they had veal parm!) 37 years ago next month. Linda shares (and we all agree) that Vinnie was a very kind and talented man who made many friends and left so many of us with happy memories of his contributions to Brockport life.

[Thanks for these tributes to Vinnie and the Lista family.]

Unfortunately, I had other sad news to report in the last Update but I had not yet verified the information. Rita M. Bennett, a long-time employee and retiree of the Facilities Department, died on June 20, 2012. She had made many friends (students and staff) at the college during her working years as she ensured the cleanliness of the many campus buildings to which she was assigned during her career (January 23, 1964 – March 29, 1991). We were sad to hear of her passing. We celebrate her life and her contributions to the learning environment at the college over the years. Following is her obituary from the June 24th Rochester D&C. Please note the date, time and place for her funeral (which unfortunately conflict with the scheduled SERC tour).

Bennett, Rita M.

Brockport: On Wednesday June 20, 2012 at the age of 86. Predeceased by her husband Richard J. Bennett, sister Grace Judd, sister-in-law Margaret Porter. She is survived by her daughter Margaret Jackson, son Richard M. Bennett, 9 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

There will be no prior calling hours. A funeral service will be held Thursday June 28th at 1PM at the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Main St., Brockport. Interment will be at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, friends wishing may contribute to Lakeside Beikirch Care Center. Ref: Fowler Funeral Home Inc.

Carpe diem,

Bud

PS. I have a nice picture of Herb Fink all dressed up for his senior games competition at Cortland that I had intended to post to “Your News” on the emeriti website and point you to it but for some yet unknown reason it will not display on the website. I’ll post it and point it out to you when I figure out why it is being rejected.
PSS.  Sandy and I have one very strong, if not fond, memory from having lunch at Lista’s on Friday, January 28, 1977 (if memory serves me) that we are reminded of by Vinnie’s passing.  While having lunch, all of a sudden, we could not see the other side of the street through the front window at Lista’s.  One of the worst blizzards to ever hit Brockport and western New York arrived during that lunch hour and it was so fast and so bad that we rushed to get out of the restaurant so that Sandy could make arrangements for getting our boys home from school and I could get back to the College to see what we needed to do to release employees and secure the campus.  Fortunately, when I left the College I was still able to push my way through snow drifts and make it home.  Many others, including President Al Brown, spent many hours on campus because roads were totally impassable.  If memory serves me, Al Brown made it home (the President’s home at the time was a rental on Valley View Drive in Clarkson) by snow mobile or a 4-wheel drive Blazer in the early morning hours.  As we remember Vinnie we also are reminded of the experiences we encountered after lunch at Lista’s on Friday, January 28, 1977.

July 5, 2012

Greetings,

““I couldn't cut anything, just wanted to stay true to the young person I was.”

Those are the words of emeritus poet and author William Heyen about his “The Cabin – William Heyen Journal – 1964-1984”.  I recently picked up a copy at the Lift Bridge Bookstore and have been impressed that Bill has stayed true to these words even when frustrated by his own acts and deeds or those of others.  Although I have only begun the journey, this read has caused me to reflect on how situational our feelings and responses can be.  Living in the moment, as Bill’s journal does, has risks.  Yet, out of the moment and away from the frustrations of a specific event, new perspectives are found in a new moment.  On several occasions, I have noted how much my view of some individuals changed once relieved of the work environment and the potential for confrontational moments.

After a journal gap from 4/10/70 to 10/1/70 the last paragraph on Bill’s 10/1/70 entry reads:

“I was promoted.  Make $14,700+.  We are well off while the world goes to pieces.  This is all a kind of high comedy.  The fool asks himself how he can be happy when he knows that someday he has to die and regrets the time spent writing even this while nothing else he might have done would have been more satisfying.”

I was struck with this entry and read it to Sandy who then shared a section of the poem “The Summer Day” by Mary Oliver:

…”

“I don’t know exactly what a prayer is.
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down
into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,
which is what I have been doing all day.
Tell me, what else should I have done?
Doesn’t everything die at last, and too soon?
Tell me, what is it you plan to do
with your one wild and precious life?”

So here we are, mostly all retired and mostly well enough to plan. Bill and Han Heyen’s immediate plans are to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this weekend while Han also continues to plan the 50th reunion of her Brockport College graduating class (1962) which will occur on Homecoming 2012 Weekend. One plan for the rest of us might be to attend some of the homecoming events, especially the official opening of the new Special Events Recreation Center (SERC) on September 14, 2012. For more information periodically check the homecoming link on the college’s website: http://www.brockport.edu/homecoming/

This brings me to an update about recent events:

Those of us who seized the day for the pre-opening tour of the new Special Events Recreation Center left with a feeling of awe and amazement. It is a truly spectacular building that appears to be state of the art in every respect. An added benefit of signing up for the tour was the opportunity to see many emeriti and retirees we had not seen in many years. While we regretted not being able to spend much time with individuals, it was still nice to be able to meet and greet them, even sometimes from a distance, and we are thankful to the College, the Advancement Division, John Halstead, and especially Mike Andriatch and Brad Schreiber, for planning and supporting this event and for the nice luncheon that followed the tour.

We also seized the day and attended the very nice farewell reception for Lou Spiro who retired effective July 1st and is now an official member of the emeriti club. We wish Lou many years of health and happiness in retirement as he fulfills his desire to be much more involved in his Temple and his faith.

Another response, related to the passing of Vinnie Lista, was received from emeritus Robert Giblin. He reported that Vinnie was his first boss after he was hired as a dishwasher at the Campus Restaurant in the early 1960s, and “loved it”, before becoming an employee of the College soon thereafter.

Similarly, I had a report from someone who works at Roberts Wesleyan College/Peace Memorial Church that at his death at age 95 Neil Pfouts, was still able to fill the Pearce Memorial Church in North Chili to capacity for his memorial service. Neil was a 1939 graduate of Roberts Wesleyan and a faithful member of the congregation. Previously unknown to me it was reported that Neil had written a history of Roberts Wesleyan College and, certainly known to many, he was also revered by both the Roberts Wesleyan college community and the congregation of the church for his contributions and his goodness. His passing is a significant loss to that community of faith.

It has also been reported that on a recent Monday morning John Halstead joined an emeriti tennis group for a set or two and apparently used his relative youth to his advantage. But, it is also
reported that whenever the president participates with this group he gets a little history lesson. In addition to his “ageless” prowess on the tennis court, President John Halstead has supported emeriti in many ways including the recent SERC tour and luncheon and we appreciate his efforts in keeping us informed and invited.

Finally, in “Update” it is my desire to report on emeriti activities (Your News -- http://www.itss.brockport.edu/~rmeade/your_news.htm) but not to promote them. Sometimes the line gets thin as may be the case here. But, for most members of this distribution list our “sometimes” have diminishing possibilities so finding an activity in which we can say “nothing else [we] might have done would have been more satisfying” is a worthwhile objective.

Carpe diem,

Bud

PS. “Update” is intended for your news in addition to other College related news and events. I know some of you are reluctant to share but from the feedback I receive I know that those on the distribution list enjoy hearing about what is going on in the lives of other retirees. So, feel free to share. Also, it is helpful when you share information with me that you indicate whether or not it is for publication. This saves me the additional step necessary to confirm your wishes.

July 7, 2012

Greetings,

Save the date and times for memorial events to celebrate the distinguished care-giving life of the late Monika K. Andrews, wife of esteemed community servant and emeritus Professor and Dean Bill Andrews. At its June 12th meeting, the Brockport Village Board proclaimed July 21, 2012, to be "Monika Andrews Day". The following events are scheduled for that day:

10 a.m.--Dedication of the Monika W. Andrews Children's Park, corner Utica and Holley Streets.

11 a.m.--Dedication of the Monika W. Andrews Room in the Brockport Ecumenical Food Shelf, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 14 State Street.

2 p.m.--Interment service for Monika's remains at the High-Street Cemetery.

3 p.m.--Memorial gathering, Blue Room of Edwards Hall, on campus, use Holley Street parking lots, open parking on summer weekends.

Following the last “Update” I received the following note from Dorie Sweeting, retired former administrative assistant in the President’s Office as well as other offices during her career. With her approval, I am posting it as it arrived to convey messages in her own words.

Hi, Bud,
This is just a quick note to tell you that I will be in Brockport beginning 7/10/12 until early August. I am hoping to get to see some of my "old" college friends. Also, would you please tell Bill and Han Heyen congratulations on their 50th!

Hope I get a chance to say "hello" to you while I am there. Feel free to post this if you wish. I, too, remember Vinnie Lista when he had the restaurant. What great memories of times in Brockport.

[Dorie, one or more of the activities to celebrate the life of Monika Andrews listed above, particularly the 3 p.m. Memorial gathering, would likely provide a great opportunity for you to see some of your “old” college friends.]

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Betsy Ernst, Fitness and Wellness Coordinator shared the following information about the summer opening of the Special Events Recreation Center and SERC Summer Membership Special in Friday morning email to Faculty and Staff.

**SERC Summer Membership Special**
Grab your sneakers and a water bottle and head over to the SERC fitness center! We are pleased to offer faculty and staff, including emeriti, a free trial membership to the SERC fitness center! This free trial period will run from July 9 through July 31, 2012. Individual faculty and staff members can access the SERC fitness center free of charge during this period.

The SERC fitness center will operate under summer hours and will be open Monday through Thursday beginning July 9th from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. The fitness center will always be staffed by trained fitness center attendants who are here to assist you in learning how to safely and effectively operate our state-of-the-art fitness equipment.

Noon hoops will continue to be held in the Tuttle North gymnasium. The field house will be opening at a later date. For a special summer fee covering the period July 9 through July 31, other summer memberships may be purchased in accordance with the following fee schedule:

(July 9 – July 31)

- Community members: $15
- Community Family: $25
- Faculty/Staff family: $5
- Alumni: $5
- Alumni family: $15
- Visiting College Student (July 9th-August 25th): $25

[If a person does not currently have a College at Brockport ID, they will be required to pay a one-time $10 fee for an ID card (emeriti excluded). Faculty/Staff will need to present their Brockport ID and will need to fill out a PAR-Q if they are not currently a member. That will take less than 2 minutes.

All membership registration activity will now take place at the Membership Service Desk in the SERC, the “Hub” in Tuttle North no longer exists!]
Fall SERC memberships will go on sale as soon as the annual fee structure for 2012-2013 is finalized and will be effective August 1. Membership cost information will be provided as details become available.

If you need more information contact Betsy at ernst@brockport.edu OR 395-5399.

Joyce Ogden sends the following to us from far away Olympia, Washington:

Summer finally arrived in Olympia on Wednesday, July 4th. I've never lived anyplace where the atmospheric weather systems "snap" seemingly overnight into and out of summer. So, I've been doing the good housekeeping stuff like putting away the corduroy pants with long-sleeved sweatshirts that I've had to wear since September and getting out the drying racks in the garage so Mother Nature can dry the laundry. We probably won't get any substantial rain until September.

So, forget the stuff you've heard about always-rainy weather in this part of the world. Come out and enjoy the daily sunshine with lower humidity than upstate New Yorkers are used to! I've never figured how a place only 60 miles from the Pacific Ocean can avoid the humidity that oppresses the eastern U.S. places that are much farther away from the Atlantic.

Congratulations and best wishes to Bill and Han Heyen on their 50th anniversary!

Bud

July 20, 2012

Greetings,

David Brannigan has shared the following update from Emerita Jean Hitzeman.

Tuesday, July 03, 2012

Dear Family and Friends,

It is with a grateful heart for your prayerful support that I update you concerning my health. My doctors continue to monitor treatments for both Parkinson’s disease and breast cancer which is now in stage 4 and has metastasized to bones and lung. While noting that the original tumor is shrinking, nevertheless I have chosen to go with support of Hospice personnel and the palliative care that they offer.

As I write this I’m happy to say that I feel better than I have in a long time. I am more myself and have been blessed with the energy to write this letter. Keep up the prayers. Your cards and good wishes are also greatly appreciated. I love you.
Jean Hitzeman, OP

David, thank you for sharing! We all need to keep Sister Jean in our thoughts and prayers. Jean, we hope the palliative care is successful in relieving your pain.

From a recent Clarkson-Hamlin Herald I learned that Bruce N. Boehl, a former employee and retiree of the Facilities Department, died on June 1, 2012. Following is Bruce’s obituary from that newspaper.

Boehl, Bruce N., 76, died June 1, 2012, at home in Florida following a brief illness. He lived in Clarkson, most of his life with his family. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, and a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks. He retired from The College at Brockport as a facilities and maintenance worker. He enjoyed train collecting and gardening. Predeceased by his parents, Nelson S. and Ethel “Honey” M. Boehl and sister, Bernadette Nancy (George) Knab. He is survived by his loving wife, Grace R. Boehl; daughters: Marguerite Bennett of Brandon, Florida, Debra (Michael) Lester of Hamlin; son Bruce S. Boehl of Brandon, Florida; his grandchildren: Clinton, Cody, and Carley Lester, Erin and Veronica Bennett; as well as several nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service was held June 16 in Valrico, Florida at Holy Innocence Episcopal Church.

Bruce will be missed by his family and friends.

A few emeriti have been visible to us in the media. Dr. Sarah Liebschutz, Distinguished Service Professor Emerita was a guest essayist in the Sunday, July 8, 2012 Rochester D&C. She wrote about the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision on the Affordable Care Act and her view of the “rich history” of concerted and coordinated efforts to contain health costs and improve care in the Rochester area. Emeritus Paul Curran was quoted in an article (sports section of the same D&C) about softball for seniors at McAvoy Park in Irondequoit. At 76 Paul continues to play for and manage the Legacy team and he is also the 55-and-over commissioner. According to the article Paul gave up softball from age 26-40 in order to support his children and their activities but for the last 36 years he has had a lot of fun playing and even self-published a book “The Boys and Girls of the Mornings.” Finally, emeritus Robert Rutzen and his wife Molly are seen frequently in an advertisement for Brickstone—Contemporary Living by St. John’s.

It is great to see emeriti in sections of the news besides the unmentionable section where information about us most frequently appears.

Also, I learned at Monika Andrews viewing that retirees Judy and Larry Wade celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 16th. My memory failed me briefly or you would have known this sooner. Congratulations Judy and Larry!

And, here is a reminder about the Monika Andrews memorial activities tomorrow (Saturday, July 21st):
10 a.m.--Dedication of the Monika W. Andrews Children's Park, corner Utica and Holley Streets.

11 a.m.--Dedication of the Monika W. Andrews Room in the Brockport Ecumenical Food Shelf, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 14 State Street.

2 p.m.--Interment service for Monika's remains at the High Street Cemetery.

3 p.m.--Memorial gathering, Blue Room of Edwards Hall, on campus, use Holley Street parking lots, open parking on summer weekends.

I saw Dorie Sweeting at Wegmans a few days ago and she is planning to go the 3pm memorial gathering for Monika and hoping to see many Brockport friends there. If you know Dorie, keep an eye out for her because she sure would like to reconnect with as many friends as possible during her summer visit.

Finally, please ensure that you notify Lucinda Dumaw (Human Resources), John Sapienza (Development), or me if any of your directory information changes so that appropriate data files can updated. We share the information we receive so you only need one point of contact. For sure you need to keep your email address current with me if you wish to continue receiving these updates. And, since we are close to the subject, here is a link to information about how to access and use the on-line Faculty Staff Directory:
http://www.brockport.edu/publications/phone/using.html. If you are looking up emeriti information make sure that you go to the Internal Directory and then click on the “Emeriti” tab. For the internal directory, you’ll need to use your userID and password to sign on if you still have a Brockport email account. If not you can still access the internal directory by using the following ID and Password:

ID: emeriti
Password: fromsuny

Please note that these items are “case sensitive” and only lower case will be accepted. Also, when using the generic ID and Password you’ll receive a “Hello, I don’t know exactly who you are message” but you will still have access to the directory. Please help protect this information from those who would abuse it (e.g. SPAMMERS) by not sharing the ID and Password with anyone outside of the emeriti distribution list.

If your directory information has changed in the past couple of years you may want to take a look at your information in the on-line, internal, directory to ensure that it is current.

Continue to keep Ed and Johnnie Lehman in your thoughts and prayers as Johnnie continues to face difficulties in her life’s journey which prevent them from participating in the many social activities they have been known to engage in throughout the years.

Seize the day,
Greetings,

Matt Vanderwerf has shared with me that the SEFA (State Employee Federated Appeal) campaign for NYS is in desperate need of volunteers to serve as liaisons between local agencies and the SEFA regional headquarters. Each volunteer is assigned a number (one to several) of state agencies in the area so the more volunteers the less work for each liaison. College Administrators (new VP for Administration and Finance Dr. James Willis, HR Director Amy Kahn and Matt) believe that such a volunteer opportunity would be attractive to emeriti/retirees who might enjoy the interaction with State agencies and their employees. I share their belief so following is a memorandum, including a duties description, from Matt inviting you to become a SEFA volunteer. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please follow the instructions below to contact Amy Kahn as soon as possible. SEFA is anxious to identify volunteers so that plans and training for the next campaign can be completed.

TO: The College at Brockport Retirees
FROM: Matt Vanderwerf, Personnel Associate
DATE: July 30, 2012
RE: SEFA Needs You!

The people of The College at Brockport are leaders among state agencies in charitable donations to SEFA (State Employees Federated Appeal). As active employees, most of you participated in the annual SEFA drive. There is a new opportunity for you to continue giving to SEFA in another way.

SEFA’s regional campaign manager has turned to us looking for Loaned Associates to put some fire into this year’s campaign. The job duties are listed below in detail. I believe many of you will enjoy the creative aspect of the work combined with the semi-independent nature of it.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Ms. Amy V. Kahn, Director of Human Resources. Amy may be reached at either 585-395-5116 or at akahn@brockport.edu.

If you have any questions please contact Amy at your convenience.

Thank you.

VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATE (LA) JOB DESCRIPTION
The volunteer associate (LA) is responsible for assisting and coordinating the SEFA campaign in multiple state facilities across their campaign area. They report to the local SEFA headquarters – not their regular work site. They manage several accounts (state agencies) and are expected to
travel to these accounts for planning meetings with the employee campaign manager (ECM), presentations and other campaign-related events. LAs are the driving force behind the campaign and work closely with the local United Way and employee campaign managers. The time frame for the assignment varies depending upon the region to which they are assigned (2–4 month average) and hours per week are flexible.

**Desired Skills & Abilities**
- Ability to understand organizational structure of state agencies in order to help coordinate the fund-raising effort
- Good organizational skills
- Good judgment in solving complex administrative problems
- Public speaking skills

**Typical Work Activities**
- Attend pre-campaign training conducted by United Way, to learn about SEFA, and presentation and analytical skills necessary to fulfill their volunteer responsibilities
- Analyze account history and develop strategies for each account.
- Work with employee campaign managers to plan their facility campaign
- Provide promotional materials, suggestions, assistance and support to the employee campaign manager
- Make group presentations at facility kick-offs and executive staff meetings
- Regularly pick up report envelopes (pledge card, checks and cash) from campaign managers, report on the campaign progress or problems to United Way staff
- Prepare congratulatory and/or thank-you letters for their assigned accounts

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Elaine Miller has shared news of her recent travels and upcoming activities. We appreciate hearing of the activities of emerita and are envious of her recent biking tour with emeriti Marilyn Colby. Here is her story:

Marilyn Colby (my ever-ready-for-any-bike-trip buddy) and I did a bike and barge trip in Holland in June -- with VBT. I recommend it -- everything about it: the biking, the routes, the barge, the crew, gourmet meals, the villages, Amsterdam and the wall-to-wall bicyclists. [This is an unpaid political announcement.] Also, I'm continuing to do presentations on political cartoons: at The Humor Conference in Saratoga Springs, as well as at local libraries. One upcoming event is at the Arts Institute in Flint, Michigan where they're curating an exhibition of international political cartoons. It will be a general talk for the community and then a workshop for teachers/professors on using political cartoons in the classroom. I'm hoping Michael Moore will be in the audience.

It's good to have news of our colleagues. I especially enjoyed contacts with Jean Hitzeman during our faculty time together at the college, and I'll be in touch with her.

[Elaine, thanks for sharing! I checked out VBT on the internet and learned that they specialize in international walking and bicycling tours. So, because others might be interested, I am sharing their URL which is [http://www.vbt.com/].]
Emerita Margay Blackman was featured in the Living section as a "Woman to Watch" in a recent Monday edition of the Rochester D&C. Here's the online link:

http://her.democratandchronicle.com/apps/pbcs.dll/section?category=women_to_watch

In case it is no longer active I have also included her story here:

“When Margay Blackman first moved to the village of Brockport 35 years ago, she could not imagine choosing to retire in Western New York. The year was 1977 and she was focused on her career as a professor of anthropology at the College of Brockport. She paid little attention to her surroundings, and knew nothing of local politics. But that changed. Over the years, she became immersed in the community and was recently elected to her second term as a village trustee.

“I enjoy problem solving,” Blackman said. “Brockport presents a lot of interesting issues and challenges.”

Given her academic background, she finds herself to be well-suited for the village position, where she and three other trustees work with the mayor to set a budget, revise village codes, and act as a liaison to different departments. Blackman’s departments include the College at Brockport, the Brockport farmers market, downtown merchants, fire department, tree board, and historic preservation board.

She also enjoys keeping her research skills sharp and is currently studying whether to establish a village court in Brockport.

In addition to this work, Blackman recognized the value of connecting students to the community, especially given her teaching background. “I loved having my students do research projects … that got them involved in the community,” she said. After Blackman retired from teaching in 2007 she created a student internship program for college students interested in local government.

“It’s a way, too, for me to continue teaching and to continue mentoring students,” she said.

Blackman has grown to love living in a small village and finds that her community is filled with great people, lots of volunteer spirit, and “people who really want to better the village,” she said. She also manages to visit Rochester about once each week, most often going to the Rochester Public Market on Saturday mornings, setting out with friends by 6:30 a.m. to get the best pickings.

**Personal:** 68, of Brockport, living with partner Ulpian Toney.

**Occupation:** Village Trustee, Brockport, 2011-present. Professor emerita of Anthropology, The College at Brockport (retired 2007 after 30 years)

**Community activities:** Chair, Village of Brockport Tree Board (2005-2011), member of Walk!Bike!Brockport!, Village of Brockport Historic Preservation Board (2002-2011), Brockport canalfront Welcome Center greeter. Creator and supervisor of Student Internships (college) in Local Government.

**My favorite thing to do in Rochester:** Dining, the Rochester Public Market, the Little Theatre, the Park Avenue Festival.
**Biggest challenge I’ve overcome and how I did it:** Overcoming my fear of speaking out and public speaking. 34 years as a college educator gradually took care of that.

**One thing I’ve always wanted to do but never have:** Get an MFA in creative writing.

**If I could change one thing about myself it would be:** My workaholic tendencies.

**The talent I would most like to have:** Musical ability and fluency in multiple languages.

**The one thing I can’t live without:** My bicycle.

**My favorite movie:** *The Godfather.*

**One of my favorite sayings is:** “You are entitled to your own opinion, but not your own facts.”

**A person who has inspired me:** Charlotte Reid (1918-2011), an aunt-in-law and remarkable politician. Served as First Selectman of Salisbury Connecticut for 18 years, running for a third term, unopposed, as a Democrat in a Republican town. She was a great listener, could talk to anyone, and was fiscally very savvy.”

I was sad to read the obituary of an old adversary, James T. Hancock, in the Rochester D&C this morning. Jim had a distinguished life as an athlete and lawyer, among the many other activities in which he excelled. He was the lawyer for the Civil Service Employees’ Associate in the Rochester region and on several occasions, I sat across the table from him as the college’s representative, or as a witness, in hearings related to situations involving employees represented by CSEA. While we often disagreed about the issues and proposed solutions, Jim was always fair-minded and professional and both the College and its CSEA employees benefitted from the compassion and expertise he demonstrated in his role. While I mourn with his family and friends, I am honored to have worked with him to solve some employment problems at the College and the notice of his death brings back some fond, and some not so fond, memories. Thank you, Jim, for your life and your contributions in it!

[I have included this obituary information because there are several emeriti/retirees on the distributions list that knew Jim, worked with him, or participated in hearings with him.]

Seize the day,

Bud

August 18, 2012

Greetings,

Homecoming Weekend 2012 (Thursday, September 13 through Sunday, September 16, 2012) will certainly be one for participants to remember. Many special events have been added to the Homecoming venue this year including the official opening of the Special Events Recreation Center (SERC) and related activities. Emeriti/Retirees are not only invited, but moreover, the college desires to have a large showing from this group that has contributed so much to the success of The College at Brockport over the years. While there are the usual Homecoming events and activities scheduled that you can find at: [http://www.brockport.edu/homecoming/schedule.php](http://www.brockport.edu/homecoming/schedule.php), I draw your attention to the scheduled events to celebrate the SERC opening that you can view below or go to: [http://www.brockport.edu/homecoming/opening.html](http://www.brockport.edu/homecoming/opening.html).
Friday, September 14, 2012:

11 am   Ribbon Cutting Ceremony (Chancellor Nancy Zimpher, President John Halstead and others)

5:30 pm   Picnic on Plateau Field (between Allen Administration Building and townhomes)

7:30 pm   Pep Rally and crowning of Homecoming King and Queen with remarks by President Halstead

8:00 pm   SERC Opening Ceremony with an unforgettable evening of fun filled activities to follow

While you are strongly encouraged to take advantage of as many of the Homecoming activities as possible (see full schedule at first link provided above) and to enjoy this opportunity to connect/reconnect with alumni, current faculty and staff, and other retirees while celebrating the opening of an exceptional new facility and providing encouragement to the College’s athletic teams, it is very important for the College’s planning purposes that you register for the events you plan to attend.

To register, go to the Homecoming homepage at: [http://www.brockport.edu/homecoming/index.html](http://www.brockport.edu/homecoming/index.html) and click on “Click Here to Register”. An alternative for some emeriti/retirees who will receive paper invitations because the College does not have email addresses for them is to quickly return the registration form they will receive with their invitation. Either way, register once one way or the other so that the College can plan for the number of participants in the various activities. If all else fails (paper invite doesn’t reach you, can’t access the “Click Here to Register” online) call Advancement at 395-2451 and someone will help get you registered.

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“Ellen Gilbert needs to be careful who she hangs out with or she’ll end up with a new career and a new name. You need a threesome to make a comeback if you are known best as Peter, Paul and Mary!” And you can see that Ellen is “Merry” by viewing a picture of her with Peter and Paul and her grandchildren at the Lift Bridge Book Shop on Saturday, July 28th. The picture is posted with this “Update” on the “Your News” page at: [http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm](http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm)

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At 10:15 am on Tuesday, August 21st, there will be a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Liberal Arts Building following the 2012 Academic Convocation. President Halstead invites all emeriti/retirees to attend this event that will begin on the Alumni Walk area near the construction side. The three-story, 61,000-square-foot facility is the first academic building to be constructed on the campus since 1974. It will be home to the English, History, Modern Languages and Cultures, Philosophy, and Women and Gender Studies departments with occupancy for the fall of 2014.
Donna Mancuso has shared with me information about the passing of Thomas Noonan back on December 23, 2011. For some reason, I think that I was aware of his passing some time ago but in checking my records it appears that I never reported it. Tom was a retiree from the Physics Department. While many would describe him as eccentric, many would also describe his as a brilliant scientist who was always inquisitive, always followed the rules, and always lived in accordance to his religious beliefs. Anyone who ever followed Tom as he travelled around Brockport on his bicycle will recall that he always used hand signals and always turned on very precise right angles. Along with his eccentricities Tom Noonan will be remembered for his brilliance, for his contributions to his department, his students and his discipline, and for his leadership in his church and his faith. We send belated condolences to his family. May he rest in peace! Following is his obituary from the Charlotte Observer, Charlotte, NC.

Thomas Wyatt Noonan December 23, 2011

Thomas Wyatt Noonan, follower of Christ and theoretical Physicist and Astronomer, died at his home on December 23, 2011 from complications of digestive carcinoma. He was 78 years old.

Noonan earned a PhD in Physics from the California Institute of Technology, and became a fellow at Harvard University's Smithsonian Institution. He served as University Astronomer with UNC Chapel Hill and participated in training the Apollo astronauts in Moorehead Planetarium. He wrote the book, Cosmology and Relativity, at the request of the United States Air Force. While a full professor with the State University of New York, he spent time doing research at Sussex Observatory in England, and was a don with Oxford University and a member of Brasenose College. A member of Tau Beta Pi, he delivered papers at many research conferences and authored over 75 scientific papers. He became professor emeritus from SUNY Brockport in 1995, and continued to teach Physics at USC Lancaster. Noonan shared his Christian faith with many throughout his life, his unique perspective as a scientist and a Christian was a strengthening force to those who knew him.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Annabel S. Noonan, their three children and spouses; Rachel and Jeff Winstead, John and Tonya Noonan, and Matthew and Kristin Noonan, as well as six grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at First Baptist Church, Matthews, NC on Tuesday, December 27, 2011 at 11 AM followed by a luncheon for family and close friends. Burial will be private at Pine Crest Cemetery, Bladenboro, NC.

We have good news to share about President Emeritus Albert W. Brown. Al has been making a slow recovery from serious breaks in a leg and has now reached a stage where he can get around with a walker. To help him celebrate a small group of friends joined him for lunch at the Italian Fisherman on Chautauqua Lake last Thursday. Chautauqua Lake area residents Vice President Emeritus Ralph Gennarino and Al’s daughter Shauna joined the group and an enjoyable time was had by all on a nearly perfect day for sharing “war stories” on the porch overlooking the lake.
Al, Ralph and Shauna send their best regards to all and Al thanks all of us for our thoughts and expressions of concern during his convalescence.

Carpe diem,

Bud

PS. Lunch with Al Brown was capped off by watching Ralph Gennarino drive off on his motorcycle all dressed up as if for a road trip with a big smile peeking out below his helmet and goggles. A photo has been posted with this “Update” on the “Your News” page at the link provided above.

August 21, 2012

Greetings,

Only very sad news to report today!

Since learning of the death of emeritus Kermit A. Schroeder on Sunday the one thought that has dominated my thinking is, “When is good enough?” In Kerm Schroeder’s case is just saying that he was a very good man enough? I have concluded that it just might be! Kerm was not only good at being good; he was excellent at it in every aspect of his life which I have observed. He was steady, reliable and devoted in all things important to him—his family, his church, his work, and his friendships and in addition, he seemed to be able to cope extremely well with the many health related obstacles life presented to him and his family. Kerm was good beyond measure and his departure leaves a great void for his family and friends even as the example of his life lays down a good pathway for the rest of us to follow. We send our condolences to Betty and the rest of his family. Following is his obituary from the Rochester D&C and an additional piece taken from the Walker Brothers Funeral Home website. Please take note of the time and place for his memorial service on Thursday morning.

Rochester D&C

Schroeder, Kermit A. PhD

Spencerport: On Sunday August 19, 2012 at the age of 76, with his family at his side. Kerm was predeceased by his parents Albert and Luella Schroeder and his sister, Dolores Newburg. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Elizabeth (Folts) Schroeder; his children, David (Barbara), Daniel (Jeanne) Schroeder and Pamela (Wayne) Shillieto; grandchildren, Kase & Kristina Shillieto, and Sarah Schroeder; his siblings, Leland (Kathy) Schroeder PhD, Juanita Kohlmeyer; brother-in-law, John (Peg Olsen) Folts PhD. To light a candle of remembrance please visit www.walkerbrothersFH.com.

Friends are invited to celebrate Kerm’s Memorial Service at 11:00 AM on Thursday at Ogden Presbyterian Church, 2400 South Union Street, Spencerport, NY 14559
[emphasis supplied]. Those wishing to send expressions of sympathy please consider Ogden Presbyterian Church or the Aurora Comfort Care Hospice.

Walker Brothers Funeral Home

Name: Kermit A. Schroeder
Home: Ogden, NY
Date of Death: August 19, 2012
Place of Birth: Caledonia, MN
Age: 76

Biography

Kermit was active in his church. He was an elder, a trustee, a financial secretariat, a treasurer, and an Education Committee chair. He acquired many friends from SUNY Brockport, his church and community of Brockport, many residents of Hickory Hollow and his church in Spencerport.

Kermit loved to hear his wife play light jazz on the piano and organ.

He was very active in the C.U.R.E. (childhood cancer) organization. He was a recipient of the Chancellor's Award. He organized and ran Computer Club for high school students from 1975-1979. He was a Chemistry professor at SUNY Brockport from 1966 to 1991. He worked closely with Ed Gucker, his co-programmer.

His hobbies included working on investments, the computer, and doing anything in the yard that didn't need pruning. Kermit was also very passionate in the prevention of childhood cancer.

Much of his spare time was spent with his family and he liked to vacation with his brother and his brother's family. He always enjoyed all family holidays. His family gave him his greatest joy in life.

People who knew Kermit would describe him as a man of integrity with quiet strength, someone who was always generous with his time, talents, and all resources.

We certainly concur with this last statement and thank him for his life.

Best regards,

Bud

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August 30, 2012

Greetings,
I bring very sad news to you today. Again, this news reminds of how each day is such a precious gift!

Yesterday at around 1:00 pm the retirement and life of Payroll Officer Emerita Connie Davis ended. On August 1, 2012 Connie was going about her retirement life much as many of us do every day but on August 2, 2012 she encountered a life-changing-event when she suffered a hip fracture with no apparent cause. The analysis and treatment of the hip fracture resulted in a terrible diagnosis of a life-threatening disease that took her life yesterday—only 26 days away from a time when she was just fine!

As many of you know I considered Connie a partner for most of my career at Brockport. Following the retirement of Edna Terrell in June 1974, Connie became the head of the payroll department and we worked together until she and I both retired in the fall of 2000.

Connie was hard working and a perfectionist, a combination that was nearly ideal for a payroll officer. The only negative was that in a job with a large volume of work with completion deadlines every week, there is no way that even a perfectionist can avoid an occasional error and Connie had difficulty whenever she or her department made a mistake. I always tried to tell her that only those with little or nothing to do can be error-free but she still always strove for perfection and was beside herself if she or her department appeared to have a blemish on her/its performance. In her job, she felt responsible for ensuring employees were appointed and paid on time, that employees met their obligations (e.g. to turn in the attendance reports on time), and that their tax and benefit deductions were timely and correct. She was diligent in chasing down the information necessary for creating these timely transactions and sometimes frustrated when the lack of timeliness considerations in others prevented her from meeting her goal to serve all employees.

When Connie started in the payroll office payroll transactions had to be typed on multi-copy forms (one form for appointment transactions and another for deduction transactions) and then sequenced and separated for distribution via the U.S. Postal Service to the Division of the Budget, the Department of Civil Service, and the Department of Audit and Control. It was a very labor intensive process and fraught with the opportunity for errors. Then computers started to change things and the data to create the appointment and deductions transactions were entered into a computer (located at SUNY System Administration) and then the pin-fed forms were loaded on a printer for production locally. Connie, the perfectionist, would work extra hours to get everything prepared for payroll well in advance of deadlines to allow enough time to submit a timely payroll in the event that the SUNY System shut down unexpectedly or a paper jam occurred that required a restart of the printing process. Within a couple of years, systems improved and instead of having to print and mail the forms the payroll transactions were written to a tape and the tape was mailed directly to the Department of Audit and Control. It is to the credit of Connie and her staff that employees were well served during this period with very few incidences of late or incorrect payments. Connie’s perfectionist tendencies gained her and Brockport a good reputation with SUNY System Administration that resulted in Brockport being chosen to pilot new on-line payroll and absence recording programs and systems for SUNY during the last several years of Connie’s career at Brockport. Connie took such pilot projects very seriously and even though they added to her workload and work hours, she worked
diligently and I know that there were improvements made to the pilot programs and systems through her efforts and that SUNY System Administration was grateful for her contributions to the final projects.

During her career at Brockport Connie Davis made many contributions to the good of Brockport College, SUNY System Administration and Brockport employees. There were few who worked as many hours as Connie. She was especially dedicated during what we referred to as the large payroll periods (the beginning of the fall and spring semesters when the most appointment/separation transactions occur) when she would be found working long days and on weekends to make sure she met the payroll deadlines mandated by other agencies.

Some of us also knew that Connie was an excellent seamstress who was even capable of making a beautiful wedding gown for daughter Brenda. She also enjoyed going to NASCAR races.

We mourn the passing of a good colleague and partner at such an early age but celebrate her contributions that benefitted so many. Her presence in this world will be sorely missed.

We send our condolences to her family, especially to daughters, Brenda and Sherri, and dear friend David Heinz.

Check the Rochester D&C in print, or at http://obits.democratandchronicle.com/obituaries/democratandchronicle/, on Sunday for information about a “Celebration of Connie’s Life” and for information about memorials.

Sadly,

Bud

September 2, 2012

Greetings,

This is just a quick note to share the information from Connie Davis’ obituary in the Rochester D&C today, especially the information about the celebration of Connie’s life.

Davis, Connie May

Hilton: August 29, 2012. Survived by her mother, Mary; brothers, Ken and Jeff; daughters, Sherri Scheiber and Brenda Enos; 5 grandchildren, and life partner David Heintz.

Connie was the former payroll director at SUNY Brockport.

The family will host a celebration of Connie's life at the Brockport Firemen Exempts Club, 248 West Ave, Brockport on Tues., Sept. 4 from 7 to 9 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to Lifetime Care Hospice, 3111 Winton Rd South, Rochester 14623. To
leave a message of remembrance please visit Connie's on line guest book at democratandchronicle.com/legacy.

Peace,

Bud

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September 4, 2012

Greetings,

This is just to advise you of an event featuring an emeritus. From September 5-30, 2012, there will be a Jim Dusen Exhibit of Photography at Image City Photography Gallery, 722 University Avenue, Rochester, New York. An Artist’s Reception will be held from 5:00 to 9:00 pm on Friday, September 7, 2012 and Jim would be pleased to see some of the Brockport people he has known over the years attending. Jim will be exhibiting 12 prints and there will be other very fine photographers showing their work as well. The reception is a nice stand-alone event but for those attending First Fridays at the Alumni House it is an opportunity for the creation of a full evening of socializing and supporting the arts.

For those not able to attend the Artist’s Reception but desiring to see the exhibit, gallery hours are:

Wednesday – Saturday 11:00 am to 7:00 pm
Sunday – Noon to 4:00 pm.

I am grateful not to have knowledge of any bad news to report today.

Best regards,

Bud

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September 12, 2012

Greetings,

Sorry I am late with this sad news as a result of being out of town and purposely away from phones and the internet. Below I share an obituary for George E. Webster Jr. that appeared in the Rochester D&C on Monday. Please note the time sensitive information about calling hours today from 4-7 pm and a memorial service tomorrow at 1:00 pm.

George only worked at the College for about seven years but he made significant contributions both as a General Mechanic in the Facilities Department and as CSEA’s Chapter President. I knew him best in his role as CSEA Chapter President. If memory serves me the College has had only five CSEA Chapter Presidents since 1970. They include Sue Cloutier, the late Thomas Gartley, the late Lloyd Tipton, now the late George Webster Jr. and Ronald Castle. All but one
worked to provide harmonious relationships with management in support of both CSEA employees and the College. When George took office, management welcomed the change back to the harmonious relationship as he worked with diligence and integrity to support both the employees he represented and the mission of the College that employed him. He was fair-minded and although he and management often had different views about problems and the interpretation of labor agreement and other policies and procedures, management and CSEA could always arrive at mutually acceptable solutions during George’s tenure as CSEA Chapter President. George had a pleasant and, when required, a disarming smile that made seeing him at your door a good experience even when he came to do battle. George was married to Rita Webster who served the College for many years and retired in 1996 from her last position as Secretary I in the Marketing Communications Department. Together George and Rita became great life partners who also enjoyed being dance partners among their many other activities. We send our condolences to Rita and the rest of George’s family and regret that we will not have another opportunity in this life to meet and greet George Webster.

Here are the details from the referenced obituary:

Webster, George E., Jr.

Holley: Age 80, Sept. 8, 2012. Retired U.S. Air Force Staff Sergeant and recipient of the Bronze Star Medal for his service in Korea & Vietnam. Predeceased by his brother Blythe and sister Gail. Survived by his wife of 32 years, Rita; stepchildren: Gregory (Beth) DeFrank, Doug (Betsy) DeFrank, Michelle (Mike Vendetti) Goudreau, Terri (Gary Smith) Fanton; brothers: Mervin (Donna), Gary (Barbara), Drew (Glora); sister: Gwynne (Orrin) VanOrden; grandchildren: Sheldon Goudreau, Jamie (Jasmine) Fanton, Danielle Fanton; great-grandchildren: Noah Goudreau, Taryn Fanton, Olivia Mayes; sisters-in-law: Betty, Phyllis, Gale; and several nieces, nephews and friends, including a special niece, Christy Quaranto.

The family will receive friends at the Christopher Mitchell Funeral Homes, Inc., 16650 West Albion Road (Route 31), Holley, for calling hours WEDNESDAY, 4-7 pm and his Memorial Service on THURSDAY at 1 p.m. followed by Military Honors at the Funeral Home. Interment will be in Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Orleans. To share a special memory of George, please visit: www.christophermitchell.com

For any of you who are veterans, reservists, active military or have been or are police officers or fire fighters and have IDs to prove it, I share something I learned at a recent visit to the 9/11 Memorial in NYC. As we approached the memorial we saw a very long line waiting to enter and then learned that although there was no fee you had to be registered for a specific time slot and present a printed copy of your registration in order to enter. Then through some dialogue with a security officer we learned that people in the groups listed above are considered “first responders” and they can simply go to the head of the line if they have proper identification. I had in my possession my Monroe County Veteran’s ID and the rest is history. We got to visit the memorial and pay tribute to our son Eric’s college roommate, Douglas Ketcham, and the others who were lost that day. So, if you plan to visit the memorial and are a member of one of
the groups listed above, make sure to take the appropriate ID card with you. Personally, I think this is a nice pay back especially for military categories for all of the time spent in lines while serving and no apologies are necessary as they go to the front of this line.

I am sorry to share sad news as we approach a weekend of celebration. We look forward to seeing many of you at Homecoming activities.

Carpe diem,

Bud

September 22, 2012

Greetings,

For a change, I open with great news that Roxanne Johnston recently shared with me:

The College at Brockport, State University of New York, has received the largest gift in the school’s 177-year history in the form of a $2 million anonymous donation. The gift will be used to support scholarships for Brockport students.

“All of us at The College at Brockport are elated by the generosity of this wonderful gift,” says Brockport President John R. Halstead, PhD. “It will be used to bolster the primary mission of the College—promoting student success. We are incredibly thankful to this wonderful couple who has chosen to invest in our students.”

The anonymous gift was made by a Brockport Professor Emeritus and his wife. The couple felt compelled to give back to a place where they say they spent their happiest years.

“This gift provides great and needed support to our students. Our faculty emeriti are a vital asset for the College,” says Brockport Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Anne E. Huot, PhD. “This type of leadership demonstrates the belief they have in The College at Brockport, its students, and its mission.

Emeritus Walter Borowiec recently shared the following “Your News” story for Update. I thought you all would enjoy it although only those of us who were there can truly appreciate Wally’s love for these memories.

Noontime Basketball and the Commissioners Cup--faculty/staff fun and games in the late 20th century

Recently Donna Mancuso asked me if I wanted to take possession of the commissioner’s cup, a trophy that Dick Mancuso annually awarded to a member of the noontime basketball crowd. I was thrilled to be asked to take possession of a reminder of some good times that many of us enjoyed during our years at Brockport.
Her request also inspired me to write a few notes about these experiences. So here are the ramblings of an old timer and stalwart member of the noontime basketball league.

I was never a good basketball player. In high school I played the line, offensive guard to be specific, on the football team. Many say that that was how I approached basketball--more physicality than grace. But I wanted to find a place where I could get some exercise and run around and maybe make a few baskets and some friends.

I was told that a physics professor, Dick Mancuso, who I had met but a few times, had organized an informal league for faculty/staff at the College gym. These aging, would be, jocks met MWF at noon or so I was told. I showed up one day in the early eighties. This began one of my best College experiences of the 35 plus years I worked at SUNY Brockport.

When I started playing this group was composed mostly of aging white guys in their thirties and forties. Some were older and a few were in their late 20’s. Actually, back then there were always two games at opposite ends of the full court in Tuttle North that was at the time referred to as the “new gym”. The smooth and talented played in what Dick called the A game while the older, untalented played in the B game. I played in the B game of course.

Dick was called the Commissioner of our pseudo league which he affectionately labeled the NBA (Noontime Basketball Association). He picked the teams which were usually four players to a side. We switched personnel each time we played as per Mancuso’s decision. There were no set teams and one could have someone on one’s team for one game and be on the opposing side the next day we played. We played a short court full-court game and the first team to reach 11 points won …and then we started another game.

If you knew Dick Mancuso you are aware of his strong, no messing about personality. He ran things with a fair but decisive manner. He was also famous for his sharp elbows and bull rush drives to the basket. Bud Meade was often given the unenviable task of guarding Commissioner Mancuso. Sometimes this is resulted in some heated exchanges as to who fouled who. These spats never lasted beyond that date. In fact, this was one of attractive features of this physical activity. We played hard and gave it our best but never took it so seriously that it interfered with our collegial and friendly atmosphere. All conflict was left on the court.

Starting in 1981 Dick began to award the Commissioner’s Cup, a nice-looking trophy that was awarded to the MVP of that year. There was no voting on this. There were no silly things like nominations or campaigns. Mancuso made this decision each year. The MVP of that year got to keep the trophy for a year.

This business was half serious and half tongue in cheek.

I took it seriously and a small part of my basketball challenged soul craved that cup to the Nth degree.
Bill Heyen was the first winner of the Commissioners Cup in 1981. Now many of you know Bill as our nationally acclaimed poet and one of the stars of the English Department. We noontime players knew him as a truly gifted basketball player. Bill had played for our college during his undergrad years at Brockport. His level of talent far exceeded most of the rest of the noontime crowd. Dick often banished him to the “A” game.

I got to meet several faculty and staff with whom I had limited dealings. Here are a few of the regulars that showed up on MWF: Bud Meade, Charlie Hage (a townie) John Maier, Rick Kincaid, Jim Cook, Gary Skoog, Ed Kumar, Tom Nugent, Frank Short, Bill Stewart, Lou Spiro, Steve Ireland, Milt Cofield, Col. Jack Kurtzman and Joe Winnick, among others.

Note there are no women among this crowd of suspects. Toward the end of my NBA career two or three women did play, a few Physical Education staff and some graduate students.

Since I haven’t visited the gym in several years because my knees are totally shot and my waist line has expanded greatly, I do not know if noontime basketball continues to exist. I think it does.

I do know that the Commissioners Cup is no longer awarded. I have it in my possession. It is a token of memorable experiences. And it will take a court order to pry it from my old, withered hands.

And by the way “Commish” Mancuso finally awarded me the cup in 1991. I was the last one to win the cup. I have it now and will treasure it for its fun memories…. forever.

Wally, this is a very nice tribute to Dick and your NBA competitors! I remember in the early days we sometimes had to play 2 on 2 because that is all that showed up. Once, Dick Mancuso, Gary Skoog and I played 2 on offense and 1 on defense and decided that to be fair we should suspend all physical contact rules for the person who was alone on defense. Just imagine the pain the two players on offense had to endure as they tried to get the ball near the basket with Dick on defense using his physicality to prevent it from happening.

Thanks for sharing – brings back fond memories. In my final years of playing there were several women staff members, students and even townies who played and they were very good and very effective in our “no-contact” sport. I had pain for a year if I touched the side of my knee incorrectly as a result of being on the wrong end of a “take down” while fighting for a rebound with one of them. I also remember being very impressed when Donald Nelson-Nasca was still playing in the NBA in his mid-60s. The game continues to this day with a few players who are “rapidly” approaching, if not already, 70—it has been observed that aging is probably the only thing they continue to do “rapidly”.
Before we leave this tribute to Dick Mancuso and the NBA I’d like to remind the NBAers receiving this update and others that the College is partnering with Mancuso’s wife, Donna, and Board Member Christopher Leichtweis ’83—who was very close to Mancuso during his undergraduate years studying engineering physics here and who continued to be friends with his favorite professor up until Mancuso’s passing—to raise $100,000 to endow the Richard V. Mancuso Summer Research Award in Physics. Christopher and his wife Myra created and contributed to the Summer Research in Physics Award several years ago but renamed it “Richard V. Mancuso Summer Research Award in Physics” in 2007 to pay tribute to Dick. Fully endowing this program would allow the College to annually provide a student with a generous stipend so the student can devote the summer break to conducting research in physics rather than having to take on a summer job.

To make a gift online, you may go to http://www.brockport.edu/bounce/give. Please put a notation in the ‘Comment’ box that this is for the Richard V. Mancuso Summer Research Award in Physics. Else you can send a check payable to the Brockport Foundation to the attention of the Advancement Office at The College at Brockport.

Homecoming 2012 was a great success story. The SERC Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was attended by a large number of alumni, emeriti, and friends of the college including members of the community, politicians, and Chancellor Dr. Nancy L. Zimpher. You can find videos of the event at http://www.brockport.edu/ by going to Video of the Week and clicking on SERC Grand Opening. Later in the day the SERC proved its value as a storm hit Brockport just at the time of the picnic and pep rally. Brockport staff adjusted quickly and moved those events inside the SERC. The pep rally was unique and very inclusive. Bill Evans, Dance Department, choreographed a performance that included all of the athletic teams and cheerleaders in addition to others. It was not only unique but spectacular! Earlier in the day there was a celebration of the renovations and enhancements to Smith Hall with a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the event. At another event shortly thereafter, alumni couples who met while students at the college renewed their vows on the steps of Hartwall Hall. Alumnus and Judge Al Hamill presided. Several emeriti/retirees were among the group including Mike and Katie Andriatch, Greg and Jill Campbell, Bill and Hanny Heyen, and Kathy and Art Appleby. And the football team recorded the 100th win for alumnus and Head Football Coach Rocco Salomone in beating the College of New Jersey 41 to 17 in a game in which both the offense and defense excelled.

I have placed a picture of Chancellor Zimpher and President Halstead enjoying something the Chancellor said during the SERC Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and a picture of the alumni who renewed their vows on the steps of Hartwall Hall. Alumnus and Judge Al Hamill presided. Several emeriti/retirees were among the group including Mike and Katie Andriatch, Greg and Jill Campbell, Bill and Hanny Heyen, and Kathy and Art Appleby. And the football team recorded the 100th win for alumnus and Head Football Coach Rocco Salomone in beating the College of New Jersey 41 to 17 in a game in which both the offense and defense excelled.

For sure Homecoming 2012 is going to be a tough act to follow and we congratulate all involved in the planning and execution of all of the activities for an exceptional weekend.

After the “Update” in which the passing of George Webster was included I had communications with Emerita HR Director Tonya Satryb who thought I may have missed a person in my list of
past CSEA Chapter Presidents. After consultation with current CSEA President Ronald Castle, the following is, so far, the best list we have been able to create:

1. Hazel Nelson
2. Susan Cloutier
3. Thomas Gartley
4. Lloyd Tipton
5. George Webster Jr.
6. Diane Larocca
7. Dick Clack
8. Ronald Castle

Also, I have learned that in tribute to his military service and bronze star award(s), George Webster will rest in peace at Arlington National Cemetery. So, his life and his service to his country will continue to be honored as his remains rest beside the many others to whom we are indebted.

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Remember, a significant goal with “Update” is to share your news. People on the distribution list often tell me how much they appreciate hearing about the activities of other emeriti/retirees so feel free to send me what you would choose to share. Also, don’t neglect to advise me when your directory information including your email address changes if you want to continue to receive “Update”.

Carpe diem,

Bud

PS. Others who are not mentioned above that I remember being combatants in Mancuso’s NBA over the years include Joe Balog, Wendy Barney, Walt Borowiec, Roosevelt Bouie, Michelle Carron, Mark Chadsey, Dee Craig, Chas Crawford, John Curry, Brian Dickinson, Peter Dowe, Ralph Eisenmann, Joseph Erasable (State Trooper), Frank Filardo, Craig Gallagher, Charlie Hage, George Hage (townie), Claude Hall (if you played against him it was “Clawed”), Joe Kandor, Ed Kelly, Greg Kenney, Tom Kleinhans (State Trooper), Warren Klink, Warren “Koz” Kozireski, Scott Kretchmar, Adam LaZarre, Lauren Lieberman, Peter Matthews, Charlie Militello (State Trooper), Dave Morien, James Newton, Ken O’Brien, Reggie “Velcro” Ocansey, Mike Oshier, Gary Owens, Mauro Panaggio, Richard St. George, Bill Stier, Dave Turkow, and Jim Wood. Some of the unwritten rules were: (1) If you were injured so that you could not continue to play you were dragged to the sidelines to get you out of the way and the game played on, and (2) If you ended up needing mouth-to-mouth resuscitation you likely were heading for an encounter with the end-game. Yet I remember when Frank Filardo had a serious leg injury and needed to be taken to Lakeside in an ambulance that we all helped carry him out the back door of Tuttle South to an ambulance—of course he camped out on the sidelines until the game was over. I am sure I have missed many of the drop-ins and regulars so if anyone can add to this list, please let me know.

October 22, 2012
Greetings,

I must start with very sad news today. The departure from this life of Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus William “Bill” Rock leaves a tremendous void in The Brockport College family and in the greater Brockport community. Bill served the Educational Administration Department and the College with distinction from 1968 to 1995 and thereafter he and his wife Ann continued to contribute to the greater good of the College through service to the Advancement Office, through the establishment of a “Study Abroad Scholarship in the Liberal Arts and through the hosting an annual holiday party for college and community members at their home for many years, among other contributions.

Bill was a strong advocate for student success and there are multitudes of teachers and school administrators across the state that benefitted from his teaching and his example. In his many roles at the College he was always fair and sought justice in his dealings whether as President of UUP or President of the Faculty Senate or in other roles.

In April 1967, the year before Bill joined the faculty at Brockport, NYS passed the Public Employees' Fair Employment Act commonly referred to as the Taylor Law and, because of Bill’s past experience and his academic preparations, the collective negotiations process and issues became important to him and he became a well-known expert in the greater Rochester area where he negotiated many public employee collective agreements on behalf of both management and represented employees if my memory is correct. And this expertise was welcomed by his students in the classroom as they prepared for administrative or union roles in school districts around the state.

On a personal note, I first met Bill Rock when I enrolled in his Personnel Administration course in the fall of 1968. I enjoyed his class and learned a lot from my association with Bill and with the school teachers and administrators in this class. I was always grateful and honored after I became Personnel Director at the college in 1970 whenever I was engaged with Bill and other colleagues and friends at a public gathering and Bill would point out (admit) that I had taken his Personnel Administration course. I was particularly honored that he did this even after I had been in the job several years and we had had disagreements about the interpretation of policies and the collective negotiating agreement. While we did not always agree, I had the utmost respect for Bill’s integrity and his desire to resolve issues at the lowest level possible. In my last conversation with Bill a few months ago at the Donor Recognition Dinner he indicated that he had been able to ski a little last winter despite serious illness and he was happy to have exceeded his doctor’s expectation even though living on borrowed time. It was amazing to me that he was still thinking of others and making contributions while under such personal duress. He has a great legacy in the work that he did and the people he served as an educator, and in the scholarship, that he and Ann created. He will however, be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Following is Bill’s obituary from Sunday’s D&C. I will share more information about the memorial/celebration of his life when it becomes available.
Rock, William Chalmer (Bill)

Brockport, NY and Sand Bay (1000 Islands), NY: Departed this life Oct. 19, 2012 at age 77. Pre-deceased by his daughter, Linda and sisters, Alice and Gail. He is survived by his loving wife, Ann; sister, Linda; 6 children; 14 grand and 5 great-grandchildren.

A distinguished service professor emeritus of the department of education administration at SUNY/Brockport. Dr. Rock dedicated his life to civil rights and to improving equality and access to education for minorities. His passions included skiing, fishing, boating, competitive bridge, Broadway shows, tap dancing and sharing good times with his family.

A memorial service will be held soon. In lieu of flowers, please send contributions in his name to the William C. and Annette L. Rock Study Abroad Scholarship in the Liberal Arts by mailing a check to Brockport Foundation, 350 New Campus Drive, The College at Brockport, Brockport, NY 14420.

At October’s “First Friday” gathering I was pleased to be introduced to Elizabeth (Liz) Lenz, Ph.D., a new faculty member in the Department of Kinesiology, Sport Studies and Physical Education (KSSPE). She has taken on the additional role of Director of the Employee Fitness Program. In a very pleasant conversation with her she was enthusiastic about this role and in using it to provide experience for Exercise Science Majors. For retirees, she has shared with me the following invitation to participate in the program:

Please come and join us as a member of the first ever Employee Fitness Program at The College at Brockport opening January 2013. The Exercise Science Major is looking for willing current or retired employees of the College at Brockport to be a part of our FREE fitness program in Tuttle North C-204. The Employee Fitness Program is an opportunity for you to have your own place to exercise without students exercising alongside you. The program provides each member with an Exercise Mentor who will provide you with a personalized exercise program to meet your individual health and fitness needs.

Program Perks

- This is a **FREE** program if you join by December 1, 2012. The program goes in semester cycles so you can stay for one or more semesters as you see fit.
- You will receive **FREE** health assessments at the beginning and end of each semester.
- You will have access to the facility 5 days a week and it will be open 6 hours a day for your workout enjoyment.
- Your Exercise Mentor is there to provide you with as much exercise support as you need.
- Your exercise prescription will be developed based on The American College of Sports Medicine and Science Guidelines for Exercise Testing and Prescription.

For more information please visit The Exercise Science Major’s Website:
I am pleased to share more good news that was received from Earl Ingersoll. He is excited about the reception of some of his recent work. He reports that he recently received a copy of a Choice review of his latest book, Filming Forster: The Challenges of Adapting E. M. Forster's Novels for the Screen (2012), identifying it as "a must read for those interested in Forster and/or film adaptation."

Also, in the first of two volumes of essays (2009, 2010) he co-edited with the director of the 2005 D. H. Lawrence conference in Santa Fe, he had an essay that the reviewer for the Times Literary Supplement noted as "an exciting new interpretation of Lawrence's fascination with Herman Melville."

We congratulate Earl on the receipt of these validations of his post-retirement work and wish him continued success with his scholarship.

Many of us who knew Scott Kretchmar when he was employed by the college many years ago are excited that he will lecturing at the college tomorrow (Tuesday, October 23rd). Here is a posting that appeared in the Daily News that has the details. We look forward to seeing many emeriti at this event:

Annual Sport Philosophy Lecture Focuses on Penn State Scandal

Dr. R. Scott Kretchmar, Professor of Exercise and Sport Science at Penn State University, will give his lecture “How Can a Good Person Do Bad Things? Reflections on the Ethics of Joe Paterno” at 6:30 pm Tues., Oct. 23 in the New York Room, Cooper Hall.

The Department of Kinesiology, Sport Studies, and Physical Education, the Physical Education Majors Club, Brockport Student Government, and the Brockport 2011 IAPS Conference are sponsoring the 2012 Sport Philosophy Lecture by Dr. R. Scott Kretchmar, Professor of Exercise and Sport Science at Penn State University.

Dr. Kretchmar is well-known scholar in the philosophy of sport. He is a Fellow and former President of the American Academy of Kinesiology and Physical Education, past President of the International Association for the Philosophy of Sport, and author of the book "Practical Philosophy of Sport and Physical Activity." He is also former Editor of "Journal of the Philosophy of Sport" and "Journal of Intercollegiate Sport."

His lecture entitled “How Can a Good Person Do Bad Things? Reflections on the Ethics of Joe Paterno” will be held at 6:30 pm Tuesday, Oct. 23 in the New York Room of Cooper Hall, and is open to the Brockport community.

Contact: Dr. Cesar Torres (crtorres@brockport.edu) or Dr. Peter Hager (phager@brockport.edu)
Following is some additional sad news that was received from emeritus David Hale. I did not know Bill Overton but I presume that he was known by some of you.

From England comes the sad news of Professor Bill Overton of Loughborough University. Bill and Dave Hale (English) had a faculty exchange 1979-80. Bill and Dave have kept in touch over the years, meeting for lunch whenever the Hales were in England. Bill was 65.

Retiree Jackie Thomas has shared the following information with me. This information is also available on Brockport’s website at: http://www.brockport.edu/eagle/view_item.php?id=3932

The College at Brockport entered the 2012 Pink Glove Dance competition. And now we need your vote!

Sponsored by Medline, the Pink Glove Dance is a fun way to raise awareness about breast cancer. Employees at medical centers, colleges and hospitals from around the country participate each year.

Prizes are awarded for the top three videos.

To vote, go to: www.PinkGloveDance.com. Click on vote, then look for Brockport’s video in the Organization "C" section. It is titled “The College at Brockport”. View the video, vote and most importantly...forward the link to everyone you know! (A Facebook account is required to vote).

Voting will End November 2 at Midnight! So, get your pink glove vote on!

The following information was posted in the Daily Eagle today. If you have a bike that is not in use this would be a great way to activate it.

Have a bike you don’t use? Donate it!
Campus Sustainability Week is October 22. Donate your bike to be used for the Fast TRAX Bike Borrowing program. Bikes in good condition will be used in the program and others will be recycled for parts.

Bikes may be dropped off during office hours at the Conrad Welcome Center. This is a great way for faculty and staff to support this sustainable bike borrowing program on campus, not to mention gaining some free space in your garage! Fast TRAX is a very popular program and continues to grow each year. Learn more about Fast TRAX and Campus Sustainability Week by clicking on the links below.

Contact: Parking and Transportation Services, 395-PARK (7275)

Finally, Matt Vanderwerf, Benefits Officer, has asked me to share the following memo from him to you:
Good day.

I was recently informed of a mailing that went out to all Empire Plan (health insurance) enrollees regarding a change to the prescription drug portion of the plan. I would like to highlight some salient points.

*This only applies to Empire Plan enrollees and their covered dependents age 65 and over.

*If you decline the coverage using the Cancellation Notice, as outlined in the letter from NYSHIP dated 9/17/12, YOU WILL LOSE ALL COVERAGE THROUGH EMPIRE – hospitalization, traditional medical, and drug.

*The only change most enrollees will see is a new card issued to be used at your pharmacy.

*IF you do see any changes to the cost of your prescriptions or a reauthorization is requested for specialty medication please have your doctor contact United Healthcare (the phone number will be listed on your card).

*Medicare Part D enrollment through NYSHIP is simply a billing method change that you will most likely not even notice.

*Further questions should be directed to NYSHIP at 1-800-833-4344.

And please thank Chuck Edwards for his very intelligent recommendation that this information be sent out to you!

Thank you,
Matt Vanderwerf

Carpe diem,

Bud

October 24, 2012

Greetings,

Bill Rock

Mark your calendars: The memorial service to celebrate and honor the life of the late William “Bill” Rock will be held at 3:00 pm on Saturday, November 3, 2012 in the NY Room of Cooper Hall.
Joanna Kraus

Congratulations to emerita Joanna Kraus! She had her story "The Story of Huengbo" (adapted from a Korean folk tale) published in the October 2012 issue of "Spider Magazine" (Carus Publications). [As always it is great to hear about the continued success of emeriti/retirees.]

Mary E. Neumann

Sadly, while I have been unable to obtain much information I have received a reliable report that emerita Mary Neumann died recently. Emailed “Updates” have bounced at Mary’s email address for many months and I have learned from some of her closest associates that she left the Brockport/Rochester area some time ago.

I first met Mary when I was Director of Financial Aid and she was an adult student. After she graduated she became a member of the staff and her initial work entailed transcript evaluation for transfer students. She was employed from 1970 to 1995 when she retired as Senior Academic Adviser in the Academic Advisement Office. During her career, she served on many committees and was active in UUP, through which I was informed of her death. Mary’s colleagues and friends will be sad to learn of her passing. We mourn her passing and regret that to the best of our knowledge she did not maintain contact with anyone at the College following her retirement. I will share information about memorials, condolences, etc. when information becomes available. If anyone has such information, please share it via email and I’ll include it in the next “Update”.

Karla Merrifield

At long last, a short update on the goings-on with Roger [Weir] and me.

As many of you know, Roger and I had a fabulous 12-day trip into the Peruvian Amazon in September during which we saw dozens of birds (89 species), 53 of them "bird firsts." And lots of other critters, the most amazing of which were the pygmy marmoset (world's smallest monkey) and the monk saki monkey, a very rare sighting of a handsome furry primate! (He arrived in view on my 60th birthday! What a present from Mother Nature!) We brought home a couple thousand photos, now in a new photo-book. If anyone is interested, they can view it at http://karlasphotobooks.shutterfly.com/. (Folks who aren’t already Shutterfly members will have to enlist, but it’s darn simple!)

Of the 31 bug bites I suffered, plus 1 no-problem bee sting, only three still show signs of attack. But I still can’t shake it: that we were attacked by a swarm of a couple thousand bees -- freaked me out totally even if it turned out they were harmless, stingless bees that only wanted our sweat! Lesson learned: the rainforest is a dangerous place and humans are insignificant! Best moment? Being on our boat, the elegant Delphin II, as it entered the confluence where the Amazon begins! Absolutely thrilling to be in the current where the world's mightiest river becomes what we know as the Amazon!
No other “big” trips planned for us right now. We’ll be heading south on November 6 (after voting), moseying to our Florida condo via several friends’ homes with a stop as well to see Roger’s older sister. Farther out on the horizon is another road trip next summer to the Southwest where we’re planning on spending most of our time in New Mexico, returning to favorite places such as Taos and Santa Fe but also exploring places we’ve overlooked in past trips--and including a couple poetry readings for me.

Oh, yes, speaking of poetry… I’ve been plugging away at the literary biz. Just yesterday after months and months and months a new full-length manuscript of poems, Virus in the Song, grew wings and flew off to a publisher for his consideration. It was quite a relief to see the book completed and launched. It chronicles the death of my only sibling who committed a slow suicide via alcoholism. Some grief, much anger, and doses of humor to leaven the collection. I’ll keep you all posted on its progress. Now I can get back to three other collections-in-progress! And more poems, of course.

(While I’m on the topic, for those who are interested, new poems and photos are also posted on my blog at http://karlalinn.blogspot.com/.)

And for those of you who are wondering about Roger’s health…he’s hanging in there. He’s committed himself to walking a minimum of 3.6 miles every day to keep strong and, often, he’ll do 6.1 as I join him most days for his second walk. Being of strong body will help as he must return to the hormone-suppressant therapy on Nov. 1. The cancer has raised its ugly head again and the regimen that he’d been on and enjoyed a break from for several months must begin again to forestall the worst for a little while longer. He tends to forget he’s 80 years old and a cancer victim; I never lose sight of it. Ever! But we do everything we can every day to enjoy life and each other and celebrate “being upright” with friends and family.

“See” you all from Florida this winter! Greetings of health and happiness to our Brockport family!

[Karla, it is always fun to receive “Your News” and hear about your extreme travel adventures. We are also pleased to hear that you continue to have success with your poetry and I also look forward to taking a peak at your photos. As always, we encourage others to share their news. My feedback advises me that people on the “Update” distribution list enjoy hearing about the “goings-on” of former colleagues and friends.]

Carpe diem,

Bud

October 31, 2012

Greetings,

Condolences go out to Jeanette D’Agostino Banker today as we mourn the death and celebrate the life of Edward E. Banker who gave up his earthly membership in the “nicest-men-in-the-
universe” group early in the morning of October 30, 2012 just a couple months short of his 97th birthday and only one year into his recent 8-year-renewal of his NYS driver’s license. Ed’s longevity afforded him ample time to touch the lives of many others who were blessed by knowing him whether as husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, teacher, principal, golfer, colleague, neighbor or friend.

While not an emeritus/alumnus of The Brockport College, Edward Banker might as well have been as he married into a lifetime of commitment to the College when he married the exemplary alumnae/emerita Jeanette D’Agostino Banker. Ed is therefore an associate and friend of many on this distribution list as he and Jeanette have graced so many activities at the College with their presence. Moreover, Ed has supported Jeanette and her lifetime of dedicated service to the College and its alumni, emeriti and other former students and employees as well as her service to the alumni office of the College and her efforts for the preservation of the College’s heritage. As a couple, they have been a great team in support of everything that is good about the College and the greater Brockport community and Ed’s support will be sorely missed by Jeanette and the many whose lives he touched.

While I came to know Ed through Jeanette, I know that beyond his support of the College and his association with this emeriti/retiree group, Ed is also remembered fondly by the many students and their parents for his excellent service as teacher and principal at Brockport High School for many years. It was obvious by the way he was always greeted in public gatherings that the members of the community, including those who were faculty and staff or students under his leadership hold him in high esteem for his compassionate stewardship of the public-school mission during his tenure, as well as for the model for a good life that he gave all of us to follow. Below is his obituary from today’s Rochester D&C. Please note the calling hours, funeral mass, and memorial information.

Banker, Edward E.

Brockport, NY: Passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at Lakeside Memorial Hospital. He is survived by his wife of 22 years Jeanette (D’Agostino) Banker and his sons Michael E. (Eugenie A.) Banker and James C. Banker. He was predeceased by his wife Doris (Clark) Banker. He is also survived by his grandchildren Timothy M. Banker, Matthew E. (Wendy) Banker, Clara H. Mehserle (Craig) Abbey, John L. Mehserle, Sean M. Banker, Ryan P. Banker and Ian C. Banker and great grandchildren Genia E. Abbey, Victoria C. Banker, Quincy Edward Banker and soon to be great grandson Banker. He leaves many nieces, nephews and their families and dear friends.

He was born December 16, 1915, a son of Anna and Frederick Banker in Rochester, NY and graduated from Our Lady of Victory School, East High School and the University of Rochester. He was a teacher of American History and Principal of Brockport High School. He served in the US Army Air Corps. An avid golfer, he was a long-time member of Stafford Country Club.

Calling hours will be held at Fowler Funeral Home Inc. 340 West Ave Brockport, NY 14420 on Thursday November 1 from 3-7 pm. His Funeral Mass will be at 10 am on
Friday November 2 at the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 152 Main Street Brockport, NY 14420. Interment, Mt. Albion Cemetery, Albion, NY 14411. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may contribute to the Edward E. and Doris C. Banker Scholarship Fund, Brockport High School, 40 Allen Street, Brockport, NY 14420 or to a charity of their choice.

Jeanette, you are in our thoughts and prayers as you mourn, celebrate, and adjust.

The following information is partially time-sensitive so mark your calendars if you are in the area and interested in attending.

I have learned that there will be two local readings by emeritus Bill Heyen this month. If you are in the Brockport area I am sure Bill will be pleased to see emeriti/retirees in attendance.

7 pm, Monday, November 5
Brockport Poet William Heyen
Lift Bridge Book Shop

8:00 pm, Wednesday, November 28
Brockport Poet William Heyen
New York Room/Cooper Hall/College at Brockport

The Village of Brockport is hosting the start to the 2012 Village-to-Village Challenge on Saturday, November 3, 2012. It is billed as ‘A regatta for the “west” of us’ and is the first rowing race on the Erie Canal on the west-side of Rochester. The launch takes place at 8:30 am on Saturday, November 3, 2012 at 51 Market Street (Galley Restaurant) and the race will end in the Village of Spencerport.

Volunteers are still needed to assist with this event but again, this information is time-sensitive so if you would like to volunteer here is the information for potential volunteers including how to register as a volunteer:

We need additional VOLUNTEERS such as shuttle drivers to bring 3-4 rowers at time back to Brockport from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Hopefully you will only be making one trip. You could also help in other areas of the event so please check off all the possibilities you would be interested in helping with. Each registered Volunteer will receive a 2012 Village-to-Village Challenge Button as a keepsake for your participation and is entitle to FREE coffee, cider, donuts & bagels at the welcome centers sponsored by the Villages of Brockport and Spencerport.

Here is the link for VOLUNTEERS to register:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dHJFcnk2cHBULTNBUKVvOV9fWDVraXc6MQ#gid=0

Shona Perry and her sons are happy to have been able to award the first scholarship in emeritus John Perry’s memory to a Brockport student going to study in New Zealand. John had a passion for travel and for international experiences. The scholarship will be used to assist students who
desire to engage in international studies. For those of you who might wish to support this effort, I share with you the Philosophy and Purpose that John’s family provided for this scholarship which also could serve as a nice guide for others who might wish to create a scholarship.

Philosophy and Purpose

Dr. John J. Perry’s deep commitment to the Study Abroad program at The College at Brockport as well as his tireless efforts to expand accessibility of foreign study to all interested students are continued through this scholarship established by his family. He was a firm believer that a person’s culture reflects very deep perceptions, beliefs, and values that influence his or her way of life and the way that s/he views the world. Students who experience cultural differences personally can come to truly understand other cultures.

Dr. Perry’s belief that increased undergraduate education in global literacy rewards not only the individual but the institution, the nation, and the world underscored his efforts to expand the Study Abroad program. As Director of the Office of International Education, Dr. Perry was instrumental in originating full semester programs in Australia, New Zealand, Japan, China, Vietnam, France, Mexico, Holland, Jamaica and the UK promoting the exchange of culture he deemed vital to understanding the role of the individual and the role of our country in the global setting of the twenty-first century.

In addition to the intellectual rewards of foreign study, Dr. Perry hoped the student studying abroad would experience the pleasure of participating in a new culture, familiarizing himself with the daily lives of others, visiting the great monuments of the country, and learning to understand the culture of his or her temporary home. A student who experiences cultural differences personally can more clearly appreciate the complexity of another culture.

Some of Dr. Perry’s happiest times were spent traveling and it was his hope that the palpable joy and excitement afforded to him by his travels would be experienced by the students in the Study Abroad program. This scholarship attempts to share that special satisfaction which comes with meeting the challenges inherent in studying and traveling abroad.

Shona, we are sure John would be very pleased that you have given his passion for travel experiences a prominent place in his legacy.

And speaking of travel, emeritus Mo Beers and wife Carol probably wish they were eligible for John’s scholarship themselves. They have taken some awesome trips and have shared the travelogue from their most recent trip. We are somewhat envious but, more importantly, we are happy that they have shared this experience and hope that they will continue to be able to enjoy traveling for many years (and will continue to share their experiences).

Our odyssey began on August 24, 2012. We flew from Miami to Guayaquil, Ecuador to begin another ‘trip of a lifetime.’ Early (5:45 AM) in the morning of the 25th we left our comfortable hotel and headed to the Guayaquil airport to board the flight to the island of Baltra in the Galapagos Islands for the start of our seven days aboard the National Geographic Endeavor. We were interested to learn that the airport on Baltra was an old
U.S. Airbase developed when we thought the next Japanese attack would be on the Panama Canal.

We took an old bus to the harbor where we boarded our first Zodiac and were transported with considerable sea spray to the Endeavor. The Endeavor is a 288-foot converted fishing trawler that carried 92 passengers, and exploration team of 10. Once on board the ship set sail for Santa Cruz Island while we were fitted for our wet suits and snorkeling gear. After lunch, we again boarded Zoildas and had a wet landing in a protected cove where we took short nature hikes and tried our snorkeling gear from the beach. Back on board we debriefed and enjoyed dinner while the headed for North Seymour Island.

Early in the morning on Sunday, August 26th, we took Zoildas to a “dry” landing on the rocky coast and began our first hike over a lot of lava boulders to see the wonderful wildlife, including nesting Blue Footed Boobies, Sea Lions, Frigate Birds, many finches, warblers, and land Iguanas. All these animals show no fear of humans since they have no predators in the wild.

In the afternoon, we sailed to Rabida Island with its red beaches for our second wet landing from the Zoildas. Our hike here took us by dozens of sea lions and many Flamingos in a small salt pond. Then back to the ship for a recap session and then dinner.

We headed for Fernandina Island and a dry landing on an irregular lava flow on Monday, August 27th. Back to the ship to don our snorkeling gear and head out for our first “deep water” snorkeling adventure where we saw green turtles, countless fish, and an octopus. After lunch, we took Zodiac rides along the island for photo opportunities. At 5:00 PM a bar was set up on the foredeck where we toasted our crossing of the equator near Isabella Island.

Tuesday, August 28th. This day gave us a wet landing on Isabela Island for another hike where we had our first opportunity to see our first Giant Tortoises. In the afternoon, we could choose among kayaking, deep water snorkeling, and Zodiac rides along the coast.

We spent all day Wednesday, August 29th at Santiago, the fourth largest island in the Galapagos. In the morning, we had kayaking or took glass bottom boat rides. After lunch, we made another wet landing for a photo oriented hike. In the late afternoon, we swam and snorkled from the beach. Keep in mind the water temperatures were between 66°F and 68°F!

Thursday, August 30th, found us at Santa Cruz Island and the Charles Darwin Research Station. During our tour of the Station we marveled at the hundreds of Giant Tortoises – there are 10 subspecies and when Lonesome George (reputed to be 180 years old) died earlier this year that number was reduced to 9. The researches bring the tortoise eggs to the research station where they are incubated, hatched and protected for several years before being replaced on their native islands. After our tour of the Station we wandered for a while thorough town, where about 20,000 live. After lunch, we boarded busses to the highlands where there are great numbers of the Giant Tortoises – these are the ones
you see in open fields in many of the widely-circulated pictures. In the evening, we had entertainment from local musicians and dancers in the ship’s lounge.

On our last full day in the Galapagos, Friday, August 31st, we spent the entire day at San Cristobal Island. In the morning, we departed for a challenging hike up the mountain up Punta Pitt and photo centered Zodiac rides along the shore. This is one of the few places were Red Footed Boobies nest and they are a bit hard to capture on film. After dinner, Zodiacs took anyone who wanted to the town of Puerto Baquerizo Moreno.

On the morning of September 1st, we took the Zodiacs to the city pier and rode buses to the airport – yes, there are 2 in the Galapagos. After a 2-hour flight we were again in Guayaquil. Once on the mainland of Ecuador we had time to take a 3-hour bus tour of the old city before enjoying a great grilled seafood dinner at a local barbecue place where meals are served on your own hibachi. Then back to the hotel and to bed for the early wake-up call at 3:30AM and our flight back to Miami.

It had seemed that nothing could have beaten our 2010 expedition to Antarctica, but this one did!

In a recent posting to the Daily Eagle I noted that some emeriti received significant recognition when an alumnus honored them through his giving. Here is the story from the Daily Eagle:

Alumnus Michael Sondow ’81 recently made a gift to the Montserrat Fund – a fund he created last year to support students in the Department of Dance – in honor of three beloved faculty members who impacted his Brockport experience.

Sondow made his gift in honor of faculty emerita Jacqueline Davis from the Department of Dance, Judy Jensen from the Department of Physical Education and Sport, and the late Emanuel Mouganis from the Department of English.

The Montserrat Fund provides support for students in dance, allowing them to attend off-campus conferences and workshops. Through Sondow’s generous gift, many students can participate in programs that they would not otherwise be able to attend.

Mr. Sondow currently resides in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Congratulations to Jacquie, Judy and the family of Emanuel Mouganis! It is truly an honor to receive such unsolicited recognition from someone who feels that his life has significantly benefitted from your work.

Carpe diem,

Bud

November 1, 2012

Greetings,
Shortly after I sent out the last Update I received more sad news. I am sorry that I must prepare this document in haste because of other commitments and the fact that I will be cutting myself off from email for a week beginning early tomorrow morning.

The very sad news is that Zerith (Zeddy) Jordan, wife of emeritus Ralph J. Jordan, “passed silently and painlessly at 3:00 am on October 27, 2012.” I thank Mo Beers for sharing this information that he received from Ralph. In addition to pointing me to Zeddy’s obituary, which follows, Mo shared that Ralph was the person responsible for bringing him to Brockport and that Mo and Carol had shared many wonderful meals with Ralph and Zeddy in a gourmet group which also included Pat Baker, Dick Fitch, and Bill Elwell. On information and belief, I also believe that Ralph and Zeddy’s presence graced many a bridge party in Brockport during his career here but I confess that this is a personal recollection that I do not have time to research. Ralph and Zeddy were significant members of the Brockport College and Greater Brockport communities from 1962 to at least 1982 when Ralph retired and they are remembered by many on this distribution list. Here is Zeddy’s obituary that appeared in the Winston Salem Journal.

Zerith Issa Jordan (Zeddy), age 89, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 27, 2012 at KBR Hospice. She was born in Manchester, New York on March 14, 1923 to Helen and John Issa. She and her husband Ralph lived in Brockport and Spencerport, New York and retired to Boone, North Carolina and Jensen Beach, Florida before moving to Winston-Salem in 2008. Zeddy’s professional career began as a nurse at Highland Hospital in Rochester, New York. After enlisting in the Army Nurse Corps in 1944 she returned to nursing in the capacity of an operating room nurse, supervisor, and faculty member of its school of nursing. Zeddy is survived by her husband Ralph of 57 years, children James of St. Louis, Missouri, John of St. Petersburg, Florida, Mary of Pretoria, South Africa, William of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and 5 grandchildren. She is also survived by two sisters; Anne Joseph of Canandaigua, New York, and Martha Lazara of North Syracuse, New York. The family is grateful for the compassionate care she received at Novant Health, Wake Forest Baptist Hospital, Danby House, and Hospice as well as the support received by Zeddy and Ralph's many friends at Homestead Hills. A gathering to remember and honor Zeddy will be held at Homestead Hills on Wednesday, October 31 from 1 to 2:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice and Palliative Care Center, 101 Hospice Lane, Winston-Salem, NC 27103 in memory of Zerith Jordan.

Service:
1:00 pm to 2:30 pm on Wednesday, October 31, 2012 at Homestead Hills, 3150 Burke Mill Road, Winston-Salem NC 27103 (map/driving directions)

Condolences may be sent to Ralph at Homestead Hills, 3150 Burke Mill Road, Winston-Salem NC 27103 or via email to rjordan26@triad.rr.com

Ralph, we are sorry for your loss and we mourn with you while celebrating with you the gift you had of 57 years together.
Carpe diem,

Bud

November 20, 2012

Greetings,

A recent issue of Brockport College’s Daily Eagle contained the following invite:

All employees are invited to celebrate the holiday season with President Halstead and his Cabinet on Thursday, December 6 from 3:30 - 5:30 pm in the New York Room, Cooper Hall. Come and enjoy good food and great musical entertainment! Mark your calendars, and see you there!

I have confirmed that “All employees” is inclusive of emeriti/retirees so if you are in the Brockport area this event is a nice opportunity for emeriti/retirees to get into the holiday spirit with former colleagues and friends and to see if anyone remains as “current faculty/staff” that they recognize. If not, it is a great opportunity to meet those who are currently “Cherishing the Heritage” while fine tuning it for future generations.

Speaking of heritage, in a recent email exchange with President Emeritus Albert Brown he related that he went to a Marine Corps birthday party on Saturday, November 11, 2012 at which World War II veterans were welcomed with a free dinner. Al reports that this offering of a free meal did not break the bank as there were only two WWII veterans in attendance. Since he was the oldest in attendance he had to give his first piece of cake to the youngest Marine veteran in attendance who was just 22. The world has changed a lot in the approximately 70 years represented by the difference in their ages but thankfully the esprit de corps survives.

The College at Brockport has been a leader in equal opportunity initiatives for many years but for over more than a decade it has further enhanced its commitment by creating and supporting an annual diversity conference and later by creating a high administrative office, Assistant Provost for Diversity, to put boots on the ground to support this mission objective. It is therefore very satisfying to the President and the College to have this commitment and the work of Joel Frater and the members of the diversity committee recognized nationally as reported recently in the Daily Eagle:

Brockport, NY – Today, The College at Brockport, State University of New York, received the first annual Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) award from INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine, the oldest and largest diversity-focused publication in higher education. As a winner of the HEED award—a national award honoring U.S. colleges and universities that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion—Brockport will be featured along with 47 other recipients in INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine’s December 2012 issue.
“Receiving this award is truly inspiring, particularly as this is its inaugural year,” said Joel Frater, PhD, assistant provost for diversity for the College. “We’re proud of what we have accomplished on our campus but we know that more work remains.”

INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine selected The College at Brockport based on our institution’s exemplary diversity and inclusion initiatives, and include all aspects of diversity including gender, race, ethnicity, veterans, people with disabilities, and members of the LGBT community. Brockport held its 12th-annual Diversity Conference earlier this semester and offers numerous curricular and co-curricular educational opportunities throughout the years for students, faculty, and staff.

“Diversity is part of our mission to emphasize civic engagement in a culturally diverse society,” Frater said.

“We hope the HEED award serves as a reminder that diversity and inclusion must remain priorities in the 21st century higher education landscape. Every college and university should recognize the importance of diversity and inclusion as being part of their everyday life on campus,” said Lenore Pearlstein, publisher of INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine. “Our students of today are the employees of tomorrow and the future of our country. As students begin to enter the workforce and a global society, they must first be surrounded by and supported by faculty and staff that understand the differences among cultures and their needs.”

Other recipients of the HEED award include: Alcorn State University, Louisiana State University, Michigan State University, Oklahoma State University, the SUNY System, United States Air Force Academy, University of Texas at Austin, University of Virginia, and Wake Forest University. For more information about the HEED award, visit INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine’s website at www.insightintodiversity.com.

About INSIGHT Into Diversity
INSIGHT Into Diversity is the oldest and largest diversity magazine and website in higher education today. For nearly 40 years, INSIGHT Into Diversity has been connecting employees with institutions and businesses that embrace a workforce that is reflective of the world around us. Our decades of experience in recruiting employees from all underrepresented groups has earned us a reputation in higher education, business, and government for finding the most dynamic talent in every field. INSIGHT Into Diversity successfully connects employers to the most highly qualified individuals regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, age, disability, medical condition or history, veteran status, gender identity or expression, or sexual orientation.

For general information about The College at Brockport, visit www.brockport.edu or, for information about The College at Brockport’s commitment to diversity visit http://www.brockport.edu/diversity/ where you’ll also find the following statement of mission commitment from President Halstead:

Diversity at The College at Brockport is anchored in our mission to make "student success our highest priority." The College is committed to providing opportunities for students to see themselves as citizens of a culturally diverse society in a globally interdependent community and foster a lifelong civic engagement. Our continual process
of goal-setting and embracing and enhancing diversity serves to engender student success and growth toward an inclusive community.

"Make an institution-wide commitment to embracing diversity in its fullest sense by setting goals and linking these goals with Middle States expectations and our own expectations for achieving a more inclusive community."

John R. Halstead, PhD
President

Congratulations to the College and to President Halstead, Joel Frater, and the Diversity Committee for achieving this recognition.

Emerita Ena Farley recently sent me the following note:

As I went about participating in the activities of my much-loved Brockport (activities held at the Seymour Library just a few days ago), I embraced Mrs. Pat Walker who was "the most familiar face" in the office of the Business & Economics sector of the College as it expanded into newer and bigger forms of its old self. Every successful, new, and dramatic phase of that unit's growth may have had a lot to do with the continuous presence of Mrs. Pat Walker for such a long time!

Sadly, during Ena’s conversation with Pat, Ena learned of the passing of Pat’s husband, Michael C. Walker Sr. of Spencerport, New York on January 28, 2012. I did not know Michael Walker but because of Pat’s association with the College I thought I should share this information even though it is dated. I know many on the “Update” distribution list knew and worked with Pat and several might also have known Michael. We send our condolences to Pat. For more information you can still access Michael’s obituary at: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/heraldtribune/obituary.aspx?n=michael-c-walker&pid=155729720#fbLoggedOut

[Ena, although sad, thank you for sharing this information!]

I regret to also inform you that this morning’s Rochester D&C brought news of another passing that is bittersweet for friends and former colleagues of Ann Eastman, the wife of the late Sidney Eastman...bitter for Anne’s passing but sweet for the longevity, the good life, and the memories her obituary invokes.

When I arrived at Brockport Sidney Eastman was the Senior Financial Secretary in charge of the business affairs office of the College which was housed in the corner office in the northeast corner of Hartwell Hall. Sid retired in 1968 ending a 25-year career at the College that had commenced in 1943. At the end of his career, closely coinciding with the commencement of the Colleges transition from a Teacher’s College to a College of Arts and Sciences, Sid played a significant role in preparing the College’s budget and controlling expenditures. His integrity was beyond reproach and he followed the rules to the letter. During his career, there were no computers and all the bookkeeping and transaction forms had to be completed by hand. When I first arrived at the College I remember hearing rumors that you couldn’t even purchase a paper
clip without Sid Eastman’s approval and to some extent that defined his interpretation of his role
as a public servant in those times.

Those are some of the memories invoked by Ann’s passing but today we pay tribute to Anne’s
life! I did not know Anne personally but I know she played significant roles in the greater
Rochester community which you will learn about in her obituary. In addition to her own
teaching career and all that it entailed, Anne’s contributions strengthened the social fabric of the
College and enhanced the feeling of “family” among its faculty and staff. Again, references are
included in the obituary that follows. To Ann we say, thanks for the memories and for the
goodness that you shared during your many earthly years. You and Sid remain essential
ingredients to the College’s Heritage.

Eastman, Anne Martel

Brockport: On Saturday November 17, 2012. Predeceased by her husband G. Sidney
Eastman. She is survived by her sons Richard Eastman of W. Henrietta, NY and
Lawrence (Christine) Eastman of Long Island, NY, 4 grandchildren and 5 great
grandchildren.

She was a graduate of Colby College in Maine with a degree in Foreign Languages. She
taught High School Latin, French and English in the states of Maine, Massachusetts and
Rhode Island. She was Dean of Girls and Head of the Language Department at East
Greenwich Academy, Rhode Island. After moving to New York, she was Head of the
French Department at Spencerport High School and had previously completed extensive
graduate work at Columbia University and the University of Rochester. She was involved
in a variety of community endeavors in Brockport including: Sunday school teacher at St.
Luke’s Episcopal Church, Den and Pack Mother for the Scouts, Episcopal Church choir,
Secretary of the woman auxiliary at St. Luke’s, Secretary of the Faculty Wives
Association, S.U.C. at Brockport and volunteer for the Lakeside Memorial Hospital
drives, March of Dimes, Red Cross and Community Chest. She and her husband Sidney
traveled extensively throughout the U.S. to Arizona, Florida as well as Canada and Nova
Scotia. She was a member of the Foreign Language Association, the New York State
Teachers and Western Monroe County Teachers Association, National Education
Association, Delta Delta Delta National Sorority.

A memorial service is planned for the spring of 2013. Ref: Fowler Funeral Home Inc.
Published in Rochester Democrat and Chronicle on November 20, 2012

A final note! Those of you who did not attend the Writer’s Voice event in Rochester on
Wednesday evening, November 14th missed a very memorable presentation. The College’s
press-release, I believe prepared by David Mihalyov, describes in detail what you missed:

Rochester, N.Y. – Nodding his head to the rhythm of a tinkling piano, poet Robert Pinsky
energized the reading of his poetry with jazz music. Pinsky was in Rochester for The
College at Brockport’s annual Writers Voice event, and engaged more than 250 listeners
who filled Temple B’rith Kodesh to see and hear a leading voice in contemporary American poetry.

Pinsky covered topics ranging from reincarnation to English Renaissance poet Ben Jonson with his reading. One piece he called “Improvisation on Yiddish,” which he prefaced by acknowledging the evening’s venue. Following his reading, Pinsky answered numerous questions from the audience.

Pinsky was joined on stage by Harold Danko, professor of jazz studies and contemporary media at the Eastman School of Music. Danko accompanied Pinsky on piano during the reading.

A former saxophone player, Pinsky told the audience that “The only thing that kept me from a career as a jazz musician was a deficiency of talent. He writes – or composes, as he told the audience – from a musical sensibility: “I try to play with the words what I couldn’t play with the horn,” he said.

To counterpoint the impact of the piano, twice during the reading Pinsky first read a poem without accompaniment, and then read the same poem with Danko joining in. Danko later told the audience that he “Liked to leave a lot of space and see how he (Pinsky) would lead and I would follow.”

Pinsky, US Poet Laureate from 1997 to 2000, is the author of 19 books, most of which are collections of his own poetry. His published work also includes critically acclaimed translations, including The Inferno of Dante and The Separate Notebooks by Czeslaw Milosz. His honors include an Arts and Letters Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, the William Carlos Williams Award, the Shelley Memorial prize from the Poetry Society of America and the PEN/Voelcker Award for Poetry. Pinsky is also a recipient of the National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship and a Guggenheim Foundation fellowship, and he served as a chancellor for the Academy of American Poets. He is currently poetry editor of the weekly Internet magazine Slate and teaches in the graduate writing program at Boston University.

The Writer’s Voice lecture is in its ninth season, having previously featured novelist/essayist Francine Prose, poet Galway Kinnell, novelist/essayist Joyce Carol Oates, poet Yusef Komunyaka, novelist Ha Jin, poet Ted Kooser, novelist/memoirist John Edgar Wideman, and poet CK Williams. The Writer's Voice lecture and the spring Art of Fact Award lecture are both sponsored by M&T Bank.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving and all that is good in our lives we give thanks for the cultural enrichment that is “ours for the taking” because of being members of a diverse college community.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Bud
Greetings,

I had hoped to wait until next week to send out another Update but as always, the grim reaper takes no holiday. Sadly, I must report that emerita Margaret (Marghi) Rich passed away on November 20th or 21st just short of her 76th birthday. It was reported that she had inoperable cancer.

Marghi was well known in her several roles at the College during her 27-year (1968-1995) career here. At retirement, she held the rank of Librarian in Drake Memorial Library where she was known for her hard work and diligence. The holiday weekend left me without access to some reminder resources but my recollection is that throughout most of her career Marghi was very active in both faculty governance and in labor relations and that her contributions benefitted both the Faculty Senate and UUP. Again, if memory serves me Marghi either did not like elevators, which I believe is the case, or liked climbing stairs for exercise, because I often passed her in the staircase in the Allen Administration Building when she came to that building for meetings or other business. Also from a reliable source I learned that because of some back problems Marghi tried to walk the campus every day for therapy, sometimes requiring some prodding from Cal.

We are very sorry to hear of Marghi’s passing. She made many contributions to the benefit of the College during her career and her presence in this world will be missed by those who knew her. She and Cal have been described as true “soul mates” and her passing is a tremendous loss for Cal. We send him our condolences and our desire that his fond memories of his life with Marghi will sustain him as he works through the mourning and adjusts to his loss.

While neither an obituary nor a memorial gathering is anticipated, we can memorialize Margaret (Marghi) Rich’s life by contributing in her name to the Calvin Rich Poetry Award c/o Brockport Foundation, 350 New Campus Drive, The College at Brockport, Brockport, New York 14420.

For condolences please note that Calvin (Cal) Rich’s directory information is current in the College’s password protected Emeriti Directory available by first selecting “Internal Directory” then selecting “Emeriti Directory” at http://www.brockport.edu/publications/phone/fsdir.html

When the window requesting a userID and password pops up retirees who still use the College’s email will use the userID and password associated with their email account. Others receiving this email can gain access using the following information:

userID:       emeriti
password:  fromsuny

Please protect the privacy of our employees and emeriti by not sharing this information or using it for purposes other than your personal access to the directories.
Reminder:

William “Bill” Heyen, Professor and Poet-in-Residence Emeritus will be doing a reading at College at Brockport Writer’s Forum presents in the coming week. Please note the specifics below and mark your calendars.

8:00 pm, Wednesday, November 28, 2012
New York Room, Cooper Hall
The College at Brockport

Carpe diem,

Bud

December 7, 2012

Greetings,

Unassuming, gentle, personable, kind, religious, loyal, caring, compassionate and considerate are not words you might associate with a war hero but they are words that fittingly describe emeritus Frank Hillman who is a war hero for his willing service to his country in World War II.

I have known for some time that Frank had served in the Marine Corps during World War II but only recently learned of the extent of his involvement. Several years ago, I proposed that we attempt to capture some of the stories of faculty and staff who had served in World War II but I was not able to take on responsibility for the project at that time. Sadly, although pieces of the stories of Henry Bretton and Phil Hewitt have been shared, we have lost the possibility of hearing directly the personal stories of Phil, Stephen Dellaquila, Adam LaZarre, Ted Starr, and several others. I do know that there are still other World War II veterans in our midst—Al Brown, Maury Kleiman, and I believe Warren Fraleigh, possibly others—and I invite all to share their stories as well but for now Frank Hillman and his story will act as their surrogate.

Given what I know through my experiences with him since 1967 I cannot think of many people I would rather have beside me while making a beach assault in a combat zone than Frank Hillman. I am sure that those who served with him on the front lines in Saipan, Tinian, and Okinawa, and in post-surrender operations in Nagasaki, would agree with me.

Recently there was a report in the news that the percentage of citizens who have served in the military has declined significantly because of the all-volunteer military and the passing of so many World War II veterans. It is certainly understandable when you listen to Frank Hillman say that he had three brothers who served in the military—himself a Marine, two brothers in the Army, and one brother in the Navy, and another brother who enlisted in the Coast Guard just after WWII ended. Also, all three of Frank’s brothers-in-law served in the armed forces.

Frank’s patriotic call to duty came to him on December 7, 1941 after he and his brother had hitchhiked a ride in Buffalo, New York and the driver of the vehicle told them about the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Although anxious to volunteer for service Frank and his brother were
too young to enlist and had to wait. An older brother tried to enlist but was rejected because of vision issues, only to be drafted later as the need for soldiers increased and the reasons for rejection were reduced. Because Frank wanted to do his patriotic duty he enlisted in the Marine Corps as soon as he could at the age of 17.

After enlisting, Frank’s first adventure was a five-day trip by train from the east coast to San Diego for basic training before going to what was known as Little Tokyo Tent City in Oceanside, California for infantry training, where he also received specialized training as a machine gunner. At the time the Parris Island, South Carolina recruit depot was not taking any recruits because of an outbreak of spinal meningitis. At the end of training the Marines were given a ten-day furlough which nearly prevented the east coast recruits from going home. Frank made the trip by train anyway and was late in arriving back at the base. However, because of the assignment of his unit to a navy fleet, slightly tardy returns were forgiven without discipline or penalty.

Frank was assigned to the 2nd Marine Division and the Pacific Theatre from August 14, 1944 to July 30, 1946. He first faced combat in a landing on Saipan. His unit faced heavy resistance and it took 25 days before they could take Saipan. Frank recalls that there were bodies all over the bay, many resulting from suicides in which woman had thrown their children off a cliff then jumped off the cliff themselves. Frank still can count in Japanese and remembers a few expressions, one of which is how to say: “You do not need to be afraid.” The Japanese had been told that the Marines were brutal and that they had had to kill their parents to become Marines and that it would be better to commit suicide than to die by their hands. Consequently, to stop the suicides, the Marines first job after securing sections of Saipan was to convince the people that they meant no harm to stop the suicides. According to Frank, once the Japanese civilians accepted that the Marines really were not demons and meant them no harm, they did not treat them badly.

As a machine gunner Frank could see the death toll of the enemy during mop up operations after an engagement but because they either fought at night or fought with two or more machine gun units showering an area with fire, he was somewhat sheltered from knowing the number of enemies he took out of the fight.

With no real R&R after spending 25 days helping to take Saipan, Frank’s unit was immediately assigned to assault enemy-held shores on Tinian. From what shows in the public record about that landing, the Marines faced little resistance on the beach as the enemy had been duped to expect the landing elsewhere. Of course, when Frank and his unit waded ashore they did not expect an easy landing. And, of course, they faced a hostile enemy after moving inland.

After participating in the taking of Tinian, Frank’s unit was then assigned to a combat role in the engagement on Okinawa le Shima, Ryukyu Islands, which commenced on Easter Sunday, which was also April Fools’ Day (April 1, 1945), and lasted until April 14, 1945, when Japan surrendered following the bombing of Nagasaki on August 9, 1945. Approximately 45 days following the bombing of Nagasaki, Frank’s unit entered the city to establish control of the area, to ensure the surrender agreement and to make sure the Japanese military had laid down its arms. Frank could not believe the devastation he witnessed at Nagasaki.
Frank left Japan on June 26, 1946 for his return to the United States at Norfolk, Virginia, via Pearl Harbor and the Panama Canal. He was discharged there on August 6, 1946.

A few of Frank’s other memories include being able to drink beer at 17 at the club on base while not being able to drink in town when on liberty. Also, he recalls that cigarettes were 50 cents a carton on base and 60 cents off base. A sad story about Frank and his brother William was written up in the Buffalo Evening News back in 1945. Frank learned that his brother William was only three islands away in the Pacific Islands so he managed to arrange transportation to meet up with him only to arrive and find that William’s ship had moved from the inner harbor to the outer harbor rendering a reunion impossible. He also remembers salt water showers being set up on the deck of the ship transporting the Marines and the soap tuning to sticky goo in the salt water. He remembers having to sleep on the 8-high canvass racks in the hold of the ships when being transported; the Marines had tight berthing quarters when you considered that each Marine’s gear was stacked between the racks.

After discharge from the Marine Corps Frank entered a construction trades apprenticeship in Buffalo. He worked in that industry for several years but then decided he wanted more job security and benefits so he began taking NYS Civil Service Examinations for jobs in the maintenance trades. One telling story about civil service merit system is Frank’s rendering of how he was invited for an interview at SUNY Binghamton but did not get the job. Later, after he was successful in getting a job offer from Brockport, he was at a statewide meeting at which he learned that the person who had interviewed him at Binghamton had been a candidate for the job and of course had been hired. Who else could have survived this interviewer’s scrutiny?

Binghamton’s loss was Brockport’s gain! After seventeen years of taking civil service examinations Frank was hired as Head Maintenance Supervisor at The College at Brockport on January 16, 1967. Frank effectively served The Brockport College from then until his retirement on February 1, 1989. During his 22 years at the College he served as Head Maintenance Supervisor, Maintenance Supervisor 4, and finally as Director of the Physical Plant. During those years, his mission was to provide the best maintained facilities possible in support of the mission of the College. He gave of himself generously, sometimes to a fault, in his efforts to ensure that his team was responsive to every call for help whether it was a broken lock, a stuck toilet or a major electrical outage, or being a major player in projects such as preparing the College facilities for hosting the International Special Olympics in 1979. Throughout his career at the College Frank was a real caregiver to both the facility and those who used it. And, I am confident that Gloria, his wife of 63 years, would agree that his commitments to his country and his work transcended to his family life.

Frank Hillman was one-in-a-million preparing to invade Japan when the war ended. Thankfully he survived and has been able to be “one-in-a-million” to his colleagues, family and friends all these years.

[For pictures of Frank “now” and “then”, check out his Update by clicking on the “Your News” link at: http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm ]

The following engagement opportunity for emeriti was shared by Mary Jo Orzech:
A pool of reviewers for open source SUNY authored textbooks is being developed as part of a SUNY Innovation Instruction Technology Grant. Emeriti are eligible to serve as reviewers and will receive $1,000 for completed projects. For more information, go to http://opensuny.org/omp/index.php/SUNYOpenTextbooks. If you are then interested and still have unanswered questions, contact Mary Jo Orzech, 395-2141 or morzech@brockport.edu.

With Jim Horn’s permission, I share the following email he sent to me recently:

After retiring from the tour business in February, I spent six months bloviating and thinking about what next. I have started rewriting my guidebook to Cuernavaca to publish hopefully as an E-book since it will be much easier to keep it up to date. And I have finally launched my new blog, https://jimhornnews.wordpress.com. If the link does not open just Google jimhornnews.wordpress.com. The blog is still under construction but I do have three articles under Travel Talk and hope to be adding posts more frequently. The most recent post describes my Thanksgiving week cruise on the Queen of the Mississippi from New Orleans to Memphis. I am glad to have found some things to keep me academically alive and challenged as well as an outlet for my travel tips. I also have a meeting pending with the State of Morelos Secretary of Tourism in hopes of working on some ideas to promote travel here. My educational travel website will expire in a few months, and the dominant email will be jhornmex@gmail.com.

I recently had contact with Maury Kleiman. He reports that he and Liz enjoy living in Glens Falls where Liz’s son Ethan and family are close by. They miss Brockport and all their friends and neighbors here but are enjoying life. Maury reports that he recently finished writing about his family and some of his WWII experiences and has a few copies he is willing to share if anyone is interested. I advised him that I am interested and as soon as I have the information I’ll draft something for his approval and, if approved, share it in an “Update.” But, Maury says that if anyone wants a copy of his “story”, they can get one while they last by emailing him at maury201li@hotmail.com.

Sadly just prior to the distribution of this Update I learned of the passing of Louise Spivack. Although she served Brockport and its students only for a few years I know some on the Update distribution list knew her so I am sharing her obituary that was posted in the Rochester D&C on December 6th:

Spivack, Louise Milstein

Pittsford: December 4, 2012. Predeceased by parents, Sadie and Abraham Milstein and sister, Elinore Fram. She is survived by her sons, Saul (Maureen) Spivack of Short Hills, NJ, David (Gail) Spivack of Irvine, CA and granddaughters, Lauran, Erica, Adria.

Louise's life was dedicated to working for the recognition and advancement of women locally, nationally and internationally. During her lifetime, she developed and led courses and seminars for women's career development and later in life a course: Retirement is for Sissies.
In her career she served in management positions in Bausch and Lomb, Bendix Corp., SUNY Brockport, North Carolina State Government and as consultant to a number of Fortune 100 and 500 companies and special projects for Women's Bureau, U.S. Dept. of Labor and for New York State.

She served on numerous boards and held leadership positions in many. She was a pioneer in her management career and in initiating Women's Networks in Rochester, Raleigh, and Detroit.

Honors included: Woman of the Year, National Council of Jewish Women; Volunteer of the Year, Genesee Valley District Girl Scouts; Life Member Genesee Valley District PTA; Trailblazer Award, AAUW; AARP Recognition Award. She served as a delegate to the United Nations 4th World Conference on Women in Beijing, 1995 and to the Beijing +5 Conference at the United Nations in 2000.

She was a lifelong member of Temple B'rith Kodesh; life member of National Council of Jewish Women; and a member of Rochester Branch, Am. Assoc. of Univ. Women; Susan B. Anthony House; Friend of the Women's Rights National Park; Women's Issues Specialist for AARP and chair of the AARP national Worker Equity council; president and life member, United Nations Assoc. of Rochester; charter member Athenaeum of RIT; Gild's Club; Friends of Strong Council of Univ. of Rochester Medical Center and volunteer ambassador of the Wilmot Cancer Center.

A Funeral Service will be held Friday, 11 AM in the Benjamin Goldstein Chapel at Temple B'rith Kodesh, 2131 Elmwood Ave. Interment at White Haven Memorial Park. A period of mourning will be observed Friday, 2-4 PM and Saturday, 5-7 PM at her home. Contributions in her memory may be made to Wilmot Cancer Center, 601 Elmwood Ave., Box 23029, Rochester, NY 14692. To share a memory of Louise or send a condolence to the family visit www.anthonychapels.com

Louise was known at Brockport for her passion for women’s rights at a time when strong passions were necessary for progress. Her contributions to her causes and her person will be missed by those who knew her and those with whom she worked and whom she advised.

Richard Black has shared with me that emeritus Sri Ram Bakshi (Interdisciplinary Arts) will be presenting a Sitar and Tabla lecture and demonstration at the Different Path Art Gallery, 27, Market Street, Brockport, New York 14420 from 1:00 to 2:30 pm on Sunday, December 16th. The flyer/invitation for this event was created by another emeritus, Rich Hart. Mark your calendars if you are free!

On this 71st anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the day before the commencement of Hanukkah 2012, we pay tribute to all who have served in the military, particularly WWII veterans including those named in this “Update” who sacrificed on behalf of their country, and while mourning war and the losses, we give thanks for all lives saved through their efforts.
Along with Sandy and me, Jim Horn, Mary Jo Orzech, Maury and Liz Kleiman, and Frank and Gloria Hillman send best wishes to you and yours for a joyous and happy holiday season!

Shalom,

Bud

December 14, 2012

Greetings,

I had intended to write this “Update” just to take care of some unfinished work but…

Sad news was received just a day or so ago by the Advancement Office from “The State”, a newspaper in Columbia, South Carolina. Mou-ta Chen who joined the emeriti club as Professor Emeritus in 2000, after serving the Mathematics Department for 39 years, gave up this life at age 90 on December 4, 2012. While I did not know Mou-Ta well, I always enjoyed every encounter I had with him because he had such an uplifting spirit. I do not believe I ever saw him without an engaging smile on his face and he always demonstrated a soft, gentle, kind and appreciative nature. I remember my last meeting with him when he came to my office with some final questions about retirement. Mostly, he spent this time giving thanks for the opportunities he had had in his career at Brockport and for the great retirement benefits he would take with him. We enjoyed a laugh together when he described the great benefit he would receive from his initial election of the New York State Teachers’ Retirement System (TRS). When he joined the faculty in 1961 he only had two retirement choices, TRS and the New York State Employees’ Retirement System (ERS) and he chose TRS. Then, in 1964 when the Optional Retirement System (ORP)…then only TIAA-CREF…became available he took advantage of the option to switch. Under the terms of that offering, employees who switched could either withdraw from TRS/ERS or continue to be enrolled while transferring their active membership to the ORP. Then, if they completed at least 10 years of service they would be vested in both retirement systems but, in the case of TRS and ERS, they would only be vested for the time they were active in that plan…in Mou-Ta’s case 3 years (1961-1964). We laughed together over the fact that Mou-Ta’s TRS benefit would amount to about $36 per month for life and he thought that maybe after taxes that might enable him to take his wife out to dinner once a month.

Mou-Ta has a strong legacy in the many students he taught and in the memories of all those who were fortunate to have had contact with this competent and charming man. We send our condolences to his family and friends as they celebrate a wonderful man and a wonderful life.

Following is the obituary from “The State”:

Mouta Chen - Funeral service for Dr. Mouta Chen, 90, will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 8, 2012, at Dunbar Funeral Home, Devine Street Chapel. The family will receive friends from 10 until 11:00 a.m. prior to the service at the funeral home. Dr. Chen died Tuesday, December 4, 2012. Born in Sichuan, China, he was a son of the late Wing Ching Chen and Chen Lee Shuching. He graduated from Chongqueing University of
Wyoming and New York University. He held various government positions in China before coming to the United States where he was a Professor of Mathematics at the State University of New York at Brockport. Known for his cheerful disposition and positive outlook on life, he enjoyed Chinese poetry and classical music, especially Tchaikovsky, Beethoven and Mozart. His interests included history, local and international news and current events, Tai Ching and Qigong. He was active in the Capital Senior Center at Maxcy Gregg Park. Surviving are his wife, Kathleen Chan Chen of the home; daughters, Denise Chen of Menlo Park, Calif., Donna Chen (Michael Myrick) of Columbia; grandson, Alexander Myrick; sister, Yan-Ching Ni; and brothers, Moushian and Moushi Chen. He was predeceased by a brother, Moujian Chen. Please sign the online guestbook at www.dunbarfunerals.com

Published in “The State” on December 7, 2012

In a recent contact with Charlie Cowling in which I gave him some memorabilia associated with the 1979 International Special Olympics that I found while cleaning our basement, he asked me to share the following:

"If you have old papers, photos etc. from your time at Brockport and aren't sure what's of real historical value and what isn't, what to do with them, contact Charlie Cowling, ccowling@brockport.edu, the college archivist, and he will be happy to take them off your hands."

Distinguished Service Professor Dr. Joseph P. Winnick, Department of Kinesiology, Sport Studies and Physical Education, was presented with the Amazing Person Award by the Future Professionals Section of the New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NYS AAHPERD) on November 15, 2012. He previously received this award from NYS AAHPERD in 1984, 1989 and 2011.

Professor Emeritus Merrill J. Melnick recently received the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport's 2012 Distinguished Service Award, which reads in part, "For extraordinary contributions to the sociology of sport and distinguished service to NASSS." Professor Melnick was presented the award at November's annual conference of NASSS held in New Orleans. He is recognized as one of the founding members of the Society, which traces its beginnings to a planning session held at the University of Minneapolis in September 1978.

Alums Chris and Myra Leichtweis recently made a $250,000 gift commitment to honor the memory of Chris’ favorite professor, Dr. Richard Mancuso. Their gift will support The Dr. Richard Mancuso Undergraduate Research Award in Physics.

Chris has generously supported the Mancuso Award since 2005, providing the private support needed to ensure that students have access to research opportunities. “Dr. Mac was very special as a professor and as a friend,” says Chris. “As I’ve gotten older, I’ve realized the value of my Brockport education. Giving back is very important to me.”
Chris is senior vice president of Perma-Fix Environmental Services, Inc. in Knoxville, TN. In addition to his service on the Brockport Foundation Board of Directors, Chris is also a member of the Campaign Steering Committee.

Feedback related to Marghi Rich

Dave Hale advised me that Marghi’s proper name was in fact Marghi, of Finnish origin, and that she knew she was fighting an uphill battle. As proof of the battle, I note that she was listed as Margaret C. Rich in the 2005 Faculty/Staff Directory. David went on to say that Marghi was originally from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan where there are lots of Scandinavians.

Pat Baker provided the following tribute to Marghi Rich:

Marghi Rich was one of the first people I met at the College all those years ago. She arrived in 1968, a year before I joined the faculty and retired in 1995, two years before I did. She was extremely friendly, helpful and her passion for a long time involved building the special materials section of the library. She knew where to find every item of the ever-increasing number of items in that collection and encouraged us to keep ordering educational materials for it. It was VERY helpful to all of us in the education departments, particularly C&I (EHD) over the years.

We are very thankful that Frank Hillman is alive and well and that he could enjoy the last “Update” which included some of his experiences in WWII that I learned about during a recent trip with him and a follow-up lunch meeting with him two or three weeks ago. I have received both verbal and written feedback about Frank from recipients of “Update” since his story appeared. Jim Cook spoke of Frank as a “treasure” and noted that he was always caring and helpful. Bernard Lynch’s comments speak to Frank’s humility since Bernie had worked on many projects with Frank and never knew he was a Marine.

Jim Horn reports that two days ago he submitted an article to a Mexican newspaper and they published it yesterday. The thrust of the article is that Acapulco is a safe vacation destination and a bargain. The hard print copy took up a whole page and included three colored photos. You can view the on-line version with one great photo at the following link:


[Congratulations to Jim on having his article published and it is a further credit to him and The Brockport College that he always includes his association with the College in his public documents.]

I share a message just received from retiree Dorie Sweeting:

“There's a road that's made of memories that goes from heart to heart. There is a path that spans the time and many miles we are apart.
There's a bridge of special feelings made of all the joys we share, and Christmas is the journey of warm thoughts from here to there.

*I hope everyone's journey through the holidays and into the New Year will be blessed with joy and peace.”* [Dorie]

And in this latest December “Day of Infamy”, follow your faith in remembering all who have been lost in, or have been directly affected by, the horrific event in Newtown, Connecticut this day.

Peace

Bud

December 26, 2012

Greetings,

Sad news prompts me to put an Update together quickly. Today’s Democrat and Chronicle brings the sad news of the passing of Molly Rutzen, wife of Professor Emeritus Robert Rutzen. Before Saturday the only recent news we had about Bob and Molly was from the commercial in which they appeared and in which they spoke on behalf of the Brickstone community in Rochester where they lived. In a telephone call to Bob on Saturday to obtain his new directory information I learned that the family was gathering because Molly was gravely ill. While I did not know Molly well we did enjoy our contacts with her when we bumped into her and Bob on the dance floor at ballroom dancing events in the Rochester area several times in years gone by. Any actual bumping was because of me…Molly and Bob danced with grace and dignity…they were a joy to watch as they maneuvered on a dance floor.

Sadly, Bob and Molly’s plans changed significantly about six months ago and now Bob is without his dance partner and life partner. We mourn for Molly and send Bob and both of their families our condolences.

Following is Molly’s obituary from today’s Democrat and Chronicle. Please note that the service is at 1:00 pm today and note the calling hours and location.

Molly Rutzen
(Shafer)

Passed away on December 25, 2012 at home surrounded by her family. Daughter of the late Nathan & Sarah Abramow. She is survived by her loving husband, Robert; children, Michael (Rose) Shafer, Richard Shafer, Amy (Gil) Medovoy; grandchildren, Shana, Timna, Tal; 2 great grandchildren; brothers, Stanley (Audrey) Abramow, Alan (Joann) Abramow; step-sons, Allan (Heidi), Douglas (Eve), Joel (Brian) Rutzen; nieces and nephews.
Molly was a pioneer and teacher of Israeli song and dance, which she taught in Temple Beth El schools. She was a lifetime member of Temple Beth El & Hadassah and enjoyed ballroom dancing and tennis.

Funeral Services will be held TODAY-WEDNESDAY at 1 PM in the Rabbi Abraham Solomon Chapel of Temple Beth El (139 Winton Rd. S). Interment, Mt. Hope Cemetery. The family will receive friends at 22 Brickstone Circle (off Elmwood Ave. next to St. John's Meadows) WEDNESDAY 7-9 PM, THURSDAY 1-5 & 7-9 PM, FRIDAY 1-4 PM, SATURDAY 7-9 PM, SUNDAY 1-5 & 7-9 PM & MONDAY 1-5 PM. Donations may be made to a charity of one’s choice in her memory. To leave a message of condolence, please visit: http://www.brightonmemorialchapel.com/

And here is a wonderful tribute to Frank Hillman from Diane and Norm Frisch that they sent me after reading the Update story about Frank’s military service.

While both Diane and I knew him through employment at the college, we would like to add here another perspective--that of next door neighbors for 43 years.

Frank is one reason why we live where we do.

In the early spring of 1969 we were driving around looking at building lots. It had been very wet so we were carefully checking drainage patterns. As we were driving down White Road we saw this fellow in his front yard raking. We stopped to see what he had to say about the area, and that fellow turned out to be Frank. The developer should have credited Frank for our purchase of the lot to the east of him. It was his professional background that helped us make that decision, guide us through various aspects of construction (we did a fair amount of our own work) and, over the years, several improvements.

We soon learned that Frank and Gloria were from the Buffalo area and that Frank had commuted to SUNY Brockport from there until moving into their new house on White Road in 1968. Imagine driving back to Buffalo on a dark winter night during those frequent and legendary snowstorms.
And you are right: Frank always considered himself “on call” for his job. No matter where he was or what he was doing, when he got a call off he'd go--and always in good cheer with no complaints. He loved what he did.

The Hillmans are one reason we still live where we do.

Sometimes people are blessed to have a friendship grow into something more. And that was true for us. Frank and Gloria's many relatives lived in the Buffalo area. All our relatives were from this area. It wasn't long before these extended families got to know one another quite well. Over the decades, a lot of celebrations were shared both here and in Buffalo: Graduations, marriages, births and passings--both in their family and ours. Also, shared have been frequent summer evening porch conversations, winter evenings playing cards, building projects, going out to dinner--even occasional trips to Allegheny State Park. Watching out for one another.
All the things you said are true. Other White Road neighbors would agree. We can't imagine better neighbors and friends than the Hillmans and, in this case, we WERE able to pick "family."

--Norm and Diane Frisch

Joanna Kraus writes that her husband is not well and is currently having to rely on a wheelchair. Our thoughts are with them as they adjust to his problems with mobility. Good news is that her short story “The Story of Heungbo” was published in the October issue of “Spider Magazine.” It is a national publication for young readers. Joanna, we send you congratulations for the publication, and best wishes for improved mobility for your husband.

Some feedback suggests that I should send out the instructions for accessing employees in the on-line directory at the College one more time so here they are:

It is important to use lower case letters only in the userId (emeriti) and password (fromsuny) you will use to access the internal directory.

Go to http://www.brockport.edu/publications/phone/fsdir.html

Click on Internal Directory on the dialogue box that pops up

(A pop up sign-on window will appear)

Enter emeriti as your userID (remember, emeriti must be entered in lower case letters)

Enter fromsuny as your password (remember, fromsuny must be entered in lower case letters, no spaces)

Click OK

Click on either Faculty & Staff or Emeriti at the top of the window depending on whether you want current employees or emeriti

Select NAME from the list for the Search by box

Enter last name of the person you are looking for in the Search for box

Click on the Search the Directory button

Ray Duncan reports that he has had a lot of fun developing a website on which he can share information about his books. While the thin line I try to maintain between sharing the accomplishments of emeriti versus promoting them is sometimes blurry, here is a link to his website if you care to look. I have read both of his books and found them to be entertaining. Most importantly, from our perspective, is that Ray is staying healthy, happy and productive in retirement.

raymondduncanbooks.com
December 31, 2012

Greetings,

As we prepare to close the 2012 chapter of our lives and prepare to welcome the New Year, I am sad to share news from Rosemary Gibson that her husband, Doug Martin, passed away on December 19th. I did not know Doug, and I suspect that not many on this distribution list did, but many of us know Rosemary who is also the widow of Gordon Gibson of the Music Department. Gordon and Rosemary were well known in the Brockport community and made many contributions when they lived here. We send our condolences to Rosemary and send her our best wishes for the New Year as she adjusts to her loss.

I am pleased that Maury Kleiman has shared with me a copy of his “Recollections of Family & World War II.” As soon as we recover from the holidays I hope to give it a good read and draft something about his involvement in the war for a future “Update”, of course, with his prior review and approval. I had time to read a few pages yesterday and I muse: “Isn’t it amazing how much time is given to knowing everything about celebrities, sports stars, and other media personalities and so little time is given to knowing anything about the people with whom we live, work and play?” I worked closely for, and with, Maury for many years and only now have learned that in kindergarten or first or second grade he attended Oxford Free Academy in Oxford, New York, the next town on NYS route 12 north of my hometown of Greene, New York.

I close the last “Update” of 2012 with very good news! Nathan Lyons, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Art Department (1988-2001), continues to distinguish himself in his field. His work, “Nathan Lyons (Selected Essays, Lectures, and Interviews)” was chosen for inclusion in “TIME’s Best of 2012: “The Photobooks We Loved”. Having one’s work honored in TIME’s annual year-end listing of “Best” works is a significant achievement and we are pleased to end 2012 by sending him our congratulations! Following is a link to the recognition of his work on TIME’s “Lightbox” page on the internet:


Great accomplishment Nathan, we are very happy for you!

While the “End of the World” did not come in 2012, the end of life as we know it did come for too many members of our group. As we exchange our Happy New Year greetings we reminisce on how happy we are to have had the privilege of knowing them.

With that, we wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year!
Greetings,

This morning I tried to send out the “Update” below and when it looked like it was not being distributed I sent a note to Tom and Mary Markusen from my personal email account to see if it would get through and I also sent a “test…” message to the distribution list to determine whether it was the system or some of the content of the “Update” that was causing the distribution problem. I think I have determined that it is some of the content that I had pasted into the “Update” that included links that may have caused the problems. So, we try again! Thanks to those of you who responded to the “test…” but you need not respond if you receive this mailing. Unfortunately, since I tried the mailing this morning I have received sad news of another passing and I have added it to the original email that would have contained only the Markusen story.

Hi Tom and Mary,

I don’t know what the issue is but even today I am having trouble distributing this. I have been unable to forward your original email to myself and now the distribution I sent out from the College appears to be stalled. It could be that their system is down today. Anyway, I thought I’d try to get my intent through to you even though I still need to fix the distribution to others. So, I am sending this email directly from my roadrunner account not through my distribution account at the College. It is a test to see if I can get it through to you this way. After making sure the College list-server is up and working I will also do a test distribution to help determine the problem.

Happy New Year!

The following was intended to be included in the December 26th “Update” but due to “technical problems” it was missed. For some reason the information ended up in my “junk” email folder when I received it on December 14, 2012 and I did not notice it before sending out an “Update” on that date. Then, when I forwarded it from my laptop to my PC so that it would be in view when I prepared the next “Update”, it never made it. Last night as I was doing some year-end file maintenance I found it downloaded to the laptop. So, while Tom and Mary Markusen, great supporters of the College, tell me they have many fond memories of Brockport, this snafu may not be one of them—if the story had been timely we could have all flown out to Arizona for the show.

On this day of resolution and reflection I find it hard to believe Tom and Mary’s words when they say it is their 15th year of enjoying winter in Arizona and Tom’s 20th year of exhibiting at The Marshall-LeKae Gallery in Old Town Scottsdale. We are grateful that even when they are away they remain connected and that they return to the Brockport area at winter’s end.
With this awkward introduction, I introduce you to Tom Markusen’s one-man art show at The Marshall-LeKae Gallery. [However, in this attempt I have deleted links that may be causing the distribution problem and instead I encourage those interested to just Google “The Marshall-LeKae Gallery” for the information about the show and about Tom Markusen’s career that is shown there. The first image will scroll to the announcement of Tom’s show if you give it a minute and you can also scroll down on the page to find additional information.]

Tom and Mary, I think all of us would love to have been in Scottsdale for the show in December. For sure, on this wintery day in upstate New York, Arizona would be a nice respite!

Tom, Congratulations upon your completion of twenty years of exhibiting at The Marshall-LeKae Gallery!

May continued success, health and happiness follow you throughout the New Year and beyond!

Sadly, this evening I learned of the passing of John W. (Jack) Curtis from his cousin, Mary Curtis Barnard, who is also a Brockport retiree. Jack was an electrician in the Facilities Department at the College for many years and was known by many. He was a good guy who I knew as a straight-talker who usually had a sly grin when he was doing it. He was sometimes critical of the way things were done but generally with good reason and he always did his job.

He was relied on to come through to solve the most complex electrical problems. After he retired he continued to work as an electrician. I learned from the late Terry Hover that Jack had done some work for him and that Terry was very satisfied with it. Based on that recommendation I hired Jack to upgrade our wiring and to install a new circuit box after the ice storm of 1990 so that I could easily hook up a generator. We were happy with his work and enjoyed getting to know him a little better during the project. Following is the information Mary sent me which is like the obituary that appeared in the Rochester D&C today.

Morton-
John W. Curtis, Sr. (Jack), 75, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by family on Sunday, December 30, 2012. He was born in Kendall, NY the son of James and Mabel Curtis and has been a lifetime resident of this area. He was an electrician at SUNY Brockport until his retirement in 1995, and a self-employed electrician. He was a past Chief and lifetime member of the Morton Fire Company and a member of the Orleans County Fire Police Association, Monroe County Fire Police Association and NYS Fire Police Association. In his spare time, he enjoyed doing electrical work and just being a Grampa.

He is survived by his wife, Rosalie (Colucci) of 53 years, 4 children; John Jr. (Cindy), Debbie (Terry) Rockow, Chris (Matt) Ashmore of Morton and Fred of New Mexico. 10 Grandchildren; 6 Great Grandchildren; 2 Brothers, George (Kay), Neil (Ellie) Curtis; Sister, Vi Merritt; Special Companion Mischief; Sister in Laws, Marilyn Curtis, Lydia Fallato, Diane (Chris) Colucci; Brother in Law, Ralph (Diane) Colucci; Many Nieces, Nephews and Friends.
Family and Friends may call on Thursday, January 3 from 2-4 and 7-9pm at the Merrill-Grinnell Funeral Home 39 Geddes Street Holley, NY. Services will be Friday at 1pm at The Morton Baptist Church. Burial will be at Lakeside Cemetery in the Spring. In Lieu of flowers, Memorials may be made to Hamlin Ambulance and Morton Fire Company.

We send our condolences to Jack’s family as we remember him for his contributions in this life.

Peace,

Bud

January 7, 2013

Greetings,

I never seem to get completely away from some bad/sad news but for the most part this “Update” is good news.

Herb Fink recently shared some information about the continuing involvement of the Smagorinsky family in the mission of The Brockport College--quite a tradition that now spans three generations!

Who would have thought that one young man from Brooklyn and his wife from Rochester who met at Brockport as students in the 1950s could have such a lifetime impact on both the College and the Community? But what a gift this family has been! They have been intimately involved in the activities of the College and greater Brockport and Rochester communities and have made significant contributions to every group they joined such as the College’s alumni board and “Walk! Bike! Brockport!” When not involved in other ways they contribute by simply lending their presence at the College and Community’s many events. Helen has excelled in folk art, and, beyond making a reputation for herself, she has been generous in the sharing of her work and her talent. Three of her works are on display on the campus: a painting dealing with women’s issues in the Women’s Studies Office; another painting of the campus on the ground floor of the Albert W. Brown Building; and a painting of the Daisy Chain located in the Alumni House. A highlight of Mel’s career was at one time being known for having one of the best Educational Communications Centers within the SUNY System and having it become the model for other campuses. While Helen’s reputation in the folk-art world is tough competition, Mel has made an impact while engaging in activities on tennis courts and, at one time, on at least one bowling alley in the area, among other activities, which include cheering for his New York Giants. In addition to all their other accomplishments, I believe both Mel and Helen are now taking great pride in the fact that as of the December 2012 graduation their family represents three generations of Brockport College graduates.

Mel – 1953
Helen – 1955
 Daughter, Susan – 1994 Master’s Degree (Mel hooded Susan at her graduation)
Son, David – 1995 (Mel read names at graduation including son David’s)
Granddaughter, Shaina (daughter of Mel and Helen’s daughter Sandy) – *summa cum laude* December 2012

[Congratulations to Shaina, and thanks to this family for being such great members of The Brockport College family!]

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Sadly, an obituary for Emile Adjivon was reported in the Rochester D&C on Sunday, January 6, 2013. Emile was an Instructor at the Rochester Educational Opportunity Center from 1986 until his retirement on March 31, 2010. While I did not know Emile very well it was always a pleasant experience to bump into him when I had business at the EOC because he always had such a welcoming smile and he seemed to appreciate it when people visited the EOC from the Brockport campus. Following is the obituary.

Adjivon, Emile

Rochester: January 2, 2013 at age 76. He is predeceased by his parents, Severin and Martha Adjivon. Survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Elizabeth; children, Severin (Francisca) Adjivon, Jr., Ivy Adjivon, Linda Adjivon, Philip (Laurie) Adjivon and Marie Adjivon; 4 grandchildren; sisters, Semefa Adjivon, Kayi Adjivon, Lena Adjivon; brother, Alexander Adjivon; brothers-in-law, William (Johnnie) Boafo, K. Akuamoah (Meg) Boateng.

Friends and family may call Tuesday, January 8, 2013, 5-8 PM at New Comer Funeral Home, 6 Empire Blvd. His Funeral Service will be held Wednesday, January 9th at 10AM at Hope Christian Fellowship, 3495 Lake Ave., Rochester, NY. Interment Mt. Hope Cemetery.

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If you will be in the Rochester area in February, mark your calendar for an exhibit of paintings by Associate Professor Clyde Morgan. The art show entitled “Gift of the Magi, *A Sojourn through African Iconography*” will run February 1-25 at the Gallery at the Arts & Cultural Center, 277 North Goodman Street, Rochester, New York 14607. Normal gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 10 am-4pm, but there will be a reception for Clyde Morgan from 5-9pm on Friday, February 8, 2013.

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Concerning the passing of Mou-ta Chen, John Killigrew wrote that it “…brings back many memories of this remarkable and interesting colleague. Without a long eulogy, I will note three memories that remain foremost in my mind. I first made his friendship in the late-Tower early-Brown era when he was single and living in a small apartment on College street. Here he would present a Chinese meal featuring various doufu dishes, from Buddhist steak to mapu doufu. Because Chinese food such as doufu and various veggies and prepared sauces were not available in the Rochester area at that time, Mou-ta was obliged to shop at the markets in Toronto’s Chinatown. Secondly, when I was preparing for my sabbatical residency at Peking University (80-81), I asked him if he would like for me to call on his elder brother, who had been in and out of various Chinese gulag work-camps since the 50s, and at that time was residing in Beijing(Peking). He replied with ironic humor: "No, because he has just been released from jail and if the authorities see you visiting him he will be back in jail." Lastly, I cherish the poem he
wrote entitled暮冬Mu Dong (late winter). Written in impeccable Chinese calligraphy it consists of 14 characters in four columns. Ever the scholar, he accompanied the original with a duplicate with footnotes that refer to and explain the various Chinese classical allusions that he uses in the poem. In a separate column, parallel to the poem he writes in Chinese that the poem is his personal souvenir to me; it is dated November 15, 1996, perhaps around the time he retired. The poem is prominently displayed in my study room in Drake Library, and is a suitable and constant reminder of my long-ago friendship with this delightful and fascinating human being.”

[John, thanks for sharing this wonderful tribute to Mou-ta.]  

In closing, we are happy to hear that Rosie Rich and Gladys Wolsky had successful knee replacement surgery in early December and both are well on their way to improved, and hopefully pain free, mobility.

Carpe diem,

Bud

January 16, 2013

Greetings,

Maury Kleiman is alive and well, thanks to his perseverance in keeping fit and to some good luck along the way. When I worked for him in Hartwell Hall many years ago I remember several times taking messages for him of the passing of some family member when I was covering his phone during the lunch hour while he played racquetball for enjoyment and fitness. He told me at the time that his family seemed not to have longevity on its side and that was partly why he played racquetball...striving to beat the odds. That perseverance certainly seems to have paid off! The major “good luck” that he has had along life’s pathway is that while he was often in harm’s way in World War II, where he contributed in the European theatre to bringing that war to an end, he survived, and after bouncing around in the food/grocery business for a while, then a stint with the New York State Department of Labor’s Employment Division, he was able to have a very long and successful career at The Brockport College.

Maury was only fifteen on December 7, 1941 when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. He was unfit for duty because of age and because he had just broken his leg in a skiing accident in Cooperstown, New York. The accident happened on his first attempt at skiing (without any lessons/instructions) after he had saved up enough money from a paper route to buy the skis. The skis were the highest technology skis available in that day—a simple wooden ski with a leather strap that you strapped around whatever shoe/boot that you happened to have available. On his first outing Maury thought he was getting the hang of skiing alright and kept upgrading his choice of trails to match what he thought was the upgrading of his skills. However, on what would become his last run of the day he failed to consider the shaded portion at the bottom of the hill and when he arrived there he found, too late, the need for a new skill—ice skiing! On the “Day of Infamy”, he heard the announcement of the bombing on the radio his family had placed...
next to his bed to entertain him where he was laying immobilized with a big cast after breaking his leg for lack of ice-skiing skills!

The leg healed and Maury found himself at about sixteen years old working part-time at Nussbaum’s Department Store in Rochester while attending Monroe High School. With the war constantly in the news, he began thinking about what he would do when he turned eighteen and would be subject to military service. His ambition at that time was to become a pilot and fly in the US Air Corps. His parents thought he was crazy. But, they got excited when Maury told them that army recruiters had been at his high school outlining a program for young men to further their education at the expense of the US Army. They thought that it was a great way to get a college education while avoiding the usual combat that comes with being in the Army. So, he signed up for the “Army Specialized Training Program” which required that he finish high school in a quick-time fashion so that he could be in the Army when he turned eighteen. He accelerated his course work and passed all the aptitude tests and as he approached his 18th birthday he received an official letter from the US War Department directing him to report to Alfred University, which he did in accordance with the directive. From Maury’s notes, he seemed to have enjoyed his studies and even found that he developed muscles he did not know he had as a result of the good dose of physical education and calisthenics the Army required. But, his college experience ended rather abruptly at the end of only one three-month semester when the program was aborted, and, after a two-week leave, he reported to Fort Dix in New Jersey. Then by selection based upon where the first letter of your last name was placed in the alphabet, Maury Kleiman (A-M) was chosen for infantry training at Fort McClellan in Alabama. After sixteen weeks of training he, and most of those who had been in the college education program at Alfred, successfully completed the final training exercise, a 25-mile march in full gear with the temperature in the 90s. While on leave after completing infantry training at Fort McClellan, Maury received his orders to report to the 3rd platoon, 3rd squad, Company E of the 274th Infantry Regiment that was getting organized to go overseas. When they were put on troop trains to the East Coast (Boston), they figured they were heading to Europe which is what they did. They boarded the troop ship the SS Mariposa and in about ten days they arrived in Marseille, France. Soon thereafter Maury’s unit was close to the German lines in Alsace Province near Brumath on the Rhine River. Allied forces were on one side of the Rhine and Germans on the other side. It was relatively quiet but at night the German’s would cross the river and try to capture stray GIs and would string wire across the road to decapitate GIs. Maury notes that some of that activity quieted down after he borrowed a sniper rifle with a telescope with which he fired a round across the river and shot a German sentry.

Soon Maury’s unit moved to a new location near the Village of Wingen which had been held by the Americans but had been retaken by the Germans. Maury’s unit was advised that they should be able to easily take it back but that proved not to be the case and Maury and his unit were engaged in heavy battle for 2-3 days. There are several related articles available on the internet by Googleing the battle of Wingen-sur-Moder during which a couple of rookie units, in terms of battle experience, defeated the battle-seasoned German SS Mountain Troops of the 12th SS Division. After the cleaning-up from the battlefield at Wingen the unit had a brief rest at a convent in Niederbronn. This environment was in sharp contrast to their experiences of the past 4-5 days in the field and they slept in real beds for the first time since arriving in Marseille, France three to four weeks earlier.
Maury’s own words belie the reality of his unit’s situation during the period surrounding its involvement near Wingen in January 1945. Following is a description of their environment from “Snow, Ridges & Pillboxes by Lt. Colonel Wallace R. Cheves:

“Snow and cold became SOP for the 274th for the rest of the winter. We were plagued with barriers of nature that were comparable with Valley Forge. The temperature remained below freezing and life on the western front was far from pleasant. Heavy snowstorms and biting winds prevailed. Automatic weapons froze; heavy shelling curtailed delivery of supplies and ammunition over the narrow mountain trails. Foxholes and dugouts were burrowed through the snow; evergreen boughs were used to insulate sleepers from the cold earth; thick logs and dirt were placed over dugouts to furnish protection from artillery fire. Primitive stoves were constructed and used at night when the Germans could not see the smoke. Candles, for heat as well as light, became both valuable and scarce.”

Maury is particularly proud that for its engagement at Wingen his battalion, 2nd Battalion of the 274th Infantry Regiment, was awarded “The Presidential Unit Citation.” It was the only unit of the entire 70th Division to receive such an honor for action during World War II.

Following Wingen, the unit was shuffled along the front lines relieving units that had been in place for some time but it had little actual battle contact with the enemy although there were frequent reminders that they were “out there”! Soon though, Maury’s unit was involved in action to capture the commanding ridges that overlooked the capital city of Saarbrucken. One interesting story relating to this engagement is best told in Maury’s own words:

“…There were several machine gun emplacements which we had to take out. That was interesting and at some point in our advance, our platoon was assigned to assist the heavy weapons platoon. The heavy weapons platoon was charged with providing support fire from both heavy machine guns and heavy mortars. Staff Sergeant William Lehman was in charge of one of the mortar squads and I was assigned to go along with mortar squads. Lehman was loaded with ammunition and he had a couple of hand grenades hanging from his belt. As he proceeded forward, he brushed against some underbrush, and, a branch pulled out the pin of one of his grenades. I was almost next to him, within 2-3 feet, when this happened and I could see that he had wired the grenade to his belt. He was trying to dislodge it because if it went off it would be disastrous. My yelling and Lehman’s shouts alerted all the nearby troops that we had a potential explosion coming. Lehman apparently thought of his buddies and knew they were in danger if the grenade exploded while he was standing there. I guess he figured that he could not save his own life but he could still save the lives of the men with him. He fell to the ground and covered the grenade with his body and then if went off. Sergeant Lehman was dead, but his alert reaction had saved the lives of his buddies who were only a few feet away. Two of my squad members were slightly wounded by grenade fragments. Sergeant Lehman was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, one of the higher awards the Army gives for acts of valor. I can still see the anguish in his face as he tried to pull loose the grenade…”
After this horrific ordeal, Maury’s unit readied itself for a final attack on the City of Saarbrucken but fortunately the Germans withdrew before the amphibious assault took place. During this period of time, Maury was transferred to company headquarters and was designated the Mail Clerk which was a blessing.

In February 1945, Maury’s unit was out in the fields in foxholes but things were fairly quiet until they were asked to follow a telephone line laid by a neighboring company that was apparently broken to find the break and repair it in order to reestablish communication. While following the line they came upon another unit that was pinned down in a gorge by a large contingent of Germans. They joined them in the gorge and dug in themselves. They could not see the Germans up on the ridge to fire upon them but the Germans were firing into the gorge at them. German bullets bounced among the trees but the US forces were pretty well protected and only risked getting hit by ricocheted bullets while fearing that the Germans were just biding time and holding them captive in the gorge while preparing to mount a major attack. But, while Maury and the units were ducking bullets and preparing to defend, other units arrived and assembled on the ridge and drove the Germans out.

Soon thereafter his unit was dug in on a ridge in a new location when they had intelligence that the Germans were preparing a major assault and it was decided that they should pull back. As they settled in at their new position it was found that one soldier was missing and someone thought that he may have been shot leaving his foxhole. Maury volunteered to return to their last position and see if he could find him. He did so and found that the soldier had been shot in the leg and could not walk. Maury became the soldier’s crutch and they attempted to make it back to the unit’s position. On the way, the German’s opened fire on them but their marksmanship was off. When able to find cover, Maury stopped to return fire and the Germans stopped firing and finally Maury and the wounded soldier made it back to their unit safely. Modest as he is, Maury has shared that someone who witnessed his recovery of the wounded soldier wrote up a commendation on his behalf and Maury was awarded the bronze star medal with a “V” for Valor. Maury says it is not the most prestigious of the Army’s medals but he is proud to have received it. Personally, I think it is a big deal and his action reflects the character of the Maury Kleiman I have known for many years.

After the actual combat of the war ended Maury’s unit occupied the City of Limburg, the home of Limburger cheese. He has an interesting story about that occupation. His unit needed lodging for its company headquarters and picked a home owned and occupied by a German family. The family conceded (not much choice) to allowing the use of its home, but every time there was contact between the family and the occupiers, the family cautioned against using the furnace because it was not working correctly and would fill the house with smoke. One member of the unit thought the warnings overdone and became suspicious and checked out the furnace and then the coal bin where he found a bounty of goods buried in the coal including cases of champagne, good wine, French chocolates, nylon stockings, canned hams and cheeses—which quickly became “the spoils of war.” While, to Maury’s knowledge, the family never discussed its hidden treasures with any of the occupiers, it must have been quite a shock when family members returned to the home and knew that their secret was out when they saw smoke billowing from the chimney.
One assignment for Maury’s company while in Limburg was the guarding of the German prisoner-of-war camp. It had to be guarded because if the prisoners, only Russians remained, escaped they feared they would commit all kinds of mayhem from rape to robbery. Maury relates that when the prisoners were being prepared to be returned to the Russian zone they were not happy and asked to be sent anywhere else. Apparently, this was because the leadership in Russia had the attitude that anyone who surrendered or was captured was a traitor. While Maury was not assigned to the train that carried the Russians back to the Russian zone, those who were reported that the former prisoners were pretty badly mistreated by their fellow Russians when they arrived.

For the most part what I have written here has been extracted from “Recollections of Family & World War II” by Maury Kleiman. The war time experiences described are just a handful of what Maury and his unit experienced in combat. There were other battles, and his unit was in enemy territory, and in harm’s way from shortly after its arrival in France until the war ended.

When Maury returned from the war he, along with his wife (he was married while in the army), and parents, opened a grocery store, the Highland Farm and Dairy Products, in Rochester but soon found that it did not produce enough income to support two families. So, after getting high scores on aptitude tests followed by counseling at the unemployment office, working on a business administration degree at the University of Rochester, along with several supplemental part-time jobs, occupied him for the next three and one-half years. During this time, the GI-bill became a good friend to both Maury and to the University of Rochester.

The rest of the story is that after a couple of false starts Maury reconnected with a recruiter who had come to the University of Rochester and had described a management program for college graduates. And, in terms of a career, that opened the pathway that ultimately resulted in Maury’s twenty-three years (1963-1986) of excellent, dedicated service to The College at Brockport. Maury completed the management program and was employed by the Division of Employment in the New York State Department of Labor. In June of 1963 he transferred to The College at Brockport where he served as Budget Officer, as Assistant Vice President for Administration, and, on three occasions—one sandwiched between Alexander Cameron and Burton Wolin; one while Burton Wolin temporarily became acting President at SUNY’s Downstate Medical Center; and one following the retirement of Burton Wolin that extended to his own retirement—as Vice President for Administration.

Former presidents Brown and Van de Wetering were good judges of character and ability when they put their trust in Maury Kleiman and I am quite sure that his management of the financial affairs of the College kept them out of the line-of-fire on several occasions. They were blessed to have someone on their staff with the character he had demonstrated while serving in WWII, especially when he volunteered to go back into harms-way to recover a fellow soldier.

Maury retired in 1986 and he and his wife Liz currently live in Glens Falls, New York where they are enjoying life and they like to visit Brockport when they can.
[Maury, we thank you for your WWII story, for your service to your country, and for your service to the College and greater Brockport community.]

I’d like to share the stories of our other surviving WWII veterans so if you are one or know of others who were part of the faculty/staff at Brockport I’d love for someone to share the stories for future “Updates”. I doubt if I have identified all the faculty/staff who served in WWII, but here are the names that come to mind who served in the war—even if not fighting for the United States. Unfortunately, we have lost the personal accounts of some who are now deceased: Sachio Ashida (deceased); Henry Bretton; Albert Brown; Steve Dellaquila (deceased); Warren Fraleigh; Phil Hewitt (deceased); Frank Hillman; Maurice Kleiman; Adam LaZarre (deceased); Stephen Pribil; Theodore Starr (deceased); Edward Stephany (deceased); and Andrew Virgilio.

Norm Frisch is best known for his great graphic artist work but I have learned that he also is a talented and sensitive writer and an excellent photographer. I may have found someone to take over “Update” when I retire. One sensitive piece is the tribute to Jack Curtis that I recently received from Norm and Diane Frisch which follows:

“Jack, his brother and dad all worked for SUNY Brockport, as you know. As I recall, Mary Barnard of the Print Shop is also related via her mother (who also worked at the college). There was another connection: His dad and my uncle both served as active members of the Morton Fire Department.

What a cordial family; always willing to help someone out! I recently wrote how Frank Hillman was one reason why we live where we do. Diane and I did a lot of the work on our house while it was under construction in 1969. To save us money, Jack showed us how to do much of the electrical work ourselves: drilling holes in the wall studs, pulling electrical wires through them and getting those into the outlet boxes. Being licensed, he did the final hookups for which he asked much less than we were sure it was worth.

Every once in a while, our paths crossed at the college, more so when our Graphics unit was moved to the Administration Building and Jack needed to be there to fix the elevator. One afternoon upon seeing him in the lobby, he mentioned he had just driven non-stop from Texas following a familial visit there. Jack's manner and demeanor never seemed to change. His speech was always low, slow and considered; at that moment in the lobby I imagined him with respect as an iconic cowboy who might have just dismounted a mustang (horse) outside.

Jack also had a great sense of humor, and when something was significantly funny he could really let loose with a laugh that was contagious.”

--Norm & Diane Frisch

[Norm and Diane, we thank you sharing this tribute to Jack Curtis.]

I have had some feedback that one of the things a lot of people on the “Update” distribution list enjoys most is to hear about the travel adventures that list members share. So, if you have travel adventures and you have time to write them up, email them to me and I’ll share them in an
“Update.” As you all know, world traveler and former travel agent Jim Horn has retired from taking others on tours but that does not mean he has quit traveling himself.

Jim Horn spent the week of December 29, 2012-January 5, 2013 at a timeshare trade on the beach in San Pedro Ambergris Caye, Belize. He reports that it was too hot and muggy to do any touring, the pool was too shallow for water aerobics, there was no gym, and that some of the neighboring condo owners had invested half a million to a million dollars off-shore to hide money after Obama was re-elected. He had a transportation nightmare, getting back to Cuernavaca 23 hours after leaving the hotel. He much prefers the Mayan Riviera in Mexico. He will post his story on his blog soon.

[Jim, I thank you for sharing. I'll bet you were glad not to have a tour group in your care during those 23 nightmare hours…of course you would not have ever had such a problem on one of your tours because you would have first thoroughly explored the tour on your own and done preliminary research/tastings of food and wine at all the restaurants along the way!]

Carpe diem,

Bud

PS. You can find this “Update”, and most recent “Updates,” at the “Your News” link at: http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm. While I refrain from using attachments, including photographs, in “Update”, I do sometimes include photographs on the website which is true for the Maury Kleiman story.

January 26, 2013

Greetings,

Because I am away from some of my resources and familiar tools I decided to send out this Update before I misplace the content even though I do not have a lot to share.

The good news:

I was very pleased to receive an email from Herb Fink telling me that over the holidays he visited Henry Bretton in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Herb reports that Henry regaled him with some more of his WWII stories and I hope that Henry will share these additional stories with me sometime so that they can be included in a future Update. One story Henry shared with Herb relates to an incident where General Patton used loud language in addressing Henry’s superior. We look forward to hearing more about this incident and other stories from this WWII veteran.

Herb also reported that Henry, who at 96 may be our oldest emeritus, still drives, even at night; still is a master level bridge player and the oldest of such in Albuquerque; and still reads two newspapers a day.
Herb, we thank you for sharing news of your visit with Henry who was a remarkable Distinguished Professor at Brockport. We are especially pleased to hear that Henry remains so remarkable and distinguished at 96. Henry is a member of this distribution list so we send him our very best wishes as he continues to amaze those he encounters along his life’s journey.

Personal blogs are becoming popular with our emeriti and I am pleased to advise you that Bill Stewart now has a blog where those of us who are interested can both view some of his work and keep track of his activities. Bill’s blog allows people to easily contact him and he would appreciate any feedback we can provide. His blog can be found at http://stewartsculpture.wordpress.com.

Bill continues to be very busy and productive in retirement. He and Bonnie recently returned from Tempe, Arizona where he delivered two of his large figurative sculptures to the Arizona State University Art Museum where they will become part of its permanent collection. The museum contains the largest collection of modern and contemporary ceramics in the US, focusing on work produced from the late 1950s to the present. Other great news is that Bill recently was awarded the Outstanding Alumni Award from the Graduate School of the College of Fine Arts of Ohio University in Athens, Ohio.

The Indigo Gallery, 74 Allen Street, Buffalo, New York, currently represents Bill. Approximately a year and a half ago he had a show at the gallery and Nancy Weekly, curator at the Burchfield-Penney Art Center in Buffalo, wrote a wonderful review that I found particularly helpful in understanding some of Bill’s work. Although you can find this review on his blog, I share it for your convenience as follows:

“In cultures all over the globe, people respect shamans as healers and intermediaries who can provide spiritual guidance. The shaman connects with the natural world, often evoking the spiritual essence of the landscape, as well as living creatures and humans. He or she might facilitate a “journey” or out-of-body, remove negative energy through incantations, or conjure up animal spirits as human protectors. Each individual receives a unique resolution for the initial problem during the shaman’s communication mediation.

Through the ceramic sculpture of Bill Stewart, we can see the mystical powers of shamans are as complex and unfathomable as they are diverse. His nationally acclaimed work is simultaneously humorous and intriguing, while also being mystifying and daunting. Over the course of his career, Stewart has created playful, expressionistic clay figures that frequently have both human and animal characteristics. Cyclically, they have been monochromatic, then wildly colorful. Either way, they are always texturally intricate and patterned on two and three-dimensional planes.

The scale of Stewart’s Shaman series has its roots in the Council, a commissioned installation for the Greater Rochester International Airport completed in 1991. It is comprised of a bird and five masked or animal-headed figures that stand as tall as 10 feet high in a granite pool of water. They are covered in a matte black with some white detailing. To emphasize the connection between humans and animals as articulated in Native American
beliefs, Stewart had excerpts from an Inuit hunting song and Chief Seattle’s treaty oration to Congress in 1554 engraved in the pool’s base.

Stewart’s first Shaman, now in the collection of the Burchfield Penney Art Center at Buffalo State College, incorporates motifs from Native American, African and Egyptian art, blended with contemporary pop culture. The Shaman series Stewart recently developed and exhibited at the Indigo Gallery in Buffalo, New York, evokes an amusing, benevolent, yet surreal fantasy world as characters derived from artifacts, the circus, toys, comics, costumes, ancient art and internationally diverse religious iconography, including Catholicism and scarification rituals.

The new Shamans and other figures (2009-2010) stand up to 80 inches tall, displayed on stands like giant dolls or votives so that their feet float a few inches above each base. Most wear long skirts covered with relief patterns; such as skulls on a witch, whose wizened, warty, bearded old man’s head supports a Christian bishop’s mitre embellished with more skulls. Chief Seattle, with hands raised in gestures of benevolence, is countered by Cowboy, with his handgun raised skyward. Many of the other figures are masked, their identities obscured—especially The Sorcerer, whose visage is even more disguised by an assortment of dolls and animals than the hidden portraits painted by 16th century Italian master, Giuseppe Arcimboldo.

Each Stewart sculpture invites interpretation of its myriad components. What meaning is implied in the juxtaposition of parts? In addition, Stewart also references the rich history of international ceramics, such as Pre-Columbian black terra cotta vessels and figurally ornamented African earthenware ritual vessels and lidded pots. From more recent history, one can discern characters reminiscent of the Beatles’ Yellow Submarine and Walt Disney animations, as well as ubiquitous rubber ducky. Colorful embellishments and textural patterns summon the exoticism of West African masquerades in which priests and priestesses are transformed into surreal beings that merge plant, animal and human realms.”

Bill, we thank you for sharing the location of your blog and for including this informative tribute to your work. We send you our congratulations on the placement of pieces of your work at Arizona State University and on the distinguished award from Ohio University. Best wishes for continued success.

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The bad news:

The bad/sad news is the passing of James Stull, someone who is not an emeritus but is known to many of you, and whose wife Neala is currently employed in the Admissions Office at the College. I include this information for the many of you who are not currently in the Brockport area who will have memories of the days before Chase Pitkin, WalMart and Lowes when a major social event in Brockport was a visit to Stull Lumber on a Saturday morning before beginning a project around the home and who will also remember the friendly, helpful support of Betty, Jim and Bill.
I had not seen Jim for some time but I encountered him at Wegman’s two to three weeks ago and we had a very nice chat. As many of you know Jim had had some serious medical problems for several years but had been lucky enough to slip out of the grasp of the grim reaper a couple of times. To me Jim looked the best he had in some time and I told him so. He said he was doing reasonably well and able to get out and about some. We talked about grandkids for a while and that allowed us to end our conversation on a high note. I was therefore quite shocked to learn of his sudden passing.

Jim served as mayor of Brockport for 20 years during which he was very much involved when the College hosted the International Special Olympics. I also remember his involvement with the inauguration of President John E. Van de Wetering at which he welcomed John and Maxine to the Brockport community. Jim was a model citizen and a model public servant who earned the respect of all who knew him and they will all miss his presence in this world.

Here are excerpts from his obituary from the January 19, 2013 Democrat and Chronicle:

March 27, 1946-January 17, 2013. James H. Stull is now at peace with the Lord, leaving his beloved family and the Village of Brockport that he loved. Born in the old hospital on Main Street before Lakeside Hospital was built Jim lived in the village all his life except for the time away at Keystone College in Pennsylvania and Park College in Missouri. He served faithfully as Mayor of the Village of Brockport for 20 years, which included the year that Brockport hosted the Special Olympics in 1979. He felt it was an honor and a privilege and was proud of his many accomplishments. He was involved in the family Stull Lumber business on Park Avenue that his grandfather W.E.B. Stull started in 1937 since his adolescence. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather who loved spending time with his family. He was a member of the Brockport Conservation Club and enjoyed target shooting in his spare time, with his friends. Jim was predeceased by his father, Eugene Stull; his mother, Betty Stull Streets; his stepfather Kendrick Streets; and his father-in-law, Neal R. Guntrum. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 44 years Neala, daughters Susan (Thomas) Ferris and Michelle (Paul) Kemblowski, his grandchildren Bethany Falsion, Julian Ferris, Olivia Ferris, Maria Ferris, Anthony Ferris, Henry Kemblowski, Maxine Kemblowski, brothers William Stull, Jeffrey Stull (Vivian), mother in law Ellen Louise Guntrum, sister in law Myra; nieces and nephew. Jim was a friend to everyone that knew him and will be missed by his family, friends and the community.

We send our condolences to Neala and the rest of Jim’s family.

And, as I was completing this Update, in came more bad news as follows from John Keenahan, a former General Mechanic at the College.

“Bud:  
I doubt you remember me. I was a General Mechanic at Brockport hired for the Special Olympics, laid off and rehired when George Webster became Maintenance Supervisor 3 at Monroe Development Center 4/80. In March 92 I was laid off with the other GM's and ended up at MDC with George as my boss.
He retired about 1998 and I retired on my 62nd in 2004 as an MS14 in charge of Monroe County group homes (33 of them).

I am writing to you because a mutual friend copied me into your bio of Frank Hillman that amazed me. Thank you for your work.

Sonny Pratt died Friday at 80. He kept that 900-ton AC unit in Admin/Lib running for an awfully long time. I hear it was replaced last year. Sonny was a submariner during the Korean War--apparently a good one. The family is keeping it quiet but there is an obit on Medina Journal Register .com that might interest you.”

I thank John for bringing the passing of Sonny Pratt to my attention. Sonny was a good employee of the Facilities Department who monitored buildings to make sure equipment was running correctly and made repairs when necessary. He seemed to always have a grin on his face, was always good-natured, and he and his good work were appreciated by his supervisors. Following is his obituary from the Medina Journal Register.

“Harold "Sonny" Pratt, age 80, died January 24, 2013, peacefully at his home, with his loving wife by his side. He was born February 18, 1932, in Holley, a son of the late Milo and Myrtie (Kelly) Pratt and had lived in this area all of his life. Sonny had served in the US Navy during the Korean Conflict and after had served in the Navy Reserves, where he retired after 20 years. He was a member of St. Mary's Church, Holley American Legion Jewell Buckman Post #529, Navy Club of Holley and Brockport, and was a life member of the Holley VFW Post #202. Sonny had retired from S.U.N.Y. Brockport and he enjoyed tinkering in his barn. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother and his sisters. He is survived by his wife, Susie, of 57 years; his daughters, Deborah P. (Eugene) Wood of Brockport, Judith P. Chilson of Brockport, Barbara (Robert Defendorf) Morlino of Kendall; grandchildren, Zachary Wood, Katelyn (Neil) Foose, Joseph (Stacey Richenberg) Morlino, Alissa (James) Dale, Suzanne (Tim Adams) Chilson; great-granddaughter, Natalie Amelia Foose and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at the Christopher Mitchell Funeral Homes, Inc., 16650 W. Albion Rd. (RTE. 31), Holley, Monday 4-8 PM. His Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday, at 11:00 AM at St. Mary's Church followed by full military honors. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery in the spring. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the U.S. Naval Park, 1 Naval Park Cove, Buffalo, NY 14202.”

We send our condolences to Sonny’s family.

Carpe diem,

Bud

PS. I again apologize that the software I use for the distribution of Update eliminates most punctuation and other formatting.
February 12, 2013

Greetings,

Many of you have let me know that you appreciate hearing about the travels of members of this distribution list. I enjoy such reports myself and I am sometimes in awe of both the adventurous and service emphasis of some of your travels. In this “Update” I begin by sharing the combined vacation and service travel adventure recently enjoyed by David and Peggy Hale. Following is their story and I’ll let David’s words speak for themselves.

Three weeks in Paradise

We’re recently back from three weeks on St. Lucia. The first two were with Global Volunteers; our team of fifteen engaged in a variety of projects in the small fishing village of Anse-la-Raye (Stingray Cove). Peggy and another woman worked with self-watering boxes for growing vegetables. I and another, tutored remedial students at the Primary School, grades 3-6. I mostly worked on reading and math. It's been a while since I subtracted fractions (7 ¼ – 3 ½), but it came back. The school has 150 students, seven teachers, a principal, and four support staff including two cooks. A Peace Corps volunteer from Ohio taught computer literacy and did other things. Only the acting principal has a bachelor's degree; the rest have associate's degrees. The students wore school uniforms—white blouses and navy jumpers for the girls, blue shirts and black trousers for the boys. Everyone wore black shoes. There were also PE uniforms—tee shirts and colored shorts. The students were very polite, “Sir” and “Miss” being the standard terms for addressing adults. The home language of the students is Creole, a French patois. The school uses only English, but when the students talked to each other I had no idea what they were saying.

Since I was working with small groups of students, I saw little of the general curriculum but observed many activities I would not have seen in Brockport. Each day began with an assembly, the students standing outside their classrooms. Although the school is now operated by the Ministry of Education, the opening prayers were in the Catholic tradition. Each week students were given words to the “Hymn for the Week,” which was sung to recorded accompaniment. The first week it was “Power of a Dream” by Celeste Dion. The second was “Little Black Boy,” a thumping song from Trinidad with a chorus about the value of education and three verses about boys who neglect school and come to bad ends. There were two ceremonies during my weeks. In the first 37 laptop computers were donated to the school by the European Union. The first step is for the faculty to figure out how to use them in teaching. I was told that the senior teacher/curmudgeon had no interest in computers. The second was for student awards from the first term, everything from “Best Speller” to “Most Disciplined.” The school choir, about 25 students, mostly girls, sang at both. The choir also participated in a national competition in Castries, the capital. The defending champions came second this year.

There were also two road races. The students were divided into two groups. The first was 1 km on a side road. Many ran on pavement in bare feet. The second was 2.5 km, on the main road with police escort. I heard that students from other schools and local residents turned out to cheer. The top five boys and girls in each age group qualified for a regional competition, part of the run-up to St. Lucia's hosting the Commonwealth Youth Games in 2017.
For the third week Peggy and I stayed on as tourists, driving our rental car on the left side of the road to explore mountains, gardens, beaches, and villages on the island.

[David, thanks for sharing this and for the volunteer services you and Peggy provided that reflect your good characters and reap good will benefits for the organization you served and your country as well.]

Sad news to report is the passing of Donald Gerald Clifford a former employee of the College. Donald is unknown to me so I assume he worked prior to 1967 and will likewise be unknown to most of you. But, his obituary, below, was shared with me and I thought I should include it in case anyone remembers him.

Donald Gerald Clifford, 82, formerly of William St., Auburn, died Monday, February 4, 2013.

A funeral Mass will be Friday at 11 a.m. at St. Alphonsus Church, E. Genesee St., Auburn. Burial: St. Joseph's Cemetery, Auburn.

Don was born in Auburn Sept. 5, 1930, son of George and Gertrude Clifford. He was a graduate of Le Moyne College, degree in History. His masters from Syracuse Univ. PHD candidate at U of Buffalo. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1952 to 1960. He was Asst. Dean at Brockport State. He taught history at Union Springs Central 1961-63, where he coached first ever undefeated football team. He was a great Syracuse Orange fan. He was a prime mover for the Ernie Davis leukemia fund in 1960 at Syracuse Univ. He was a member of the American Legion of Auburn, N.Y.S. Teachers Assoc., Cayuga County Coaches Assoc. He did recruiting for the Leukemia Fund and was cited in NYC and Rochester.

Survived by close friends, William Huther and Emmanuel Ferrara, and other friends. Arrangements by Schulz-Pusateri Funeral Home, Newark.

[I have confirmed that at least a couple of you will remember Donald Gerald Clifford who worked as an Assistant Dean in Student Affairs from August 23, 1962 until August 30, 1965. One person thinks he worked in the Residence Halls on Kenyon Street. He likely worked for Mike Woodhouse, the Director of Housing around that time and likely the late Oliver Spaulding was Dean of Students, the late Charles Welch was Dean of Men, and the late Peg Bergen was Dean of Women.]

The next two news items are from The Daily Eagle that is published every Monday through Friday when classes are in session. Those of you who still maintain an email account at the College automatically get an email copy of the Daily Eagle every day that it is published. The rest of you can access the Daily Eagle by going to the College’s website at http://www.brockport.edu and clicking Quick Links in the upper right hand corner. You will then see Daily Eagle in the list that appears. Click on it and you will have access both to that day’s news and to some archived copy as well. I encourage you to visit the Daily Eagle frequently if you are interested in keeping abreast of what is going on at the College. It is my
understanding that emeriti are invited to listen in on the web event from the SERC and they are also eligible to participate in the RARES program. If you choose to go to the Raye H. Conrad Welcome Center you should have your college ID with you if you are not otherwise known as an emeritus by the staff there.

ONE:

**Join President Halstead and the SERC Staff for a Live Broadcast**

Wednesday, February 13, 2013, 3–3:20 pm ET, the College will broadcast a live Web event from the Special Events Recreation Center.

Dr. Halstead will welcome guests Scott Haines, director of campus recreation, and Betsy Ernst, coordinator of fitness and wellness, along with other special guests. Hear how the SERC is raising the level of health and wellness for the entire College community, and hear one woman's inspirational success story.

Representatives from the SERC, Alumni Relations and Advancement will be on hand to answer your questions about joining the SERC, upcoming alumni events and more. When you register, your name will be entered into a drawing to win a Nook HD. (Sorry, emeriti, faculty and staff of the College are not eligible to win.)

To register for the event, go to [www.hersongroup.com/event/register?eventID=67](http://www.hersongroup.com/event/register?eventID=67). The password for the event is SERC (all caps).

Log on and be part of the conversation!

**Contact:** Darby Knox, x5160

TWO:

Emeriti are eligible for discounts offered through RARES (**Regional Area Recreation and Employee Services Association**). If interested you can obtain your 2013 RARES ID card by visiting the Raye H. Conrad Welcome Center on campus.

There are over 400 different discounts, savings opportunities, and added benefits available to you as a RARES member. Some are local to upstate New York area while others are available nationwide. You can save when you go to the theatre, visit selected museums, attend almost any movie theater nationwide, or rent a car. There are over 60 amusement parks that offer you savings opportunities, including Darien Lake where discounts are available by showing your card at the time of purchase. In addition, discounts are available at over four dozen ski resorts, hotels, online shopping opportunities such as Target.com and the list grows every month.

Please visit [http://www.rares.org/](http://www.rares.org/) to understand just how many opportunities to save are available. Once you obtain your RARES ID card you will also be able sign on as a member and see more opportunities from the secure portion of the website.
Now getting back to the subject of travel with which I began this “Update”, I have a message from world traveler Jim Horn who I believe is in Acapulco as I write. He wrote:

“If you tell people you are thinking of going to Mexico you will not believe the look of horror on their faces. The Acapulco incident this [past] week won't help. But I am going there Sunday without fear. The women rented a bungalow on an unprotected beach outside the secure zone, and may have bought drugs from their assailants.”

I think Jim’s message is that you must be smart and not do dumb things no matter where you travel or even when you are just in your own backyard. As further evidence, those interested can check out an article in Huffington Post entitled, “Are Tourists Safer in Mexico Or America?” that was referenced by Jim at:

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/lonely-planet/are-tourists-safe-in-mexico_b_1503288.html

A roving reporter for “Update” who chooses to be anonymous has shared that:

Charles and Jeanne Clevenger recently visited Andy and Sue Virgilio in Florida. We are always pleased to hear about the continuing friendships among former faculty and staff of the College and send all of them our best regards.

Wally Elton, son of Richard “Dick” Elton (1947-1972), was a close friend of Billy Stull and the late Jim Stull whose death was recently reported in “Update”. Billy, Jim and Wally were Campus School students in their early years. Sadly, Wally reported that Dick Elton, possibly our emeritus with the greatest age seniority, had a fall a few weeks ago. Dick, as Director of Continuing Education and Lynn Johnston, his associate, were neighbors around the corner in the northwest wing of Hartwell Hall when Human Resources resided in Hartwell in the early 1970s. He, along with neighbors Al Brown, Armand Burke, Mildred Kiefer, Ray Conrad, Harold Rakov, Ralph Gennarino, Neil Pfouts, Gordon Allen, Jack Crandall, Maury Kleiman, Donald Nelson-Nasca and Bob Potter, among other Hartwell neighbors, set a high bar as public servants in terms of dedication and commitment to SUNY’s stated goal at the time to provide the opportunity for students to become all that they could be. Dick is a member of this distribution list, so Dick, be assured that you are in our thoughts and we wish you a speedy recovery from your injuries.

Carpe diem,

Bud

February 16, 2013

Greetings,

Sad news from two fronts prompts me to distribute another Update this month. My email today brought the sad news from Helen and John Maier that Ann Rock, wife of the late Bill Rock, died
on Tuesday after just having moved to assisted living at Unity on Long Pond Road. Along with Helen, Ann was a member of a Wednesday afternoon duplicate bridge club. She will be forever remembered by its members and with all whom she served or knew in the Brockport community. I learned of the second passing when I visited the obituary section of the Rochester D&C to obtain Ann’s obituary and the first name on the list today was another member of the Brockport College community, Donald B. Borbee, a most endearing former member of the Business-Economics Department.

Along with news of the passing of Ann Rock, I was also deeply saddened to see Donald Borbee’s obituary. Don was always a welcome visitor in the Human Resource Office at The College at Brockport and he brightened the day for the whole staff every time he visited. Donald was well along in years when I met him but he was one of the most energetic people I had ever met and his passions for teaching and life were infectious. It was sad to learn that this inspirational man is no longer amongst us. We send our condolences to his proud family and friends as they mourn and celebrate! Following is his obituary from the D&C:

Dr. Donald B. Borbee

Rochester: Passed away peacefully on February 14, 2013. Dr. Borbee was predeceased in June of 2012 by his wife of 65 years Kathleen R. Borbee. Both had been residents of Rochester, NY for the last 22 years. He is survived by his ten children and his nineteen grandchildren.

Dr. Borbee was a WWII Veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, 8th Air Force, 452nd Bomb Group, 731st Squadron from 1942 - 1945.

Friends may call on Sunday, February 17, 2013 from 2-4 pm at the funeral chapel (2305 Monroe Ave, Rochester). A Mass of Christian Burial followed by a continental breakfast will held on Monday, February 18, 2013 at 9:30 am at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 601 Edgewood Avenue, Rochester. In lieu of flowers, Dr. Borbee has requested that you honor his memory by supporting his passion for higher education through your contribution to the (St. John Fisher College) Fisher Fund, the (SUNY) Brockport Foundation, or the (Monroe Community College) MCC Foundation. To share a memory of Dr. Borbee or send a condolence to the family visit www.anthonychapels.com.

Ann Rock

Ann Rock, along with Bill, was a great supporter of the College through participation as well as contributions including the creation of scholarships. I first met Ann at one of the annual end of fall semester/holiday house party gatherings that she and Bill hosted at their home for many years. They were memorable events at which college and town people had a chance to share experiences and enjoy good community. Ann was always the gracious hostess and simply opened their home to everyone and that led to some very fun things like an impromptu tickling of the piano ivories by talented emeritus Jack Glickman and sometimes an impromptu sing-along with participants who demonstrated a very wide range of musical talent. Ann was a remarkable
woman and a great friend of The College at Brockport and will be missed. We send our condolences to her family and friends.

I regret that I cannot include Ann’s obituary because it was not in the D&C today. I will send it out by itself in another quick Update tomorrow if it appears.

Here is better news. The new ELS/Rochester Language Center at The College at Brockport will open on March 25, 2013. If you reside in the Brockport area and would like to enrich your life and contribute to the success of an international student by providing housing, Gail Thiel, Homestay Provider Coordinator for the new ELS program at The College at Brockport has a great invitation for you and would love to hear from you if you are interested. Here is her invitation:

“Have a spare bedroom? Want to be a part of the newest program addition to the College? Why not consider hosting an international student. Please contact Gail at gailthiel@ymail.com. For more information about this program go to: http://www.els.edu/en/News/Detail?newsid=23669 and to http://www.els.edu/en

Carpe diem,

Bud

February 17, 2013

Greetings,

As promised, here is Ann Rock’s obituary from the D&C. I have added a couple of other items not anticipated when I wrote yesterday.

Rock, Annette

(Ann) L.


Ann was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. In her early years, her career included working tirelessly as an RN at Rochester General Hospital and as a school nurse at Fairbanks Road Elementary School. She and her husband enjoyed traveling, summers in the Thousand Islands with family, and participation in several bridge groups.
A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2013 at 1:00 pm at Springdale Farm, 700 Colby Road, Spencerport, NY. In lieu of flowers, please send contributions in her name to the Annette Lamphier Rock Nursing Scholarship by mailing a check identifying that scholarship to the Brockport Foundation, 350 New Campus Drive, The College at Brockport, Brockport, NY 14420.[Rochester D&C, Sunday, February 17, 2013]

Sadie, today’s D&C includes the obituary of another former College employee, Louis W. Mehserle. To my recollection Louis did not retire, but because of his service as Assistant Supervisor of Grounds in the Facilities Department for several years he is likely known to many of you. If not, I suspect that some of you might have met him, as I did, many years ago when he seemed to be a fixture on a counter at Lista’s Restaurant where I believe his late wife worked as a waitress. More recently, Louis could be found early in the morning at the back table of Two Brothers. While not a retiree, I share his obituary as follows on the assumption that many of you either knew him, or knew of him:

Mehserle, Louis W.

Clarkson: On Tuesday February 12, 2013 at the age of 75. Predeceased by his wife of 49 years Carol A. Brundage Mehserle, his parents Helen and William Swick, siblings Bernice Hayes, C. Louise McConachie and Douglas Mehserle; brother-in-law John McConachie; and sister-in-law Chun Mehserle. Surviving are children and spouses Tracy and Ernie Ross, and Michael Mehserle, all of Brockport; Greg and Patti Mehserle, and Vicki and Jon Remington, all of NV; grandchildren Jamie Chapman and husband Brady, of MD, James Mehserle and girlfriend Heather Brock, of NY, and Kelly Mehserle, Jessica Mehserle, Phillip Remington and girlfriend Dobrei Hintze, and Rachael Remington and fiance Shane Coleman, all of NV; great-grandchildren Isabel, Derek, Emma, Amilia and Preston; siblings and spouses Shirley and Karl Burlingame, of FL, Bernard Mehserle Sr., of MA, Robert Mehserle, of Hamlin, Beatrice and Robert Farrier, of GA, and Dwight Mehserle, of Brockport; sister-in-law Carmela Mehserle, of NY; many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Friends may call Monday February 18, from 4-7 pm at the Fowler Funeral Home Inc. 340 West Ave, Brockport where his funeral service will be held Tuesday at 10 am. Spring Interment, Lakeview Cemetery. Those wishing may contribute to the Brockport Firemans Exempts. Please visit www.fowlerfuneralhomeinc.com to light a candle in Louis’ memory.[Rochester D&C, Sunday, February 17, 2013]

We send our condolences to the family and friends of Louis W. Mehserle.

I am pleased to share with you that artist Jack Wolisky, emeritus professor and friend to all, is being featured at the Mercer Gallery, Monroe Community College, 1000 East Henrietta Road, Rochester, New York 14623, (585) 292-2012, where his works will be on display from February 27 through March 29. Special events during the showing of his work will be an opening reception at the gallery from 7:00 to 9:00 pm on Wednesday, February 27th and then a Gallery Talk at noon on Wednesday, March 6th.
The announcements of the events, which I share below, contain a couple of statements from Jack that help us understand both the artist and his current work:

First statement [Jack Wolsky]:
[In] My latest series of paintings, I am attempting to create through the media and style in which I express myself best, encaustic abstract paintings, my own auto/visual biographical statement.”

Second statement [Jack Wolsky]:
My latest paintings are titled:  Ain-Yesh, meaning in Judaism, Being and Nothingness.  As in mystical Judaism, “nothingness” is considered sacred in Zen Buddhism. In both cases “nothingness” is not a negation of something, but rather an open vibrating space—not in opposition to the form that fills it, but rather is the form itself. As such, this space of “nothingness” inherently possesses evocative powers. I see it as a fertile opportunity for creative expression, in the spirit of Zen and Jewish esoteric traditions and occult lore, the conduit for the making of “visual prayers”. “Nothingness”, in this way of thinking is “sacred space”. My Ain-Yesh paintings are my attempt to objectify, through the media of encaustics, paintings that evoke in the viewer higher states of consciousness, statement worthy of meditation and transcendent timelessness.

I presently have chosen open space and gesture over past Cubistic elements of form and structure.  T. S. Eliot wrote in his last major poem:
We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.
    Four Quartets
This is the aesthetic state I feel I am presently in.  I am continually enjoying the journey.

I am sure Jack would be very pleased to have friends and associates from the Brockport College Community help him continue his journey by attending the special events cited above and/or by viewing his work while it resides in the Mercer Gallery.

Carpe diem,

Bud

February 18, 2013

Greetings,

I am sorry to clutter your email inboxes again so soon but in housekeeping my email files today I found a story I had intended to send along but somehow overlooked in the preparation of the last couple of Updates.  I received the information on January 31st so it is a little dated but I think the content may still be of interest.
On January 31st Dick Evans sent me a link to two AP articles about the cleanup after Super Storm Sandy, which as we know, continues to this day. The human-interest story for us is that on January 31st, Dick’s wife Donna Ray Evans returned from a two-week assignment as a Red Cross Volunteer in New York City where she worked in the agency’s call center in Manhattan. As we might expect, with many without heat, water, electricity, or adequate housing, Donna was on the receiving end of a lot of calls from stressed out people affected by the storm. It is interesting to note that Donna Ray had only recently signed up to become a Red Cross Volunteer and shortly after she had completed her Red Cross disaster relief training she was given the two-week assignment on two-day’s notice. Donna Ray already had some first-hand knowledge of what she was getting into, because their daughter Renee’s family, had been impacted by the loss of a garage, by Hurricane Irene, but I am sure she learned a lot more about disasters through this experience.

I know we have many volunteers amongst our emeriti and their families and I know I have talked to several people who indicated an interest in the Red Cross Disaster Relief Program. If interested, contact the Red Cross to learn more about where you might fit in. I suspect Donna Ray might also be willing to provide some insights before you commit.

We are always happy to hear about the volunteer activities of emeriti and their families and to recognize their contributions. Thanks to Dick Evans for sharing and special thanks to Donna Ray for her volunteer services.

In my inbox, I also found nice notes from Jeanette D’Agostino Banker, Judy DesFosses, Jack Wolsky, and Kathryn Wood. It is always nice to have feedback. And that prompts a request. If anyone can provide feedback with current email addresses (something other than what I have below) for the people listed below whose address in my address book is no longer valid, please email me at rmeade1@rochester.rr.com

Walter Boston wbostonjr@rochester.rr.com
Rebecca Caldwell rcaldwel@brockport.edu
Shirley Carmichael scarmichael@beyondcommunications.net
Randy Moredock rmoredoc@brockport.edu
Darwin Palmiere dpalmie1@rochester.rr.com
Ralph Pascale ralphpascale@frontiernet.net

Thanks for all responses.

Carpe diem,

Bud

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February 24, 2013

Greetings,
There is some bad news and some better news to report today. The bad news for those who are not already aware of it is that Tom Nugent, everybody’s teddy bear, was diagnosed with a mass on his brain last week, had surgery to remove a malignant tumor at a trauma center in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on Wednesday and remains in the ICU as of this morning. The better news is that his surgeon says that he could remove everything he could see and that Tom’s recovery is going according to expectations. Tom will likely be moved out of ICU after the weekend when the hospital is again fully staffed. It is also likely that he will be out of the hospital by next weekend if there are no complications. Tom will be facing subsequent treatment but the extent is dependent on the results of tests.

For now, keep Tom, Pat and their families in your thoughts and prayers and, to cheer Tom and Pat up, send them notes and/or cards. Pat has advised that:

Electronic communication has huge pluses, but it doesn't work in the hospital for Tom right now. I do tell him who messages and emails, but I have noticed that he likes reading and rereading the paper cards he has received. If you'd like to send him snail mail, their address is:

Water Pointe 1, Unit 803
4619 S. Ocean Blvd
North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582

Be assured, Tom and Pat, our thoughts and prayers are with both of you during this difficult period.

Peace,

Bud

March 2, 2013

Greetings,

I have sad news to report today. A couple of days ago Del and Jeannette Smith shared with me information about the passing of Sister Jean Hitzeman. Although Sister Jean had prepared her many friends and associates for this news several weeks ago in an email about her afflictions (Parkinson’s Disease and Cancer), we still experience an element of shock at the news of the end of her life. All whom worked with or were served by Sister Jean loved her and her life was a wonderful example for others to follow. Following is her obituary from the Adrian Dominican Sister's website.

Sister Jean Hitzeman, formerly known as Sister Jean Walter Hitzeman, died on Feb. 25, 2013, at the Dominican Life Center in Adrian, Mich. She was 86 years of age and in the 69th year of her religious profession in the Adrian Dominican Congregation.

Sister Jean was born in Chicago, Ill., to Walter and Alice (Brockob) Hitzeman. She graduated from Aquinas High School in Chicago, Ill., and received a Bachelor of Science degree in biology
from Barry College (University) in Miami, Fla., a Master of Science degree in biology from DePaul University in Chicago Ill., and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in zoology from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Sister ministered in education for 46 years in West Palm Beach and Pensacola, Fla.; Royal Oak, Dearborn, Detroit and Adrian, Mich.; Charlotte, N.C.; Johnson, Vt.; Brockport, N.Y., and Pullman, Wash. Sister was professor and chair of the Biology Department for eight years at Siena Heights College (University) in Adrian, Mich., which is a Congregation institution. She was also professor and chair of the Biology Department for three years at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, N.C., for two years at Johnson State College in Johnson, Vt., and Professor for 17 years at State University of New York in Brockport, N.Y. She was secretary for the Chapter planning committee for two years and Director of studies for two years for the Adrian Dominican Sisters. Sister became a resident of the Dominican Life Center in Adrian, Mich., in 2006.

Sister Jean is survived by loving nieces and nephews.

Visitation is [was] from 6:15 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2013, in the Rose Room at the Dominican Life Center, followed by Vigil Prayer in the St. Catherine Chapel.

The Funeral Liturgy will be [was] offered in St. Catherine Chapel at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, 2013. Burial will be [was] in the Congregation cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to Adrian Dominican Sisters. 1257 E. Siena Heights Drive, Adrian, MI, 49221. Funeral arrangements are being [were] handled by Anderson Funeral Home, Adrian.

Several emeriti families and friends of emeriti are involved with “Stone Soup”, the Art & Aesthetics component of “Walk, Bike Brockport”. According to Helen Smagorinsky, Stone Soup is having its last hurrah. The members are raising funds for a mural showing the building of the canal in Brockport. An auction will be held on May 3, 2013 at the high school. Along with others, emeriti are invited to donate art and antiques to assist in this community-wide endeavor. So, if you want to support this activity please take an inventory of your attic, basement and/or closets and take advantage of the opportunity to do some house cleaning for a good cause. If you have items to donate here is the contact information:

Mail or email to:
Helen Smagorinsky
11 Keystone Ct., Brockport, NY 14420
hfsmag@yahoo.com

Donations may be delivered to:
Alicia Fink
34 Lancet Way, Brockport, NY
on April 26, 2013.
Pick up of items may be arranged.
Since 2004 this group has accomplished the following projects:

- Sitting Pretty, over 40 plus Victorian benches installed throughout the Village of Brockport, NY
- A Victorian Village on the Erie Canal painting by Helen Smagorinsky
- Howdee, a sculpture by Bill Stewart next to the Welcome Center
- Les Racines et les Raisons, sculpture by Jennifer Hecker in Remembrance Park
- Phoebe, a life-sized statue of an Erie Canal mule at the Welcome Center
- Art Walk brochure and CD, a walking and biking guide

Herb Fink has shared information about a tribute paid to the late Bill Rock at a recent UUP Delegate Assembly meeting. Herb had authored a proclamation that was read and invoked a long, standing ovation to the memory of Bill as a great unionist. According to Herb, a plaque of the proclamation will be presented to Bill’s daughter.

One of the contributions cited in the proclamation relates to the Personnel Administration course that Bill taught for many years. The proclamation states that the course included coverage of collective bargaining and that through that course Bill mentored hundreds of NYSUT leaders who negotiated their school district contracts. That is true, but as an individual who took the course in 1968-69 and who served most of his career as management/confidential (on the other side of the negotiating table), I need to point out that, similarly, there were many who took Bill’s course who became public school administrators and negotiated collective negotiating agreements from a different perspective. Also, just for the fun of it, George W. Taylor, Harnwell Professor of Industry at the University of Pennsylvania, who chaired the Taylor Law Committee, and after whom New York State’s Public Employees' Fair Employment Act was named, emphatically and successfully argued for the use of the term “collective negotiations” rather than “collective bargaining” in an effort to distinguish, even if in name only, the public employment negotiating process from the private sector “bargaining” that many found objectionable for public employees. Over the years his wishes in this regard have pretty much become moot through the general acceptance of the “collective bargaining” term.

That said, in the spirit of the Taylor Law policy to support harmonious and cooperative relationships between the State and its employees, this former management/confidential employee has chosen to share the accolades heaped upon a union leader in this forum. In doing so I again point out that I always enjoyed it that when Bill Rock agreed with something I did he made a point of telling people that I had taken his course, and, when he disagreed there was no mention that I had taken his course as instead he blamed one or more of my other mentors. More seriously, the UUP’s tribute to Bill Rock is very much deserved and although we sometimes disagreed, I enjoyed working with him and his contributions were indeed significant. Here is the tribute:

Whereas, Dr. William Rock was a linchpin in the founding of UUP; and

Whereas, Bill was a powerful contributor to unionism of our brethren in K-12 education; and
Whereas, Dr. Rock, largely unknown even to the current activists of UUP, was an administrator of national significance in improving educational opportunities to the less privileged youngsters of America; and

Whereas, Bill was born and grew up in the Thousand Islands, and spent as much leisure time as possible throughout his life in his beloved Thousand Islands; and

Whereas, Bill earned his bachelor’s in History and his master’s in School Administration at SUNY Albany, (thus a product of SUNY), and his Ed.D. from Columbia; and

Whereas, Bill significantly influenced the founding of UUP as a founding member of the Brockport Chapter and a member of UUP’s second ever Executive Board (1973); and

Whereas, Bill held Brockport Chapter Offices for many terms, and in retirement held leadership positions in UUP Active Retirees; and

Whereas, Bill’s impact on public school unionism was through a graduate Personnel Administration class covering collective bargaining where he mentored hundreds of NYSUT leaders who negotiated their school district contracts; and

Whereas, Bill often served as a consultant to K-12 unionists during their negotiations; and

Whereas, Bill’s human rights record was magnificent and superlative: he oversaw planning for the Rochester School District during the 60’s, Rochester City where he led efforts to desegregate the schools and to increase educational opportunities for children from low income families.; in 1968, three of his children were bused to inner city schools as part of the desegregation program; and

Whereas, during the 70’s, he continued his lifelong dedication to improving educational opportunities for under-served constituencies in three different Presidential administrations: he designed and implemented programs at the national level and wrote about the major issues of the time – desegregation of schools, migrant education, bilingual education, affirmative action for women and minorities, and improving education in school districts impacted heavily by military installations; and

Whereas, a highlight of his work was implementing the Emergency School Aid Act, the largest discretionary grant program in American Education, while serving as United States Deputy Associate Commissioner for Equal Educational Opportunity under Elliot Richardson; and

Whereas, Bill’s work in government literally made the day brighter, the academic year stronger, and the career path improving, for millions of Americans. Therefore, be it

Resolved, that UUP applauds Bill Rock’s myriad achievements and honors his vision, his principles and his memory.
The ELS Language Center at The College at Brockport is still looking for host families. Here again is contact information if anyone is interested:

ELS Language Centers at The College at Brockport is currently looking for families to host international students. We currently have three students who are interested in residing with a family while studying English with ELS. The students are from China, Japan, and Italy. There is a monthly stipend for any family who is interested in welcoming a student into their home. For further information about hosting an international student, please contact: Gail Thiel at gailthiel@ymail.com, or call her at (585) 705-7895.

contact: Gail Thiel at (585) 705-7895 or Wendy Fritz at X7502

In closing, keep Tom and Pat Nugent in your thoughts and prayers! Tom is recovering nicely from surgery, has been discharged from the hospital, and is now working on getting his strength back for his return home to begin treatment. While cards are welcome, privacy will be cherished as they address their needs related to the next chapter in their lives.

Peace,

Bud

March 12, 2013

Greetings,

I share just a quick note for a change. SUNY campuses have a competition to determine the favorite/best campus mascot. The College at Brockport had a bye in round one but now is in a faceoff with Morrisville. Some extra votes for Ellsworth, Brockport’s Golden Eagle mascot, would be greatly appreciated by Ellsworth and others. So, here is the link where you can vote.

http://blog.suny.edu/2013/03/suny-mascot-madness-round-2/

Scroll down to the competition section, click on Brockport Eagles and then click on vote.

You do not have to vote in each of the face offs. For example, in my secret ballot I voted only for Maritime (against my undergraduate college Geneseo because I sincerely believe Maritime has a better mascot) and for Brockport against Morrisville. I thought about casting a vote for what I think is the worst mascot to heighten the chance that they would end up in the final face off with Brockport but my conscience got the best of me.

BTW, Ellsworth is named after one of our own, the late emeritus Bob Boozer, who enjoyed Ellsworth as his middle name, if memory serves me.
I expect to have more to report later this week but for now, vote, you don’t even have to get out to do so!

Carpe diem,

Bud

March 15, 2013

Greetings,

I have sad news to share today about the deaths of two members of our emeriti club. One, Semie Lechebo, has been a member since 1993, and the other, Rick Woodson, joined in January 2013 and was to have been honored at the 2013 Recognition Dinner this spring. I did not know Rick Woodson but by all accounts, he was exceptional in every way and was much loved as a person and as a communications professional by everyone. You will find his obituary and a link to a tribute to him from the Rochester D&C yesterday following Semie Lechebo’s obituary.

I did know Semie Lechebo very well and counted him among my friends at the Rochester Educational Opportunity Center where he served as Assistant Director for Academic Affairs for the REOC with duties at the EOC that were like the duties of Provost on the campus. I enjoyed working with Semie and we had a lot of contact as he sought advice from the HR Office. He seldom came to the campus without stopping in and saying hello, even if he did not need something, and, in addition to his commitment at the REOC, he was committed to participating in activities on the campus as well. Semie was soft spoken and always looked and acted professional in every contact I ever had with him even in difficult times. At campus events, he would seek me out because he did not know a lot of Brockport campus people. I always enjoyed being in touch with him outside of the actual work environment. Semie and I continued to have contact after he left the College in 1993 but we lost touch while I was at SUNY Maritime College. I am sad to learn of his death. He was a dedicated educator who did a lot of good in this world. Following is his obituary from the Rochester D&C.

Dr. Semie Lechebo

Rochester: 1935-2013. Dr. Semie Lechebo passed on March 4, 2013 after a long illness at Strong Memorial Hospital. He was born and raised in Ethiopia. Predeceased by his Mother, Father and a Stepdaughter. Survived by daughter, Meskerem (Shawn) Hodges; stepdaughter, Shena Thomas; Grandchildren, Gabriel Hodges, Bria, Landon, and Blessing Thomas and extended family and friends.

Dr. Lechebo was an educator in the Rochester community since 1976 with a career at SUNY Brockport with many professional affiliations on boards and committees in the community and at the state level. He received his Bachelor and Master degrees from the University of Wisconsin, a Doctoral degree from SUNY Albany and an Education Diploma from Harvard University.
No calling hours. A memorial service will be held March 16, 2013 at 11am at Saint George Orthodox Church, One Saint George Place, Albany, NY 12202.

Acknowledgements can be sent to the attention of Meskerem Hodges at P.O. Box 356, Rensselaer, NY 12144.

To leave a special message for the family online, visit www.NewcomerAlbany.com

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Rick Woodson

Rochester: Born December 17, 1940. Rick died March 12, 2013 of pulmonary fibrosis, peacefully and surrounded by love. Predeceased by parents Lawrence Woodson and Sibyl Rollins, Rick is survived by wife of 17 years Elizabeth Teall, children Rick Jr. (Lisa) Woodson of Sachse, TX, Debra (Alan) Waldrop of Austin, TX, Michael Woodson of Louisville, KY and Tiffany (A.J.) Wheeler of Portland, OR, plus grandchildren Cassidy and Camryn Woodson, Duncan and Pierce Waldrop, Catherine Woodson and the Teall and Quinn families, as well as countless golf buddies, college and journalism colleagues, and hundreds of former students.

Sporting a permanent Southern accent from his years in Texas and Louisiana, Rick loved all things Cajun. He started his 50-year career in sports journalism at the Shreveport Journal in 1964, and later wrote for the daily papers in Longview, WA, Honolulu and the Rochester Times Union. Most recently, he wrote a weekly column for the Rochester Business Journal. He covered the Olympics, Super Bowls, championship boxing matches, many sometimes-frustrating seasons of the Buffalo Bills, and PGA and LPGA golf tournaments. However, the sporting event that meant the most to him was when he sat in the stands as a fan watching the Rochester Red Wings win the Governor’s Cup in 1997.

Rick considered golf to be the most honorable sport, and admired many of the legends he covered: Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Nancy Lopez and others. It is the sport he most loved to play, which he did with characteristic competitiveness and sense of humor, serving as one of the cofounders of the IGT (Insult Golf Tour). His summer 2012 trip to play St. Andrews in Scotland was the highlight of a lifetime enjoying golf.

Rick's varied career included hosting the statewide WXXI TV production New York Lawn and Garden, co-owning and managing The Golf Tee driving range in Webster, and hosting a weekly radio show 1370 Sports Connection on WXXI AM 1370 and until last week The Golf Tee Show on WHTK AM 1280. He spent the last 11 years as an adjunct professor at The College at Brockport.

As much as he loved journalism, Rick most valued the years he spent in college classrooms. A natural teacher and mentor, he influenced many lives and budding careers. A fund in his memory is being established at The College at Brockport. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The Brockport Foundation in Memory of Rick Woodson.
c/o The Brockport Foundation, 350 New Campus Drive, Brockport, NY 14420.

The family wishes to thank the team at Rochester General Hospital's MICU for their care and generosity of spirit.

The family also apologizes to Rick for all editing snafus in this piece. We did our best.

Friends may call Sunday, March 17, 1-5 p.m. at the funeral chapel, (2305 Monroe Ave.). A celebration of Rick's life will be held, fittingly, at the golf course he most admired: Oak Hill Country Club, 346 Kilbourn Rd. on Monday, March 18 at 10 a.m. To share a memory of Rick or to send a message of condolence to the family, visit www.anthonychapels.com.

Here is the link to the Rick Woodson tribute I referred to above.


If you haven’t yet voted for Ellsworth in the SUNY Favorite/Best Mascot competition, do so today. Round two of the contest ends at 11:00 pm tomorrow, Sunday, March 17th. If you have voted, check back in and see if you can vote again. I’ve seen reports from other campuses that suggest that you can vote more than once if you wait 24 hours or if you vote from a different computer. Here is the link to the site where you can vote: http://blog.suny.edu/2013/03/suny-mascot-madness-round-2/

It would be great if you would pass this link on to your friends and associates also can review the information about the mascots and vote on this page as well. Of course, it would be nice if they would choose to vote for Ellsworth.

Carpe diem,

Bud

March 20, 2013

Greetings,

Sadly, I must share the news that Ted M. Kraus, spouse of emerita Joanna Kraus, passed on March 14, 2013. Ted had been ill for some time so his quality of life had diminished since he and Joanna left Brockport. I was sorry for Joanna to hear this news because I had observed when they were in Brockport that Joanna and Ted were very close. I don’t recall ever seeing Joanna outside of work without Ted at her side. We mourn his loss with Joanna while joining her in celebrating his life. We hope that Joanna’s memories will sustain her as she adjusts to her life without him. Following is a memorial tribute to Ted written by Joanna:

--In Memoriam
Ted M. Kraus, 89, a resident of Rossmoor since 1995, died March 14, 2013 at home from complications of stroke and a congestive heart conditions.

He was born in New York, raised in Lynbrook, Long Island, attended Franklin Marshall College and New York University and received his M.A. from Columbia University.

For over 35 years he was a veteran drama critic reviewing more than 6000 New York City productions on and off Broadway. He was a Tony Award voter, a Drama Desk officer and editor and publisher of Critical Digest a NYC-London newsletter for drama editors and college drama departments world–wide, His three decades of part-time teaching included subjects as critical thinking, theatre and English at several institutions, among them Rochester Institute of Technology and Humboldt State University. He moved to Rossmoor with his wife and was the founder of the Rossmoor evening Great Books group, which he led from 1999 to the present. The group will continue to meet on Monday evenings with shared leadership.

A theatre lover he led successful London theatre tours and his passion for the theatre and for great literature inspired others to a far better understanding and appreciation for fine literature and serious drama.

He is survived by his wife, Joanna and his son Tim, Tim’s wife Masiel and three grandchildren: Tiffany, Matthew and Alexander. He will be greatly missed by his best friend wife, his devoted son, family members and friends.

A celebration of Life will be held Sunday, April 28th from 3-5PM in Rooms 1&2 at Creekside Clubhouse. Please call 939-3658 if you plan to attend.

[Joanna, know that your Brockport colleagues and friends have you in their thoughts and prayers now.]

Jim Horn continues to be active in retirement. He recently had an article published and recently returned from a very nice Caribbean cruise. You can find his report on his cruise on his blog at: https://jimhornnews.wordpress.com/2013/03/19/cruising-on-the-azamara-quest-west-indies-hideaways-mar-2-14-2013/

While on his blog take time to check his other links where you will find his article that was selected for publication along with other information about him and his activities. Or, if you just want to go directly to his article, here is where you’ll find it:

Tom and Pat Nugent are thankful for all the support received from former colleagues and friends and have authorized me to share this update:

-- We wanted to let you know that Tom's recovery from surgery is almost complete, and the planning for treatment is well underway, scheduled to begin next week. We like the medical team and feel confident that we're in very good hands. Based on everything we've been told, the side effects should be minimal, mainly fatigue, so we're glad to begin the treatment and get some good results!

We're also largely back to our low key retired life, just taking it a little more easy than usual, although some might think that's not possible. We'll be out around town and at the gym so we will see many of you as usual. Please feel free to communicate with us as you always have.

Thank you all once again for all the cards, messages, hopes, prayers and thoughts. Your support has been wonderful.
Pat & Tom--

Back in February I had feedback and input from Chuck Edwards that somehow got pushed off to a second page of my inbox and consequently I failed to note it in an update. I always appreciate hearing from emeriti about their activities and regret my tardiness.

Chuck shared with me that after retiring in 2011 he continued to serve as adjunct chair of anthropology for a year, an assignment he enjoyed. Thereafter, he and Mary have enjoyed the freedom of retirement by doing a lot of traveling including two trips to Italy last year and a visit to their daughter’s in-laws in Germany. They will enjoy an Elderhostel/Road Scholar in Paris program in April. In our personal exchange following his awareness of our being in North Carolina, Chuck shared that in the 60s and 70s they had enjoyed the Carolina Shore for years being blessed by relatives who lived on Emerald Island and others who lived between Swansboro and Morehead City. Later, and continuing to the present, their family has visited the Island for semi-annual reunions and will be there this summer. Chuck bemoans the change from a few settlements and lots of scrub land in the 60s and 70s to a place chock-a-block with vacation houses today. We share his feeling as we observe the growth in Wilmington.

Carpe diem,
Bud

I had intended to distribute this on Sunday, March 31 but the server was unavailable. Except for the deletion of a reminder about the Gerry D’Agostino Memorial Lecturer that occurred yesterday, I decided to send the Update as is.

March 31, 2013

Happy Easter!
While spring continues to be a little elusive we remain optimistic that a rebirth of flowers, trees and lawns will soon arrive and after a relatively hard winter we are getting anxious. This “Update” is being sent out to share some things that will get too far out-of-date if I delay.

On Friday, March 22, 2013 Sandy and I enjoyed participating in a luncheon for Brockport area people in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina that was organized by retired schoolteachers Jim and Ann Sutton and our own Mo and Carol Beers. Some other people from the College, including Bill and Bonnie Stewart and Jim and Helene Wilkison attended along with other former or current Brockport residents Paul and Fran Setter, Mike and Sheila Reynolds, the Bill Fitzgeralds and the Tom Cooks, among others. The highlights of the enjoyable gathering were connecting with people we had not seen in a long time and a discussion by Mo and Carol about their recent trip to India during which they worked on behalf of the Rotary to give polio vaccine to children. Like so many of our emeriti, Mo and Carol demonstrated their commitment to others by supporting this Rotary project at their own expense. They both felt rewarded by the experience.

Some bittersweet news has been received from the College that Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Ann Huot is leaving in July to become President of Keene State College in New Hampshire. While we congratulate Ann for her achievement, her contributions at Brockport have been significant and she will be missed. I share the words of President Halstead in a letter to the faculty and staff regarding Ann’s achievement:

March 26, 2013

Dear Members of The College Brockport Community,

As we move through the current academic year and a change of seasons, let me make you aware of an important transition. It is also a time to reflect upon the service of a colleague and wish her well for her contributions to the life of this College as she moves on.

As you may have heard, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Anne Huot is returning to her home state of New Hampshire as she accepted an offer today to become the 10th President of Keene State College beginning July 1, 2013. Dr. Huot has served The College at Brockport as our chief academic officer since July 1, 2007. Please join me in personally congratulating Anne and wishing her well as she and Joanne move to Keene, NH.

One of Dr. Huot’s hallmarks as Provost has been the restructuring of Academic Affairs and the ongoing development of our six schools as well as the mentoring and professional development of our deans. In addition, she has had a critical role in the development of the latest iteration of our campus strategic plan as well as our Facilities Master Plan for the future. Another example is the recalibration of the General Education Curriculum which has occurred under her watch. Her impact on the success of our College is immeasurable and will continue through the College of 2025 conversations—an initiative near and dear to her.

One of the hallmarks of a successful college or organization is to have a succession plan to assure continuity and continued strong leadership. Thus, following a time of reflection and
consultation, I expect to announce next month the appointment of an Interim Provost who will serve in that capacity until we conclude a successful national search for our next provost.

This will enable us to launch a competitive search utilizing the expertise of a national search firm selected through a careful process of criteria and working in a complementary fashion with a campus-wide search committee. This spring, I will be personally contacting potential search chairs from our faculty and administration to begin the search process this summer.

Be assured that during this leadership transition in Academic Affairs, our College will move forward. We will fulfill all remaining Middle States expectations, complete the monitoring report and strengthen assessment activities College-wide, and continue our commitment to hire a critical mass of full-time, tenure-track faculty to provide our students with an exceptional educational experience.

Again, please join me in thanking our colleague, Anne Huot, for her dedicated service to our College community during the past six years. This is the next logical step in her fine career. Stay tuned for a farewell opportunity later this spring to be announced later.

Sincerely,

John R. Halstead, PhD
President

[There are other connections between Keene State College, one of which is that former Associate Professor at Brockport Ann Rancourt is the Associate Provost at Keene State College. I believe there is another significant connection but I am unable to come up with the name of another individual.]

Sad news to report is the passing of Dick Markel in Florida. While you may not recognize Dick’s name, he is the husband of Marie Markel who worked in Human Resources with the late John Goosley to provide benefits administration support for several years. We send our condolences to Marie and her family. Dick’s obituary follows:

Richard John Markel, 81, of Largo, FL passed away peacefully at home on March 20, 2013. He was born May 22, 1931 in Rochester, NY to Helen and Bernard Markel. Richard was a veteran of the US Marines and served in the Korean War. He worked as a mechanic at Delco Products in Rochester, NY and retired to Florida in 1981. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and was an avid golfer. Richard was known as someone who loved to fix things. He liked using his computer especially compiling the family genealogy information that he researched. He was a member of St. Justin Martyr Catholic Church where he sang in the choir, was a van driver and active in many other ministries. Richard is survived by Marie, his wife of 61 years; his sister Dodie and her husband Troy; his children Kathy, Cyndie, Michael, Wayne and Janet; grandchildren Jenni, Alyssa, Amy, Renee, Kai and Tristan. He was preceded in death by his eldest son Rick.

Richard’s life will be celebrated in a memorial mass at 11 AM on April 3, 2013 at St.
Justin Martyr Catholic Church, 10851 Ridge Road, Seminole, FL. Interment will be in Bay Pines National Cemetery, St. Petersburg, FL.

Donations in Richard's memory may be made to Suncoast Hospice, 5771 Roosevelt Blvd., Clearwater, FL 33760.

While Bill Stier is not yet an emeritus he has been at Brockport long enough to be known by most of us and I thought I should share the following information from the Daily Eagle about an exceptional award he will receive in April. Congratulations to Bill for receipt of this award that recognizes his distinguished service at the College at Brockport, his significant contributions to his discipline and his service to professional organizations, including the AAHPERD.

Dr. William Stier, Jr., will be awarded the Luther Halsey Gulick Medal at the 2013 National Convention of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance on April 25th in Charlotte, North Carolina. The citation follows:

Dr. William Stier, Jr., Distinguished Service Professor, Kinesiology, Sport Studies and Physical Education
AAHPERD

The Luther Halsey Gulick Medal is awarded as the highest honor the American Alliance can bestow in recognition of long and distinguished service to one or more of the professions represented in the Alliance. Recipients are noteworthy leaders who exemplify the best in service, research, teaching and/or administration and whose contributions inspire youth to live vigorously, courageously, and freely as citizens in a free society.

William F. Stier, Jr., a distinguished professor in the department of Kinesiology, Sport Studies and Physical Education, directs the undergraduate sport management program at the State University of New York, Brockport where he also has responsibility for the graduate program in athletic administration. At SUNY, he has also assumed the positions of chairperson of the physical education and sport department (1983-1986); director of intercollegiate athletics (1983-1990) and the sport coaching program (1986-2012). During 1992-1993, he was elected president of the faculty senate; and, in the fall of 1994, he was appointed graduate coordinator, a position he held until the fall of 2008. He is married to Veronica Ann Martin and has five children and ten grandchildren. His hobbies include raising Shetland sheepdogs, creating stained glass, does oil painting and blows glass.

William Stier, Jr. is a true renaissance individual in that his scholarly and professional contributions have spanned several areas under the AAHPERD umbrella over a career that spans 4-plus decades. His significant contributions to the profession have been at the international, national, regional, State and local levels. His major contributions have been in the following areas: 1) sport management, 2) coaching, 3) teacher education, 4) athletic administration, and 5) fundraising/marketing.

William has been a successful teacher, coach, department chairperson, athletic director, researcher, scholar, editor (four journals) and speaker/presenter. His scholarly efforts have been recognized by numerous international and national organizations and include meaningful
contributions for the practitioner as well as the theoretical based professional within the professional literature (380 journal articles plus 26 books plus 222 formal presentations).

[Reminder: You can keep abreast of what is happening at the College at Brockport, including this type of news story, by clicking on the Daily Eagle link in the Quick Links dropdown list on the College’s website at http://www.brockport.edu.]

Thanks to Charlie Cowling for posting the following in the Daily Eagle!

About a special supplement to the Democrat & Chronicle which ran on May 21, 1967!

On May 21, 1967, the Democrat & Chronicle ran a special supplement titled "Campus Century at Brockport." The supplement was part of the observance of the centennial of the college having become a state school in 1867. (We were a private "collegiate institute" before then.)

Read about the school in an era when in one year the freshman class increased by 35%, from 590 to 900! Learn about President Al Brown, the Peace Corps program, the Fancher Campus, "automation" in education, as well relive a time when you could get a steakburger plate for 85 cents, drive a brand new '67 Dodge Monaco, and much more.

You can view the supplement, which was recently digitized, by following the link to the Digital Commons and downloading a PDF document.

http://digitalcommons.brockport.edu/student_archpapers/35/

I do not know whether I have shared this news but just to make sure:

Elaine Miller was a speaker in the Bray Lecture Series at the Flint (MI) Institute of Art in November. The program, "Drawing Together: International Cartoons," featured international political cartoon Award Winners of the Aydin Dogan International Cartoon Competition, sponsored by the Foundation in Istanbul, Turkey. As a follow-up to her general presentation, she did a workshop for teachers on using political cartoons in the classroom.

Enjoy the day!

Bud

April 4, 2013

Greetings,

We have learned from Dotti that Larry Humm had a very serious skiing accident on Wednesday, March 27th. Dotti's message, that she has given me permission to share, is pasted below.

--Hi Bud,

I want to share with you that Larry had a bad ski accident a week ago Wednesday (March
27th). He is in Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon NH for at least another week. ZIP code is 03756-0001 in case anyone wants to send a card.

A ski friend, Bud Kafer, who held his hand and talked to him until ski patrol came, set up a Caring Bridge site that people can get details (and I'll be adding more - my first post was a bit wordy so I didn't give the details that people have been e-mailing me to learn.)

I'm cutting and pasting what Bud Kafer sent out to our friends in Ludlow, VT (a VERY supportive group to both of us) about how to reach the Caring Bridge site.

Site link: http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/larryhumm

Site name: larryhumm

New registrants must first use their email address and create their own password. Then they can enter “skipal” when they wish to enter the ‘Larry Humm’ site.

One thing to note is that there is a Larry Hummel or Hummer, so if they get that one, they should just go out and come back in.

Larry is improving each day at unbelievable rate – he will be going to the floors today or tomorrow since the main nursing care he needs is basic now - including enough pain meds so he will move more. He stood on his right leg yesterday in a transfer from bed to chair – with PT help. Now comes the time where we (caregivers) are mean and making him do things for himself. But he understands and has high motivation.

I’m staying nearby and have been with him most of the time and am doing well.

Thanks,

Dotti

Here is some of what you will find, the first report, by visiting Larry s CaringBridge site:

--Before I describe what happened and what has happened since Wednesday, March 27th, I must acknowledge the help of friends on site, the wonderful Okemo Mountain Ski Patrol Team, the dedicated Ludlow volunteer firemen and ambulance crew, the competent DHART helicopter crew and all the staff here at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center that Larry has been helped by are the reason he has been able to come through this unbelievable experience with flying colors. He has had unbelievable progression - so say the staff (he looks and is acting so much like himself.)

I also acknowledge all the friends and family who are sending prayers and healing energy his way. Keep it up - it is working!
Wednesday, March 27th was a beautiful day for skiing and the trail we were on was smooth and no bumps - we will never know what caused Larry to shoot off the trail into deep snow and meet one of the very few trees.

All injuries were on the left side. His left femur has a rod in it now (probably not full weight bearing for 6 to 8 weeks); left hand (not fingers) the bones – index, middle and ring have 2 pins and a plate; and he has a blood filter in the inferior vena cava (big artery that the leg arteries go into) to prevent any blood clots that may occur from going to the heart, lungs…. The neurosurgeon has said that the other injuries must heal on their own: concussion with a few drops of blood at the midline of the skull – not in the brain; narrowing of the vertebral artery in the brain; occipital condyle (bone that connects the skull to the spine) hairline fractures (so a hard neck brace for 6 to 8 weeks); T1, C7 and possibly L2, L3 vertebra fractures; and possibly some involvement of the MCL (tear or stretch) or meniscus.

He had a breathing tube through his mouth to lungs until about Sunday (I have about a dozen pages of notes, caregiver names, and stuff going on so I can stay oriented to what's going on!) Hopefully the tubes in the chest cavity (between lungs and ribs will come out in the next couple of days.) They take out the fluid that you and I would normally just reabsorb in the body.

Larry is trying to figure why his body won't work like a week ago. Given that he hasn't taken a hard fall in the last 3 or 4 seasons. He has his sense of humor which helps a lot. He recognizes that he has a lot of work to do.

He was in ICU until yesterday about 5 p.m. when he was transferred to their "step down unit" (Intermediate Special Care where it is 2 patients per nurse.) Next step will be to the floors. Then in-house rehabilitation (he may be transferred back to Rochester at this point.) We have a special private secondary insurance that will fly him home.

Enough for now! Again, keep the prayers and healing energy coming.

Dotti

P.S. I have been staying in accommodations nearby so that I get a good night’s sleep and have been walking around the outside of the hospital every day.

[Certainly, Larry and Dotti will appreciate our prayers and healing energy thoughts at this difficult time and we will definitely have them in our thoughts and prayers. Cards should certainly boost their spirits!]

A reporter who prefers to remain anonymous sent me news about the passing of a significant educator, Bertha Campbell, who was a former Professor at the College, as follows:

--The obituary for one time Brockport professor, Bertha Campbell was in the morning D&C. She died in Basalt, CO at age 95 in Aspen.
Not sure of the dates, but Bertha was a faculty member - specialist in early childhood education - in Brockport for a number of years. She was a "renowned educator” whose career included multiple university professorships, directing NY State's Bureau of Child Development, and various roles advocating early childhood education in the Roaring Fork Valley and around the world.

Bertha was a dynamic teacher of children, college students and parents. If I remember correctly, she left Brockport to go to Albany? Fine professional woman!

While Bertha Campbell was well before my time at Brockport, and that is likely true for most of you, I followed the link in her very short Rochester D&C obituary below and I recommend it to you:

Basalt, CO: Renowned Educator Bertha Campbell, 95, died March 27th in Aspen, CO. Information at www.youngchild.net

If interested in learning more about this extraordinary educator with links to Brockport, click on the link above and then click on the “A Life Well Lived” link you will find there. I think you will find it uplifting and maybe challenging.

On the good news side, I am happy to share with you a travel report from Mo and Carol Beers. I previously mentioned their significant contributions in support of the International Rotary’s efforts to eradicate polio. But, here, in Mo’s own words, is a sharing of their experiences:

India
By Mo and Carol Beers

There is a splendid little miracle that takes place when you see India for the first time. You feel the weight of its history not only in the sights you see but also inside yourself. You can’t explain it but you feel it. For the past 800 years or so India has been ruled by the Moguls and the British. They relish their independence but also pay tribute to the past. The gorgeous Taj Mahal was built by a Mogul King to honor his beloved wife who died in childbirth. It is arguably one of the most visited sites in the world. As we were discussing modern India one of our hosts confided that the British, when they left colonial rule, did not destroy any of the buildings, which still stand today. The many mosques, temples and historical sites remain because they chose not to raze them.

Modern India is a testimony to the senses. The foods are amazingly varied. They are a symphony of colors, tastes and smells. They are separated into two categories: vegetarian and non-vegetarian…a curious dichotomy for the westerner! However, it didn’t take long to make our way through the naan (bread), dal (a staple of a variety of beans, lentils), the many rice dishes and lamb stews. We ate well.

When you are driving through any of the cities, mostly what you hear are the honking of horns, which are non-stop on all vehicles, large and small. It seems to be a game of perpetual “chicken.” It is almost impossible to find a taxi or bus that does not display an array of dents and
broken lights. To be in a car in Mumbai, Kolkata or Delhi is not an experience for the feint hearted.

Now, let us tell you about the silks. To feel the fabrics of the sari is to feel gossamer. Carol was honored to have our hostess in Dhanbad offer to put her in one of her hand embroidered crepe saris. Our hostess said women in India just seem to act and feel more graceful in saris. Carol looked beautiful and said she felt wonderful. Nearly six yards of fabric was deftly folded and wrapped around her. It was a remarkable experience for her and the sari didn’t seem to slow her down when the dancing began after the late-night Rotary meeting.

If we went only for the sights, our trip would have been successful. However, we had another purpose on our agenda. Rotary International has been working for years to eradicate polio throughout the world. It is a program called Polio Plus. According to the World Health Organization, India has not had a case of polio reported since January 2011. If there are no new cases reported by the end of 2013, India will be declared officially polio free! What an accomplishment. However, a migrant population and bordering countries, Pakistan and Afghanistan, still threaten more occurrences of Polio. Therefore, India continues to administer oral vaccine to all children aged 0 to 5 years, several times each year, beginning with the National Immunization Day (NID) in late February.

To that end, a small delegation of Rotarians and spouses, mostly from North Carolina joined with other delegations to go to India to participate in NID. We were privileged to directly administer the polio vaccine to children from ages 0 to 5 years. As we were nervously preparing for our first moment in the program, former District Governor of Rotary District 7033, Nancy Barbee said to us, “after today maybe you will have saved a future doctor, or a future engineer or a future lawyer or even a future Prime Minister of India from the ravages of polio. It was a very special day for all of us.

In addition to the Polio immunizations, that were the primary goal of our trip, we had the privilege to visit several other medical missions supported by Rotarians in India and Rotary District 7033 in North Carolina. One was a program in a hospital in Kolkata that performs heart surgeries on children born with heart defects. We met 22 of these children who had surgery performed in the previous year. There were also two eye clinics where men and women blinded by bilateral cataracts had their sight restored in one eye – the cost for each surgery to restore their sight comes to only $20. We really got to see in action the Rotary Foundation’s motto of “doing good in the world!”

Mo and Carol Beers
March 5, 2013

Thanks to Mo and Carol both for their volunteer services and for sharing their experience.

As we close we especially keep Larry and Dotti Humm, along with Tom and Pat Nugent, in our thoughts and prayers.

Carpe diem,
April 16, 2013

Greetings,

It is great to have some good news to report so I am getting this positive-only Update out while I can.

Carol Giblin shared the following article with me about emerita Karen Watt that was published in Orleans Hub. We send our congratulations to Karen for her award and thank her for the humble and exceptional service for which it was earned.

By Tom Rivers, editor Posted 13 April 2013 Orleans Hub

ALBION – The winner of a national award for service to community health centers has pushed a local organization to upgrade its health care facilities and expand into underserved communities.

Karen Watt, an Albion fruit grower, has served on the board for Oak Orchard Health for more than a decade, including the past two years as chairwoman. She is a former chairwoman of the National Advisory Council on Migrant Health and currently serves on the board for the National Center for Farmworker Health.

“She is well known around the country,” said Bobbi Ryder, president and CEO of the National Center for Farmworker Health. “She has been very instrumental as a board member and leader of her local center and at a national level.”

Ryder nominated Watt for the 2013 Outstanding Migrant Health Center Board Member Award. Watt will receive the honor next month in San Diego at the annual conference for the National Association of Community Health Centers.

Ryder said Watt, a retired math professor at SUNY Brockport, has been an advocate for healthcare in rural areas at the local, national and international levels. Watt often reminds professionals in health care to not overlook the humanity of their patients, who are often farm workers and rural poor residents.

“I have admired her very frank recognition for the agricultural workers in her community,” Ryder said. “She recognizes them as human beings with feelings and families.”

Watt was asked to join the Oak Orchard board about 13 years ago. Besides her work with that organization, she has taken humanitarian trips to three African countries, working with farmers to increase profits and become more sustainable. In January, she went to Cuba on a medical humanitarian trip, taking supplies into rural villages.
She led the Orleans County Farm Bureau in the late 1990s, serving as its president. She also led a North American association of farmers in direct marketing. She and her husband Chris were at the forefront of the agri-tourism movement in Western New York, turning their Route 98 market into a destination.

Watt said access to health care remains a personal mission. In January 2005, she was detected with breast cancer. She is a survivor, and works hard to raise money for research.

Nine months after she was diagnosed in 2005, she and her husband hosted a fund-raising walk through their orchards. The event has continued every October, and has raised about $225,000. The event last year attracted 1,000 participants and netted about $50,000.

Watt remains committed to community health centers. In the past few years, Oak Orchard Health has acquired a healthcare site in Lyndonville, expanded and upgraded sites in Albion and Brockport, and will open a new facility in Warsaw in June. The organization also runs a mobile dental unit to schools in Orleans, Genesee and Wyoming counties.

Oak Orchard Health serves 16,000 patients in the community, and is pushing to do more to promote health and wellness in Orleans County and nearby rural towns.

“We are known throughout the region for delivery of excellent primary health care, whether you’re insured or uninsured,” she said.

Oak Orchard sees 60,000 client visits annually and 42 percent of the patients have insurance, which is high for a community health center. Watt sees that as an indication Oak Orchard has won respect in the community for its high quality of care.

STONE SOUP IS ON AGAIN!

The Art & Aesthetics Committee of “Walk! Bike! Brockport!” cordially invites you to an auction that will be held on May 3rd in the Large Instruction Room at Brockport High School.

Viewing at 6:30 - Auction at 7

Please join us as we stir up another pot to raise funds for a mural by Stacy Kirby, depicting the reconstruction of the Erie/Barge Canal.

WE'RE SURE YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH SOME OF OUR CONTRIBUTORS:

Schmidt, Gary Skoog, Helen Smagorinsky, Jeanne Sazio, Bill Stewart, Katherine Weston, Julia Willey, Jack Wolsky, Forget Me Not, Country Treasures, Bittersweet and more.

Jim Horn has published an electronic edition of his book, CUERNAVACA, A GUIDE FOR STUDENTS & TOURISTS. The last print edition was 2007. He has added a third more material, updated maps, and posted new photos. While Jim’s intent is just to share his success with the publication, those interested who might choose to visit Mexico, and therefore might be interested in his publication, can find it for sale at www.amazon.com by just entering "James Horn Cuernavaca" in the book search function to see the advertisement.

On April 5 Jim spoke to the Cuernavaca ex-pat community on The United States & Mexico: Dependency & Disrespect. He has been asked to repeat it for English language students at the Cuernavaca campus of the Tec de Monterrey April 25 and in Spanish at the Universidad Internacional. The lecture has been posted on his blog. He will be back in Brockport before Mother’s Day staying until the end of May.

Carpe diem,

Bud

PS. Our son Eric, a senior futurist at Institute for Alternative Futures in Alexandria, Virginia has a sideline personal interest in the poor and in ego-demographics. He has had several articles published relating to this interest as well as some related to his job as a futurist. His most recent article – The Tallest Man in the World – was published in the April 2013 edition of Monthly Developments Magazine. Excerpts from the article can be found at http://www.monthlydevelopments.org/article/tallest-man-world but you would need to subscribe to the magazine or purchase a print copy to read the whole article. Eric serves on the Board of Directors of Counterpart International, the non-profit dedicated to sustainable global development, www.counterpart.org, and on the Board of Directors of the World Futurist Society.

April 18, 2013

Hello,

Here is an update from emeritus Lynn Parsons that I am sure you will enjoy. I know from feedback that people on this distribution list appreciate hearing about what is going on in the lives of other emeriti.

Greetings from the coast of Maine and our personal thanks to you, Bud, for keeping us up with the news, even if it isn’t always good.

In our case, it is good. We are about to complete our eighth year of retirement here in Castine, a small coastal town that is heavily dependent upon volunteers in town governance and other activities. When we told friends here that we intended to live in Castine full time, they were concerned that we could not cope with the winters. We assured them that our training in western New York prepared us well. We live right
across the street from the Maine Maritime Academy that keeps us aware of the rhythms of the academic calendar.

Anne has just stepped down as president of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation. She has been active in the Castine Arts Association and Garden Club. We both serve as co-editors of the newsletter of the Castine Historical Society, and I serve on its Board of Directors. I’ve managed to publish two books while here, one of which deals with the unique history of this town. Boating and gardening fill out the summer schedule.

We have travelled a lot, which for us was the main reason for retiring. We have participated in three Road Scholar (Elderhostel) tours, one in Spain and Morocco, one in Costa Rica, and the most recent in Central Europe and the Danube. Here in this country we have made forays to the Southwest and several to Pensacola Beach, Florida, where our younger son lives while not on a tanker delivering crude oil to the West Coast. Our other son and granddaughter live just 20 miles away. We make frequent trips to New York and to Boston, most recently the week before Patriot’s Day and we walked the street that later became the scene of the Marathon tragedy.

And we manage to visit Brockport at least once a year, this year being no exception, since I have been invited to deliver the Commencement Address at the Graduate ceremony on May 17. We hope to touch base once again with old (and young) friends and colleagues.

Lynn Parsons

[Lynn, it is great to hear from you and learn that you and Anne are enjoying active retirements with many accomplishments. Many will hope that their paths will cross yours while you are in Brockport.]

You may already have seen this message but it is worth repeating and sharing. The College, through Mike Andriatch, sends you the following invitation:

We want you to be one of 1,000 attendees!
The College at Brockport will be making history Friday, April 26 and we want you to join us for the celebration! Join us at 6:30 pm EST for a half hour LiveWired event webcast as Brockport launches the largest campaign in its history. Chat with other emeriti and current faculty and staff, play a trivia game, and perhaps win an iPad mini.

To register for the event, click this link: http://www.campaignforbrockport.com/event/register?eventID=71

You will receive a confirmation email immediately with the event link and password. We ask that you please share this event and registration link with your Brockport family as our goal is to have 1,000 attendees log-in to the Online celebration. We look forward to your participation in this significant event on April 26! Register today!
The following announcement appeared in the Daily Eagle. Remember, you can keep up with news and events at the College at Brockport by clicking on Quick Links, then on Daily Eagle from the College’s website.

**Alumni Couple Create Business Scholarship**
Bob Marino ’69 and Nancy Beatty Marino ’69 make $200,000 campaign gift

Bob Marino ’69 and his wife, Nancy Beatty Marino ’69, have created The Robert J. and Nancy B. Marino Business Leadership Scholarship as part of their contribution to Pursue Something Greater, The Campaign for Brockport.

The Marinos recently made a bequest intention of $100,000 to match their earlier campaign gift of $100,000.

“Since graduating from Brockport over 40 years ago, we have felt a special closeness to the College, and wanted to become more involved in student success,” says Bob, a member of the Brockport Foundation’s Board of Directors. “In 2010, we established our Business Leadership Scholarship award, and we wanted to do more in support of this inaugural comprehensive campaign for the College. We encourage all who can to participate in this critical endeavor.”

[Thanks to the Marinos and others like them the campaign being launched on April 26th is sure to be a success.

I thought many of you would be interested in the status of the search for a new Provost/VP for Academic Affairs at the College so I have chosen to end this update with the inclusion of a letter on the subject to the Faculty/Staff from President Halstead:

**Dear Members of Our Faculty and Staff,**

As you are aware from my announcement to our College community on March 26, Dr. Anne Huot, who has served The College at Brockport with distinction for almost six years, has been named President of Keene State College effective July 1, 2013. To ensure a smooth transition and an orderly, inclusive national search process, this is to provide an update on some key issues.

First, I have appointed Dr. Douglas Scheidt, Dean of the School of Education and Human Services, to serve as Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs through June 30, 2014—or until such time that the next Provost/VP can be selected and join our academic community. This will be an important leadership role, especially as I devote even more time to our first-ever, major $25 million comprehensive campaign to continue to advance our College and to provide essential resources for our future.

Which brings me to my second point: the search process. I am very pleased that Distinguished Teaching Professor and Chair of History, Dr. Owen S. Ireland, has
accepted my personal invitation to chair the campus-based Provost Search Committee. I greatly appreciate Steve’s willingness to serve in this leadership capacity, once again providing his vision and wisdom. The Search Committee will consist of a number of talented faculty, staff, and students across various disciplines. This kind of widespread representation is particularly important in the selection of the next chief academic officer of our College.

Finally, this is to inform you that our Provost Search will be ably assisted by a high-profile, professional, executive search firm specializing in provost searches. After careful vetting, we have selected Mr. Steve Leo, Vice President and Principal of Storbeck/Pimentel & Associates of Reston, VA to be our search consultant. You may recall that Steve assisted us just a year ago culminating in a successful search for our new Vice President for Administration and Finance. The Search Committee will begin their work in May starting with the profile for our next Provost and Vice President.

Looking forward to seeing you at our Academic Honors and Awards Ceremony on Friday and our Campaign Launch, April 26th.

John R. Halstead, PhD
President

[Having worked with Steve Ireland over the years and having served under his leadership on the Faculty Roles and Rewards Committee several years ago, I salute the College’s choice of Steve to chair the search committee.]

Carpe diem [including registering for the April 26th campaign event and placing it (6:30 pm EST) on your calendar today],

Bud

April 25, 2013

Greetings,

PursueSomethingGreater
The Campaign for Brockport

Tomorrow, The College at Brockport will make history! If you want a sneak peek view the video at the link below for a taste of what’s to come.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_detailpage&v=46cFdwkokE0

Want to see the rest? Join “The College at Brockport” at 6:30 pm EST tomorrow (Friday, April 26th) for a half hour LiveWired event webcast as Brockport launches the largest campaign in its history. Log-in and join in the fun and perhaps win an iPad mini.
If you have not already done so, REGISTER for this event by clicking on the following link or otherwise entering it into your internet browser:
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You will receive a confirmation email immediately with the event link and password. Please share this event and registration link with your Brockport family as the goal is to have 1,000 attendees log-in to the online celebration. The College at Brockport and your colleagues and friends look forward to your participation tomorrow!

Congratulations to emeritus Bill Heyen for his book, The Football Corporations, and for the great story about the book, his life, and his career written by columnist Leo Roth that appeared in the Rochester D&C on April 20, 2013. For your convenience, I include the article below rather than having you link to it. Thanks to Jim Horn for bringing this article to my attention.

Leo Roth: Poems hit home after bombings

Bill Heyen’s email arrived the day of the Boston Marathon.

“Sick here about the Boston bombings, as you must be,” wrote the eminent Brockport poet, retired English professor and all-around good guy whose fear of explosives at sporting events had been explored presciently in some of his work. “I’m afraid this is all just prequel.”

A star athlete at SUNY Brockport when Converse high tops were in, Heyen had kindly sent me his latest collection of thought-provoking poems, these on sports, in a book titled The Football Corporations.

It’s a pull-back-the-curtain take on this evil opiate Genie we can’t seem to stuff back in its locker, this religion we call sports. It is dark and as cynical as Wrigley’s left field is deep.

In 60-plus poems, Heyen tackles the violence in sports, robotic athletes and coaches, steroids, teams controlling every message and the scourge of corporate takeover. He wonders where the romance went, when cheering for Willie, Mickey and Duke as a kid growing up on Long Island seemed so pure.

Grab a beer, a seat in the stands, and prepare to cry.

“Inversion occurred, so that when bombs detonated in the upper stands, fall-out pressed down & everybody got it. ... After X-rays, it’s just a waiting game,” Bill Heyen writes in a poem called “Interim.”

Now I’m standing in Heyen’s writing den lined with book shelves stuffed thick. It is peaceful and far from the carnage of Boylston Street. Just a couple of guys who share a love of words and sports and have no answers. Wondering when the next shoe drops.
In ‘The Football Corporations,’ Heyen’s characters die in creative ways, including “good old 44” who was tackled so hard his helmet came off, with his head still in it. Fans can visit the head behind Lucite at the Hall of Fame where 44 “glares into your future like a god.”

Our sports shrines are no longer safe, with “mules” detonating plastic explosives they’ve ingested and helicopters dropping dirty bombs from the sky. In “Centennial,” where only memorial red woods grow behind leaded glass at the contaminated site of a former stadium, Heyen tells us, “Friend, look out through your own pane, & don’t be ashamed to weep for gladness.”

“There are so many bizarre possibilities we can’t get our mind around,” Bill says. “When I thought of bombs in stadiums or tainted blood being thrown on people on a basketball court, it never occurred to me that somebody would bomb a marathon. I just wasn’t surprised. I’m afraid we will have other events like this Boston one.”

During his esteemed literary career, Heyen, a Fulbright lecturer and Guggenheim fellow, has penned 30 poetry books, doing the heavy lifting on topics such as the Holocaust, Hiroshima, 9/11 and the plight of the American farmer.

Sports have always been fertile ground, too, like his dignified tribute to Mickey Mantle that’s been published in anthologies and periodicals with the repetition of a batting machine. The material for his sports poetry book came like a Bob Feller fastball, full of fury, “when lots of things were on my mind. I guess I became disheartened about a lot of stuff going on in college and pro sports.”

He admits to being present when his poems were written but re-reads them now to find out what he was thinking and feeling.

“I’m scared of just about everything in here as a father and grandfather.”

Bill was a two-time All-American in soccer at SUNY Brockport and you can still find his name in the school’s basketball records under rebounds 52 years after his last elbow. He played in a high-level noon pickup game at the college until his 69th birthday three years ago, going against the likes of Kendall and Syracuse legend Roosevelt Bouie.

Rosie wrote Heyen a note he proudly shows off: “Playing with you is a reminder to play for the right reasons.”

Through his poetry, Heyen reminds us to take a deep breath.

Football, baseball, soccer, basketball, figure skating, hockey, horse racing, golf — even curling, bowling, poker and O.J., don’t escape his sardonic keystrokes. But there’s much to smile at: the possible fates of Thoreau and DiMaggio in heaven, if Jesus played football, what it was like to play Little League when umps wore dungarees.
Despite the hopelessness, he was feeling when he penned most of these poems, Heyen is, in fact, still hopeful. We need our ball teams, our hockey teams, our motor cars and our hero jocks to escape the daily headlines.

We need our poets. Not to state the obvious but, rather, to wash off the eye black and ask, “Who are we? What are we?”

“These poems are things I imagine could be,” says Heyen, who once taught a course on the literature of sport. “They are rhythmic ruminations, trying to get underneath what seems to be going on here. I mean, I’m as baffled as you are. How could these sons of bitches do something like this, and kill an 8-year-old boy?”

A day when life imitated art.

Standing in Bill Heyen’s den, we’re just a couple of guys who share a love of words and sports and have no answers except to keep “an affirmative flame,” to quote Bill quoting W. H. Auden.

“There’s a critic who says, ‘Only a poet who can terrify us can satisfy us,’ ” Heyen says. “I hope in the end there’s something in the book, as unrelenting it is in its cynicism in pointing out these terrible things, I hope there’s something that suggests some sanity or a more balanced look at this activity of sports that’s so important to so many of us.”

I take another sip of coffee. And say goodbye to a wise, hopeful friend.

Reminder! It is not too late to donate your art work to the Stone Soup Auction. If you wish to donate something contact Alicia Fink ASAP at 637-6864 to arrange a time for delivery of the art to her at 34 Lancet Way, Brockport. For sure, mark your calendar for the 6:30 pm, May 3rd auction. For details, read on!

Stone Soup Auction to Benefit the New Mural in Brockport May 3 Brockport High School LGI!

The Art and Aesthetics Committee of Brockport received a grant for a wonderful mural on the DPW building and now needs matching funds. The funds will be raised during a wonderful art auction May 3 at Brockport High School at 6:30 pm.

The art auction will begin at 6:30 pm in the LGI at Brockport High School. Bidding will begin at 7 pm. Tickets will be sold for chances to win a handmade necklace created by Alicia Fink. The elegant one-of-a-kind necklace is valued at $500! A North African Dinner for eight will also be auctioned off!

Many artists and businesses have contributed to this amazing event and many committee members are either emeriti faculty or their spouses. PLEASE come and help make the dream of the mural a reality.

Thank you to the Brockport Art and Aesthetics Committee and the Walk! Bike! Brockport Committee for creating this amazing event.
See today’s Daily Eagle by visiting Brockport’s website and selecting it under Quick Links to see the invitation to the Farewell Reception for Provost Anne Huot on Wednesday, May 15 from 3-5 in the New York Room.

In conversation with Herb Fink today I learned that Larry Humm is now back in New York State and under the care of physicians at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester. Herb has seen Larry and reported that Larry is progressing but that it is going to be a long journey. Thoughts, prayers and cards may contribute to his healing and are most welcome. Mailings should now be addressed to his address in Brockport as follows:

Larry Humm
80 Park Avenue
Brockport, New York 14420

The same is true for Tom Nugent who is holding his own with his treatments but can benefit from the knowledge that our thoughts and prayers are with him.

Yesterday a SUNY colleague drew my attention to another author whose name will be familiar to many of you. Jerome “Jerry” Komisar, who served as SUNY Chancellor many years ago has had a book published and I thought it might be of interest to some of you. Here is the information my colleague has shared:

On another SUNY front, maybe you’ve heard, but Jerry Komisar, Vice Chancellor for many things back in the day, has written his first novel!!! called “The Last Believer”. I happened upon his interview on the local Public Radio station WAMC, with Alan Chartock, a retired SUNY Albany & New Paltz professor, and head of the local station. I went right to Amazon to buy the book. It is three or four bucks in the Kindle version and $12 for the paperback.

Based on the interview, which you can find on-line, it is an international thriller, with romance, high finance, kidnap, marital strife, history and more. I am halfway through it, and it is great fun. Lots of issues, realistic dialog, great locations!

If he were alive, Oliver “Ollie” Spaulding, the Dean of Students when I started my career at Brockport, would be celebrating his 97th birthday today. I always remember his birthday because our older son was born this day 41 years ago and, it reminds me that after leaving Sandy at the late Lakeside Memorial Hospital following his birth; I had a sandwich at the High Bridge Restaurant at which I distributed cigars to owner Frank Sacheli and his friend, Albert W. Brown, among others. (For those of you who do not know it, Brockport is mourning the closing of Lakeside Memorial Hospital, an event that will occur tomorrow.)

There are many types of passings, and while there is great pleasure in reminiscing, the future provides the opportunity to pursue something even greater! Tomorrow, The College at Brockport
will take its pursuit to a higher level. If you have not registered yet, follow the link above and be part of the celebration.

Carpe diem,

Bud

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May 15, 2013

Greetings,

I do not have a large volume of news to report in this Update, but I do have two or three significant items that I need to share. The last one is time sensitive so read quickly!

First, the bad news: We have learned that emerita Mildred Kiefer died on June 20, 2012. Mildred worked at the College as a member of the teaching faculty or as an administrator (retired as Coordinator of Academic Advisement) from 1947 until 1976. I got to know Millie around 1970 when the Advisement Office was across the hall from the Personnel Office in Hartwell. She was a very hard working and effective administrator who was known for her ability to lead and to recruit support for advisement from faculty and staff. Millie was beloved by students for her teaching and her advisement work and esteemed by the faculty and staff with whom she worked. She was truly a dedicated professional and public servant throughout her career and I am sure those of you who were around in her day, especially those close to her like Charles Clevenger, could expound more personally and articulately on her unique abilities and contributions.

I first learned of Millie’s passing from emeritus Ian Henderson. He and Rita had been good friends of Millie, and her husband the late Howard Kiefer, who was Professor of Philosophy and Dean, and the couples had remained in touch until recent years as Millie’s communication skills deteriorated. The Hendersons have fond memories of the Kiefers and of visiting them in Arizona several times. The Hendersons learned of Millie’s passing after their daughter Ann (former Assistant Registrar at Brockport, and recently retired Registrar at Skidmore), did some internet research following a discussion in which Millie’s name came up as Ann and her husband were driving the Hendersons home from Florida in their RV. Emeritus Mel Smagorinsky found and forwarded the obituary to me after learning of Millie’s death from Ian at tennis.

We thank Ann for her research and Ian and Mel for sharing. We send the Hendersons, the Smagorinskys, the Clevengers and others, to whom Millie was a dear friend and colleague, our condolences.

Following is Millie’s obituary from the Herald-Dispatch, Huntington, West Virginia:

    Mildred Kiefer
    Published: July 11, 2012 12:00PM

    Mildred Kiefer, 90, passed away on June 20, 2012, of natural causes in Peoria, Arizona.
She was born and raised in Kenova, West Virginia, and a resident of Sun City, Arizona, for the past 35 years. Mildred was a college professor at State University College, New York, retiring in 1976.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Howard Kiefer; brothers, Bert Crabtree and Ray Crabtree; and sister, Dorothy Lee Barrett. She was survived by her brother, Fred Crabtree of Defiance, Ohio; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mildred was loved and admired by all who knew her.

At her request, there will be no funeral services.

[It is hard to believe that nearly 37 years have passed since Mildred Kiefer retired from the College. While we mourn her death, we have great memories of her time with us and a volume of other Brockport memories accumulated since she left.]

Friday, April 26th was a very exciting day for The College at Brockport!

The President’s Donor Recognition Luncheon was held in the New York Room from 11:30 am – 2 pm. This luncheon recognized and honored leadership-level donors at the several different donor society levels. Those becoming members of the different societies during the past year received special recognition. As always, BASC’s Food Service Division presented an excellent lunch and the New York Room was prepared appropriately for the occasion. One of the highlights of the event was the presentation of the Volunteer Service Award to a distinguished Brockport couple, emeritus Rich Fenton and alumnus Joan Fenton. Both have provided many years of exemplary volunteer service to the College and the Brockport community. We congratulate them upon their receipt of this much-deserved award.

Following the luncheon many participants and others joined with Provost Anne Huot for a discussion of “The College of 2025”, an on-going discussion initiated by Anne that ultimately will have a significant impact on the College’s strategic plan. Participants were assigned to small groups, each with a facilitator/note taker to collect the thoughts and feelings of the individuals about what higher education/The College might look like in 2025 and what planning needs to take place to ensure that The College at Brockport remains a viable instrument in ensuring an educated and capable society. The discussions were thoughtful and visionary. If you have not yet participated and have ideas you would like to share in a group discussion or otherwise, please contact Cindy Krautwurst at CKRAUTWU@BROCKPORT.EDU or 395-2651.

The third and final event of the day was The President’s Celebration of Philanthropy at which the President and the College’s Campaign Co-chairs Glenn Goldberg ’80 and Joe Doody ’74 announced the largest ever comprehensive campaign in the College’s history, “PURSUING SOMETHING GREATER, The Campaign for Brockport.” It was an exciting event in the Ballroom which had been uniquely arranged and decorated. There were a few speeches along with three large screens on which were projected almost real-time photographs of
participants along with video clips highlighting the College and many of its faculty and staff. You can see some of the videos and learn more about the campaign at: www.campaignforbrockport.com

Highlights for me of The President’s Celebration of Philanthropy:

Seeing a lot of former colleagues and friends we had not seen for a while.

Seeing the youthful members of the Advancement Team who worked so hard to ensure the success of the day’s events enjoying themselves in a group dance as the day’s activities came to an end;

Having a chance to visit with Emeritus President John E. Van de Wetering who was in attendance;

Knowing that Emeritus President Albert W. Brown was in the audience as one of the Live-Wired webcast participants; and

Learning that in the silent part of the campaign leading up to its official announcement the College had already raised more than $16 million of its $25 million goal.

Sorry for the late timing on this but here is an announcement concerning a farewell gathering for Provost Anne Huot that is being held today!

Farewell Reception for Provost Anne Huot

Please join the campus community on Wednesday May 15 from 3-5 pm in the New York Room, Cooper Hall and bid farewell to Provost Anne Huot as she departs the campus for the presidency of Keene State College.

Anyone wishing to make a gift contribution can do so by directing it to the Donald and Gloria Huot Excellence in Leadership Award through the Advancement Office.

Carpe diem,

Bud

June 5, 2013

Greetings,

I have just learned that Emeritus Walter Brautigan could use some cheering up. He was scheduled for hip replacement surgery on his birthday on June 19th but has ended up in a hospital, Unity, earlier than planned. We send our good thoughts his way for a recovery that will allow him to go forward with his plan.
The 2013 Chancellor's Award winners were honored at the 27th Annual College Recognition Dinner on May 9 in the Seymour College Union Ballroom. We offer your congratulations to the following recipients:

Dr. Janie Hinds, Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service  
Dr. Christopher Price, Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service  
Dr. Cesar Torres, Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities  
Dr. Monica Brasted, Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching  
Dr. Elizabeth Heavey, Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching  
Dr. Morag Martin, Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching  
Ms. Lori Mills, Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching  
Ms. Barbara Sterling, Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service

[Note: While many recent retirees know many of these awardees, after 13 years in retirement (hard to believe), only two recipients names are known to me. There is nothing negative in this: we’ve been there, it was great, and we are happy for the achievements of those who continue to be exceptional in making their contributions to the exceptional teaching-learning environment at The College at Brockport.]

Have a Bike You Don’t Use? Donate it!

Donate your bike to be used for the Fast TRAX Bike Borrowing program. Bikes in good condition will be used in the program, and others will be recycled for parts.  
Bikes may be dropped off during office hours at the Conrad Welcome Center. This is a great way for faculty and staff to support this sustainable bike borrowing program on campus and to gain some free space in their garages! Fast TRAX is a very popular program and continues to grow each year. Learn more about Fast TRAX by clicking on the link below.  
contact: Parking and Transportation Services, 395-PARK (7275)

Fast TRAX Bike Borrowing  
Conrad Welcome Center Hours

Emeriti in the Saratoga/Albany area and those who are willing to provide their own transportation to that region are invited to the following alumni event sponsored by the Brockport Alumni Association:

A Day at The Races!

Thursday, July 25, 2013

Saratoga Race Track  
267 Union Avenue  
Saratoga Springs, New York

Gates Open: 11:00 a.m.  
Lunch: Noon  
Post Time: 1:00 p.m.
$50 per person

RSVP by July 17, 2013

Ticket price includes:
Buffet luncheon, two drink tickets (alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages), clubhouse admission, post parade program, tax and gratuities. Seating is in the Upper Carousel, located adjacent to the Grandstand.

For more information about the day, including proper dress attire, visit http://www.brockport.edu/alumni/event_calendar

To register online use the "Register Now!" link below or by calling the Office of Alumni Relations and Development at (585) 395-2068 or by emailing to wsachman@brockport.edu.

Among many other activities for celebrating its 40th anniversary, Artpark, 450 South 4th Street Lewiston, NY 14092, has invited its alumni artists, those who participated in events during Artpark’s first 10 years of operations, to exhibit their drawings, sculptures, paintings and video from July 1 thru September 15. The artists are creating on-site installations from now through July that are free to view. There will be a “Meet the Artists Anniversary Reception” at the Gallery at Artpark at 5:30 pm on July 25th. Tickets are $10 each. Emeritus Bill Stewart and his son Greg are invited artists who are currently working on their installation. They would be pleased to see Brockport people at Artpark for the artists’ reception and throughout the summer. For more information go to: http://www.artpark.net/

Some more specific information has been provided by Bill as follows:

“Hi Bud:

Here is some specific information on our Art Park project.

The project that we are working on and installing invites public participation. The initial installation will take place on June 20th and be repeated on several dates throughout the summer. Presently the following dates have been established: June 20th, July 6, 13, 14, 20 and 27. Adults and children are invited to participate. The project includes wrapping individuals in clay as well as being wrapped, a variety of costumes and noise makers. Anyone and everyone can participate from children through adult. A sense of humor and imagination is all that is needed. It is a great site, high above the Niagara River.

If anyone or group of individuals wish to participate or wish additional info please have them email me @ stewartbab@aol.com and we can set up a time or specific date.

Thanks, Bill.”
Emeritus Jim Horn continues to publish, as reported previously an article relating to tourism in Mexico, and now he has had an article on Spanish Language Schools in Cuernavaca, Mexico published in the May 24th edition of THE NEWS (Mexico DF) that I believe is his third publication since he retired his tour guide business. He has a fourth article pending publication. You could find this most recent article at a link to THE NEWS but for a better, unedited version, go to:

https://jimhornnews.wordpress.com/2013/05/24/cuernavacas-spanish-language-schools-resilient/

The article, entitled “Cuernavaca’s Spanish-Language Schools Resilient Despite Setbacks”, provides an analysis of how the collapse of the U.S. economy in 2008, the H1N1 influenza pandemic of 2009, the drug wars, and the treatment of these events by the media have impacted these schools.

Jim has just left Brockport where he had a busy schedule but time for going out to dinner with many friends. He is now on a Chesapeake Crabfest Cruise from Baltimore to Baltimore with American Cruise Lines. He will return to Brockport on June 8th and then return to Cuernavaca on June 12th.

[We congratulation Jim for the acceptance of his article for publication by “THE NEWS” and we wish him success as he continues to research and to write the other side of the stories out of Mexico. We also salute Jim for always citing his relationship to The College at Brockport in his publications and other activities which brings credit to the College along with credit to Jim.]

Many have asked about how Larry Humm is doing. Here is the June 2nd, weekly posting from CaringBridge. I’ll repeat the instructions for accessing this information at the end of this piece.

June 2nd - how time flies
Written Jun 2, 2013 6:51pm

Larry went back to the hand doctor this week. The ring finger metacarpal bone is not healing as quickly as the others. It is the one that was broken in several pieces. But it is healing. The doc said his range of motion would improve more quickly if the swelling would go down more, so he prescribed a compression glove. Wonders! He can now "pinch" (no strength in it, but he helped me by folding all the pillow cases and some other things.) And his OT has been bringing all sorts of toys for him to play with that are improving his flexibility and strength. Please continue to pray for his hand to gain full flexibility and strength.

On the way home from the hand doctor, we stopped at the Greek Festival to get take-out of their lamb shanks, pilaf and moussaka - YUM! We thought we would miss it since we aren't getting out yet - it will be nice when he is no longer in the homebound category. Getting into the car is still a many minute task with walker and wheel chair. However, we enjoyed dinner at home with Jim and Mary last night.
The physical therapist has Larry holding onto the kitchen counter and walking forward and backward to strengthen his legs. The forward part works rather well (when he remembers to walk smoothly - the habit of moving the strong leg and then quickly bringing the weak leg forward isn't easy to break.) Moving backwards is strengthening some muscles that are very weak, so it is progressing more slowly. Thank you, Herb, for the tennis balls to put on the bottom of the walker - it glides so much more smoothly! His PT even took him for a walk down the outside ramp and along the macadam driveway. The drive was way too rough to use the walker on before those bright yellow balls!

Both yesterday and today he never had to put his neck brace back on. However, he is still holding his head very stiffly straight most of the time. Please pray for flexibility and strength in the neck muscles.

Since several of you have asked how I am doing and concerned that I not get overwhelmed, here is an update on me. I went to my general surgeon for a last checkup (4 years) and she dismissed me as a patient since all is well.

The young lady who is helping me with house cleaning is doing a nice job of freeing up a bit of my time. In addition to the "daily" stuff, she is in the process of doing a full "spring" housecleaning - what a relief - feels so good! And it allowed me to get outside to trim some of the bushes - got to finish them this week before they are too wild! I also took a break to go to the last philharmonic concert with a friend, Sandy Ritz, and it was a wonderful evening. Dianne came to be with Larry again - she is such a wonderful friend!

FYI: The doctor said that it takes at least double the time that the body part is immobilized, for most of the recovery to take place. A discouraging thought, but Larry has been trying to be sure that it is no longer than that. He continues to be positive. Keep up the healing energy, prayers, light, rubbing the tummy (or head?), and all other thoughts of helping Larry recover. You are such wonderful friends!

I mentioned this before but how to access the information myself. You can follow Larry’s progress by signing on to CaringBridge and viewing Dotti’s weekly update. Here are the instructions on how to do so from Dot:

Go to http://www.caringbridge.org Join the site by entering your “user name” (your e-mail address) and make a password for the site (several people have chosen to use “skipal” since then you don’t have to remember 2 passwords – one to get on and one to get into Larry’s part.)

Once you are a member, go to the address: http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/larryhumm. You will be asked for your user name (email address) and password. You will be directed to Larry’s private account. It will ask for his password, which is always “skipal” (lower case). This will take you to the posts I put up.

IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS, it may be because when you try the link, you get something about “the certificate is not current” and it gives you a choice to continue (with a warning “not recommended” – click on this anyway; it is the only way a new registrant can get on – it IS safe for this link ONLY.)
You must make the password for you to get onto the site and one to get into the Larry Humm blog. It is rather convoluted when you set it up for the first time, but then just remember that you sign in with your e-mail and your password; then use “skipal” to get into Larry’s site. If you have problems, please know you aren’t the only one and e-mail me or call me at home (585-637-2675) and I will get on the computer and walk you through it.

Finally, here is a note I received from Dotti in response to my request for an update:

“Thanks for asking for a brief update.

Please extend heartfelt thanks to all his friends who have sent cards, called, visited and sent healing energy his way. They are the reason that he has stayed positive and is healing so “fast” – two months, one week and counting. From what the doctors say, there will be at least two more months of intense working at healing.

The cervical collar has been off for a half week and range of motion in his neck is improving. His ribs have healed enough that if he sneezes, the pain is slight. He wears a compression glove (aka Michael Jackson J) when he is not exercising it since it is still swollen. Hand and fingers flexibility improves daily. (Such a bunch of toys the OT has given him to play with!) Since the ring finger metacarpal bone is not fully healed, aggressive flexing and strengthening must wait. His femur is healed. Hoping the “walker to wheelchair” will progress to a quad cane on Friday. He is doing all types of lower body exercises for stability and strengthening. The husband of a PT friend of ours calls her a “Physical Torturest.”

If someone wants to visit (after 10 a.m., please.), it is best to call ahead due to PT and OT twice a week, blood draw once a week and multitude of doctor visits in Rochester.

Dotti”

[Keep Larry and Dotti, Walter Brautigan and Tom Nugent in your thoughts and prayers as they continue their journeys.]

Carpe diem,

Bud

June 21, 2013

Greetings,

John Halsey shared the following information with me before I sent out my last Update but I forgot to include it.

You might like to know that Gene McCreary spent a few days with Val and me in London recently. As you’ll remember, Gene and his wife Francoise ran the College’s Paris Program from the mid-1970s until they retired. Sadly, Francoise died in 2008, but Gene still lives most of
the year in Ferrieres, near Amiens, where they were based when they weren’t in Paris. He spends part of the winter with his sister in Alexandria, Va.

Despite a series of strokes Gene continues to enjoy life, including food and wine. When we visited him in Ferrieres in October the pleasure he took in a plate of oysters was a delight to see! During his stay with us Val and I took him to a number of our favorite pubs, and we also visited the newly-re-opened Kew Palace, one of the places your last king, George III, lived.

Val and I are still working part-time on the College’s London programs.

[John, Thanks for sharing and best regards to Val.]

We were traveling the first two weeks of May and I missed the following sad news for the Brockport community and just learned of it on Tuesday. The news is that Donald Schuff, husband of an exemplary Brockport College retiree and individual, died on May 8, 2013. Don and Shirley were active participants in college and community events and are known to many of you and I thought those of you residing out of the Brockport area would want to know.

Following is Don’s obituary from the Rochester D&C:

Brockport: Surrounded by his family on Wednesday May 08, 2013 at age 80, Donald Schuff succumbed peacefully to a hard-fought year-and-a-half battle with leukemia. Preceded in death by his parents, Chester and Dorothea (Klein) Schuff, his sister Joan Schuff; and grandson John Martin Schuff. Survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Shirley; children, Sandy Thompson of Brockport, Mike (Mollie) of Brockport, Marty (Dale) of Wexford, PA.; Grandchildren: Emily and Shannon Thompson of Brockport, Matthew (Emily) Schuff of Rochester Hills, MI., Bryan Schuff of Rochester, NY, Michael and Benjamin Schuff of Wexford, PA.; Great-Granddaughters, Lily and Gabby Schuff of Rochester Hills MI.

Also survived by siblings Robert C. (Cathy) Schuff of Summerfield, FL., Carla Van Maldeghem of Johnson City, TN, Diana Craddock of Rochester, N.Y. and Karen Orsini of Johnson City, TN.; Many nieces, nephews, and in-laws.

Don grew up in Albany, NY, a graduate of Vincentian Institute. He was a Korean War Veteran and a retiree of GE/Black & Decker. He was a coach and commissioner of Brockport Little League, a founding officer of BHS Football Boosters, and past president of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers. He was an avid bridge player, loved golf (achieving a hole-in-one), Big Band music, winters in Florida, and the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame. Most of all, he cherished his loving family.

The family would like to thank Dr. Jane Liesveld, along with all the nurses and staff of the Wilmot Cancer Infusion Center.

Relatives and friends are [were]invited to call at the Fowler Funeral Home, 340 West Ave., on Sunday 5/12 from 3-7 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will [was] be held on Monday, 10:00 a.m. at Nativity B.V.M Church, Main St., Brockport, NY. A military
burial will follow [followed] the mass at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be sent to The Wilmot Cancer Center, or Golisano Children's Hospital, 601 Elmwood Ave., Box 704 Rochester, NY 14642.

[We send our condolences to Shirley and the family and friends of Don and our thoughts are with Shirley as she adjusts to her loss.]

Herb Fink has shared the following news for “Update”:

Marty Lindauer (Psychology) celebrated his 80th birthday among family and friends June 1, in Canandaigua on the Lake. Marty is still writing scholarly tomes in his specialty area of the Psychology of Aesthetics (he's a former President of the Aesthetics Division of the American Psychology Association). And he is also busy writing general interest essays and articles. Marty's wife, Bonnie Gratch Lindauer (Library), organized the event. Marty's sister came from California and his cousins came from Brooklyn and Florida. Three of his 5 children attended, including Beth and her children from Philadelphia. Although I've known Marty since 1967, I found out he didn't really speak English until Kindergarten (Yiddish was his first language). Marty and Bonnie are enjoying living in San Francisco. Bonnie has become a jazz singer as well as a cello player. After the party, the Lindauers vacationed in NYC. Also, attending the party was Bob Gilliam (Library) and his wife. They now live in Buffalo to be closer to their daughter and grandchildren. When Bob graduated from college, he taught social studies at a Catholic High School in the Bronx. His best student was Sonia Sotomayer, who does remember him. So, if you like her Supreme Court decisions, you know its origins. Also, Walt (Theatre) & Joan Uhrman were at the party. Walt has been retired two years; Joan still has a practice in Brockport.

Also, Herb won a silver medal (now 2 years in a row) in his age class in racquetball, at the Empire Senior Games, June 8, in Cortland. He lost the tiebreaking set for the Gold medal simply because my opponent was better.

[Herb, it is OK, you get a “Gold Medal” in my record book for your contributions to “Update”. So, congratulations on both your Gold and Silver Awards! And, we send a belated Happy Birthday to Martin Lindauer. Also, I saw Bob Gilliam some time ago at Mahan’s in Brockport. At the time, he told me that he still comes to Brockport on occasion to buy wine because the he had not yet been able to match the prices or the offerings in Buffalo. So, although Brockport does not offer much in restaurants we can apparently hold our own with wines and spirits.]

A friend shared with me an article by Caurie Putnam that appeared in the Rochester D&C on Father’s Day and because it features Len Filppu, son of late Kaarlo and late Vivian Filppu, both former employees of the college, I thought it would be of interest to some of you. I had intended to just include the link to the story at the D&C but I could not copy the link so I have included the article as it appeared:

“Caurie Putnam: Dad began late but cherishes every second”
Happy Father’s Day to all my readers who are fathers or father figures — I add the latter because it is not just blood that makes a father, it’s love, care and desire to make a positive difference in the life of a child.

In looking for a special Father’s Day story to share with you, I learned about a Brockport native whose path to fatherhood was not the norm.

According to the 2010 National Survey of Family Growth, the average age for an American man to have his first child is 25. Len Filppu, 62, is not the average American man — he had his first of two children at age 49.

“I did think maybe I was just too old and that the teething ring had passed me by,” Filppu recalled about his decision to become a father during midlife. “But there was something inside me that said I really wanted to.”

At the time, Filppu was an executive for a high-tech public relations firm. He began his career in PR in Rochester as the New York state press secretary to the 1976 Jimmy Carter presidential campaign and as a PR person for Frank LaLoggia’s horror movie *Fear No Evil*, produced in Rochester in the 1970s.

At the time, he was finally ready to have children, he and his wife, Lucy, a teacher, decided he would become a consultant so he could work from home and be a stay-at-home dad.

“I realized I may not be around when my children are more advanced in their ages, but I darn well want to be around when they’re young,” said Filppu, who now lives in Palo Alto, Calif.

Despite the colorful career he once had, fatherhood has been his greatest canvas. “It’s turned out to be the best thing I’ve ever done,” said Filppu.

Filppu is so passionate about sharing the positives of becoming a father later in life that he recently wrote a non-fiction book about it.

*Prime Time Dads: 45 Reasons to Embrace Midlife Fatherhood* officially launches on Father’s Day, but is already getting lots of buzz.

CNN’s Larry King, himself an older father and whom Filppu worked with once on a radio show read the book and gave it a rave review.

I also read it and found it to be funny, poignant, beautifully written and a reminder that parenthood is a gift to be cherished no matter how old we are.

The Italian Fisherman Restaurant in Bemus Point on Chautauqua Lake was the perfect location for a luncheon reunion for twenty-eight 1970s vintage individuals who were associated with the College, or the Brockport Community, during that period. President Emeritus Albert W. Brown and Vice President Emeritus Ralph P. Gennarino participated in this gathering as all present
enjoyed renewing friendships and reminiscing while enjoying a nearly perfect day and the wonderful scenery from the lower deck of the Italian Fishman right on the edge of Chautauqua Lake. An added treat was the participation in the event by Jane Currie who co-authored "Legendary Locals: The Chautauqua Lake Region." The book is a pictorial with photographs of notables who have lived around Chautauqua Lake accompanied by narrative descriptions. It includes a photograph of Al Brown with former Governor Hugh Carey and the late Senators Patrick Moynihan and Ted Kennedy that was taken when The Brockport College hosted the International Special Olympics in 1979. It was wonderful to welcome Janie Hill, a graduate alum, and Aden Murcutt, from England at the event. They were passing through Brockport and were house guests of Jeanette D’Agostino Banker on their way to the west coast and thusly could accompany Jeanette to the event. Janie is a College benefactor having endowed the Janie Hill International Scholarship. It is always a pleasure for those of us who know Janie and Aden to see them at events in Brockport.

Jim Horn has returned to Cuernavaca, Mexico after spending about a month in the Brockport area. However, while here he managed to get in a travel experience, unfortunately during our “wet season.” But, because he is an experienced and expert traveler, I thought I’d share his evaluation of American Cruise Line’s Offerings with you. He has an article he has posted on his blog that I thought might be of interest, particularly to those of us who are getting to the point where long airline flights to get to destinations is no longer to our liking. If you want to see this article with pictures, go to Jim’s blog at https://jimhornnews.wordpress.com/ and click on the “Travel Talk” link. You can find out more about American Cruise Lines and their destinations by visiting www.americancruiselines.com/home. Jim says this was his second trip with them but will not be his last.

[Jim, thanks for sharing! You have perked our interest in exploring in the US. Sandy and I have checked the website and we hope to plan a trip next summer.]

Keep Shirley Schuff, Larry Humm and Tom Nugent in your thoughts and prayers. It is nice during difficult times to know that friends are thinking of you.

And, by the way, I just learned that Jeanette D’Agostino Banker talked with Walt Brautigan this morning and shared this message. “Walt called from Unity where he had surgery to replace a hip. Is doing just great! He will move from the hospital to rehabilitation over the weekend.

[Great news! Walt, best wishes for complete success in rehab and a return home soon!]

Carpe Diem,

Bud

June 24, 2013

Greetings,
Again, I have sad news to share. A charming and fun, partially “nerdy”, and, without a doubt, righteous, member of the Brockport emeriti group has drawn his last difficult breath on this earth. Larry K. Kline, Emeritus Associate Professor of Biological Sciences (1971-2002) finally passed through the gates to the afterlife on June 20, 2013 after having knocked on the door at least a couple of times before. While Larry had to struggle to breathe in his last years he was remarkable in how he could always appear upbeat and could always greet you with his great, infectious smile that brought joy to everyone he encountered. I was fortunate to know Larry both on a professional level and a personal level. As a professional I knew him to be a highly ethical, dedicated educator with a calling to help his students become all that they could be. He was an exemplary role model with an energetic and demanding teaching style. On the personal side, I, along with many others, enjoyed some wonderful times with Larry in a for-fun-only poker group. Over the years, we matured from the days of talking about the members of the incoming class of freshman, and how they dressed, to critiquing the actions of the college’s administration and to the present where the conversation centers on survival skills including diets, medications, aches and pains. Amazingly, such social engagements remain fun because of the personalities involved. In this regard, Larry was exceptional in the amount of fun he brought to the table. Larry was indeed fortunate that he was not a gambler because if he had been he would have been the ultimate big-time loser! He simply did not possess the capability of putting on a “poker face”. If he had a bad hand you could see his disappointment on his face. More important, if he had a good hand, at least in his mind, you could see his face light up and he became anxious to play his next card, often showing his hand by playing out of turn. Often his momentary excitement ended with a change from a joyful smile to an embarrassment smile when learned that his “great” hand did not live up to his expectations. If Larry ever left the game with more than he came with it was likely because he inadvertently used coins from one of his neighbor’s piles to place his bets. Of all the people who I played poker with over the years I really enjoyed it when Larry was part of the group because I could always count on him to remind the others that I was not the worst poker player in the world. The social gatherings were great fun but we also learned a lot about our friends. What we learned about Larry Kline was that in him there could be no “deceit” – what you saw was what you got, and what you got was great!

We will miss this man of truth, his wit, his smile…
We send our condolences to Caroll and their family and friends.

Following is Larry’s obituary from the Rochester D&C on Sunday. Please note the information for the calling hours and memorial service.

Kline, Larry Keith

Webster: June 20, 2013 at age 73 after a long battle with COPD. Predeceased by his parents, Emma and Clarence Kline of State College, PA and his brother, Dennis of Rochester. Survived by his wife of 51 years, Caroll, and their three daughters and families, Jennifer Kline (Kenneth Brown) of Penfield; Wende (Mark) Haecker and their sons Damon, Chase, Brett, Aidan of Altamonte Springs, FL; Jill (Richard) Schneider and their children Luke, Hannah of Gladstone, MO. Also survived by three siblings, Wayne (Anique) of Indianapolis, IN; Karen (Dennis) Harris of Wellsville, NY; and Kevin
(Joanne) of San Antonio, TX. Other family members include Terry Wright of Wellsville, NY; Peg Kline of San Antonio, TX; and many cousins, nieces, nephews.

Larry was born and raised in Buffalo and met his future wife at Sunday School. He attended Valparaiso University on a baseball scholarship and married after graduation in 1961. He earned his Masters in Chemistry from Penn State, and a Ph.D. from SUNY Buffalo. Larry completed his post-doctoral work at Yale University and accepted a teaching position at SUNY Brockport in the Biological Services Department, where he spent his entire career. Larry returned to Yale in 1979 for a sabbatical of research. Larry was the stereotypical nerdy professor and is remembered by his students for his no-nonsense approach to teaching and his love of cardigan sweaters.

Larry expressed his love of Jesus Christ by happily serving others, especially through his church community. He served on the ELCA Upper NYS Synod, was a Stephen Ministry Leader, sang in the choir, took on the role of caterer, and was a member of many different church committees. Larry was the first male soccer coach for the Little Gal's Soccer League in the 1970s, was active in Brockport Community Theater in the 1980s, and pursued traveling and cooking as a hobby thereafter. Larry loved to entertain and hosted many family reunions and dinners with friends. We will miss his sense of humor and all of the talents he shared with us. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Fairport Baptist Homes and Larry's caregivers, Connie Albert, Chris Hayes, and Roxann Vongunden.

Calling hours will be held 1-3 and 6-8 PM Wednesday, June 26 at the funeral chapel (1031 Ridge Rd.). A memorial service will be held 11 AM Thursday, June 27 with a reception immediately following at Trinity Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 761 Elmgrove Road, Rochester, NY 14624. Donations may be made to Trinity Emmanuel Lutheran Church or Lifetime Care Hospice, 3111 S. Winton Road, Rochester, NY 14623. To share a memory of Larry or send a condolence to the family, visit www.anthonychapels.com.

[To see a picture of Larry by Jim Dusen from earlier times, visit “Your News” at: http://www.itss.brockport.edu/~rmeade/your_news.htm]

For some better news, I am happy to report that Larry Humm is continuing to heal and rehabilitate after his very serious skiing accident in February. According to Herb Fink, Larry is now able to get around with a 4-point cane and has actually been able to slowly get up the stairs at home so that soon the Humms will be able to reclaim their dining room. Larry still has a long way to go but according to Herb, he is tenacious with his rehabilitation efforts and he expects to ski again this winter. We need to continue to keep Larry in our thoughts and prayers and wish him much success in his efforts to restore his abilities.

Those of you living out of the Brockport area may not have heard that our own Margay Blackman (Anthropology 1977-2007) recently won an election to become Mayor of the Village of Brockport. We send her our congratulations and wish her much success in her new role.

Carpe diem,
June 25, 2013

Greetings,

Sorry to bother your email accounts again so soon but I have another sad bit of news to share that is time-sensitive!

Those who know Karen Walter Passarell will be especially sad to learn that her husband Neil Robert Passarell died on Sunday. I did not know Neil, except for meeting him at a couple of College events, and at an art gallery. But, he was married to the wonderful Karen Walter Passarell so I am sure he was likewise a man we would have all liked to have known. Karen provided excellent, helpful, friendly service in the Career Services Office for many years before transferring to be a key person at the Rochester Educational Opportunity Center where she continued her work to guide students towards success. Please note the time sensitive calling information and the memorial information in his obituary below:

Passarell, Neal Richard  
Rochester, NY: Passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 23, 2013, after a brief illness. Predeceased by his parents, Ted and Madeline Passarell. Survived by his best friend, loving wife and travel companion, Karen Walter-Passarell; son, Ted (Karin); step-sons, Stephen and Patrick Walter; granddaughters, Sydney Passarell and Alexandria Williams; brother, Ted (Florence); many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends and his beloved Molly.

Neal graduated from Madison H.S. and the University of Rochester, of which he was very proud. He spent over 44 years in Sales and Management in the Rochester area. He and Karen enjoyed travel, golf and the occasional casino. The family is grateful to the staff at Strong Palliative Care Center.

Friends may call WEDNESDAY 4:00-8:00PM at DiPonzio Funeral Home, Inc., 219 Spencerport Rd., Gates. On Thursday, June 27, all are invited to his Memorial Mass at 9:30AM in St. Helen's Church, Gates. Interment was private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wilmot Cancer Center at URMC or Palliative Care Center at URMC, 601 Elmwood Ave. 14642 in his memory.

We send our sincere condolences to Karen and all of Neal’s family and friends.

Carpe diem,

Bud

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July 9, 2013
Greetings,

Y2K is nearly a full thirteen years in our past. Nineteen ninety-two, when Norma Lawrence retired from her position in Drake Library, is even more distant, and it is very difficult to believe that forty-eight years have passed since Norma Lawrence began her career at The Brockport College on November 1, 1965. She, and some unknown number of other classified service employees, joined seventeen emeriti, among other faculty and staff who left before retiring, who were appointed in 1965, including President Emeritus Albert W. Brown. Sadly, on Saturday, July 6, 2013 Norma Lawrence joined five of the seventeen emeriti referenced above who have passed. If memory serves me Norma was a frequent visitor to Human Resources/Payroll during much of her career and I believe it was because she was directly involved in managing time sheets for student employees in the library and that role required her to visit the Payroll Office every other week to turn in time sheets. If I am wrong about the reason for her visits, I am not wrong that she was always cordial and friendly with, and observed to be respected by, the HR/Payroll staff during her visits. We send condolences to her family and friends.

Following is her obituary from the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle:

Lawrence, Norma Hendershott
Holley: On Saturday, July 6, 2013, at the age of 86. Predeceased by her son, Richard G. Lawrence. Survived by her daughter, Cindy (Walt) Barker, brother Larry (Edie) Hendershott; sister, Dottie (Richard) Gray; grandchildren, Christopher (Mickey) Bonifield, Janene (Robert) Duda, Kate (Brandon Kawa) Barker; great-grandchildren, Caitlyn Bonifield, Robert III and Colby Duda; nieces, nephews, relatives & friends.

Norma retired from the Drake Memorial Library in SUNY Brockport after 27 years.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 13, 1 PM at the Fowler Funeral Home, Inc., 340 West Ave., Brockport, NY. Those wishing may contribute to the American Lung Society.

Following is a recent announcement in the Daily Eagle relating to the 2013 Diversity Conference Keynote Speaker and a call for proposals that I thought would be of interest. Emeriti, along with others, are invited to submit proposals by July 30th and information on how to do so will be found in the announcement that follows. It is also noted that the Former President of Buffalo State, Muriel A. Howard, will be the keynote speaker for those just interested in attending the event. Here is the announcement.

Dr. Muriel A. Howard to Present Keynote Address at 2013 Diversity Conference
*The 13th Annual Diversity Conference: “Building Community through Diversity”*
*CHAMPIONING ACCESS AND EQUITY • Thursday, Sept. 19, 2013*

The Diversity Committee is pleased to announce that Dr. Muriel A. Howard will deliver the Keynote Address at the 2013 Diversity Conference on Sept. 19, 2013. Dr. Howard is president of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) and first African-American to lead one of the six presidentially based higher education associations in Washington, D.C. She is also AASCU’s first female president.
As AASCU president, Dr. Howard is an advocate for public higher education at the national level, working to influence federal policy and regulations on behalf of member colleges and universities; developing collaborative partnerships and initiatives that advance public higher education; directing a strategic agenda that focuses on public college and university leadership for the 21st century; and providing professional development opportunities for presidents, chancellors, and their spouses. She also served as the president of Buffalo State College, State University of New York from 1996 to 2009.

Call for Workshop Proposals
The theme of the 13th annual Diversity Conference “Building Community through Diversity” CHAMPIONING ACCESS AND EQUITY will highlight diversity as an important value in building a community through dialogue that addresses the challenges caused by the disparity of access to Education; Healthcare; Gender Equity; Marriage Equality, and Global Activism. The Diversity Program Committee is accepting proposals for seventy-five-minute break-out sessions that relate to the theme in one of the highlighted topics. Faculty, Staff, Students, and Emeriti are invited to submit proposals by July 30, 2013 for the Conference. Complete details and proposal forms are available at https://forms.brockport.edu/view.php?id=52778

call: kmangion@brockport.edu
submitted: Tue, Jun 25, 2013 by kmangion
links:  Submit a Workshop Proposal

In response to my last Update I had a nice note from Emeritus Chad Skaggs, Department of Communication, in which he commented on the tribute to Larry Kline and updated his directory information. After retiring in 1997, he moved to Decatur, Georgia but recently has relocated to Houston, Texas. He is living with a nephew, an oil-hunting geologist, and his wife, and in a short time he has made bird-watchers out of them. It was good to hear from Chad and to be able to update his directory information. In a follow-up exchange of emails, he advised me that his elegant canoe is still for sale at Hemlock Canoes in Hemlock, New York, near Honeoye. It comes well equipped (paddles, etc.) and I believe was built by Dave Curtis, the owner of Hemlock Canoes, who is well known for the quality of his canoes. It is a nice drive from Brockport for anyone but could be a good opportunity as well for anyone looking to buy a quality canoe.

We send Chad best wishes for health and happiness in his new location and for finding a new home for his esteemed canoe.

I also had a nice exchange with Frank Filardo recently after sharing a photo with him that I discovered while searching for another photo. The photo included an unidentified person plus Bill Sanford, me, and Frank with Dick Mancuso in the background. I emailed both Bill Sanford and Frank to see if either of them could identify the “unidentified”. So far, the person has not been identified. Frank reports that he is doing well and has fond memories of the golf tournaments at Brockport Country Club where he believes the photo was taken. Frank was a unique talent at Brockport and I was happy to hear from him with the news that he is well.
Other News:

First, for those of you who are out of range of the daily news you may not have heard the bad news relating to the recent closing of Lakeside Memorial Hospital. But better news is the recent report that Strong Hospital will soon take over the Lakeside facility and it will become known as Strong West. A reliable authority has told me that Strong West will open in time for the College's fall semester in late August, but will only provide an "urgent health care" service and doctors' offices for now. The out-patient services (x-rays, radiation etc.) and the emergency room are still not finalized pending state approval. This, of course, was very good news for the Brockport Community and the College.

And then, there is news about emeritus Bill Andrews. First, as a member of the Brockport Village Board Bill will be/has been named Vice Mayor and will serve under Emerita, and recently elected mayor, Margay Blackman. Bill is also pleased that his new book, Civil War Brockport, has been released and it is available at Liftbridge. He will have a signing at Liftbridge on Sunday, July 21, 2013 at 3:00 PM.

Many of us were very pleased to see and talk with Larry Humm at Morgan Manning on July 4th. Except for continuing problems with his left hand, he has made a miraculous recovery. He currently takes shorter steps than before the accident but expects that will improve as he continues to walk and do his therapy. He also remains very optimistic, as do his doctors, about his left hand.

Carpe diem,

Bud

July 15, 2013

Greetings,

Yesterday the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle brought us the sad news of the passing of Dr. Sarwat Malik on July 7, 2013. We send our condolences to her husband, Professor of History, Dr. Salahuddin Malik, and to the rest of her family and her friends. Her obituary, which follows, pays tribute to her many contributions. Her roles on life’s stage will be sorely missed but they also provide a wonderful legacy.

Malik, Dr. Sarwat

Pittsford: Dr. Sarwat Malik died on July 7th after a long battle with lung cancer.

Inna lillahay wa inna ilayhi rajoun
(To God we belong and to God we return)

May her soul rest in peace and may God grant her a shady spot in the highest of heavens.
Sarwat Malik completed her MBBS (MD) at the age of 21 in Pakistan and came to Rochester in 1967 to begin her pioneering medical career. She did an internship in Pathology at Rochester General Hospital and subsequently completed her medical residency at The Genesee Hospital.

Dr. Malik was one of the first employees in the Genesee Health Service when it started in 1973. In 1974, Sarwat learned that the Genesee Health Service was discriminating against its two female physicians. She single-handedly challenged the all-male hospital board and reversed its policy. Also during these years, despite a thriving practice and growing family, Sarwat became the founding president of Fatima Jinnah Medical College North American Alumni Association and founding President of Medical Women's Association of Rochester. She also served as vice president on the Board of the Islamic Center of Rochester and the Pakistani American Association of Rochester.

Sarwat was a paladin for women's rights. A few years ago, she and her daughter, Nadia Malik, founded the Global Partnership for Women and Girls to invest in the education and economic advancement of Muslim women and girls around the world. GPWG currently invests in projects in Senegal, Egypt, Afghanistan, Palestine and Pakistan and continues to grow. In May 2010, in recognition of her work, NYC based Women's eNews awarded Sarwat the honor "21 Leaders for the 21st Century".

Two years ago, Dr. Malik established the Malik Lecture Series at SUNY Brockport in honor of her husband, Salahuddin. The lecture series has an ambitious vision of promoting broader understanding among faith communities. In the same vein, Sarwat served on the Advisory Board of the Hickey Center for Interfaith Studies and Dialogue at Nazareth College.

Dr. Malik was a professional Muslim woman before it was fashionable. She was a lifelong advocate of equality, women's rights, and social justice; not just through her words but through her actions and organizational affiliations. She helped countless patients, mentored students and residents, and was a beloved and respected member of her community.

Dr. Malik is survived by her husband of 47 years, Dr. Salahuddin Malik, her two daughters Sumaiya Malik Wood and Nadia Malik and her son-in-law Scott Wood. She lived a full and happy life. She is loved and will be missed by everyone whose life she touched.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to www.globalpartnershipforwomenandgirls.org

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News from emeritus Rick Kincaid…

Before retirement Rick Kincaid thought that his knees and ankles would be the cause for him to give up the lunch hour basketball game and other vigorous physical activities at some time in the
future. But, soon after retirement he learned how quickly our abilities can be altered when he was diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis. While he might have benefited greatly in the early stages of his battle from expressions of concern from friends and former colleagues, he preferred privacy as he adjusted to his new limitations and learned more about his disease and its impact. Of course, over time, many, particularly those of us who had had engaged in physical battles with Rick on the basketball court and missed his presence, became aware of his situation and wondered how he was doing. In a recent conversation with Rick I mentioned that I, among others, had had inquiries of concern about him and wondered if he might now be ready to share a little about his post-retirement life. He agreed to share and his well-written summary follows:

Since retiring at the end of 2011, I've been diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis. This is progressive and irreversible scarring of lung tissue, usually of unknown causes (as is my case). Eventually I may qualify for the lung transplant list and I am periodically evaluated for this. So far, my condition is not that bad although I am limited somewhat. About 45% of my lung capacity is out of service due to the scarring so I have limited energy, and shortness of breath. I do use oxygen when moving about or exercising. However, I'm not in any pain and can do most of life's activities, albeit slowly. The doctors tell me stability is a good thing as life after a transplant is still limited in duration and the necessary anti-rejection drugs and anti-infection precautions place limitations on activities. Since I've had lots of tests to determine suitability for a transplant I have learned the rest of me is in excellent condition so years of stability are a possibility.

I continue to do a small amount of work for the college, assisting with the alumni placement survey, and last fall I audited an excellent Early America class taught by Steve Ireland. Although retirement has not gone quite as planned, I'm thankful that I did all the preparation for retirement prior to this diagnosis. One of those activities was a reflection on my life, and I concluded I have had an excellent marriage, three children I am proud of, a good career, and loyal friends. Thus, I feel little stress for the future since I've done more in my past than I had hoped for.

[Rick made the following comment regarding my introduction to his information sharing: “nice summary, except it's a severe decline in my limited abilities that caused me to retire from bball. That predated the lung issues.” Those who played basketball with him in the NBA (noontime basketball association) would generally disagree with his statement and praise him for his exceptionally quick “first step” which was still in evidence just prior to the end of his NBA career.]

News from emeritus David Morien…

In a recent email exchange with David Morien I learned that not long ago he became active as a veteran when he shared the following:

About two years ago at a Veteran’s Day breakfast at the American Legion I was asked if I would be in the Honor Guard for military funerals. I agreed because I had been a member of the Legion for 27 years and had done nothing. I am mostly on the firing line shooting the M-1. I have my Marine Corps Handbook and reviewed the manual of arms. It came right back to me. I
was asked to be the membership Treasurer and I agreed. Most of our members are from the Korean and Vietnam era. Every serviceman after 1990 is eligible for membership but they are not joining.

Other news from Dave concerns his musical objectives following retirement. Dave had always enjoyed Blue Grass, and, shortly before retiring, decided to learn to play the banjo. He did so and for some time played for fun in the “Over the Hill Band”. Unfortunately, he reports, the band dissolved after the passing of its leader last year and he also had an injury to his right hand that now limits his playing ability. But, he can still play banjo, clawhammer style, and was in a few jams at the Tug Hill Blue Grass Festival a few weeks ago.

[It was nice to hear from Dave and we commend him for his role with the American Legion. Of course, it is somewhat disheartening to hear again of the membership problems faced by that organization, among the many other organizations facing decline and possible extinction.]

We have good news to share from emerita Benita Jorkasky as follows:

Walt Brautigan has made an excellent recovery and is now at home, religiously doing his physical therapy on his one hip replacement and anticipating replacing his other hip next year...he's in great spirits, thanks to the care and attention he gets from friends like Jeanette Banker and Betsy Balzano.

[It is great news that Walter Brautigan continues his recovery and that Brockport’s own continues to care for its own!]

I enjoy the media reminders that give credibility to how well The College at Brockport is doing. As an example, the feature article, a watchdog report on a City Nursing Home in the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle on Sunday, July 14, 2013, was the work of staff writer Patti Singer who holds a master’s degree in health education from the College. And, by the way, the Curt Hill pictured at the Geneseo Air show on page one of the ROCNews section of this paper is our own Curtis Hill, Leadership Development Officer in the Development Office.

Carpe diem,

Bud

July 27, 2013

Greetings,

I have just a few things to share before being out of touch while traveling for a few days next week.

First, I have it on good authority that Tom and Mary Markusen may be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary today. We send our congratulations to them!
Tom and Pat Nugent have shared the following information about what is going on in their lives with their own distribution list and they have granted me permission to share it with the emeriti group. Please note that their earlier distribution was on July 17th when we were in the middle of the heat wave. Here is what they shared at that time:

Hi all,

We're enjoying the air conditioning in the house today and hope you're keeping cool too.

Before continuing we want to thank you all for your ongoing support. If we are not always timely in responding to you please forgive us, but please don't worry about us. The days have been filled with appointments, rehab and regrouping. Up until now we have pretty much been on auto pilot, simply, but busily following the initial "best practices" treatment that is well laid out for brain cancer. We haven't forgotten your generous offers and won't hesitate to ask, but right now we truly don't need anything but your continuing good will and friendship.

We're currently in a pause of treatment until the next MRI early next month, so are taking the opportunity to reflect on where we've been and where we're going.

The side effects of the treatment, namely the swelling caused by surgery and radiation and the lowering of the platelet count, are now being evaluated. The swelling varies day to day and affects daily functioning accordingly. The platelets are at a safe level, and, there are no visible effects like bruising or additional fatigue, but the platelet count is too low to continue the same drug now. There are several possible options both for the platelets and for the swelling and those are being considered now. One option is just waiting it out.

We tend to focus more on the quality of our days than the details of the treatment, so we're not trying to be mysterious, just trying to keep the medical part in perspective and not let it overcome us. We are both doing well. Ask Tom and he will either say he's fine or that he's better. Not bad choices. We continue to enjoy our retirement and are grateful for all that we have mainly each other, family and friends.

It's easy for us to pick up the phone to accept a call (if we get to it in time-- who knows where those cell phones may be at any given moment), but for some reason much harder to initiate calls or answer voice mails, so please feel free to call us. Our home phone, 585-352-8023, is much more likely to be picked up than the cells.

Stay cool and keep in touch.

Love,

Pat and Tom
[Please keep Tom and Pat in your thoughts and prayers and drop a line or a card and pick up the phone and give a call as you are moved to do so. Tom, especially, enjoys receiving cards and they lift his spirits in these difficult times.]

Roger Weir and Karla Linn Merrifield report that they have returned from the Wild West of Northern New Mexico in one piece if exhausted! Here is their story:

My, that cross-country road gets tiresome much faster than it used to! And now we’re safely home and lining up contractors and checking off our list of doctors to see. The maple tree needs trimming, a leaky window needs repair (and then the ceiling painted), and a garden awaits de-weeding. Phew! But all in good time.

If fellow emeriti are curious about our New Mexico adventures, I invite you to take a gander through my newest photo book (complete with poems) at https://karlasphotobooks.shutterfly.com/ -- if not already a member of my photo audience, you will have to request it. Just a click away! Friends can also visit my Vagabond Poet blog at http://karlalinn.blogspot.com/ where I posted a new entry yesterday.

Roger and I both agree we much prefer the desert heat of the Southwest to the horrific HHH (heat, humidity, haze) of Western New York, but we’re so pleased to be home and taking care of house and yard in the early-early morning hours before the steam sets in.

Looking forward to seeing friends… and running into others in Brockport as we make our rounds. Looking forward also to our next adventure: On September 16, we’ll be off to Kenya, Tanzania and Zanzibar for 18 days on a safari. Another dream comes true. While we’re both still upright and mobile! Hello to all in Emeritiland!

Karla

Jim Horn has shared some news that will be of interest to anyone who might be considering a trip to Mexico. Here is his report:

There is great news for residents and tourists. A huge ecological garden development is starting to bloom near Lake Tequesquitengo, a forty-minute drive from Cuernavaca. Jardines de Mexico has scores of employees laboring to create the largest garden in the world. The multi-million-dollar complex will measure 100 hectares (almost 250 acres) with 50 hectares in plantings. The famous Keukenhof “garden of Europe” is only 32 hectares. See my Jim’s blog for more information: https://jimhornnews.wordpress.com under Cuernavaca Commentary, Musings from Mexico, and Travel Talk.

Last Tuesday I was pleased to have lunch with two of our World War II veterans, Maury Kleiman and Frank Hillman, while Maury and Liz were in town for a few days. I enjoyed hearing these veterans tell a few war stories and reminisce about their days at Brockport and the people they knew. On Wednesday evening Sandy and I had dinner with Maury and Liz and we truly enjoyed hearing Liz tell some of her war stories from the perspective of someone growing up in England and having to evacuate on at least three occasions because of the bombings. I
failed to get a photo of Liz and Maury together but will try to post a photograph of Maury, Frank and me with this “Update” on the emeriti website at http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm under the “Your News” link. BTW, I took the photograph of Hartwell Hall that appears on the emeriti website just shortly after the new red light poles were installed and found that they really were highlights in the many pictures of Hartwell that I took from different perspectives that day.

[For some reason, I have been unable to post the photo of Maury, Frank and me so far but I’ll keep trying.]

Carpe diem,

Bud

August 13, 2013

Greetings,

Two weeks ago, from last Sunday, the Rochester D&C included an obituary for Marion T. Hill. I did not know Marion personally but now know her to be the wife of the late Dr. Norman J. Hill who was an emeritus from the Education Department. I did not rush to do another “Update” since a memorial service is yet to be announced but I decided not to wait any longer before sharing this sad news. I know many of you knew both Norman and Marion and some will remember that Marion was a retired librarian and that she continued to show interest in the Norman J. Hill scholarship at the College after he died. Following is Marion’s obituary from the D&C. If I hear about a memorial service I will pass the information along.

Hill, Marion T


No prior visitation. Memorial Service to be announced. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the First Presbyterian Church of Bergen, PO Box 206, Bergen, NY, 14416. Please leave a condolence, share a story or light a candle at www.bataviafuneralhomes.com

Arrangements by H.E. Turner & Co. Funeral Home, Bergen.

George Toth, a regular at the Newman Center every Sunday has reported on another Newman Center regular, Irene D’Agostino, surviving wife of the late emeritus Gerry D’Agostino. For years Irene has participated in the Senior Olympics and George has reported that she recently
won 2 or 3 silver medals plus ribbons for 7th and 8th place finishes in swimming at the 2013 Senior Olympics in Cleveland, Ohio. We send our congratulations to Irene.

It is hard to believe but the College is nearly ready to begin another academic year. President Halstead has already announced the Faculty/Staff Convocation and the Academic Convocation and emeriti and retirees are invited to attend. These events are scheduled as follows:

Faculty/Staff Convocation
8:30 – 10:30 am, Tuesday, August 20th
Seymour Ballroom

Academic Convocation
4 to 5 pm, Friday, August 23
Special Events Recreation Center

Carpe Diem,

Bud

August 30, 2013

Greetings,

Well, three of the signs of fall are now in plain view; classes at The College at Brockport have begun, plans for students’ return to NYS public schools the Wednesday after Labor Day are in place, and as I type I observe all kinds of winged and multi-legged critters passing by the window as they attempt to gain access to the inside of our house. Some have already made it in but through my vigilance they have learned that this is not the place to be…maybe your house will welcome them, but not here!

Obviously, I have not received much news from you to report and fortunately I have only one piece of bad news to share. So, let’s get the bad news out of the way first. It is that the very talented Gerald M. Lee, son of the late Arthur (Professor of History, 1957-1972) and Doris Lee died in Rochester in July. Gerald himself taught and directed in the Music Department at The College at Brockport for several years and although I did not know him personally his reputation was that he was of the same exceptionally strong character as his parents. His passing was noted in the following obituary that appeared in the Rochester D&C last Sunday.

Lee, Gerald M.

Rochester: Gerald M. Lee, 66, died suddenly in July at his home in Rochester. Son of the late Arthur and Doris Lee, Jerry was born in Brockport, NY on January 30, 1947. He is survived by his sister, Pat Lee, of Tucson, AZ. A gifted musician from childhood, Jerry studied piano and voice at Eastman and at the College of Wooster. He then taught and directed at SUNY Brockport for several years before joining the Voice and Opera
Email exchanges between Professor Emeritus Martin Lindauer and me reminded me again that the mind’s eye and reality find a greater divide as we age. Martin reported that he would not have recognized my picture in the recent mailing from the College to emeriti had my name not been printed next to it. In Martin’s mind’s eye, he remembered me as I looked when he retired more than 20 years ago. Similarly, I replied to Martin, as I had earlier reported to Mike Andriatch, that: “that picture is not the “me” in my own “mind’s eye”!

These exchanges also reminded me that while we change with the passage of time we are not alone. Just before the opening of school I paid a visit to the campus to see what changes had occurred. My “mind’s eye” of the campus was altered significantly as I rode my bike through the campus, most notably seeing the progress towards the completion of the Physical Education and Recreation Complex and the new Liberal Arts Building. What really impressed me as a former NBA (Mancuso’s Noontime Basketball Association) star was the near completion of renovations to the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Football Stadium, where lights have been added for night games, and the renovations to the Bob Boozer Football Field, where grass has been replaced with artificial turf. If you want to be part of some real excitement, you need to plan to attend the College’s first ever night football game at 6:00 pm on Saturday, September 28th followed by fireworks at the end of the game.

Moreover, you are reminded of, and encouraged to attend, the Emeriti and Retiree Luncheon and other activities scheduled for Thursday, September 26 where you will have the opportunity to close the gap between your “mind’s eye view” and “reality” related to both former colleagues and the College as you reminisce, support the recognition of former colleagues, and learn about the College’s path for the future. If you can attend, please remember that for planning purposes you need to RSVP by September 13th by calling (585) 395-2451 or emailing alumni@brockport.edu

Here then is the schedule for Thursday, September 26, 2013. I hope to see many of you at these events.

Emeriti & Retirees Luncheon

    When: September 26, 2013, 10:30 am
    Where: Cooper Hall (New York Room)

Join deans, students and other special guests and hear firsthand how your continued support of The College at Brockport makes a difference. The program starts at 10:30 a.m. with a lunch to follow.

Drake Memorial Library Tour and Tea

    When: September 26, 2013, 1 pm
    Where: Drake Memorial Library (Queen Room)
Learn about the past, present and future of the library and how you can support its needs. Director of Library Services Mary Jo Orzech will lead the tour.

Smith Hall Room Dedications

When: September 26, 2013, 2:30 pm
Where: Smith Hall (1st floor student lounge)

Stop by Smith Hall for the formal dedication of the Henry L. Bretton Lounge and Richard V. Mancuso Physics Library.

Stuart Appelle Lecture Series

When: September 26, 2013, 7 pm
Where: Hartwell Hall (Hartwell Theatre)

The inaugural lecture will feature Stu’s longtime friend and colleague Dr. Mark Rodeghier, who is the scientific director for the Center for UFO Studies.

A reception will follow.

From Mexico, we have several pieces of information to share from Jim Horn. Jim was in Acapulco when a 6.2 magnitude earthquake hit there on August 21st. There were only a few injuries although there was structural damage. Jim reported that the injuries were mostly along the highway where rocks and rock slides had damaged vehicles and blocked roadways. We were happy to learn that Jim was not adversely affected by the earthquake except for a slower trip back home to Cuernavaca.

Jim also shared a link that might be of interest to anyone planning to visit Mexico, particularly the State of Morelos. He reports: the Secretary of Tourism for the State of Morelos is launching a publicity campaign to attract tourists. One element is this beautiful video entitled “Morelos es la Primavera de Mexico.” “Morelos is Mexico’s spring. You can see it on YouTube at this link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Tb5BgFV1I4

Jim also shared the following information that I think might be of interest to many of you:

This is a comment on and link to an article in today's NY Times
http://www.nytimes.com/2013/08/14/world/americas/in-mexico-a-healer-who-asks-for-nothing-in-return.html?ref=world on Sergio Castro, the remarkable man who works among the poor in and around San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas. I have had the good fortune to know him and visit his home on several occasions.

Before I retired I took seven tour groups to Chiapas but only on the last four did I have the good fortune to hear about Don Sergio and contact him on behalf of my groups. On two occasions when he wasn't too busy with his medical mission, he guided us to the
villages of San Juan Chamula and Zinacantán where the mayordomos greeted him by kissing his hand. In the evening, he hosted my groups in his home/museum with a slide lecture on his work and an explanation of his huge collection of Mayan dress for both men and women from every region of the state, displayed on mannequins. We took medical supplies and made financial donations to his work.

In an “Update” on July 27th I shared information from Jim about the construction of the largest garden in the world. Recently Jim had the privilege of visiting the garden and shared the following with me. I am not attaching the photos he sent but I will try to post them with this “Update” on the “Your News” page on the emeriti website http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm.

August 29 I was fortunate to be included in a special tour of Jardines de Mexico for local media, press and television. I was the only foreigner and the only blogger. This will be the largest flower garden in the world when it opens, probably late November. The attachments [not with this Update] show the formal Italian garden almost ready for planting, pathways all handicapped accessible, and one of many spectacular water lily ponds in the Japanese Garden. I will not write the garden up until nearer inauguration. I am leaving Saturday for New York, NY, then fly to Warsaw Monday night for the start of my Tauck tour of Eastern Europe visiting also Cracow, Budapest, Vienna, Prague, and smaller cities. Cheers Jim

[Jim continues to have great experiences in life and our best wishes go with him as he continues his travels.]

Another dream comes true for Karla Merrifield and Roger Weir as they depart on September 16 for Klenay, Tanzania for 18 days on a safari.

[Karla and Roger, we’ll look forward to your travel report when you return…safe travels!]

That is it for now. Check out the whole schedule of events for Homecoming at: http://www.brockport.edu/homecoming/documents/13-3283%20Homecoming%20Mailer.pdf

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Emeriti and Retiree Luncheon on Thursday, September 26th and at other weekend events. Don’t forget to RSVP by September 13th, as indicated above, for the luncheon and other activities scheduled on Thursday of Homecoming Week.

Carpe diem,

Bud

September 12, 2013

Greetings,
Congratulations to Frank Wojcik, Associate Provost for Library, Information, and Technology Services who is the 2013 recipient of the Visionary Leadership Award from Digital Rochester.

**Visionary Leadership Award**  
* sponsored by Superior Group *

**Finalists**  
- Eric Rorapaugh, Owner, & Kristin Rorapaugh, CEO, SMP – West Henrietta, NY  
- Bob Titus, Partner, Innovative Solutions – Rochester, NY  
- *Frank Wojcik, Assoc. Provost for Library, Information, and Technology Services, The College at Brockport – Brockport, NY*

Recognition to an individual who takes it upon themselves to instill their vision, providing the inspiration and motivation that compels an organization to take dramatic steps in applying innovative technology in any given field that resulted in increased productivity, efficiency or business success.  
Judging Categories: Decision Making/Communication, Workplace Environment, Strategic Direction, Achieved Successes

For more information about Digital Rochester’s Awards go to:  

[While congratulating Frank we also thank him for the achievements that led to this award and for the recognition it brought to him and to the College.]

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Gail Thiel, Coordinator of Housing for the English Language Service program is looking for host families. If you have a spare room and are interested in hosting, please read the information she has provided and contact her:

“The new English Language Service program on the College at Brockport campus, is now recruiting for homestay families to host international students. Duration varies from one month to six months. You may choose your assignment, and the stipend is a very generous $640 per month per student! Each student must have their own bedroom, and be provided with breakfast, dinner, and transportation to and from the College, if not within walking distance. Be a part of this fabulous new program, and enjoy an enriching experience. Please call Gail Thiel at 585-705-7895 or email [gailthiel@ymail.com](mailto:gailthiel@ymail.com) for more information.”

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George Toth has served as manager of the United Nations Association of Rochester and as a member of the board and remains active in support of that organization. He has shared with me the following notice of an event being held in Rochester on UN Day and thought that it might be of interest to some of you so I share the announcement.

**UN DAY**  
October 24th, 2013

United Nations
Association of Rochester

Invites you to a free
Community Symposium

Keynote Speaker: Ambassador Asoke Kumar Mukerji, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations

Ambassador Mukerji is responsible for India’s multilateral diplomacy at the United Nations. He has specialized in India’s strategic/security policy, and led India’s cyber dialogs with the US, UK, European Union, Japan and Russia. Ambassador Mukerji is the author of several articles on trade Policy and the World Trade Organization and written books on the postal history of Dubai, Mahatma Gandhi in London and the first Indian soldiers in Europe during the First World War.

Topic: Back to Business; World Trade and the Developing World the Ambassador will illustrate his talk and extends a Question and Answer exchange.

Time, Date and Location:

7:00 pm, October 24, 2013
Basel Auditorium
St. John Fisher College
3690 East Avenue
Rochester, NY 14618
Please register by email: unar@unar.org

[If interested in attending it is recommended that you register early for this event that is open to the public.]

It is hard to believe it but Homecoming 2013 and the emeriti events scheduled for September 26th are only two weeks away. You can find the schedule of events, including the emeriti activities, at:


But, please RSVP by tomorrow, September 13th, by calling (585) 395-2451 or emailing alumni@brockport.edu if you plan to attend the emeriti luncheon which will be in the New York Room, Cooper Hall beginning at 10:30 am on Thursday, September 26. The luncheon will be a
great opportunity to meet the current Deans and learn about their division’s plans and to meet and greet other emeriti and share retirement experiences. It is great to see The College at Brockport gain in stature by the work of the current faculty and staff who are building on the foundation that we left for them. We, along with the current staff can take pride when The College at Brockport and its faculty and staff, and its emeriti, achieve, as evidenced by Frank Wojcik’s award and the College’s award that follows. I look forward to hearing how the Deans and other leaders plan to maintain the momentum when they speak at the emeriti luncheon and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

BROCKPORT, N.Y.—The College at Brockport, State University of New York, has jumped 14 spots in the annual *US News & World Report*’s, “America’s Best Colleges” guide. Brockport is ranked 54th, the highest ranking it has ever achieved, in the Best Regional Universities-North category of the magazine’s soon-to-be-released rankings. The College also was ranked No. 11 among public universities in the northern region.

“It is an honor that our students, faculty, staff, and alumni have again been recognized for their achievements by *US News & World Report*,” says Brockport President John R. Halstead. “This type of recognition tells the nation what we already know—that the entire Brockport community is completely committed to ensuring the success of our students and our graduates.”

Brockport earned its first ranking in the 2007 edition.

The rankings are tabulated based on an array of criteria, including graduation rates, percentage of alumni who donate to their alma maters, the school’s reputation among peers and the academic profile of incoming students.

“As we continue to work with **Governor Cuomo** to position SUNY and New York to lead in affordability, access, and quality, and **President Obama** puts these issues into focus nationally, we are proud to be recognized and ranked favorably by *US News & World Report*,” says SUNY Chancellor **Nancy L. Zimpher**, PhD. “Congratulations to Brockport and the many campuses representing SUNY on this list.”

In closing, here is a little more information about the lecture honoring the late Stuart Appelle which will take place in Room 100, Edwards Hall at 7 pm on Thursday, September 26. I hope it will perk your interest if you have not yet put this event on your calendar.

Dr. Mark Rodeghier is the scientific director of the Center for UFO Studies in Chicago. He has studied UFO reports involving automobiles affected by UFOs, led the first on-site, in-depth investigation at the Roswell crash site and has investigated the social and psychological characteristics of UFO abductees. He will talk about why studying UFOs is important, why the subject is relevant given the latest findings in astronomy and exobiology and some of the most intriguing UFO data.

Carpe diem,
Bud

PS. Don’t forget that you can keep abreast of happenings at The College at Brockport by visiting Quick Links and then Dailey Eagle at http://www.brockport.edu/, and remember that the original purpose of this “Update” was to share “Your News” so feel free to share with me what you wish to share with colleagues and friends and I’ll pass it on.

PSS. I did make a brief stop at the First Friday event last week and it was great to see the regulars and others and to meet some of the new faculty and staff. It was especially nice to see Chris Cook, former Director of Marketing Communications, who was in town from Oregon visiting her parents, emeritus Jim and Sara Cook. First Fridays provides a nice, informal setting for renewing Town and Gown and alumni friendships gained over the years.

September 22, 2013

Greetings,

I am sorry that this information is so tardy but I still thought the passing should be noted. Robert Fitzgibbon served the College as Lecturer in Education and Human Development from fall semester 1990 through fall semester 2006 after retiring from the Greece Central School District. While I did not know Robert personally I am sure there are many of you who did so belatedly I share his obituary from the Rochester D&C that I have edited for time sensitive information:

Fitzgibbon, Robert

Greece: September 11, 2013 at age 80. Robert is survived by his wife of 55 years, Dianne T. Fitzgibbon; sons, Michael T. (Maggie) Fitzgibbon & John P. (Cynthia) Fitzgibbon; daughters, Mary P. (John) Marianetti & Maureen A. (William) Wagner; grandchildren, Caitlin (Tom), Mairead (Rich), Shauna, Sophia, Evan, Ila, Abby, Anna, Oliver, Noah, Lucy, Molly & Lilian; sister, Mary K. "Kit" Kiah; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins; many dear friends.

Robert is a Veteran of the United States Navy. He was involved in many National, State and Local Educational Organizations and was very active in the Mother of Sorrows Parish for many years. Robert retired as Assistant Superintendent of the Greece Central School District in 1989, after 32 years of service. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Friends [called] Sunday, September 15th, 1-5 P.M. at Vay-Schleich & Meeson Funeral Home, Greece Chapel, 1075 Long Pond Road. His Funeral Mass [was] celebrated, Monday, September 16th, 11:00 A.M. at Our Mother of Sorrows Church, 5000 Mt. Read Blvd. Interment will be held privately in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made the Greece Educational Foundation, PO Box 217, North Greece NY 14515-0217 or to Our Mother of Sorrows Church in his memory.

Wrestling Coach Don Murray highlighted in remarks by National Team Coach
Brockport's legendary mentor a trusted advisor to USA Wrestling
This fall, head wrestling coach, Don Murray, begins his 44th season leading the most successful intercollegiate athletic program in Brockport's history. After a recent training session and during an interview with USA Wrestling, Murray was mentioned by National Freestyle Wrestling Coach Zeke Jones as a trusted advisor to the team. Murray, who annually hosts USA Wrestling tournaments and camps, has been a leader within the national team program for decades. Jones mentioned Murray’s role in the program in the lead-up to the decision to add the sport back into the Olympic Games in 2016 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The Golden Eagles will celebrate more than 50 years of wrestling success at a reunion this November 8-10 around the team’s annual tournament it co-hosts with Oklahoma University.

The link to Zeke Jones' YouTube video is below.
contact: Mike Andriatch
submitted: Tue, Sep 10, 2013 by mandriat
links:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h8pJuahjwCM

[Note: for me the video did not play immediately when I went to this link but when I clicked on the back arrow it was running. A reference to Don Murray is about four minutes into the video.]

I am sorry to report the passing of Donna Bellamy who retired from her position in office support in the Academic Advisement Office on December 17, 2002 after having served the College for 31 years. Donna was seriously ill for several years but wanted only immediate family to know. Similarly, she desired that no attention be giving to her passing. I have, however, obtained permission from her family to simply advise you of her passing that occurred on Wednesday, September 18, 2013.

Emeritus Jack Wolsky and his daughter, Bonnie, along with other area artists will have their works of “referential abstraction” shown in the Oxford Gallery’s presentation “Frame of Reference” from September 21 through November 2, 2013. While I will not be able to attend the artists’ reception from 5:30 to 8:00 pm on Saturday, September 28th because I will be attending the first ever home football game under Brockport’s lights, I thought I’d share the information for those who may not planning to attend the football game. Of course, you can still support our emeritus Jack Wolsky by simply visiting the gallery during the show even if you cannot attend the reception.

Mike Andriatch has shared with me information the College has received about former Dean of Adult and Continuing Education, Dolores “Doe” Hentschel (9/15/1982 – 6/30/1986). On November 19, 2013, Doe will be inducted into the International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame. “The Hall of Fame recognizes scholars, practitioners and policy makers who have had a significant impact on the field of adult and continuing education and whose work has influenced the direction and scope of the field itself. Only 200 individuals worldwide have been recognized since the Hall of Fame was established in 1996” [September 16, 2013 Letter to Dr. Halstead from Ted Carroll, President, Leadership Greater Hartford.] Following is other
information from the referenced letter that describes Doe’s current role, reflects upon her work at Brockport and provides information about a reception in her honor:

“Doe’s career in adult and continuing education has spanned 40 years and today, as Vice President of Leadership Greater Hartford, she continues to creatively assist learners from all walks of life and whose ages extend from youth to octogenarians on their journeys toward collaborative, participatory leadership. She mentors and guides our program staff in curriculum design, implementation and evaluation, trains and supports the extensive cadre of facilitators who assist us in our work with corporate, nonprofit, educational and governmental entities, and is highly sought after as a trainer and facilitator herself.

Doe’s resume…will document her extraordinary accomplishment of restructuring and repositioning SUNY-Brockport as an institution for learners of all ages. Her service at Brockport ended a steady and disastrous decline in enrollment. Charged with ‘stabilizing the college’s enrollment by increasing adult enrollment,” she did just that by transforming the way in which the college supported and served non-traditional students. During that time, she also rose to national prominence in the field and became known for her effective and innovative work with re-entry students.

On December 3, Leadership Greater Hartford will host a reception to celebrate this great honor Doe has received and provide her many fans the opportunity to congratulate her in person. The event will be held at the Hartford Club, In Hartford, Connecticut, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. There will be no charge to attendees so that all who have been privileged to learn with and from Doe (many of whom are people with limited means can attend.”

[I, along with many of you, have fond memories of Doe and the time she spent with us at Brockport. We send our congratulations to her upon her upcoming receipt of this distinguished recognition for her 40 years of exemplary service to adult and other non-traditional students.]

In closing I suspect there are many on this distribution list that could benefit from cards from their former colleagues and friends but right now I am aware of Tom Nugent, who could use such a boost, and, while you are at it, buy two cards…I haven’t seen Professor Emerita Kazumi Nakano walking main street recently and I’ve heard through the grapevine that she too might get a boost from a flood of “thinking of you” cards.

Tom Nugent
1115 Ogden Parma Townline Road
Spencerport, NY 14559

Kazumi Nakano
PO Box 128
Brockport, New York 14420
Carpe diem,

Bud

PS. The last “Update” was not delivered to the following individuals. If anyone has a different email address than shown for any of them, please contact them and see if they want to share it with me for distribution of “Update”.

Carmichael, Shirley  
Davis, Ronald  
Gerber, Gene  
Kendall, David  
Moredock, Randolph  
Palmiere, Darwin  
Thompson, Karen  
Wechkin, Stanley  
Wilkison, Helene  

October 2, 2013

Greetings,

What a great Homecoming Weekend! The weather was perfect for all activities and it was great to see many alums, emeriti and retirees. Sadly, the football team lost the first ever night game at Brockport in a nail biter by losing a heartbreaker in overtime after having led 28-0 at half-time. On the plus side, it is likely that it was the largest crowd ever to watch a football game at Brockport and, despite the loss, those in attendance otherwise had a great time. The new inductees into the Athletic Department’s Hall of Fame were introduced at half-time as were some returning members of the 1993 football team. That year’s head coach Ed Matejkovic and assistant coach Tom Nugent welcomed the members of the team with handshakes and embraces.

During the weekend that included an emeriti luncheon at which the Deans shared some of their successes, plans, and needs; a library tour; and the dedication of a library in honor of the late Professor of Physics Emeritus Richard V. Mancuso and a lounge in honor of Distinguished Professor of Political Science Henry L. Bretton, I enjoyed the exchanges I had with many of you. One such exchange was with Professor Emeritus Emory Morris and I learned more about his many activities besides what I already know about his support of The College at Brockport. As most know, Emory is also an accomplished baritone who uses his musical talent in conjunction with his philanthropy. He also lends his support to his causes in other ways. As examples, on Friday evening of homecoming weekend he, along with accompanist Margaret Johnson, held a recital for the benefit of the Brockport Ecumenical Food Shelf at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. I was pleased that we could make time to attend this recital and support him and a good cause. Another example is that Emory, with “Walk! Bike! Brockport!”, is coordinating a 5K fun run/walk on Saturday, October 26 on the campus of The College at Brockport to raise additional funds to support the food shelf. For more information about supporting this event contact Walk!
Bike! Brockport! at:  www.brockportny.walk!bike!brockport!/index.html or Emory Morris (585) 944-8150.

And, by the way, Emory is also interested in starting a walking group in Brockport so if you’d like to get up and out in the morning (or at another time of the group’s choosing) for a little fresh air and exercise coupled with some good social interaction, give Emory a call at the number provided above for details.

[Emory’s contributions to the College and the greater Brockport community are exceptional and very much appreciated. If you can lend him support by registering for the 5K fun run/walk mentioned above to support an activity of a fellow emeritus, it will be greatly appreciated.]

It was also great to see Larry and Dot Humm at the luncheon and at the dedications. Larry was at Morgan Manning events on July 4th and had walked somewhat gingerly from and to his home on Park Avenue. He now walks better than most of us and except for some lingering stiffness on his left hand he has made a miraculous recovery, enhanced by his tremendous work ethic, and has plans to be on the slopes again this winter. We wish Larry and Dot well as he completes his recovery and we are happy that we are now able to see them out and about.

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Even though the 1983 retrenchment denied many faculty and staff the opportunity to become Brockport emeriti, several of those affected continued to stay connected to the College and to support it in many ways. Susan E. Edmunds has been exceptional in this regard and a recent example of her support from a recent Daily Eagle follows:

Susan E. Edmunds, who was a member of the Brockport Department of Music faculty from 1967-83, has made a gift to the College which will provide both a restricted and unrestricted fund to qualified students in the Interdisciplinary Arts for Children (IAC) program. The restricted fund will help offset expenses related to community-based service learning requirements for students. The endowed fund will offer a generous stipend to a student or students who undertake a project that promotes arts for children and its practices to external audiences.

The Brockport IAC program, which has grown rapidly in the past several years, is committed to teaching, scholarship, creative expression and service related to the education of children in and through the arts. Students can specialize in one of five arts areas: dance, dance studies, theatre, music or visual art.

This program is unique in the nation. It fills a major need in providing substantive arts education training to prospective classroom teachers and others interested in the arts. Research shows that arts integration has perhaps the greatest potential to positively affect learning across academic disciplines.

The goal of Edmunds gift is to promote the College’s IAC program as well as share the broad benefits of the arts with classroom teachers and their students.

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Ray and Ute Duncan recently took a little break from their many activities in support of enhancing the greater Brockport community for an Alaskan adventure. I’ll let Ray’s words that follow speak for themselves:

Ute and I have just returned from an 11-day adventure on the Alaska Marine Highway system—aka Ferry boats traveling the Inside Passage. You can book these trips through the following web site:  [http://www.akferry.com/](http://www.akferry.com/)

Our itinerary took us from Seattle to Sitka via Alaska Airlines. After 2 days knocking around in Sitka, we boarded the Alaska Ferry for Juneau. Two days in Juneau and then on to Skagway. After visiting Skaway and riding the White Pass/Yukon Route railroad—which follows the 1898 gold rush route up the mountain—we jumped on the Ferry for a 3-day ride back down the Inside Passage to Bellingham, Washington. From Bellingham, it was back south to Seattle by Amtrack—just oh-so-easy to do and what fun!

You can do this Inside Passage Ferry adventure with a knapsack—meeting Alaskans, seeing spectacular glaciers, whales, dolphins, eagles, salmon and bears. On the Ferry, you are always in sight of land—forested mountains that plunge down to the sea, straits like Norway and overall breath-taking scenery. This is not a cruise ship experience, yet is by no means roughing it—just a different way to travel.

This ferry trip is recommended for folks who like to do something a little different and don't have time to visit Norway. We met many colorful people, including a woman who had rowed a 2-person dinghy from the San Juan Islands to Ketchikan: took 2 months, rowed 750 miles and nearly drowned when the rowboat tipped over in a sudden storm. She wrote a fascinating book that she has sent us, entitled: Row to Alaska by Wind and Oar (Pete & Nancy Ashenfelter).

[Ray and Ute, thanks for sharing. The feedback I have from emeriti is that they very much like hearing about the travels and activities of others on this distribution list.]

The October 2 – 27, 2013 exhibit at Image City Photography Gallery, 722 University Avenue, Rochester, New York 14607, will include photos by emeritus Jim Dusen. There will be an artists’ reception from 5-9 pm on Friday, October 4th and I am sure Jim would be pleased to see friends and associates from Brockport in attendance.

For additional information call (585) 271-2540 or go to [http://www.imagecityphotographygallery.com](http://www.imagecityphotographygallery.com)

Rick Kincaid alerted me that the “Connect with Brockport” webpage had recently been updated. There is a ton of information available on or from this site and you may want to add it to your favorites list. Here is the information about the changes and the link to the page that appeared in the Daily Eagle on September 23rd.

We've redesigned our Connect social media hub to be more visual and to provide an easy way to find out what's happening on the College's official social media channels. The new tiled look allows web users to see the latest posts on Facebook, Twitter, Google+, YouTube, Instagram,
Flickr, and Pinterest. You can view all the social media feeds at once, or sort the page to view a specific feed. The page keeps our listings of other Brockport-related social media channels intact. If you'd like to add your account to the list, or learn more about social media, contact Social and Digital Media Manager Dave Tyler.

**contact:** Dave Tyler, @dtyler321, dtyler@brockport.edu, x2306

**submitted:** Mon, Sep 23, 2013 by dtyler

**links:** Connect Social Media Hub

In closing, it was heartwarming to witness the high regard that the Brockport community has for the late Dick Mancuso and for Henry Breton as evidenced by the large gathering of people at the dedication of their Library and Lounge, respectively. There was an overflow crowd of people in the hallways of Smith Hall for the events and I am sure that the members of Dick’s family present were touched. Similarly, had Henry been present, he would have enjoyed the recognition of his many contributions as much as we enjoyed hearing a reading of his letter addressed to the College and to those in attendance.

Connections are important to good health, so use the tools that are available and stay connected.

Carpe diem,

Bud

PS. Check out Events and Activities on the Daily Eagle page at [http://www.brockport.edu/eagle/](http://www.brockport.edu/eagle/) for information on some upcoming lectures and October’s First Friday activity at the Alumni House, among other activities.

PSS. We have reconnected with Helene Wilkison, Karen Thompson and Stanley Wechkin but still have no correct email addresses for the following including a new addition to the list, William Zimmerli. Any help will be appreciated.

Carmichael, Shirley scarmichael@beyondcommunications.net
Davis, Ronald rdavis@rochester.rr.com
Gerber, Gene pegerber@frontiernet.net
Kendall, David davek@cynergyintl.com
Moredock, Randolph rmoredoc@brockport.edu
Palmiere, Darwin dpalmie1@rochester.rr.com
Zimmerli, William Zimmerliw@fvsu.edu

October 22, 2013

Greetings,

When I was working I often had a reluctance to schedule a vacation because of the extra work involved in attempting to clear my desk before the vacation and then the extra work of clearing it
again upon return. Having just returned from a 10-day vacation from doing nothing, it seems the return is not much better than when I was working based upon the happenings below that need to be reported.

Unfortunately, there are several passings to note. Not all the individuals have worked for the College but, if not, they are well known to the community for their roles in the community or their relationships to members of the College family. I am tardy on reporting all but the first death but that one is time sensitive for those who want to pay tribute to Paul Hoy’s life in this community.

On Saturday, October 19, 2013, Paul E. Hoy, well known to many of you because of his role as Assistant Chief of Police in Brockport for many years, died at the age of 75. Here is edited information from his obituary that appears this week in the Rochester D&C.

Predeceased by his wife Nan, he is survived by his children, Colleen (Jose) Garcia and Dan Hoy; his grandchildren, Sophia & Nicholas Garcia. Paul was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He was a retired Assistant Chief of Police with the Brockport Police Department, a graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy, a Navy Veteran and Brockport Rotarian for many years.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, October 25 at the Church of the Nativity BVM, Main Street, Brockport, NY at 10:00 am. Interment will follow in Mt. Olivet Cemetery with military honors. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may contribute to the American Cancer Society.

On October 5, 2013 Roger R. Bossert who had been a Lecturer in the Computer Science Department since 1990 died at the age of 77. Here is edited information from his obituary that appeared in the Rochester D&C.

Survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Barbara, daughter, Sally of Brockport NY, sons, Charles (Robin) of Lafayette IN, Steven (J.R.) of St. Petersburg FL; grandchildren, Alexander and Amanda; he is also survived by a niece and several nephews.

Roger was a graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology and was a retiree of Eastman Kodak Co., with 40 years of service. He was also a computer professor at SUNY Brockport and Monroe Community College. Roger also served in the US Navy. His family would like to thank the staff of the Unity Hospital Dialysis Center and Intensive Care Unit.

Roger's funeral mass was celebrated Thursday, October 10 at 11 AM at St. Lawrence Church, 1000 North Greece Rd. A public interment was held immediately following the mass at White Haven Memorial Park. Donations may be made to the National Kidney Foundation of Upstate NY, 15 Prince St., Rochester, NY 14607 or the American Cancer Society, Memorial Processing Center, 6725 Lyons St. PO Box 7, East Syracuse, NY 13057 or Honor Flight Rochester, Inc. PO Box 23581, Rochester, NY 14692 (www.honorflightrochester.org) in Roger’s memory.
You may have already heard of the passing of Dr. Kathy LaLonde since it was reported to the College community by Dr. Douglas M. Scheidt, Interim Provost, over a week ago. But, in case you missed that distribution, here is the sad news as reported by Dr. Scheidt with edits to remove information that is no longer timely:

It is with sadness that I must share the news that Dr. Kathy LaLonde passed away on Sunday, October 6, 2013, after a long illness.

Kathy served the College as the Assessment Coordinator for the Professional Education Unit since 2005. In that role, she developed the system of assessment of student learning outcomes for programs preparing teachers, school counselors, and educational administrators across the college. Her work has been foundational to the ongoing curricular development in the many programs of the Unit and essential to earning and maintaining accreditation of these programs. During her time at the College, she not only designed and implemented the assessment system for the PEU, she also was important to the identification, implementation and use of the Tk20 system in the PEU and in other departments. Kathy’s guidance of faculty and students through the intricacies of assessment and the related technology was greatly enhanced by her intellectual integrity and her calm, caring and friendly demeanor.

Prior to her arrival at The College, Kathy worked in program evaluation for Orleans Community Action Committee, Inc., and as a Research Associate in Nursing Research at Rochester General Hospital. She has also taught various courses in psychology for RIT, GCC and The College at Brockport.

Dr. LaLonde earned her PhD in Experimental Psychology from Syracuse University. Kathy was also an active member of The First Presbyterian Church of Albion. She is survived by her husband, Steven, and three children, Michael, Timothy and Joyce. Funeral Services were held the Friday following her death at 11 am at the First Presbyterian Church of Albion.

With condolences to family, friends and colleagues,

Doug Scheidt

Robert S. Marshall PhD (born Sebastian Maraschiello) who may be remembered by some of you who have long associations with the College (e.g. before my time) died on September 29, 2013 at age 79 after a long illness. Early in his career Robert taught at the College and then moved on to become a very successful college administrator as is noted in his edited obituary that appeared in the Rochester D&C a few weeks ago that follows:

Pittsford: Survived by his wife, Carolyn (Christie); daughter, Christine (James) Eichelberger; son, Eric (Mary) Marshall PhD; sister, Rita (Angelo) Russo; 3 step-daughters, Monica Friesner (Leo Vogt), Melinda (Gerry) Ward and Meredith (Scott) Gregory; 5 grandchildren and 6 step-grandchildren. Robert was born in Buffalo, NY and enlisted in the USAF serving in photo intelligence, attended Hope College, Michigan State University and earned his PhD at Cornell University in 1971. Dr. Marshall served as President of Daemen College in Amherst, NY from 1974-1995, during which time he
accomplished a dramatic financial and academic rebirth for the college. After retirement, Dr. Marshall pursued his love of aviation. The owner and pilot of 5 vintage airplanes, he participated in numerous air shows with the National Warplane Museum. Dr. Marshall enjoyed golfing, music, sailing and the culinary arts.

Donations in memory of Dr. Marshall may be made to the American Cancer Society or Lollypop Farm.

We send our tardy condolences to Roxanne Johnston upon learning of the recent death of her brother Ronald L. Fugle. His edited obituary from the Rochester D&C follows:


Ron was the vice president of Fugles Inc., Livonia, NY.

Funeral services were held Saturday, 11 am at St. Matthew Church, 6591 Richmond Mills Road, Route 20A, Livonia. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to School of the Holy Childhood, 100 Groton Parkway, Rochester, NY 14623-4589.

We also send our condolences to Dawn Schmidt, known to many of you through your association with the Development Office, whose mom passed away unexpectedly the weekend of October 5th.

[We are sorry to hear of all these losses and send our condolences to families and friends and hope that they will be comforted by their memories as they mourn their losses and celebrate the lives of the departed.]

Now for some better news!!!


A fourth poem, "A Fall Stroll Along the Erie Canal," has been accepted for publication in a future issue of "The Weekly Avocet." For more information contact him at fanderso@brockport.edu

[Congratulations to Floyd for his success in his post retirement activities!]
David Hale has shared the following information about his and Peggy’s travel experiences this summer:

We seem to have spent a lot of time on the road this summer. The biggest trip was a September tour to St. Petersburg, Russia (Hermitage, Peterhof, etc.), Helsinki, Lapland (reindeer for dinner), and a cruise down the coast of Norway to Bergen. In July, we spent a week at an Appalachian Mountain Club camp on an island in Lake Winnipesaukee in New Hampshire. Very rustic—no water or electricity in the waterfront cottages, canoeing, swimming, volleyball, Friday night square dance. I'm just back from a week in Point Pleasant, New Jersey, with a group of Presbyterians doing post-Sandy rebuilding. There have been weekend trips to Massachusetts and New Jersey for granddaughters' dance recitals and related activities, and to Williamsburg, Virginia, for a family reunion. During our brief stays in Brockport, Peggy and I are participating in a program organized by the Sweden Senior Center and Lifespan to transport people to local medical appointments. And I've rejoined the Trustees of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley, which can be challenging.

[Thank you for sharing this information David. As noted many times, people on the Update distribution list report that they enjoy hearing about the activities of their former colleagues.]

Jim Horn also continues to travel and now shares reports of his activities on his blog. Jim Horn was in Brockport for only a week in September, detouring from NY JFK on his return to Mexico after enjoying a Tauck Tour of Central Europe. The tour itinerary included Warsaw, Krakow, Budapest, Bratislava, Vienna, and Prague. His photo essay on the trip is on his blog, https://jimhornnews.wordpress.com under "Travel Talk."

[Note: Sandy and I have just returned from visiting Jim in Mexico where we enjoyed immensely his hospitality and we got to experience first-hand the wonderful life he leads there while also enjoying wonderful restaurants in both Cuernavaca and Acapulco and beaches and beach resorts in Acapulco. As soon as time permits, and with Jim’s acceptance, I will be posting a “guest blog” on Jim’s blog site outlining our trip and I’ll advise this distribution list accordingly when that posting takes place.]

I recently had a nice exchange with Earl Ingersoll in which I learned that he and Mary were traveling in Aix-en-Provence, which to them was a sentimental journey since they had been there a couple of times in the 1990s. I also learned that the University of South Carolina Press will bring out his UNDERSTANDING STEVEN MILLHAUSER next January.

[Congratulations to Earl for the acceptance of his work for publication and for the fact that it will be the 18th book with his name on it, not counting differing editions of the same text.]

I have run into John Killigrew a couple of times recently and I was happy to hear that he still puts in a couple of hours doing research most days and reduces that research to writing. While recently achieving another age milestone, he still very much enjoys his scholarly endeavors. His latest work, "The Role of the *Moushi* in the *Jinshu* and the *Weishu* during the Northern Kingdoms Period, 307-450AD," will be found in *The Journal of Asian History* (47:2,
December, 2013). John’s comment to me about his work was: “If you think this is esoteric scholarship perhaps I should try something like Tibetan Monasticism during the 15th century. No bodice ripping but a lot of bloody court intrigue as befits Chinese history.”

[Thanks for sharing John and congratulations on your publication and your longevity!]

In closing, if you want to bring back some old memories, Mary Jo Orzech has just reported that the library has published "Dimensions of a Liberal Education", edited by Larry Humm on Digital Commons. You’ll enjoy it if you look at:
http://www.brockport.edu/eagle/view_item.php?id=5555&issue_date=2013-10-22

Carpe diem,

Bud

October 27, 2013

Greetings,

This is a quick “Update” to follow up on my most recent Update and unfortunately to share some more sad news.

Emerita Karen Watt and I have had a couple of email exchanges following the sharing of the death of Kathy LaLonde. As it turns out Kathy’s death was just two weeks prior to the 9th annual “Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk” through the orchards at Watts Farm, 3121 Oak Orchard Road, Albion, New York 14411 that was held on Sunday, October 20th. Karen reported that 75 of the 800 participants this year walked in Kathy’s name and that over $47,000 was raised for the ACS. Karen spoke of Kathy at the opening ceremonies and reflected on the impact of such a loss on a small community in Orleans County. You can see pictures of the walkers, including those who walked in Kathy’s name on the Watt’s Farm website at https://www.facebook.com/wattfarmscountrymarket/photos_stream

Karen was particularly pleased with the participation of the Holley Fire Department on what was a gorgeous sun filled day. You see a picture of those participants on the website as well.

[This is an annual event in October so those interested may want to put something on their calendars to remind them for the actual date of the walk for the next year.]

Also, in my last Update I ignored “speller” and my own intuitions concerning whether Earl Ingersoll had one ell or two ells in his last name because I was sure I had cut and pasted his name from another reliable document. So much for ignoring all the good resources at my disposal, well…intuition may be in question…since I chose the one ell version which I subsequently learned was incorrect. If memory serves me in the future I’ll hope to spell Ingersoll correctly with two ells and I hope that Earl will continue sharing his research, writing, publications and traveling so that I will have many opportunities to spell his name correctly.
We are sad to report the passing of Julie L. Desfosses, daughter of Judy Desfosses and the late professor emeritus Louis Desfosses. We send our condolences to Judy and the rest of Julie’s family as they adjust to their loss.

Desfosses, Julie L.

Brockport/Rochester: Suddenly on September 27, 2013 at the age of 51. Predeceased by her father Dr. Louis R. Desfosses Sr. She is survived by her mother Judith Desfosses, sister Suzanne (Aaron) Desfosses-Gilliam, brother Louis R. Jr. (Cindy) Desfosses, nephew Aaron Gilliam, niece Samantha Gilliam, several aunts, uncles, cousins; many dear friends and her beloved cat Belle.

There will be no prior calling hours. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday November 2, 11 am, at the Creative Wellness Coalition, 320 N. Goodman Street, Rochester, NY 14607. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may contribute to The Creative Wellness Coalition in Julie's memory. Ref: Fowler Funeral Home Inc.

Many of you will remember Hans Christopher Kayser who taught in the Foreign Language Department from the fall of 1970 through the spring semester of 1983. He, along with many others, left the College because of retrenchment but he was fortunate enough to be employed by the Brockport School District for several years before subsequently retiring and moving to North Carolina. Chris and his wife Judy, also a teacher, were well known in the Brockport community and I thought it appropriate to share Chris’s passing for those of you who will remember them. Following is the announcement circulated by the Brockport Teachers’ Association that was shared with me.

Chris Kayser, retired German teacher at Brockport High School, passed away in Oregon on September 24, after a five-month bout with pancreatic cancer. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Judy, who was a Middle School Science teacher, and their children, Nicole, Mark and Patrick. Chris and Judy had been living in North Carolina for about 15 years but moved to Oregon where Patrick lives after the diagnosis.

Judy’s new address is 5618 NE 35th Ave. Portland, OR 97211.

We send condolences to Judy and family.

Also, although she is not emerita or associated with the College, except as an alumnus, I believe some of you may have known Susan Lloyd Reynolds and her husband Elliott through their roles and activities in the community so I am including Susan’s obituary for the information of those of you living outside of the Brockport news coverage area.

Reynolds, Susan Lloyd

Brockport: Suddenly October 27, 2013. Survived by her husband Elliott; son Allen (Marybeth), daughter Jennifer (Scott) Ames; brother Allen (Kelly) Lloyd; beloved
grandchildren Thomas and Elizabeth Reynolds, Joey and Addy Ames; sister-in-law Kathy (Raymond) Buckner and sister-in-law Judy Reynolds; nephews Elliott (Joelle) and Brian (Christina) Buckner, Chris (Dana) and Ben Lloyd and their families. She was a retired school counselor at Hilton Merton Williams School. She was an avid quilter and leaves many quilting friends and special friends Alicia and Dorothy. She also helped the Orleans County Battered Women's Shelter. Sue was a graduate of Purdue University and SUNY Brockport.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 5-8 pm at the Fowler Funeral Home Inc., 340 West Ave., Brockport, NY. Services will be held privately as per her request. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may contribute to the Battered Women's Shelter.

[We send our condolences to Elliott and family and to Susan’s friends.]

Carpe diem,

Bud

PS. Remember to make the Daily Eagle http://www.brockport.edu/events/ one of your favorites along with the Events Calendar at http://www.brockport.edu/events/ to keep in touch with what is going on at the College.

November 1, 2013

Greetings,

I have more sad news to report that prompts this Update plus a reminder of an event this afternoon.

The sad news that came to me from several reporting sources is of the death of Emeritus Professor of English Peter Marchant. The last news we had had of Peter was about three years ago when we heard that he had suffered a stroke while traveling in Europe and thereafter everyone seemed to have lost touch with him. We now mourn both his passing and our failure to reconnect with him during the interim period. Here is an edited copy of the news I received:

Peter Marchant died October 26 in Fayetteville. He had a stroke three years ago and had been becoming more and more disabled over the three years. He developed pneumonia the week before his death, was taken to the hospital, and died there. Mary Elsie is doing okay. Both of their children were there.

[Note: I found this much of Peter’s obituary on the internet at http://www.arkansasonline.com/obituaries/2013/oct/30/peter-marchant-2013-10-30-51464/: but in order to see more you have to register and pay $0.99 for a day pass. I don’t mind paying the $0.99 but I do object to the personal information I would have to share in order gain access but I share this information for those who are not so skittish of sharing information on the internet.]
1928-2013

Peter Lawrence Marchant, 85, died October 26th in Washington Regional Hospital. He was born May 14, 1928 in London, England to Esther and Robert Marchant. During World War II, he…

Peter Marchant was a beloved full-time member of the English Department from 1968 to 1992 and continued to serve on a part-time basis until around 2005. Peter was also highly respected by his students and his passion for writing contributed to their success. Many of his colleagues and friends felt that having Peter greet you with his warm smile was like receiving a stamp of approval from on high. John and Helen Maier have shared how much they enjoyed encountering Peter, seeing his welcoming smile, and hearing him say “Hullo Helennnnnn... Hullo Johnnnnn...” in his familiar British accent.

For some examples of the high esteem in which Peter was held by his students I have copied the following comments from “RateMyProfessor” on the internet:

I took his class as an attempt to help my writing ability. I found him to be the best teacher and human being I have ever had in my whole life. I wish all teachers were at his level in all areas. He changed my life as a student and a person! Thank you so much Peter!

I took his class to learn and broaden myself as a student, even though I heard it wasn't an easy class to take. His classes were so interesting I couldn't wait until the next time class would meet! Dr. Marchant is such a great teacher and person. All teachers should be as good! I am a better person because of him.

Thanks Peter!

Dr. M identified me as operating on a 5th grade level the 1st day of class. He offered me a choice, transfer to an easy class or learn. He worked me to death and I learned everything public school had neglected for the past 7 years. I've since used my writing ability to build schools, to obtain funding for a kid’s sports complex, and to establish national safety standards.

Those who knew Peter, along with Mary Elsie and family, will have fond memories of him as they mourn his death, celebrate his life, and contemplate the legacy of words that contributes to the legacy of his work.

We send our condolences to Mary Elsie and family.

Don't Forget to Join the Alumni Association for First Fridays!

Reminder: First Fridays will be held on Friday, Nov. 1 at Alumni House.

You won't want to miss this one! Stop over from 4 to 6 pm and learn the new name for the College Archives and to view a historical slideshow of The College at Brockport prepared and presented by Charlie Cowling, College Archivist.
Sponsors for November are Mike '70 and Linda '73 Schaffer and Irene D'Agostino '50.

This fall the Intercollegiate Athletics Department at Brockport has had great success. You can follow athletics on your own through the Daily Eagle and at: http://www.gobrockport.com/ and I therefore usually refrain from sharing that information in Update. But, I found the following story somewhat unique and interesting, at least to me, so I am making an exception in case you missed it:

Eric Malave's TD catch against Cortland is up for GEICO Play of the Year
Sophomore receiver Eric Malave's (Brooklyn, NY/Canarsie) 24-yard diving touchdown catch against New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) rival Cortland on Oct. 19 has been nominated for the 2013 GEICO Play of the Week.

The GEICO Play of the Year campaign is a nine-week Facebook voting campaign that takes place at https://www.facebook.com/bestofcollegefootball?sk=app_632017463485330 . Click like on the Facebook fan page and then vote for Malave!

Malave's touchdown will be competing against three other outstanding plays from Week 8 of the college football season. If Malave wins this week he will advance to the final round of voting, which takes place Nov. 4-11. The winner of that final vote will then be featured on the CBS Sports special, GEICO presents: Best of College Football 2013, which will air Nov. 29 on CBS.

Malave's touchdown is competing against three other plays from week eight, including a one-handed grab from Tennessee's Marquez North, a fake-field goal touchdown rush by Vanderbilt's Carey Spear and a 30-yard touchdown catch by Stanford's Kodi Whitfield.

To watch and vote for Malave or any of the other week eight highlight plays, visit https://www.facebook.com/bestofcollegefootball?sk=app_632017463485330.

Fans can vote once a day. Week eight voting opens at noon CT on Oct. 28 and ends Monday, Nov. 4, at 11:59 a.m. CT.

Carpe diem,

Bud

PS. Thanks to Jacqueline Davis, and John and Helen Maier for sharing information about Peter Marchant and to all of you who all the time help me keep up with the news that might be of interest to our group. We also send our best regards to Ian Henderson whom we learned had recently had an incident while playing tennis. But, according to Herb Fink, Ian is likely back on the court beating up on his opponents again following the intervention of one of the miracle medical technologies available for us today.
November 4, 2013

Greetings,

I’ll be very brief today but I really thought I should share the following links with you.

First, thanks to John Curry for sharing his success at finding a free copy of Peter Marchant’s obituary that you can view at:

http://www.beardsfuneralchapel.com/2013/10/peter-lawrence-marchant-may-14-1928-october-26-2013/#comment-9186

Read the whole page and you’ll find condolences from John and a couple of others who were able to find the obituary on the web and you’ll have an opportunity to post your own if you choose.

Next, go to

http://josambro.blogspot.com/2013/11/passing-of-teacher.html#comment-form

to read a tribute to Peter written on the blog of his former student, now author, Joshua Samuel Brown. Thanks go to Barbara Deming for finding and sharing this link.

We have not yet finished writing and editing our travelogue of our trip to Mexico but Jim Horn has posted a description of Hotel Hacienda Cocoyoc, the place he took us for lunch on our last day in Mexico, on his blog. Click on his blog at https://jimhornnews.wordpress.com then open Cuernavaca Commentary and continue with the Hotel Hacienda story. If you answer no to the security question (Jim’s blog is secure) you’ll be able to view photographs. If you choose not to answer no, you can still view the photos by double-clicking at their locations within the document as you encounter them.

Although we are still writing our travelogue, I have posted an amateur video on YouTube anyone interested can view. The link below is a video that starts and ends with Jim’s view of Acapulco Bay from his balcony and in between it includes video taken at Quinta Real Resort on the bay.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i_HYhNNLP7A

November’s First Friday was a very special event and it was very well attended. The College’s archives had center stage and current archivist Charlie Cowling had a slide show of old photos running throughout the event that included questions about people and places depicted in the slides. For many of us seeing Eric Steel, Frances Moroney Whited, Rosie Rich, Mel Smagorinsky and others in earlier days brought back fond memories. The highlight of the event was the announcement of a significant donation associated with the renaming of the College Archives. Stay tuned for more about that in the next Update.
It was nice to see Mary Jo Gigliotti, former archivist, and her daughter at this event. During her tenure, Mary Jo did much to prepare the archives for future growth and organization and her extra efforts associated with the Albert W. Brown building naming event was very much appreciated. Charlie Cowling is enthusiastic about continuing to grow, organize and preserve the college archives and invites all of us to share any documents, photos, etc. that are in our possession that would enhance the collection.

Carpe diem,

Bud

November 27, 2013

Greetings,

It is great to have so many “reporters” helping me keep you informed. Alum Jon Bell learned from Professor Oh Kon Cho, Theatre Department, of the recent death of Leota Jones, wife of former theatre chair Kenneth Jones and passed this information along. While Ken left Brockport for reasons other than retirement and is therefore not an emeritus I think many of you will remember Ken and/or Leota and I thought it appropriate to mention Leota’s passing in this Update.

Ken Jones was initially appointed as Associate Professor at Brockport on September 1, 1970 and had obtained the rank of Professor prior to his resignation on August 31, 1983. According to Jon Bell, after Brockport Ken served as an academic administrator at Montana State in Bozeman before leaving that position in the early 90s for an administrative position at Seton Hill University in Greensburgh, Pennsylvania, from which he retired. Ken currently resides at 12 Lockwood Drive, Jeannette, Pennsylvania 15644. We send him our condolences. Following is Leota’s obituary from a Pittsford, Pa. newspaper.

Jones, Leota M. 81
Leota Mae (Pfeiffer) Jones died peacefully Monday, Nov. 18, 2013, at Forbes Regional Hospital, Monroeville. She was the beloved wife of 63 years of Dr. Kenneth Lee Jones. Leota was born December 17, 1931, in Homer, Mich., to Dora (Ball) and Russell Pfeiffer. She was a talented musician, metal smith, children’s librarian and storyteller. Leota was a kind and gentle human being and will be deeply missed by those who knew her. In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children and their spouses, Martin and Sara Jones, Gwen and Steve Brinkman, Laura and Robert Marsala, Carl Jones and Eric Leeuwe and Neal and Christine Jones; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law; two sisters-in-law; and several nieces and a nephew. She was predeceased by a daughter, Jennifer; and a sister, Avis. Plans to celebrate her life in early December will be announced. Arrangements are by WM. F. CONROY FUNERAL HOME, Pittsburgh. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the Friday Evening Music Club Scholarship Fund, http://www.fridayeveningmusicclub.org, or the Westmoreland Food Bank. http://www.wfconroyfuneralhome.com.
More sad news…
There has been no obituary but I have learned that Kathleen Mackun, wife of emeritus Professor of Geography Stanley Mackun, died recently and there was a funeral mass for her at Nativity last Saturday. Stanley served the College as Professor of Geography from 1963 to 1983 when the Geography Department was retrenched. Kathleen was a retired teacher. We send our condolences to Stanley and their son Paul.

We just learned of several recent retirees. Two of them, Steven Kast and David Turkow join the emeritus group and the rest will enjoy similar retirement benefits as classified service retirees. We welcome all of them to our retirement world.

Steven Kast, Asst. Director, Undergraduate Admiss, Admissions – retired 10/7/13
Ramon Long, Plant Utilities Engineer, Facilities – retiring 11/30/13
Anthony Parrino, University Police Officer, Univ Police – retired 7/27/13
Martin Quinn, University Police Officer, Univ Police – retired 7/30/13
L. Scott Rodas, Supervising Electrician, Facilities – retired 8/29/13
Robin L Schepler, Calc Clerk 2, Student Accts - retired 11/13/2013
David Turkow, Envmntl Safety Offcr, Envrnmntl Hlth & Safety – Retired 8/1/13
Nathaniel Williams, Cleaner, Facilities – 7/31/13

The welcoming of these retirees to our group prompts me to draw attention to information recently mailed to retirees by the College in case any of you who are retirees did not receive it, and to update you on some things on the horizon being offered by the SUNY Retirees Service Corps.

The College mailing was an update of “The Privileges of Emeriti and Retiree Status” brochure. The privileges were listed as:

A free pass available for all regular season athletic events by presenting your Brockport College ID.

One free ticket to all Fine Arts Series events subject to availability, as well as a reduced “senior” rate for additional tickets and other events. Contact (585) 395-ARTS or visit www.brockport.edu/finearts for more information.

Borrow materials from Drake Memorial Library and access library databases using your Brockport email account if you currently have one. The College is working to make this access to the databases benefit available to those who do not currently have email accounts within the next year or so.

Access Campus Recreation facilities – fitness center, gyms, pool, handball and squash courts – everything you enjoyed while at the College – at no charge. Call Campus Recreation at (585) 395-2681 for more information.

Regional Area Recreation Employee Services (RARES) Discount Cards, available at the Welcome Center when you present your College ID. Membership entitles you to
discounts on more than 200 products and services. For a list of RARES discounts, visit www.rares.org

Attend all CELT events, including Brown Bag Discussions. Call (585) 395-5088 or visit www.brockport.edu/celt/se for more information.

Attend Fall Academic Convocation, Honors and Awards Ceremony and Commencement.

An Eagle One ID card. Open an Easy Money account and receive the faculty/staff discounted rate. For more information, call (585) 395-2570 or visit www.basc1.com

A 20 percent discount on emblematic apparel and merchandise at the campus Barnes & Noble Bookstore with presentation of your College ID/Eagle One ID card.

One free campus parking permit from Parking and Transportation Services. Download the “Emeriti/Retiree Vehicle Registration” from via www.brockport.edu/parking. A second permit is available for the normal registration fee. Parking is available in most campus parking lots when the permit is displayed properly. Exceptions include, Lot L (Admissions), metered service, and reserved areas. Emeriti who return on state payroll are considered employees. Therefore, the registration fee would be required.

The Bylaws of the Faculty (College) Senate of The College at Brockport, State University of New York state that: “Emeriti shall be granted voting faculty status by serving on any of the Standing Committees or by applying in writing to the Faculty (College) Senate President.”

To help keep emeriti and retirees up to date with the happenings at the College, the Division of Advancement sends periodic mailings containing the most recent campus news [retirees are also encouraged to link to the Daily Eagle on a “daily” basis at http://www.brockport.edu/eagle/ to stay informed. Retirees also receive Kaleidoscope and requests to support The Fund for Brockport, as well as invitations to Homecoming Weekend, Family Weekend, and much more.

[Note: A College ID is required to secure most of the privileges of retirement. If you do not still have your College ID, go to http://basc1.org/my-accounts/eagle-one-id-cards/about for information about how to secure a new one or simply stop at the BASC Business Office located on the first floor of Brockway Hall to obtain your “Eagle One Card. They may have to verify your retiree/emeritus status with Human Resources before issuing you an ID.]

Mike Andriatch and I attended the SUNY Retirees Corps conference “Connecting SUNY Retirees in the Digital Age” held at the SUNY College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering in Albany on November 20th. While I have shared information about the SUNY Retirees Corps in the past, this is the first time I have had an opportunity to really learn about its mission. I was pleased to hear about their goals, particularly an enhancement that should become available within the next 12-18 months that, for examples, will allow emeriti a secure registration process that will allow them to connect with other retirees, to post information, to access on-line bulletins
relating to benefits, and to add to their registration their availability to perform volunteer services. In one of the sessions “SUNY Retirees and Vibrant Communities” presenter Elise Newkirk, Coordinator of Community Relations, SUNY System Administration, described some of the things her department was doing for partnering with public and private organizations to provide volunteer opportunities for students, faculty and staff, and retirees to serve others in their communities. As these two activities, the retiree data base and the volunteer activities data base, continue to evolve I am sure that many of you will be interested in registering and considering the potential opportunities for volunteer service. Beyond that, even if you choose not to complete the volunteer section of the registration, by doing the general registration you will be able to inquire through the data base to find registered retirees from The College at Brockport or from other campuses, to search for people you might have worked with, to search for retirees by zip code to poll them about their retirement community, etc. The retiree data system is in “test mode” right now and it is expected to be released to a “pilot” campus shortly with the hope that it will be rolled out within the next 12-18 months. For now, if you want to keep up-to-date on what the SUNY Retirees Corps is doing and to gain access to its Newsletter, go to: http://www.suny.edu/retirees/

To see a 1970 picture of emeritus Thomas “Lefty” McIntrye with a younger looking current wrestling coach, Don Murray, visit http://www.gobrockport.com/news/2013/10/10/WREST_1010132708.aspx

The wrestling team celebrated 50 years of wrestling at Brockport during the November 8-10 Brockport/Oklahoma Invitational Tournament on campus. Many alum wrestlers returned to campus to help Coach Murray celebrate and participate in a reception and dinner. Don and his wrestling teams continue to have great success and be great ambassadors for the College. Feedback from Michigan is that the team’s appearance both on and off the mat at the recent Eastern Michigan Tournament brought credit to The College at Brockport. And, it was great that Paul Glover could win four straight decisions to take the title at 197 pounds against Division 1 opponents while the rest of the wrestlers made impressive showings against Division 1 opponents as well.

Congratulations to the wrestlers and the coach.

[As for all seasons, you can follow winter sports at: http://www.gobrockport.com/]

Alum Marv Duryea recently shared with me something that was sent to him that I found interesting as I contemplate gifting during the holiday season. So, here are some ideas for gifts that might not end up in a garage sale next summer:

Gift certificates for: hair salon; nails salon; barber; gym membership; for a car wash; car detailing; driveway sealing; lawn mowing; driveway plowing; round of golf; season passes to sports, music, theatre events/activities; season passes to theme parks; restaurants; oil change; house cleaning; computer tune-up; and autographed works of local artists, craftsmen; musicians, authors, as examples.
[I edited this input and I would also add that in the process of choosing such gifts you also support the work of others as well as organizations (e.g. a gift certificate for “Mornings with The Professors” would be well received by many on this “Update” distribution list and would also lend support to this worthwhile program. A book by a local author, a CD by a local musician, or artwork by local artists would make a great gift while also supporting friends and colleagues in the local community.]

A recent article in the Hamlin-Clarkson Herald written by former Brockport employee Doug Hickerson tells a story about someone known to many of you. Barb Deming recently received the first George Exley-Stiegler Award that recognizes her exemplary service in migrant ministry. The inaugural award, named for Exley-Stiegler, a priest at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Brockport from 1956-1964 where he led a migrant ministry, was given by the Rural & Migrant Ministry organization (RMM) at a “Harvesting Justice Symposium & Dinner” held at the Temple B’rith Kodesh in Rochester on October 29th. A quote from the article cites Barb’s contributions as follows:

“For twenty-five years, Barbara has been present in the quest for farm-worker justice in New York State. She is persistent, passionate and engaged—all qualities she shares with George. She has worked in migrant ministry through St. Like’s since 1988 when she and her husband [emeritus Romine (Dick) Deming] moved to Brockport. From that first activity, the Brockport Ecumenical Outreach Committee (BEOC) was formed uniting various Brockport churches in the migrant ministry. Deming chaired BEOC for nine years.”

As I prepare for the Thanksgiving Holiday, I am thankful for family and friends, for good health and happy times, for the many people I know like Barb Deming who do good work in support of others, for the great career I had in higher education, and the great retirement benefits afforded me from the State of New York, the State University of New York, and The College at Brockport that resulted from that career.

Happy Thanksgiving and Carpe Diem,

Bud

November 29, 2013

Greetings,

I have sad news to report on this Black Friday. We have learned of the death of Professor Emeritus of Physics Stefan Pribil. Regretfully his death brought a quick reminder to me of my “Sometime” muse in the “Remembrance” I wrote in 2004 upon the death of Santos Giglio that can be found at:

http://www.itss.brockport.edu/~rmeade/santo_giglio.htm
Many times, since learning of the problems the Pribils encountered and endured following Katrina when they lived in Metairie, Louisiana, I have thought of them and made lame efforts to locate them. More recently I was thinking about Stefan again and Jeanette D’Agostino Banker and I had several email exchanges about efforts to locate him. Then, on November 18th Jeanette and I had breakfast together after which I was to write Stefan’s son to locate Stefan and Olga. Unfortunately, Stefan died before I could prepare and send the inquiry and we missed the opportunity to communicate with Stefan again.

Stefan always appeared to live a simple life and his obituary below from the website of Treasure Coast Seawinds Funeral Home & Crematory in Stewart, Florida suggests that he also wanted a simple departure.

“Stefan Pribil, age 94 of Port St. Lucie, FL passed away November 19, 2013 at home. Per his wishes, cremation will take place and no public services are scheduled now.”


My last significant contact with Stefan was just before and after his retirement. Unfortunately, although as he approached “the age” (70) Stefan fought for the abolishment of mandatory retirement via letters to Congressman Barber Conable and others, he ended up choosing to retire just 18 days before its abolishment for SUNY Faculty. This did not set well with him but it turned out that there was nothing he or the College could do about it and his retirement date was to stand. It is very possible that Stefan could be the last retiree under SUNY’s former mandatory retirement rules.

In my last face-to-face with Stefan that occurred shortly after these events, he said that he was adjusting well to retirement and was preparing to enjoy it with family. He ended by telling me a retiree joke that I am always reminded of when I think of him. He joked that in getting ready for retirement he had gone to his doctor for a physical. The doctor asked him if he had any concerns. Reportedly he replied that he seemed to be in good health except for some concern about the “eyes.” Immediately the physician asked him what was the bottom most line he could read on the eye chart. Stefan, with a twinkle in his eye, reported that he had responded: “my concern is not those eyes—it is the other ‘I’s-- Incompetence, Incontinence, and Impotence.”

We both laughed and the twinkle in his eye at the telling, his old-world style and charm, and his preface expression “Now Richard” are my lasting memories of Stefan.

Better news from Martin Lindauer whose third scholarly book since retirement has been published. His previous works are “Psyche and the literary muses” and “Aging, creativity, and the arts.”

Following is release information about his new book from the publisher, John Benjamins Publishing Company, www.benjamins.com

“The Expressiveness of Perceptual Experience
Physiognomy reconsidered”
A face strikes us immediately as sad, and so, too, do a mourner, a willow tree, a house on a prairie, and a group of onlookers. The spontaneous emergence of affective and other qualities of people, things, places, and events falls under the heading of physiognomy, a phenomenon discussed since at least Aristotle, and a key feature of evolutionary theory, psychology, and perception as well as professional practice (“profiling”) and popular talk. However, physiognomy is a controversial topic because of a suspect history, and is often renamed as non-verbal communication. “The Expressiveness of Perceptual Experience: Physiognomy Reconsidered” examines this venerable, attractive, and contentious topic within the unique perspective of research-oriented psychology. Included are the processes involved, primarily perceptual; origins, mainly evolutionary; and social-cultural factors as supplements. Discussed within a holistic-experiential (phenomenological)-aesthetic framework are physiognomy’s ties to the arts as well as emotions, synesthesia, learning, development, and personality. Empirical investigations are summarized, including the author’s.

[Martin, it is great to have some good news to report! From the description, your book is intriguing and will be intellectually challenging. Congratulations!]

All employees, including retirees, are invited to celebrate the holiday season with President Halstead and his Cabinet on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 from 3-5 pm in the New York Room, Cooper Hall.

An “Update” following the November “First Friday” event at the Alumni House included this statement:

“The highlight of the event was the announcement of a significant donation associated with the renaming of the College Archives. Stay tuned for more about that in the next Update.”

I am pleased now, during this season of giving, to share that announcement from the Daily Eagle of November 20, 2013 with you:

**College Archives Receives Generous Gift**

*Ginny Campbell ’89/’96 makes planned gift focused on the rich tradition of the College*

The Drake Memorial Library College Archives will now be known as The Rose Archives, thanks to a generous planned gift from Ginny Campbell ’89/’96. The naming of the archives is just part of Campbell’s long-term vision for the library.

“My love for the library and the College Archives goes back to the 1980s when I was an adult learner in what is now the Delta College,” says Campbell. “The Library touches the
academic, professional and intellectual aspirations of every person on campus, including students, faculty, and staff as well as friends in the greater community.

“If Drake is the heart of the campus, then I believe the Archives is its soul in that it’s where the College’s memories are kept. It’s a vault in which we entrust our treasured history. I want to help retrieve the memories made in days gone by, capture the memories that are being made today and preserve them all for those who will follow in our footsteps.”

Campbell’s ties to Brockport go back nearly 30 years, starting from the time she began pursuing her undergraduate degree in communication. She would spend over two decades working at the College, including more than 15 years as the assistant and acting director of Marketing Communications.
The new name of the archives is derived from the flower. “The rose is the symbol of perfection – perfect devotion, perfect fidelity, perfect friendship, and, yes, perfect love,” says Campbell. “Joining my love of the College with my love of history and the archives is a perfect match.”

In her efforts to continue strengthening the future of the library, Campbell has established the Friends of Drake Library (FODL), which aims to increase public awareness for Drake and the events, exhibits and other activities of the library and The Rose Archives. Campbell serves as the chair of the FODL executive committee, which held its first meeting earlier this month.

[Reminder: If you have items in your possession connected to the history of the College that you no longer need make sure you contact Charlie Cowling to see if should be added to the archives collection before discarding them. Also, watch the Daily Eagle at http://www.brockport.edu/eagle/ on a regular basis to avoid missing Charlie’s posting relating to Brockport’s past and also such items as the recent posting that “Cherishing this Heritage”, the landmark 1969 history of the college, is now available on the Digital Commons at: http://www.brockport.edu/eagle/view_item.php?id=5741 ]

Carpe diem,

Bud

December 8, 2013

Greetings,

Wally Elton, son of Dick and the late Elsie Elton, sent me a note recently with an update about his dad, Richard “Dick” Elton who served the College from 1947 to his retirement in 1972. He has been on my emeriti distribution list and we have had a couple of exchanges over the years. In one he described how the College, particularly Al Brown, had provided him a vehicle that led him to an opportunity to enhance his career elsewhere after retiring from Brockport following twenty-five years of service, including his last assignment as Director of Continuing Education.
I had the privilege of knowing Dick Elton from 1967 to 1972 and I remember him as being very professional, both in dress and manner—and I believe he was known to be a good ambassador for public service and higher education. I am sure Dick would love to hear from those of you who knew him. Wally has included the contact information with his update below:

I think it is time I gave an update on my father, Richard (Dick) Elton, who retired from Brockport back around 1971 or so. First, FYI, he no longer has access to email, so you can remove him from your list.

Last January, Dick moved into a small facility not far from where he lived in Sun City, AZ, in which he can receive the extra assistance he needs. Today, he is doing quite well for one who is a few years short of being a centenarian. In July, he celebrated his 96th birthday. He has long said he will be the first in the family to make it to 100!

Dick’s memories are intact, and he loves hearing/talking about old friends and places he has been. He was very interested in the big fire near Yosemite National Park this summer, for instance. If any of your readers would like to write him, it is best to do so in care of my sister, Judy, who visits frequently:

Dick Elton  
c/o Judy Elton  
10540 W Ruth Ave  
Peoria, AZ 85345

By the way, over the summer, my sisters and I planted a tree on the campus in his honor and my mother’s memory.

[Wally, we thank you for sharing this information and Dick, we send our best wishes for your success in obtaining your centenarian goal and hope the pathway is free of obstacles and is a pleasant journey.]

[You can find the tree and the marker in honor of the senior Eltons along the walkway going to the front of Hartwell Hall just north of the Alumni House.]

Just when I was about to prompt Karla and Roger for information about their recent travels, the information was shared. Karla, we thank you for sharing and we hope you and Roger continue to enjoy your time in Florida. See you in the spring!]

Long-overdue greetings to you! With thanks as always for the work you do to keep us up to date on what’s happening with our colleagues. Yes, sad news now and again, but much joy in it too.

So here’s a bit more joy to share with your readers.

Roger and I are safely returned from Africa...and have landed once again at our condo on the Caloosahatchee River in southwest Florida for the winter. Getting in our walking and
enjoying the birds (and lizards) we see along the way.

We are still in deep awe about our African safari experience. Maybe the best way to share that with you and your readers is to send you over to Shutterfly to look at the first of three volumes of photo books I've been working on: https://karlasphotobooks.shutterfly.com/. It’s quick and easy to sign up to "tour" the African savannah with us. Elephants, lions, wildebeests, zebras, giraffes... And, along with them, several poems for a poetic glimpse at the world we saw -- and I imagined. I took 4,589 photos on three cameras...so trying to condense them into these pages has been difficult. So, three books it will be.

I'd also like to share an essay on our adventure that was published in October. That's to be read at http://www.theheadandthehand.com/workbench-strength-crocodile-water/

Meanwhile, Roger's hanging tough...walking 4-5 miles a day with me tagging along for 1-2. When we're not outside in the warm, great outdoors, we kick back with Netflix films...and contemplate where in the world we'll be going next -- already an expedition planned for next summer in the Scottish Highlands, but who knows where else we might turn up.

I'll keep you posted!

Holiday greetings and cheer and wishes for peace in 2014 to all.

Fondly,

Karla

Dave Morien, Marine, continues to be very active in veterans’ affairs in Orleans County. He recently shared the following information, and, while there are strongly held divergent views about Oliver North, running the range from traitor to hero, I thought I would share the link to this video. While the interview question “What was your route to the Marine Corps?” was not included in the video it was included in the printed questions and answers that appear below the video on the webpage. Here is his answer to that question:

“I initially went to SUNY (State University of New York) Brockport, and enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserves out of there, and got my appointment to Annapolis because of that. The dean of men at SUNY Brockport was Dr. Harold Rakov, and he encouraged many of us to go into the military and use the education we were getting as an opportunity. He had been a Marine during World War II. He and my mom had gone to SUNY Oswego together, so this was a no-brainer. When I put in an application from the Marine Reserves to go to the U.S. Naval Academy, I didn’t think twice.”

Here is the rest of the information that Dave Morien shared:
There was an interview by Mark Seavey with Oliver North in the December 2013 American Legion magazine. There is a video of the interview at:  www.legion.org/magazine

Jim Horn continues to travel and be involved in promoting tourism in Mexico. On Thanksgiving Day, he was in an enviable location at a resort hotel on Condado Beach in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Upon return home, he engaged in conversations with the General Director of Jardines de Mexico which remains under construction but will be the largest garden in the world when finished. As I reported earlier, Jim had a pre-opening tour of the gardens a few months ago. Since then he has had input for the improvement of the garden’s websites, mostly providing editing services for both the English and Spanish versions. He seeks to write and publish some articles about the gardens around the time they open and he expects to be invited to do a pre-opening tour with other ex-pats before the hoped for opening in February. Because of his interest and support the General Director and senior staff invited Jim to the gardens for another tour on December 4th. Jim remains excited about the gardens and has posted many new photos on his blog that you can reach at:

https://jimhornnews.wordpress.com/2013/12/05/jardines-de-mexico-opening-postponed/

[Jim’s blog is secure so you are safe in answering “No” to the security question so that you can scroll all the photos rather than having to click on their hold icon in the document to see them.]

I am not sure whether I’ve ever reported the retirements of Diane Dwyer, Social Work or Bill Stier because I learned of their upcoming retirements some time before their retirement effective dates and decided to remember to announce them at a more appropriate time. Anyway, I am pleased to announce, if I have not already done so, that they are both now members of our emeriti group. You can learn more about them at: http://www.brockport.edu/swo/faculty.html (scroll to Dwyer), and at http://www.brockport.edu/pes/faculty/stier.html (Stier). Belatedly we welcome them, thank them for their services and wish them happiness in their retirement endeavors.

If I had distributed this “Update” yesterday as intended I would not have had to include bad news. But the Sunday D&C brought the sad news that Robert Lee Altman, the spouse of Professor Emeritus of Foreign Languages and Literature (1967-1991) Grace Alvarez-Altman, died on December 1, 2013. I did not know Robert although I had met him several times over the years when he and Grace attended College functions. He was cordial but seemed more like Grace’s silent partner when he joined her in activities related to her work. Following is Robert’s obituary that appeared in today’s D&C.

Altman, Robert Lee

Brockport: Sunday, December 1, 2013 at age 81. Predeceased by his parents, John and Leuritta Louise Altman. Survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Grace Altman; his step-children, Anthony (Pamela) Alvarez, Consuelo Alvarez, Marta Alvarez-Scott, Steven (Diana) Alvarez; grandchildren, Alicia (Adrian Tierson) Alvarez, Mathew, Simone and Sarah Scott, Steven Jr., Alex, Olivia and Antonio Alvarez; 5 sisters; 4 brothers; several loving relatives. Robert was a math teacher, a Boy Scout Leader and a 33-degree Mason.
He enjoyed spending time with his family.

No prior calling. His Memorial Service will be held Saturday December 14th 5PM at the Genesee Park Blvd. Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 391 Genesee Park Blvd., Rochester, NY 14619. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Adventist Disaster Relief Agency International, 12501 Old Columbia Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20904 in his memory. For more information or to sign Robert's online guestbook, please visit MeesonFamily.com.

Although it is always difficult to find good news in an obituary, I was pleased to see that Grace survives him as we have lost touch with her for several years now. We send our condolences Grace and the rest of the family of Robert Altman and his friends and associates.

Mike Andriatch has shared with me that the power point presentations from the recent SUNY Retirees Corps’s conference are now available from the SUNY Retirees Corps’s website at: http://www.suny.edu/retirees/conferences/2013RetConfPPTpresentations.cfm

For those interested I would recommend the links to the following presentations:

- The SUNY Retirees Network: Linking Retirees Through the World Wide Web and
- NYS Office for the Aging: Connecting SUNY Retirees in the Digital Age.

I found the presentation by the NYS Office for the Aging informative as I try to assist my 93-year-old mom in making some important decisions. And, the information was also worthwhile as I consider my own future.

Carpe diem,

Bud

December 17, 2013

Greetings,

Sometimes life gets in the way of good intentions. I received information of the death of Sadie Wilson on Saturday and wanted to get an “Update” out before the Sunday funeral service but could not fit it in. I send condolences and apologies to her family. While I did not know Sadie, I believe she is known to some of you through her involvement in the Brockport community and likely to others from the College who were here during the years that the late Clifford Wilson Sr. served as a member of the Physical Education and Recreation Department as a teacher and coach. I also did not know Clifford Sr. as I believe he passed either just before I arrived in Brockport or before I became involved in Personnel where I had contact with at least all the names of faculty/staff, if not their persons. But, I have heard from others that both Sadie and
Clifford Sr. were well respected members of the Brockport community and thought that I should share the following obituary for those of you who knew them.

Wilson, Sadie
Brockport: On Thursday December 12, 2013 at the age of 92. Predeceased by her husband Clifford, daughter Diana, sisters Muriel Chatterton, Eunice Wallace, Rita Allen, and brother Henry Richardson. She is survived by her children Clifford (Donna), Barbara (James) Arlington, Darlene (Ken) Moore, 7 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, sister-in-law Florence Richardson. Sadie was Girl Scout leader, a volunteer at Lakeside Memorial Hospital for over 40 years, very active in the Brockport United Methodist Church and many other community services. There will be no prior calling hours. A funeral service will be held Sunday, 2pm, at the United Methodist Church where a reception to greet the family will follow. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may contribute to the Hillside Children's Center, Autism Society of America or the United Methodist Church. [Rochester D&C 12/15/2013]

[Sadie’s passing did remind me of a picture that I found in the archives at the College several years ago that I found amusing. The picture was of Bob Boozer, James Fulton, Clark Whited and Clifford Wilson but the negative had been upside down when they printed the photo so the numbers of their jerseys were backwards. Since I had made a copy of the photo I have placed it at the “Your News” link on the emeriti website with this “Update” at: http://www.itss.brockport.edu/~rmeade/your_news.htm]

As reported earlier Jim Horn was excited about the possibility that he would get to lead a tour of the new Jardines De Mexico, the largest flower garden in the world before its official opening. He is even more excited now that the possibility is a reality. On Sunday, December 22, 2013, The Community & Cultural Center of Cuernavaca presents “Sneak Preview – An exclusive pre-inauguration excursion to Jardines De Mexico”, which is the first such “pre-inauguration event” and will be led by our own Jim Horn. Congratulations to Jim for being chosen to conduct this preview.

In recent email exchanges with Bill Stier I learned that he and Veronica had recently done a Panama Canal trip. As that trip is on our bucket list I asked him how the trip was at this time of year. He responded that they did the trip on Celebrity Infinity and that it was a great trip with great food, entertainment and excursions. They especially enjoyed the long, informative trip through the Canal. Basically, they had “the time of their lives”, met people who are now good friends, and they would recommend the trip to others.

[Bill, thanks for sharing.]

I have finally had time to update the “Emeritus Status” page on the Emeritus Website at http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm to include all the retiree benefits and privileges outlined in the recent mailing from Amy Kahn and Mike Andriatch. I also added a couple of links there to two pages that might bring back fond memories as you scroll through names of many people associated with the College before 1983 and those who have scholarships in their names.
Carpe diem,

Bud

December 31, 2013

Greetings,

I regret having to end the year this way but sadly we have lost members of our group and some family members of others. Also, I regret that I have received little good news to report to give some balance to this year-end “Update.” Here then is the sad news:

On Sunday, December 29, 2013 I received an email from emeritus John F. Price’s daughter Martha advising me of John’s passing at his home in New Harbor, Maine. This was indeed sad news for many of us who worked with John, received his advisement, enjoyed his roles in community theatre and in several College productions, socialized with him at the Friday evening TGIF gathering at Casey’s, enjoyed his performances in musical programs at his church and within the community, and who benefitted from his many contributions to the College and the greater Brockport Community. Through his many activities and his work John was well known within the College community. In his first position at Brockport he was the administrator-coordinator of television services and was responsible for the scheduling, setting up, and playing back of instructional television programs used by faculty. He also taught theatre and liberal studies courses. When the Educational Communications Center was closed in the 1980s John transferred to the Academic Advisement Department where he became for a time the advisor to the Liberal Studies Program and then a generalist Senior Academic Advisor. At this sad time of mourning, John’s musical and theatrical talents and his use of these talents in many performances are welcome memories for celebrating his life.

Following is John’s obituary prepared by his daughter Martha that has been submitted to the media in Maine. We send our condolences to Martha, to the rest of John’s family and to his many friends.

John F. Price, 83, of New Harbor, passed away peacefully on December 28, 2013 surrounded by his loving family in the home that he and his son, Steve, designed and built. He and his family had enjoyed summers in Back Cove and New Harbor since 1962, when they first visited John’s Aunt Polly and cousin, Mary Jane Small and where he had made his permanent home in 1999. Many will remember and recognize him for all his many contributions as an actor/director throughout mid-coast Maine.


John received his B.S. degree in Psychology and Speech and M.A. in Speech and Theatre Arts from Pennsylvania State University. He applied for and was awarded a Danforth
Fellowship to study in the doctoral program for two years at Michigan State University in 1964. He was a member of the United States Army Counter Intelligence Corps where he was stationed in Germany and was honorably discharged 1956.

John spent his career in higher education, first at the University of Rhode Island where he taught Speech and Theatre Arts. After he completed his doctoral degree in the summer of 1964, he took a new position at New York State Education Office in Albany, where he set up departments of Educational Television on six different campuses. He then took a position as Department Chair of Communication and Educational Television at State University of New York, (SUNY) College at New Paltz from 1965 to 1977.

In 1977, John moved to Clarkson, NY where he worked at SUNY, Brockport, this time, in the Educational Communications Center. In 1983, he moved to the Academic Advising Office from which he retired as a senior Academic Advisor in August of 1991. He continued to work at the College as a part time lecturer from the fall of 1991 to spring of 1996.

He was an enthusiastic supporter of the arts in mid-coast Maine and the greater Portland area and a longtime supporter of the Stratford Shakespeare Festival in Stratford, Ontario. John was on the board of directors of the Lincoln County Community Theatre, and a member of the River Company. He directed and acted in many productions, and was instrumental in the creation and organization of Theatre of the Spirit.

In addition to his love of theatre, he believed in supporting his community as well. Both the Community Housing Improvement Project (CHIP) and The Carpenter’s Boat Shop held a special place in his heart.

John was a member of the 2nd Congregational Church, UCC, in Newcastle. He served on the Board of Deacons, the Music Committee, and as the church Parliamentarian. John was a faithful member of the Chancel Choir and the Handbell Choir. He served on the Board of Directors of the Coastal Chorale and sang with that group as well as with the Tapestry Singers.

Surviving John are his children Stephen (and wife Barbara) of Scarborough, ME; daughter Martha of Deerfield, MA; four grandchildren, Ainsley and Dylan, of Scarborough, August and McCallum of Deerfield; beloved cousin, Mary Jane Small, also of New Harbor, and brother Paul Price of Springfield, Ohio.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, January 25, at 2:00 PM. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall of the church. The service will be officiated by the Rev. Ken Dale, and the Rev. Robert Ives. In lieu of flowers, you may send a memorial gift in John’s name to CHIP; PO Box 6, New Harbor, ME 04554 or to The Carpenters Boat Shop; 440 Old County Rd; Pemaquid, ME 04558.

Arrangements are under the care of Direct Cremation of Maine and condolences and messages to the family may be sent to www.directcremationofmaine.com.
Today’s issue of the Rochester D&C brought more sad news with an obituary for emeritus Lewis Kluth who served as a Technical Assistant responsible for science laboratories and equipment in the Chemistry Department from 1971 to 1985. I did not know Lewis very well but I was aware that he had strong convictions about his beliefs relating to health and safety issues and made them known. I don’t know if he ever had a chance to visit the science buildings after their recent upgrades but I am quite certain he would be pleased with them.

Following is his obituary from the D&C:

Kluth, Lewis A.


A Graveside Service will be held at Parma Union Cemetery in the spring.

We send our condolences to the family and friends of Lewis.

Before we move on to some better news, we send our condolences to emeritus Larry Humm on the recent death of his brother, John Richard "Jack" Humm, 80, of Zanesville, Ohio who passed away on Sunday, December 15, 2013 at his residence following a brief illness and to Frances Moroney Whited on news of the untimely death of her nephew, William T. Fox in Pace, Florida on November 2, 2013.

Moving up slightly on the bad to good news scale are messages relating to the death of Stefan Pribil received from Phyllis Lista and Pat Coates as follow:

“Usually I look forward to reading your updates Bud but this one just made me very sad. I too had been trying to locate Stefan. I lost track of he and Olga so long ago and not being in the "loop" had no idea where he had moved. My last attempt was a message to his grandson on Facebook but I never received a response. Do you have a mailing address in Port St. Lucie? I would really like to send Olga a note. Thanks, Phyllis”

Thanks for letting us know about Stefan Pribil's passing. I also have thought about him often and what had happened to him.

I always remember (and sometimes even use!) what Stefan used to say: "Every day better," when you asked him how he was doing. As he got closer to retirement and an older age, he changed it to "Every day closer!!"

He will be missed.

His office in Smith Hall was close to mine when I worked in the Geography Dept., and he stopped in to talk to us often. He was always encouraging people to stretch and grow in their thought process.
Pat Coates

[There have been many requests for contact information for Olga Pribil and for Mary Elsie Marchant but so far, we have been unsuccessful in obtaining it. If anyone has such information, please share it.]

Diane and Norm Frisch shared this about the passing of Sadie Wilson: “Diane and I knew Sadie from church…a remarkable, accomplished and loving person!”

Norm said he would have more to share about her very soon.

We have been advised that retiree Carol Timby who was an Assistant Librarian from 1948 to 1978 is now residing at Westgate Nursing Home. No other details have been shared except that Carol might appreciate hearing from people she knew at the College. Her new address that was shared with me is:

Carol Timby, resident  
Westgate Nursing Home  
525 Beehan Road  
Rochester, NY 14624

Jim Horn has reported that the recent voluntary tour he was able to conduct for 32 ex-pats at the Jardines de Mexico was a huge success and that there were many things added to the gardens in the two weeks since his last visit that show that they are moving steadily towards completion. Jim has told me that he is embarrassed to be mentioned so many times in Update but I have responded that I really appreciate having something other than bad news to report.

While I have neither the time nor the will to use “Update” to duplicate the content of other media, and I also want to keep the focus of “Your News” on retirees and emeriti, I do try to point to stories that mention members of our group that appear in other media. However, the when and what to include creates a tough balancing act. Today I have decided to end with a reference to an article by Doug Hickerson that appeared in the Suburban News of December 29 about how BASC, with the leadership of executive administrative assistant Betty Drennan, worked with the staff at the Lakeside Beikirch Care Center to identify gifts for residents that would be most appreciated and then Betty elicited BASC employees to provide the gift to their selected resident. As reported, the presentation of, and receipt of gifts, respectively, brought joy to both the givers and the receivers. Betty and BASC employees were deservingly commended for the completion of this holiday project.

Happy New Year!

Bud

January 17, 2014

Greetings,

January 14, 2014 was a great day!
I had breakfast with emeriti Rick Kincaid, John Bixler, Tom Nugent, Greg Kenney and Dick Frey and together we solved a lot of the world’s problems. After a brief discussion about identity theft coupled with a conversation about the rotten apples that often appear in a person’s lineage, I walked away wondering if, given that we now must deal with “identify theft” if it would be possible to do an “identify gift” if we wanted to get away from some individuals identified in our genealogy. But, then I mused, it’d be just my luck to have the gift rejected and returned.

A short time later I was honored to have been invited to be in the company of some educational communicators from the past at lunch at Java Junction. Bernie Lynch, Mel Smagorinsky, Richard Hart, Gordon Bemis, Frank Filardo, all former members of the staff of the late Educational Communications Center, and I had a great time reminiscing and catching up on where our lives have taken us since retirement from the College. All of them remain excellent communicators, and as an invited outsider…the former ECC staff schedule lunch together periodically… I very much enjoyed the camaraderie they displayed. It is interesting to note that before retirement we would often total up the number of years we had been employed at the College at such gatherings whereas now we tally the years we have been retired. The combined total of the latter for this group is significant and continues to increase…and that is a very good thing!

Several of you have asked for contact information for Mary Elsie Robertson, spouse of the late Peter Marchant. Thanks to Evy Newlyn I can share the following information:

Mary Elsie Robertson
17060 South Highway 71
Winslow AR  72959
maryerobertson@earthlink.net

We have yet to obtain contact information for Olga Pribil so if anyone can help, please share.

For some very good news, we learned recently that Tim Flanagan, former Provost and VP for Academic Affairs at Brockport, and former President of Framingham State University in Framingham, Massachusetts, recently became President of Illinois State University located in Normal, Illinois. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Tim and Nancy as they settle into their respective roles in a new community.

From Mexico, we have received news from Jim Horn that an article he wrote was published in TASTE & TRAVEL magazine, a quarterly published in Canada. The article “101 Things You Didn’t Know about Tequila, Pulque, & Mezcal” is a verbal expression of 80 tequila tastings Jim had offered to his Road Scholar (Elderhostel) groups before his second retirement which was from the tourism industry. You can look at their website where you can scroll down to a link to their magazine at https://www.tasteandtravelmagazine.com/about.html but you’ll find you’ll have to subscribe to view it. But, if you just want to look at Jim’s published article you can view it at:
https://www.tasteandtravelmagazine.com/media/issue12_tequila.pdf

[Jim, this is an informative and fun article and the magazine did a nice layout for the content. Congratulations!]

This is a time-sensitive announcement. New works by emeritus Bill Stewart will be on exhibit from January 18, 2014 through April 12, 2014 at AXOMGALLERY, 2nd Floor 170 Anderson Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607. You can learn more at: www.axomgallery.com but also please note:

Opening Artist Reception: 5-8 pm, Saturday, January 18, 2014

Artist Talk: 7 pm, Tuesday, April 1, 2014

[I am sure Bill would enjoy seeing Brockport folks (current and retired) at these events. Congratulations to Bill for the completion and recognition of his new works.]

The Town of Sweden has many activities scheduled to celebrate its bicentennial and emeritus Norm Frisch is very much involved creating graphics to announce various events. I believe other emeriti are also involved in making this year-long celebration a success. For more information check out the Town of Sweden’s website and the Bicentennial Facebook pages, respectively at:

http://www.townofsweden.org/Bicentennial/index.html

https://www.facebook.com/pages/Town-of-Sweden-Bicentennial/572151819543219

Recently I have learned that the College has a “mystery table” that is currently used as a conference table in Information Technology Services on the 2nd floor of the Gordon Allen Administration Building. It is believed to have been in the possession of the College for many years and it would be great to know its origin and the offices it has previously served. While the College might glean some history from extracting the DNA from the gobs of chewing gum on the bottom of the table top, matching it with employees and/or students would not be cost effective and likely would bring on the ire of the Office of the State Comptroller, unless, of course, someone could obtain a grant for this specific project. So, as a more cost-effective approach to this research I will email a photo of the table to anyone who might like to assist in this research and ask that if they recognize this table they provide me via email any information they may have about its history.

By the way, “Update” is intended for your news. I have reported on how much I recently enjoyed breakfast and lunch with members of our emeriti group and I know that those receiving this email likewise enjoy hearing about the lives and activities of their former colleagues. You too can appear in “Update” but you must share something!

Carpe Diem,
February 8, 2014

Greetings,

Sorry, but this “Update” is prompted by bad news and not much else. Mike Andriatch passed along to me a notice he received about the death of former Dean for Continuing Education Bob Pasciullo. Although Bob did not retire from the College at Brockport he was well known by many retirees for his enthusiastic approach to work and life during his short tenure at Brockport. So, I thought I should share.

I knew Bob and Josie and totally agree with the description of them in his obituary from the Saratoga Times Union below. Both Bob and Josie were active while in the community. Also, because Sandy and I considered buying their home on South Avenue when they left Brockport, we saw evidence of another accomplishment that was restoration of the floors and woodwork in their home. This work involved stripping layers of paint to expose the beautiful hardwoods and refinish them. While we decided not to pursue the house we were astonished at how they could have done so much to improve it through their own efforts while also being so active in the community.

We send our condolences to Josie, to the rest of his family and to the many friends he made along his way.

Pasciullo, Robert J. SARATOGA SPRINGS
Robert J. Pasciullo, a man of exceptional character, high ideals, and steadfast purpose, who possessed an indomitable spirit and an unwavering dedication to the great causes of the day, died peacefully in the early morning hours of February 4, 2014 at Saratoga Hospital. Bob was 83 and had resided in Saratoga Springs for 30 years. His optimism was infectious, and people just loved to spend time with him, whether attending an opera or working on a political campaign. He showed genuine interest in the people he met, and he knew how to make them feel that they mattered. Bob's lifelong interest in education began as a student at Van Rensselaer High School. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree at the University of Vermont, his master's degree at SUNY-Albany and a doctorate from SUNY-Buffalo. Bob started his career as a public-school teacher, then became a college professor at Jamestown Community College, and finally went on to various administrative positions in the State University system central staff, as a vice president in the early years of Empire State College, dean for continuing education at SUNY-Brockport and director of the Capital District office of Cornell's Industrial and Labor School, from which he retired. He was an administrator in the state university system for 27 years. As director of the Capital District office, New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations, he developed and administered employee development programs including training funded through partnerships with the Governor's Office of Employee Relations and employee unions. Following retirement from Cornell, he served as director of Planning and Development for the city of Rensselaer, and as a neutral chair for the Office of Labor and Management Affairs, New York State Department of Labor. He also taught labor-management courses in the University Without Walls, Skidmore College. On leave from the SUNY-
University system, he served in the public sector as associate director of the education committee staff for the 1967 New York State Constitutional Convention and as executive director of the 1979 Gov. Carey's panel on the future of government. A self-styled liberal Democrat in the tradition of Bobby Kennedy, Bob spent his life working for the underdog those less fortunate who society seemed to forget. He worked tirelessly over the years for racial equality, social justice, and on behalf of the impoverished. He gave freely of both his time and his money on behalf of causes that made life a little better for those around him. He was grateful for his good fortune, and he desired the same for others. He was a man who stood up for what he believed in and didn't shy away from controversy. He marched for civil rights in the 1960s, and in recent years he was one of those who braved the elements weekly on Broadway, in Saratoga, protesting the war in Iraq. When someone mentioned to him that perhaps he was under surveillance by the government for protesting, he quipped: "That's OK, they can put the pictures they take of me now in the same folder that holds the pictures they took of me when I protested the war in Vietnam." Community activities were important as work life. In the 1960s, he founded the Northside Community Center in Jamestown, which offered free medical and other services to those in need. In the 1970s, he served on the Saratoga Springs City Charter Commission, and as the first president of the Board of the Saratoga County Economic Opportunity Council (SCEOC) from 1971-1975, and upon his return to Saratoga Springs, he rejoined the board and was again president from 2005-2008. By then the annual budget had reached $10 million and the council employed 160 staff to provide human services throughout the county. He was a member of the 1999 Saratoga Springs Master Plan Review Committee. While living in his hometown, the city of Rensselaer, again from 1982-1992, he founded with others the Rensselaer Improvement Committee, an organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in the community. He also served on the transportation committee of the Capital District Regional Planning Commission (1990-96) and on the Community Board of the Junior League of Albany and the Board of the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall. Returning to Saratoga Springs, he was president of the Water's Edge/Woodlands Homeowners Association. He is a past president of the Board of Literacy Volunteers of New York State and was on the National Literacy Volunteers Board. He is a founding member and past president of the Continuing Education Association and of the Capital District Consulting Alliance and supporting member of the Saratoga County League of Women Voters. Robert co-chaired the countywide Saratoga Workforce Housing Partnership for five years and served on the Saratoga Springs Workforce Housing Trust Fund. He was a member of the Saratoga Affordable Housing Group, Inc., which manages 44 two- and three-bedroom units for low-income workers and their families. He continued his role on the SCEOC board. An alumnus of Van Rensselaer High School, class of 1948, he is a member of the Centennial Awards Committee of the Alumni Association of the Rensselaer school district, which raises funds and provides scholarships to two Rensselaer High School graduates annually. He also is an active member of the recently revived Rensselaer Alumni Association, serving ex officio to the executive committee and was named to its inaugural Hall of Fame in 2013. While he left formal teaching many years ago, Bob spent a lifetime dedicated to educating people about the things he found of great interest. A voracious reader and a devotee of his beloved New York Times, he was a vast repository of diverse and eclectic knowledge, from a great recipe for a holiday meal to details about economic policy. Anyone who became friends with Bob regularly received copies of articles in the mail that he thought they would find of interest. Simply put, Bob knew a lot about a lot, and he just loved to share his knowledge with the people he knew. Though short in stature, he excelled in baseball and basketball in high school and college and was selected for the
battalion baseball team during his military service in Anchorage, Alaska. He was an avid tennis player, enjoyed reading history and wrote a mystery novel that he was readying for publication. Bob was married to his wife Josie for almost 60 years. Anyone that knew them, knew of his great devotion and his great love and respect for her. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughter, Ilsa Markovits and her husband Steve; son Nicholas Pasciuollo and his wife Nancy Hubley, all attorneys; and by his grandchildren, Erica and Grace Pasciuollo and Justin Markovits, whom he often said were his greatest joy. He took enormous pride in their accomplishments. Always the educator, Bob donated his body to Albany Medical College through its Anatomical Gift Program. There are no calling hours. A memorial will be held later. Gifts in his memory may be made to the Saratoga County Economic Opportunity Council, Inc., 39 Bath St., PO Box 169, Ballston Spa, NY 12020, or the Centennial Award, c/o Rensselaer Alumni Association, 25 Van Rensselaer Drive, Rensselaer, NY 12144.

If you think you might be interested in hosting an international student attending the ESL Center at the College, contact Gail Thiel, ELS Homestay Provider Coordinator as follows:

gailthiel@ymail.com
(585) 705-7895
http://els.edu

From her you can request that a copy of the host family handbook be mailed to you. Please note that the stipend for hosting is a generous $640 per four-week session per student. Also note that it is required that all people over the age of 18 in the host family pass a background check that costs $35 per person.

Please contact Gail with your questions. The ELS program has three students for February and expects more students in the immediate future.

Carpe diem,

Bud

February 24, 2014

Greetings,

I do not have much to report…I guess the winter has been too harsh for people to do anything they wish to share. But, here is what I have:

For those of you who were asking for it here, thanks to Jill Rakov, is the contact information for Olga Pribil, wife of the late Stefan Pribil:

Olga Pribil
7450 Legends Drive
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986
(504) 858-1758
The Dailey Eagle on February 20th included a piece found and contributed by Archivist Charles Cowling about Sherwin Swartout and the AV Department and Club, circa 1959 or thereabouts. It is a good historical read and we should thank Charles for keeping the history of the College alive. The only thing that bothered me about the article was the picture of Sherwin taken around 1959. He did not look like that when I met him around 1967 and that brought to mind that similarly, I do not look much like I did when I met him way back then. Yet, continuing to be a part of the emeriti club is a good thing as long as in our eyes we still see ourselves as we looked at our best! And that is the great thing about mental vision if we can avoid mirrors. See the AV story at:


[Thank you, Charles.]

While Jane Ames left employment at the College before retiring she and her husband Gary were known to many of you during her years at Brockport where she served as secretary in the Chemistry Department for from 1970 to 1976 before taking a part-time job in Human Resources that enabled her to pursue a nursing degree which subsequently resulted in a career change for her in 1985. Sadly, Jane’s husband Gary passed on February 18, 2014 and I thought those of you who remember Jane would like to know. We send our condolences to Jane and Gary’s family and friends. I regret not being timely in sharing this information but following is Gary’s obituary from Saturday’s Rochester D&C [edited for the time sensitive info]:

Ames, Gary L.

Spencerport: Suddenly Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at age 69. He is survived by his loving wife and soul mate of 43 years, Jane Regan-Ames; son, John (Karen Phillips); daughter, Kathleen E. Ames; grandson, Regan Phillips-Ames; granddog, Sasha; nieces and nephews; and dear friend, James Jolly. Gary was a United States Air Force Veteran who served his country during the Vietnam War and was a retiree of Eastman Kodak after 33 years.

The family [received] friends Sunday, February 23rd from 1-4 PM at the New Comer Funeral Home, 2636 Ridgeway Ave. Gary's Funeral Mass will be celebrated Monday at [10 AM] at St. John the Evangelist Church, 55 Martha St., Spencerport, NY. Private interment. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Vietnam Veteran’s of America or to the Wounded Warrior Project.

For better news, not necessarily for the College but certainly for Betty, is the announcement of a retirement reception for BASC’s executive secretary Betty Drennen. Here is the announcement from today’s Daily Eagle:

Save the date! Please join Brockport Auxiliary Service Corporation (BASC) on Friday, March 14 from 2 – 4 pm in the Eagle’s Lookout, as we celebrate Betty’s Drennen’s 44 years of service and wish her well in retirement.

In her role as Executive Administrative Assistant, Betty has been a mainstay at BASC and The
College at Brockport for 44 years. Betty has always worked with the best interests of BASC and the College in mind, and her dedication and warmth are unparalleled. Please join us as we celebrate Betty’s service to BASC and the College, and congratulate her on her retirement.

If you are interested in making a contribution towards a gift, please contact Char Charles at 395-2752 or char.charles@basc1.org.

It is hard to believe it has been 44 years since Betty joined the staff at the College. Her appointment in 1970 nearly coincided with my own transfer from the Financial Aid Office to what was then known simply as Personnel. At that time, the payroll and personnel functions for BASC (then FSA) operated out of the College’s personnel office in Hartwell and came under the “supervision” of the College’s Personnel Director. Fortunately, Kathleen Flansburg, FSA’s payroll administrator at the time, and Betty were a self-contained function and the new and inexperienced Personnel Director just had to stay out of the way to keep things running smoothly for the FSA payroll. In those days, I recall that Kathy had a regularly scheduled time for using the College’s computer to run FSA’s biweekly payroll. Norm Plyter was the director of the computing center at the time but Kathy prepared her own punch cards and I believe even did the rewiring of computer circuits as required to prepare the computer to run her payroll. When Betty came on board in 1970 she assisted in the payroll process while also adding a personnel component exclusively for FSA. While we were sorry when the FSA decided to move its payroll and personnel functions to its own business office because of our association with Kathy and Betty, it was the right thing to do. And during her 44 years at Brockport Betty’s exemplary service has endeared her to everyone she has encountered along the way. We wish her good health and much happiness in retirement.

Carpe diem,

Bud

March 5, 2014

Greetings,

It seems that I am not capable of being timely anymore. Hopefully when I get back home where the weather is more dependable (always below freezing) I’ll be able to improve.

The following sad news relates to members of the families of emeriti and because the families are known to some of you I thought I’d share them for those of you who are outside of the area covered by the Rochester D&C.

We send condolences to Betty Schroeder and her family upon the death of Daniel Schroeder, the son of Betty and the late emeritus Kermit. Following is his obituary from the Rochester D&C.

Schroeder, Daniel B.

Gates: Died Friday, February 28, 2014 at age 51. Predeceased by his father, Kermit Schroeder. He is survived by his loving wife of 22 ¾ years, Jeanne; daughter, Sarah;
mother, Elizabeth Schroeder; brother, David Schroeder; sister, Pam (Wayne) Shillieto; sister-in-law, Kathy Bierbrauer; nieces and nephews, Kase and Kristi Shillieto, James and Jessica Bierbrauer. Dan is also survived by many family and friends.

Friends may call Wednesday, 2-4, 7-9pm at the funeral home of ALVAH HALLORAN & SON, 2125 Chili Ave. Funeral Mass, Thursday, 1:00pm at Holy Ghost Church, 250 Coldwater Rd. Interment, Holy Ghost Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Volunteers for Animals, P.O. Box 1621, Batavia, NY 14021

Some of you will remember the late Sidney Eastman who was Financial Secretary at the College for many years before retiring in the late 60s. Some might also have known his son Richard who was a campus school kid along with Wally Elton, son of Richard Elton, who has told me they had been neighbors growing up. Sadly, we share Richard Eastman’s obituary from the February 27, 2014 issue of the Rochester D&C and send our condolences to his sons Michael and Eric and their families. Following is Richard’s obituary from the Rochester D&C.

Richard C. Eastman

W. Henrietta, NY: On Sunday February 23, 2014 at the age of 70. Predeceased by his parents G. Sidney and Anne Martel Eastman. He is survived by his 2 sons Michael (Kimberly) Eastman of W. Henrietta, NY and Eric (Terre) Eastman of Houston, TX, brother Lawrence (Christine) of Long Island, NY, 4 grandchildren Malcolm, Erica, Mollie and Sophie, and 2 nieces Jennifer (Christian) Drasser and Melissa (Joseph) Furio of Long Island, NY.

Mr. Eastman taught for 33 years in the Rush Henrietta Central School District.

Per Richard's request, there will be no calling hours or services. Interment will be in Lakeview Cemetery at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may donate in Richard's name to the Patient Assistance Fund at Strong Memorial Hospital, Heart Transplant Program, 601 Elmwood Ave., Box 679T, Rochester, NY 14642. Ref. Fowler Funeral Home Inc.

In response to an update that included the passing of Margaret Hafner, emerita Karen Watt sent me the following tribute to Margaret:

I must tell you how fondly I remember Margaret Hafner. I was a graduate assistant assigned to her in the 70's in the Math Learning Skills arena. She was a formidable leader and coordinator of those services. This just reminds me of how fast time flies....

[Karen, thank you for your feedback. I know that others who knew Margaret would likewise sing her praises.]

In response to the update that included the passing of Bob Pasciullo, I had feedback from emeritus Jim Horn and emerita Elaine Miller. Jim stated that he and Bob became good friends
while Bob was in Brockport, that he held him in high esteem and that they had remained in touch for several years after Bob left Brockport. Elaine shared that she had lived in one of the apartments in the house the Pasciullos had lived in on South Avenue when she first came to Brockport and had, in fact, introduced them to the house and given them a tour before advising them that it was for sale. The Pasciullos fell in love with the house and purchased it. Elaine also shared that the house was next door to the late Armand and June Burke and one of her favorite memories was of Armand mowing the lawn while wearing a white shirt and tie.

[Thanks to both Jim and Elaine for tributes to Bob Pasciullo and for refreshing memories!]

It is great to know that Californian emeritus Martin Lindauer has neither been burned out by a wild fire or washed out in a flood and that he is continuing to enjoy writing, both non-fiction books on psychology and fictional short stories, in retirement. You may know about his scholarly publications but you might not be aware that he has had over 25 short stories published in various literary magazines including his latest, “At the Gravesite” published in Tikkun that can be found at: http://www.tikkun.org/nextgen/at-the-gravesite.

[Martin, congratulations on the recent short story publication! I enjoyed the biographical fiction and thank you for sharing it. I would like to do some historical fiction writing myself (e.g. “A unique perspective on the history of The College at Brockport) if I could just get some relief from writing about departures. Of course, anything I would write could not be published until after a few more departures, including my own!]

Join the Alumni Association for First Fridays!

Join us for this March First Friday on Friday, March 7 from 4 to 6 pm at Alumni House!

Stop over and hear what our Office of Campus Recreation offers. Also, meet our new provost and vice president for academic affairs, Dr. Mary Ellen Zuckerman. Enjoy some snacks, beverages and St. Patrick's Day punch! You won't want to miss this one!

This First Friday sponsored by Rosie LaSorte Rich.

Carpe diem,

Bud

March 18, 2014

Greetings,

I’ve been viewing many memories in my mind since learning of the March 10, 2014 death of a friend from the past who is known to many of us through his role as Superintendent of the Brockport Central School District and his contributions to the greater Brockport Community. Following you will find the obituary for David W. Field that was in Sunday’s D&C. While David was not employed by the College and therefore, of course, is not an emeritus, he was active in support of the College both in his professional role and as a member of the community.
I first met David when Sandy and I joined a gourmet dinner group through the Faculty Wives’ Association. Our group included David, along with his first wife the late Dottie Field, Robert and the late Leonie Boon, the late Adam and Jet LaZarre, and on one occasion, Pam and the late Perry Fuller. The days of the Faculty Wives’ Association, its special groups and special events, and of the Brockport Symphony events under Ascher Temkin, were in a sense the “Days of Wine and Roses” at Brockport. David and Dottie Field were active participants in the related activities including their involvement in events such as the Brockport Symphony auction and I believe Dottie’s serving on the Symphony Board. David’s passing brings back such other fond memories of being invited to share in the meal that Leonie Boon prepared for celebrity chef James Beard when he accepted Ascher Temkin’s invitation to do a guest performance on a water flute at a Brockport Symphony Orchestra’s Pop Concert, the great performances by Renee Fleming and also by Jet and Adam LaZarre at annual pops concerts, and the piano performance of Miss Pennsylvania (name escapes me) at both a symphony pops concert, at Ascher’s invitation, and at the buffet following the Golden Eagle Golf Tournament at Brockport Country Club that she agreed to do without knowing anything about that particular venue. So, David, thanks for the memories and thanks for being such a good friend for a season.

Field, David W.

Brockport: David W. Field passed away peacefully on March 10, 2014, at age 85, after many years of illness.

Predeceased by his wife, Mary Fessenden and first wife, Dorothy. Survived by son, Brooke (Dawn) Field; stepchildren, Michael (Kimberlee) Kadar-Kallen & Amber Kallen-Monroe (David Monroe & Nancy Smyth); grandchildren, Jonathan, Josiah, Lydia, Anna, Mary Rose, Eliza & Kateri Kadar-Kallen, Linnaea & Liam Monroe; sisters, Cynthia King and Natalie (Stuart) Beavis; many nephews and nieces.

David was a native New Englander. Born in Keene, New Hampshire in 1928, by the age of four he had been twice elected, "Adonis God of Beauty." He never let anyone forget it.

From 1946-1948 he served in the United States Navy on the USS Howard Gilmore. Thanks to the GI Bill, David graduated from Keene Teachers' College four years later and continued his education at UMass Amherst earning his MS Ed. degree in Educational Administration. He earned a full scholarship to Syracuse University in 1965 though he chose not to complete his dissertation for his PhD.

David's professional career in Educational Administration began in 1963 in the Liverpool Central School District as an intern. By the end of the year, David had earned a prestigious Ford Foundation internship in the US Office of Education in Washington DC. Upon his return from DC, he became the Assistant Superintendent of Liverpool from 1965-67. His career brought him to Rensselaer County BOCES and then Williamsville Central Schools as Assistant Superintendent.

1973, David became Superintendent of the Brockport Central School District. He loved the work, the staff, the teachers, and fellow administrators. He worked tirelessly to keep
and expand the arts in Brockport and was instrumental in the renovation of the Oliver Middle School and the building of the Fred W. Hill School. Brockport Central School District was his home for 17 years before he retired in 1990.

As a retiree, David was content to travel the country, collect stamps and trains, play with his cats, work in his gardens, and read to his heart's content. Even so, his passion for education compelled him to serve on the Board of Trustees for the Seymour Library.

In 1992, he married the love of his life, Mary Fessenden, thus beginning a new chapter in his life. He loved being her husband and adored his new role of grandpa or "Boppa," as the grandchildren called him. Both David and Mary resided at Lakeside Beikirch Care Center in Brockport for the last years of their lives and were grateful for the loving and caring nurses, CNAs, and staff who took care of them like family. When Mary passed away in April of last year, David was heartbroken. It was his greatest wish to be with her again.

A Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 2PM in the Duryea Room of the Seymour Library. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in David's name to the Seymour Library, 161 East Ave., Brockport, NY 14420. Arrangements Entrusted to Thomas E. Burger Funeral Home, Inc. Hilton.

[We send our condolences to Brooke and David’s extended family and his friends.]

There is a possibility that Lois Wolin also cooked dinner for James Beard. If anyone can verify that event please share information and I’ll pass it on to Charles Cowling. Also, I am relying on a faulty memory when it comes to Renee Fleming’s singing at a pops concert. I believe she did so after graduating from SUNY Potsdam and while studying at Eastman School of Music. If anyone can verify that it was she, not some other distinguished Eastman student, who performed at a Brockport Symphony Orchestra Pops Concert under maestro Ascher Temkin, please feel free to correct me.

Thanks to a co-conspirator with whom I sometimes share drafts of Update, it is noted that David Field did his undergraduate work at Keene State College (then, like Brockport, a teacher’s college), where, I was reminded, Brockport’s former Provost and VP for Academic Affairs Anne Huot will be inaugurated as President on April 4, 2014. Check it out at: http://www.keene.edu/administration/president/inauguration/ and, again we send our thanks to Anne for her service at Brockport and congratulate her for her new role in service to students in higher education.

More news has just been noted in reading today’s Rochester D&C as I was preparing this Update. Sadly, the obituaries today include one of our own, Ronald “Ron” Davis, who was both an alumnus (undergraduate class of 1955) and a member of the faculty or administration at the College from 1966 to 1995. His wife Joan is also an alumnus (undergraduate class of 1966) who had a very successful career as a teacher in the Brockport School District. I first met Ron while working in Financial Aids in Vanderhoof Hall (now Morgan III) when he replaced the late Chuck Lang as Director of Career Services. He, Dick Alexander, and I, along with Hap Metivier
and the late Herman Kirkpatrick from Educational Administration, had many enjoyable conversations in the hallway and shared a morning ritual of walking the tunnel from Vanderhoof to the old student union for coffee. As a result of these contacts, we became friends with Ron and Joan for a season as his career took him first to a brief role as Associate Dean of Students and then to the faculty of the Department of Educational Administration from which he retired as Associate Professor emeritus. Along with many of you, we enjoyed our association with the Davis family and on occasion played cards together. But, after he accepted the teaching role in Educational Administration we lost touch as Ron, like his departmental colleagues, became somewhat of a stranger to the campus as so many of the department’s courses were taught off-campus. I am probably not the appropriate person to tell this story but it was noted by many that Ron Davis had a distinctive walk. I remember hearing Gary Skoog tell an interesting story about representing Brockport Admissions at an alumni table at a large NYS Physical Education conference at the Concord in Kiamesha Lake, New York. As Gary and Ron were friends, Gary shared with Ron that he was going to the conference and Ron advised him that his brother would also be at the conference. Gary replied that he would look Ron’s brother up at the conference to which Ron responded, “You’ll be able to find him because he looks just like me,” to which Gary inquired: “Does he walk like you?” He learned the answer to that question as he sat at the alumni table down the hallway from the entrance to the conference room as he watched hundreds of participants exit a session. As the participants came down the hallway one of them stood out because of his unmistakable Ron Davis walk. Gary called out “Hey Davis” and sure enough, not only did Ron and his brother share looks, they also shared the same walk.

In discussing my draft Update with Gary, he also shared with me that Ron was an exceptional athlete and was good enough playing first base in baseball that he was invited to try out with the Cleveland Indians. We assume he did not get selected but that could be wrong. Gary does know that Ron played slow pitch softball for several years after returning to Brockport in 1966.

Following is Ron’s obituary from today’s D&C. We send our condolences to Joan, to the family, to all his friends, and to the many school administrators whose careers were supported by his work and whose subsequent work is part of his legacy.

Davis, Ronald James

Brockport: Ronald James Davis passed away peacefully, surrounded by loved ones on Sunday 3/16/14 at age 80. Predeceased by his parents, Alan and Anne B. Davis; father-in-law, John Zurick. He is survived by his loving wife, Joan Davis; children, Ronald James (Nanette) Davis Jr., Meg (Doug) Davis-Hill, Anna (James) Sapienza, Mary (Jed) Hanna; grandchildren, Derek Sapienza, Cara Sapienza, Daniel Sapienza, Alex Davis, John Davis, Zachary Hill, Garrett Hill, Erin Hanna, Annie Hanna, Megan Hanna; mother-in-law, Margaret "Nana" Zurick; brother-in-law & sister-in-law, John (Adrienne) Zurick. A native New Yorker and youngest of 5, Ron was a U.S. Army veteran who moved his family to Brockport to accept a teaching position in 1966. Ron received his Doctorate at St John’s University and taught many years at SUNY Brockport. Ron was an avid reader, an amateur historian, an exceptional athlete, and a raconteur. He adored Joanie, his wife of 57 years, his children, Ron Jr., Meg, Anna & Mary, and grandchildren and attended (and cheered loudly) their various sporting events, plays, concerts and activities. His zest
for life and new experiences led to interests in competitive running, flying, wine making, carpentry, travel, gardening, golf and many others. Renowned for his wit, humor and love of sports, his main passion was his family. He was the center of all family gatherings and made all feel like they were part of something special. He will live on in the hearts of all of those who loved him. To light a candle of remembrance, visit www.alifecelebrated.com

No Prior Visitation. Family and friends are invited to attend Ron's Memorial Service on Thursday at 10 am at St. Jerome's Church (207 S. Garfield St. E. Rochester). Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ron's memory to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Rochester, NY 333 Westmoreland Dr. Rochester, NY 14620.

I am sorry to have to report so much bad news to report but I’ll end with much better news just shared with me by Jamie Beers-Wilson that invites you to a celebratory event to honor John Killigrew:

Please join the Friends of Drake Memorial Library and the Brockport Foundation for the Dr. John W. Killigrew, Professor Emeritus, History Room Dedication. The event will take place immediately after Mornings with the Professors on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 11:30 am in the Drake Memorial Library, Room 236. There will be a reception immediately following in the Milne Seminar History Room. For more information, contact jbeers@brockport.edu or (585) 395-2380.

Carpe diem,

Bud

PS. I am sorry that the list server software deletes some punctuation (e.g. quotes and apostrophes) but I think you’ll know where they belong.

March 27, 2014

Greetings,

To say that Jim Horn has enjoyed himself in Mexico over the last few months would be a gross understatement. Not only has the weather been perfect, but his interest and support of the Jardines de Mexico, since he first learned that it was being built only a half-hour distance from his home in Cuernavaca, has gained a lot attention for him as did an article he wrote about the opening that was printed in The News, Mexico’s English-language daily. Jim has posted the article, missing some of the photos and formatting, in his blog at:


He has also posted information about the grand opening that you can find at:
Because of his interest and support of the gardens, Jim was invited by the General Manager of the gardens to attend an inauguration event on March 19 along with hundreds of politicians and their staff members. He also received invitations to all the grand opening events occurring on March 21, 22 and 23, 2014. Jim is pleased that the Garden Manager calls him the ambassador to English-speaking Mexico and he was overwhelmed at how many city and state officials and garden personnel, including the Secretaries of Tourism for the city and state, extended greetings to him at the different events and thanked him for his publicity efforts. Even though Jim had an open invitation to all the grand opening events he chose only to do the Saturday events including the concert by Mexican tenor Fernando de la Mora, followed by a gala dinner party and the closing concerts Sunday night. Jim has reported that the gala opening provided him with one of the best experiences of his life. The food and the performances were excellent and not only did the General Manager invite Jim to a private VIP party before the concert but, then, because the General Manager was too busy to attend the concert, he gave Jim his seats and Jim ended up sitting with the General Manager’s family in one of the best seats in the house. A final highlight for Jim was meeting the Governor of Morelos and having a brief conversation with him.

Jim is now working to help both tourist offices get publicity online in English.

Following is Jim’s, and his blog’s, contact information if you want to know more:

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Associate Professor Emeritus, History
The College at Brockport State University of New York
Villa Golondrina, Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico
Telephone: (011 52) 777 313 5521

[Congratulations for the publication of your article and for the recognition you have received for promoting the gardens. It appears that for you the decision to live in Mexico was a good one!]

Dotti Humm provided some feedback about James Beard’s visit to Brockport back in the 1970s based upon her recollections. She remembers that James Beard did a presentation at the high school and I think that is where the Brockport Symphony concert was that year. But, with the help of Dotti’s feedback, I think that James Beard may have done a cooking demonstration at the high school in addition to playing a water flute/whistle with the symphony. Dotti remembers that the late Ambrose and Eileen Corcoran were still in Brockport and that she and Larry had won and shared with them one of the dishes that James Beard had prepared. Dotti guesses that Lois Wolin won the opportunity to host him for dinner with the rest of the demonstration dishes that he had prepared.

[This event occurred a long time ago but with the refreshing of my memory by Dotti’s feedback, the guess that Lois either hosted James Beard to feed him his own preparations or won the prepared dinner to share with friends, somehow seems familiar.]
I know of some folks who have done, or will be doing, some traveling and hope to get their permission to share their stories for the next Update. In the meantime, if you have things to share with the group please let me know and I’ll pass the information along. “Update” was intended for “Your News” not just the bad news of departures.

Thankfully there is, to my knowledge, no bad news to share today and that is a good thing for a change.

Carpe diem,

Bud

April 9, 2014

Greetings,

I am writing today to share a couple of time-sensitive items along to a link to a celebratory page. I hope they are of interest to some, if not all, of you.

Following is a letter to all of you from Kelly Tufano, Volunteer Coordinator, of the Commencement Committee in which she outlines an opportunity for volunteer services. If you are interested and available please use the contact information at the end of her letter to let the committee know.

Dear College at Brockport Emeriti and Retirees

On behalf of the College’s Commencement Committee, I would like to invite you to volunteer for a 2014 Commencement ceremony. Becoming a member of the team that makes it all happen will give you an opportunity to continue your contributions to student success, reconnect with your former colleagues, and celebrate with the campus community as we deliver the College’s capstone events.

There are many different jobs available, including student lineup coordinator, program distributor, and greeter. Below are the approximate times for the volunteer opportunities. You can volunteer for one ceremony or both. Your actual hours will be determined by your job assignment, which will be communicated to you prior to the event.

Graduate Ceremony
3-7 pm, Friday May 16th, SERC
Reception follows in the SERC

Undergraduate
7 am – 12:30 pm, Saturday, May 17th SERC
Morning Ceremony
School of Health and Human Performance and the School of Science and Mathematics
Reception follows in Tuttle North Gyms 205/206
Undergraduate
Afternoon Ceremony
Schools of The Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; Business Administration and Economics; and Education and Human Services
Reception follows in Tuttle North Gyms 205/206

If you would like to volunteer, please visit www.brockport.edu/commencement/volunteer to complete the sign-up form (job descriptions and further information about volunteering can be found on the form).

If you sign up to volunteer for an Undergraduate ceremony, please plan to attend a training session on Thursday, May 15 from 11:15 am-12:15 pm in the SERC House of Fields. Graduate ceremony volunteers will be trained at 3 pm on Friday, May 16.

As a small token of appreciation, a buffet-style lunch will be available on Saturday from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm in the Tuttle South Gymnasium.

The Commencement Committee has been working hard as we prepare to continue last year’s success with moving the ceremonies to our state-of-the-art Special Events Recreation Center. We hope you can join us!

For more information, please visit http://www.brockport.edu/commencement or contact the Office of Conferences and Events at 395-5648 or at commencement@brockport.edu.

Sincerely,
Kelly Tufano, Volunteer Coordinator, Commencement Committee

The following link will take you to an April 5th news article in the New Hampshire Union Leader welcoming Anne E. Huot as the new president of Keene State College.

http://www.unionleader.com/article/20140405/NEWS04/140409455/0/SEARCH

I recently saw a flyer from The Skoog Farm Workshop about an art show opening reception at A Different Path Gallery, 27 Market Street Brockport, from 6-9 pm on Friday, April 11th that will feature the work of some of alumna Lori Skoog’s students and friends. Because some of the artists are directly connected to the College and the rest are likely known to many of you, I thought you might be interested in being informed of this event. The featured artists are Tina Ebil, Donna Mancuso, Jean Sauberan, Sandy Clark, Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, Connie and Tom Bonner, Brenda and Al Cretney, Kendra Gemmett, Dick Frey, Mel Burch, Rudy Aceto, Judy Perkins, Amy Harris and Carey Corea. It is always nice to see the names of former employees, retirees, and retirees’ spouses linked to community events and to learn about their activities.

I have just learned that former head football coach Rocco Salomone is leaving Brockport for a coaching position at Susquehanna University next week. The College at Brockport Athletics
Department and KSSPE Department is hosting a farewell reception for Rocco from 3:00 to 4:30 pm on Thursday, April 10th in the Eagles Lookout Room in the SERC. You are invited to attend this event to bid best wishes to Rocco as he leaves to resume his coaching career. We wish Rocco much success at Susquehanna University and we will miss his presence in Brockport.

Carpe diem,

Bud

April 16, 2014

Greetings,

There are many ways to keep in touch with the happenings in Brockport, and elsewhere, that include the activities of members of our emeriti group. My effort is more to provide a supplement (Your News) through which you can share your personal news, not to replicate your activities that are outlined in other media. As you know, and as we would expect, the members of our group are very active in the communities in which they reside but I’d need a salary increase and a staff if I were to attempt to track our members and post all their various activities. Yet, I am pleased, when I attend events that I have helped announce such as last Friday’s art exhibit at A Different Path Gallery that featured the work of some of you, or of others with whom you are familiar, that I get to see so many of you who attend. It was a very nice event that showcased the previously unknown talents, at least to me, of some members of our group, and I am sure that alums Lori and Gary Skoog were thrilled to have so many from our group in attendance. The problem I have is in selecting which events involving emeriti, other than deaths, that I learn about via other media instead of from you personally, to include in Update. That said I am leaning towards pointing you to the media from which I obtain some of the news and limiting my Updates to the “Your News” that you personally share with me for distribution.

Some of the other media include:

Daily Eagle:  
http://www.brockport.edu/eagle/

Pro-Brockport  
http://www.probrockport.org/

The College at Brockport State University of New York  
http://www.brockport.edu/

Town of Clarkson  
http://www.clarksonny.org/

Town of Sweden  
http://www.townofsweden.org/
In this Update I am including a couple of significant recognitions obtained from other media that I think will be of interest but going forward I hope to restore Update more to “Your News” from your (retirees) perspective not via other media.

Don Murray was inducted into the Nassau Community College Athletic Hall of Fame on April 12

The College at Brockport Head Wrestling Coach Don Murray has inducted into the Nassau Community College Athletic Hall of Fame as a member of the fifth class of inductees.

Murray, a former wrestler at Nassau Community College in the early 1960's, came to Brockport after graduating from Nassau CC and continued his wrestling career as an undergraduate. Murray took over the Brockport Wrestling program in 1970 and has produced five National Championship teams and 135 All-American wrestlers. The professor in the Department of Kinesiology, Sport Science and Physical Education has also earned the SUNY Chancellor's Award of Excellence for Service to the College for his academic work with the student-athletes on campus and the consistently high graduation rate of his wrestlers.

The veteran head coach has accumulated more than 300 career dual meet victories and with a 5-1 record in 2013-14 continued a streak of 51 consecutive winning seasons of Brockport wrestling.

The induction ceremony took place Saturday, April 12 at Nassau Community College.

The following information relates to the SUNY Retiree Service Corps and I hope you will look at the current and past publications of the Newsletter and that some of you might choose to contribute to future editions. It would be nice to have some of your work showcased.

Here is the link to the latest issue of the SUNY Retirees Newsletter:

The current and past issues of the newsletter, which is published and distributed electronically system-wide by the SUNY Retirees Service Corps (RSC) twice yearly (Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter), are posted on the RSC website at http://old.suny.edu/retirees/newsletters.cfm (new address).

Retirees are encouraged to share their stories in the SUNY Retirees Newsletter and/or on the RSC website’s Personal Stories of Retirement section --

Their submissions (1,000-word maximum) may be emailed to Pierre F. Radimak, Editor, SUNY Retirees’ Newsletter and Coordinator, SUNY Retirees Service Corps as a Microsoft Word attachment at retirees@suny.edu. Pierre also welcomes good-quality photos of retirees and retiree events as well, preferably in jpeg format.
Anyone with questions may email Pierre or call him at (518) 320-1354 and he will be happy to help.

To learn more about the SUNY Retirees Service Corps, visit http://suny.edu/retirees.

Like Don Murray, Greg Dunne is not an emeritus but I thought this recognition would be of interest to many of you this time although it is my intent to allow you to monitor such news on your own in the future.

The College at Brockport Head Men's Basketball Coach Greg Dunne is the recipient of the 2014 Glenn Robinson Award presented annually to the top Division III Men's Basketball head coach.

Dunne led the Golden Eagles to a 24-4 record in 2013-14 winning the Wendy's College Classic, Medaille College Holiday Classic and the State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) regular season and tournament titles. He led the Golden Eagles to a nine-win improvement from the previous season and coached the all-time career scoring leader at Brockport as senior John Ivy set the new standard for scoring with 1,683 points. In each of Dunne's seven seasons, at least one Golden Eagle player has been selected to the All-SUNYAC team as a First-Team honoree.

Dunne, who just completed his seventh season as head coach of the Golden Eagles, was named as one of the 12 finalists for the award that was presented on April 4 in Dallas, TX during the Final Four competition of the NCAA Division I Tournament.

The other finalists included Terry Butterfield (Texas-Dallas), Jeff Charney (SUNY Purchase), Gary Grzesk (St. Norbert), David Hixon (Amherst), Jerry Kobasa (Wesley), Gerry Matthews (Richard Stockton), Pat Miller (UW-Whitewater), Mitch Oliver (Albertus Magnus), Alan Seretti (Dickinson), Ron Wood (Mary Washington) and Jason Zimmerman (Emory).

The award is presented annually to the top division III men's basketball coach. Named after the longtime Franklin & Marshall coach, Robinson has over 800 wins and is currently 12th on the all-time win list. He took Franklin & Marshall to NCAA Division III tournament 22 times and guided the Diplomats to the Division III Final Four in 1979, 1991, 1996, 2000 and 2009.

[Congratulations to Don Murray and Greg Dunne for the recognitions bestowed upon them.]

By scrolling through the news and events at the Daily Eagle link above you can read about the most recent honor emeritus Tom Markusen will be bestowing upon the College by his acceptance of an invitation to be the graduate commencement speaker this year as well as the names of the 2014 recipients of the Chancellors Award and much more. A quick click on this link on a daily basis will keep you informed about most of the “happenings” at The College at Brockport. For a while I will continue to share “Your News” along with news of the deaths of members of our group.

Carpe diem,

Bud
April 23, 2014

Greetings,

I have just a couple of things to report today. First, I am sad to report that a recent D&C included the following obituary of one of our members.

Marguerite Fellows (1924 - 2014)

Brockport: Passed away on April 16, 2014, at the age of 89. Predeceased by her parents, Charles B.C. & Mary (Tyson) Fellows; & her sister. Survived by her relatives & a community of friends.

At Marguerite's request, there will be no Funeral Services. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to a charity of one’s choice in Maggie's memory.

I did not know Marguerite more than through an occasional contact and of course seeing her name on reports and in payroll records, but I know that many of our group will remember her. She is an emerita from what was then known as the Department of Physical Education and Sport where she taught from September 1963 until her retirement in January 1987. Following is a tribute to her from her niece, Barbara Hobens, that captures at least one thing that I seem to recall about her.

Aunt Maggie not only loved the game of golf, she was an expert player and teacher. She is likely debating technique and strategy with those who were Masters here on Earth as you read this. She loved songbirds, loons, her canoe, dark chocolate turtles and a hearty laugh. As her niece, Mary Jane's daughter, she amazed me: skiing in Chili to follow the powder and I know where my stubborn, yet lovely debate-style comes from. Our roots were across the pond, to the same Village for ages. She was my last relative. See you on the other side, Maggie!

~
Barbara Hobens,
Cold Spring, New York

You can leave a message at: http://www.legacy.com/guestbooks/democratandchronicle/marguerite-fellows-condolences/170714437?cid=full#sthash.dof5ISTz.dpuf

For better news, I note that among the 53 artists whose work will be on display under the theme of Proverbs and Commonplaces at the Oxford Gallery, 267 Oxford Street, Rochester, NY, at least three artists with connections to Brockport are included. They are Jappie King Black, Helen Smagorinsky, and Jack Wolsky. The Artists’ Reception is scheduled from 5:30 to 8:00 pm on Saturday May 10 and my guess is that the there will be many from our group who will attend to lend support to the artists with Brockport connections so it likely will be a nice opportunity to support our artists and to meet and greet former colleagues.
And, while on the subject of art, if you missed the opportunity to see the 13 sculptures created by former Art Department Professor Albert Paley on Park Avenue in NYC last year you can still catch a glimpse of some of them when leaving Rochester going west via 490 if you look off to the right as you approach the 490-531 split. You can learn more about the sculptures and learn that the first ever Smithsonian Craft Awards went to Wendell Castle and Albert Paley by visiting: [https://www.facebook.com/PaleyNYC](https://www.facebook.com/PaleyNYC)

And, another opportunity to reconnect with former colleagues will be at the presentation of the College at Brockport's Writers Forum Art of Fact Award to Rick Bass at 7:30 on April 20th at Temple B'rith Kodesh, 2131 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, New York 14618.

Carpe diem,

Bud

April 24, 2014

Greetings,

Sorry but I erred with the date of the Art of Fact Award. The correct date is Wednesday, April 30, 2014 not last Monday so you still have an opportunity to attend. Here is more, and more correct, information from the Events section on the College’s website:

[Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Essayist and Fiction Writer
Art of Fact Award
This reading will be held at 7:30 pm at Temple B'rith Kodesh, 2131 Elmwood Ave., Rochester. The Art of Fact Award is generously funded by M&T Bank. Rick Bass has published more than 20 books—short stories and novels, nonfiction, science writing, and journalism. His work has received numerous awards, including O. Henry Awards, Pushcart Prizes, awards from the Texas Institute of Letters (in fiction, creative nonfiction, and journalism), the fellowships from the NEA, the Guggenheim Foundation, the Lyndhurst Foundation, the Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters, and a Pen/Nelson Algren Special Citation. A collection of stories, The Hermit's Story, was named a Los Angeles Times Best Book of the Year. The Lives of Rocks was a finalist for the Story Prize, and was named a Best Book of the Year by the Rocky Mountain News. His most recent nonfiction book, Why I Came West, was a finalist for a National Book Critics Circle Award. He is the recipient of a 2011 Montana Arts Council Artist's Innovation Award, and lives in Montana with his family.]

Thanks to those who provided feedback to draw my attention to this error.

Bud
May 2, 2014

Greetings,

Within our group, we often hear the expression “…not getting any younger” when our members discuss the “happenings” of aging. We never hear the words, “…not getting any older” because they, in themselves, would express the fact that we are not around to say them. Sadly, I say these words, “not getting any older”, to you today for our colleague, emeritus Calvin Rich, who gave up his conversations with us on April 29, 2014.

Cal served as Assistant Professor of English from 1969 through 1995. He arrived at the beginning of the growth spurt that significantly increased the number of faculty at the college and within his department. I did not know Cal nearly as well as I knew his soul mate, the late Librarian Emerita, Marghi Rich, but I do have recollections that he was of strong opinions and not afraid to share them. The image I have of him has him holding a cigarette between his middle finger and fourth finger rather than the way most smokers held their cigarettes between index finger and middle finger. I never asked him why but to me it made his smoking stand out.

Cal was a player in the transformation of the College from a Teachers’ College to a College of Arts and Sciences. We are thankful for his role that will remain in the memories of those of us who knew him.

As per his wishes, Calvin Rich will be cremated, then, according to his daughter-in-law, his ashes will be placed under the same oak tree on a ranch with those of Marghi and his son Tom.

[We send our condolences to Cal’s daughter-in-law, family and friends as we remember him and his contributions in support of the faculty, staff and students at the College during his career.]

Better news is the following invitation from the College through Mike Andriatch and Brad Schreiber. For those who were able to accept the invitation to the tour that preceded the opening of the SERC, you know that you will not want to miss this event. For the rest of you, I hope you will be able to accept the invitation and I am confident that Mike and Brad will deliver us a day that will help us put the long winter and gray spring behind us.

Here is the invite:

Dear emeriti & retirees…

We are winding down another year at The College at Brockport – we’re sure you remember the crazy last weeks of the spring semester! – and are hoping you continue to enjoy retirement from the College.

The growth of the institution over the past several years has been astonishing. As emeriti and retirees during the past three years, we have been lucky enough to provide you with opportunities to hear from the Deans about the changing Academic structure of the Schools; have an insider’s tour of the new Special Events Recreation Center (SERC); look at the Facility Master Plan
(FaMP); and get inside the Strategic Plan. We have another treat for you this spring!

On Friday May 30, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm, as part of Alumni Reunion Weekend, we would like you to join us for a “Sneak Preview and Tour” of the new Liberal Arts Building (east of the Drake Memorial Library and north of Special Olympics Park), sponsored by the School of The Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (TAHASS). This new building, which will open for classes and faculty in the fall, is slated to be dedicated at Homecoming in mid-September. There will be a reception at the event, and an opportunity for you to connect with other emeriti and retirees, as well as alumni who have returned for their special weekend. It should be a memorable evening.

To see a complete list of Alumni Reunion events – please join us for as many as you can! – or to register on-line, go to brockport.edu and select “alumni” to get to the Reunion information. To register by phone for the “Sneak Preview and Tour,” call (585) 395-2451. There is no charge for this event!

We hope to see you May 30!

Sincerely,

Mike Andriatch
Brad Schreiber

There have been, and continue to be, many activities going on in Brockport and this weekend is very full of events. Many from our emeriti group are involved in these activities so, although I provided links you can use to monitor the “goings on” in Brockport in a recent Update, for a reminder go to: http://www.brockportny.org/html/community/events.html for remaining events and add “First Fridays” (today) at the Alumni House to the list if it is not there.

I also draw your attention to the following information relating to the Grande Finale event on Sunday, May 4th that you will find listed at the link above.

During this event, the Brockport Symphony Orchestra will premiere emeritus William Hullfish’s arrangements of “Dewitt Clinton’s Grand Canal March” and “Grand Canal Waltz.” As always it is great to be able to report the accomplishments of members of our emeriti group.

And this just in from emeritus Ray Duncan:

Hi Fellow Walk Bikers!

As you may know, the Village- to- Village Sculling Race takes place this Saturday, May 3rd.

Boats will leave Spencerport at 10:00 am and arrive in Brockport at 11:15 am.

Should you wish to be part of a "Bike Patrol" to ride along the Canal beside the racing boats, plan to depart by bike from Brockport and head for Spencerport at 9:00 am.
That way you'll be on time to return to Brockport with the boats leaving Spencerport.

Happy Biking!

Ray

[If you are available and up for the ride, be there to help Ray and the Walk, Bike committee monitor this event.]

Volunteers are still needed for commencement. Here is the information you need if you wish to volunteer.

Volunteer for Commencement 2014!

*Calling all faculty, staff, student athletes, clubs, and organizations! We need your help to make Commencement 2014 a success.*

Sign up to volunteer for the Graduate and Undergraduate Commencement ceremonies.

Graduate Commencement will be held on Friday, May 16 at 5 pm in the SERC House of Fields. The approximate shift time is 3-7 pm, with training at 3 pm.

Undergraduate Commencement will be divided into a morning and afternoon ceremony. The morning ceremony is on Saturday May 17 at 9:30 am, with the afternoon ceremony following at 2 pm, both in the SERC House of Fields.

The approximate shift times are 7 am – 12:30 pm and noon – 4:30 pm (exact shift time will depend on your job assignment). Training for volunteers will take place on Thursday, May 15 from 11:15 am – 12:15 pm in the SERC House of Fields.

Please sign up to volunteer using the link below by Friday, May 9. As a small token of appreciation, a buffet-style “Thank You” lunch will be offered on Saturday, May 17 from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm in the Tuttle South Gymnasium.

contact: The Office of Conferences and Events at 395-5648 or commencement@brockport.edu

**links:** [Sign up to Volunteer](#)

Opening today there is an exhibit of artwork by members of the Brockport Artist Guild, a group that includes several artists who are linked to the College as faculty, spouses of faculty or staff, emeriti, etc. Because of those affiliations, I bring to your attention both the exhibit that will run from May 2nd to May 30th and the opening reception that will take place from 6 – 9 pm on May 9th. The location of the exhibit and reception is at “A Different Path Gallery”, 27 Market Street, Brockport, NY.
My memory of Cal Rich’s smoking brings to mind that many smoked in the “way back when.” In fact, when I arrived on campus in 1967 it appeared that you could not rise to the level of professor or senior administrator unless you smoked a pipe. Take a look at old Year Books to see how the pipe made faculty/staff “distinguished” back then.

Carpe diem,

Bud

May 13, 2014

Greetings,

I apologize for my occasional musing in my updates, particularly to the younger emeriti. I believe older emeriti understand. Unfortunately, I seem to have entered the “dying years”. I am not sure when it began, maybe with Ira Schwarz who emailed me from the UK to tell that he had lived a good life but his days were numbered. Shortly thereafter I received similar emails from Kempe Schnell and Pete Petersen, and, although absent the intimate life and death email exchanges I had with them, many others in our circle of friends and associates have finished the race to life’s finish line and for the older emeriti generation the number of occurrences seem to be growing exponentially. We all face the finish line from different perspectives and we all have different tools for dealing with it. My mom, for example, has saved obituaries of people she has known in life since she was in her 50s. At age 93 she has had to extend her storage capacity (she is still in the paper age) at least three times. I am not sure why she has keeps obituaries and will not even speculate other than, maybe it is just to keep “living in the moment” in perspective.

Some simply ignore the “possibility” and do nothing to prepare for the inevitable. They have no wills, no plans, and no intent for them. Someone will take care of things once they are gone.

Yet, we seem to live in an age when pre-existing knowledge of our own upcoming deaths occurs in many cases. Maybe it is still true for the younger generation but it seems to me that except for accidental deaths, there are fewer unanticipated sudden deaths now than when I was growing up.

The end game is unavoidable but it exerts a tighter grip and becomes more worrisome when close friends and relatives... those who have been resources in times of need, those who have brought happiness as dinner and travel companions, and those who have added love and humor to our own life experiences--- approach the exit gate.

Sadly. I have to report today the death last night of emeritus Tom Nugent a personal friend with whom I, along with many others, have shared the good times, and sometimes the bad times, that this life has to offer.

Many of you had the privilege of working with Tom from the time that he was initially appointed as a Residence Hall Director on July 2, 1970 through his final assignment as Director of Academic Advisement, the role from which he retired in June 2007. In between he served as Assistant Director of Housing, Student Activities Assistant, and Senior Academic Advisor. For many years, he and the late Terry Hover were responsible for coordinating all of the activities associated with the late registration process, which because of the sometimes unavailability of
student help, required that they perform some pretty mundane tasks such as setting up tables, placing signs (both in venue and outdoors), among others. Never wavering from their goal of ever improving the process, they would do whatever it took to make late registration a success for everyone involved. In addition to his regular duties Tom also was one of two coordinators for the planning for, and hosting of, the International Special Olympics in 1979 under the leadership of Peter Smits, who, as Assistant to the President, was designated the Executive Director of the Olympics. Much of the success of the College’s hosting of the International Special Olympics is due to the coordinating work performed by Tom, Peter and the late Terry Hover. The “Nuge’s” consistently good work and accomplishments throughout his career at Brockport were recognized through numerous DSI awards and his collection of a large and diverse group of friends from among his work colleagues, and culminated with his receipt of the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Professional Service in 1990.

What many do not know about the self-deprecating Tom Nugent is that he was exceptionally bright…had an internship at Penn State before, and while, teaching Chemistry at Cortland High School before coming to Brockport…but spent his life preferring the image of the “jock” that he earned playing football and basketball in high school, and excelling at football as a running back at Cortland while, had he wanted to do so, he might also have been capable of being known as a “nerd.” Over the years he did flirt with some “nerdy” type activities like traveling the area with Terry Hover collecting sports cards and, although he did not serve in the military, becoming an encyclopedia for information about all kinds of 20th century weapons, an expertise that he kept to himself except on those occasions where some of the weapons (tanks, planes, artillery pieces, etc.) were on display (West Point football game, Army-Navy game ) and he could not resist naming them and citing their history and their specifications.

What many also do not know about the self-deprecating Tom Nugent is that he is an exceptionally compassionate and caring person. Over the years, he has attracted a diverse group of friends and associates to morning coffee groups at various venues in town. He is not only welcoming over coffee but he takes the individuals who join him on as personal friends for whom he will do almost anything. Shortly before Tom was diagnosed with his own life threatening disease one of his coffee associates developed mobility problems and Tom took responsibility for transporting the friend to and from coffee and also included him in Friday night fish fry outings. Another example is from years ago when Terry Hover’s dad was diagnosed with a terminal illness and had to move from Florida to Brockport. Without hesitation Tom dropped everything to go to Florida with Terry to help him drive a U-haul loaded with his dad’s belongings to Brockport. These are just two of many examples of how Tom cared for others and you did not need to be a lifetime friend to get such treatment…he just responded to the needs of others.

There are of course some great stories about the “fun” times Tom had in life. One that I particularly enjoy relates to a canoe trip organized by Jack Kurtzman, a former head of the ROTC Unit at Brockport, for a group of his friends including some of us from Brockport. The trip was to include a one-night-camp-over on an island on the Saco River in Maine so we had to pack a lot of camping gear into the canoes. But, the good news was that Jack guaranteed us that there were no portages so we could load our canoes with stuff and even bring kayaks to paddle since there would be no carries. Whoa to that!!! It turned out that a dam had been built on the
river since Jack had last paddled there and the dam required a portage of about a mile and a half. All but Tom and his first Pat had packs for their gear but Tom had simply placed all of his gear in plastic garbage bags to keep it dry in the canoe. We two-tripped the portage and we’ll always remember hearing Tom expound about Jack Kurtzman’s “no-portage” Saco River trip every step of the approximately 4 ½ round-trip miles required of this two-trip carry as he and his first Pat struggled to carry their garbage bags full of food and camping gear.

Tom loved to “bust the chops” of his friends and that made him the frequent target of abuse himself. In my view, I think that he enjoyed both roles…the abused and the abuser. Several years ago, Tom, for reasons still unknown to me, was asked to be the commencement speaker at Kendall High School. He was pretty proud to have been chosen and with some prompting he agreed to share a video of his speech with some of his coffee group “friends” who then, and forever after, critiqued every word and gesture in his presentation in a less than flattering manner. Tom accepted his friends’ attempt at humor at his expense as endearment, which it truly was, and in later years he would even retell this story himself. Stories of freeing his tongue after licking a steel pole in sub-zero temperatures, and of stepping into an uncovered manhole, along with Tom’s library of one-liners he picked up over the years such as “It sucks being you”, or “Even a cockroach trying to get out of a bathtub is working hard.” (the latter which he took from Roger Weir), among many others, have brought humor to gatherings over the years and endeared Tom to his many friends.

There are many other great stories about escapades of the youthful Tom Nugent and his close friends that are best left for the close friends to enjoy as I am unsure about the related statutes of limitations.

I thank Tom, along with the late Terry Hover, Chris Schrank, and Ken O’Brien for helping me maintain my ego balance relative to my athleticism. Over the years while some, like Jim Cook and the late Dick Mancuso, would recruit the members of their tournament golf foursome with the intent of winning, Nugent, Hover, and Schrank or O’Brien would insist that I be their fourth. While I might have been tempted to be flattered the first time, in reality I knew that they were well aware that they would then have no chance of winning and would likely end up in last place with me on the team. Certainly, while enjoying the “fun” of the day, they had ample opportunity to note that they had not chosen me for my skill, but because of “something else.”

That “something else” is often what makes life worth living and I thank Tom Nugent for the “something else” he provided me during his life. While nothing is forever, neither the good nor the bad times, I will miss him. He was a good man and a good friend.

We send our condolences to Tom’s family and friends. Although they will mourn their loss, we know that they will enjoy reminiscing as they celebrate his life as Tom was a great memory-maker. In particular, our thoughts go out to his wife, emerita Pat Mahoney Nugent, who, after receiving life-changing news in February 2013, dedicated her life to his well being.

Bud

May 16, 2014
Greetings,

For some good news for a change I am pleased to share the following note from Rosie Rich and to join her in applauding both Jeanette D’Agostino Banker and Anne O’Toole for the recognition they recently received. Here is Rosie’s message:

I attended an impressive dinner meeting of Alpha Alpha of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International on May 7, 2014 at Lakeshore Country Club. The Society was established in 1955. The agenda was to recognize membership anniversaries. Jeanette D’Agostino Banker and Anne O’Toole were initiated in 1964 and were honored for their 50 years of service. A table containing booklets, photos and notes from friends and members was prominent as Jeanette and Anne were called to the podium to receive their pins and a fresh red rose. Words of praise and their contributions to the society were read while they stood in front of the members. A standing ovation followed.

An Outstanding Service Award was presented for the third year to one of the members. Anne O’Toole was the 2014 recipient (to everyone’s delight!) …Rosie Rich

Unfortunately, of course, a last-minute check of this morning’s D&C brings more sad news to insert. Joan M. Benati’s obituary appears today. An Emerita Associate Professor, Joan was an important member of the Nursing Department at the Rochester Educational Opportunity Center from 1982 to 2002. She was highly respected for her work at the REOC and for caring for her students. We send our condolences to her family and friends and are thankful that she shared her talents with us during her lifetime. Her obituary from the D&C follows:

Benati, Joan M.

Penfield: May 14, 2014. Survived by her loving husband of 52 years, Eder; 5 children, Sharon (Neil) Thompson, Mary Elizabeth (David) Williams, Daniel Joseph Benati, Tricia (Craig) Rist and Lisa (Keith) Chidsey; 10 grandchildren, Michael and Paul (Michelle) Thompson, Gregory, Hailey and Makaila Williams, Gabriel and Hannah Rist, Thomas, Elijah and Nathan Chidsey; 2 sisters, Anita (Daniel) Willis and Patricia (Wendell) Harsanyi; mother-in-law, Ruth Benati; 2 brothers-in-law, Danilo (Eleanore) and Michael Benati (Stephanie); many nieces, nephews and close friends.

Friends may call at Jennings, Nulton & Mattle Funeral Home, 1704 Penfield Road, Friday (TODAY) 3-8 PM. Joan’s Mass will be celebrated Saturday 11 AM at St. Joseph’s Church, 43 Gebhardt Road, Penfield. Interment, St. Joseph’s Cemetery. In honor of Joan’s devotion to patient care and nursing kindly consider donations in her memory to Shepherd Home, 1959 Five Mile Line Road, Penfield, NY 14526 in lieu of flowers. - See more at: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/democratandchronicle/obituary.aspx?n=joan-m-benati&pid=171035138&fhid=13384#sthash.Ix2KdSHp.dpuf
On April 25, the College welcomed alumni, emeriti, faculty, staff and friends for a Celebration of Philanthropy – a full day and evening of events to celebrate and thank its donors. It included two naming ceremonies, the President’s Donor Recognition Luncheon and an evening of wine and craft beer tasting followed by a raffle and live auction. In all, the Celebration of Philanthropy, including the raffle and auction, generated a total of $31,000.

The first dedication took place in the morning when the Bill C. Steele ’62 Student-Athlete Weight Room was unveiled in the Tuttle Athletic Complex. The luncheon featured Brockport President John R. Halstead honoring several members of the College’s giving community as they were inducted into Brockport’s lifetime giving societies. As part of the luncheon, the annual Volunteer Service Award was presented to Kathy Halstead.

In the afternoon, the focus shifted to Drake Memorial Library as the College Archives was officially renamed the Rose Archives as the result of a generous gift by Virginia Campbell ’89/’96.

In the evening, guests had the opportunity to taste a variety of local wine, craft beer and food selections. The Foundation is especially grateful to its sponsors, including Brooklyn Brewery, Fulkerson Winery, Great Lakes Brewing Company, Dr. Konstantin Frank Vinefera Wine Cellars and Stoneyard Brewing Company. All culinary creations were provided by Garnishes Catering. The Campaign for Brockport, Pursue Something Greater, continues to be ahead of its goal of raising $25 million by 2016. To date, the campaign total is $20.1 million. That includes more than $2.6 million in gifts from members of the Foundation Board of Directors, which surpasses the overall goal of $2.5 million at the outset of the campaign.

[Congratulations to Kathy Halstead for the recognition of all her volunteer contributions and thanks to all the donors and those who gave support to their recognition event.]

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There is a bit of a timing conflict with the next two events scheduled for today, Friday, May 16th. Many emeriti who will be interested in hearing fellow emeritus Tom Markusen speak at the graduate commencement exercises might also wish to hear the Sweden Senior Singers’ concert because many of the singers have connections to the College. I share both events as it is possible, if you forgo the post commencement reception and have no mobility issues, to attend both events since one, that should last approximately 90 minutes, begins at 5:00 pm, and the other begins at 7:00 pm.

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Date: Friday, May 16, 2014

Location: The SERC House of Fields (No tickets are required.)

Time: 5 pm

Parking: Lots V and V-1

The College at Brockport is pleased to invite all graduate students, their families, and guests to the 64th Graduate Commencement Ceremony in the SERC House of Fields. The student procession begins promptly at 5 pm, so family members and friends should be seated no later
Department faculty will hood each student individually, and their name will be read as they walk across the stage. Graduates will receive a diploma cover compliments of the Alumni Association, Brockport Student Government, and the College. The ceremony should last approximately 90 minutes. We ask that everyone in attendance — students, family members, and guests — remain seated throughout the entire ceremony until the student recessional has concluded.

Post-Ceremony Reception

The Brockport Alumni Association will host a reception for the new alumni, their families, guests, faculty and staff following the ceremony, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the SERC House of Fields. Please join us as we celebrate success.

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Sweden Senior Singers'
7th Annual Concert for the Brockport Community
"It's a Wonderful World"
Special Guests: the Brockport High School Choir

Friday May 16th
at 7:00 PM
First Baptist Church
124 Main Street
Brockport, NY 14420
Admission Free

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In response to numerous questions received about arrangements, Pat Mahoney Nugent shares the following:

Tom passed away peacefully Tuesday after his 15-month bout with brain cancer. He was up and mobile, even out to breakfast until a week ago. He simply began sleeping more and more, then went to sleep Monday and didn't wake up. I am grateful that he had no pain. He never complained, never asked for anything and handled it all with such amazing grace. He was firm that there would be no obituary, no visitation, no service, no words spoken, much the same as he felt when he retired. The only gifting in his honor he would have wanted is the gift of friendship and he was fortunate to already have had that with so many of you during his life. Thank you for that, the kind words you have spoken and the memories you've shared and the ones you haven't! He was a great guy, just a magnet of a man, and I was fortunate to have the time with him that I did.

Amen,

Bud

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May 26, 2014

Greetings,
We learned during the past week of the passing of Douglas G. Tobey who is known to many people receiving this “Update” for his roles in coaching youth swimming and for a time coaching the College’s swim team. Doug was highly respected by the young swimmers he coached and their parents. Since 1989 Doug has been head coach of Sharks & Eagles Aquatic Sports (SEAS) but it was just the Sharks when the children of many of us participated. He also served for six years as Head Swimming Coach at the College beginning November 28, 1984. It is always difficult to understand when someone as health conscious and physically fit as Doug was passes so early. We are grateful to Doug for his work with the youth in the Brockport/Rochester area and send our condolences to his family and friends. Following is a link to the SEAS website and his obituary from Sunday’s D&C.

See: http://seasswimteam.org/Coaches.htm

Tobey, Douglas G.
Chili: Passed away unexpectedly on May 19, 2014, at age 56. He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Lori (Gabbey) Tobey; children, Shawn, Jason, Daniel, Kevin & Ashlee; parents, Guilford & Barbara Tobey; brothers, Chris & Rob (Heidi) Tobey; mother-in-law, Kathy Gabbey; nieces, nephews and many friends. Doug was a year-round swim coach with SEAS Swim Team and was a builder in Rochester for many years.

Family and friends are invited to his Memorial Service on THURSDAY, May 29th at 6:30 PM at the Open-Door Baptist Church, 350 Scottsville-Chili Road, Chili. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Heart Association in his memory. For directions, to submit a photo or to leave a message of condolence for the family, please visit:

www.Miller1889.com

Much better news is that Dick and Donna Ray Evans recently did some celebrating while visiting Orlando, Florida. Dick celebrated one of those significant-decade-accumulating birthdays and together the couple toasted their 50th wedding anniversary. We send our congratulations to them and our best wishes for their continued health and happiness.

Carpe diem,

Bud

June 13, 2014

Greetings,

The Town of Sweden continues to celebrate its Bicentennial with at least one event slated during each month throughout 2014. While many of you are aware of the events because you have been heavily involved in helping to plan, publicize and/or facilitate them, or are socially connected to
those described, I thought it would be helpful, with input from Emeritus Norm Frisch, to highlight some events for others on the list that are not so well tuned in.

Perhaps of special interest to emeriti would be "Olde Home Weekend" that aims to have those who have moved away return for a visit. Events are spaced out over several days, with something for everyone. Several links can be found under the heading of the same name on the home page at:

http://www.townofsweden.org/Bicentennial/index.html

Emeritus Bill Andrews is coordinating this event and suggests that those interested in connecting with former neighbors and colleagues contact him


For similar reasons, I highlight the following event as described by Doug Hickerson:

Grand Opening of the Emily L. Knapp Museum on July 5

The Emily L. Knapp Museum at 49 State Street in Brockport has been revitalized by a team of volunteers who recently completing their work of over 18 months. The collection has been sorted and arranged, documents filed away, and attractive displays reveal the rich history of Brockport. The museum is regularly open on Wednesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. A special Grand Opening will be held on Saturday, July 5, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. as part of the Old Home Week segment of the Town of Sweden’s 200th anniversary celebration.

Between 9 a.m. and Noon some historic personalities will greet visitors in period dress: James Seymour (Ron White), Helen Seymour Sylvester (Sue Savard), Helen Hastings (Mary Lynn Turner), Jimmy Costigan (Skip Perry), Harold Gardner Dobson (Bill Nielsen), Dr. Kenneth Wayne Moore (Joe Quaranto), Leah Covell (Marion Dlger), Hosea Covell, (Scott Galliford), Visiting Violinist (Nancy Rhodes). Punch will be served, plus cookies taken from recipes of old cookbooks found in the museum. All are invited to attend free of charge.

Norm, Bill and the many other College people involved in the Bicentennial Celebration hope that other links on the Bicentennial home page will also be of interest to emeriti and more than welcome the participation of all of us on the “Update” distribution list.

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Also, if you are looking for something fun to do this summer there are several alumni events scheduled, most of which would welcome emeriti participation. You can find the current listing by clicking the “Alumni” tab on the College’s website http://www.brockport.edu/ and then scrolling down to the link View Full Event Calendar. If you should encounter any problems with the on-line registration give the Alumni Office a call at 585-395-2068.

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And, in case you missed it, here is a report containing great news for a member of the great faculty class of 1970 and for the College at Brockport:

Georges Dicker, PhD, has been appointed to the rank of Distinguished Professor by the State University of New York Board of Trustees. Dicker, who teaches in the Department
of Philosophy, is just the 12th faculty member in The College at Brockport’s history to receive this prestigious honor—SUNY’s highest faculty award.

Dicker has taught philosophy at Brockport since 1974, serving as Department Chair for the past 20 years. He is the author of books on John Dewey, perceptual knowledge, Descartes, Berkeley, Hume, and Kant; four of these were published by Oxford University Press—the leading English-language publisher in philosophy. Dicker has also published more than 40 articles and reviews, has made approximately 100 paper presentations in 10 Western countries, and has guest-taught in Taiwan. He has held a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship-in-Residence at Brown University and he was selected for participation in four N.E.H./Council for Philosophical Studies summer institutes.

“The Distinguished Professor rank is a fitting honor for Georges Dicker,” says Brockport President John R. Halstead, PhD. “He is a dedicated and conscientious teacher who is much appreciated by his students and a first-rate scholar as determined by the judgment of his peers.”

Dicker was moved by the honor.

“The Distinguished Professorship means a great deal to me. Philosophy has been my passion since I was a sophomore at San Francisco State College (now University) in the early 60’s, and nothing could be more gratifying, after more than 40 years of teaching philosophy, than to be recognized by my peers and by my institution for my contributions to the field,” Dicker said. “I have many, many people to thank, both on campus and off campus, for their support of my nomination for this award.”

Created by the Board of Trustees as a prestigious system-level distinction, the Distinguished Faculty Rank programs recognize and reward SUNY’s finest and most accomplished faculty. The Distinguished Professorship is conferred upon individuals who have achieved national or international prominence and a distinguished reputation within a chosen field. This distinction is attained through significant contributions to the research literature or through artistic performance or achievement in the case of the arts. The candidates’ work must be of such character that the individual’s presence will tend to elevate the standards of scholarship of colleagues both within and beyond these persons’ academic fields.

“We are deeply proud to recognize our faculty with these prestigious rankings, and to have the opportunity to honor the work they do on behalf of the students, campuses, and communities they serve throughout New York State and around the globe,” says SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher, PhD.

[We send our congratulations to Georges for his receipt of this most distinguishing recognition!]

Enjoy the summer!

Carpe diem,
June 26, 2014

Greetings,

I have been remiss in following my own advice for making sure to check Brockport’s website for news and events daily, but I learned from Joe Kandor on Tuesday about a link that may be of interest to those of you who likewise might have been remiss or otherwise missed seeing it. The link is to “Week in Pictures” where you can see a slide show of photographs taken by college photographer Matt Yeomans. While Jim Dusen is an exceptionally tough act to follow, it appears that Matt is up to the challenge and you’ll find some striking photography work at this link:

http://www.brockport.edu/wip/

Here is the message from Matt and Dave that accompanies the photos. But, make sure you scroll down below the initial slide show where you will find links to selected photographs by week as taken throughout the 2013-2014 academic year.

{The Week in Pictures highlights the best images taken on campus during the week by campus Photographer Matt Yeoman, with curation help from Social and Digital Media Manager Dave Tyler. We hope you enjoy. You can also view the Week in Pictures on Facebook and Google+.

Now that the academic year is over, we’ve had some time to go back and look through all that we’ve done. We’ve put together some of our favorite images from the 2013-14 year in this most recent slideshow. We hope you enjoy.}

[Thanks to Joe Kandor for prompting me to look and thanks to Matt and Dave for this presentation of Matt’s work.]

Mike Andriatch received notice of the death of emerita Barbara Ames through a newsfeed and shared it with me. I have fond memories of Barbara when she served as Associate for Community Relations in the Community Relations Office from 1975 to 1981. Her death notice reminds me of the “good ole days” when the late Ronald Watts served as Assistant Vice President for Community Relations and Barbara, Ginger Ioannone, Charles Clevenger and the late Jack Williams (1970-1976), among others, assisted him in public relations and the production of publications in the days that preceded Marketing Communications. In those days, there was a lot of contact between faculty and staff outside of the work environment. I remember a party hosted by Martilu Puthoff on Carolin Drive in Brockport with a very diverse group in attendance that included Barbara, VP for Student Affairs Pat Smith and many others. Similarly, there were TGIF gatherings at individual homes and I remember a great gathering hosted by Dorie Sweeting, Secretary to President Brown at the time. In the early years, the snack bar was in the basement of Lathrop Hall and was often crowded at lunchtime so there were groups that either walked downtown to restaurants for lunch or went to the homes of group members. I remember hosting Gary Skoog, Ron Watts and I believe Dick Alexander and/or Dennis Stratton for lunch at our apartment on Union Street and having the apple pie I had...
planned to serve for dessert nearly fly off the shelf. It seems I had not yet learned that apple pies do better refrigerated in mid-summer than on a pantry shelf but the fruit flies of course continue to think otherwise. I can’t remember whether we ate what the flies had left but for sure the notice of Barbara Ames’ death brings back these and other memories, some fond and some like the latter, nightmarish. In addition to some social interaction with Barbara I also knew her through her work. She and Jack Williams would often come to Personnel to get information about faculty and staff and retirees to prepare press releases and write-ups when faculty or staff died. There are days when I wish they were back at their jobs.

Although we had lost touch with Barbara over the years we remember her crusty elegance fondly and are pleased that she had many years of life beyond Brockport. Following is the obituary from the Syracuse Post Standard that Mike shared with me.

Barbara B. Ames, age 98, a former longtime resident of Syracuse, passed away on June 12, 2014 in Charlotte, North Carolina. Born March 5, 1916 in Ottawa, Kansas, she was the daughter of the late Kenneth and Charlotte Smart Bower. She was a graduate of Syracuse University and the first woman enrolled in The School of Journalism now known as the Newhouse School of Communications. Her career in university publications included positions at Syracuse University, The University of Rochester and concluded at SUNY Brockport where she retired with Emeritus status. She was a member of Jamesville Community Church, a 53-year member of Chapter AD, PEO in Syracuse, New York and an 80-year member of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

She was predeceased by her husband, Victor Arnold Ames. She is survived by her daughter, Judy Walters of Syracuse; and son, Robert A. Ames (Gail) of Charlotte, NC; grandchildren, Thomas (Suzanne), Jeffrey (Kathleen) Walters, Wendy (Glenn) Briley and Jennifer (David) Lundberg; great-grandchildren, Elizabeth and Emily Briley; Cole and Nicolas Chance and Daryn Lundberg, Robyn and Jack Walters, Tommy and Claire Walters and Dean Squires.

- See more at: http://obits.syracuse.com/obituaries/syracuse/obituary.aspx?n=barbara-b-ames&pid=171430194#sthash.YF3m6Cxq.dpuf

I did not see the following post to the Daily Eagle in time for me to include it in the last Update but I did want to share the honor that emeritus Steven Kast recently received. So, here is the posting:

Steven Kast, Emeritus, Undergraduate Admissions, was recently honored at the 21st annual New York State Transfer and Articulation Association (NYSTAA) conference for his achievements over 30 years in transfer student services. Kast was a founding member of NYSTAA, served on the inaugural Executive Board for 6 years among several other committees. NYSTAA focuses on transfer student issues, and membership includes 118 public and private 2-year and 4-year colleges around NYS and beyond, including as far away as Arizona.

Kast served The College at Brockport for 26 years, earning the rank of Senior Assistant Director of Admissions, earning his MA from Brockport in 1996, before his retirement in October 2013.
[Steve, thanks for your past services that led to this recognition and best wishes as you concentrate on a long and healthy retirement.]

Here is a reminder. Please note that emeritus William Heyen and Karla Linn Merrifield, among others, will open the Sundays on the Canal series on July 6th and emeritus Garth Fagan’s Dance Company School Ensemble will perform the following week.

_Sundays on the Canal, July 6 through August 31, at 1:00 features international performing artists. Poet William Heyen and others open the series on July 6, and are followed by the Garth Fagan Dance Company School Ensemble, Papalotl Mexican Folkloric Dance School, Ghanaian drummers, Broadway on the Canal, Grupo Cultural Latinos en Rochester. Fever Pitch, a barbershop quarter, will complete the summer season on August 31._

My mentioning of Charles Clevenger in the Barbara Ames piece reminds me that Charles has in the recent past had some significant medical interventions but at last report he is recuperating very well. He was a significant asset to the College during his presence here and a significant asset to higher education in Pennsylvania thereafter. He remains a friend to many of us. Charles, we are sorry that you have faced medical issues but happy that the interventions have been successful.

A short time ago Albert W. Brown, President Emeritus, sent me {A Short Summary of Memories of World War II}. I had intended to condense it slightly but after reading and re-reading a few times I have concluded that it is best to simply share his remembrances as he has written them.

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A Short Summary of Memories of World War II – Albert W Brown USMCR (April 2014)

I enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in the spring of 1942. This gave me an opportunity to experience Parris Island in the summer. Parris Island, at that time, was generally as it had been in World War I. After the rifle range, we occupied barracks that apparently had not been used since WWI. The cockroaches were fully-grown!

There were still a few Marine legends among the senior NCOs. They were legends from World War I, China and the Caribbean with hash marks up to their shoulders. They were truly professionals. Boot camp was under traditional regulations with everyone a volunteer. Midnight rifle inspections attired in field boots, skivvy shorts, cartridge belts, rifles and bayonets were not uncommon. Mosquitoes enjoyed their midnight feast.

I believe there were 39 in the platoon when we finished training. Eleven of the platoon, picked alphabetically, went directly into infantry units preparing for the invasion of Guadalcanal. The rest of us went to North Carolina bases under construction. In a few weeks, many of us were assigned to Jacksonville Naval Air Station Aviation School to become mechanics and other service personnel. A half dozen or so of us volunteered into gunnery school at Hollywood, Florida. I believe my incentive was partially the extra hazardous duty pay. My father had
suffered a debilitating stroke when I was eight. There were no health or financial or medical safety nets in those days. I sent home a portion of my pay.

Upon finishing gunnery school, I was assigned to the naval base at Sanford, Florida, which I believe is now part of Disney World. I spent hours between twin 50’s in the top turret of a light bomber. After about three months, I left for the West Coast to become part of Marine Base Defense Group 42. We went to Santa Barbara. It is a little-known fact that Japanese submarines shelled and set fire to the oilfield near that city. Santa Barbara duty was the finest a service person could ever experience.

The natives were very concerned about Japanese invasion. They appeared to feel secure as we installed some gun emplacements and patrolled the beach.

I was assigned to a newly created fighter attack squadron with Joe Foss the commanding officer. He was an outstanding leader. He remained with us until he was evacuated from the South Pacific with disabling malaria.

The University of California at Santa Barbara enrolled approximately 900 students, almost all of whom were female. The students also welcomed our presence. Several, including myself, eventually married persons met at Santa Barbara.

After a few months, an apparently ungrateful nation sent us into the South Pacific. Japanese submarines were plentiful. We finally left North Island without escort in a converted ship with about 250 Marines and lots of ammunition and fuel. Among the memories, I believe stayed with many of us was watching San Diego fade beneath the evening horizon. We knew there was a tremendous amount of Pacific ahead.

One moonlit night near Johnson Island, we passed alongside a surfaced Japanese submarine with its naked crew busily washing clothing on the moonlit deck. It was the first time we heard "All hands man your battle stations. This is not a drill." We used evasive tactics the rest of the night. I suspect the Japanese resurfaced and looked for their clothes which were left floating in the sea as the submarine submerged.

After about 30 days, we reached Espirito Santo. After re-supply, we went north to Guadalcanal, Bougainville and the Northern Solomon Islands. Things were relatively calm. We then skipped approximately 650 miles north of our last base on Green Island to the Bismarck Arch Archipelago. Off New Ireland, I rode out a typhoon on an LST. It was very interesting as it twisted in the heavy weather. You could hear the rivets pop. We went a few days before the galley was reopened. We lost contact with the escort vessels and landed on Emireau. This was the island where "bring them back alive Bailey" collected many reptiles in the 30’s. A few Seventh Day Adventist missionaries from Australia had been on the island. We eventually sang "Onward Christian Soldiers" marching through the native village. The natives were then moved to a nearby island due to their heavy infection with elephantiasis. Emireau was loaded with boa constrictors, lizards, malaria mosquitoes and a jungle floor covered with multi-legged creatures full of a brown acid. Walking through them was like walking through a bowl of wet Rice.
Crispies. The juice saturated your shoes and other clothing. This caused a rash we called "the Chinese crud".

We were located in the triangle between Truk, Rabual and Kavieng. Tokyo Rose was our major source of information. Fortunately, however, the Japanese were neutralized in a relatively short time. We then had the tropical paradise to ourselves. Five of us staff sergeants managed to insert a black Sea Bee driver with a beat-up truck into a convoy of Army Stevedores, who were also black with beat up trucks. Our truck joined a convoy hauling supplies from a cargo ship to a new army coast artillery base being constructed on the other end of the island. We did obtain a cargo net of beer. This was considered a major accomplishment and supplement to the two cans of beer which we were allotted periodically. Unfortunately, again, we were moved and left the store behind beneath the sand floor of our tent. I believe the island now hosts a five-star resort. I wonder who found our private cache.

We had many rumors concerning where and when we might go. One day, I was told to turn in my sea bag and prepare to leave at 2300 that evening. About two dozen of us, boarded three overloaded Navy R4D transport planes. We left sometime in the early dawn. I sloughed behind the copilot while the others squatted or lay on the cargo. OSHA was not a part of the Marine Corps.

We flew first to Biak, which was under fire. We refueled on the emergency strip at Owi which was short for the overloaded planes. We then landed at Peleliu before continuing to our destination. About 60 miles offshore, the pilot stated that he didn't have to worry about navigation. The rising black smoke on the horizon was our destination.

We landed on the single steel runway on the Leyte beach. The location was not far from the spot where MacArthur had his photo opt walking through the surf proclaiming "I have returned". Incidentally, some construction crew put up a small sign nearby that said: "With the help of God and a few Marines – MacArthur will take the Philippines". Needless to say, the sign was up only a day or so.

Our mission was to establish a spot on the very crowded single airstrip to accommodate our fighter attack squadron which was scheduled to arrive. We were also to help service the fleet as it lay offshore to engage in the battle of Leyte Gulf. It was a very restricted area and of great importance to both the United States and the Japanese. It was extremely busy day and night. Along with the other action, many nights we were under a parachute alert. Passwords were generally "gorillas in the air" or some other words with double L's which the Japanese were alleged to have difficulty pronouncing. The site remained very active through Christmas Eve after which the Japanese air and sea power was greatly diminished. What was left of it went northward to defend other islands and the Japanese homeland.

In addition to exhaustion from work and lack of sleep, I have several other memories. When fighter planes, bombers, and antiaircraft dispute space overhead the laws of gravity take over. Spent ordnance returns to earth. It is also surprising how tracers light up the sky. Large naval shells going overhead have a slightly comforting feeling.
Thanksgiving, 1945, on Leyte was a truly memorable day. America went all out to furnish their troops, even in the field, a traditional American Thanksgiving dinner. Norman Rockwell would be proud. Unfortunately, there was persistent torrential rain that day in the Philippines. Our field kitchen was sheltered under a 15 x 30 or so tarpaulin. They filled our field mess kits with traditional ingredients. No matter how carefully we leaned over to guard the food, a few feet from the shelter the mashed potatoes turned into a very weak watery soup. The green peas popped up and down in the water and one by one went over the side. I salvaged a 2 1/2-inch piece of rain soaked turkey breast. My reaction reflected things I had learned three years before on Parris Island. One of the favorite exercises by the drill instructor, Sgt. Speranza, at the end of a very hard and tiring day often would be to stop to berate us and remind us how very badly the day had gone. He then stated that if we could do one thing right, he would dismiss us for the day. He would then shout an order which sounded like "port arms", "forward march" and some other gobbledygook. Individuals in the platoon each responded to what he had heard. The drill instructor would then straighten out the mess and berate us for our total incompetence. He would announce that we would have another hour (which usually lasted 10 to 15 minutes). It was a very effective training, however, for it dulled disappointment and frustration which is an important asset in all of life even when your Thanksgiving dinner washes out of your mess kit.

One morning after an especially busy night, I had an epiphany of sorts. While a bulldozer was pushing shattered equipment into the water and burying Japanese casualties in the sand, I concluded war is not a well-rendered Souza march. War is not a Michigan-Ohio State football game where there is a winner and a loser. Rather, war is a savage destruction of resources – human, financial, material and values. I have thought many times since what these resources might have contributed to our infrastructure, health, education and general welfare in creating a better world.

Unfortunately, it takes only one to start a war and everyone to start a peace. I have great admiration and appreciation for those who have and are serving in the defense of our values. Unfortunately, once war is enjoined, there are few, if any alternatives for reaction.

I'm certain that tides and typhoons have long since moved the wreckage of war and the bodies into the deeper waters of Leyte Gulf to join thousands of other casualties and tons of ships, aircraft and ordnance.

I left the Philippines in May 1945, for the United States. We were to prepare to return to the Pacific in September or October. Events of that August changed the situation immensely. The Marine Corps adopted a point system. I was credited with 16 months in the South Pacific and three campaigns. I was honorably discharged October 24, 1945. I entered Syracuse University on the G.I. Bill on January 10, 1946. I married Marge, whom I had met at Santa Barbara, on September 1, 1946.

I appreciate the opportunity of serving with the Marine Corps. I feel it had a positive effect during the years following. In the early reunions, General Joe Foss, complete with cowboy hat and Congressional Medal of Honor, would gather us about him and say, “These are my boys.” It was very warming for us. It was overwhelming for our wives as they looked at their slightly overweight, balding and aging spouses.
VMFA 115 has remained active through the decades since WW II. For years, many of us corresponded and visited each other. At the last reunion of the squadron, November 2013, held in North Carolina, I am aware of only three WW II enlisted men of the original group that were still alive. One, Rawlinson, attended the reunion. At the Marine birthday party, Nov. 10th, by tradition the oldest marine present was presented the first piece of birthday cake. Rawlinson, who joined us at Santa Barbara in 1943, by tradition, would receive the first piece of birthday cake. He would pass it on to the youngest Marine present.

The roll call changes. The {Ancestor Makers} of World War II, now the {Silver Eagles}, continue on.

Semper Fidelis

[Dr. Brown, thank you for sharing, thank you for serving and thank you for surviving.]

Carpe diem,

Bud

July 3, 2014

Greetings,

I have only sad news to report today. I learned on Tuesday of the passing on Monday of William C. “Bill” Sanford, former Director of Registration and Records, who served the College from July 1, 1972 through August 31, 1992. Bill was both a colleague and good friend to many of us who have fond memories of our association with him.

When I arrived at the College in 1967 the late Neil Pfouts ran a very efficient hand-processing Registrar’s Office. As the use of computers to assist in records keeping became a priority Horace F. Crandall transferred to the College from the State Education Department and served as Associate Dean with responsibility for developing systems for improving the handling of student registration and records. He served the College only from August 1968 until September 1969 before moving on. When he left the College, David Metz, the Manager of Administrative Computing, was appointed as College Registrar on September 12, 1969 to continue to develop systems for handling registration and transcripts while Neil Pfouts continued to manage the day-to-day operations of the office as Director of Records. David filled in for approximately one-year before alumni William C. Sanford (Bachelor’s Degree 1959; Master’s Degree 1962) applied for and was hired as Director of Registration and Records.

When Bill returned to the campus as an employee in 1972 the College was still in the data-processing era. While the on-line computerized systems it dreamed of were still on the horizon, Bill, Neil Pfouts, Susan Huston and others had the almost Herculean task for nearly a decade of handling the registration and records of students using key punch cards to enter data and then relying on reams of computer generated reports to prepare transcripts, graduation checks, etc.
during a time when there was an explosion in the number of students coming to Brockport. Thanks to Bill and his staff, along with supervisors like Dick Alexander, who all rolled up their sleeves and did hands-on work when the workload required it, they accomplished these tasks, along with getting grades in correctly and on time, efficiently with very few, if any, complaints. Bill and his staff did an incredible job during this period and his example of being willing to do hands-on work was inspirational to his staff while also providing him insights that were valuable in his next decade of work at the College.

By Bill’s second decade of employment the College was involved in major computerization projects of which student records such as Registration and Records had the highest priority. In addition to performing his day-to-day work he, along with many others, labored through endless meetings and work to develop EAGLE when Brockport struck out on its own to develop a registration system well ahead of the rest of SUNY. Brockport was successful in implementing EAGLE during Bill’s last decade as an employee and he was also here to make contributions to the early stages of the College’s adaptation of the Degree Audit System (DARS) purchased from Miami of Ohio.

Throughout his career at the College Bill was also a member of the Opening of School Committee that included at times Dick Alexander, the late Tom Nugent, the late Terry Hover, Frank Hillman, Joe Franek, Jim Vetuskey, Mike Oshier, Marsha Gottovi among others, and was responsible for planning for the return of students by establishing the logistics for late registration, advisement, housing, parking, faculty involvement, etc. Bill continued to be a hands-on administrator, as were the other members of the committee, especially during final registration. He showed up early at the Administrative Computing Center to pick up reports, class lists, etc. and then distributed them and grade sheets, etc. at the late registration center. He and the rest of the committee were dedicated to ensuring that all opening of school activities went as smoothly as possible. In the early days when computers and/or systems were less stable and there were occurrences of very untimely computer or system failures Bill stood with the administrative computing staff and dealt with the situation with calm and faith in their ability to get things working again.

Throughout his career at Brockport Bill was known to sometimes be strong-willed but always fair-minded and always consistent. You knew you were getting his honest view when you received his input.

In addition to his important roles, and his legacy of dedication to the improvement of services for students, Bill was known to be an accomplished bridge player and an adequate social golfer. Many of us enjoyed playing bridge with him in social settings and a few even had occasion to play bridge with him during lunch hours at work in the early years. On the golf course Bill also demonstrated calm and faith in their ability to get things working again when his partners fell apart but he did not always have the same success as he had with the administrative computing staff.

After his employment at the College ended Bill continued to support the College by performing exemplary volunteer services to the Athletic Department by videotaping College football games, both home and away. He continued these volunteer services until he and Sharon moved to The
Villages in Florida. I personally thought it remarkable that he gave up his Saturdays every fall for several years to support the College’s football program.

Bill enjoyed his role at the College and the friendships he could forge at both the College and within the greater Brockport Community. We are sad to hear that health issues in the recent past kept him from some of the socialization activities he so much enjoyed. Bill was a good man who made many contributions to the improvement of the registration and records functions during his time at Brockport and we are sorry his time with us in this life is over. We send our condolences to Sharon and the family and wish them well as they commence this period of mourning, celebration and adjustment.

Following is Bill’s obituary that appears Wednesday’s Rochester D&C:

Sanford, William C.

The Villages, FL: Formerly of Brockport, NY, passed away on Monday, June 30, 2014. Born in Perry, NY in 1939, he was the son of Marian and W. Seymour Sanford. He was a retired college registrar, a member of Kiwanis International for over 40 years and a member of St. Mark Catholic Church.

He was predeceased by his brother James. Survivors include his wife Sharon Grinnan Sanford; sons: Douglas (Kelly) Sanford, Ft. Edward, NY; David (Heather) Sanford; Rexford, NY; granddaughter Elizabeth of Rexford; brother Fredric Sanford, Winter Haven, FL; sister-in-law Julie, Geneseo, NY and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a [charity of the donor's choice] – See more at: [http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/democratandchronicle/obituary.aspx?n=william-c-sanford&pid=171573508#sthash.g10qbYsT.dpuf](http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/democratandchronicle/obituary.aspx?n=william-c-sanford&pid=171573508#sthash.g10qbYsT.dpuf)

Condolences to the family can be sent to:

Sharon Sanford
8737 SE 168th Kittredge Loop
The Villages, Fl 32162

[Thanks to Mike Oshier and Dick Alexander for their contributions to this remembrance for Bill Sanford]

With fond memories,

Bud

July 29, 2014
Greetings,

Wow! It is hard to believe that we will be changing our calendars to August by the end of the week. The summer has indeed gone quickly, partly, at least for Brockport folks, because of the extraordinary number of events that have been scheduled. Alumni and members of this distribution group have been very involved in the planning and success of the offerings. Gary Skoog an alumnus and former employee, along with emerita Jacquie Davis, alumnus Terry Carbone, with support from emerita Margay Blackman and emeritus Bill Andrews, among others, have brought enjoyable programs to canal side in Brockport. Norm Frisch has provided publicity posters for many of the Town of Sweden’s bicentennial events (see the remaining calendar at http://www.townofsweden.org/Bicentennial/calendar.html). Ray and Ute Duncan, Herb and Alicia Fink, Rosie Rich, Pat Coates, Ed Lehman, and Merrill Melnick, led by Harry Shifton, and supported by others from the community, provided a reception for bikers traveling from Lockport to Albany on the towpath of the canal. Others from our group have been on, or were represented in, the programs including emeriti Bill Heyen, Karla Lynn Merrifield, and Garth Fagan’s dance kids, among others. Moreover, many of our group and others who were at one time employees at the College have been making the news for their roles in their community. Recently in the news have been Sarah Liebschutz, who co-chaired the search committee for a new rabbi at Temple B’rith Kodesh in Rochester, and Lou Spiro who is currently serving as the temple president. Also, it has been learned that emeritus president John Van de Wetering is the president of the residents’ association at Brickstone on Elmwood Avenue in Rochester. Then we read in the July 27th Democrat and Chronicle that members of the distinguished Rochester area art community with Brockport connections will have works featured at an art show at the former Merkel Donohue site near Geva Theatre during fashion week (October 15-19). Artists with Brockport connections include Albert Paley, Wendell Castle, Nancy Jurs, Nathan and Joan Lyons, and Bill Stewart and will also include children of some of them (Bryon Jurs, Elizabeth Lyons, Greg Stewart). While I always hesitate to showcase individuals in this way because of feelings for those I fail to include, I just have wanted to say that I am always proud of my association with Brockport when I see people (you) with whom I have worked, and or lived among, contributing to making the Rochester area, and other areas in which you may reside, vibrant communities.

With all that is going on I hope many of you will be able to attend the events outlined below:

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The Friends of Drake Memorial Library cordially invite you to Dinner and a Movie featuring The Sin of Lena Rivers based on the book by nationally acclaimed Brockport author Mary Jane Holmes.

The event takes place on Wednesday, August 6 from 6:30 - 9:15 pm. Dinner and music begins at 6:30 pm outside adjacent to the Library and the Liberal Arts Building. The movie begins at 8:00 pm in the Kiefer Room. Cost is $20 per person (cost includes dinner and a donation to Friends of Drake Library).

To register by Monday, August 4, 2014 go to 
As you may know, Albert Paley is the world's leading metal sculptor. Among many other things, last summer he had a display of 13 large sculptures on Park Avenue in New York City. He taught at Brockport for 14 years in the 1970s-80s. Maybe 15-20 years ago, the owner of Harrow East in Rochester needed the space occupied by an early Paley sculpture and donated the sculpture, "Conclave", to Brockport College. It has lain in a field since then as the college administration agonized over what to do with it. Bill Andrews urged the powers-that-be to restore it and install it on campus and said that he would pay for it. The College finally took him up on the offer this year. Conclave will be installed on the plaza east of Dailey Hall beginning at 8 am on Thursday, August 7th and will be dedicated at 3:30 pm, Friday, September 19, during the Homecoming celebrations. It will have a plaque reading: "Conclave has been restored and installed as a memorial to Monika W. Andrews".

[Thanks to Bill for funding this project in honor of Monika, the work of Albert Paley, and Albert’s past association with Brockport.]

Mo and Carol Beers are near completion of 50 years of marital bliss. They celebrated in Brockport with some of their family and friends recently and have some travel plans to complete the celebration. We send them congratulations and best wishes for health and happiness and they continue life’s journey.

John Zwierzynski responded to one of my recent updates to tell me that I wasn’t getting old and that we were just playing the back nine in our lives. {I hope I am better on life’s back nine than I ever was on a golf course.} He shared that he had fond memories of many people at Brockport and that he could not believe that it had been 22 years since he moved to Sun Lakes, Arizona. In passing (I shouldn’t use that word) he stated that his “old” 1998 Camry is holding up better than he is, but that that is common on the “back nine.” John also has been a contributor to his community by serving on the board of directors for four years, a role for which he has found that the things he learned in his Masters in Public Administration Degree comes in handy.

[It is always nice to hear from friends from the past who we haven’t seen in a long time. I have a fond memory of having lunch (a rare occurrence for me) at the Ale House with John, Craig Hazen and Dave Morien on what turned out to be the last day on which the Ale House was open. The next day the doors were locked and never reopened. We were the only ones at lunch that day and the staff paid somewhat strange attention to us but we had no idea that we were to be among the Ale House’s last customers. John, thanks for your note that brought back fond memories.]
And while speaking of “friends from the past”, several of them sent me email responses to the notice of the death of Bill Sanford to pay tribute to him.

Charles Clevenger shared an office next door to Bill’s in Hartwell when Charles was in the Advisement Office. He says that he and Bill sometimes disagreed about students but that he never questioned Bill’s competence as Registrar and that he also enjoyed being neighbors with Bill and playing bridge with him. He states, as do others, that Bill was an outstanding bridge player who played in a duplicate group with some of Brockport’s best.

Dick Liebe shared that he remembers Bill being very helpful when the department had questions about a student’s status and references Bill’s status as a bridge player and that he had enjoyed playing bridge with him.

Susan Huston-Jones, who worked with Bill as Associate Registrar before going to George Mason as University Registrar, referenced the important work that Bill did, and other Registrars do, in creating and maintaining the infrastructure through which colleges and universities can operate. She also mentioned a communication she had had with Bill after he became seriously ill with kidney disease yet appeared to her to still be the eternal optimist.

Ed Lehman also paid tribute to Bill by citing his respect for Bill’s work at Brockport.

[Thanks to all who shared. Bill Sanford’s presence in this world will be missed by those of us who knew him who remain thankful for that opportunity.]

In closing, I share a tribute to the late Barbara Ames that was received from Marianne Virgilio.

Thank you for sharing the information about Barbara Ames’ passing. I, too, had lost touch with her in recent years. Barbara was one of the Brockport College women who kindly adopted me into their circle when I arrived in 1978. She and I both lived at Willowbrook and I fondly recall early evening cocktail hours and lots of great conversations. As you said, that “crusty elegance” was a hallmark of Barbara. She was always well dressed and was a wonderful host but didn’t hesitate to state her opinions. I am grateful to have known her.

It is good to be traveling this journey with good people!

Carpe diem,

Bud

PS. If anyone can advise me how to get the listserv to stop erasing punctuation I’d appreciate hearing from you.

August 3, 2014

Greetings,
Sandy and I very much regret that we will be unable to participate in the event announced below. It is to celebrate a man revered by those who know him who was a mentor-by-example for me in my early days at Brockport. He is held in high esteem for his excellence in his many roles including teacher, professor, principal, dean, judge and assemblyman and for being a member of the select group from the human-race of whom you would be honored if you could be a carbon copy. While we will be unable to be in attendance, I hope many of you will be able to be there to support Andy and Sue, his life’s partner who contributed greatly to his success, on this occasion.

You are cordially invited to attend a party at Alumni House for Andy & Sue Virgilio on Tuesday August 12, 2014, at 2:00 pm when we dedicate the Virgilio Tree planted in Andy's honor on the front lawn of Hartwell Hall (by the walk leading to Hartwell, across the way from Alumni House).

A Cookies and Punch Reception honoring Sue and Andy will follow in Alumni House. Would love to have you and your friends join us on Tuesday, August 12 at 2:00 pm!

Please call or email either:
Brad Schreiber 395-5161 bschreib@brockport.edu, or
Rosie Rich 637-4956 bkptalum@gmail.com or
Jeanette Banker 637-4879 ebanker1@gmail.com
to tell us you'll join us.

I had a note from Joyce Ogden to advise me of a change in her email address. It reminds me to remind you, please make sure you notify me if your email address changes and you wish to continue to receive Update. When I retire, I’ll make sure to pass along my email address book to the next publisher. Here is some of what Joyce shared with me:

{We're spending the summer in Olympia using Mother Nature's air conditioning-- open wide the windows at sundown and close them next morning. Overnight temperatures are always in the 50's, so the house stays cool mostly all day.

Maybe I'll have my own tomatoes this year, but my neighbor next door has despaired of her rose bed because of deer. They even eat the THORNS. The deer occasionally go by here also, and we wonder how they leap the 6-foot fences around most of the back yards.}

[I wrote back to her that we certainly have the deer in our area as well as a couple of bear sightings this year and of late we may even be competing with Olympia in the rain and fog category. It is always good to hear from any and all of you even if you don’t need to change your email address. Just make sure you identify anything you do not wish to share.]

Please note the following correction from Darby Knox to the notice about the Paley’s sculpture dedication on August 19th that appeared in the last Update.

{Just a quick edit to your newsletter -- the Paley dedication is at 4:15 not 3:30. At 3:30, Albert will be holding a Q&A in the Liberal Arts Building Auditorium.}
[If you have not visited the new Liberal Arts Building yet, this is a great opportunity. The building is beautifully landscaped and designed with great natural lighting and great views.]

Although the list could be endless and my forgetfulness-regrets endless as well, I did intend to mention Bill Hullfish’s many contributions to the community, the news accounts of the work of Lori Skoog and Hanny Heyen in support of the senior center, and the news reporting of Doug and Diane Hickerson in my last Update.

And, in closing, I was unaware of the following information received from Jeanette, D’Agostino Banker, another major contributor to the well being of the College and the Community and an inspiration to me, and I thank her for bringing it to my attention:

{I think we are all aware that Ward Stare has been named the new conductor of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. Are you aware that Ward is the grandson of our deceased emeritus professor Bill Ward whose wife Wanda still lives in Pittsford? Bill would love this!!!}

And we do too! You can learn more about Ward at http://www.wardstare.com/

Carpe diem,

Bud

August 5, 2014

Greetings,

My bad! I was right about the month and day but not the time for the dedication of the Paley sculpture the first time I mentioned it in Update. But, in Sunday’s attempt to correct the time, I somehow managed to change the month.

Please review your calendar entries to ensure you have the right times and dates for the following events:

August 7, 2014

Paley’s CONCLAVE will be installed on the plaza east of Dailey Hall beginning at 8 am on Thursday, August 7th. The installation will take at least until noon so you won’t see much of the sculpture until late morning.

September 19, 2019

3:30 to 4:15 pm
Albert Paley Q&A forum in the Liberal Arts Building Auditorium (public is welcome)

4:15 pm
Dedication of the Albert Paley sculpture, CONCLAVE (Its restoration and installation is a memorial to Monika W. Andrews).

As this newsletter changes and evolves, please consider sharing a simple reflection or statement on your time at Brockport with the college archivist. After ten years have passed since their separation from service date personnel files of employees are not accessible, thus biographical and historical material on the experience and accomplishments of such former staff becomes limited.

If you choose to participate, the submission of a curriculum vitae/resume is preferred, but as an alternative you may simply submit a few paragraphs focusing on questions such as:

When did you start at Brockport? Where had you come from before that?

What roles did you play at Brockport and what do you consider your greatest contributions to the mission of the college?

What were some of the changes you saw occur in your area(s) over the years you worked here?

What are your favorite memories of Brockport (include staff and students who stand out in your memory, and why, if appropriate)?

When did you retire?

Please send to Charlie Cowling, Archivist, in either electronic or paper format, electronic preferred. If you choose to participate, please try to condense your accomplishments to no more than two or three pages and include your post-retirement activities as well as your work experience and educational background. The College will really appreciate hearing from those of you who choose to participate and those records that you share will be valuable assets for the Rose Archives.

Charlie Cowling  
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College Archives, Local History, & General Reference Drake Memorial Library  
350 New Campus Drive  
Brockport NY 14420  
585-395-5667

Please be reminded of the existence of the SUNY Retiree Corps. Its website is at http://old.suny.edu/retirees/ and you’ll see a link to its old Newsletters there. It would be nice to see someone from Brockport highlighted in a future Newsletter and I know that many of you are doing things that would be of interest to other SUNY Retirees. Or you might just like to share your retirement story. Check out the SUNY Retirees Newsletters and Retirement Stories links in the left frame at the link above.

Carpe diem,
Bud

August 22, 2014

Carpe diem, carpe diem, carpe diem!!!

Too, too, too many of us are repeating the words of the late Vince Lombardi who on his deathbed said to the Catholic Priest: “I am not afraid of dying but there is so much yet to be done.” Just two years into the golden years of retirement, these words have become emeritus Bill Stier’s mantra. Veronica has shared the sad news that Bill became ill in Canada in May and became worse in July. They returned home to Florida and on Monday, August 11th Bill went to the doctor’s office to wait until he could be seen and was immediately sent to the emergency room at the hospital where Veronica reports that: “…they withdrew 21 pounds (8 ½ liters) from his stomach and he was diagnosed with inoperable pancreatic cancer which had spread to his lungs, etc. He was told he had two weeks to live. (He is in his second week and is going downhill quickly.) The next day he had an operation that confirmed all. He might last longer than two weeks (3 ???) but he decided against extraordinary efforts to treat him. He received last rights and communion and last confession --- so he is ready --- he is a staunch Catholic. He had a good two years of retirement and the whole family was here last week which was nice.”

If you want to reach out to Bill and Veronica it is likely best by email 2bstier@gmail.com or phone (941) 214-8747 but here also is their address in Florida: 6800 Placida Road Unit 2016, Englewood, Florida 34224

This news of course is devastating to everyone who has ever known Bill and Veronica. We send them our thoughts and prayers. The "there is still so much to do” certainly fits Bill and it is so unfortunate that his talents and persona will be lost to this world so soon.

What follows is a draft of an Update initially prepared for distribution on Tuesday but was held up pending other news not yet available but notice of Bill’s situation cannot be delayed.

The news at The College at Brockport, State University of New York is Tuesday’s announcement by President John R. Halstead that he will retire in August 2015. Following are excerpts from the press release relating to this announcement. You can view the announcement that includes additional tributes to John and his presidency at the following link:

http://www.brockport.edu/newsbureau/2021.html

“It’s been a distinct privilege to serve The College at Brockport—and will continue to be—as I complete a decade in the year ahead,” said Halstead. “I can truly say that during my 35 years serving as a university vice president and college president, this chapter of my career has been the most rewarding since all that we do at Brockport is in the name of student success. Thus, the transformations in the living and learning environments—from our new Liberal Arts Building to our Special Events Recreation Center to the Townhomes—have all been accomplished to enhance the educational experiences of our students.”
“The College at Brockport has thrived under President Halstead’s leadership over the last decade,” said SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher. “The college is consistently recognized as a top value for students and has become a leader within SUNY for expanding applied learning opportunities, among others, that prepare students for success in today’s competitive economy. Dr. Halstead has forged valuable partnerships in the local community, and across SUNY and New York State, and his leadership will certainly be missed. We wish him all the best in his retirement.”

[While John and Kathy will remain with us another year and hopefully during that time the campaign will exceed its $25 million goal, I’d like to take this opportunity to thank them for their leadership in ensuring that emeriti and other retirees are welcomed to the campus and to campus events, and for the special efforts in hosting emeriti at their home and at distinctive gatherings such as the previews for the SERC and the Liberal Arts Building. These invites provided opportunities for retirees to stay connected with both the College and with each other. Thank you, John and Kathy, for these much-appreciated efforts on behalf of retirees. Best wishes to both of you as you complete your work at The College.]

Don’t forget to monitor both the Daily Eagle (http://www.brockport.edu/eagle/) and the News and Events Calendar page (http://www.brockport.edu/news/) to ensure that you don’t miss events that might be of interest to you. You should also make sure to keep the College informed about changes in your directory information (address, phone number, email address, etc.) to ensure receipt of special mailings and invites (e.g. the Fine Arts season events brochure, Kaleidoscope, the invitation to the Halstead’s Emeriti Reception, etc.). That said, here are three timely examples of the type of information that is included in these media and where your attendance is welcome and will be much appreciated:

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The Department of Art Alumni Exhibition, curated by gallery director and department chairperson Tim Massey, will be featured in the Tower Fine Arts Center Gallery from August 28 through October 10, 2014. The gallery is located at 180 Holley Street, Brockport, and the exhibit is free and open to the public. An opening reception will take place between 4 and 6 pm on Thursday, August 28.

Gallery hours: Monday – Friday: 10 am - 5 pm, Sunday: 1 - 4 pm.
For more information, call (585) 395-2805.
Parking at Tower Fine Arts Center:
Weekdays: Until 7 pm, parking permits are required. Permits cost $5 and can be obtained at the Raye H. Conrad Welcome Center. (Emeriti are eligible for free parking permits that entitle them to parking privileges at any time in accordance with campus parking regulations.)
Evenings and Weekends: After 7 pm on weekdays, and throughout the weekend, parking is not regulated.
Metered parking is available adjacent to Tower Fine Arts Center.

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Rochester’s 2014-2015 dance season starts with a bang the week of Labor Day with
performances of seven diverse new duets. Seven distinguished, internationally recognized choreographers were commissioned to create or reconstruct works for the New York State DanceForce’s The Duets Project, presented by The College at Brockport’s renowned Department of Dance. The concerts take place on Thursday, September 4, 2014, at 7:30 pm and on Friday, September 5, at 4 and 7:30 pm in the Hartwell Dance Theater, Kenyon Street, on the Brockport campus. Tickets are $16/General, $11/Seniors, Alumni, Faculty and Staff, and $8.50/Students. They are available online at fineartstix.brockport.edu, by phone at (585) 395-2787, or at the Tower Fine Arts Center Box Office, 180 Holley Street, Brockport.

Any previously unsold tickets will be available for purchase at the Hartwell Box Office one hour prior to each performance. Advance purchase if strongly suggested.

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Eastman Jazz Quartet Plays Brockport

The quartet will play Friday, September 12, 2014, at 7:30 pm in the Tower Fine Arts Center Mainstage

For more information, contact Stuart Soloway (585) 395-2797 ssoloway@brockport.edu

While on the subject of the arts, I share with you a somewhat unique experience from a recent trip to the Berkshires. While there we saw a brochure for a cabaret experience at the Seven Hills Inn. For a mere $15.00 per person you can enjoy a tour of a gilded age mansion, a glass of wine, and an intimate Broadway style cabaret experience (100-person limit). I normally do not share such information but I am making an exception because this was kind of a unique experience among the many other great activities (museums, theater, Tanglewood, etc.) available in the Berkshires. If interested in knowing more, scroll through the following links:

http://sevenhillsinn.com/
http://sevenhillsinn.com/cabaret/

Jim Horn played a leading role in an international symposium "Cuernavaca: Capital of Spanish Teaching in Latin America," hosted by the Secretary of the Economy of the State of Morelos and the Universidad Internacional August 7-10. He was one of two keynote speakers, led a walking tour of the 16th century historic center of the city, and guided an excursion to the ruins of Xochicalco and Jardines de Mexico (the largest flower gardens in the world).

The guest list included visitors from the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Japan, Korea, Belgium, the Bahamas, and Mexico, including university presidents, deans and study-abroad directors from NorQuest College in Edmonton, Alberta, University of California- Riverside and San Bernardino, University of Delaware, Okanagan College (Kelowna BC), Université de Mons, Belgium, Dallas County Community District, George Mason University, and Kyung Hee University South Korea among others. Disappointedly for Jim, although invited, The College Brockport, with the longest history of any university language program in Cuernavaca, was not represented.
Numerous state and city officials attended some of the sessions and the dinner parties, including the mayor of the city, city council members, and state tourist and economic secretaries.

The invited guests from abroad had all expenses paid including airfare, the most exclusive hotel in the city, all meals, parties, and excursions. Jim's photo essay on the symposium and his keynote address can be found at the following link on his blog.

A visit to Jim’s blog: https://jimhornnews.wordpress.com is also informative.

[Jim, thanks for sharing. This is the kind of information sharing for which I created Update so it is much appreciated. While we are exploring the use of new technologies for the sharing of the activities of our group, you provide an example of what I hope will continue to be shared when a new format for sharing is developed and a new composer takes over.]

Peace and love to Bill and Veronica Stier…

Carpe diem,

Bud

August 23, 2014

Greetings,

I learned of the sad news of the passing of Louise Kruszewski Stein earlier in the week and watched for a public notice that would permit me to include it in Update. In the meantime, I have had contact with several of you to advise me of her passing and to pay tribute to her life. Thanks to one of you I learned that there would be a public announcement in the Hamlin-Clarkson Herald today so I made sure to retrieve it as soon as it was delivered.

Following is the time sensitive information that was published:

Stein, Louise Kruszewski, beloved wife and friend to many in the Brockport area, died August 18, 2014. Friends may greet the family at 3:30 p.m. before the Memorial Service which will be held at the Fowler Funeral Home, 340 West Avenue, Brockport (637-6100) at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 24.

I try to respect individual rights to privacy. However, I am stretching my policy to state that I have met Louise Stein on occasion but not to know her except to be able to say that she was always gracious and seemed to be very supportive of her beloved husband who is our own emeritus, Jack Rollwagen, whom I likewise always enjoyed encountering either at College events or elsewhere in the greater Rochester Community. We send our condolences to Jack, the rest of her family, and to her friends as they mourn their loss and celebrate her life.
Peace,

Bud

September 8, 2014

Greetings,

The work of Emeritus Jim Dusen will be part of an exhibit at the Image City Photography Gallery, 722 University Avenue, Rochester, New York (585-721-2540), from September 9 through October 5, 2014. Gallery hours are Tuesday – Saturday 12:00 to 6:00 pm and Sunday 12:00 to 4:00 pm. The exhibit will also feature several other fine photographers. A photographer’s reception will be held on Friday, September 12 from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm and I am sure Jim would enjoy seeing friends and associates from The College at Brockport in attendance.

Karla Linn Merrifield and Roger Weir have been on the move in a slightly different way in recent days. They are now officially townies! After 26/19 years Karla and Roger have departed the fair shores of Lake Ontario and are now residing at 237 Hollybrook Road in Brockport, 585-259-6934. They’re looking forward to seeing old friends and colleagues out and about village and town.

There sure is a lot of competition for our time in Brockport so even members of our group should maintain calendars. Here is another event at the College that will be of interest to many of you:

The College at Brockport’s nationally recognized Department of Dance presents DANCE/Strasser beginning September 11, 2014 at 7:30 pm. The dance performances present a variety of new modern and contemporary dance works by graduate students and undergraduate dance majors, showcasing why the dance department is one of four “programs of distinction” at The College at Brockport. The concerts take place Thursday, September 11 through Saturday, September 13, 2014 at 7:30 pm. The performances are in the Rose L. Strasser Performance Studio in Hartwell Hall, Kenyon Street, on the Brockport campus. Tickets are $16/General, $11/Seniors, Alumni, Faculty and Staff, and $8.50/Students. They are available online at fineartstix.brockport.edu, by phone at (585) 395-2787, or at the Tower Fine Arts Center Box Office, 180 Holley Street, Brockport.

[Remember, you can learn about such events and much more by visiting the College’s webpage on a regular basis and scrolling down to the News and Events section at: http://www.brockport.edu/. Also make sure you click on the link for Homecoming and Family Weekend 2014 (September 19 through 21), scroll down to the events and registration links and register. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Homecoming events.]

Friends of Pat Mahoney Nugent were pleased to hear that her son Michael was mentioned in a Today article for his part in creating a funny rap with a cancer patient in which he also appears (beard and glasses at the beginning). The video now has over 70,000 hits on YouTube to date and the story has been picked up by lots of other places like Huffington Post, People and GMA.
It's Childhood Cancer Awareness Month so every bit helps. Pat is still hoping the kid gets to hang out with Jay Z as he must have heard about it by now!

You can find the Today article and a link to the video at:

http://m.today.com/health/bald-so-hard-cancer-patient-channels-jay-z-funny-rap-1D80127056

[It is nice to see people, both members of the treatment staff and the patients, making the best of their work and their situations. Pat, thanks also for sharing for distribution your new address which is:

Patricia Mahoney Nugent
556 Hillcrest Avenue
Glenside, PA 19038]

Carpe diem,

Bud

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September 13, 2014

Greetings,

Sadly, I report that the amazing energy of Bill Stier is no longer present in this world except in the hearts and minds of those of us who knew him. Bill passed from this life at home in Florida last evening after continuing to amaze his family and friends with his handling of the devastating diagnosis he received just a month ago. To the best of his ability during that last month he maintained contact with friends and even connected with new ones through his linkedin page and other means. As one of his connections on linkedin I was honored when he continued to add endorsements to my LinkedIn page even as he was accelerating in his approach to the end time.

On Thursday Bill’s great colleague and collaborator, Bob Schneider, put out a call on the Daily Eagle for support of a scholarship to honor Bill Stier and that, by itself, honors Bill. For those who have not seen it I include it below. In addition, I wish to share just a few things from my personal experience with Bill and Veronica. One is that shortly after they arrived in Brockport Sandy and I were included in a group invited to enjoy the super bowl at their home for a few years. We enjoyed their hospitality and the opportunity to watch the game with friends and colleagues. It was at one of the events that I first learned of Bill’s talents with stained glass and he was happy to show us some of his very good work. At the time, I was in awe that he could find time to spend on this art form given his commitment of time and energy to teaching and administering a sports program. I also have fond memories of the gladiator skills Bill brought to the B game in the NBA (Noontime Basketball Association) skirmishes for several years. His quick first step was even the envy of Rick Kincaid who himself excelled in this part of the game, and his use of his elbows overshadowed the late and very talented Dick Mancuso in that regard. Where Dick mastered the use of his elbows with brute force, Bill did so with finesse. And Bill had better moves than Michael Jordon when he combined his quick step with his ability to hook
an elbow in front of you so that he spun you out as he quick-stepped by you on the way to the basket. All the NBA players have fond memories of our days on the noontime battlefield and of Bill’s participation. If I remember correctly, Bill was the creator of the Athletic Hall of Fame when he served as Director of Athletics. If not, he certainly was responsible for institutionalizing it. But, in all my contacts with Bill Stier the one thing that made a lasting impression on me is when during a visit to his office he showed me a picture of himself when he was terribly overweight and told me the story about how he had awakened one day and said to himself, “I’m working in health and physical education and I have to be a better example than this.” From that day forward he was steadfast in maintaining his fitness and never waivered from the task of keeping the weight off. That is a fine example of his dedication and commitment to his profession and I’ll always remember him for it.

Here is the piece from Bob Schneider that appeared in the Daily Eagle on Thursday:

As some of you probably know by now, Bill Stier, our longtime and recently retired colleague here at The College at Brockport, was recently diagnosed with terminal pancreatic cancer. Even though on August 13, 2014, Bill was given only two weeks to live, and despite a rapid and considerable decline in his health, he continues to fight this battle while in hospice at his family’s Florida home.

Briefly, for those of you who do not know Bill, early in his career here at Brockport he served as the Athletic Director and Chairperson of the P.E. & Sport Department (since renamed KSSPE). The majority of his years, however, were spent as the Sport Management Program Coordinator, which included teaching and amassing an extraordinary number of scholarly publications related to the discipline of sport management.

Last week when I spoke with Bill, even though he only had enough strength to converse for a few minutes, his attitude was optimistic and he was asking how everyone was doing here at The College at Brockport. Last night, even though he is still “hanging in there,” he was unable to take my phone call.

When I spoke to him last week, I took the liberty of letting him know that all of us here at Brockport are keeping him and his family in our prayers and/or our most positive thoughts. He emotionally expressed to me how deeply touched he was with the overwhelming number of people who have reached out to him during this difficult time. He has received over 100 emails, cards, and calls from family, friends, former athletes, students, parents of students, colleagues, and professional acquaintances who all expressed their appreciation to him. I know that many of you have reached out to Bill during this extremely challenging time, and I can tell you with complete certainty that it has meant so much to Bill and his family.

Given Bill’s more than three decades worth of astonishing contributions to The College at Brockport, and particularly the Sport Management Program, I felt that it was important to honor him in a way that students will benefit from and forever be reminded of his contributions. To that end, and with the help of Mike Andriatch and Brad Schreiber from our Development Office, I have initiated the “The William F. (Bill) Stier, Jr. Sport Management Scholarship.” The goal of the scholarship is to raise $25,000, which will serve as an endowment to fund the annual “William F. (Bill) Stier, Jr. Sport Management Scholarship” in perpetuity. As soon as Mike and
Brad’s office forwarded me the link to “give” to Bill’s scholarship, I “jump started” the process by donating $300. Now, I am inviting you to donate an amount of your choosing to this very special scholarship.

You can do so by accessing the following link:

http://alumni.brockport.edu/stier

I feel especially good about the creation of this scholarship because it will keep Bill’s name associated with the Brockport Sport Management program forever, which is something he has earned and is so deserving of. Last week, I received a letter from Bill’s wife, Veronica, and she expressed to me that Bill is “so very, very pleased” with the creation of this scholarship. And, in a brief email to me, Bill personally expressed his indebtedness and gratefulness by saying that he was “honored and humbled” that we would remember him through a scholarship for students.

Thank you, and please keep Bill and his family in your thoughts and/or prayers. In last week’s letter that Veronica wrote to me, she closed it with “Bill’s very, very lucky wife.” I close this letter with:

Bill’s very, very lucky friend and colleague of 18 years,

Bob Schneider, Professor, Sport Management

[We send our condolences to Veronica and the rest of Bill’s family and to his many friends and close associates who will miss his energy and his contributions in their work and in their lives. Of course, contributions to the scholarship mentioned above will honor Bill, his life, and his career at Brockport.

Following is information shared by Bob Schneider:

No formal ceremonies will be held until this summer in late July at the Stier’s Birch Island home in McGregor Bay located 9 miles off-shore in Ontario, Canada. If you wish, you may call Veronica at their Florida home and/or send a card to her at the address below. One way or the other, she would love to hear from you.

Veronica Stier
6800 Placida Road
Unit 2016
Englewood, FL 34224

941-214-8747]

Carpe diem,

Bud

October 1, 2014
Greetings,

Unfortunately, being very good people and living very good lives are not protections against tragedies. Sadly, the life of the young and already distinguished grandson of Theron and Claribel Rockhill, Patrick Theron Degehardt, was cut short on September 15, 2014 when he accidentally fell to his death from the top level of a parking garage while attempting to photograph the views of Worcester, Massachusetts from that vantage point.

Patrick was a sophomore at Worcester Polytechnic Institute where he was studying computer science and was on the Dean’s List for the spring 2014 semester. Obviously the Rockhill and the Degehardt families were devastated by their loss, and while the Rockhills have appreciated the support of many friends from Brockport, I share this sad news for those who would want to send condolences but might be unaware of this horrific event.

Their directory information is:  2290 North Creek Vista Drive, Tucson, AZ 85749-7930 (520) 529-2683, candr.rockhill@gmail.com Following is Patrick’s obituary [with time related edits] from the Carroll County Times in Maryland.

Patrick Theron Degenhardt, 19, of Marriottsville, [Maryland] died suddenly on Monday, September 15, 2014 in Worcester, Massachusetts. Born September 2, 1995 in Columbus, Ohio, he was the son of Sheldon Lockwood and Cheryl Rockhill Degenhardt. Patrick was a computer science major at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and a 2013 graduate of Liberty High School in Eldersburg. He enjoyed composing, performing, and listening to music, watching movies, reading, programming and photography projects, Arizona, anything involving water, his many wonderful friends, and making everyone around him happy. In addition to his parents he is survived by his brother Adam, grandparents Theron and Claribel Rockhill, grandfather John Degenhardt, aunt and uncle Rebecca and Tony Harkin, aunt and uncle Carri and Ted Degenhardt-Burke, and cousins Evan, Olivia, Parker, MayBelle, Juliet, Carson, and Liam. A memorial celebration [was] held Sunday, September 28 at 10:00 AM in the Liberty High School auditorium, 5855 Bartholow Rd, Eldersburg, MD 21784. Interment will be private. Condolences may be expressed with contributions to the Patrick T. Degenhardt Memorial Fund, University Advancement, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 100 Institute Rd, Worcester MA 01609. The Jeffrey N. Zumbrun Funeral Home, 6028 Sykesville Road, Eldersburg, MD [assisted] the family with funeral arrangements.

[We send our condolences to Rocky and Claribel and the rest of the family of Patrick Theron Degenhardt and hope that time will heal their broken spirits.]

Much better news…College Media Association has announced that 89.1 The Point/WBSU General Manager Warren Kozireski will be receiving the 2014 Distinguished Adviser Award for four-year broadcast advisers.

The award will be presented at the National College Media Convention in Philadelphia Oct. 30.

Kozireski is in his 26th year as General Manager of The Point, which has been recognized by
state and national organizations 21 times.

[Congratulations Koz!]

Events (Emeriti are eligible for free tickets to the two events listed here):

The production of Phylis Ravel’s Censored on Final Approach begins performances on Friday, October 3, 2014, at 7:30 pm in the Tower Fine Arts Center Mainstage, 180 Holley Street, on the campus of The College at Brockport.

Performances of Censored on Final Approach are October 3, 4, 16, 17, and 18 at 7:30 pm. There is also a matinee on Sunday, October 5, at 2 pm, which will be sign language interpreted. Tickets may be obtained by phone at (585) 395-2787, or at the Tower Fine Arts Center Box Office, 180 Holley Street, Brockport.

For more information visit: http://www.brockport.edu/newsbureau/2033.html

The College at Brockport's nationally recognized Department of Dance presents DANCE/Hartwell beginning October 16, 2014 at 7:30 pm. The concerts take place Thursday, October 16 through Saturday, October 18, 2014 at 7:30 pm in Hartwell Dance Theater, Hartwell Hall, Kenyon Street, on the Brockport campus. Tickets may be obtained by phone at (585) 395-2787, or at the Tower Fine Arts Center Box Office, 180 Holley Street, Brockport.

For more information visit: http://www.brockport.edu/newsbureau/2035.html

Many of you know emerita Raj Madan and her husband Bhim. Raj and I recently had an exchange relating to “Update” and some changes in her directory information. During our exchanges, she shared with me some of the difficulties she and Bhim have faced recently and she authorized me to share this information with you. So, here is an extract from her email to me:

You probably know that my husband has been ill for the last 1 year. He suffers from Pulmonary Fibrosis and was hospitalized at Unity Hospital for 2 weeks in August 2013. Since he was not getting better we decided to take him to Johns Hopkins to get second opinion. So, we left this area in November 2013. We had bought a house in Arlington, VA four years ago for our eventual move there because our older son (Ajay) lives 3 miles away from our house. Since Bhim is under the care of Johns Hopkins now, we decided to stay there and found other doctors. We are happy with the medical care in that area. Since he was feeling better after staying there for 8 months, we came back here in July and will be heading back there in time to get away from the cold here…

[Raj, we are sorry health issues continue to burden your retirement years and wish Bhim the best as he continues his treatments at Johns Hopkins.]
I am sorry to close with more sad news just received. Many of you know Cortland (Cort/Corky) Fowler from his many years as owner-operator of Fowler Funeral Home, so, although he is not emeriti or otherwise directly connected to the College, I thought those of you living outside of the Rochester area would appreciate knowing of his passing. I did not know Cort well but, as many of us can say, while we may have had more contact with him than we wanted because of one of his roles in the community, he was known to be a cordial person who ran a good business and who did a lot of good for Brockport in his other roles. His presence in the community will be missed and we send condolences to his family and friends.

Following is his obituary from the Rochester D&C.

Fowler, Cortlandt F. Sr. "Cort" "Corky" Brockport: September 29, 2014 at age 72. Predeceased by his brother, Terry. Cort is survived by his children, Cortlandt Jr (Jennifer), Tamara (Josh) Rossman; grandchildren, Ashlyn & Cortlandt III Fowler, and Gavin & Zach Rossman; siblings, Vincent (Bonnie), Denise (Donald) Bartalo and Todd (Susan) Fowler; many nieces and nephews. Cort was a world traveler. He was a 4th generation funeral director, owning and operating Fowler Funeral Home in Brockport for 44 years, until his retirement in 2010. He was an US Army Veteran. He was a longtime member and past president of the Brockport Rotary Club and two-time Paul Harris Fellow. Cort was a member and past Captain of Capen Hose Co. #4, and a past President of the Rochester Genesee Valley Funeral Directors Association. Friends may call on Thursday October 2 from 7-9 PM and Friday October 3 from 2-4 & 7-9 PM at the Fowler Funeral Home Inc. 340 West Ave., where his funeral service will be held on Saturday, October 4 at 10 AM. Interment in Lakeview Cemetery. See more at:http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/democratandchronicle/obituary.aspx?n=cortlandt-f-fowler&pid=172636174&fhid=7382#sthash.eoOLCnIj.dpuf

Carpe diem,

Bud

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October 21, 2014

Greetings,

This is a catch-up Update following a couple of weeks where I have been mostly free from newspapers, television, email, phones and the Internet.

There is probably no better source for trip guidance than a retired international tour guide who continues to travel extensively. Jim Horn recently did two back-to-back tours in the northwest and you can view the trip narrative and photos he has posted on his blog at the following links:

http://jimhornnews.wordpress.com/2014/10/03/the-pacific-northwest-a-tauck-tour-sept-6-13-2014/

http://jimhornnews.wordpress.com/2014/10/06/the-canadian-rockies-by-train-bus/
and, just in, Jim has made his sixth visit to Jardines de Mexico and has posted photos and narrative for those interested at:

http://jimhornnews.wordpress.com/2014/10/19/a-recent-visit-to-jardines-de-mexico/

[Jim, thanks for sharing and providing positive input for Update.]

Emeritus Nathan Lyons has had a new book published that is available at Amazon. You can learn more about it at: http://www.nathan-lyons.com but here is a little information taken from that page:

From the afterword by Alex Sweetman:

Assuming a variety of roles, resembling sociologist, ethnographer, anthropologist, observer, commentator, poet, essayist, and historian, Nathan Lyons shows us overt and hidden dimensions of material culture and belief systems. The photographs and the books of photographs offer his views of the social world surrounding us in ever closer, intimately tighter encircling realities. Lyons' photographic sequences are a turning point in the possibilities for visual literature. They demonstrate – achieve – an evolution in visual thinking and its expression that attains a density and complexity of allusion. Respect, sometimes admiration, for the dignity and ambiguity of individual voices inscribed on the surface of our world tells us about our world and helps shape our conception of how things are.

An exhibition of the work in Return Your Mind will be opening at the Bruce Silverstein Gallery on October 30th, 2014. Return Your Mind to Its Upright Position is the fourth volume in an extended sequence of 588 images begun in the early 1960s. The three previous books are:

Notations in Passing (1974)
Riding First Class on the Titanic (1999)

Nathan Lyons has been an integral part of almost every area of photography as photographer, educator, lecturer, author, and curator. He is Founding Director Emeritus, Visual Studies Workshop (1969-2001) and Distinguished Professor Emeritus, SUNY Brockport. He holds Honorary Doctorates from Rhode Island School of Design (2004), Corcoran School of Art (1995), and Alfred University (2006), and was named Honored Educator, Society for Photographic Education (1997). Lyons was Associate Director and Curator of Photography, Editor of Publications, and Director of Extension Activities at the George Eastman House (1961-1969). He was a founder and first chairman of the Society for Photographic Education, and initiated the formation of Oracle, an annual meeting of photographic curators. Lyons has exhibited extensively since 1956 with work represented in numerous collections. He was the recipient of the International Center of Photography Infinity Award for Lifetime Achievement in Photography (2000) and Friends of Photography Peer Awards in Creative Photography Award for Distinguished Career in Photography (1989).

Alex Sweetman studied film and literature at NYU and completed his graduate work in photography and photo history at the Visual Studies Workshop. A photographer, book worker,
Nothing lasts forever, and this is becoming more and more obvious to me as I contemplate ending my role with Update. It has been one of the best jobs I have ever had, and I have been highly compensated for doing it by the frequent contact with former colleagues and friends and the positive feedback I have received for my efforts. However, of late, Update has become something different than what I had envisioned and what it was when I started it. The intent was to keep emeriti/retirees connected with the College and with each other by sharing your retirement activities and other personal news. Lately you are not sharing much and, with few exceptions such as Jim Horn and Nathan Lyons in this issue, Update has become more of a target audience events announcement distribution tool except for when the distribution of the bad news I learn of via the media, mostly from the obituary columns, is required. Over the next few months I will be working with Mike Andriatch to find some way to keep you all connected. New technologies certainly provide new possibilities. I will also be trying to update the emeriti website which I have been unable to maintain from home since I had to take my XP PC off line when Microsoft ended its support. I will continue to distribute “Your News” until the transition is completed, hopefully before the beginning of the 2015-2016 academic year. In the interim I need to strongly encourage you to check out the following links on a regular basis for information about events at the College or in the Community. I am including additional information in this Update but if you are interested in this information in the future, please rely on these links:

College at Brockport
http://www.brockport.edu/

Scroll down to the News and Events and then make sure that you click on the [see all] links at the bottom of each section. You need to look at both the News and the Events sections to make sure you do not miss anything. For examples, you will not find the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra’s concert on campus this Friday listed under Events, you’ll find it in the [see all] under News where you will also find reference to the October 23rd gallery opening for Tag, You’re It: Graffiti Goes Gallery-worthy, among other events.

Daily Eagle
http://www.brockport.edu/eagle/

Town of Sweden
http://www.townofsweden.org/

Go to the Bicentennial link and check the calendar on that page for the two remaining bicentennial events, one at Seymour Library on November 1st that includes performances by emeritus Bill Andrews, and by Richard St. George. The other is the Bicentennial Ball on December 13th that will conclude the Bicentennial Year celebration.
October 24, 2014

Greetings,

Here is the “wow” news of the day!

TO: The College at Brockport Faculty & Staff
FROM: President John Halstead
DATE: October 24, 2014
SUBJ: Advancement Leadership

As I convene with our Brockport Foundation Board of Directors today, let me share an important announcement regarding the continued leadership of our Advancement Division and the College’s Foundation. After serving as Vice President for Advancement and President of the Brockport Foundation with distinction and loyalty since January 2006, Vice President Roxanne Johnston will step down on December 31, 2014, to phase-in her desired retirement.

This is richly deserved as Roxanne has dedicated herself tirelessly to our first-ever Comprehensive Campaign of this size, scope and dimension in the College’s history. As Rox and I are discussing with the Foundation Board today, we will achieve our $25 million goal—and, in fact, expect to exceed it—with your help—ahead of schedule. To achieve this ambitious goal, in fact, Roxanne will continue to assist us part-time as Senior Development Officer devoting all her Brockport energies to securing the last gifts for the Campaign for Brockport: Pursue Something Greater—continuing to work collaboratively with her team, our Foundation Board leadership and volunteers, and me. Roxanne will assume this important role effective February 1 through July 31, 2015.

Succession planning is important to our College and to our Foundation. Thus, I am pleased to announce that effective January 1, 2015, Assistant Vice President Mike Andriatch, who has served Brockport for almost three decades in various alumni relations, development and advancement capacities will become Vice President. This will assure not only an orderly transition under the next President, but also strong management and oversight as we conclude our campaign and set the table for the next campaign during the next 18 months. Mike is a proud
Brockport alumnus, knows our College culture well, and is a proven collaborator with other departments.

Please join me in congratulating Roxanne and wishing her well in her upcoming retirement and giving a warm Brockport welcome to Mike as our Advancement VP.

Sincerely,

John R. Halstead, PhD
President

David Mihalyov
Chief Communications Officer
The College at Brockport
State University of New York
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585-727-9924 (cell)
www.brockport.edu

[Congratulations to both Roxanne Johnston and Mike Andriatch. I really have enjoyed working with both of them through my volunteer role for emeriti. Their support and their sharing of good judgment with me have been much appreciated. I have great memories of working with them and some good photographs as evidence. One of my favorites is of Rox sitting behind Ralph Gennarino on his Spider motorcycle prior to a luncheon gathering at Chautauqua Lake. Best wishes to both Rox and Mike in their new roles in life.]

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I recently learned of some sad news that I had missed while traveling.

First, I am sad to report, thanks to sharing by Richard Black, that the quick wit, welcoming smile, and Ukrainian heritage pride of Alexander (Alex) Loj, who was employed at the College from April 1, 1977 until April 1, 1985, departed this life on October 11, 2014. My memory of Alex is that he had a very large and somewhat intimidating body that housed a big heart and a gentle personality. While I did not know him well, I do remember enjoying my several conversations with him while he was employed as Sports Information Officer. He began his career at the EOC. Beyond those two roles my memory fails me. Those who might refresh it, Terry Hover and Tom Nugent, are no longer with us, but I believe that Alex played a couple of different roles while employed on the campus including assisting those mentioned regarding publicity and other matters relating to the College’s hosting of the 1979 International Special Olympics. I could be wrong on this and I have made efforts to verify but so far with no luck. So, I am going to go ahead and release this Update and correct this information later if it proves to be wrong. I was sad to hear of Alex’s passing and I know that those of you who knew him will be as well. Following is his obituary as retrieved from the Rochester D&C archives:

Loj, Alexander

A funeral service will be held at 10:00 AM, Saturday, October 18th at St. Mary the Protectress Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church, 3176 St. Paul Blvd. in Rochester, New York 14617. Father Igor Krekhovetsky will be officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Rochester. The Family will be available prior to the service at the St. Mary's Church Hall (behind the church) from 8:30 until 9:30 AM, prior to the funeral service. A luncheon, at St. Mary's Church hall, will follow the burial service and start approximately 2:00 PM.

Alex was born April 15, 1945. He graduated from Edison Technical and Industrial High School in 1964, the University of Rochester in 1969, and received his MBA from SUNY Brockport in 1981. On July 19, 1969, he married the former Maria Mykulak in Rochester. Alex had a lifelong passion for the game of soccer and a deep love of his Ukrainian heritage. His tireless dedication can be seen in the countless hours volunteered to both the Ukrainian community and the sport of soccer.

Alex is survived by his wife, Mary of North Hutchinson Island, FL; two sons, Eugene and Mark, his Brother Eugen and Sister-In-Law Maria, Nieces Tamara and Katherine, and grand-niece Alexandra.

In lieu of flowers donations will be appreciated by St. Mary's Church (address above). Arrangements entrusted to Thomas E. Burger Funeral Home, Hilton.

[We send our condolences to Alex’s family and friends.]

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Then, in reading back issues of the Dailey Eagle I found following information about a passing in the Facilities Department:

Chief Janitor Margaret Menear reported with a heavy heart the October 11, 2014 death of Lois Jones who had been employed in Custodial Services for 21 years. Lois had most recently been assigned to McLean Hall. During her last hospitalization for treatments in her battle with cancer she continued to be concerned about her students and about who was ensuring the continuation of her housekeeping routine to support them. Margaret shared that Lois was a friendly “mother” figure to many of the residents of the different buildings to which she was assigned during her 21 years at the College and that she and her services will be greatly missed.

[Condolesences to Custodial Services and the Facilities Department, and to Lois’ family and friends.]

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A reminder: Throughout the academic year there is a Meet and Greet event at the Alumni House (4-6 pm) on the first Friday of the month. Please note the next First Friday is coming up on November 7th. You can usually find information about any special presentations planned for a
First Friday by viewing the Daily Eagle a couple of days ahead of the next First Friday. Here is the background information about this activity:

The Alumni Association and the Alumni House Committee are proud to host The College and Brockport community once a month at the First Friday program. The program aims to connect faculty, staff, alumni, and community members in a social setting. The event also showcases the beautiful Alumni House as well as the work of the College's all-volunteer alumni board.

Sponsorship of First Friday is also available. Sponsorship is published in community advertisements for that month and allows for an avenue to publicize your group's message at the event. Sponsors can include individuals, community groups, or college groups/departments. If you are interested please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (585) 395-2068 or email us at alumni@brockport.edu.

First Friday Dates (2014-2015):
October 3, 2014
November 7, 2014
December 5, 2014
February 6, 2015
March 6, 2015
April 3, 2015
May 1, 2015
*First Friday is held at the Alumni House, 142 Utica St., Brockport, NY 14420 from 4 - 6 pm.

Roundup:

News from former Assistant to the President Ed Kelly is that his daughter Courtney was recently married, that he is continuing to work, and that he will be on his second Fulbright to Lithuania from February through July 2015. Congratulations to Ed on all three counts with some reservations about the Continuing to Work part.

The College and the Community have lost two of its finest with the move of alumnus Jon and Nancy Bell to Delmar, New York. They have been great supporters of events at the College and have given tireless support, Jon along with others, in caring for the grounds and gardens at the Alumni House. Similarly, they have contributed to the general welfare of their church and the Brockport community and will be sorely missed. We wish them health and happiness as they settle in another community.

Sandy and I had thought of going to San Francisco last week for the 25th anniversary of the earthquake. As some of you know, we had decided to try to be the first customers of the View Lounge at the brand-new Marriott Marquis Hotel that opened its doors for the first time ever at 4:00 pm the day of the earthquake. Because of problems finding parking we were not the first customers but we were in the first dozen. Within an hour of passing that portal one of the most memorable experiences of our lives began. When we decided not to go back for the anniversary, I decided to send the View Lounge a recollection of our experience that included pictures of Sandy and me in our [I survived…] T-shirts. I would note that I have since had an email
exchange with a reporter for the San Francisco Chronicle to correct a statement from the bar maid who was working in the View Lounge that day that he recently quoted in an article. She had told him that there was only one glass unbroken in the bar after the quake hit. Sandy and I know that there were two because as the excerpt from the letter I sent to the Marriott below shows, we were proud to have protected the glasses in our hands during the quake and placed them on the bar as we left while contemplating that they were likely the only TWO unbroken glasses remaining. I thought some of you might enjoy hearing about the personal experiences of a couple you know who were in San Francisco the day of the quake. If not, read no further.

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We were enjoying the great views, the pleasant piano music, an appetizer and our wine when suddenly, the floor started vibrating and the building started twisting, swaying and shaking. I looked at my wife and said, “bad building…they did something wrong” which was partly a reflection of my experience with some new college buildings in NYS that had had major structural defects [edited for Brockport…e.g. Underwater racquetball courts]. The intensity of the twisting, shaking and rolling increased quickly and as we tried to maintain our position on our chairs I glanced out the window and down to the lower buildings and saw that they were swaying and clouds of dirt and dust were rising between them. I looked back at my wife and said: “earthquake!” Then, because we were on the 39th floor and it had taken a few seconds for the full power of the quake to get momentum, when we jumped up from our seats to get away from the windows we ended up on our hands and knees on the floor as we had the experience of a carnival ride with the floor seeming to circle as it swayed and tilted from side to side. We watched from our position on our hands and knees as the glassware in the racks over the bar cascaded like a waterfall breaking into pieces just out of reach in front of us. The whole event took only a few moments but seemed to last a lifetime. Amazingly, when the floor stopped rocking and rolling my wife and I stood up and realized that we had gone to the floor with our wine glasses still in our hands and our glasses were not yet empty…never spilled a drop! And, they were likely the only glasses in the lounge that were not broken. We set the glasses on the bar and in controlled panic we were guided through the lounge area to the stairwell and on our way, we noticed the grand piano lying flat on the floor as its legs had collapsed from its weight. We had failed to notice when or how the pianist had gotten away from it.

Looking back, I don’t think we ever paid our check as we were anticipating enjoying the view a little longer, but since service had been severely disrupted, people were screaming, the sprinklers were giving us showers, and getting down from the 39th floor seemed a priority, we did not go looking for our waitresses to pay our check. Instead we joined everyone else from the lounge, and others who joined us on the way down, trying to get down the 39 floors to the ground level on slippery stairs, in near darkness, by hanging on to the railing or the person in front of us.

And, in conclusion, here is a little bit of what we decided to do instead of going to San Francisco and we highly recommend this kind of travel:

We arrived home last Friday night from our fabulous vacation! Santa Fe is indeed a great city (though if I never see another pinto bean, it will be OK), and besides exploring the city, we went to the Taos Pueblo, Bandelier National Monument**, Las Alamos and the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. But, honestly, I think the best part of the vacation was the driving. I do love this
country...other than time restraints, why would anyone fly to their destination? We happened on a website, Roadtrip USA [http://www.roadtripusa.com/] and we ended up following old Route 66 out and The Loneliest Road, Route 50, home. Of course, along Route 66 were many abandoned roadside businesses, but there were many that are being restored or reused...or just staged to look like they did in the 60s for the amusement of bypassers. Lots of folks were following the route...some we saw more that once and one time one joined us for dinner. Certainly, it was an adventure...flooded roads that required turning back, 9’ wide washboard gravel sections...but lots of laughs. On the way home, we happened on the remains of Fort Union [a national monument] and were joined in our visit by a pronghorn antelope. And we went through Hermann, MO, a wonderful little German village of 2500 to which we will return. The town was founded in the 1830s by a group sponsored by German immigrants in Philly who wanted to preserve their culture and, heaven forbid, their children were beginning to speak English! They founded Hermann on the banks of the Missouri River because it reminded them of the Rhine Valley. Great town!! We certainly did discover the love of meandering that those grueling interstates cannot provide.

It is great to have memories!

Carpe diem,

Bud

PS. For the earthquake, the opening day Marriott was the place to be even though we ended up spending the night sleeping on chairs in the basement conference rooms after enjoying the food (caviar, etc.) prepared for the opening day banquets, and did not even have reservations at the Marriott!

PSS. If you are 62 or older and like to travel make sure you purchase The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass. Before our recent trip, we thought it was only good for National Parks but learned that it will also get you, and the occupants of your vehicle, free admission to national monuments as well as to grasslands and other Federal recreational lands.

October 31, 2014

Greetings,

I just received this information from former employee Doug Hickerson who in recent times is known as a freelance writer. He has provided us with a [heads up] about an article he wrote that will appear in this weekend’s (November 2nd), Suburban News, Hamlin-Clarkson Herald. It is an extensive feature on one of our own, Professor and Poet in Residence Emeritus, Bill Heyen. Here is the preview Doug has written but you will need to see the Suburban News for the rest of the story.

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He [Bill Heyen] is acclaimed world-wide for his prolific, award-winning poetry. His work has appeared in about 250 anthologies. He has published dozens of books and lectured and read at
more than 350 universities over the years. He has received many prestigious honors.

Most recently, the second edition of The Oxford Anthology of Contemporary American Poetry was published with 19 of Bill's poems. Bill's work was in the first edition ten years ago. [Over time, the contributors to anthologies are winnowed down, so it's very satisfying to be in this one,] Bill said, as he is about to turn 75. It will be on bookshelves all over the world, in 20 or 30 countries.

His inclusion in the prestigious anthology sparked the upcoming feature. It was his friend Karla Linn Merrifield who sent the announcement out to various newspapers. Her essay on Bill, summing up his life's work and describing his most recent award, was forwarded to me by the Westside News editor, Evelyn Dow. Evelyn invited me to write about Bill, which I have wanted to do for some time.

My link with Karla is an interesting back-story. She is an award-winning poet herself, with some 400 poems appearing in dozens of journals and anthologies. Thus, her connection to Bill is in artistry as well as friendship. She is retired from The College at Brockport where she was marketing communications director until retiring in 2002.

And, a couple of months ago, Karla and Roger Weir became my neighbors two doors down. Roger was a colleague of mine at The College.

Karla and I joined efforts in the upcoming feature. She begins with her in-depth bio on Bill and his latest honor. I follow up with four key points gleaned from my interview with Bill: As a freshman at The College, at 16, he changed his major from a physical education to English education. With my title for him as "bard of Brockport", Bill gives his philosophy behind the comments he makes at public ceremonies in our village. Then, the process he describes behind writing his prolific journals is amazing. And, Bill reflects on his gratifying life and his love for Brockport.

I give Westside News editor, Evelyn Dow, thanks for the generous space and layout she provided, allowing the many words needed to honor a great and good man among us.

Doug Hickerson

[Doug, thanks for the heads up. Bill, we look forward to reading about you in the Suburban News this weekend and congratulate you on the recent publication of your work in The Oxford Anthology of Contemporary American Poetry.]

The Alumni Association invites us to participate in one of its annual activities:

Brockport Alumni Association 2015 Recognition Awards

It’s time to begin the annual process of nominating individuals for the four 2015 Brockport Alumni Association Recognition Awards: The Hall of Heritage, Honors for Outstanding Service, Citations of Appreciation, and the Recent Alumnus Award.
Visit alumni.brockport.edu to find the nomination form for these awards. Descriptions of each of the four awards are included on the form. Please consider potential nominees for these prestigious honors and nominate all who you feel are worthy. Also feel free to share this information with others who may be interested in placing a nomination into consideration.

This year’s honorees will be recognized at the annual Awards Ceremony during Reunion Weekend on Saturday, June 13, 2015.

The deadline for receipt of the form is December 8, 2014.

Questions? Please contact Betsy Standish at estandis@brockport.edu or (585) 395-2648.

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It was great to receive and an email from Dave Kendall who had some good news to share that follows:

Just wanted to inform you and the other emeriti that I have just published my first and only book after working on it—off and on—for about ten years. It’s entitled “When Descendants Become Ancestors: The Flip Side of Genealogy” and is available from me or from the usual outlets. I now have a website: http://www.stories4descendants.com/, and will be starting a blog there in November. From late December till mid-March my wife and I will be touring 4 or 5 southern states (partly to avoid any possibility of a brutal northern winter like last year) to do book-signings and to generally promote the book.

After retiring in ’98 following 30 years in the Dept. of Counselor Education, we moved briefly to NC but couldn’t stand the summer heat and in 2009 we moved permanently back to the 1000 Islands where I grew up. For those who might wish a signed copy of my book or to contact me, I can be emailed at: davek@cynergyintl.com.

Dave Kendall

[Thank you for sharing this Dave. This is the type of story I envisioned for “Your News” in Update and, this, and the news about Bill Heyen, are certainly more uplifting that much of the news I have had to report of late.]

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Besides the falling leaves and upcoming falling temperatures, the announcement that winter is closing in is reflected in the departures to warmer climates of Ken and Mary Jo Schlecht; and Karla Linn Merrifield and Roger Weir; with many more to follow. Their presences and contributions in the greater Brockport community will be missed in their absences.

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Dave Jewell sent me the following note after the last Update and shares our view of traveling the back roads of discovery in our homeland. And, as I traveled the back roads to and from Batavia yesterday I realized you do not have to travel far from home to view the beauty!

Bud,
It sounds as if your trip pretty much followed the same path as ours this summer. We added
Monument Valley and the Four Corners area. We agree, this country has too much beauty to miss by flying.

Dave [Jewell]

[David, thanks for our response and feel free to share highlights of your trip if you are so moved as the feedback I receive continues to suggest that people receiving “update” enjoy hearing travel stories.]

In a response to a previous email I was pleased to hear back from Jim Vetuskey that he is enjoying the fall making cider. He even sent me a picture to prove it and it appeared that retirement and making cider agreed with him. He looked robust, happy and healthy.

[Jim, I've heard that apples, apple cider and apple vinegar are great ingredients for maintaining good health so you have chosen a good fall activity. Best wishes for continued good health as you press through your retirement years.]

Brockport alumni events are scheduled across the Northeast in Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Albany, DC, NYC, Philadelphia, Cleveland, and West Hartford, CT on Saturday, November 8th. All events run from 4 to 6 pm. The Rochester event will be held at Bar Louie, 98 Greece Ridge Center Drive, Rochester, NY 14826. Costs is $5.00 and includes finger foods, cash bar, and good company. Pre-registration is not required but preferred by Monday, November 3rd if possible. Emeriti are welcome, and you can register and learn the location for the event in other cities by going to the following link:


Many of us enjoyed the on-campus concert by members of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra last week. Now, Stuart Soloway has shared information about an off-campus performance by DANSCORE along with two performances on-campus. Here is the information.

The Department of Dance at The College at Brockport is proud to announce a special performance of DANSCORE, its annual faculty-choreographed concert, at the Hochstein Performance Hall, 50 North Plymouth Avenue, Rochester, on Saturday, November 15, 2014 at 7:30 pm. This special performance follows two preview performances on Thursday and Friday, November 13 and 14, at 7:30 pm at the College’s Hartwell Dance Theater, Kenyon Street, Brockport. Ticket prices for all performances are $16/General, $11/Seniors, College at Brockport Alumni, Faculty and Staff and $8.50/Students and are available online at fineartstix.brockport.edu, by phone at (585) 395-2787 or at the Tower Fine Arts Center Box Office. More information about the pieces in the performance can be found at:

http://www.brockport.edu/newsbureau/2047.html

This was just received from Pierre Radimak

Dear SUNY Retirees,
I am pleased to provide you with this link to the latest issue of the SUNY Retirees Newsletter, which is published and distributed electronically system-wide twice yearly (Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter) by the SUNY Retirees Service Corps (RSC):
http://old.suny.edu/retirees/SUNY%20Retirees%20Newsletter%20Fall-Winter%202014%20web.pdf.

The current and past issues of the newsletter are posted on the RSC website at http://old.suny.edu/retirees/newsletters.cfm.

I urge you to share the links to the SUNY Retirees Newsletter with your retired campus colleagues, SUNY employees who are about to retire, or any retirees you may know at other SUNY campuses. They may contact me at retirees@suny.edu if they would like to be added to the SUNY Retirees Newsletter electronic distribution list.

I also encourage you to consider sharing your retirement story in the SUNY Retirees Newsletter and/or on the RSC website’s Personal Stories of Retirement section -- http://old.suny.edu/retirees/retiree_experiences/experiences.cfm.

Your submissions (1,000-word maximum) may be emailed to me as a Microsoft Word attachment at retirees@suny.edu. I welcome good-quality photos of retirees and retiree events as well, preferably in jpeg format.

Anyone with questions or newsletter story ideas of interest to all SUNY retirees may email or call me at (518) 320-1354.

To learn more about the SUNY Retirees Service Corps, visit http://suny.edu/retirees.

Thank you. Enjoy reading the SUNY Retirees Newsletter!

All the best,
Pierre

Pierre F. Radimak Editor, SUNY Retirees Newsletter
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I have included some announcement of events/activities in this Update but soon I will be only reporting [Your News] and [Your Passings] in Update for the duration of my involvement. This week Mike Andriatch and I met to look at alternatives for communicating information about events and activities beyond your access to most of the information on websites I have shared with you. We hope to have something in place soon after the beginning of the New Year.

Carpe diem,

Bud
November 5, 2014

Greetings,

I have mostly sad news to report today. Two members of the College family left this life on Sunday, November 2nd.

Emeriti David Gaylord left after serving the College in full-time and part-time roles in the Public Safety/University Police Division for more than thirty years. Dave served in several capacities including Assistant Director of Campus Security, Director of Campus Public Safety and University Police Officer. In the performance of his duties he proved again and again that he liked people as he attempted to be fair with them even when he was called upon to confront them because of alleged violations of laws, rules or regulations. His smile was one of his trademarks and a tool that helped diffuse some difficult circumstances. And, it was just very welcoming to those who knew him and encountered him on the right side of the law. I have some fond memories from the [good old days] when lots of us went to Casey’s for Friday night fish fries and, often, engaged Dave and/or other members of the Public Safety Division while waiting for our tables to be called. In the short time, Dave could enjoy retirement he organized weekly gatherings of retirees from Public Safety and, in 2011 or 2012 he invited me to join them. I did stop in at the Garland a couple of times and enjoyed reminiscing with Dave and others about some of our past experiences at work and at play. But, after the Garland closed while we were away for the winter their group seemed to have disappeared. Dave will be remembered as a person who enjoyed working with people, was a good team player, and known to be a [good guy.] Following is his obituary from the Rochester D&C.

David J. Gaylord, age 65, died November 2, 2014 at his home. He was born February 18, 1949 in Brockport, the son of the late Herbert and Barbara (Cole) Gaylord. He lived in the Holley area all his life. He graduated from SUNY Brockport in 1972, where he DJ'd as "Grandpa Sam" on WBSU. He later graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA and was an instructor for the Police Academy in Albany. Early in his career, he served as an officer in the Holley Police Department. He retired from SUNY Brockport's Police Department after 30 faithful years of service. Following retirement, he worked at the Clarendon Post Office. Dave was a truly kind soul who derived great joy from helping friends and family fix their computer problems. He loved golfing, history, (especially WWII), and his dog, Shorty. Dave is survived by his wife Tamara; his 4 daughters: Kristi Gaylord (Rich Rozzi) of Brighton, Karrie Gaylord of Seattle, WA, Shannon (Mike) Parsons of Brockport, and Meagan Gaylord of Holley; grandchildren Isabella, Luci, and Nicholas Rozzi; his brother Robert (Dawn) Gaylord of Kendall; several nieces, nephews and cousins. There are no prior calling hours. His Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, November 7th at 10:00am at St. Mary's Church Holley. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery. Please join the family for a reception following burial in the St. Mary's Community Center. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 274 Goodman Ave., Rochester, NY 14607 or PAWS Animal Shelter, 3371 Gaines Basin Rd. Albion, NY 14411. Arrangements were entrusted to the Christopher Mitchell Funeral Homes, Inc. Holley.
Ken Herrmann was still working, although on sick leave, at the time of his death and now his untimely death prevents him from enjoying an emeritus role. I did not know Ken very well but in my encounters with him I saw that he was passionate about his work and his causes. The Rochester D&C has written a wonderful tribute to his life and his work that I share here:

Throughout a career that combined activism and teaching, Ken Herrmann wanted to make life better for others and inspired those around him to do the same.

Herrmann, who had been on the social work faculty at The College at Brockport for 36 years and before that was a social worker, died on Sunday of pancreatic cancer at the age of 71.

His wife, former students and colleagues remember Mr. Herrmann as an inspiring figure who was never satisfied with the status quo.

“He hated injustice and loved humanity,” said Susan Herrmann about her husband.

When some of his former students recently learned that Mr. Herrmann was in hospice care, they posted such comments on Facebook as “a social work professor I’ll never forget” and “He did so much for so many.”

Mr. Herrmann, who was a veteran of the Vietnam War, was best known for establishing the Brockport Vietnam Program, which since 2000 has sent about 200 students — mostly from Brockport — to Vietnam for a semester or month in Da Nang.

“He was a larger than life, force-of-nature person,” said Travis Atwater, who last school year spent a semester in Vietnam in the program and is now a graduate student in social work at the State University of New York at Buffalo. In addition to taking a full load of classes, Atwater would have a weekly consultation with Mr. Herrmann on Skype, which connected the professor at his office home in East Pembroke, Genesee County, and Atwater in Da Nang. “His teaching was hands on. He was going to push you, if you would say something, he’d say, ‘How would you back that up.’ He was incredibly intelligent,” Atwater said.

What makes the Brockport program unique is that Herrmann required participating students not just to take classes but also to make field visits to Vietnamese families in need. Many suffered from the effects of Agent Orange discharged by U.S. aircraft during the Vietnam War, which destroyed foliage where North Vietnamese soldiers could hide.

Mr. Herrmann, who suffered from a heart ailment linked to Agent Orange, was an outspoken advocate for providing aid to the estimated 3 million Vietnamese who suffer from the disabiling effects of Agent Orange.
With funds raised by a foundation, which Susan Herrmann now heads, the students provide, in their home visits, cash donations, food, and household and medical supplies to families.

“Ken was a good friend and good person. His professional and personal integrity and his honesty were attributes appreciated by all, especially Vietnamese friends who were helped so much by Ken’s unselfish contributions,” said Chuck Searcy, who is vice president of the Veterans for Peace Chapter in Hanoi.

A defiant streak ran throughout Mr. Herrmann’s history.

Mr. Herrmann grew up in an Irish neighborhood in south Buffalo. In eighth grade, he entered a monastery in Dunkirk, Chautauqua County, but that turned out not to be his calling. He contacted his parents, who demanded that he stay but were overruled by a priest who insisted that it was time for the young Herrmann to leave.

Although Mr. Herrmann earned a bachelor’s in English from Canisius College in Buffalo and a master’s in social work from State University of New York at Buffalo, he drew heavily from his days as a social worker.

“He truly believed that first and foremost social workers are agents of change,” said Kristin Heffernan, an associate professor of social work at Brockport.

Mr. Herrmann joined the Brockport faculty in 1978, after he earned a reputation as an outspoken child protective caseworker in Erie County and later as director of children’s services in Genesee County.

In the classroom, Mr. Herrmann liked to connect what students read to the realities of social work.

“He was always very passionate about child welfare,” said Nicole Thomson, a graduate of Brockport’s social work program who now coordinates the local Center for Youth’s Safe Harbour Program, helping victims of human trafficking. In one of the courses she took from Mr. Herrmann, he played the role of the person that a social worker was supposed to be helping.

“He made it very real. He took it from the numbers and made it into real life,” said Thomson.

Mr. Herrmann wrote a handful of books, the most recent, Child Welfare Practice: A Conversation About Reality, published earlier this year.

“I daresay the profession believes it has the knowledge, skills and values to make manageable or to resolve the victimization of children by caregivers within a society that finds children more of a burden than a blessing,” wrote Mr. Herrmann. But he went on to
say: “If the profession has this ability, why, then, do hundreds of millions of children live without hope, without dreams and without protection?”

When word got out about Mr. Herrmann’s failing health, Gregory Stephanie, who formerly worked in international education at Brockport, wrote a note to Mr. Herrmann that seemed to sum up the sentiments of many.

“You have a gift of allowing people to become part of you, and, in turn, you become part of them. I am honored to have part of you in me,” Stephanie wrote.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Herrmann is survived by 11 children and stepchildren and four grandchildren as well as a sister, Betty Zugger, of Angola, Erie County. A memorial will be held on Nov. 21 at 7 p.m., at The College at Brockport. The exact location has not yet been determined.

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[We send our condolences to Ken’s family and friends as they mourn and celebrate his part in their lives.]

Better news contained in an article forwarded to me by Warren [Koz] Kozireski. It is another heart-warming story about some local athletes who seized an opportunity to make a great day and great experience for another player. The player is the grandson of emeritus Bob, and Barbara Adams. Here is the story from the Olean Times Herald:

By Tom Donahue, Olean Times Herald | 0 comments

Down 6-0 with time running out in the last game of a long, winless season, the Bolivar-Richburg boys’ varsity soccer team could be forgiven if their only thought was getting the clock to zero and getting back on the bus for one last disappointing ride home.

“The closest we’d gotten all season was a tie,” said Mike Zilker, in his eighth season as head coach of the Bolivar-Richburg Wolverines.

So, going into last Wednesday’s Section V Class C2 playoff game against top-seeded Kendall Central School, northwest of Rochester, Coach Zilker had a simple message for his bottom-seeded Wolverines.

“It was No. 1 vs. No. 16, David and Goliath squaring off, so I said to the boys, just make them respect you,” said the coach. “I guess you could say they took that statement to another level.”

With about 12 minutes left on the clock and the game in the bag, Kendall Coach Brian Duffy started putting in his subs, including several players who had been called up from the junior varsity squad. Among them was Zach Adams, a senior with Down syndrome.
What happened next was an act of sportsmanship, thoughtfulness and kindness that brought tears to the eyes of Zach’s parents, and to many other spectators on both sides of the field.

Mike Wertman, a sports writer for OrleansHub.com, an online newspaper published in Albion, was the first to tell the story:

“You could see that the Kendall kids were trying to get Zach the ball and the Bolivar-Richburg players just kind of fell in line with it. There was nothing orchestrated at all, it just sort of clicked out there,” said Mr. Wertman. The next thing you know, after taking a pass from his brother, Jake, and with an even bigger assist from Bolivar-Richburg players driven by something bigger than wins and losses, Zach put foot to ball and scored his first varsity goal, in his first varsity game.

B-R Coach Zilker had one word for the actions of his players: “Amazing.” Assistant coach Justin Thomas called it “something special.”

“We had watched Zach come onto the field and we were actually talking on the sidelines about how cool it would be if he scored,” said Assistant Coach Thomas. But before coaches could relay a message from the bench, the B-R and Kendall players had already conspired on a plan to get Zach the ball, and his first goal. “Our kids recognized the situation and took it completely upon themselves to hatch their own play,” said Assistant Coach Thomas.

Kendall Coach Duffy said it was an unforgettable act of sportsmanship, and one that didn’t end with a very special goal for a very special player. In a note to B-R Coach Zilker, Mr. Duffy noted that, after the goal, B-R players were “just as excited” for Zach as his own teammates, and crowded around him to add their congratulations.

“Zachary's excitement was palpable, there were tears in the eyes of his mother and other spectators,” wrote Mr. Duffy, calling it “a prized memory” the family will cherish all their lives.

He couldn’t say enough about the character exhibited by B-R players and coaches. “It is clear your program is run with class and respect,” he wrote. Assistant Coach Thomas said it’s the players who deserve the credit. “I've worked with these kids in class and in other sports and they’re great kids,” he said. “To see them do something like this, without prompting, is so special. And what’s most amazing is that our kids were 0-16, getting beat again, it was cold, and they still took the time to think about someone else.”

The act of kindness transformed the last-place Wolverines to champions of the heart.

“Everybody up here was just blown away,” said Mr. Wertman. “Kendall parents thought that what the B-R kids did was a real class act. With all the bad news around sports these
days, it’s nice to hear that something like this still happens. The B-R kids really did show what sports is all about.”

That pre-game message to his players about earning the other team’s respect?

Mission accomplished, said Coach Zilker.

“The Kendall coach was just so thankful,” he said. “This was the first game Zach had ever played in, and it was so emotional because his brother had passed him the ball.

“And instead of just earning the other team’s respect, our kids earned the respect of an entire community. As a father, when I got to see Zach jump into his dad’s arms, it made everything worthwhile. Even though we lost, it was a win, no matter how you look at it — a perfect end to a frustrating season.”

What’s particularly heartwarming is the reaction to the story, said Coach Zilker, noting it’s become the talk of the town.

“It’s on the school’s Facebook page, and it’s just crazy how quickly this is blowing up,” he said. The sectional game was played at a neutral site, Perry Central School, and even a Perry administrator made a point to approach the coach.

“The Perry principal came up to me right after the game and told me how awesome it was that our kids did what they did,” he said. “Like I said, a perfect end to the season.”

[What a great way to make the news! In addition to the connection of Bob and Barbara Adams to this story, Koz advised me that Brian Duffy, Kendall’s Head Soccer Coach is a Brockport alumnus. Then I learned from Bob Adams that the boy’s father, Bob’s son Tom Adams, teaches math at Greece Arcadia with a certification from SUNY Brockport and the family lives in the Kendall School District. Bob reports that the family was overwhelmed by the action of the other team, players and coaches. It is a great story to keep in mind as we approach the Thanksgiving holiday!]

And here is some more good news from someone that I think will appreciate the good that sports can generate. Merrill Melnick has accepted my invitation regarding the sharing of your travel experiences and connections. It sounds like a great trip and it is good to know that at least some of the college/university sponsored alumni tours are available to the public.

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Hi Bud: While I always read your informative updates on former Brockport faculty, I’ve never had much to offer on my own behalf. However, in recent e-mails, you’ve encouraged us to share recent sightseeing adventures with you and the others. In that spirit, I offer the following brief note on a recent trip my wife and I took to Sorrento, Italy and the Amalfi Coast. We left the country on September 17th and returned to Brockport on September 25th. The Ohio State
University Alumni Association arranged the entire trip. Since I received my Ph.D. from OSU, I was on the mailing list and jumped at this opportunity to take a guided trip of Southern Italy. We flew from Rochester, to Washington, D.C., to Frankfurt, Germany and then on to Naples. There, we joined 32 other Buckeyes for the 90-minute bus trip to Sorrento, our home base the entire trip. Each morning, we met with our group leader and drove off to a sightseeing venue. Typically, we returned to Sorrento each day late in the afternoon. Our itinerary included Positano, Amalfi, Paestum, Naples, Herculaneum, and the Isle of Capri. While the Ohio State Alumni Organization was responsible for organizing this land/air tour, this outstanding educational and travel experience was in the very capable hands of Alumni Holidays International (AHI) and their excellent Travel Director Mick Plewman. I would strongly recommend this trip to others (it isn't necessary that you be an alumnus of OSU to sign up for these trips) and look forward to taking one of the many other trips offered by this organization in 2015.

[Merrill, thank you for sharing. It sounds like it would be worth exploring the tours sponsored by college and university alumni organizations including Brockport’s and SUNY’s programs.]

Carpe diem,

Bud

PS. I have tried to edit and refresh the [Your News] page on the emeriti website before turning it over to the College. I’ll try to keep it up to date until that event occurs. If interested go to http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm and click on [Your News]. Also, if anyone has electronic copies of Updates before 2002 and can locate them without undue burden, please email them to me at rmeade1@rochester.rr.com. I know I wrote them beginning before or just after Y2K but I have been unable to find them in my files.

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November 12, 2014

Greetings:

Emeritus Bill Heyen will be doing a reading at RIT on Wednesday, November 19th. The reading will be at 4:00 pm in the Reading Room, 2nd floor of the Campus Center, SAU, above Fireside Lounge preceded by a public reception and informal conversation at 3:00 pm in Campus Center room 2650. After his 4:00 pm reading Bill will answer questions before a book signing. Bill is frequently invited to do readings around the county but not all of them are within easy travel distance. Because this one is close by I am sure Bill would enjoy seeing Brockport colleagues and friends in attendance.

Following is a location correction to a scheduled DANCESCORE event:

November 15 DANCSCORE showing to be at Brockport, not Hochstein
Additional Brockport Performances on November 13 and 14
Due to unforeseen circumstances, the November 15, 2014, showing of DANSCORE will now take place at Hartwell Dance Theater, on The College at Brockport campus, at 7:30 pm. It will NOT be performed at the Hochstein Performance Hall, as originally scheduled. If you have previously purchased tickets for that performance ONLY, please contact the Box Office for an exchange or refund. Hartwell Dance Theater is in Hartwell Hall on Kenyon Street in Brockport. Additional Brockport performances will be November 13 and 14.

DANSCORE is the annual faculty-choreographed concert presented by The Department of Dance at The College at Brockport. Tickets for all three Brockport performances are available online at fineartstix.brockport.edu, by phone at (585) 395-2787 or at the Tower Fine Arts Center Box Office, 180 Holley Street. Prices for all performances are $16/General, $11/Seniors, College at Brockport Alumni, Faculty and Staff and $8.50/Students.

Following a recent travel experience, Ray Duncan shares the following insights:

Hi Bud-

In the spirit of sharing travel stories, here is an adventure from last month. Ute and I took a weeklong bus tour of Canada’s Rocky Mountain National Parks with GATE-1 Travel. They flew us to Calgary, Canada to spend the first night in the airport Hampton Inn.

Next morning, we climbed aboard a tour bus with 39 other travelers from across the U.S—including a couple that had just finished a boat cruise somewhere in the Pacific Ocean. The bus tour included: Glacier National Park (Canada and U.S. side), Banff National Park, Lake Louise and Jasper National Park. As you might imagine, the scenery was stunning, hotel accommodations and meals satisfactory.

Less enjoyable was the Pacific Cruise couple. They brought onto the bus a flu-like illness they’d picked up on their previous excursion. Lots of coughing and hacking were clear signs something was amiss. Upshot: nearly everyone on the tour—including the bus driver—came down with flu-like symptoms. We deposited the seriously ill Pacific Cruise couple in the Banff hospital for one night, but next day they got back on the bus with their medications. The rest of us, including a group of seven nurses from NYC, lived on DayQuil.

Still, despite feeling like having been run over by a Mack truck, overall the scenery made the trip memorable. The driver, however, told me it was his worst trip ever. Given the way he looked, I believed him.

So, I told this story to a friend of mine, who gave me her story: A month ago her 94-year-old mother flew out to California to take a tour with a friend on the Pacific coast on Route 1—from San Francisco to southern Oregon and back. This is a scary ride given the sharp plunges down to the ocean from up on the highway. On the evening the trip ended, back in San Francisco, her group got off the bus to check into their rooms at the Hampton Inn. The bus driver came in last.

He walked into the lobby, got pale, dropped to his knees and died of a heart attack—right there, right then, a half hour after sitting behind the steering wheel of the bus.
Gets you to thinking, doesn’t it? Unlike planes, buses have no co-driver. Unlike boat cruises, you cannot quarantine sick passengers in their staterooms to protect other passengers. We may reconsider the bus tour mode of travel. Just thinking.

[Ray, thanks for sharing. Travel certainly has its risks but you do minimize some of them by just driving around in your personal vehicle as a couple. Yet, as my late uncle would say, even then there can be bad results. On a trip to Arizona to New York he left his wife and dog, both yappers, at a rest stop after stopping for gas. After traveling miles down the road while enjoying the peace and quiet but not realizing yet why the trip had become so pleasant, he was overtaken by a police car and the yapping commenced again. I am not sure he ever forgave the policeman.]

Here is something you will want to add to your calendar.

The campus community is invited to attend a reception in honor of Roxanne Johnston on December 2.

After nine years of dedicated service to The College at Brockport and a total of 29 years with the State of New York, Roxanne Johnston, vice president for the Division of Advancement and president of the Brockport Foundation, will step down on December 31, 2014, to phase-in her desired retirement.

A reception in her honor will be held on Tuesday, December 2, from 3 to 5 pm in the New York Room, Cooper Hall. We hope you will join us in congratulating Roxanne and wishing her well in her upcoming retirement.

In lieu of gifts, donations may be made to Roxanne’s favorite charity, the Brockport Foundation.

Dave Morien spent Veterans’ Day serving on an Honor Guard that visited all the monuments and a nursing home in Medina, New York. The guard enjoyed the nursing home visit where the many veterans there lined the windows to watch the guard perform in the courtyard.

Al Brown did not go to the Marine Corps birthday celebration on November 10th this year. The oldest marine in attendance must give his piece of the birthday cake to the youngest marine present. Al has experienced being the oldest attending in the past and, since he now has earned the right to have his cake and eat it too, he chose not to take the risk.

[Thanks to Dave and Al and all veterans for their service.]

Sadly, as I was closing this Update news of the death of Judith Kitchen arrived. I did not know Judith well during her years (1990-2003) when she served as Writer in Residence in the English Department but I did observe the respect others had for her and for her work. So, in tribute to her and her partner, emeritus Stan Rubin, I bow to the words of others who knew her and her work better than I.

BY DAVID L. ULIN,
I only met Judith Kitchen once. It’s my loss. Kitchen, who died last week at 73 of cancer, was a rare spirit, both on the page and in the world. Teacher, essayist, critic, she and her husband and partner Stan Rubin ran the Rainier Writing Workshop at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash., where I spent a couple of days last year visiting.

She was also the author of a novel, a collection of poetry and four books of nonfiction, including the luminous “The Circus Train,” which came out at the beginning of this year. The title piece, novella-length, is one of the most astonishing extended essays I’ve read. Moving back and forth through memories, invoking her literary hero Samuel Beckett, it is a meditation on mortality and meaning from the edge of the abyss.

“Here’s what I want: to stitch it all together,” she writes. “Give it the dilated eye of attention. To make it add up. But of course, it doesn’t add up, no more than any other life. We take from the box of photos those that lead, one to another. We leave behind the singular, solitary moments that go nowhere except into, and out of, themselves.”

Do we need to say that the miracle of this passage is that she isn’t writing about death exactly, but rather life? Or, more accurately, about meaning, about the way we are always stitching it together all the time? This was the subject of her 2012 book “Half in Shade: Family, Photography, and Fate,” which uses family photos as a hinge for an interior investigation — into love, doubt, family and time. “This is not art,” she writes there. “This is the black and white of birthdays and summer vacations. Grandma’s Sunday best.”

Not art, no, but time, but living, but the bits and pieces by which we have no choice but to define ourselves. Kitchen lived it as she wrote it, asking questions, keeping focus, working until the end. Over the summer, she came up in conversation at a dinner party; “She’s dying,” a friend said, “but I’ve never known anyone so alive.”

It’s true: Even from a distance, Kitchen redefined death for me, or at least, how we might face death with courage and with grace. This is not to say she wasn’t frightened; “[W]ill thinking be my solace, or my curse?” she wonders in “The Circus Train.” “I have relied on the brain — its tickings and tockings — for an entire lifetime. Can I trust it to take me easily into death, or will it resist, fighting the body until the bitter end?”

I think about these questions also, but for me, they remain (for the moment, anyway) abstract. Kitchen was not writing with that luxury. She was fierce and she was loving — and she was rigorous, with no one so much as with herself. I want to say that she was kind (she was certainly kind to me), but kindness seems too soft for her intensity.

“Visual artists have ‘statements,’” she once wrote, “in order to articulate something of what they do instinctively. But a writer’s medium is words, and if the writer has anything to say, it’s best said obliquely. Understated. So let me call up a visual image for what I
want my work to be doing: there’s a juggler in the park, wearing a red hat, and he’s tossing a knife, an orange, and three purple balls into the air, deftly catching them, passing them under his legs or behind his back, twirling and catching, then, balancing a stick with one spinning ball on the tip of his forehead, he holds the knife blade-side-up so that when the orange falls it is sliced cleanly into two equal halves which he catches in both hands and holds up to the light.”

On Judith Kitchen
Mary Rockcastle
Executive Editor of WSR/Director of The Creative Writing Programs at Hamline University
11/8/14

Last night we celebrated the publication of our 17th issue of Water~Stone Review. It was a happy, festive evening. Patricia Francisco, Creative Nonfiction Editor, noted the winner of the 2014 Judith Kitchen Creative Nonfiction Prize judged by Brenda Miller, “Rainier Valley Notebook” by Jennie Goode, and the Honorable Mention, “A Striking Resemblance” by Chelsey Clammer. Patricia, and the members of the CNF editorial board, were thrilled to publish both pieces.

This morning I woke to the news that Judith Kitchen died on Thursday, at home with her husband, Stan Sanvel Rubin. She had lived with cancer for many years. Beyond the personal sadness, I feel for the loss of this beautiful, fierce, talented soul, and my sympathy for Stan, is the sense of loss for our literary community.

Judith was a force of nature. A master teacher—generous and smart and deeply devoted to her students and to writers she believed in; a passionate advocate of literature; a visionary; an optimist; an astute, rigorous, and constructive critic; a writer with extraordinary gifts.

I first met her an AWP Conference some sixteen years ago, walking up to her in the Bookfair and saying in a rush how much I admired her writing and the poetry reviews she wrote regularly for The Georgia Review and would she consider writing reviews for our fledgling magazine, Water~Stone Review. Oh, and I couldn’t pay her. She looked over the review, asked me a few questions, then said, “I’ll do it if I can choose the books. And I don’t want to do poetry. You should ask Stan Rubin to do that. I’d like to do creative nonfiction.”

We talked logistics and she was gone, writers trailing after her. Thus, began a long and fruitful relationship between Judith Kitchen, Stan Rubin, and Water~Stone Review. Each year I’d wait, like a child on Christmas morning, for her review, and Stan’s (“Has he sent it yet? I’ll get after him”), to arrive. As Judith’s health failed, she withdrew from doing reviews for us, saying she needed to conserve her energy. In fall of 2013 we published “Coda,” the beautiful, final piece of her book-length lyric essay, The Circus Train.

Words were Judith’s medium, but words fail to express the huge loss so many of us feel today. She could do it, she who was so able to write about grief, and loss, and death. On behalf of all
the current and former editors, assistant editors, editorial board members, and staff serving Water-Stone Review, I thank Judith Kitchen for the gift of her presence in our pages for so many years. And for her legacy, captured in our Judith Kitchen Creative Nonfiction Prize.

I end with Judith’s own words, from “Coda”:

Spiral down into your past and you only go deeper into its fog. The dog at the end of the block. The hold-out oaks, the crisp hands of their leaves clinging to the branch long past Christmas. Everything moves in consonance with your deepest dreams. The past sways in a long, slow dance. Memory makes of our lives what they were, what they weren’t.

[Peace to Judith, and to Stan, and condolences to Stan and all of who knew Judith and her work.]

Carpe diem,

Bud

November 18, 2014

Greetings,

Sadly, there is bad news to report. On Saturday evening I learned that emerita Carol I. Timby, Assistant Librarian from 1948 to 1978, died that afternoon. Her obituary has not yet been published in the paper but will appear in the D&C tomorrow. However, there is an obituary on the funeral home’s website at http://www.jamesrgray.com/#!Timby-Carol-Irene/c20ay/1CE54BD7-E668-4FB8-B3A9-F37E020B4C81 from which it is known that family and friends may call at the James R. Gray Funeral Home, 1530 Buffalo Road Rochester, New York 14624-1828 from 5-8 pm on Thursday, November 20th, and that Carol’s Graveside Service will be held on Tuesday, November 25th at 11:00 am in Darien Cemetery. The obituary also asks that you kindly consider donating to a charity of choice in Carol’s memory. In addition to this information you will find a nice photograph of Carol by visiting this website.

Carol was 89 when she died but would have been 90 years old this week. Until 2-3 years ago Carol had nearly perfect attendance at nearly every form of public activity or event at the College. If the event was scheduled for only one occurrence you could bet that you would bump into Carol and learn about her retirement activities. With much pride, she would also share the accomplishments of her daughter Heather, who like Carol, is a graduate of SUNY Geneseo. George Toth concurs with my assessment of her attendance record and shares that Carol once told him that she considered everyone at the College as family. George also shared a story that once when he encountered Carol at a restaurant she told him that she would order something different from the menu at each visit and then move on to another restaurant when she had tasted every meal at that one.

Carol prompts me to recall a little bit of SUNY history. In 1948 when Carol began her career at Brockport librarian titles were in the classified civil service under the NYS classification system. As such the titles were associated with salary tables that provided step salary increments and
permanent appointments following completion of a relatively short probationary period. In the late 1960s or early 1970s SUNY was successful in getting the Department of Civil Service and the Division of Budget to agree that librarians performed educational functions and therefore could be placed in the SUNY professional service for the determination of their terms and conditions of employment. In the implementation of this interpretation, incumbents in classified service librarian titles were given a one-time only opportunity to elect to stay in the classified service or to be moved to the SUNY professional service. To the best of my knowledge Carol was the only classified service librarian in all of SUNY who chose to remain in the classified service and in at least one regard she benefitted from her decision. In those lean years when across the board and discretionary funds were not authorized for other employees the step advancement for classified service employees often continued to be paid. I remember thinking at times when doing salary reports that Carol had done well for herself and she did not even have to compete for discretionary awards.

Carol was somewhat a legend and her absence at events the last few years had been noted. She moved to a nursing home a year or so ago and within the last couple of weeks some of us discussed her status and her current address and decided to reach out to her. As a result, if she was still able to receive mail, she received some greetings from members of her Brockport family just before she passed.

I have placed a picture in this Update at the [Your News] link on the emeriti website that I took of Carol with the Halsteads at their emeriti reception in 2005.

[Carol’s passing brings back fond memories from the 60s and 70s when many of us joined Carol’s family. We are saddened that she has passed on and we send our condolences to Heather and to Carol’s other family members and friends.]

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In response to my sharing of travels Bob Adams passed on some information.

Hi Bud, Bob Adams here. In the spirit of sharing past and present! Before Brockport we lived in New Mexico and Texas. While (out there), we camped from Calgary to Jasper. Great golf course in Banff, hungry bears in Jasper campground, etc. ! Large ice fields along road with tour tracked-bus trips out on ice. Eldest son Richard lives adjacent to Glacier Nation Park and we have made many trips there. Glaciers there are melting (climate change?).

[Bob, thanks for sharing. I am sure many of us have not yet visited Glacier National Park, and from what you say it sounds like we should do so soon if it is on our bucket list.]

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Since first mentioning the [left behind] story about my uncle and the [yappers], I have heard from many who have similar stories about people being left behind, in some cases, themselves. It seems to be more common than expected. The stories make me wonder what a policeman would do today if a child were found [left behind].

Carpe diem,
Greetings,

I have both bad news and a nice activities-report to share today.

We recently learned of the passing of former employee Marsha Jones on November 19, 2014. Marsha worked in Marketing Communications several years ago and although she is not an emerita, I know some of you who reside out of the area knew her so I thought I should share her obituary from the Rochester D&C that follows.

Marsha Regina Jones

Rochester: Nov. 19, 2014. Survived by daughters, Hollis Danielle & Peyton Elizabeth Collins; mother, Iona Jones; father, Eudolphin Jones; sister, Arlene (Tony) Wilson; nephews, Jerel D. & Isaiah T. Wilson; and cousins. A multifaceted artist, whose work included theatre, plays, poetry and radio personality. A prolific writer of several novels that highlighted her West Indian heritage and personal life experiences. An avid bowler, a long-standing writer for About...Time Magazine and the "411" of the Buffalo Challenger. A public relations professional who touched many lives and left a legacy.

A viewing was held Friday, November 28 from 10-11AM at Memorial AME Zion Church, 549 Clarissa Street that was followed immediately by the Funeral Service [edited to properly reflect a date that has passed].

See:  

Today’s D&C includes the obituary of Christopher J. Wood, son of emerita Kathryn Wood. While I did not know Christopher, I have been blessed to have known and worked with Kathryn, as have many of you, and I am sure we all send out peace and love to her at this difficult time in her life. Here is Christopher’s obituary in which you will find the calling hours and service time for tomorrow (Monday, December 1)

Wood, Christopher J.

Brockport: Passed away on Monday, November 24, 2014 at the age of 61. He was predeceased by his father, Arthur A. Wood. He is survived by his mother, Kathryn M. Wood, and his sisters, Ellen Wood, Terri Wood (Mark Lono) and Martha Wood. He is also survived by his extended family, Kathy Luangasa, Boun Luangasa, Seng Guida (Chris Guida), John Luangasa (Cathy Millet), Lizzy Luangasa (Mounthala Phommarath) and all their children.
Chris was a long-time resident of Lifetime Assistance's Clarkson Apartments, and is also survived by his beloved care-givers and many friends.

Friends may call on Monday, December 1st between 12 noon and 2 p.m., followed by a service at 2 p.m. at Fowler Funeral Home, 340 West Avenue, Brockport.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Chris's memory to the Lifetime Assistance Foundation, Inc., 425 Paul Road, Rochester, NY 14624. – See: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/democratandchronicle/obituary.aspx?n=christopher-j-wood&pid=173316732&fhid=7382#sthash.2atArgkO.dpuf

Better news was received recently from David Hale in which he shared some of his, and his family’s, activities. I attended one of the events he mentions, the July 4th celebration at Morgan Manning House, and I’d recommend this annual event to anyone in the area at the time. For me it provided a great opportunity to see many friends and former associates from far and near. The event was likely a highlight for a young man from Germany who happened upon the event as he passed through Brockport on a bicycle tour around the world. I am thankful for Dave Hale’s input to this Update and that it reminded me of one very enjoyable celebration that I attended this year. Here is what Dave would like to share:

1. This year's major trip was twelve days in Panama. In addition to transiting the Canal from north to south in a small boat, there were a lot of other things to do. Using a machete, I cut sugar cane to be crushed and boiled to make candy. Many or all in the group made and ate corn and cheese tortillas, swam in the Pacific Ocean, danced with traditional groups, kayaked in Lake Gatun, visited a ruined Spanish fort, and photographed sloths, monkeys, iguanas, and a variety of birds.

2. Four of our five grandchildren visited Brockport this summer. Jon and Audra (15) were here from Massachusetts in early summer as she did a volleyball camp at the College. Meanwhile Jon sailed, biked on the towpath, joined a tennis group of emeriti and Archie Kutz (his boss in high school), and played with the community band at the Morgan-Manning House on the Fourth of July. The New Jersey branch came for Labor Day weekend. Tim, Luke (13), and Elizabeth (11) crewed for me in the Brockport Yacht Club's holiday race, taking a flag in the not-at-all-serious-racers division. Peggy, Mindy, and Tyler (5) played on the beach. Also from Massachusetts, Helen (17) has applied to Brockport, among other schools, for Physical Therapy.

3. I stay busy with several groups: Sweden Planning Board (another Dunkin' Donuts?), trustees of the Brockport Presbyterian Church (how do we pay for the elevator repair?), and the trustees of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley (who wants to buy the former East Rochester church?).

[Dave, thank you again for sharing.]

Carpe diem,
Bud

December 5, 2014

Greetings,

The First Friday event at the Alumni House is always special but maybe a little more special each December as everyone starts gearing up for the holiday season. December’s First-Friday is sponsored by Rosie LaSorte Rich.

Rosie and others invite you to stop over to Alumni House today, Friday, December 5th, from 4 to 6 pm and spend some time with your fellow faculty, staff, alumni, emeriti, community members and friends.

Although we have not been able to find an obituary we have received the sad news that Chad Skaggs, Communications (1986-1996), has recently died. I believe my last communication with Chad was when he moved from Georgia to Texas and I believe he told me at the time that he still had a canoe stored at a facility on Hemlock Lake. Chad was one of those people I did not know, or know anything about, while we were working together. I knew that he had come from experience in the news business and my observation of him suggested that he was the type of journalist who had the habit of working all day to get a story and then all night to make sure he met a publishing deadline. He likely was more concerned about output than appearance. Like many of you as well, I got to know Chad better through a handful of email exchanges after he and I both retired. I found him to have a good wit and a crusty charm about him and I appreciated his down-to-earth manner. I wish I had had a chance to spend a day in a canoe on some flat wilderness waterway with him to know him better and get his suggestions concerning the publishing of Update, but any chance of such opportunity has reportedly expired. However, I did appreciate some good tips he gave me regarding the cropping of photographs for publication back at the time that I created the Emeriti website. We send our condolences to Chad’s family and friends and are sorry that his physical presence in this world has ended.

Much better news is the following that I received from Terry Lehr. The Great Tonsil Massacre, a fictionalized account of two historical events that happened in Rochester in 1920 and 1921, has just been published. The result of two years of research, the book uses fiction to explore two questions:

1. Why was there no public questioning of a risky public health initiative that took place during the winter of 1921 at the Convention Hall (currently GEVA Theatre) Annex and

2. What might have been some of the effects of the two tonsil/adenoid clinics (the first at the Rochester Dental Dispensary on East Main Street) on a family belonging to Rochester's working poor? The novella includes an epilogue that details the documented events and a photograph section that shows the clinics in action. The soft cover book is available on Amazon.com, and the electronic version is available through Kindle. Brockport's Lift Bridge Books also has copies available.

Here is a publicity piece for the book.
The Great Tonsil Massacre uses creative non-fiction to examine three levels of a public health project proposed and implemented by George Eastman and other community leaders in 1920, 1921 Rochester, NY. The goal of the historic project was to ensure that thousands of Rochester’s children would become “healthier and happier.” The book explores events that led to the establishment of two tonsil and adenoid clinics held at the Rochester Dental Dispensary on East Main Street and in the Convention Hall Annex, currently the site of GEVA Theatre.

At the leadership level, the novella imagines meetings that may have happened between and among several of the industrialists, physicians, and public health officials who were involved in the actual project.

At another level, the story offers possible reasons for the stifling of public questioning of the second clinic, which was risky, by portraying a few knowledgeable, mid-level professionals who have reservations about the project.

The third level follows the tensions that rise among the O’Connells, a working-class family who are being affected by the project.

The narrative introduces the reader to Rochester as it was just after World War I and the Spanish influenza epidemic. It covers the cultural diversity and some of the social tensions and technical innovations that characterized this mid-level city in the early 1920s. It takes the reader inside the Eastman Dental Dispensary, which still exists, and the Convention Hall Annex, formerly attached to and behind what is now GEVA Theatre, but which is now a parking lot. By following members of the fictional O’Connell family, three chapters recreate Front Street, a very colorful neighborhood that has since disappeared.

An Epilogue relates factual-information about the clinics and includes endnotes that cite several of the sources consulted in creating this thoroughly researched, yet fictional, account. An Appendix contains photographs of the actual clinics where forty to eighty children a day underwent operations to remove their tonsils and adenoids.

Finally, The Great Tonsil Massacre touches on two issues that have persisted in America for nearly a century: the role of parents in the crusade to protect their, and other people’s, children’s health and the one-size-fits-all aspect of comprehensive health care legislation.

Author Bio:
For most of her working years, Teresa (Terry) K. Lehr taught English, first in junior high schools and later at the college level. In the 1990s, between teaching stints, she was the assistant archivist in the Baker-Cederberg Museum and Archives at Rochester General Hospital where she became fascinated with the history of local health care. A Master’s Degree in history, which supplemented her Masters in English, increased her interest in the subject as well as her expertise. Short articles and presentations on the subject led to
her being invited to write the histories of five local institutions: Rochester General Hospital, the Rochester Academy of Medicine, the Fairport Baptist Home, St. John’s Home, and Christ Church as well as invitations to author articles in The Encyclopedia of New York State and The Local History Encyclopedia.

After retiring in 2011, Lehr completed a project begun with a colleague nearly twenty years earlier: Emerging Leader: The Letters of Carter Van Vleck to his Wife Patty, 1862-1864. She and her husband John have been married for a half-century, and they have three adult children and one granddaughter.

Terry also provided me a copy of the old flyer that prompted her to research the events and to write this book. The flyer was interesting in itself. This book sounds like a unique and interesting read.

After receiving this information from Terry, I shared with her that I had bad tonsils when I was young but my doctor did not believe in taking them out. But since I was still having some problems when I was in the Marine Corps I almost joined some others from my unit in Okinawa who decided to have them out at the expense of the government (and to give military doctors some experience) until I learned that they removed them on an assembly line...lined up people in wheel chairs in the hallway and then doctors came down the line shooting Novocain and then snipping out the tonsils one wheelchair at a time. Terry responded: Assembly line was a favored approach, Bud. The kids entered the clinics one afternoon, stayed overnight, were anesthetized and operated on the next morning, recovered that afternoon, and were sent home on the third day. Four surgeons could go through 40 or 80 of them before noon and probably had time for a coffee break.

[I have kept my tonsils and my plan is for them to be part of the [ashes to ashes, dust to dust] routine when I pass.]

[Terry, congratulations on your publication. Best wishes for continued success in pursuing your interests in retirement and thanks for sharing!]

I missed this article in the Rochester D&C but Eileen O’Hara pointed me to it with a note that I have edited as indicated: [The late] Rawle, and Ena Farley's son, Jonathan, has started an intriguing new business... [with Tony Harkin, son of the late Joseph, and Nancy Harkin, and son-in-law of Theron and Claribel Rockhill]. I found it interesting and thought some of you, especially those who do not have the D&C readily available, might enjoy it so I have pasted the article in here.

Those cinematic chalkboards full of numbers and letters mashed into unintelligible equations, dashed off by the mad professor in a flight of ideas — who knows what they actually mean?

Jonathan Farley and Tony Harkin do. In fact, they may have been the ones to write them down before the cameras started shooting. The Brockport natives have parlayed their careers as mathematicians into a side business advising film and television producers.
They recently contributed to an episode of *Elementary*, a modern-day Sherlock Holmes show on CBS. The show’s writers wanted the detective to solve a mystery with the help of *Belphegor’s Prime*, a particularly spooky 31-digit prime number including the number 666 and two sets of 13 zeros. They didn’t know how to incorporate it into the script in a realistic way — that’s where Farley and Harkin came in, finding a way to connect it to a set of GPS coordinates.

“It’s hard work,” said Farley, a 1987 graduate of Brockport High School who now teaches math at Morgan State University. “Studios think it’s something minor, but we live in a world where someone can post a negative review online instantly, and that sticks with people.”

Farley created Hollywood Math and Science Film Consulting several years ago; Harkin is the director of the Center for Applied and Computational Mathematics at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Farley has worked on two episodes of *Elementary*, and on the shows *Numb3rs* and *Medium*. He’s filled a notebook with notations, written in several different pen colors to fit a manic mathematician; come up with realistic-sounding academic journal names; and produced math that could be scrawled across a wall.

“Of course, no mathematician would ever do that,” he noted. There are few professional mathematicians in the entertainment business — Farley knows the man who advised on *The Nutty Professor*, and the one who filled the chalkboards on Matt Damon’s behalf in *Good Will Hunting*. It may seem like a minor detail, but an unrealistic equation or line of dialogue can ruin a film or show for those who know better.

“The worst thing, when you’re putting science or math into a film or television, is for people to say, ‘This doesn’t make any sense,’” Farley said. “Our job isn’t to make sure everything is realistic, but to enhance the film and make sure people are entertained. Major, glaring mistakes can take away from that.”

[Eileen, thank you for sharing. And, with Ena, Nancy, and the Rockhills, we share with pride the continuing success of these Brockport sons.]

In closing, keep in mind the work of the writers, artists, musicians, etc. within our group when you are looking for a unique gift during this season.

Carpe diem,

Bud

December 6, 2014

Greetings,
It is sad to realize how little we really know about some of our colleagues and associates and even close friends and family members until we read their obituaries and it is too late to get to know them better. I am thankful to John Sapienza who found the following obituary for the late Chad Skaggs and shared it with me. This information makes me mourn even more, not just Chad’s passing, but what I missed by not knowing him better. Karla Linn Merrifield was more fortunate and able to call Chad a close friend. Her response to his death [End of an era for me, that one.]

Albert Chadwell “Chad” Skaggs, born June 19, 1929 – soldier, journalist, teacher and outdoorsman – on November 27, 2014, due to complications following heart surgery. He was born in Bessemer, Alabama, and lived in numerous locations throughout his eventful and influential life. He grew up during the Great Depression and worked many jobs, including as a printer’s devil, which foreshadowed his later life. In 1946, he joined the Army, paratrooper division, where he attained the rank of lieutenant. After the military, he attended college at the University of Alabama and the University of Missouri-Columbia, attaining a master’s in journalism. He worked for the Associated Press for many years, covering the big stories of a turbulent time, such as the Selma peace marches. He left reporting to become a professor of journalism, which he taught at Georgia State University, Syracuse University, Bethany College, Texas Woman’s University and SUNY Brockport. Over this time, he trained many fine journalists, many of whom remained good friends throughout his life. He was an active outdoorsman, canoeing many locations across the continent, and a well-respected birding enthusiast who traveled to numerous national and international birding sites. He was also a musician of some renown, with a vast knowledge of folk and gospel music. A skillful raconteur, he delighted many, young and old, with his funny, poignant and instructive stories. He was a well-known voice of experience and humor among copyediting circles, especially copyediting-l@indiana.edu. Though of modest means, he was a great philanthropist, giving generously to numerous and diverse charities, including nature advocates and journalism groups.

He is survived by two sons and their wives, Mark (Monica) and Christopher (Judy), two grandsons, Evan and Taylor, and many friends and colleagues.
Donations may be made in his memory to the Katy Prairie Conservancy: http://www.katyprairie.org/donate/.

In keeping with the “unknowns” theme, did you know that the assessment instruments for youth with disabilities for the President’s Youth Fitness Program are the products of a member of our emeriti group and that the program brings recognition to the College at Brockport? Following is a link to a website reached by doing a search on [President’s Youth Fitness Program] on the Internet:


At this link, you will find the following reference to Brockport and to emeritus Distinguished Service Professor Joseph Winnick, and much more:
Fitness is important for all students. Some of the FITNESSGRAM® test items may not be appropriate for all students. For students who need modifications on one or more of the FITNESSGRAM® test items, the recommended assessment protocols can be found in the Brockport Physical Fitness Test Manual (© 2014 Joseph Winnick). The Brockport Physical Fitness Test is specifically designed to assess the fitness of youth with disabilities from ages 10 through 17.

Take a look and be proud of your association with Brockport.

Another event that recently came to my attention is that Chenango Forks, a team I played against in high school, has won the Class C state championship for the second year in a row. The previous [unknown] is that Barbara Sherwood’s grandson, Jack Sherwood, is the quarterback for this team. Here is an excerpt from a story about their big game that appeared in the Binghamton Press Sun-Bulletin:

The play that'll prompt palms-to-ceiling, eyes-rolling exasperation come Tioga film study occurred about four minutes before halftime with Forks trailing 7-0 and staring down fourth-and-10 from the Tigers’ 27-yard line. Forks quarterback Jack Sherwood delivered a pass that brushed the hands of intended receiver L.J. Watson and into those of Robert Story just a bit ahead.

Watson went airborne near Forks' sideline in an attempt to make the catch, only to have wet football graze wet hands and continue on to Story at the 2-yard line.

On the next snap, fullback Ryan Bronson rushed in and, with Tony Silvanic's PAT kick it was all-square.

Tioga (1-1) took its next possession 49 yards on five plays before Forks' Hunter Luybli recovered a fumbled exchange from center at the Devils' 21-yard line half-a-minute before halftime.

"That may have been the play of the game for us, because that was fourth down," Devils coach David Hogan said of his team's lone pass completion. "We had that tip and we were able to punch it in just before halftime — that was huge."

[There is great joy in the successes of our children and grandchildren and we are happy for Jack and his family for the success of the Chenango Forks football team.]

In closing, I have just confirmed that there are still tickets available for the Town of Sweden’s Bicentennial Ball but if you plan to attend you must purchase tickets before Wednesday, December 10th when the final count must be submitted.

The ball will begin at 6 pm on Saturday, December 13, 2014 [black tie optional] at the Seymour Union Ballroom at the College at Brockport. There will be a cash bar with hors d’oeuvres, a sit-
down dinner of grilled beef tenderloin and chicken breast, vegetables, potato, and dessert station. Music will be provided by [Nik and the Nice Guys].

For more information and to obtain tickets call Pat Connors at 738-0506 or call 637-2144.

Have a ball during this holiday season,

Bud

PS. I apologize that the system I use to distribute Update chooses to eliminate some punctuation from my original documents.

December 10, 2014

Greetings,

In case you missed it, here is an invitation sent to faculty and staff via the Daily Eagle and we (retirees/emeriti) are invited:

All employees are invited to celebrate the holiday season with President Halstead and his Cabinet on Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2014 from 3-5 pm in the New York Room, Cooper Hall. Come and enjoy good food and great musical entertainment!

And here is another invitation to an event that you will not want to miss:

Please join Brockport Auxiliary Service Corporation for a reception on Wednesday, December 17, for Barb Carpenter, Ralph Eisenmann, John Mlyniec, Michael Smith, and Gary Stevens.

With over 120 years of combined service, these team members have contributed much to the success of BASC and the College. Please join BASC as we thank our colleagues for their years of service and wish them well. The reception will take place on Wednesday, December 17, from 2:30 to 4 pm in the Eagle’s Lookout in the SERC.

And here is some very sad news that was distributed in an email from Provost Zuckerman to the College Community on December 8th. I held up sharing it while waiting for news about arrangements that have not yet become available.

Dear Members of the Brockport Community:

It is with deep regret that I share the news that Professor of African and African American Studies Felix Nwabueze Okoye, PhD, passed away Saturday. Dr. Okoye had been on leave most of this semester.

Dr. Okoye joined the College in Fall 1970 and helped found the Department of African and Afro-American Studies. He is the recipient a Ford Foundation Fellowship for the


Our thoughts and prayers go out to Dr. Okoye's family and friends during this difficult time.

Grief counseling is available at the Hazen Hall Counseling Center (395-2207) should you need help coping with this difficult news.

Sincerely,

Mary Ellen Zuckerman, PhD
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Felix had not yet decided to join our (emeriti) ranks when he passed but, because he has been a significant player in the Brockport drama for 44 years, I doubt that there is anyone on this distribution list who has not observed him in his many roles. His normal character, with his strong voice, his physical size, his proud accent, and his costuming could overwhelm an audience, especially if it was composed of colleagues and administrators who were on the other side of the message he wished to convey. Personally, I always enjoyed encountering Felix at social gatherings and while moving about the community, but not so much at work where our roles at times conflicted. But even when we occasionally had skirmishes as we played out our roles, his big smile and loud and warm welcome always gave me pleasure when I encountered him.

Felix played a significant role in helping the College to achieve its goals of equality, diversity and justice and his loss to the Brockport drama is significant.

We send our condolences to his family and friends and may Felix rest in peace.

Carpe diem,

Bud

December 12, 2014

Greetings,
I have more sad news to report so I want to get it done and take a break from such reporting for at least the rest of 2014. I have learned from John Sapienza this week of the death of emeritus Jack R. Dudley who taught at the College from 1965 until his retirement in 1990. I did not know Jack well but he was a member of this distribution list until a couple of years ago. I always got a kick out of his email address when I saw it, oldud@webtv.net. I had removed him from my distribution file after several email bounces and my failure to otherwise contact him but kept him in my master email address book. Removing someone from my master email address book because they have been added to an eternal master list is always a thoughtful process. In some cases, like the childhood friend I recall as being my first friend in life, it took a couple of years. But, as I remove [oldud] from my address book I’ll smile once more at the thought that anyone who referred to himself as [oldud] as he aged up demonstrated the type of good humor that would make friends and we send condolences to them and his family, and wish him peace.

Following is [oldud’s] obituary:

Jack R. Dudley, 89, of Batavia, died Monday (December 1, 2014) at the United Memorial Medical Center in Batavia.

Jack was born June 8, 1925 in Canada, a son of the late William and Dorothy (McCarthy) Dudley.

A veteran, Jack served with the United States Army. Jack was the founder of the Jack R. Dudley Tennis Program which has served the community for several decades. He earned his law degree at the University of Buffalo, his Doctorate of Education from the University of Rochester and began his professional career as a counselor at Attica Schools. Jack spent the remainder of his career teaching statistics at SUNY Brockport.

Survivors include a sister, Jane (Bruce) LaWarne of Canada; a sister-in-law, Jean Dudley of Bergen; thirteen nieces and nephews and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

He is a brother of the late Keith Dudley, Stan Dudley, Frank Dudley and Ida Carey.

Calling hours [were] Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the H.E. Turner & Co. Funeral Home, 403 East Main Street, Batavia. Services [were] at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday also at the funeral home after calling hours. Burial will be in Grandview Cemetery, Batavia.

Memorials may be made to the Richmond Memorial Library, 19 Ross St., Batavia, NY 14020, YMCA, 209 East Main St., Batavia, NY 14020 or the Jack R. Dudley Tennis Program, care of Larry Redband, 28 Union Square, Batavia, NY 14020.

For me it is distressing when typos go out in my Updates. It is bad enough that the system I use to distribute Update deletes punctuation, particularly quotation marks and the apostrophes for some recipients but it is more distressing when I make an error or typo and, especially, when I catch it before sending out the Update but fail to make the correction in the master document. Such is the case with the [piece] instead of [peace] in the previous Update.
Greetings:

In addition to typos and other errors in Update I also hate it when I forget to include something an emeritus/emerita has shared with me, particularly when the information is time sensitive. Such is the case presented here:

This was received from Elaine Miller before my last two Updates.

The band that I play in (New Horizons) is the subject of a documentary film called Music for Life that was aired on WXXI this past Thursday, Dec. 4th. It can be accessed on the WXXI website through Dec. 15th, doing a search on: WXXI.org/New Horizons Music [or going directly to http://interactive.wxxi.org/musicforlife and scrolling down to click on the arrow to start the video.]

I've been playing percussion in the band since I retired and love it. New Horizons is part of the Eastman School of Music Community Outreach program, and we work with tutors who are grad students at the Eastman. Our local website is: ROCNewHorizons.org

BTW: we need more musicians. If you're in the area, think about it! If you're not in the area, check to see if there's a New Horizons program wherever you are. There are about 200 in the U.S, and in seven or eight countries overseas.

Thankfully, for those interested, you still have a couple of days in which to view the [Music for Life] that was aired on WXXI by going to the website mentioned above. Fortunately, I found the email from Elaine as I was doing some email housekeeping today.

Give it a look if you have time. It is a fairly compelling message and because it is a video you can move quickly over the fund-raising messages.

Carpe diem,

Bud

December 16, 2014

Greetings,

The following information was distributed to the campus community yesterday:
Memorial Service for Dr. F. Nwabueze Okoye

Members of the College community are invited to a memorial service commemorating the life and work of Professor F. Nwabueze Okoye, PhD, of the Department of African and African American Studies. The service will take place this coming Saturday, December 20 at 4:00 p.m. in the banquet hall of the Turkish Society of Rochester, 577 Beahan Road, Rochester NY 14624.

Dr. Okoye’s professional life was fully dedicated to the Department of African and African American Studies at The College at Brockport, where he has taught generations of students since 1970. He was also highly involved with the Nigerian Association of Greater Rochester in leading and supporting the work of that organization. The AAS Department has been in close consultation with leaders of NAGROCH and with Dr. Okoye’s immediate family as they decide on the most appropriate ways to acknowledge his passing. In addition to this week’s memorial service, there will ultimately be a full burial service at a later date in Dr. Okoye’s home town of Ogidi, Nigeria.

The obituary for Dr. Okoye appeared in Sunday’s Democrat and Chronicle newspaper. The funeral home website at www.meesonfamily.com also has information and an online guestbook for memories and messages of condolence.

The Department of African and African American Studies intends to establish a scholarship fund in memory of Dr. Okoye. Any contributions to support his legacy in this way may be sent to the Brockport Foundation, 350 New Campus Drive, Brockport NY 14420. Donations should be made payable to the Brockport Foundation, with the notation that they are intended for the Dr. Okoye Memorial Fund.

Here is the obituary referenced above:

Okoye, Nwabueze Felix, PhD.

"Ononenyi"

Brockport: Saturday, December 6, 2014. Predeceased by his parents, S. I. and Grace Okoye; sister, Victoria Nwosu. Survived by his wife, Chinwe Okoye; son, Nwabueze "Eze" Okoye; daughters, Nneka, Chika and Ifeoma Okoye; brothers, Hon. Ike "Ochendo" Okoye, Dr. Steve Okoye, Bertram Okoye Esq; sisters, Anene Okoli and Ifeoma Ezeanozie.

Dr. Okoye is the founding father of the Department of African and African American Studies at SUNY Brockport where he taught for 44 years. He also was known as the father of the Nigerian Association in the Greater Rochester Inc. He was able to make a tremendous impact on the Rochester community through his dedication as an educator, historian and activist and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.
Dr. Okoye's Memorial Service will be celebrated Saturday December 20, 2014 at 4:00 PM at the Turkish Society of Rochester Banquet Hall, 677 Beahan Road, Rochester, NY 14624. Interment will be held in Ogidi, Anambra State, Nigeria at a later date. For more information and to sign his online guestbook, visit www.MeesonFamily.com - See more at: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/democratandchronicle/obituary.aspx?n=nwabueze-felix-okoye&pid=173460064&fhid=3890#sthash.mk2x2vk9.dpuf

Carpe diem,

Bud

December 22, 2014

Greetings,

Today the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle includes the obituary of Richard T. Mahoney Jr. I include it in this Update because he is the son of the late emeritus Richard Mahoney and stepson of emerita Pat Nugent. Dick Jr., along with his father and stepmother and others in the family are known to many of you so I thought you would want to know about this passing and the scheduling of the memorial party at the SUNY Brockport Alumni House. We send peace and love and condolences to the family.

Mahoney, Richard T., Jr.

Brockport: Passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Thursday, December 18, 2014, at the age of 58. Predeceased by his parents Richard T. Mahoney Sr. and Alberta A. Ketchum. Survived by his brothers: Mark, Jeffrey, Stephen and Michael (Maren); step-mother, Patricia Nugent; beloved nieces and nephews: Anastasia, Jennifer, Kelley, Sofia, Raine, Fiona, Allison, Sarah, Jackson, Nicholas and Tabor.

Richard was rooted in an independence and a true-to-himself life that most of us can only dream of. He lived his life his way. He and he alone chose his priorities. The priorities he chose, and lived by without compromise, were: faith, compassion, truth, intellect, heart, love, character, generosity and kindness - all expressed with a brand of originality you had to see to believe. He made us better. Even in his absence, now, we learn from him.

We aspire to follow in his footsteps.

There will be no prior calling hours. A memorial party will be held on Saturday, January 10 at 2:00 PM at the SUNY Brockport Alumni House, 142 Utica St., Brockport, NY, 14420.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing may contribute to the Hildebrandt Hospice Care Center, 2652 Ridgeway Ave., Rochester, NY 14626. - See more at: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/democratandchronicle/obituary.aspx?n=richard-t-mahoney&pid=173539376&fhid=7382#sthash.US8AuMVF.dpuf
Better news evolves from the reading of a recent article in the New York Times about emeritus Nathan Lyons. I have taken the liberty of lifting the article and presenting it here.

Making Metaphors From Photos
By Rena Silverman Dec. 12, 2014
Dec. 12, 2014 (NY Times)

“Things occur,” Nathan Lyons said, referring to how he starts making photographs, which has not changed for 60 years. “I simply collect images that I respond to, there’s no script to what I’m doing, it’s really based on my interaction with the things that I see that intrigue me or interest me or question me.”

But, what about things after they occur?

That’s when he arranges most of his photographs into diptychs, either on a wall or in a book. Suddenly two images take on a third meaning.

For “Return Your Mind To Its Upright Position,” a book and exhibition at the Bruce Silverstein Gallery in Manhattan, he placed an image of a rocking chair trapped inside a wire plant guard next to one of a city wall layered with scribbles: “ADHD” sprayed in large bubble letters and a smaller silk-screened message to “Reclaim your Life.” Suddenly, this trapped rocking chair framed alongside these messages takes on new meaning as metaphor.

“In metaphor, you are really taking two different elements and bringing them together to form a third,” said Mr. Lyons, 84. “It’s like Dylan Thomas, his use of the word ‘green’ in one of his poems, where he places it changes the implications of the color.”

This idea comes from his education as a poet. Born in Jamaica, Queens, to a family of mirror manufacturers, Mr. Lyons was expected to enter the family business. Rather than follow the path of expected courses at Alfred State University’s Technical College, however, he gravitated to summer classes in philosophy and creative writing.

When the poet Galway Kinnell asked students in his creative writing course at Alfred to complete the semester by submitting a poem, Mr. Lyons did not like this either. He walked to a bar miles away, drank whiskey, and wrote his way back through the thickets in a notepad, submitting it as his final poem. He has been hooked on metaphors ever since.

His plan to switch his studies was interrupted by the Korean War, where he enlisted in the Air Force as a photographer. He served in a reconnaissance technical squadron in Korea, where he processed thousands of photos daily, and later supervised a photo intelligence unit. His last year in the military was spent in Atlanta both as photographer and news writer. He composed poetry on the side.
In 1954, he returned to Alfred as an English major, but this was a turning point for other reasons. In a Quonset that served as the student union, he met John Wood, a professor of design who had studied photography with Harry Callahan. At one point Mr. Wood turned to Mr. Lyons and said, “You know, a photograph can be more than just a photograph.”

“That whole notion intrigued me,” Mr. Lyons said. “I was probably just right to hear what he had to say.”

Mr. Wood’s comment didn’t set in right away. Mr. Lyons spent the next several years discovering its meaning.

After Mr. Lyons graduated from Alfred in 1957, Mr. Wood encouraged him to show his photographs to curators, with the goal of getting to Chicago, where he could study with Aaron Siskind or Callahan. Instead, a failed Jeep left him with a used Plymouth station wagon and an urgent need to find a job in order to get to Chicago. Some friends let him stay with them in Rochester while he searched. After several interviews, he landed a position at the George Eastman House and became curator.

He organized groundbreaking shows, including Lee Friedlander’s first solo exhibition. In 1969, Mr. Lyons left the museum because of issues with trustees and formed the Visual Studies Workshop in a 3,000-square-foot wood shop with a handful of graduate students and the help of SUNY Buffalo. All the while, Mr. Lyons, who moved around the country for teaching positions, kept photographing the urban and social landscapes around him, including text on walls.

“Many ideas become expressed on walls, people writing on walls or posters on walls,” he said.

This really took off in his later work.

One photograph is a whole assortment of found typographical display. Computerized words like “Bäst,” a smaller “OBEY,” an oval that says: “YOUR REMEDY” overhung by a ripped printout of a diving man crashing into it. Stripes behind “IN YOUR HEAD” on an arrow pointing right and “A REASON FOR LIVING.” All of these statements contrast the months or years of hand-scribbled announcements, like “RiNG BELL.”

These wall remarks, he said, are “pronouncements of certain issues in time.”

And time, another theme in his work, is something he employs through his use of sequence.

Take the massive grid at the front of the Bruce Silverstein Gallery, which is on display until Dec. 20. With 32 diptychs, eight frames across and four down, this sequence nearly fills the wall, with each row across featuring images from one of Mr. Lyons’s four books.

“It’s sort of like Walt Whitman’s ‘Leaves of Grass,’” he said. “There are references back and forth that connect through all four books.”
But, unlike his image-making process, none of Mr. Lyons’s books just “occur.” The first book, “Notations in Passing” (1974), took him 10 years; the second book, “Riding 1st Class on the Titanic!” (1999), took 20 years; the third book, “After 9/11” (2003), took 13 months (this was after he retired); and the fourth book took six years.

“I want people to go to them once, get some level of meaning out of them, then go to them again,” he said. “And again and again and again. That to me is when it’s really working.”

[Note: I believe it was around 1988 that Nathan Lyons and the Visual Studies Workshop was organizationally moved from SUNY Buffalo to The College at Brockport and continues to have a significant presence in Rochester at 31 Prince Street. Congratulation to Nathan on receipt of this recognition of some of his work in his lifetime of achievement.]

Roundup:

Emeritus Bernie Lynch is ready to jump beyond his 80s in another year and reports that he is doing well but not running any marathons. I laughed when he told me he had had pneumonia so many times he finally had to learn how to spell it. For many of us on this distribution list we have had to learn a new vocabulary (ailments and medications) since retiring that challenges our spelling and pronunciation skills. Since retirement Bernie has spent 23 years as a volunteer at Strong Memorial Hospital so I guess that regardless of how he is feeling he is still going [strong.]

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John McMahon, a relatively new staff member in the Development Office, is interested in identifying World War II Veterans who were associated with the college either as employees or students. Jeanette D’Agostino Banker and I have shared with him the names of employees we know served or we think served. I am sharing it here in case some of you might be able to make corrections or additions to the list and to see if any of you can help with his project by providing photographs of our veterans in uniform and/or a couple of paragraphs about a veteran’s experience in the war. Here is the list of former employees Jeanette and I believe to be WWII veterans as of this date:


* = deceased
Mike Andriatch sent me a copy of a letter Pat Taylor, an inaugural year recipient of a Chancellor’s Award in 1973 while working at the College, wrote to the Editor of the NY Times in response to a December 2, 2014 article. We thought it might be of interest to those of you whom knew her when she served the College (Political Science 1966-1984) particularly since her position supported more funding for public higher education.

To the Editor:

Re “Most Don’t Earn Degree in 4 Years, Study Finds” (news article, Dec. 2):

In recent decades, state governments have repeatedly cut back on the funding of their public universities; universities have responded by expecting their students to take out loans to pay for the large increases in college tuitions and expenses. One result is that many of these students now end college with substantial debts. Another is that many public university students are holding down jobs at the same time they are taking courses. It is my experience in 20 years of teaching at a public university that this work-and- (try to)-study pattern has unfortunately become a cultural norm, accepted by students. Learning is shortchanged, and not surprisingly only one-fifth of public university students finish in four years.

The time has come to restore higher levels of public funding to public universities so that students can afford to be full-time students, as they need to be to realize the full benefit of going to college.

PAT TAYLOR Washington, Dec. 3, 2014

Include or exclude, that is the question! Its political (exclude) but is representative of the current activity of an emerita (include) so, I’ll let you be the judge by choosing to view or ignore. Here is the note I received from Margay Blackman, Emerita and Mayor of Brockport.

Your latest note reminded me that subscribers to your newsletter might be interested in a discussion that I was involved in on the Evan Dawson show on WXXI on Wednesday December 10. The topic was on the value of Villages and I participated along with Mayor Rick Milne of Honeoye Falls. Here’s the link for anyone who wishes to listen to the show:


In a recent conversation with Maury and Liz Kleiman I learned that they have given up email and are no longer receiving Update or any other email for that matter. They are still doing OK in Glen Falls, New York but if you wish to communicate with them you will have to access the emeriti directory by choosing Directory from the Quick Links on the College’s homepage and then choosing the Internal Directory and then Emeriti. The internal directory requires a sign on.
If you still have a College email account you can use your email sign on. If not, you will need the generic sign on. If you have forgotten it, email me and I’ll give it to you.

Carpe diem,

Bud

January 6, 2015

Greetings,

Over time I have had feedback that tells me that I have sometimes neglected the devil-side of some of those I have written about in Update and I admit to having struggled in choosing from several drafts on a couple of occasions. So, while I am deeply saddened with what I must report in this Update, I am grateful and confident that there will be general agreement with any superlatives that could be used to describe Ralph Gennarino, a human being and educator who was near to perfect in the nurturing way that he interacted with others. Ralph, who passed at around 6:30 am yesterday morning had served the College in several capacities, lastly as Vice President for Educational Services, from 1962 until he retired in 1977, ending a career that started as a high school teacher and administrator. When Albert W. Brown came to the College as President in 1965 he immediately saw Ralph’s many talents and Ralph became a significant “go-to” person both for bridging Brockport’s past with its future and for creating bridges when necessary between those with different opinions that calmed the waters as the College’s agenda transformed it from a Teachers’ College to a College of Arts and Sciences during the late 60s and early 70s.

Sadly, this little guy with the big heart has left us, but his legacy lives on in the hearts and minds of all of us who knew him and worked with him and learned from the excellent example his life provided.

Here are some remarks that I have made in the past about this humble but remarkable man that I think are worthy of repeating.

The following was included in an Update on April 6, 2006:

As part of the dedication of the Albert W. Brown Building at 2:30 p.m. on Friday May 5, 2006 the college will honor Dr. Ralph P. Gennarino, emeritus Vice President for Educational Services. Ralph will be honored for his dedication and support of SUNY Brockport through the years by placing a plaque on the enclosed bridge that connects the Albert W. Brown Building to the Gordon F. Allen Administration Building and to the Bernard W. and Ruth Drake Memorial Library. This is a nearly perfect symbolic tribute to the Brockport leader who was a significant communication’s bridge between the Administration and others—including faculty, staff, students, and the greater Brockport community—during his tenure at Brockport. Ralph P. Gennarino is held in high esteem by all who knew him because of his heart, his integrity, his commitment to constantly striving to improve processes and communications, his fairness and his trustworthiness.
Following is one sample of draft language for a plaque that I wrote several months ago that provides strong clues about how people who knew Ralph feel about him.

Ralph P. Gennarino Ed.D
Vice President for Educational Services (1962 - 1977)
State University College at Brockport

A master manager, mediator and mentor-educator who was dedicated to enhancing the communication and organizational structures, systems, processes and procedures to ensure that they provided fair and efficient bridges between students, faculty/staff, administrators and the greater community.

And here is another piece included in an Update at a different time:

Also, on this final-registration day, I am honoring Ralph P. Gennarino, Vice President for Educational Services Emeritus (1962-1977) by placing his picture on the main page at the emeriti website. Dr. Gennarino served the college with distinction for many years with responsibility for academic advisement, admissions, registration and records, student financial aid, and other units as well during his career. For a short period of my career I had the pleasure of reporting to Dr. Gennarino myself. I observed that he was an executive who worked very hard to promote the college not himself. He was thoughtful and direct but always known for being very fair. When problems arose in his areas of responsibilities he did not procrastinate -- he immediately investigated, sought the best solution available at the time, consulted, confronted the problem, directly presented the solution, took responsibility for whatever actions were necessary, and moved on -- no problems festering on his watch! Although he may wish to deny it, Dr. Gennarino had a great influence on me early in my career at Brockport and I had the pleasure of reporting to Dr. Gennarino myself. I observed that he was an executive who worked very hard to promote the college not himself. He was thoughtful and direct but always known for being very fair. When problems arose in his areas of responsibilities he did not procrastinate -- he immediately investigated, sought the best solution available at the time, consulted, confronted the problem, directly presented the solution, took responsibility for whatever actions were necessary, and moved on -- no problems festering on his watch! Although he may wish to deny it, Dr. Gennarino had a great influence on me early in my career at Brockport and I thank him for his guidance. I know there are many of his former direct-reports and associates who likewise hold him in high esteem. Ralph, we all thank you for your contributions to SUNY Brockport during your career and beyond -- those of us who know you personally also thank you for your guidance and for all the great memories!

And, many of us will cherish our times with Ralph, President Emeritus Albert W. Brown and others on Chautaqua Lake in recent years. A couple of years ago Ralph, at age 90, arrived for a luncheon gathering on his new Spider Motorcycle which is an example of how he lived his life right up to the end. This past summer he enjoyed a month-long trip to Italy and had plans for a two-month trip next summer. While those who loved him, will sorely miss him we are all happy that he was blessed with an accelerated dash to the finish line when his time came.

We have just learned the details for the calling hours and funeral for Ralph as follows:

Friday, Jan. 9:
Calling hours from 6 to 8 pm
at Lind Funeral Home
805 W. 3rd Street
Jamestown 14701
Saturday, Jan. 10
Funeral Mass at 11 am
St. Mary of Lourdes
42 Main Street
Bemus Point 14712

We send our condolences to Ralph’s family and friends as they celebrate his life.

Other sad news:

We have learned of the passing of Bhim Madan in Virginia on New Years Day. Emerita Raj and Bhim had moved to Arlington to be closer to Bhim’s medical care at Johns Hopkins. While Bhim’s hope of recovery had been extinguished some time ago the end time still stings because it brings such finality. While I did not know Bhim very well, and only encountered him with Raj at events, I know Raj well enough, and she is of similar cloth to Ralph Gennarino, so as Bhim was worthy of her love, we mourn the passing of another good man. Bhim was known more intimately by many of you as he played a role in the Brockport community in addition to his connection to the College through Raj. We send out condolences to Raj and the rest of Bhim’s family and his friends at his passing.

We have no information about memorial arrangements for Bhim yet but I will share them if, and when, it becomes available.

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Rocco Salomone, former student, athlete, and Head Football Coach, and his family, can use your thoughts and prayers now. Rocco’s cancer has returned and he is opting for experimental treatments not covered by his health insurance. Bill Jones, an alumnus who played football with Rocco, has started a fund to help Rocco with his medical expenses. If you wish to contribute you can find out more and donate at the following link or donate directly to Rocco by mailing a check to him at his home address, 6 Coleman Creek Road, Brockport, NY 14420

http://www.gofundme.com/jgi9ik

[Rocco, our thoughts are with you as you continue your battle and it goes without saying we want you to be as successful in this as you have been as a student, an athlete, a coach, a husband, a father, and a role model in this being-human endeavor. Fight on!]

I am really hoping for better news as we move further into 2015 but the very fact of “who we are” on this distribution list has shortened the distance to the finish line. So….

Carpe diem,

Bud
Greetings,

I am sorry to report the passing of another retiree. Marilyn Fahmer began her service to the College as a Typist in August 1961 and retired as a Senior Typist in August 1984. It is my somewhat confirmed recollection that she worked in the Campus School when emeritus Andrew Virgilio was Principal and during her employment had other assignments and supervisors. My memory also suggests that Marilyn chose to retire rather than move to another department during the period of staff/position reductions required because of financial exigencies in the early 1980s. Whatever the circumstances I remember Marilyn as being a caring, competent, low maintenance, and pleasant person. We send our condolences to her family and friends as they prepare for life without her. Following is her obituary from the Rochester D&C.

Fahmer, Marilyn W.


No prior calling. A private Graveside Service will be held at Garland Cemetery in the spring. Her family, in keeping with her love and concern for the welfare of animals asks those wishing to donate to the Humane Society at Lollypop Farm, PO Box 92297, Rochester, NY 14692-9933 in her memory. - See more at: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/democratandchronicle/obituary.aspx?n=marilyn-w-fahmer&pid=173749678&fhid=7327#sthash.WJfcKTKp.dpuf

We send our condolences to Marilyn’s family and friends.

The obituary of Ralph Gennarino was not available when I prepared the last Update but I thought those of you who knew him might be interested and I also wanted to create a record of it for the Rose Archives at the College so I have copied it and include it here:

GERRY — Dr. Ralph P. Gennarino, 93, formerly of Stow, died Monday, Jan. 5, 2015, in WCA Hospital.

An area resident since 1971, he was born Oct. 24, 1921, in Oneonta, the son of John and Marianna Tanzini Gennarino.

He earned his Bachelor of Education degree from SUNY Oneonta in 1946; Master of Arts degree from New York University in 1950; Doctor of Education degree from the University of Colorado on 1971; and his Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational
Administration in 1977.

Upon his graduation from Oneonta in 1946, Ralph took a position teaching sixth grade at the Pine Bush Central School in Pine Bush. Other positions held in Pine Bush Central were high school social studies and teacher of English, elementary and high school principal.

In 1956, he was appointed supervising principal of Maybrook High School and in 1958, he was appointed principal of the Montgomery-Maybrook High School. In 1961, he was appointed acting superintendent of Valley Central School in Montgomery. In 1962, Dr. Gennarino took a position as assistant dean at SUNY Brockport. There he served as associate dean of the college, assistant vice president for operations and he retired in 1977, as vice president for educational services.

His honors include 1977 Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Administrative Services from SUNY Brockport; 1977 Emeritus, Vice President for Educational Services; on May 5, 2006, in recognition for Dr. Gennarino’s dedication and outstanding support of the college, a permanent plaque honoring him was placed on the covered bridge connecting three of the main buildings on the campus. The plaque read, “Ralph P. Gennarino, a master manager, mediator and mentor-educator who was dedicated to enhancing the communication and organizational structures, systems processes, and procedures to ensure that they provided fair and efficient bridges between students, faculty/staff, administrators and the greater community.”

Since retirement from his career in education, he and his partner have been engaged in tree farming for more than 30 years in Gerry.

Other honors and activities include Outstanding Forest Landowner Award for 1992 — Presented by Region 9, Forest Practice Board; Master Forester Certificate from Cornell University; member New York Forest Owners Association; member of Lakewood Rod and Gun Club; Outstanding Service Award presented by the Alumni Association of SUNY Brockport; Life Member NYS Congress of Parents and Teachers; Charter Member Western Monroe Historical Association; member of Phi Delta Kappa Chapter at the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colo.; former treasurer Board of Cooperative Educational Services in Orange County; former member of Lions International; former Orange County area representative for March of Dimes; former member of the Board of Directors Alumni Association University of Colorado at Boulder; and a former Cub Master.

Ralph was a communicant of St. Mary of Lourdes Catholic Church in Bemus Point.

Surviving are a brother, Lawrence Gennarino of Oneonta, NH, two sisters, Frances Hodges of Pine Bush, NY; Katherine Biss of Holidaysburg, PA, and several nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, he was predeceased in death by his wife, Dr. Elizabeth B. Gennarino whom he married July 30, 1944 and who died November 8, 2007; a brother, John Gennarino of Oneonta, NY and a sister, Amy Malzone of Needham, MA.
A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Bemus Point, NY. The Rev. Todd Remick, pastor, will be celebrant.

Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Emmons, NY.

Friends will be received from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday in the Lind Funeral Home where the Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. and a Christian Wake Service will be led at 7:45 p.m. Friday.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Ralph P. Gennarino Scholarship, c/o Brockport Foundation, 350 New Campus Drive, Brockport, NY 14420.

We are still working on the identification of our WWII veterans and hope to end up with an accurate list with a picture in uniform and a few words about their service for each of them. Warren Fraleigh is recovering from a recent fall but has advised me that he will share some information and a photo when he is able. Irene Manitsas, who is a WWII veteran herself, has information to share on the late Bill Manitsas; Julia Miller, daughter of Adam and Jet LaZarre, will be sharing a photo and information about Adam’s service; and Jill and David Rakov will be sharing a photo and a little information about the service of Harold Rakov. If any of you know that a former employee served in WWII, and you have not reported his/her name to us yet, please share the information to help ensure we do not miss anyone.

Finally, I am sorry that I found out about an author’s-signing by emerita Teresa Lehr for her book “The Great Tonsil Massacre” at The Liftbridge recently until the day of the signing which was too late for sharing, but, for those interested, her book remains available there, as do copies of emeritus Ray Duncan’s books “Trespassers”, and “Patriot Trap”, which are both now available in paperback for those who prefer to hold onto a real book instead of an electronic device.

Carpe diem,

Bud

January 28, 2015

Greetings,

As you know, I have again been collecting information about our WWII veterans and I am happy today to share the recently received war years’ story from Ian Henderson who celebrates a significant birthday today (see below). We honor and thank this Brockport couple, who celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary this year, for their many contributions to the greater Brockport Community and to the College. A 70th anniversary is a rare event and we belatedly congratulate them for their longevity in both their marriage and their lives. And, while we, and he, are blessed by the fact that Ian was not placed in harm’s way during WWII, we thank him for his willingness to serve and place himself at risk should his tour of duty have required a direct
Here is a description of my fantastically fortunate assignments in the US Navy 1943 to 1945…

I enlisted soon after the Pearl Harbor attack while serving my freshman and sophomore years as a student at Pitt. Then I went through the V-12 program at Bucknell University getting my boot training with about 90 other guys, a Navy Chief, a US Marine Sergeant and his Corporal. Then I was off to Northwestern University for midshipman training.

Once commissioned (at age 19), I was sent to The Mine Warfare School in Yorktown VA. All sixteen of my classmates went to sweep duties overseas but I was kept at Yorktown, assigned as Minesweeping Officer aboard the USS YMS 25 until the end of the war. I taught others how to sweep mines but never swept a real one myself. Rita and I married (70 years ago) in 1944 and she went to work as a secretary for the National Park Service in Yorktown. Her assigned living quarter was The Moore House Kitchen, a small stone structure beside the monumental house in which Cornwallis and George Washington's representatives signed the surrender agreements. She rented the house as a government employee for the monthly sum of twelve dollars and I was a five-minute walk away from the YMS 25 on those nights when I did not have late onboard watch assignments. My sweeper was twice temporarily assigned for ten-day sweeps of the main channel between Norfolk and ninety miles out to sea when enemy submarines were sighted late in the war and just before VE Day. We found one adrift German mine floating in that channel and sank it with our 50-caliber machine gun. That's the closest this teen-age naval officer came to combat duty.

Most of my life to my present age of 90 has been just like that--blessed with good luck and fine fortune, great family, friends, and colleagues. Who could wish for anything more? Include me on the list for very small contributions to that Great Generation where others gave so much more, and I'll join in honoring them.

[Ian, thank you for sharing, Happy Birthday, and a belated Happy Anniversary to you and Rita.]

And, although you can find out about events on the College’s website, I am including the following announcement as we celebrate Ian’s birthday since I believe he will enjoy knowing about it.

Brockport, NY – Since being renamed the Department of Theatre and Music Studies in 2012, the number of faculty members teaching music on campus has increased tremendously. This is cause for celebration! There is perhaps no better way to celebrate than allow some of those faculty members to show what they can do when they step away from the classroom. On Friday, February 6, 2015, they will take to the stage in Professors Performing: A Brockport Faculty Concert. The concert takes place at 7:30 pm in the
Tower Fine Arts Center Mainstage, 180 Holley Street, on the Brockport campus. Tickets are $16/General, $11/Seniors, Alumni, Faculty and Staff, and $8.50/Students. They are available online at fineartstix.brockport.edu, by phone at (585) 395-2787, or at the Tower Fine Arts Center Box Office, 180 Holley Street, Brockport.

During the 1980s, when budget cuts and other challenges were hurdles for the SUNY system, The College at Brockport counted its Department of Music among the casualties. Yet music was always to be found on campus, be it with the College’s relationship with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra or with its spectacular academic comeback in the early 2010s that led to the renaming of the department, the rebirth of the Brockport Symphony Orchestra, and a strengthened music minor.

This concert will truly be a survey of the talent and musical interests that the faculty brings to the classroom. Case in point: Dr. Natalie Sarrazin, the coordinator of the Music Studies program, has a passion for Indian music, especially as it is used in those magnificent Bollywood movies. She will be offering an aria from Handel’s oratorio, *Samson*, as well as an Indian folk song, accompanied on the piano by Brockport College-Community Chorus music director Brian Clickner. For his dissertation, Dr. Tony Dumas, visiting assistant professor of music, researched the conceptual intersection of Mediterranean, American, and Caribbean music, cultures, and identities. A musician of many talents, his main focus is the guitar, on which he will be playing the Cuban lullaby “Drume Negrita,” and “Nijar,” written in the flamenco style of Solea, named for a small town in Andalusia.

Tamara Wilcox comes to the concert stage by way of the Department of Dance, where she is the Director of Music and a pianist. She will be joined in a duet of Joan Tower’s “Fantasy (on ‘Harbor Lights’)” by Scott Horsington, adjunct lecturer, on clarinet. (Horsington’s other talent, as a champion diver and diving coach, would be much too intricate to bring to the Tower Mainstage!)

Eastman School of Music graduate and adjunct lecturer, Karl Stabnau, will bring jazz to the proceedings with a saxophone rendition of Billy Strayhorn’s “Lotus Blossom” as well as Jerome Kern’s standard “The Way You Look Tonight,” during which he will be joined by fellow adjunct lecturer and fellow saxophonist Casey MacFarlane. MacFarlane will travel back to the 18th century to play the Bach “Solo Partita in D Minor” on the saxophone, though it was originally written for a violin. Robert Laird, adjunct lecturer, will be playing a contemporary work, Frederic Rzewski’s “Piano Piece IV.”

So, join us on February 6, and take a moment to see our illustrious faculty sing for their supper. Or, play an instrument, as the case may be.

More information about The College at Brockport’s Fine Arts Series can be found at http://www.brockport.edu/finearts or on Facebook.

Jim Horn continues to push tourism in Mexico and especially the new Jardines de México located just 30 minutes from where he lives. As a result of his input, CNN Mexico recently
published a story about the Jardines in which it included a link to Jim’s blog where he has a lot
of information about tourism in Mexico. If you can read a little Spanish you can check out the
article and see the reference to Jim’s blog at:
morelos

Jim, congratulations for this recognition of your efforts to promote the gardens and tourism in
Mexico.

I recently completed the reading of Teresa Lehr’s [The Great Tonsil Massacre], and thoroughly
enjoyed it. I also read “The Lives They Left Behind, Suitcases from a State Hospital Attic”, that
features Willard State Hospital. In the [Lives Left Behind…] book there is the following quote
from Medical Historian, Gerald Grob, [The history of Medicine is, in effect, the history of
discarded therapies]. That quote should give us pause as we move forward in the aging-
treatment phase of our lives.

So, again…

Carpe diem,

Bud

February 5, 2015

Greetings,

I have just learned that emeritus Jim Cook received a prestigious award from the Rochester
District Golf Association (RDGA) recently for his work and service to the RDGA for the past 15
years, for his 30 years as a volunteer and rules official with the NYS Golf Association, and for
his 14 years as an official with the United States Golf Association. Here is the news release from
the RDGA.

Rochester District Golf Association (RDGA) News
January 15, 2015

In a special ceremony held at Locust Hill Country Club last month, past Rochester
District Golf Association President Jim Cook was honored with the District's top honor
for volunteerism for his years of service to the District.

At the RDGA's annual Holiday Celebration in December, newly-elected District
President Dan Overbeck presented the RDGA's Distinguished Service Award to Cook, citing
many of the initiatives that Cook helped to enact during his tenure as a Board
member - including those that have taken the RDGA from what was originally an all-
volunteer operation, to one that today operates with a full-time professional staff, along
with the assistance of its Board of Directors, club delegates, and a roster of Rules
officials, course raters and other volunteers.
The RDGA Distinguished Service Award is presented only on special occasions, not necessarily every year. Only a handful of recipients have been presented with the honor.

Cook, who thanked Overbeck and other members of the Board for the recognition, was grateful for the opportunity to help transform the RDGA into the modern service organization it is today, along with the dedication of those who served with him on the Board through the years.

During Cook's tenure on the Board, the RDGA streamlined its operations, established a permanent office, computerized the tournament registration process and set up a Foundation that allows the District to accept donations to help promote golf throughout the Rochester area. The addition of a full-time professional staff allows the RDGA’s services to be accessible to its members and the community on a year-round basis.

Cook also sees the presentation of the award as an opportunity to highlight the important roles that volunteers play within the RDGA.

"We serve a lot of people," he said, referring to the more than 14,000 people in the Greater Rochester area who are members of the RDGA and hold USGA GHIN handicaps through the RDGA, "But a lot of people don't know what we do. We've made great strides to open up competitions to golfers of all abilities, to men and women, as well as juniors."

[Congratulations Jim for your receipt of this award in recognition of your role in golf for many years. It is particularly rewarding to receive such recognition for post-retirement activities. Enjoy the satisfaction that comes from having your work appreciated!]

I have confirmed that emeriti are invited to participate but to have your publications and accomplishments included you must submit them no later than the end of February.

This spring semester, Drake Memorial Library is organizing a celebration of our distinguished faculty’s numerous accomplishments. Drake is creating a list of faculty achievements for the years 2010–2014. Due to our prolific faculty, we will not include every publication and accomplishment. We will include at least one noteworthy scholarly or creative work for as many different faculty members as we can find. If you would like to be sure your achievements are recognized, we would appreciate your input. Please use the link below to let us know what you have accomplished during the years 2010–2014.

contact: Wendy Prince, wprince@brockport.edu
submitted: Mon, Jan 26, 2015 by wprince
links: https://forms.brockport.edu/view.php?id=789565

Emeritus Bob Getz, himself a Korean War Era Veteran, recently shared some information with me about the WWII service of the late emeritus Kennard Rumage. I will be sharing that information with John McMahon and others at the College when I complete the collection of
information on a handful of emeriti I know served in WWII. The College is also interested in collecting stories and pictures from all who served in the military, not just WWII veterans, so I’ll be happy to share your names, photos of you in uniform and your stories with the College if you want to pass them through me. In communications with him, Bob also shared information about his activities that I share with you as follows:

Ann and I are doing well, and both of us are very involved with the Osher Institute of Life Long Learning at RIT. We have our own facility and the members do the teaching. The courses last for ten weeks and some for five. I usually teach a course in two of the three quarters. My most recent offering was The Permanent Jihad, and in the spring the subject will be Minorities in The U.S. Military. Teaching new material is great for the brain. For those who might be interested the number is (585) 292-8989.

In September, Dick Liebe and I took a fifteen-day trip to Athens and the Greek Islands with Road Scholar, formerly Elder Hostel. We had a great time! For the curious, our spouses did not want to go.

[Bob thanks for sharing both the Rumage story and your news. It must be very rewarding to be able to choose the subjects of your presentations and then learn so much yourself doing the research to prepare for them.]

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A former ambassador will be discussing the future of the Middle East at the College on February 12th. Here is the announcement for this lecture that honors the late Dr. Sarwat Malik, wife of Professor Salahuddin Malik. Because Dr. Malik has served the College since 1970 and is known to most of you, I am sure he would enjoy seeing friends and former colleagues in attendance at this lecture that is sure to be informative about this very important issue of our times. Here is the announcement:

Ambassador Peter Galbraith, senior diplomatic fellow at the Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation, will headline the inaugural Dr. Sarwat Malik Lecture Series at The College at Brockport, State University of New York, on Feb. 12.

Ambassador Galbraith will deliver a lecture titled “Unwinnable War: US strategy and the Islamic State” at 7 pm in the Tower Fine Arts Center on the Brockport campus. It is open to the public and no tickets are required. The series is designed to provide a forum for learning to bridge-build and advance dialogue about Islam, Middle East and South Asia between students, faculty, and the community at large.

Ambassador Galbraith served as U.S. Ambassador to Croatia from 1993 to 1998 and was actively involved in the Croatia and Bosnia peace processes. He helped mediate the Erdut Agreement that ended the war in Croatia by providing for peaceful reintegration of Serb-held Eastern Slavonia into Croatia. In his work at the Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation, he focuses on Iraq, the greater Middle East, and conflict resolution and post-conflict reconstruction.
Parking is available, free of charge, in Lot G. For more information, attendees can call 585-395-2451.

Carpe diem,

Bud

February 12, 2015

Greetings,

I have very sad news to report today. Betty Jane Nasca, an alumna who was dedicated to the Alumni Association for many years, died on Wednesday, February 11, 2015. In addition to her support of The College at Brockport, Betty was well known to many of you through her work in the community, including working the polls on election day, through her professional work at a mathematics teacher, and through her contributions to her church, among many other activities. I first met her through her work with the Faculty Wives Association many years ago. We also had contact with Betty in our early years at Brockport as her beautiful daughter, Betsy, who predeceased her at a very young age, was one of our favorite baby sitters and on a few occasions when she was unavailable, David, Betty’s son provided these services. Betty will be sorely missed in this community. We send condolences to David and the family as they mourn their loss and celebrate her life. Following is Betty’s obituary from today’s Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

Nasca, Betty Jane

Brockport: Passed away on Wednesday February 11, 2015 at the age of 83. Predeceased by her daughter Betsy Rojas and sister Maxine Tillotson. She is survived her children David (Lynette) Nasca, step grandchildren Stacey (Ronald) Smith and Rick (Kristie) Hinkson, step great-grandchildren Dylan Smith, Conner Smith and Luna Hinkson.

Family and friends may call on Friday February 13 from 2-4 and 6-8 pm at the Fowler Funeral Home Inc. 340 West Ave., Brockport. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday at 11:30 am in Nativity Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 152 Main Street, Brockport. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may contribute to the SUNY Brockport Alumni Association. - See more at: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/democratandchronicle/obituary.aspx?n=betty-jane-nasca&pid=174120991&fhid=7382#sthash.hTsejh0h.dpuf

Thanks to College Archivist Charlie Cowling for digitizing a movie of Brockport in the 1930s recorded on 8 mm film by Emmet Costich, a student at what was then called, “The Training School”, a k-8 school where teaching students helped to educate the children. Dave Tyler’s staff has just posted a e minute clip of the 45 minutes of home movie file on YouTube for all to enjoy.

See the movie at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sU GhZc9LVmA
Many have probably heard the news, but it is definitely worth (over $25M worth) making sure you all know that this week Brockport surpassed its goal in The Campaign for Brockport. Following is the announcement from Mike Andriatch, the new Vice President for Advancement and President of the Brockport Foundation. It says it all!

**We’ve Surpassed Our Goal!**
The Campaign for Brockport is at $25.4 million and counting.

As you know, The College at Brockport has been engaged in a campaign to raise $25 million for scholarships, academic programs, campus beautification and the many other enhancements that allow Brockport to offer an exceptional educational experience to our students. We are very pleased to announce we have surpassed that ambitious goal and have now raised more than $25.4 million.

Many people never dreamed we would reach this goal – let alone more than 16 months ahead of our target date. But, we’re not done yet! We like to break records here at Brockport – that’s part of our vision – so we will keep counting all gifts and pledges toward our campaign total until our fiscal year ends June 30, 2015. The sky is the limit!

So many have played extraordinary roles in helping the College make this unprecedented commitment toward student success. It would not be possible without our alumni and friends, who have been generous beyond belief providing scholarships and support for key College priorities. The same is true for our Faculty and Staff campaign and Emeriti and Retirees committee. You are all the true heroes of campaign, and we are deeply grateful for all that you do for Brockport.

We also want to acknowledge a special core group of people who have helped make this amazing success a reality. Our president, Dr. John R. Halstead, has made campaign one of his top priorities during his tenure at the College and has been an outstanding champion. He has devoted his time, talent and treasure, but most importantly his leadership, to take us over the top. Roxanne Johnston, our recently retired vice president for Advancement and president of the Brockport Foundation, poured her heart and soul into the success of campaign.

We couldn’t have done any of this without our incredible volunteers. The Brockport Foundation Board, under the leadership first of Diane McCue for the first three years of campaign and now Joe Doody, has been with us every step of the way. The Campaign Steering Committee, led by Doody, Glenn Goldberg and McCue, has been an instrumental force by provided advice, counsel, inspiration and strategy throughout campaign. Our deans and other members of College leadership have also been supportive in so many ways. They have been asked to become major players in the philanthropic culture change at the College and have stepped up.

We will officially celebrate with the Brockport community on April 24, 2015. In the meantime, send out a cheer to all Brockport Golden Eagles on Facebook, Twitter and all your social networks. Words cannot express how much we appreciate your dedication to Brockport and student success. None of this would have happened without you!
Best,

Mike Andriatch ’85
Vice President for Advancement
President of the Brockport Foundation

Congratulations are again in order for Emeritus Jim Horn. At the fifth anniversary of civic organization Identidad Morelos on February 9, 2015, Jim, along with others, was recognized for his contributions to strengthening the identity of Cuernavaca and the State of Morelos. Jim has shared a photo of him with friends and Jorge Morales Barud, Mayor of Cuernavaca on his Facebook page. I am presuming you will soon be able to see it and others from the event on his blog at https://jimhornnews.wordpress.com if interested.

Thanks to all of you who have shared information about our veterans. We have collected a lot of information and received lots of promises for more. There are several of you that I know have served in the military that haven’t been heard from yet and we hope you’ll share a photo and some information about your service for this project. At a minimum, we are hoping to obtain enough information from each veteran (branch of service, dates of service, military specialty, locations of service, units in which served, etc.) to point in the right direction for anyone who wishes to do further research. But, more information than that, like what you’ll find in the Al Brown, Maury Kleiman and Frank Hillman stories by scrolling at the “Your News” link on the emeriti website is both encouraged and welcome.

Go to: http://www.itss.brockport.edu/%7Ermeade/your_news.htm and scroll for the Brown, Kleiman and Hillman examples.

While the Brockport community continues to grieve the passing of Rocco Salomone, I want to bring to your attention a fundraising activity that was scheduled prior to his death that will still be held to help the family with expenses. From noon to 4 pm on Sunday, March 1, 2015, Crossroads Hair Studio, 4756 Lake Road, Brockport will be doing haircuts by donation with proceeds going to Rocco’s family. There will also be a Chinese auction and food. So, if you can hang onto your hair until March 1st, you can shed it then for a good cause.

Carpe diem,

Bud

February 20, 2015

Greetings,

While the weather in Brockport can wear on us, it is nothing like the storms caused by the passing of beautiful people, and such events put our lives in this hard winter into perspective.

Sadly, after a long and courageous battle with cancer during which she was able to put on a smiling face and continue to bring joy to her family and friends, Linda Hartmann said her
farewell to this world on Wednesday. Linda was well known to many of you who had the pleasure of receiving her friendly greeting and her competent services in her various assignments as Typist, Keyboard Specialist, Stenographer and Secretary I, that included Residential Life, Registration and Records, Student Affairs, Faculty Senate and Academic Advisement before serving from September 1995 to September 2010 as secretary to Associate Provost, Michael Fox, the position from which she retired.

Following is her obituary as posted on the Fowler Funeral Home’s website:

Linda M. Hartmann (Cardinale) of Brockport passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Wednesday, February 18, 2015. Predeceased by her parents, William and Perenna Cardinale.

She is survived by her loving husband of 47 years, Wayne T. Hartmann; daughters, Lori C. (Loren Romley) Hartmann, Diane J. (Bob) Wood, Heidi L. (Jason) Squillante; eight grandchildren; sister, Joyce Napolitano; several nieces and nephews.

Linda was a devoted secretary with SUNY Brockport for over 20 years. She was cherished by all whose lives she touched.

Friends may call on Monday, February 23 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Fowler Funeral Home Inc., 340 West Ave., Brockport. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Nativity Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Brockport.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing may contribute to the Rochester General Gynecological Oncology Department.

[We send our condolences to Wayne and the family and friends of Linda Hartmann who will be sorely missed.]

Although not an emeritus or directly connected to the College, I know that many of you are acquainted with the Fowler family of Fowler Funeral Home. Only a few months ago Brockport mourned the loss of Cortland Fowler Sr. and now is saying goodbye to his son, Cortlandt Fowler Jr. I know that many of you and your families knew, or knew of, Cortlandt Jr. and would want me to mention his passing. Our spirits are more drastically deflated when deaths are out of order and it is hard to accept that the son of a woman I first met when she was a student employee in the Placement Office in Vanderhoof Hall in 1967-68/1968/69 has died. I remember Nancy as an excellent, upbeat student employee and she has remained excellent and upbeat throughout her life. We mourn with her and her family as they deal with their untimely loss. Here is Cortlandt’s obituary from the website of Fowler Funeral Hoe.

Fowler, Cortlandt F. Jr.

Brockport/Kendall: Passed away suddenly on Monday February 16, 2015 at the age of 43. Predeceased by his father Cortlandt F. Fowler Sr., and mother-in-law Janet Rohde. He is survived by his loving wife of 16 years, Jennifer; children Ashlyn and Cortlandt III
"Trey", mother Nancy Fowler, sister Tamara (Joshua) Rossman, nephews Gavin and Zachary Rossman, father-in-law James Rohde, 2 sisters-in-law, 1 brother-in-law, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and many dear friends

Friends may call on Friday February 20 (TODAY) from 2-4 and 6-8 pm at the Fowler Funeral Home Inc. 340 West Ave., Brockport where a funeral service will be held on Saturday at 4 pm. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may contribute to the Kendall Volunteer Ambulance or the First Presbyterian Church of Brockport.

Better news from the Hamlin-Brockport Herald follows:

In 2012, the Monika W. Andrews Creative Volunteer Leadership Award was established as a memorial by three municipalities “to encourage, recognize, and reward outstanding creative leadership by residents of the Towns of Sweden (including Brockport) and Clarkson who have served as volunteer leaders in improving the lives of their fellow citizens and the greater Brockport community.” During the February 2 Brockport Village Board meeting, the third annual award was presented to Norm Frisch. Mary Edwards and Sue Savard each received a Certificate of Merit. All three received a certificate and cash award.

Anyone who knows emeritus Norm Frisch will agree that he is very deserving of this award for the many things he does and because of the humble way he takes on the various yokes he has worn. We sent our congratulations to Norm for this well deserved recognition and congratulate the other awardees as well. Because Norm is an emeritus I am including the write up on him from the Herald below. But the others are well known to many of you, and Mary Edwards of course has a direct connection to the College, so I direct you to http://www.westsidenewsny.com/news/2015-02-16/three-honored-for-devoted-contributions-to-the-community/ for the rest of the story.

Norm Frisch
With dedication to the wider Brockport community, graphic designer Norm Frisch has contributed his expert skills through several media. Located around Brockport are eight interpretive panels with his layout of photos, maps, and facts etched in metal depicting Brockport’s history. The brochures for the dedication of the eight panels were also Norm’s contribution.

The panels are produced by the Brockport Community Museum on whose board Norm serves. He also created the museum’s web site with graphics and information (www.brockportcommunitymuseum.org).

For the Sweden Bicentennial Committee, he designed brochures for the Sweden home tours and barn tours, plus promotional materials for other Bicentennial events. For the Village of Brockport, he created the brochure about the “Low Bridge High Water Festival.” He helped Village Clerk Leslie Morelli format the annual village events schedule in poster form on the web and in print. Norm designed the advertising and brochure for the Village Old Home Weekend 2013 and 2014. For Walk! Bike! Brockport!, he created the group’s brochure and Sweden’s Community Walking Park Trail brochure.
Norm is also a former member of the Emily L. Knapp Museum Board of Trustees and a current volunteer who provided scanning and photography services for the museum’s renovation. The Selection Committee’s unanimous vote for Norm Frisch included the statement: “Over a period of many years Norm Frisch has exemplified the spirit of the Monica Andrews Creative Volunteer Award by accepting and completing an enormous number of projects as creative consultant and as working manager. It is evident to the Selection Committee…that our three communities are fortunate to have Norm Frisch who brought us creativity, art, leadership and noble humility.”

Carpe diem,

Bud

March 4, 2015

Greetings,

In my haste to make the last Update timely about one of the obituaries, I failed to attribute the article in the Hamlin-Clarkson Herald about Norm Frisch’s receipt of the Monika Andrews Award to freelance writer Douglas Hickerson. Doug, a former Associate Vice President for Student Affairs at the College writes frequently about events and people in the community and, because many people related to the College are very active in the Community, as you would expect, many of his articles either mention or highlight individuals well known by our group. Such is true of his article in the March 1st issue of the Herald in which he pays tribute to Alicia Fink as a Leader, Educator and Artist who serves “locally and in her birthplace Ecuador.” If you do not have access to the print version you can find this article and others written by Doug Hickerson on the Internet at:
http://www.westsidenewsny.com/author/doug-hickerson/

[Congratulations to Alicia and thanks to her for her services!]

For those of us who missed the snowbird flight to warmer climes, it is time for us to start shedding the winter blues. What better way to do it than to socialize with friends, while honoring John and Kathy Halstead (Halstead Success), from 4 to 6 pm at First Friday at the Alumni House on March 6th? As we all know, John and Kathy will be leaving Brockport at the end of the academic year as John will be retiring following the completion of 10 years of service as President. There will be many opportunities throughout the spring to thank the Halsteads for their accomplishments and their legacy at Brockport, but this setting will likely be one of the best opportunities for personal contact. So, say goodbye to the winter blues and be on hand to wish the Halsteads “Fair winds and following seas” as they embark on the uncharted waters of their retirement.

As has been reported previously I, with the help of Jeanette D’Agostino Banker, am helping the College, (Julie Pruss and John McMahon, in particular), identify veterans within our group and
The project has been extended to include all who served without restriction to any specific period or conflict. I expect to remain personally involved in this project until the return home of some snowbirds that want to be included but do not currently have access to photos and information. Until then I will continue to try to identify veterans and to collect basic information, military stories the veteran or family member is willing to share, and a photo, or photos, of the veteran in uniform, and to draft their page for inclusion in a larger document. The response and the stories received have been great. You will learn the identify of the veterans later but I can assure you that people who have been in our midst have stories to tell that include, for examples, being beach master for the D-Day invasion, sitting on the bottom of the ocean listening to depth charges overhead, overshooting a landing on an air craft carrier, surviving an attack by a Kamikaze pilot, running out of gas while flying solo in a training flight, sweeping for mines off the east coast of the U.S., and having an accident in a war factory while waiting for orders after enlisting that prevented him from serving. Veterans on this distribution list who have not already responded are invited to be a part of this project by emailing me the information and stories they are willing to share and by attaching a photo of themselves in uniform.

Dave and Peggy Hale recently spent two weeks in Chile and Argentina, where everyone was enjoying summer. The tour included visits to two ranches, a winery, a microbrewery, several cathedrals, Evita Peron's grave, and lots of scenery in Patagonia. When I received this note from David I asked if they had planned their own trip or travelled with a tour group. In his response, he advised me that they had travelled with Grand Circle Travel that was started as a spinoff from AARP. He said that they have done several reasonably priced trips with them since 2004 including a river cruise from Vienna to Amsterdam that they tacked on to a Presbytery trip to Hungary.

[David, thank you for sharing your trip and your experience with Grand Circle Travel.]

And, speaking of traveling, here is an email I received from Nancy Vander Molen a recent retiree from the Department of Recreation and Leisure that might be of interest to some of you, especially after this harsh winter:

I recently retired and have begun receiving your e-mails. In addition to my full-time faculty position, I have taken students to a variety of countries for the past 8 years through the International Education Department. My favorite country is New Zealand and the vendor I work with, Absolute Aotearoa (meaning land of the long, white cloud), is outstanding. Since this is a very small company that prides itself on personalized service, I discussed the possibility of offering a private tour for Brockport Emeriti and their family or friends with the owner/operator, Cam. The tour would will be in late January or early February next year. This time of year is summer in NZ, and the temperature is about 75 degrees and it stays light until past 9 p.m. I usually begin planning my overseas trips a year in advance so I thought this would be an appropriate time to mention the idea.

If there is enough interest, I would be happy to help coordinate this experience and answer any questions. Individuals would be responsible for their own flight and the tour would be about 18 days long. The company's information and photos of previous students tours can be found on their website www.absolutebus.co.nz. A specialized tour would be created for the Emeriti.
There is an example of an itinerary and price for a tour that was created for the Brockport Alumni at www.absolutebus.co.nz/toursnz/brockportalumni. It is difficult for individuals that are currently working to take so much time off from work so an Alumni group from Brockport did not go to NZ.

Anyone that is interested can contact me at nvanderm@brockport.edu. It would be helpful if "NZ: Emeriti" is in the subject line so I don’t confuse the message with my student groups.

If it appears that there is enough interest (10-14 individuals) then final dates and itinerary (like the one on the website) will be published within one month. Special requests can be made prior to the final itinerary since this is a customized tour designed just for this specific group.

Carpe diem,

Bud

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March 10, 2015

Greetings,

If you’d like to know the value of old stuff you have hanging around your house, other than yourself, here is a great opportunity to find out, while at the same time supporting the Drake Memorial Library, the home of the Brockport Archives, where we hope many of us will have our connection to the College remembered and available for future historians. Here is the event:

The College at Brockport is the place to be March 21-22 when the Friends of Drake Memorial Library (FODL) host the Antique Appraisers Road Show. The two-day event will take place at the Seymour College Union Ballroom and run from 9 am to 6 pm each day. The appraisers’ areas of expertise will include Asian decorative art, fine art, stamps, American documents, military artifacts, silver, jewelry, ceramics, glass, folk art, American furniture, sports collectibles and toys. A $5 fee will be charged for each of the first four items appraised with a flat fee of $25 for five items or more. Proceeds of the event will benefit Drake Memorial Library. For more information, call (585) 395-2380.

(FODL) was established in 2014 and is a group of committed volunteers working together to enhance and expand the library experience for all patrons of Drake.

Emeritus Norm Frisch, along with other emeriti and other members of the community are working hard to capture the stories of people who have been active in community affairs in recent years. It is a work in progress but you can find out more about it by visiting the website of the Brockport Community Museum as well as information about the library itself at: http://www.brockportcommunitymuseum.org/interviews.html.

While I am familiar with a lot of the people whose names are listed on the first page and who are part of the project mentioned above, I was pleased to see many names of people who have had direct ties to the College. Look at the list of names and watch for the addition of underlines to
names, as links to stories continue to become available. As of today, there are about 16 names that have active links to their stories and there will be more active links and more names as this project continues.

And speaking of old stuff hanging around the house, while we were in NYC a box of old letters came into our possession and was held for future reference under our bed. Since returning I have been working on them and have transcribed 49 of them that were letters home to Medina, New York from a civil war soldier with the NY 90th Regiment. As we watch the snow melt and anticipate the rain for this year’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade, it seemed appropriate to reflect on the Great Flood of 1865 that I learned about from a March 23, 1865 letter from the soldier to his brother in Medina, New York. Here is an excerpt from that letter sent from Camp Sheridan, Virginia:

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“It has been a long time since I have heard from home owing I presume to the state of the Rail Roads. I see by the N. Y. Herald that the thaw has raised the old [?] in a great many places Albany, Troy, Rochester, Buffalo and many other places and that the Central Bridge in Rochester was carried off by the water. We have not got any mail for the Regt of any amount for several days. We are in hopes that we will get some to night. It must be a sight to see the streets in Rochester with the water three feet in the Arcade and to think that a thousand stores are full of water. The amount of damage must be very heavy. I hope there are no lives lost but yet it is hardly to be expected that at such a time all will escape uninjured.”

The flood resulted from a spring thaw combined with lots of rain and the most dramatic and damaging overflowing of the banks of rivers and streams occurred on St. Patrick’s Day, which fell on Good Friday that year, and resulted in the cancellation of parades and events and petitions to the government to send soldiers home from the Civil War to help with the cleanup.

Thanks to the Mount Morris Dam, Rochester flooding has not been a problem for Rochester since the early 1900s and even though we’ve had a hard winter, we should not have to suffer any major flooding.

Rain or shine, snow or melt, carpe diem,

Bud

April 4, 2015

Greetings,

Unfortunately, I must begin with sad news today. I have learned of the passing last weekend of Professor Emeritus Stanley Mackun who served the College from 1963 until he retired in 1983 when the Geography Department was retrenched. His wife Kathleen, who predeceased him on November 20, 2013, was a retired elementary school teacher from the Brockport Central School District.
Stanley was known to be a very private man in life and now in death. It is my recollection that at the College he was a low maintenance professor who was devoted to his work. The only time I remember having contact with him at work was during the time of the retrenchment and he was gracious in accepting that decision. During the following years, we had brief verbal exchanges on Saturday mornings when we encountered each other at the Clarkson landfill. He was always the “gentle” man. He was also known to be a very devout participant at Nativity where his Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 am on Tuesday, April 6, 2015. We send our condolences to his son Paul and other family members and friends.

The structure for the Gerald D’Agostino memorial has changed from a lecture related to Physical Education and Sport to a Memorial Football Clinic. The first annual Gerald D’Agostino Memorial Football Clinic will take place in the McCue Auditorium - Liberal Arts Building from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on Sunday, April 12, 2015. This year's speaker is Jason Rebrovich, an Assistant Coach with the Buffalo Bills. Jason will speak on defensive line philosophy and techniques in attacking the 4-3 defense. Jason is entering his third season as an assistant coach with the Buffalo Bills. During his first season with the Bills, he helped coach a defense that established a franchise record 57 sacks. Last year, Buffalo's aggressive defense ranked fourth in the NFL in both points and total yards allowed. The Clarence, NY native came to the Buffalo Bills following defensive coaching stints at Syracuse University, SUNY Cortland, Ferris State, and Concord University.

The contact person for this event is Jason Mangone, 350 New Campus Drive, Brockport, New York 14420, email: jmangone@brockport.edu

The Brockport Community Museum continues to add life stories of some of Brockport’s well-known senior citizens, some of whom are directly related to the College. Check out the current stories and watch for many more to be added at:

http://www.brockportcommunitymuseum.org/pdfs/interviews/

[I mentioned Norm Frisch’s contributions to this project in a past Update and in his modest manner he wanted to ensure that the right people are recognized and I honor his request: “Sue Savard should be recognized for taking the lead role in conducting the overwhelming majority of the Brockport Community Museum interviews (about three dozen). Others include: Robert & Celia Berry who did two, Edwina Markley did one, Patricia O’Brien did three, Deborah Talley did two, two college students did one each under Sue’s supervision, and two middle school students did one under Jim Fallon's supervision.

The last page of each interview attributes all those who contributed to each interview.”

We thank Norm for sharing this information and all of those involved in this meaningful project to capture some history of the community and the college from some of those who have lived it.]

Herb Fink, a proud emeritus, has shared this information from the Rochester D&C:

Brockport Resident, Alicia Fink is one of five winners of Lifespan’s Second Half Heroes
Award that recognizes adults 60 and older who break the stereotypes of aging.

The four other award winners were: Alison Clarke of Rochester, Fran Caruso of Webster, Dr. Warren Glaser of Fairport and Dr. Walter Cooper of Penfield.

Winners were honored at Lifespan's "Celebration of Aging" luncheon on March 25 at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center, attended by a record crowd of 1,470 guests.

Joan Lunden, host of the "Good Morning America" show on ABC for two decades, was the keynote speaker for the event.

One of over 40 nominees, Fink's qualifications included her hands-on support for a school in her birth place Ecuador; searching out and publishing the unknown women poets in Ecuador; starting her own jewelry design business; and leading the Western Monroe Historical Society for four years as the current president.

Lifespan of Greater Rochester, Inc., founded in 1971, provides more than 30 services and employs 115 at several locations to help older adults take on both the challenges and opportunities of longer life.

[Congratulations to Alicia for her receipt of this special recognition and thanks to her for the work that earned it.]

Following is an invitation from Kelly Tufano, Volunteer Coordinator on behalf of the Commencement Committee.

Dear College at Brockport Emeriti,

On behalf of the College’s Commencement Committee, I would like to invite you to volunteer for a 2015 Commencement ceremony. Becoming a member of the team that makes it all happen will give you an opportunity to continue your contributions to student success, reconnect with your former colleagues, and celebrate with the campus community as we deliver the College’s capstone events.

There are many different jobs available, and on the sign-up form we have included an estimated shift time for each. You can volunteer for as many ceremonies as you’d like.

Graduate Ceremony
Fri., May 15, 3:30-7 pm SERC
Reception follows in the SERC

Undergraduate Morning Ceremony
Sat., May 16, approx. 7 am – 12:30 pm SERC
School of Health and Human Performance and the School of Science and Mathematics
Reception follows in Tuttle North Gyms 205/206
Undergraduate Afternoon Ceremony
Sat., May 16, approx. noon – 4:30 pm SERC
Schools of The Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; Business Administration and Economics; and Education and Human Services
Reception follows in Tuttle North Gyms 205/206

If you would like to volunteer, please visit www.brockport.edu/commencement/volunteer to complete the sign-up form by May 8.

If you sign up to volunteer, please plan to attend a training session on Thursday, May 14 from 11:15 am-12:15 pm in the SERC House of Fields.
As a small token of appreciation, a buffet-style “thank you” lunch will be available on Saturday from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm in the Tuttle South Gymnasium.

For more information, please visit http://www.brockport.edu/commencement or contact the Office of Conferences and Events at 395-5648 or at commencement@brockport.edu.

Sincerely,

Kelly Tufano

Volunteer Coordinator, on behalf of the Commencement Committee

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I am having the time of my obsessive life with the veteran’s project. It is really a lot of fun collecting the stories and photographs. I particularly enjoy comparing the photos of our former employees when they were in the service with photos from when they were employed at the College. And, of course, the stories that have been shared for many of the veterans are both informative and enjoyable. As of today, I have information and photos to share for nearly 100 veterans, mostly emeriti and other former employees, a few current, that I think will make a nice view book and maybe a website. I invite all veterans who have not yet contacted me who are former or current employees to share with me a photo of themselves in uniform, some basic information about their military service and some stories from those days for inclusion in this project.

Carpe diem,

Bud

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April 5, 2015

Greetings,

At 4:00 am on April 4, those of us who knew him well lost the possibility of further encounters in this world with one of the most admired, beloved, competent/compassionate, dedicated, ethical/efficient, faithful, gracious/good, honorable, impartial, just, knowledgeable, laudable, motivational, natural, optimistic, positive, qualified, respected, successful, truthful/trustworthy, upbeat, valiant, warm, “x”ellent, youthful, and zealous leaders with whom we have been blessed
to have been associated in this life. The passing of Maurice “Maury” Kleiman, our former boss-subordinate-mentor-competitor-friend-companion, is bittersweet for all of us. While his quality of life in the past year might lead us to agree that his passing was a sweet blessing, his death makes many of us shudder as our long road through our careers at the College, and in this life, get ever shorter, and the frequency of the passing of our friends and former colleagues continues to accelerate.

Regarding the quality of being efficient, Mike Oshier has reminded me that it marveled many of us who were less organized just how organized and efficient he was. “At the end of every day he had the most organized desk in the building while the rest of us worked in disarray.” Mike also reminded me of how Maury’s quiet/calm management style often brought calmness to stressful situations and I am sure many of you can relate to his ability in this regard.

Maury endeared himself to everyone who encountered him in this life, at work, at play, or just engaged in the act of living. While no one is perfect, and trying to be so might lessen the chance for this type of remembrance, with Maury nothing comes to mind that is not pleasant…he was a good, good man!

Beyond having the privilege of having Maury for a boss/mentor, Ed Kumar has told me he will have fond memories of fishing trips with Maury and his son Warren, and others, including Mike Oshier and Craig Hazen, to such places as the Thousand Islands, Lake Ontario, and Canada; along with many friendly low stakes poker games he and Maury had with the late George Cornell, the late Don Harbison and others; and their countless racquetball game competitions.

Of course, Mike and Craig share these memories and agree, as we all do, that Maury was one fine human being and we all benefitted from his service, his compassion and his gentle hand in all that he accomplished in this life.

Former presidents Brown and Van de Wetering were good judges of character and ability when they put their trust in Maury Kleiman and I am quite sure that his management of the financial affairs of the College kept them out of the line-of-fire on several occasions. They were blessed to have someone on their staff with the character he had demonstrated while serving in WWII, especially when he volunteered to go back into harms-way to recover a fellow soldier.

While I have talked with Maury or Liz since, the last time I saw them was when Sandy and I joined them for dinner at Fazool’s Restaurant their last day in town in the summer of 2013 and enjoyed their companionship. Prior to the meeting of the foursome, Maury, Frank Hillman, and I had lunch together at the Village Inn on July 23, 2013 and I felt particularly honored to be in the presence of two World War II veterans and hear more about their military service, their careers, and their lives. Fortunately, they had previously shared their military stories and you can find them by scrolling through the “Your News” page at: http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm

Here is the like to Maury’s obituary as posted on the internet by the funeral home: http://www.sbfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Maurice-Kleiman/#/Obituary
Maurice (Maury) Kleiman, 89, of Glens Falls, formerly of Brockport, NY passed away peacefully in his home on April 4, 2015. Born in Rochester, NY, to Manuel and Jenny Kleiman on February 7, 1926. Maury enlisted in the army at the age of 17 and served with distinction during WWII in the 70th Infantry Division “Trailblazers”. His unit engaged in some of the most intense action of the Alsatian campaign and Maury was awarded a bronze star for valor.

A longtime employee of the State University of New York (S.U.N.Y), Maury retired as the Vice President for Administrative Services at S.U.N.Y. Brockport in 1986.

Maury is survived by his wife, Constance (Liz); his sister Rita, his son, Jerry and his wife, Helen; daughter, Bonnie; his son Warren and his wife Fran; his son, Ethan and his wife, Kristine; his daughter, Isabel and her husband Tim, and 7 grandchildren.

His wife and family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to Maury’s wonderful caregivers.

Maury will be laid to rest at the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery during a private ceremony.

We send our condolences to Liz and Maury’s family and friends as they mourn their loss and celebrate the life of our mentor and friend.

Carpe diem,

Bud

PS. In a January 16, 2013 Update I shared a story about when I worked for Maury in Hartwell Hall many years ago and remembered taking messages for him several times of the passing of some family member when I was covering his phone during the lunch hour while he played racquetball for enjoyment and fitness. He told me at the time that his family seemed not to have longevity on its side and that was partly why he played racquetball…striving to beat the odds. That perseverance seems to have paid off, but having played against Ed Kumar in lunch hour basketball, I am awe struck that playing racquetball against Ed Kumar could have been a factor in the improvement of life expectancy.

April 11, 2015

Greetings,

I am sorry to have to share some more time-sensitive sad news this morning. Carol Blake, who is well known to many of you and is the wife of Professor Emeritus Robert “Bob” Blake, who served in Education and Human Development from 1963 to 1995, passed on Wednesday. I did not know Carol personally but I send my condolences to Bob who was one of those individuals
who first welcomed me to the campus in 1967 and who now must suffer the departure of his lifetime partner. Following is Carol’s obituary from the Rochester D&C.

Blake, Carol, C.
Brockport: Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at age 81. Survived by her loving husband, Robert W., of 62 years, her children; David Whittier (Linda) from Dallas, TX, Brett Elizabeth of Port Washington, Long Island, NY, and Robert W. Jr (Jennifer) of Cockeysville, MD; grandchildren, Robbie Clark Moe, MacKenzie Grace Blake, and Matthew Reagan Blake.

Carol's life was fulfilled by her love of animals, her love of antiques and antique shows, and by her many years sailing at the Brockport Yacht Club.

Friends may call at the Fowler Funeral Home, 340 West Avenue, Brockport Sunday April 12th from 2-4 (with reception immediately following at Blake home in Clarkson). Funeral service to be held at Fowler Funeral Home, Monday April 13th at 10am. Interment at Garland Cemetery in Clarkson to follow. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the animal shelter, Lollypop Farm, 99 Victor Road, Fairport, NY 14450.

As usual there are many activities and events competing for our involvement this time of year and there is no way that I can repeat them all in Update without hiring a staff. But, if you are interested in such, please keep abreast of what is going on by visiting the following sites on a regular basis:

Daily Eagle: http://www.brockport.edu/eagle/
Brockport Village: http://www.brockportny.org/
Town of Sweden: http://www.townofsweden.org/

I recently heard the sad news that Charles Clevenger, who is known for his great mind, his wit and charm, and his many professional contributions for the period of his career that he served at Brockport and thereafter as he had much success as he pursued his career in higher education in Pennsylvania, was recently diagnosed with brain cancer and has been undergoing treatments, including surgery, chemo and radiation, at the Cleveland Clinic. As he has great confidence in the medical team there, he is staying for the time being with his son who lives close by. Mail will reach him at these addresses:

4632 Broadale Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44109 (until about May 15th)

1105 Stratford Drive, Carlisle, Pennsylvania 17013 (home)

Please keep Charles and his family in your thoughts and prayers as they deal with his illness.

Carpe diem,

Bud
April 16, 2015

Greetings,

Following is a reminder-invitation from Mike Andriatch, Vice President for Advancement and President of the Brockport Foundation who hopes to see many of us at this event. Please note the RSVP (by 4/20):

You are invited to THE Campaign Celebration!

The entire Brockport community has been instrumental in the great success of *Pursue Something Greater*, the Campaign for Brockport. More than $25 million has been raised thus far, and we will celebrate as a campus family on Friday, April 24, starting at 6 pm in the Seymour College Union Ballroom. There is no charge for this event, which includes great food and beverages and live music (starting at 7:30 pm) presented by the band *Something Else*.

Please RSVP (by 4/20) by contacting Kim Ehret at x5124 or kehret@brockport.edu. Dress is cocktail attire.

We truly hope you will join in this celebration of success!

Similarly, Jamie L. Beers-Wilson, Alumni Relations and Development, wants to make sure that emeriti know that they are invited to the following event and she hopes to see many of us in attendance.

April 29, 2015

7 pm
The College at Brockport
Seymour College Union Ballroom
Reception to Follow

Join us to hear a life-changing message from a group called “Sweethearts and Heroes”, on bullying, racism and the importance of having compassion for one another. This presentation promises to open your mind and ignite action on the Brockport campus.

Speakers include an Iraq War Veteran and two former Brockport All-American athletes.

We all have the potential to be someone’s Sweetheart and the power to be a Hero!

Sponsored by:
Brockport Student Government
Office of the President
Office of Diversity
Prevention and Outreach Services
And, I am sharing the following information received from Professor Emerita Margay Blackman:

This is the third year of "Low Bridge High Water", now moved from the first weekend in May to May 14-16. It coincides with graduation weekend for a reason beyond the usually better weather. We hope to attract some of the graduates and their families to our Friday night event. This year we have a fund-raising mission as well: to bring rowing to Brockport as a community sport. Additionally, some of the proceeds will be going to Camp Abilities and Camp Good Days.

[As I advised you in my last Update, you can find out more about these events and many others by visiting the following websites on a regular basis:

Daily Eagle: http://www.brockport.edu/eagle/
Brockport Village: http://www.brockportny.org/
Town of Sweden: http://www.townofsweden.org/

You’ll find details for this last event at the Brockport Village link.]

Carpe diem,

Bud

May 4, 2015

Greetings,

As usual I’ll get the bad news out of the way first. Since the last Update I have learned of the passing of former employees Paul N. Hehn, History Professor Emeritus (1968-1990), and John Keenanahan, a former maintenance assistant in Facilities. Paul passed on January 4, 2015 and John Keenanahan on March 14th. I knew them both but not well. Paul was active in UUP and was often in attendance for labor-management meetings but more as an observer than a contributor. John was a knowledgeable and capable employee. In recent years, we had enjoyed connecting occasionally via email.

Paul left behind this poem as his obituary at Swan Funeral Home in Clinton, CT. See: (http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Paul-Hehn&lc=2632&pid=173737244&mid=6264531)

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
to dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave
When life is done.

Beyond that poem, I was also able to find a bio/obit on the website of the American Historical Society that includes his picture. You can view it at: http://historians.org/publications-and-directories/perspectives-on-history/may-2015/im-hehn for the picture, and here is what it says about Paul:

Paul N. Hehn was the son of a German immigrant father and a French-Canadian mother. Born in Manhattan and raised in the Bronx, Hehn received his BA from the University of Oregon in 1950 and his MA from Columbia University in 1954. Two years later, he traveled to Germany for a year of study at the University of Munich courtesy of the Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (German Academic Exchange Service); after Munich, he spent a year conducting archival research in Yugoslavia. Returning to the United States, he earned his doctorate in history from New York University in 1961. For a number of years afterward, he taught at various institutions of higher education in Ohio and at Temple University.

In 1968 Hehn was hired by the State University of New York, College at Brockport, where he was a member of the Department of History for the next 22 years. While at Brockport, he was known as a teacher and mentor who challenged students to think critically and who paid attention to their personal interests and needs. His dedication to teaching was second to none, and he changed fundamentally the lives of many of his students. He published his first book, The German Struggle Against Yugoslav Guerillas in World War II: German Counter-Insurgency in Yugoslavia, 1941–1943 in 1979. He also contributed several articles to such scholarly journals as the East European Quarterly, Balkan Studies, and The Polish Review. Always an activist, on campus and off campus, Hehn was a union militant, playing a central role in organizing the Brockport College faculty into a stronger collective bargaining unit.

After retiring in 1990 as professor emeritus of history, he intensified his research and writing on World War II and eastern European history. In 2002, decades of research came to fruition with the publication of his life’s major intellectual endeavor, A Low Dishonest Decade: The Great Powers, Eastern Europe, and the Economic Origins of World War II, 1930–1941. Hehn consciously borrowed the first portion of his title from the great British poet W. H. Auden. A Low Dishonest Decade is a history of the political economy of the coming of World War II in Europe. As The Independent Review: A Journal of Political Economy wrote, “in an area of studies whose motor has been historians’ fascination with the political or diplomatic origins of the war—indeed, -frequently, with its personal origins in the form of Hitler,” Hehn “contends forthrightly that economic rivalries . . . formed the essential and primary cause of World War II.” Hehn’s “vast research apparatus (100 pages of footnotes and bibliography),” the review noted, “would be humbling for many historians.” The basic economic conflict between the great powers was over access to markets and raw materials in Eastern Europe. Publishers Weekly wrote that Hehn’s “imperialist theme is compelling” and powerfully argued.

Hehn was fluent in five languages—Russian, French, German, Spanish, and Serbo-Croatian—
and highly literate in reading Polish, Bulgarian, and Italian. Until shortly before his death, he was at work polishing a book manuscript, which was under consideration for publication, on the partisan war in Yugoslavia during the period 1941–45. A World War II veteran, he served as a US Navy Seabee in the South Pacific and Japan in 1945 and 1946. He is survived by his three children and his wife, Phyllis Pallett-Hehn.

David O. Stowell and William Smaldone
Willamette University

[We send our condolences to his family and friends.]

AND, following is John Keenahan’s obituary from a recent issue of the Rochester D&C:

Albion: John Keenahan, 73, died peacefully on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at the age of 73. Before he retired he was a supervisor of maintenance for NY State group homes for disabled people. John was born in Schenectady, NY on January 9, 1942 to Martin B. Keenahan and Laura Coldwell Keenahan. He grew up in Ithaca, NY.

He is survived by his son, Paul Keenahan; and his grandson, Logan Keenahan. Other survivors include his sister, Luise Lonergan (Wallace); three nephews, James (Marete) Eadie, Douglas (Kelli) Eadie and William (Diana) Eadie; grandnieces, Heather and Jocelyn Eadie, & grand nephews, Kristian, William and Liam Eadie.

John was a generous and kind man. He had a unique perspective and sense of humor. His wonderful friends and neighbors in Albion, NY greatly enriched his life, and his family is indebted to them and to the outstanding doctors and staff at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, who did everything possible to heal and comfort him during numerous hospitalizations in recent years.

His family will have a private service at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Carlton Fire Company, 14341 Waterport Carlton Road, Albion, NY 14411 in appreciation for the exceptional ambulance service they provided when John needed it.

[We send our condolences to John’s family and friends.]

In a January 6, 2015 Update I reported the death of Bhim Madan, husband of beloved emerita Raj Madan. At that time, there was no obituary published but there was one in the Rochester D&C yesterday that I thought I should share so here it is:

Madan, Bhim S.

Brockport: Bhim S. Madan, a longtime resident of Brockport, passed away peacefully on Thursday January 1, 2015, in Arlington, Virginia. Born in India in 1934, Bhim immigrated to the United States in 1957 with his wife Raj, after completing his undergraduate degree in Mathematics. He then attended the University of Missouri, and received a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, and M.S. in Industrial Engineering.
Bhim's professional career as a Mechanical & Industrial Engineer began in New York City in 1961. In 1965, he accepted a position at General Electric in Brockport. Thereafter, he worked at Delco Products (and its successors ITT and Valeo) in Rochester, NY, until his retirement. He participated in a number of golf leagues with his colleagues, and developed deep roots in the community.

He is survived by his wife and best friend of 57 years, Raj Madan; sons Ajay (Allison) and Neal, grandchildren Connor and Jacob; his sister and two brothers; dozens of very close relatives on both sides of his family, and dear friends.

In lieu of a public ceremony, condolences may be sent to the family at 501 North Lombardy Street, Arlington, VA 22203, and memorial gifts may be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation online at http://pulmonaryfibrosis.donorpages.com/Tribute/BhimMadan or by mail to 230 E. Ohio Street, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60611-3201. - See more at: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/democratandchronicle/obituary.aspx?n=bhim-s-madan&pid=174768527#sthash.ohaxVgsO.dpuf

[We continue to keep Raj in our thoughts as she adjusts to life without Bhim. Raj will be in Brockport for some time during the summer and looks forward to bumping into us in and around town.]

Better News!

If you don’t already have it on your calendar, know that emeriti are included in the following invitation from the College:

Please join us in wishing President and Mrs. Halstead farewell at a campus-wide retirement celebration tomorrow, Tuesday, May 5th, and thank them for their 10 years of service to the College. Faculty, staff and students are welcome to this event, and refreshments will be served. The celebration will take place from 1:30 – 4 pm in the SERC House of Fields, and the formal part of the program will begin at 2:30 pm.

And, I was pleased and humbled to be presented with the Brockport Foundation’s Volunteer of the Year Award by last year’s recipient, Kathy Halstead, at the Recognition Luncheon a week ago Friday. I share this award with all of you who contribute to “Update.” Check out http://www.brockport.edu/newsbureau/2111.html to see more but know that I am a “highly compensated” volunteer via the personal interactions I have with many of you and I share this award with you.

Here samples of the compensation I receive:

1-27-2006
Dear Bud:

How kind of you to pass on your review of CONTINUUM! Really appreciate it.

Re: some of my computer realizations and experiments. It was Greg Ketchum who put me on this road. I had just about given up composing since my handwriting was going from bad to worse! Greg said: "No Problem." Greg had been a student of mine for several years and then I became a student of his!

Academia isn't bad, is it?

Ira Schwarz

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1-28-2006

Dear Bud:

Thanks again for the review of Continuum. In my first note to you I mentioned the computer help I received from Greg Ketchum. I should have noted, as well, that Sondra Fraleigh was most supportive. She and I worked together on at least 12 dance pieces, some of which were presented in numerous venues in the U.S., Canada and Japan. In one, I even got to dance.

(God help us!)

Best to all of you,

Ira Schwarz

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5-16-2006

Dear Bud:

Thank you again for your update. Your description of the events of May 5 made me feel that I was there. I wish I could have been! Al and Ralph were brilliant and colorful administrators whose enthusiasm, imagination, and humor were inspirational and it would have been great to greet old friends.

As pleased as I am to receive the Up-Date, it is always sad to learn of the passing of colleagues. Dying and remembering, I am reminded, are conditions of growing old; both problems and blessings. Your notes, however, help me to re-enjoy precious memories.

I ran across some lines of Thomas Moore ("Oft in the Stilly Night") the other day which expressed this much better:

When I remember all the friends so link'd together
I've seen around me fall, like leaves in wint'ry weather
I feel like one who treads alone a banquet hall deserted,
Whose joys are fled, whose garlands dead,
And all but he departed.

Best to all!

Ira Schwarz

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5/27/2006
Dear Bud,

Feel free to use whatever you wish from my last note to you…

I seem to have acquired a tumor on my lung that is evidently cancerous. I have vetoed most of the heroic medical options; however, I may undergo a series of radiation-therapy treatments if additional tests indicate that I am eligible for this type treatment.

Not the best of news, but I have had 84 years of a generally good life, so I can't complain. Mary has been a real blessing.
Take care,
Ira

Sadly, I had to share the following information in Update shortly after these exchanges with Ira but those exchanges remain special to me.

June 17, 2006

Greetings,

I have mostly sad news to report today. I don’t know about you, but I preferred learning my ABCs as a child when they were apple, ball and cat…this aging, bereavement and condolences alphabetic is downright demoralizing and depressing.

The worst of the news is that a frequent communicator with me and with this group will no longer be contributing to or reading these updates nor will he be producing music for us to enjoy. Professor and Composer-In-Residence Emeritus Ira-Paul Schwarz, beloved by the many that knew him through his work at the college and in the community died last week.

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Better compensation, because he and I are still communicating, is this email from Henry Bretton. Do the math and keep Henry in your thoughts on May 18th as he begins a significant year in his life. Address:

10500 Academy Rd NE Apt 102 Albuquerque, NM 87111

7-3-2006
You may be interested knowing that on May 18, I reached my 90th also. I was amazed receiving a congratulatory card from the TIAA-CREF President himself. When a few days after the 18th, our Church had us sing the Dutch hymn "Now we all thank our God," I was reminded of something related to that day in 1916. I was told later that on that day, or about then, Imperial Germany had scored a naval victory somewhere. As was his custom and if he was in Berlin, whenever German forces scored a victory the Emperor would visit the Berlin Church eventually bearing his name. There he would join the congregation singing that hymn, in German of course, " Nun Danken Wir Alle Unseren
Gott."

I e-mailed our Pastor that seeing that hymn again on our agenda set me thinking, wondering what the losing sides might have been singing in their churches after a German victory. Then it struck me. They would be singing the same hymn, thinking that it could have been worse. All the best, Henry

Thanks for the wonderful work you are doing for Brockport and the emeriti, Henry Bretton

These are just examples, but, compensation doesn’t get any better than this!

[And, unbeknownst to me beforehand, as the recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award a $1,000 scholarship was awarded in my name to Alexander Farrell who is a sophomore majoring in physical education, with a concentration in adapted physical education. In just two years at Brockport, he has already put together an impressive list of accomplishments. Alexander volunteered three years for the Boys and Girls Club and has given his time to clean-up efforts at a church in his hometown as well as the Brockport Fire Department. He recently served as a substitute teacher at an elementary school in Ogdensburg and already has teaching experience in a variety of sports and activities. I am honored to have his scholarship carry my name and wish Alexander continued success at Brockport and in his life ahead.]

And, for emeriti: Please place a hold on your calendar for an Emeriti Reception for Dr. & Mrs. Halstead in the afternoon of Tuesday, June 16th and watch your mailbox for your invitation.

Carpe diem,

Bud

May 7, 2015

Greetings,

I am very sorry to share more sad/bad news today.

We learned on Tuesday of the passing of Judyth Marsden Kenney, wife of esteemed emeritus Gregory Kenney. We mourn with Greg and his family and send our condolences to all who knew Judyth and her family as they remember their time with her as they celebrate her life. Following is Judyth’s obituary from the Rochester D&C:

Kenney, Judyth Marsden

Brockport: Judyth Marsden Kenney, 70, of Brockport NY born March 21st, 1945 and died May 4th, 2015. Judy, daughter of Dr. William and Dorothy Marsden and loving wife of Dr. Gregory Andrew Kenney, passed away on May 4th at Strong Memorial Hospital
surrounded by loved ones after a battle with pulmonary disease. She was a 1967 graduate of SUNY College of Brockport. She is survived by her husband Greg aka Doc, daughter DeAnn (Gary) and three sons Greg (Amy and former spouse Jane), David (Jen), Scott (Amie) and seven grandchildren Zach, Garrett, Genny, Donovan, Sophia, Seth and Gianna. She is also survived by her siblings, 12 nieces and nephews and 16 great nieces and nephews as well as her cousins.

Celebration for life will be held this Saturday at Fowler Funeral Home in Brockport, NY at 2:00 PM.


Condolences to Greg at:

Gregory Kenney
52 Crestview Drive
Brockport, NY 14420

And, as well, we mourn with emerita Helen McLaughlin for the loss of her son Bryant who is a Brockport High School graduate and he, along with Helen, are known to many on this distribution list. We send our condolences to Helen and her family as they mourn their loss. Here is Bryant’s obituary from The Star, South Augusta, SC.

Bryant Kent McLaughlin
AIKEN, SC - Bryant Kent McLaughlin, 56, beloved husband of 24 years to Donna Supranowicz McLaughlin, died suddenly Thursday evening, April 30, 2015.

A native of Auburn, NY, Bryant was a son of Helen Healy McLaughlin and the late William Aloysius McLaughlin.

He grew up in Brockport, NY, graduated from Brockport High School and played on their 1977 state champion football team.

Bryant graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology with a BS in mechanical engineering, earned his Master's in mechanical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and his MBA from Elon University. He holds four automotive patents.

Bryant moved to Aiken 12 years ago from Ft. Collins, CO. He was a mechanical engineer with Chicago Bridge & Iron working on the MOX Project at the Savannah River Site.

Bryant will be remembered as fun loving, family oriented and a good son.

Bryant was an avid miniature wargamer who loved recreating historical battles in
miniature with his many friends. He was a friendly, brilliant, well respected and competitive wargamer. He became the Director of the Siege of Augusta miniature wargame convention held annually in Augusta, for which he took great pride. His tireless efforts did much to advance the hobby of miniature war gaming. Bryant also loved skeet shooting and playing the guitar.

Survivors, in addition to his wife Donna, include his daughter, Erin Marie McLaughlin, and mother, Helen Healy McLaughlin, all of Aiken; two brothers, George Gerald McLaughlin (Beth), Ft. Collins, CO, William Aloysius McLaughlin, Rochester, NY; two nieces, Laura Gresham (Melvin), Augusta, GA, Kerry McLaughlin, Rochester, NY; a nephew, Brandon McLaughlin, Berthoud, CO; great-niece, Liberty McLaughlin; great-nephew, Dante Gresham. In addition to his father, Bryant was preceded in death by a sister-in-law, Mary McLaughlin and nephew, Spencer McLaughlin.

[Edited] The family received friends Tuesday May 5th from 6 until 8 o'clock in the evening at Shellhouse - Rivers Funeral Home.

[Edited] The funeral was Wednesday, May 6th at 11 o'clock in the morning at the funeral home with The Rev. Dr. Henry L. Chennault officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to SPCA Albrecht Center for Animal Welfare, 199 Willow Run Rd., Aiken, SC 29801 (www.letlovelive.org) or American Heart Association, 190 Knox Abbott Drive, Suite 301, Cayce, SC 29033 (heart.org).

SHELLHOUSE - RIVERS FUNERAL HOME, 715 EAST PINE LOG RD., AIKEN, SC

Please visit the online guestbook at www.shellhouseriversfuneralhome.com

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Shellhouse-Rivers Funeral Home, Inc. - Aiken
715 East Pine Log Road Aiken, SC 29803
803-641-4401
Funeral Home Details
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- See more at: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/northaugustastar/obituary.aspx?pid=174772523#sthash.5riAqNKe.dpuf

Condolences to Helen at:

Helen McLaughlin
131 Harvest Lane
Aiken, SC. 29803

[Thanks to Phyllis Lista for bringing Bryant to my attention.]
May 15, 2015

Greetings,

This is a weekend of celebration in Brockport with College commencement activities at The College at Brockport beginning today (see: http://www.brockport.edu/commencement-home/) as well as a weekend community Canal Opening Festival that began yesterday. (scroll at: http://mail.twc.com/do/mail/message/view?msgId=INBOXDELIM7659

Unfortunately, as we prepare to enjoy these joyful celebrations, there are sad celebrations to share as well. I regret that the College has recently said goodbye to two students who passed recently, and now we record in our memories the passing of the following individuals who had ties to the College:

Sue (Pugsley) Cunningham

When we moved to Clarkson in early 1974, Sue Cunningham was First Lady of Clarkson as her husband Doug, who supervised student teachers for the College after retiring from Brockport School District, was the Supervisor of the Town of Clarkson. Sue was employed at the College from 1979 until her retirement in 2002, first working with Andy Aimola in the Accounting Office and then for Jim Vetuskey in the Bursar’s Office. According to Laurie Freeman, Sue was very good at what she did for the Bursar’s Office where she had primary duties as call manager. Laurie reports that during busy times Sue would handle four hundred calls a day relating to billing and the posting of financial aid awards to accounts and she handled them courteously and efficiently. Unfortunately, through much of Sue’s adult life she was plagued by poor health and on Wednesday she succumbed and passed from this life. So, we celebrate with Doug and the rest of her family and friends Sue’s work and her life and we send her family and friends our condolences. Here is her obituary from the May 15th Rochester D&C.

Cunningham, Sue (Pugsley)

Brockport: May 13, 2015 at age 69. Sue is survived by her loving husband of 51 years, Doug; daughters, Julie (Bill) Sanbeg & Jennifer (Shawn) Cropo; grandchildren, Kathryn & Thomas Sanbeg and Shawn Douglas & Anna Cropo; brother, Duane (Phyllis) Pugsley; many nieces & nephews.

Calling hours will be Sunday, 2-5 PM at Fowler Funeral Home, 340 West Ave., Brockport. Sue's funeral mass will be held Monday, 10:00 AM at Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 152 Main St., Brockport, NY. Private interment in Garland
Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Seymour Library, 161 East Ave., Brockport, NY 14420. - See more at:
http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/democratandchronicle/obituary.aspx?n=sue-cunningham-pugsley&pid=174861305&fhid=7382#sthash.oDAn3hEX.dpuf

And, Mike Andriatch has shared the following information about another passing and another life to celebrate:

All—

It is with a heavy heart that I report that long-time Brockport Foundation Board member and friend of the College, Dr. Jacques Lipson, has passed away. Jacques served as a member of the Board from 2001 to 2013 and was chair from 2003 to 2005. A physician and inspirational philanthropist in the greater Rochester community, Jacques and his wife, Dawn (who also served on the Foundation Board from 2002 to 2009), were tremendous supporters of the College, funding the Dawn and Jacques Lipson Special Opportunity Fund, the Dawn and Jacques Lipson, MD Arts and Performance Fund and many other initiatives at the College.

A celebration of Jacques’s life will be held this Sunday May 17, starting at 3 pm at Temple Beth El, 139 S. Winton Road in Rochester.

Jacques’s obituary from the Rochester D&C follows:

Lipson, Jacques M., M.D. "Jack"

Brighton: Passed away peacefully on May 12, 2015 in the presence of his loving wife. He is predeceased by his parents, Benjamin & Eva Lipson. He is survived by his loving wife, Dawn; daughters, Judi (Jeff) Tamblin & Elaine (Kevin) Dwyer; grandchildren, Maria & Richard Tamblin. He is also survived by his very special family & friends, Dr. Ross & Marlene Elkin, Morris & Beverly Weinstein, Seymour & Myrna Weinstein, Rodger & Linda Weinstein, Jerome & Audrey Freedman, Gordon & Linda Lipson, the "kid" Tiara Holiday, Patricia Hans & Susan Mandl as well as many other family & friends.

His life was full of people. People of all shapes & sizes with vastly different points of view. His life was richer because of those people & the experiences they created together.

Jack was a Rochesterian to his very marrow. Born in the city he loved, he had a community connection that was strong & lasted for his lifetime. He has been called the Prince of Rochester, the Duke of Brighton & even a pillar of the community. He was a husband, father, doctor & philanthropist & his life is an integral part of the greater Rochester Community.

Jacques, Jack to his grade school friends, attended #8 school & graduated from Franklin High School. He earned his Bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan & there became a true-blue wolverine. He graduated from the University of Buffalo Medical
School & interned at Strong Memorial Hospital.

While he was Chief Resident at Strong his love of medicine & music melded. He was offered the opportunity of a lifetime. He traveled with Howard Hanson & the Eastman Philharmonia on an extended European tour. The tour was sponsored by the State Department. The time he spent overseas caring for these 100 people was one of the highlights of his life.

- See more at: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/democratandchronicle/obituary.aspx?n=jacques-m-lipson&pid=174861298#sthash.V9cv6RKj.dpuf

Best,

Mike Andriatch '85

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I missed this passing until Norm Frisch brought it to my attention. Francis “Chet” May served as an Assistant Professor of Sociology from fall 1966 until June 1970. I first met him when I was working in the Financial Aid Office and I remember him being very active in the community and in outside activities as well as from knowing him through the College. He left the College in 1970 to pursue business interests in the community. Some of you who were at the College before the 1970 growth spurt in the size of the faculty and staff may remember him as well so I share his obituary from an April issue of the Rochester D&C:

Francis C. May Jr.

"Chet"

Rochester: On April 11, 2015, Francis C. May Jr, ("Chet" May) passed away. Born 8/23/32 in Buffalo New York, he was the youngest of three sons born to Francis Chester May Sr, and Marion McCleary May. He grew up with his brothers in Buffalo, obtaining a Bachelors Degree at University of Buffalo and pursuing a combined master's and PHD in Sociology at Tulane University. He served in the Army during the Korean War, stationed in Japan.

Chet is survived by two daughters, Michele May (47) and Christine Jurinich Sherry (43) (Robert Sherry) and two granddaughters (Sarah age 8 and Madeline age 6); His eldest brother Tommy May and his nephews and niece.

Twice married and divorced, most of Chet's life was devoted to the pursuit of learning and education. He was an avid reader and researcher of the meaning and purpose of life; health and well-being and peace of mind. He was fascinated by alternative health strategies and enjoyed educating others about all of these matters. Active in transcendental meditation, he worked in real estate as a landlord and property owner most
of his adult life, & taught sociology in the SUNY school system.

Chet's Memorial Service [was] held Saturday, April 25th 1:30 P.M. at Word of the Kingdom Ministries, 469 West Avenue, Rochester NY 14611. Friends are invited to Unkl Moe’s, 493 West Avenue at 3 P.M. to Celebrate with the family. His Graveside Service [was] held Monday, April 27th, 12 NOON at Ridge Lawn Cemetery, 800 Pine Ridge Heritage Blvd., Buffalo NY 14225

We will all miss him very much. Our father was very proud of his daughters and we were very proud of him.

- See more at: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/democratandchronicle/obituary.aspx?n=francis-c-may&pid=174665481#sthash.CFgr8mfz.dpuf

While Chet has been away from the College for many years, those of us who remember him send our condolences to his family and friends as they continue to remember and celebrate his life.

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Finally, in this celebration of lives lost, I was sad to learn from Jim Horn that a former employee of the College with whom Jim has remained in touch, Joe Spereno, passed on Monday, May 11th after a short battle with lung cancer. Joe was an Assistant Director for Student Activities at the College from fall 1969 until spring of 1973 when he took a leave to work with an organization that booked musical and other entertainment groups for Colleges. While at Brockport he worked for Terry Hover, the Director of the Student Union at the time, and with Ken Docteur, another student union Assistant Director. Joe was a very outgoing, charismatic young professional and everyone I knew was sorry to see him leave, but he had an opportunity he had to take and it proved to have been a good decision for him. I remember Joe especially from when he became the next tenant in an apartment we had rented from 1968 to 1969 above Dr. Dewey’s Dental Office on Union Street. He had invited me over to see the changes as he changed it from the apartment of a young married couple to a bachelor’s pad. Joe was a well-known and respected employee during the short time he was at Brockport and we send our condolences to Joe’s family and friends as they mourn their loss and celebrate his life.

https://www.linkedin.com/pub/joe-spereno/11/65/717

One good bit of news is that Elaine Miller spent ten days in Dubai in April and, while there she did a sky dive, and the shoot opened! That is really something to celebrate. Elaine shared a couple of great photos taken of her as she left the plane but I am unable to share them right now because of problems I am having with uploading to the Emeriti site. If you visit the site you will notice that the link to “Your News” no longer works. Once commencement is over I’ll be working with staff at the College to correct the problem.
I am sorry for all the bad news contained in this Update, but I am sure that those no longer with us would want us to go on with our lives as we celebrate theirs along with all the activities this weekend.

Carpe diem,

Bud

May 25, 2015

Greetings,

On this day of remembrance, I am sad to report the passing of two individuals with ties to The College at Brockport.

Gary Caruso, husband of Elizabeth “Libby” Caruso, Director of Student Health and Counseling, and son-in-law of alumnus Frank Sacheli (1945), passed on May 21, 2015. I only met Gary on a couple of occasions when he accompanied Libby to College events so I cannot add to the tributes in his obituary from the Rochester D&C that follows. We share the mourning by Gary’s family and friends and send condolences to caregiver Libby, along with all who knew Gary as they celebrate his life.

Caruso, Gary V.

Brockport: Gary V. Caruso passed away at his home on May 21, 2015 after a courageous and lengthy battle with multiple sclerosis. Born on May 23, 1952 in Bradford, PA, Gary grew up in Niagara Falls, NY and graduated in his own time from Niagara University. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy and was a loyal and active member of the Brockport Lions Club and the MS support group.

Gary was a loving husband to Elizabeth "Libby" and devoted father to Matthew (Maureen) of Indianapolis and Ellen of Somerville, MA. He is also survived by his sister Beverly Caruso and loving nieces and nephews, family members and friends. He was pre-deceased by his parents Hilda and Joseph Caruso, mother-in-law Patricia Sacheli, and brother-in-law Steven Case. The family would like to acknowledge the support given to Gary by Kim, Chelsea, Lynne, Rachel, Kiescha, Laura, and the VA Home Based Primary Care. Throughout his extended illness, Gary's modest demeanor inspired many to participate in activities for and support the search for a cure of MS. We are all the better for having his courage and determination in our lives.

In lieu of flowers, donations are appreciated to the Caruso Family Scholarship at Niagara University, Brockport Lions Club and the University of Rochester Medical Center Department of Neurology. Calling hours will be Friday, May 29th from 1-4 p.m. at Fowler Funeral Home, Brockport. Funeral Mass at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Brockport on Saturday, May 30th at 10 a.m.
Similarly, I did not know Arthur Lutes, an alumnus who also served as an adjunct in Education and Human Development for several years, who is known to some of you and who died on May 13, 2015. We send our condolences to his family and friends. Here is his obituary from the Rochester D&C.

Lutes, Arthur L.

Holley: Arthur L. Lutes died at age 76 on May 13, 2015. Born to Chester H. Lutes and Nondis Shaffer Lutes of Monon, Ind. Arthur attended Franklin College for his Bachelor Degree-majoring in Psychology and a minor in Sociology and Philosophy. A short time was spent at Colgate Divinity Seminary. Moving on he attended Purdue University for Sociology. In later years, he changed his field of interest to education and got his Master's Degree in Education at Brockport College in NY. At the University of Rochester, he obtained his Doctorate of Education with an emphasis in the study of Curriculum, Teacher Education and in Reading.

He taught Elementary Special Education and he was a Reading Specialist in Rochester, and Gates Chili School Districts. Over the years, he was also a part time professor at Geneseo Community College and Brockport University and Geneseo College.

Living 8 years in Hawaii, at 70 he came out of retirement to work at the University of Hawaii on the Big Island where he was Director of a program encouraging low-income students to pursue further education into college.

Outside of Education, he worked over 50 years with low-income families providing low-income housing.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years in July Eugenia (Harney), sons Eric and Scott (Christine); grandchildren, Jamie Gale (Mike), Jason, Jeffery (Felisha), Jeana (Jaime Rivera), Keith, Alicia; 3 great grandchildren; sister, Wanda Durham; brothers, LaVerne (Sally), Darryl, and Loren; brother-in-law Estel (Aleda) Harney; daughter-in-law Tyanna Lutes. Preceded in death is a son Noel; his parents, brother, Fred and sister, Lovilla Pardue. Arthur and Eugenia resided in Holley, NY being snowbirds to Georgia.

Friends may call on Wednesday May 27 from 2-4 and 6-8 pm at the Fowler Funeral Home Inc. 340 West Ave Brockport where his funeral service will be held Thursday at 10 am. Interment will follow in Hillside Cemetery in Holley. - See more at: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/democratandchronicle/obituary.aspx?n=arthur-l-lutes&pid=174922533&fhid=7382#sthash.Ylxgq0iQ.dpuf
Jim Horn has just completed a Viking Tour in France that included a visit to Normandy. In part, his Facebook entry for May 19th included:

“A somber and emotional day at the Normandy beaches where thousands of young Allied troops paid the ultimate sacrifice. How could anyone look out on the ten thousand crosses and not shed a tear as we heard the national anthem and taps…”

Very fitting words for this day as we remember our loved ones who have passed and those who served in the military. And, I think on this day it is also appropriate for me to share a little about the status of the veteran’s project. While I have many stories from veterans who served after WWII and the names of others in that category, today I’ll update you about the World War II veterans and highlight those who remain amongst us. I’ll also provide a list of people we believe may be WWII veterans and solicit help from members of this distribution list who might be able to confirm the veteran’s status of those listed.

The WWII veterans amongst us are Walter Brautigan, Henry Bretton, Albert Brown, Richard Elton, Warren Fraleigh, Ian Henderson, Frank Hillman, Ralph Jordon, John Killigrew, Irene Manitsas (wife of the late William Manitsas) and Andrew Virgilio. We have stories from all but three of them. Following are the links to the stories we have for this group. Unfortunately, Ian Henderson’s story is missing a couple of photographs because of problems that have developed that prevent me from uploading to the College’s server. Similarly, the “Your News” link on the emeriti website is broken. Hopefully we’ll have this upload issue resolved soon so that I can share with you a photo of the handsome Ian Henderson in uniform.

Here are the links to the stories of the WWII veterans amongst us who we honor:

Henry Bretton
http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/Bretton_Henry_war_story.pdf

Albert Brown
http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/Brown_Albert_war_story.pdf

Richard Elton

Warren Fraleigh
http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/Fraleigh_Warren_vet_page.htm

Ian Henderson
http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/Henderson_Ian_war_story.pdf

Frank Hillman
http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/Hillman_Frank_war_story.pdf

Ralph Jordon* (have story but unable to upload to server now.)
And, here is a list of other WWII veterans who are no longer with us who we also honor. An asterisk (*) next to their name indicates that we have compiled their story.


If anyone can provide information about the military service of those on the list above who do not have the asterisk after their names please contact me at rmeade1@rochester.rr.com

Following is a list of other former employees who, according to my mind, might have served in WWII. If anyone can confirm whether they served in the military and when they served, contact me at rmeade1@rochester.rr.com I’ll then contact the veteran or his/her family to see if I can obtain information for this project.


Also, if you know of a WWII veteran who worked at the College who does not appear on any of these lists, please share his/her name with me.

There are many employees and former employees of the College who served in the military at other times for whom we also have stories, and many more stories in the works that will be shared later. But, I thought on this day as we remember our departed family members and friends I would share what I know so far about our former employees and WWII.

Other considerations on this celebration of Memorial Day:
From the lyrics of [Remember] by Josh Groban:

Remember, I will still be here
As long as you hold me
In your own memory
Remember me

From David Andreatta's column in the D&C on Sunday, May 17th:

"There is a Jewish saying that we die twice -- once when we draw our last breath, and again when the living no longer speak our name."

In response, maybe this is an appropriate day on which to again mention emeritus David A. Kendall’s recent book entitled: [When Descendants Become Ancestors: The Flip Side of Genealogy]

Here is an except taken from his book entry on Amazon.

"Congratulations-you're going to be an ancestor (someday). You cannot escape it. Nor can I. Nor can anyone else. That's not necessarily a bad thing, depending on your beliefs about an afterlife, but each body ultimately ceases to exist. We all know that. From the moment of birth, each of us begins a journey that must ultimately conclude with our entrance into ancestry. As we research our own ancestors and mourn the lack of information available to us, we forget that we are the future ancestors of our descendants. And if we don't leave to them the kinds of information about our lives that we crave to know about our own forefathers, then we are merely perpetuating the problem" How often have you regretted your failure to engage the elder generations of your family for information about their lives and memories? How many times have you wanted just one more hour with a deceased relative who could answer that one burning question that you suddenly thought about, and that no one else can answer? Perhaps you remember a time when an older acquaintance wanted to share with you some stories about "the good old days" but you couldn't be bothered. Most of us have had regrets like these, as will our descendants-unless we seek to record and preserve some stories for their use. Whether our stories are short and simple or long and complex matters not, but these stories will become part of their heritage and can certainly influence their lives. Though our contributions may not be recognized for decades, our lives matter to future generations and our stories should be told. The rest is up to each of us.

Those interested can find more guidance for [staying alive] in the book!

Carpe diem,

Bud

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June 5, 2015
Greetings,

Seventy-one years ago, on June fourth, 1944, Rome fell to American and Allied troops. It was the first of the Axis capitals to be taken by Allied Forces in WWII and emeritus John Killigrew was there.

Seventy-one years ago, on June sixth, 1944, allied forces invaded Normandy (D-Day) and the late emeritus Adam LaZarre and the late emeritus Theodore Starr were there.

Seventy-one years ago, on June seventh, 1944, (D-Day plus one), the late emeritus Carl Neuscheler was there on the Normandy beaches to clear mine fields and then build roads and bridges. Shortly thereafter, other emeriti including the late Stephen Dellaquila, Ralph Jordan, the late Frank Manno and the late Clark Whited, among others, were there.

Ten years ago, on November tenth, 2005, the Halsteads hosted their first reception for emeriti at the presidential residence and Sachio Ashida, Robert Boozer, Orlo Derby, Maurice Kleiman, Bhim Madan, Annette Rock, William Rock, Victor Schmidt, Edward Stephany, Carol Timby and Irene Weirich were there.

From 3-5 pm on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 (program begins at 4 pm) an emeriti/retiree reception will be held in the “New” Liberal Arts Building to honor Kathy and John Halstead as they complete their preparations for joining our emeriti/retiree ranks. The people listed above will not be there, nor will 105 other emeriti who received invites for the 2005 reception but also are no longer with us, as is the case for many emeriti/retiree spouses as well. Will you be there?

If so, if you have not already done so, please RSVP by June 12 that you will be there by emailing your intent to alumni.brockport.edu/emeriti or notifying Kim Ehret at 395-5124 or kehret@brockport.edu

As we honor the Halsteads’ for their support of emeriti/retirees, the College also honors all emeriti/retirees for their contributions, and especially pays tribute to the 113 who are not able to be there.

I look forward to seeing all of you who can be there.

Carpe diem,

Bud

June 14, 2015

Greetings,

I am passing on this information I received from Ann Schnell’s daughter Julie for those of you who knew Ann and Kempes as well as others who might want to participate.
We just wanted to share with you that Mom will be celebrating a very special day, her 90th birthday, on June 27th, and we'd be honored if you would share in the celebration by participating in a card/e-mail/photo shower. Just a card, quick note, or picture will help make the day an extra special one for her.

Please know that your friendship throughout the years has always meant so much to Mom and to us and that we continue to treasure the wonderful memories of times we've spent together.

Mom's e-mail: kaquick@centurylink.net

Address:
Ann Schnell
918 Parkside Court
Chambersburg, PA 17201

We send our congratulations to Helen and Mel Smajorinsky who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at the water slides at Greek Peak recently. I asked for pictures but Mel assured me that he and Helen would be observing family members and not sliding themselves. That decision protects them a little longer from the late emeritus professor Lou Hetler’s prediction years ago that their marriage would not last.

Remember: The final reception for the Halsteads at which retirees can welcome them to our ranks will be held from 3-5 pm on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 in the Liberal Arts Building. On campus transportation will be available. The RSVP for this event has been extended to noon on Monday, June 15th. RSVP to Kim Ehret at 395-5124 or kehret@brockport.edu if you have not already done so and intend to be there.

I need some help with managing my email distribution list. My email addresses for the following individuals apparently are no longer valid. If anyone has a different email address for any of them, please share it with me.

aalexand@brockport.edu, Andrea Alexander
aaltmeye@brockport.edu, Ann Altmeyer
basimmon@brockport.edu, Barbara Simmons
betty.drennen@basc1.org, Betty Drennen
bjanca@brockport.edu, Barbara Jancar-Webster
cadavis@brockport.edu, Carol Davis
ccudhi@brockport.edu, Carol Cuddihee
cgallag@brockport.edu, Craig Gallagher
clennox@brockport.edu, Carol Lennox
cmcbride@brockport.edu, Carolyn McBride
csommer@brockport.edu, Charles Sommer
dorie@sweetinc.com, Dorie Sweeting
dpalmie1@rochester.rr.com, Darwin Palmiere
dwaters@brockport.edu, Darlene Waters
Greetings,

First I have sad news to report. The Rochester D&C reported this week the death of Kathleen C. Chen, wife of the late emeritus Mou-ta Chen. I did not know her personally but I am sure many of you did and held her in high esteem as we all did for Mou-ta. For example, Jeanette D’Agostino Banker and Mou-ta were good friends. Jeanette reports that she heard her first Chinese opera with friends in his apartment on College Street.

We send our condolences to her family and friends. Here is her obituary for the D&C:

Chen, Kathleen C.

Columbia, SC: Memorial service for Dr. Kathleen C. Chen, 85, will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, June 21, 2015, at Shandon Presbyterian Church. Dunbar Funeral Home, Devine Street Chapel, is assisting the family.

Dr. Chen died Thursday, June 11. Born in Rangoon, Burma, she was a daughter of the late Hum Gyan Chan and Aw May Chan. After completing her undergraduate degree at Rangoon University, she earned her M.A. from Bryn Mawr and Ph.D. from Penn State. For over thirty years, she was a professor of psychology at the Rochester Institute of
Technology, where she established the Bachelors degree program in Psychology and the Masters degree program in School Psychology. She served as department chairperson for seventeen years. Retiring to Columbia, she was a dedicated student of violin at the USC School of Music and an active member of the Lourie Center. She was known for her indomitable spirit and boundless energy.

Surviving are her daughters, Denise Chen of Menlo Park, Calif., Donna Chen (Michael Myrick) of Columbia; grandson, Alexander Myrick; brother, Robert Chan; and sister, Eileen Chan. She was predeceased by her husband, Dr. Mou-ta Chen.

I recently shared the death of former employee Joseph Spereno but at that time I had little information because I could not locate his obituary. His obituary was later brought to my attention and I thought I should share the significant accomplishments of a person who began his career at Brockport. So, here is the obituary:

From the Oswego County's Palladium Times LOS ANGELES, Calif. - Joseph Peter Spereno of Playa del Rey passed away in Los Angeles on May 11, 2015, surrounded by family and friends. Joe was born on March 16, 1946 in Oswego to Joseph and Mary Margaret (Raby) Spereno.

Joe's education was extensive. After graduating from Oswego High School in 1964, he earned a bachelor's degree from Fredonia State and a degree in business administration from Albany State. He interned in various administrative areas at Oswego State and was entertainment director at Brockport State.

His heart's devotion was to music, and he played in a number of local rock bands. He started his career in the music industry in New York, and he ultimately moved to L.A. In this capacity, he worked on a first-name basis with such talents as Isaac Hayes, Tom Petty, ELO, Liberace, and many, many more. He had a successful second career working in sales and communications as an executive account manager for NEC Unified Solutions.

In recent years Joe loved to volunteer at such functions as Dream Halloween, which was founded by a Mattel executive for children affected by AIDS, and he also dedicated his time to Special Olympics.

Joe was predeceased by his parents.

He is survived by siblings Bob (Deb) Spereno of Crescent City, Fla.; Nancy Spereno, of Oswego; and Ron (Lisa) Spereno, his best trout fishing buddy, of Mexico. He also leaves three nieces, Melissa (Brian) Klefbeck, Julia (Timothy) Simpson and Danielle Usnomal; two nephews, Joseph Eric and Christopher Dean Spereno; a great-niece; and two great-nephews. In addition, Joe is survived by lifelong friends Sam Domicolo, Rick King and his most trusted confidante, Janice Solis.
There are no services at this time, however donations may be made to Special Olympics in Joe's name. There will also be a family and friends’ memorial gathering planned for the summer.

Better news follows:

On July 2nd Richard “Dick” Elton will celebrate his 98th birthday. His son Wally knows that he would enjoy receiving cards from those of us who knew him, and others as well. If you want to participate in his birthday celebration you can send cards to him at 10540 West Ruth Avenue, Peoria, Arizona 85345.

And, I regret that a month ago I failed to advise you of the 99th birthday of Henry Bretton. Longevity seems to be a perk for some whose careers were in higher education. Belated wishes can be sent to henry.bretton@gmail.com

David and Peggy Hale have been on the road the last two weekends. On the 7th their oldest grandchild, Helen, graduated from Belchertown, MA, High school. She'll be going to the University of Massachusetts-Lowell for a program in exercise physiology. She was also accepted at Brockport, among other places, but according to David, the finances determined the final choice. By coincidence, UMass-L was created by the merger of a teachers’ college and what was known as Lowell Textile Institute when Dave’s dad graduated in 1931. Then they had a weekend we're in New Jersey for Tim's birthday (47), a dance recital for Elizabeth (12) and an early Fathers Day!

[Certainly, great to have good news to report, so, thank you Dave and Peggy.]

On another happy note! It has been reported the class gift to the class of 1965 advisors- Ralph Sisson, Dr. Ann Uhlir (dec) and Rosie Rich... was a big surprise to Ralph and Rosie. It was a tree planted in their honor on the lawn of Hartwell by Alumni House! They were thrilled.

[Congratulations to Ralph and Rosie and the late Ann’s family and friends.]

And, at the emeriti reception for the Halsteads on Tuesday they were very pleased to have their service at Brockport honored by two significant gifts to the College. First, Rich Fenton showed slides of the placement of a gift from emeriti of a new bench, tree, rock, and plaque in front of SERC to honor them. This was followed by another of the many gifts the College has received from Tom and Mary Markusen, which is a metal sculpture to honor the Halsteads that has been hung just before the entrance to the McCue Auditorium in the Liberal Arts Building. These significant gifts honor not only the Halsteads. They honor all that The College at Brockport has achieved.

The Halsteads and the College are grateful for these gifts!

In closing I share some mixed news from Dick Liebe. The good news is that he and Jan recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at Myrtle Beach. The less good news is that Dick will be having open-heart surgery at Strong on Monday, June 22nd. He found out that his breathing
problems were associated with the heart and not the lungs. Contact Dick at: Dr. Richard M. Liebe, 14404 West Lake Road, Hammondsport, NY 14840

liebe.richard@yahoo.com

[We congratulate Jan and Dick for their 60th and send Dick our thoughts and prayers for a successful intervention at Strong.]

Carpe diem,

Bud

June 24, 2015

Greetings,

This Update will be short but because there is time sensitive information to share I want to get it out as quickly as possible. The sad news of the passing of the wife of emeritus Paul Curran reached me yesterday. While I did not know “Irish,” everyone from the “old school” knows Paul and I know those far and near will be sad to hear of this passing. We send our condolences to Paul and all their family and friends as they mourn their loss and celebrate the life of Irish. Following is her obituary from the Rochester D&C on June 23rd. Please note the visitation from 4-7 pm today.

Curran, Aileen

(nee Hinman) "Irish"

Irondequoit: Sunday, June 21, 2015 at age 76. Pre-deceased by her parents, Ellen & Arthur Hinman; granddaughter, Jacqueline Dispenza; Mrs. Curran is survived by her loving husband, Paul G. Curran; her son, Kevin (Linda VanDerWoude) Curran; twin daughters, Colleen (John) Celentani & Maureen (Patrick) Dispenza; twin grandchildren, Paul & Rachel Dispenza; brother, Eugene (Marilyn) Hinman; also, several nieces & nephews. Irish was a graduate of Mercy High School, a member of the Duane McCoy traveling softball team & head waitress at the Royal Scot Restaurant for many years.

Her family will receive friends WEDNESDAY 4-7pm at the funeral home (570 Kings Hwy South). Interment Private. Memorials may be directed to Open Door Mission, P.O. Box 14236, Rochester, NY 14614-0236 or National Psoriasis Foundation at www.psoriasis.org. To share a memory or send the family a condolence, please visit www.harrisfuneralhome.com.

- See more at: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/democratandchronicle/obituary.aspx?n=aleen-curran-hinman&pid=175135220&fhid=13382#sthash.uQq7wEhJ.dpuf
On a more positive note, here are links to the WWII stories of emeriti Richard Elton who turns 98 next week, and Henry Bretton who turned 99 last month, as they continue to celebrate their longevity. Stories are as complete as we can make them at this time for 24 of Brockport’s WWII veterans and we are working on 7 more we hope to add to the collection soon.


http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/Bretton_Henry_war_story.pdf

Carpe diem,

Bud

June 30, 2015

Greetings,

On June 26th, I learned from Rosie Rich via Mike Andriatch that Ralph Sisson fell and broke his hip recently, had successful surgery on June 25, and was in Unity Hospital. As of June 29th, it was reported that Ralph was resting comfortably expecting to be discharged in a couple of days and to start physical therapy, likely at Beikirch. I am sure Ralph would benefit by contact: 82 Talamora Trail, Brockport, NY 14420

We also send condolences to Rosie upon hearing of the June 26, 2015 death of her sister Francesca R. Cohen of Wallingford, Connecticut at age 94.

I don’t think Charles Clevenger will mind my sharing content from a recent note received from him. Many of you have been concerned and have reached out to Charles and Jeanne and will be very happy to hear that he recently had a good check-up at the Cleveland Clinic and now will begin a 6-month therapy regiment at home with only bi-monthly visits to Cleveland. Charles and Jeanne were pleased to have found that Cleveland is a warm, welcoming city filled with terrific neighborhoods and amazing restaurants. While in Cleveland they got to see both the Cleveland Clevengers (the little men and David and Katie) and the Cleveland Cavaliers, and while they were already devoted fans of the former, they also became fans of the latter. Charles says he is feeling well and credits Jeanne’s care-giving skills and support from us, and others, as providing much comfort. So, for our part let’s keep up the good work.

[Charles, thanks for the great news and know that our thoughts and prayers are with you for continued success with your regimen.]

Well, our world travelers Roger Weir and Karla Lynn Merrifield are adding another adventure memory to their collection. While visiting friends north of Santa Fe, New Mexico Roger became ill and was hospitalized. Original possibilities were a little scary but it turned out that Roger had just gotten a little too high. The prescription was for Roger to get to a lower altitude and hydrate. Dehydration and elevation were reduced, and lo and behold he returned pretty much to his “normal” self for which we are all glad and much relieved. Roger and Karla were in Taos for
their annual vacation (and a poetry reading for Karla’s new book). They have now returned home and those of us in Brockport should see them out and about in a few days.

[Our best to Roger and Karla as Roger convalesces.]

We are assuming, and hoping, that no news is good news regarding Dick Liebe’s recent surgery.

I have a promise of sorts that I’ll somehow be able to upload the “Your News” and the veterans’ stories index pages to the emeriti website soon. I’ll keep you posted.

Carpe diem,

Bud

July 1, 2015

Greetings,

The word “unique” has likely never been quite so “gifted” as it has been for about 25 years in its use as an appellation for Gary Kazin who was a unique human being...uniquely intelligent, uniquely talented, uniquely humanitarian, and uniquely a minimalist.

I first learned of Gary’s passing from Richard Black who wrote”

        Hi Bud:
        You may already have heard, but one of our longtime campus colleagues, Gary Kazin, computer and math genius, unparalleled printer repairer, and accomplished ceramic artist and origami expert, passed away Monday night after a short illness. Here's the link to his D&C death notice. Carpe diem, indeed!
        -Richard

Then Sandy forwarded the following message to me that Provost Mary Ellen Zuckerman sent to the campus community.

Dear Campus Community,

It is with deep regret that I share that Gary Kazin, perpetual student and college employee, passed away Monday, June 29. Gary, who was 64 years old, worked for the college for more than 25 years within the Library Information Technology Services department, and was known for fixing every Macintosh computer or printer he could get his hands on. He was a constant tinkerer with technology, even at one point creating a computer from scratch. As part of his schoolwork he has created artwork that has graced the halls of the State Capital Building and has won numerous awards for his sculptures. Gary graduated this year with Bachelors in Fine Art with a minor in physics and mathematics.
Gary had an incredible impact on the campus community and he will be missed greatly.
An obituary can be found

Sincerely,

Mary Ellen Zuckerman, PhD
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

I had heard recently from George Toth that Gary was ill but I had no idea that he would pass so quickly. All who knew him will miss his unique presence on the campus, and his unique contributions. Following is his obituary from the Rochester D&C:

Kazin, Gary

Brockport, NY: Passed away peacefully on June 29, 2015. He was born March 15, 1951 in Newark, NJ and predeceased by parents, Edward and Frances Kazin. Brother of Nina Greenspan, and brother-in-law of Harvey Greenspan of West Orange, NJ. Loving uncle of Arielle, Cara and Evan Greenspan. Gary was well known at the SUNY at Brockport where he was employed as a computer technician for over 25 years. He received his BFA Summa Cum Laude with minors in math and physics from SUNY at Brockport. Gary will be remembered for his origami and ceramic artwork and his love of learning.

Services will be held at Higgins & Bonner Funeral Home in Westfield, NJ. Donations in Gary's memory may be made to College at Brockport Foundation-Student Art Award

[We send our condolences to Gary’s family, friends and acquaintances.]

And, for better news, we are all pleased to have this message from Dick Liebe:

Quick update. Came home from surgery last Wednesday and have been recovering slowly since. A week later I am MUCH better and am moving around the house normally though still using a walker. Thanks to all for their best wishes and prayers.

Dick

Carpe diem,

Bud

July 17, 2015

Greetings,

Another day with great potential for rain, and for clouds of mosquitoes and black flies searching for prey, has me housebound with the opportunity to do this Update.
First, I share a sad report that June C. Burke, wife of the beloved and late Armand Burke, passed recently. She was a resident of the Jewish Home in Rochester and in the past, had attended art classes there provided by emeritus volunteer Jack Wolsky. I have searched the Internet and have been unable to find an obituary or any information about memorials so the only additional information I have to share is:

I did not know June very well except as Armand’s wife and companion but I did have one memorable experience with her. Back in 1968 or 1969, shortly after the Brockport Country Club opened, Dick Alexander and I were playing a round of golf there. After we finished the first nine we arrived at the tenth tee and found Armand Burke preparing to play nine holes and he was accompanied by June, who was not playing, but just walking. We knew Armand was an excellent golfer, had played professionally and had coached the golf team at the College so we were reluctant to accept when he asked us to join him on the back nine, but he insisted. Dick, who has now become a good golfer himself and I, not so much, embarrassed ourselves on the first tee and throughout our play on that hole and Armand could not hold back giving us some coaching on the next 3-4 holes. It worked and both Dick and I started hitting the ball well with some consistency. But, that was soon to end when June told Armand privately, but within our earshot, that we probably did not appreciate his corrections and would just like to enjoy our round of golf. Well, that ended our joy for the day and we were soon back to our miserable strokes and the only consistency was the extraordinary distances we had to travel to get to the green while we watched Armand and June walk there together quickly in one straight line. But, I thank June for her role in helping me remain so poor at golf that I never got confused enough to think that I enjoyed trampling around on a golf course, wet from sweat or rain, while providing feed for those same bugs that are keeping me inside today.

[I am sure June’s passing will remind many of you of some great times at Brockport during the Burke years. So, June, we thank you and Armand for the memories as we mourn your passing and send our condolences to your family and friends.]

And, if you want to tweak your memories a little more, here is an event you will not want to miss:

Prepare for a trip down Memory Lane. Pull on your Bobbie sox, slip into your loafers and grab yourself a Coke.

The Friends of Drake Memorial Library cordially invite you to Dinner and a (Photo) Tour

The evening will reveal rare images and artifacts of the early and expansion years of The College at Brockport and surrounding area.

Perhaps you can help solve some mysteries by identifying people and places from throughout the College’s history.

Wednesday, August 12, 2015
6-8:30 pm
Drake Memorial Library, Queen Room
$20 per person
(Includes dinner and a gift to Friends of Drake Library)

Register by Monday, August 3, 2015

Register online at http://alumni.brockport.edu/fodl or contact Jamie Beers-Wilson (585) 395-2380.

Open and free parking after 6 pm, including all metered spaces.

And, this tribute to both Gary Kazin, and to Steve Ullman’s computer skills, was received from Steve. Gary’s presence on the campus will continue to be missed.

Gary, with some regularity, would come to the home of this computer moron's house and spend hours fixing what I had messed up and then try to get away without charging me anything. He was a wonderful, funny lunch companion - a ceramics prodigy - a well-read scholar and a truly unique, warm presence.

Delmont Smith recently visited Ralph Sisson, who is recovering from his fractured hip at the Beikirch Rehabilitation Center in Brockport, and Ralph asked him to pass along the following message:

I have been delighted with the response of get-well cards that were uplifting, interesting, and a delight to read. The get-well cards fell into two groups: one, the committee for the class of 1965 reunion, for which I was class advisor, and the rest were from faculty colleagues. It was renewing and refreshing to receive their expressions of support, memories, and familiarity from the past. I'm sure that my recovery will be expedited by the colorful, emotional good wishes. The expressions of sympathy and support were exhilarating. Thanks to you all…
Ralph Sisson

[We thank Del for sharing and continue to wish Ralph a speedy recovery.]

I believe many on the distribution list for Update knew alum Paul Setter who was well respected as a teacher, sports official, and friend in the Brockport/Rochester area before retiring and moving to South Carolina several years ago. Paul died on October 30, 2014 but this is to advise those who knew him that there will be a Celebration of Life Memorial Service for him at 3:00 pm, Saturday, July 18, 2015 at the First Presbyterian Church, 35 State Street, Brockport, New York.

Recently we have received stories and photographs from WWII veterans John Killigrew and John Sinacore along with information from John Killigrew relating to the WWII experience of Kaarlo Filippu. Charlie Cowling has provided a couple of photographs that include Kaarlo as
well. The potential publication of a view book of Brockport College veterans’ stories now includes pages for the following WWII veterans:


We are still anticipating information from the following WWII veterans or their families and people are working on some of them already:

Robert Boozer, Walter Brautigan, Edward Cain, Tad Clements (?), Robert Coleman, Gerald D’Agostino, Francis DeTar (?), Jack Dudley (?), Paul Hehn, William Hemmer, Robert Jubenville, Howard Kiefer, Donald Leffler, William Manitsas, Peter Marchant (?), Donald McWherter, Emmanuel Mougans, William Nestle, A. Huntley Parker, Harold Rakov (being prepared), Carl Sansocie, Gregg Scarborough, Oliver Spaulding, Sherwin Swartout, Robert Thompson, Andrew Virgilio (being prepared), and Russell Wallin.

We also have military service stories and information from the following veterans who served during different periods after WWII:


And we are seeking stories and information from the following non-WWII veterans or their families:

I just learned of the recent passing of another former employee at the College, Annina [Nina] Ciola. I cannot bring up an image of Nina from my memory although I do remember her name. She was hired as a Cleaner on March 23, 1972 and retired as a Janitor on March 3, 1990. That fact that she was promoted, coupled with the fact that I do not recall much about her, provides evidence that she was a good employee who successfully avoided undesirable contact with the Human Resources Office. Following is her obituary from the Rochester D&C this week:

Ciola, Annina M. "Nina"

Brockport: On Monday July 13, 2015. Predeceased by her parents Anthony and Jennie Ciola, brother-in-law Stanley Kappela. She is survived by her loving sister Marie Kappela, dear friends Brandi and Roger Reis, Mark and Judy Depferd, her caregiver Linda Preston and many good friends.

There were no prior calling hours. A Mass of Christian burial was held on Thursday July 16, 2015 at 9:30 am in Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, 152 Main St. Brockport. Interment followed in Holy Sepulchre. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may contribute to a charity of their choice.

[I am sorry for the late notice as we send condolences to Nina’s family and friends.]

Better news is that emerita Irma Pylyshenko will have an exhibit of her Felt Appliques at the Artists Cave, 4639 Culver Road, Irondequoit, New York from July 28 through August 7, 2015. There will be an Artist’s Reception on Friday, August 7th from 7 to 9 pm. Other Gallery Hours are: Wednesday 2-6, Thursday 6-9, Saturday 1-7 and Sunday 11-3. I am sure Irma will be happy to see former colleagues and friends from Brockport who are able to attend the reception. If more information is needed, call 585-467-2333.

Carpe diem,

Bud

July 24, 2015

Greetings,

I have sad news to report again on this beautiful summer day in update New York that calls out for better news. Ron Maw, who worked in the Payroll Office at one time and then in other Business Affairs Officers (Accounting, etc.) before taking a job in Traffic Court in Rochester, from which he retired, has died. Ron was a gentle, soft-spoken man who was a good, low-maintenance worker. I saw Ron for the first time since he left employment at the College only a couple of years ago. If memory serves me it was at one of the art festivals in the Rochester area, maybe even Brockport’s. We discussed North Carolina, which at that time was of interest to us. We are sad to hear of his passing and send condolences to his family and friends. Following is his obituary from the Rochester D&C. Please note the visitation hours tomorrow, July 25th.
Maw, Ronald F.

Brockport, NY / Mooresville, NC: Longtime member of Brockport and the United Methodist Church of Brockport passed away on Sunday July 19, 2015, 3 days’ shy of his 68th birthday. Predeceased by his parents Fowler and Marion Maw and his sister Linda Margaret. He is survived by his brother Norm (Sue) Maw, sister Maxine (Robert) Dimino, nieces and nephews Richard Maw, Michelle (John) Sun, Marc Lourette, Renee (Dan) Dimino, great nieces and nephews Kimberly and Jennifer Dimino, Catie Maw, Julia and Mariah Sun, special family friend Ed Newton and other family and friends.

Friends may call on Saturday July 25 from 5-8 pm and Sunday July 26 from 2-4 pm at the Fowler Funeral Home Inc. 340 West Ave., Brockport where his funeral service will be held on Sunday following calling hours at 4 pm. Interment will be held on Monday July 27 at 10 am in Lakeview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may contribute to Paralyzed Veterans of America.

My last Update reached some of you without any content. It appears that those who had problems with receipt of the content were all using their iPhones or iPads to open their email. If you did not receive the content and desire to see it, email me and I’ll send it directly from me to you as an email attachment.

Better news is that Bill Heyen has a new poetry book that has recently been published, [Crazy Horse & the Custers]. It contains 270 poems and is enhanced by 33 paintings by artist DeLoss McGraw. I ordered my copy through the LiftBridge but here is a link to reviews of the book and information about ordering it directly from Nine Points Publishing, the publisher.

http://ninepointpublishing.com/crazyhorse.html

I am still unable to update files to the emeriti website, either on campus or from home after several weeks. More important is that the last two files I tried to upload resulted in the deletion of the file that was there without uploading the replacement. Consequently, the link to the Your News file where I have posted copies of Update is broken because the file is no longer on the server. The other file that no longer exists on the server is an index file for the veterans’ stories that have been completed to date. The College assures me that the problem is theirs, not on my home computer, so I am hopeful that they will soon discover the problem and find a way for me to upload again either from home or on campus. In the meantime, I wanted you to know why the Your News link no longer works and why the link to veterans’ stories that I had shared with veterans also no longer works.

I have to cut this short so that I can continue to enjoy this great day!

Carpe diem,

Bud
Greetings,

The very sad news today is the death of one of Brockport’s legends. Emeritus C. Stuart Dube II died on Tuesday from head injuries suffered in a fall a few weeks ago. Stu was very well known at the College and within the Brockport community.

Stu came to Brockport as an Assistant Professor of Psychology in 1965 and served mostly in that capacity until his retirement in 1998. He also served as Assistant to the President and Director of Institutional Research for 2-3 years. I met Stu shortly after arriving in Brockport in 1967. At the time, he was one of several bachelors at the College that included Don McWherter, Don Leffler, Bill Owens, Jack Frank, and D. C. Burnett, among others. The College was more like a family then and the bachelors were included in dinners and other events hosted by faculty and staff. Once or twice a year the bachelors repaid their hosts by hosting a party of their own. Sandy and I were invited to a couple of the parties before marriages started depleting the membership of the bachelors’ group.

On his own Stu was known for his intelligence and for his knowledge and expertise in number of fields, yet he was somewhat secretive about his pre-Brockport experiences and that led some to at times question whether anyone could possibly know, or do, what he presented in conversation. Yet, time and time again Stu demonstrated that he was who he claimed to be. He claimed to be a gourmet cook, and many of us were fortunate enough to have eaten great meals at his table. My own personal experience was while I was still a bachelor in my first year at Brockport. There had been an event at the College after which several of us went to the Robin Hood Room in the old Wegman’s Plaza and had a couple of drinks. As we were finishing our night there Stu invited us to his apartment where he said he would prepare a gourmet meal for us to finish the evening. I, along with the others, accepted the offer and we were very pleasantly surprised at the wonderful meal that Stu created for us on the spot.

Similarly, Stu had exposure to the U. S. Navy that led to his very active leadership role in the Veterans’ Club in Brockport. He never said much about his role with the Navy but it was rumored he was in an Intelligence Unit. I cannot verify his military experience and I regret not being able to obtain his story before he passed. However, I do know that he was not particularly computer savvy, yet I have a story to tell about what he did for me when he heard my son was becoming a submarine officer. Initially my son was going to be assigned to the USS Los Angeles (SSN 688) and stationed in Hawaii and one day I told Stu about it. Stu said, I think I have a photo of it. The next day Stu brought me an 8x10 glossy photograph of the submarine. A week or so later my son took an option to change his assignment and stay in the US and he was assigned to the USS Albuquerque based in New London, Connecticut. Next time I bumped into Stu I told him of the change and the next day he presented me with a glossy photograph of that submarine.

This all fits into the description of Stu held by many that he would do anything he possibly could for his friends. Another story related to that description has to do with the time his office was on the 4th Floor of the Allen Administration Building when he worked in Institutional Research. Stu
must have watched the weather forecasts and then planned to take care of his friends when inclement weather was on its way. I remember many days, especially during the winter, when shortly after Stu arrived, a wonderful aroma filled the floor as the large kettle of chowder that Stu prepared at home and brought to work for the employees on the 4th floor and elsewhere simmered until lunch time. A wonderful gourmet chowder was available on such days that employees, mostly on the 4th and 5th floors, could enjoy for lunch without having to battle the elements.

Late in Albert Brown’s tenure as President there was pressure to develop and publish a Faculty and Staff Handbook. Stu was assigned the task. During the day, he collected materials from departments and other resources, including publications, and then, by night he organized and put together the materials. Within a very short period of time, my memory is that he accomplished it within a couple of weeks by working night and day but it was more likely a little longer than that. I remember being very impressed with the output. While the handbook has been digitized and made available on the Internet, and hopefully updated, much of the content and organization of material in the current on-line Faculty and Staff Handbook at is from the work that Stu did on it in the 1970s. See: https://www.brockport.edu/hr/resources/handbook.htm

Stu had a great array of contacts and friends, including students and colleagues, and he will be sorely missed by the veterans group in Brockport, and by the many who looked forward to seeing him, and having his presence in their lives, as he maintained his daily routine as a retiree in Brockport. Stu’s absence will be sorely noticed in this community. Following is his obituary from Fowler Funeral Home’s website:

Dube’, Charles Stuart

Brockport 75 died Tuesday July 28, 2015. Stu was born in Bridgeport, CT to Charles Stuart and Marie (Fagan) Dube’. He was a graduate of Fairfield University and the University of Bridgeport. He was a special assistant to Dr. Al Brown, President of SUNY Brockport, and long-time assistant professor of psychology. Stu received recognition from the many community and civic groups with which he was associated, including the Brockport Fire Department, the Brockport Police Department and the Brockport Exempts. He was known for being a very successful grant writer and used his skills to write grants for many organizations that improved quality for all.

He is survived by his sisters Cynthia Dube' and Marie Rixon and her husband John; his nephews Gregory Rixon, and Andrew Rixon and his wife Jennifer and their children Lyla and Liam.

Funeral mass will be held on Saturday August 1st at 10 am in the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Brockport, NY. Burial will be in the family plot in Connecticut. In lieu of flowers, if you would like to donate in Stu's name it would be appreciated that you consider Brockport Vet's Club or Fairfield University, N. Benson Rd., Fairfield, CT.
And, I am pleased to be able to include a tribute to Stu just received from Mike and Nancy Oshier to further memorialize Stu’s impact at the College:

Bud,
We are very sorry to hear about Stu’s passing. We last communicated on Christmas 2014. I told Stu in my card that I was still preparing gourmet dishes from a draft of a cookbook he gave to Nancy and me in the early 70s around Christmas. As you know Stu was my mentor and constant companion during my early years at Brockport. From the long walks to lunch, with Burt Wolin along, to everyday skull sessions in his office or mine, to conferences around the country, we functioned as a team, me focused on Institutional Research and Stu on the Research Foundation. Anyone who knew C. Stuart Dube knew he was a Renaissance man. Words would just flow out of him as he typed away before the onset of computers. He would come in my office talk about an idea and by the end of the day he would walk in and hand me a multi-page document and ask me to look it over by morning. Even lunch was not about [chit chat] it was about organization, administration, ideas! His mind worked at warp speed while my mind just proceeded at a normal pace. He was a dominating figure who worked hard, lived hard at times, and played hard.

One of the more humorous things about Stu and our talks after lunch is that he had purchased for my office a big comfortable chair. I think it may have been for him because he would come in, we would be discussing something and he would occasionally nod off and I would go back to work only to be startled 5-10 minutes later with Stu picking up the conversation just where we had ended it at the time of his cat nap. I also found that incredible.

I would be remiss not to mention the numerous dinners, Christmas parties, cocktail parties and special events Nancy and I attended that were organized by C Stuart. Though we did not see each other as much after he returned to the classroom he was a generous man who was a very important part of my early years at Brockport. Nancy and I owe a lot to him and will truly miss him.

Mike & Nancy

PS: We are traveling back to Big Sky at the moment. We sold our house in Big Sky but had tickets for an event here. We, for the moment, live in Whitefish Montana and will be headed back there on Saturday. Brockport gets further away every time we move.

[We thank Mike and Nancy for their input as we send our condolences to Stu’s family and friends as they deal with their loss.]

Norman Maw, the brother of the recently deceased Ronald Maw wrote the following note to me following the last Update:

Thank you for the very kind words last week in regard to the passing of my brother, Ron Maw. His health had been getting worse, particularly in the last two years and then even
more so the last year until the last few months falling. His last fall was on June 20 from which he was paralyzed from the shoulders down. Four weeks and one day later, July 19, he died in Statesville, N.C. As my sister, the nurse and I were praying the Lord’s Prayer, Ron took his last breath.

[Norm, Thank you for this additional information. I was happy to connect with you and learn that your wife Sue is the daughter of the late emeritus Russell Wallin.]

We have received the following report from Karla Merrifield and are happy that Roger is on the mend, and happy to celebrate Karla’s success with her work with her as well.

Roger Weir continues to make slow but sure progress towards return to full strength and stamina following his stay in the hospital in Santa Fe in late June, much in part to his stubbornness and a good physical therapist. His wife, Karla Linn Merrifield, is pleased to tell everyone she has a new book of poetry, Bunchberries, More Poems of Canada, which came out in May from FootHills Publishing. Adding to the book’s charm are several of her photographs of scenes from our neighbor to the north. Also, she’s completing a book review of Bill Heyen’s new book, Crazy Horse & the Custers: River of Electricity. Look for the review in late August in The Centrifugal Eye at http://centrifugaleyecoloffice/ . You’ll find Bunchberries at Lift Bridge Book Store as well as at the publisher’s site: http://foothillspublishing.com/2015/id94.htm.

And, if I haven’t mentioned it before, Bill Andrews has published a recent pictorial coffee table book [Brockport Through Time] that is available at LiftBridge and elsewhere.

[It is great to see emeriti continuing to be active in their post-retirement pursuits.]

Finally, I am very pleased to advise you that the [Your News] link on the Emeriti Website at http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeraliti.htm has been repaired and yesterday I was able to upload several recent “Updates” to that page. And, if you scroll down to my May 15, 2015 Update you see that I was also able to upload the photograph of Elaine Miller jumping from a plane.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

August 7, 2015

Greetings,

Again, I have sad news to share that prompts the timing of this Update. I learned from Neil Curtis, who has been very helpful to me in identifying Brockport employees who are veterans and whose own story can be found at http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/Curtis_Neil_vet_story.pdf, that retiree, and veteran, Richard Clack passed on Wednesday, August 5th.
From January 1969 until December 2001, Richard Clack performed in many titles and roles at The College at Brockport including service as Janitor, Institutional Safety Officer, Campus Security Officer II, Maintenance Helper, Power Plant Helper, Maintenance Man Refrigeration and as General Mechanic, the title he held when he retired. I knew Richard in these roles and had personal experience with him, and knowledge of his work, that showed me he was of good character and a good employee. I was pleased when he was elected to be the CSEA Chapter’s President, an office he held from 1983 to 1989, because I knew him to be an individual who was concerned about both the College and its employees, was trustworthy, and was an employee who had no axes to grind that would influence him to use his role in anything but a professional manner. I, and others in the Human Resources Office, worked with him to amicably resolve many employee-management conflicts and issues while he was President of CSEA and we appreciated his insights and his concern for the welfare of all the employees he represented.

We did not have Richard on the list of the College’s veterans until Neil Curtis recently identified him to me as a veteran. I learned at that time that Rich was residing in the Veterans’ Home in Batavia and I had intended to visit him. I had it in mind to do so the week after next when I am meeting some SUNY friends from Fredonia and Geneseo for lunch in Batavia. Alas, I regret that I have again failed to follow my own admonition to “seize the day.”

We send Carole and the rest of Richard’s family, and his many friends, our condolences for their loss while we maintain our good memories of his service to the College and its employees.

There will be a visiting hour from 10:00 to 11:00 am, Saturday, August 15, 2015 at the First Presbyterian Church on Main Street in Medina, New York followed by a memorial service at 11:00 am. I have no other details at the moment.

And, since I have your attention, tonight, Friday, August 7th, from 7 to 9 pm, is the Artist’s Reception at the Artists Cave, 4639 Culver Road, Irondequoit, NY, where emerita Irma Pylyshenko’s, Felt Appliques, have been on exhibit since July 28th with the exhibit ending following the reception.

Carpe diem,

Bud

August 14, 2015

Greetings,

In my last Update I paid tribute to the late Richard “Barney” Dick Clack but I did not have a copy of his obituary at that time. So, here it is as published in the Dailey News in Batavia. Please note the visitation and memorial service time and place.

ALBION — Richard D. “Barney”/“Dick” Clack of Albion went to be with the Lord Wednesday (Aug. 5, 2015) at the NYS Veterans Home at Batavia.
Mr. Clack was born in Niagara Falls on Dec. 7, 1945, son of the late Graydon and Allfetta (Galley) Clack.

Mr. Clack graduated from Medina High School in 1965 and entered the U.S. Air Force. He was stationed in Texas, Turkey and Indiana and returned home in December 1968.

He and his wife CaroleAnn (Jackson) Clack were married May 16, 1970, in Ontario, Canada, and they settled in Albion.

He was employed at Brockport State College in security and then switched to maintenance for 32 years and was also employed by the Village of Holley as a part-time patrolman for 27 years retiring in 1999.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Medina and he enjoyed fishing, hunting, wood working in his shop and supplying area children with candy and slimjims.

Predeceased by his in-laws Grant and Marjorie Jackson and also a lifetime friend Dwight “Buzz” Hill.

He is survived by his wife CaroleAnn Clack, special son and grandson James Bartosik and Michael Bartosik of Albion, his sister Cynthia (Richard) Richmond of Batavia (their children) nieces and nephews, Joseph Richmond, Michael (Margie) Richmond and Amber Richmond and great-nephew, Graydon Richmond, brother-in-law John (Barb) Jackson of Smithville, Ontario, Canada, and a dear friend Susan Hill.

Also surviving are nieces and nephews, Grant, Robbie, and J.R. Jackson, Matthew (Denise) Hill, Johanna (Robert) Kwandrans, Montana Kwandrans and Robert Kwandrans Jr., great nieces and nephews, Jeremy (Hannah) Hill, Kristin Hill and Lindsey Hill, and great-great nephew, Easton Hill.

Friends may call 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at the First Presbyterian Church, Medina, where a Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. Full military honors will be accorded.

Memorials to NYS Veterans Home in Batavia, American Cancer Society or Juvenile Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family.

[Again, we send our condolences to Carole and all of Richard’s family and friends.]

Carpe diem,

Bud

August 17, 2015
Greetings,

On Saturday, August 15, 2015 there was a very nice celebration of the life of Richard “Barney/Sunshine/Dick” Clack in Medina, New York that was also a celebration of “extended families.” Richard and Carole had been lifetime friends of the Hill family as the late Dwight “Buzz” Hill and Richard had met early in life as neighbors and had created a bond of friendship that created a generational extended family that was not broken when “Buzz” passed, and is sure to continue following the passing of Richard.

Also, at the service there was evidence of how well Dick had been received into the Brockport College family. On the table as you entered the church there was a photo memory book created for Dick when he retired in 2001 that had several pages of photos of Brockport College employees that included well wishes for Dick. And, there was a framed copy of a letter written to Dick by Tonya Satryb, Director of Human Resources, when Dick stepped down from serving as CSEA Chapter President, thanking him for his part in upholding the State’s policy to continue harmonious and co-operative relationships with its employees. And at the end of the memorial, Brockport was represented by the membership in the Honor Guard for Dick’s service by emeritus David Morien, who, as a member of the American Legion Post, is frequently engaged in such volunteer service activities. The Honor Guard did a pass-through saluting Dick, and fired three shots outside the church on Main Street, followed by the playing of taps.

So, Dick’s memorial became not just for him, but was also a celebration of friendships, extended families, and service—friendships and extended families he created and cherished, and service, like that of David Morien, he gave, and received.

And speaking of service, service to Mexican tourism by emeritus Jim Horn is one of his passions that is well received in Cuernavaca, Mexico as evidenced below:

Jim Horn was given a private tour of a new Cuernavaca museum before it opened, resulting in a photo-essay on his blog (link below) that has received 700 visits. The Museum of Contemporary Indigenous Art was inaugurated July 13 by the Governor and other state and city authorities and Jim was among the invited guests.


He also spoke at the Second International Congress at Universidad Internacional on August 6 making a case for Mexico as the preeminent destination for study abroad in the Americas and pointing out misleading aspects of the State Department Travel Advisory for Mexico. Many university study-abroad offices are likely to share the blog post.


Jim will arrive in Brockport Sept.8 for a few weeks, joining a tour of the Southwestern canyon lands and national parks enroute.
You cannot go anywhere in Brockport without seeing College retirees doing good works. Whether in the holding of elective office or serving on committees and boards such as Morgan-Manning House, Seymour Library, Emily Knapp Museum, Walk-Bike-Brockport, hosting the Thursday and Sunday summer canalside entertainment events, working for the Food Bank or volunteering as greeters at the Welcome Center retirees are very well represented. It was great while attending last Thursday’s concert on the canal to find emeritus Walt Borowiec serving as greeter at the Welcome Center because I had not seen him for some time. He was pleased to report that he was in good health and able to get out and about much more easily than in the recent past. We were happy to hear that and are pleased to cite him for his volunteer service. You can find the names of other retirees heavily involved in community service by visiting the websites of the facilities and organizations serving Brockport.

And, continuing in this theme, on Saturday, July 25, 2015, we were at the Genesee Country Museum and enjoyed listening to the Genesee Harmonic Society conducted by the College’s acting webmaster, Gian Carlo Cervone, who is also the son of former music professor and chorale director, D. Donald Cervone who, along with Gian, arranged most of the music. So, the College and its faculty, staff and associates certainly have an impact beyond the borders of the campus. This reminds me that I owe Gian a big thank you for he played a big part in solving my problem with uploading files to the emeriti website. I extend my thanks to him for that along with our thanks for a nice afternoon of good music.

As a result of seeing Tonya Satryb’s letter to Richard Clack at his memorial, I advised her of such. In her response, in which she again praised Richard for his work as CSEA Chapter President, I learned that she is recovering from surgery to implant a rod to repair a major break in her right leg. While it has been a nine-week ordeal, Tonya plans to continue volunteering as a Reading Pal in a kindergarten a couple of times per week when school opens and she will again be working part-time in the Golf Administration Office in The Villages. Ron is doing well with a few stents added in recent years. So, like most of us on this distribution list they are maturing well (AKA aging) with the help of more frequent trips to the Body Depot for replacement parts.

Yesterday the Rochester D&C contained a significant article about Brockport Theatre Department Lecturer, Michael Krickmire, and his wife Mary, outlining their many talents, and their accomplishments, that have earned them the 2015 Rod Marriott Award for Lifetime Achievement in Theater Education from the New York State Theater Education Association. It is noted in the article that Michael and Mary met while students at Brockport. The article is a great tribute to them and their work and can be found at: http://aquinasinstitute.com/news-articles/krickmires-receive-prestigious-rod-marriott-award Follow the link at the bottom of the page opened with this link to see the full story.

[We congratulate the Krickmires for this great recognition bestowed upon them and thank them for their service at Brockport.]

I have had received several comments and tributes to C. Stuart Dube since the Update that reported his passing that I thought should be shared and I have permission to do so.
Other tributes received since distribution of this Update follow:

- My husband and I will be among those "noticing" Stu's absence and missing him. He was quite an enjoyable character. [Sheila Myer]

- Bud - Stu's willingness to do virtually anything for his friends was legendary. He was a character who made our campus lively and fun – [Steve Ullman]

- So sorry to hear about Stu Dube's passing. Stu travelled with me to Russia more than once during a period when I led student and faculty tours there. When we were in Moscow, it was difficult to keep track of where he was. But I recall once seeing him sauntering down a main Moscow blvd wearing a large Russian fur hat--while I was with the students on a tour bus that passed by him. On another occasion, [not during a tour] he called me at some odd hour in the early morning. He wanted to let me know he was back in Moscow, and that it was cold there. Stu was an authentic character that could be a key figure in a novel--and that's for sure. [Ray Duncan]

- Thanks. I received the message. Stu was a major figure in our lives in Brockport and I am sorry to hear of his passing. [Charles Clevenger]

- He was quite a figure . . . great smarts, good contributions, tons of energy, and thoughtfulness toward others. I, too, have a copy of his cookbook and enjoy quite a few recipes. Think Brockport life fit him and helped enable him to lead a life of energy and accomplishment. We are all human, have different paths to follow. Believe he found his spot on earth and thrived in your community. We should all be so fortunate. [Kathy Kopf, SUNY Research Foundation]

And this tribute from emerita Jill Campbell:

I first met Mr. C Stuart Dube' II in my freshman year at Brockport the year after he arrived. There was a social club called WiTiFs (formally called Wonderful Times on Fridays) and Stu was our faculty advisor. We held meetings every Friday at 4:00 pm in Higgins, now the C&S Saloon on Main St in Brockport. [Editor’s note – this “club” had enough recognition to have a picture from a gathering included in at least one Saga Year Book in that era.] Socializing came afterwards and lasted long into the night particularly when we secured live music. Little did I know at the time that in 12 years, 1978, I would begin my professional career working with Stu in his capacity as executive director of the Research Foundation and Institutional Research. Mike Oshier was my supervisor and Mike reported directly to Stu. Mike has already given you the story about the chair and other insights about Stu. In 1979, Lou Spiro entered the picture when Mike became an Asst VP. Professional development was very important to Mike and Stu and then, Lou. I remember there was a national IR conference being held in San Diego but there was only enough money in the IR budget for Lou and Stu to go. Did I mention that professional development was very important to me, too? I asked Lou if I could find a way to reduce the costs for the budget, would he consider finding the funds for me to go. He said yes. Where there's a will, there's a way! I came back with a plan that included Lou Asmuth vacationing in California, cheap round trip airfare to LA ($198),
staying with Lou Asmuth’s aunt, borrowing Lou's aunt's car so she could drive us to San Diego and to/from the conference and her friends' home in San Diego.

When I went back to Lou Spiro for the airfare, meals and conference registration, he told me there was still no money in the office budget. It was the beginning of his first year and he couldn't take the chance of overspending.

Boo-hiss! The next day I found out how great Lou Spiro was and how wonderful Mr. C Stuart was. Lou said if I still wanted to go, he would go with me to petition Stu for the funding. I held my breath walking into Stu's office with all the big, dark, impressive furniture. Lou and I sat down and I gave Stu my plan and what still needed to be funded. Then, Lou asked Stu if he would pick up those costs so I could attend the conference with them. Silence...then with a big smile Stu put paper in his typewriter and started filling out the travel paperwork for me. Lou and I walked out of Stu's office with signed travel vouchers!! By the way, the conference/trip was terrific and became the first of several trips taken with Stu.

There was always a question about what the initial C was in Stu's name. I saw Charles in the paper, but Charlemagne is what he told a few individuals. Perhaps he preferred the French version of Charles and used it as a better reason to be called Stu.

During the years, Stu would tell us that he was heading out to stay with his sisters in Connecticut. Every time he talked of family, his face lit up. It was clear that summers and holidays were enjoyed with those he loved dearly.

Skip to January 1991 and a private excursion to Russia that Mr. C Stuart Dube’ II and Dr. Ray Duncan planned through All Seasons Travel in Brockport. As I recall, Ray told me that Stu handled the administrative side and Ray handled the people side. It was an excellent match. There were quite a few Brockport travelers along with others from across the country. Helen McLaughlin, George and Rosie Rich, Chuck and Mary Edwards are a few that I remember. The trip included stops in Moscow, Kiev, and Leningrad. I was not originally slated to go. However, fate stepped in and in late November, my Visa paperwork was submitted for permission to travel to the Soviet Union in mid-January. My thoughts at the time were: 1) Who in their right mind plans a trip in the dead of winter to Russia? 2) Who in their right mind actually goes on a trip in the dead of winter to Russia? 3) How was I even going to be functional to take this trip when I was scheduled to take my PhD comprehensive exams the week we were scheduled to leave with typed copies due the day before leaving. It was meant to be. My approved Visa arrived in time. I remembered Stu telling me to bring items to give to the hotel in the hotels and for others. I squeezed in time to shop for things I needed, packed the night before, stopped at Wegman’s on the way to the airport because I had forgotten the all-important toilet paper! I was the last one to arrive and Stu was waiting for me. As we boarded together, I told him to just take my arm and guide me for the first couple of days because I was running on no sleep! He told me "No problem." First stop, Moscow. Stu warned everyone not to deal on the black market. We could be arrested. Even with Stu's warning, some of the college students did after dark trading outside the hotel. They managed to escape getting caught and sent to the gulag. The itinerary was packed: Cirque du Soleil, Puskin Museum, Red Square, behind the Walls of the Kremlin, shopping in the government store, and optional Bolshoi Ballet. I kept hearing about the Moscow subway, which was only a couple of blocks from the hotel. We were leaving the next day and I
hadn't seen it. Georgette from DC hadn't seen it either. We decided that we would pack, get up at 6 am, take our suitcases downstairs and be checked out, tell our roommates we were going to the subway and would be back to the bus to leave at 7:30 am for the airport to fly to Kiev. We found the subway, skating our way there on ice-slicked sidewalks. We were so impressed and knowing we may never be there again, we hopped on the outgoing empty train to the next stop, caught the return train to our original stop and rushed like heck to get to the bus in time. We boarded with 5 minutes to spare. Stu was standing at the top of the steps. Looming over us, he boomed that he couldn't believe it when he heard we had gone to the subway! It was a good thing we made it back in time because if we hadn't, the bus would have left without us and we would have been on our own to get to Kiev! Now, I'm relieved that we didn't have to discover the validity of those statements, but, I have to tell you, the risk was worth it to see the Moscow subway stations!

Kiev is filled with stories, many of which include Dr. Duncan. Those can wait for another time. Leningrad was our next and last stop. We arrived at the hotel. After settling in our room, I decided to seek out Stu. I found Stu in the hotel bar in deep conversation with someone who appeared to be the Russian police: overcoat, hat, gun, and the way he carried himself. I kept my distance. As he was leaving, Stu saw me and I sat with him. The big news was that the Soviet Union dissolved and Leningrad was now back to being St. Petersburg. Stu invited a few of us to join him at a local bar to celebrate the joyous news with the locals. It was another memorable evening! St. Petersburg was the best city to end our excursion. It was more advanced and it held promise for its citizens.

Stu already had many contacts in Russia. He made more during this trip. Several years later, I saw Stu in downtown Brockport. He was excited about a new investment he had concluded. He had been working with a small group of Russians who wanted to buy an apartment building but didn't have enough cash. Stu wanted to have a place to stay when he travelled to Russia. As an American citizen, Russia would not allow him to buy property in Russia. He became the group's silent partner and had an apartment designated for his use whenever he travelled there. My recollection is that the city was indeed St. Petersburg!

Mr. C. Stuart Dube' II was a unique individual. He was dedicated to his profession whether it was teaching or administration. He cared a great deal for his students and had end of semester meals for them. He loved his family. He was brilliant, he was stubborn, and he was loyal to the college, particularly to President Albert Brown. He had a photographic memory, and his friends were his friends for life. Whenever I saw him around town, he had a ready smile, and a big hug. I'll miss you, Stu. Salut! [Jill Campbell]

Carpe diem,

Bud

[PS. Jill Campbell recently learned and shared with me a link that veterans and their families can use to request copies of military records. And, for service prior to 1953 members of the public may also make requests if they have the appropriate identification information for the veteran. The link is:
August 24, 2015

Greetings,

Assistant to the President Julie Pruss has sent out the following invite to the campus community.

The campus is cordially invited to a welcome reception for President Heidi Macpherson and her husband, Dr. Allan Macpherson. The reception will be held on Tuesday, August 25, from 1:30 to 4 pm in the Seymour College Union Fireside/Main Lounge.

As always, the opening of school for the fall semester is a busy time with many events competing. The Faculty/Staff Convocation will be held tomorrow from 9:00 to 10:30 am in the Seymour College Union Ballroom. I encourage those interested to keep abreast of events by visiting the Daily Eagle at [http://www.brockport.edu/eagle/](http://www.brockport.edu/eagle/) on a regular basis, especially during this very active period.

If you were at the College in 1980-81 or 1981-82 you may know, or know of, Peter and Jean Lewis from Loughborough University in England. David Hale has shared the following information about them.

Peter was exchange faculty in the English Department 1980-81 or the year after. Jean is chair of the board of governors of two schools in Loughborough, one of them for children with special needs. In the Queen's Birthday Honours list Jean's good work was recognized with an MBE.

I have just learned of the passing of a Leon Randall, a former adjunct in the Recreation and Leisure Department who was a good friend to the College while serving as Manager or Superintendent of Hamlin Beach State Park. I know that some, probably many, faculty and staff knew Leon beyond the College because their sons and daughters worked at the park. We are sorry to hear of his passing and send our condolences to his family and friends. His calling hours and memorial service were held yesterday. Following is his obituary from the Rochester D&C:

Randall, Leon B.
Holley: Passed Thursday, August 20, 2015 at age 73. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Peggy (Rath); sons, Scott Randall and Alexander Bain; sister, Carolyn of NC.

There will be no prior calling hours. Leon's Memorial Service will be celebrated Sunday, August 23rd at 2 PM at First Baptist Church of Brockport, 124 Main St., Brockport, NY. A reception will immediately follow the memorial service at the church. Memorial contributions may be directed to the church or the favorite charity of the donor’s choice.

Carpe diem,
August 28, 2015

Greetings,

As further proof that it is time for me to handoff the Update-baton it was recently pointed out to me that I had failed to advise the Update distribution list of the appointment of Heidi Macpherson as President of The College at Brockport, State University of New York. The announcement was made on May 6, 2015 and since that time the College has been celebrating her appointment and welcoming her and her husband Dr. Allan Macpherson. Of course, I could not believe that I had not included this announcement in an Update and went through all the Updates from January to June to prove otherwise but I found nothing. So, with apologies to Heidi and to all of you, here are some links to related information to bring you up-to-date.

Link to Announcement of Appointment
http://www.brockport.edu/newsbureau/2113.html

Link to more about our new President:
https://www.brockport.edu/president/

New President’s Speech at Faculty and Staff Convocation

There will be many events that will present opportunities for you to meet President Macpherson and you should monitor the Daily Eagle at: http://www.brockport.edu/eagle/ to stay informed.

Carpe diem,

Bud

September 22, 2015

Greetings,

The SUNY Retiree Corps recently sent out invitations to the fourth biennial conference for SUNY retirees to retirees identified in its database. It will be held at Schenectady County Community College (SCCC) on Wednesday, October 21, 2015. The registration cost is $20.00, which includes a nice lunch banquet prepared and served by students of SCCC’s prestigious School of Hotel, Culinary Arts & Tourism. SUNY Retirees and current employees contemplating retirement are encouraged to participate. The registration deadline is Monday, October 5, 2015. For more information including the conference program and registration form visit https://www.suny.edu/retirees/ where you can scroll through the basics about the conference and find a link to the Retiree Conferences website. If you are interested in the conference and have any difficulty accessing this information contact me at (585) 637-4674 or rmeade1@rochester.rr.com and I’ll help you out.
I know many you have enjoyed some trips this summer and I am confident from past feedback that others would enjoy hearing about your travels—the good and the bad trips—for their own planning. You can read about Jim Horn’s August 31-September 7, 2015 Tauck Tour, “America’s Canyonlands” on his blog at: http://jimhornnews.com/2015/09/15/americas-canyonlands-a-tauck-tour-august-31-september-7-2015/ It appears that Jim was very pleased with this trip and he was lucky enough to have much better weather this year than last.

I also have a brief trip description from Diane Elliott that she shared with me a few weeks ago that I enjoyed and share here:

Hi, Bud. When I hear people say that they're considering retiring, I always reply: “go for it!” I'm finding retirement to be wonderful. For instance, we just returned from a trip to England (London and Isle of Wight) and France (D-Day beaches and Paris). Best of all, my daughter, son-in-law, and the two grandsons joined us. The trip had a particularly precious moment for me.....seeing my grandsons stand on the town square of St. Mere-Eglise (just inland from Utah Beach). My father was stationed there during part of WWII, living out of a bombed-out car stuffed with straw. To see his great grandsons (whom he never got to meet) stand in the square, learning first-hand the history of the town and the role that our American troops played, will be a special memory for me.

[Note: Diane shared this with me on August 28th]

I’d love to share your travel stories with the distribution list and will do so if you share them with me. It will be helpful if you send them to me in word document ready-to-go format so that I can just copy and paste them into an Update.

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Reading Diane’s email again today reminded me of how remaining involved with the College has contributed to the veterans’ project. At a College activity in May, I bumped into John Sinacore whom I thought to be a veteran and, sure enough, he was, and we were able to get his story. At an event today, I saw Robert Hellmann for the first time since we were together at the late Victor Schmidt’s 90th birthday celebration in the New York Room several years ago. I had thought that Bob was also a veteran and I confirmed it to be so, and will now be working with him to “get his story.” This prompts me to share that we also recently obtained the late coach Gerald D’Agostino’s interesting WWII story from his family. Coach Gerry was still fighting the war two weeks after the war had ended. For the rest of that story, John Sinacore’s story, and the recently obtained William Hemmer story go to:


http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/Sinacore_John_war_story.pdf

http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/Hemmer_William_war_story.pdf

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A little bit of housekeeping:
As I’ve stated before, I do not include any attachments with Update to provide you with a little added protection. If possible I do post photos to the “Your News” page on the emeriti website. But, if you should find attachments to a distribution to emeriti addressed to brockportemeriti, you should not open.

Please be aware that the software I use for distributing Update does not always like punctuation and might strip it from the Updates I send out depending upon what software you use for email as well. In particular, quotes and apostrophes often disappear.

Please visit the Daily Eagle at [http://www.brockport.edu/eagle/](http://www.brockport.edu/eagle/) on a regular basis and take advantage of The Privileges of Emeriti and Retiree Status as outlined in a recent mailing to those of you who are members of one of these groups. I recently attended a wonderful, very enjoyable and very educational campus event, a performance by “The Flower City Society Orchestra” in The Tower Fine Arts Theatre that had lots of seats available that could have been occupied for free by most of you. The music was fun and exceptionally well performed, and the introductions of the selections by conductor Phillip Carli were extremely informative, and often humorous and entertaining as well. Follow the Dailey Eagle and make sure your free seat has a body in it whenever possible and at the same time lend support to the programs and performers. You’ll be glad when you do. [There are exceptions to the emeriti/retiree “free” mode so if that is an issue check with the box office first.]

Because the emeriti on-line directory is part of the secure “internal” directory, you need to have a userid and password to access it at: [http://www.brockport.edu/publications/phone/fsdir.html](http://www.brockport.edu/publications/phone/fsdir.html). If you still have a Brockport email account, you use the same userid and password to access the internal directory. If you do not have a Brockport email account you may still access the internal directory by using all lower case as follows:

userid: emeriti
password: fromsuny

It might be a good time for you to check your own information in the on-line directory and let one of us (Lucinda Dumaw, Human Resources ldumaw@brockport.edu; John Sapienza, Advancement jsapienz@brockport.edu; or me, (remember the “has-been” story) rmeadel1@rochester.rr.com) know if there is anything that is not current and correct. [We share, so providing the corrections to one of us will update all files.] And, along those lines, unless you are just trying to opt out (you can do that by emailing me), please let me know when you have a change in your email address if you wish to continue to receive Update.

About traveling, Sandy and I just did our first serious visit to the Gettysburg Battlefield with friends and the one thing that our guide repeated on several occasions was that dead men tell no stories. He told of the many heroes whose stories are not well known because a bullet found its mark and they did not have the opportunity to write of their experiences, while possibly some lesser “heroes” got to tell their stories enough times that they believed them themselves. So, as David Kendall has written in his book, we will all be ancestors someday, so if you want to be remembered, and to have some influences on those memories, write it down! And, along those lines, please do not forget to share your stories and College related documents with the Rose Archives.
Carpe diem,

Bud

September 23, 2015

Greetings,

Sad news!

I am sorry to be adding to your email inbox again so soon but the passing of another retiree just came to my attention. I thank Julie Pruss and Richard Black for sharing with me the sad news of the passing of Pamela Rowles who was employed at the College from January 1987 until her retirement on May 30, 2013. During that period, Pam worked in several positions at the College including Alumni Affairs, College Development, the Document Preparation Center, International Education, and Campus Recreation, before finishing the last several years of her career as Secretary to the Athletics Department. In all her roles at the College Pam demonstrated an exceptional commitment to serving others. She was always pleasant, accommodating and dependable. Julie Pruss described her as “a lovely person - another one of those people about whom no one can say a bad word because she was just so wonderful. She will be missed.” I wholeheartedly agree with Julie’s description of Pam!

At one point in my career I supervised the Document Preparation Center, a valuable resource for those responsible for College publications and for faculty involved in research, writing and publishing. Pam was a workhorse in the Center throughout her time there and her work was greatly appreciated by those who used the services of the Center. Unfortunately, the Document Preparation Center was eliminated during a period of budget cuts and the staff had to be reassigned. After that I had many nice conversations with Pam when I had occasion to be in the Tuttle complex and I enjoyed seeing the love and the pride she showed when she talked about the accomplishments of her daughters. I find it hard to believe that she has passed at such a young age after only a little more than two years of retirement. Following is her obituary from the Rochester D&C. Please note the information about the visitation tomorrow, Thursday, September 24th and her memorial on Saturday, September 26th.

Rowles, Pamela (Jurhs)

Canandaigua: September 16, 2015, while surrounded by her family and friends, at age 63. She is survived by her husband of 42 years and high school sweetheart, Larry Rowles; two daughters, Kristy (Owen) Johnston and Stacey (Gordy) Baxter; four grandchildren, Evelyn, Orion, Carson and Hugh; brother, Tom (Paula) Jurhs; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her granddaughter Olivia Faith Johnston. Pam was born in Rochester and was the daughter of Everett and Deanie (Darlington) Jurhs. She was formerly of Kendall. Pam was a member of the Concordia Lutheran Church in Kendall and the First Congregational Church in Canandaigua. She retired from SUNY Brockport in 2013. Pam enjoyed spending time with her family, grandchildren
and friends.

Friends may call Thursday, September 24, from 4-7 pm, at Johnson-Kennedy Funeral Home, Inc., 47 N. Main St., Canandaigua, NY. Her memorial service will be held Saturday, September 26, at 11 am, at the Concordia Lutheran Church, 1769 Kendall Rd., Kendall, NY. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Concordia Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 461, Kendall, NY 14476 or the First Congregational Church, 58 N. Main St., Canandaigua, NY 14424.

[We send our condolences to Pam’s family and friends as we mourn the passing of a retiree who was loved by everyone she encountered in her many roles at the College.]

Better news!

Emerita Jenny Lloyd shares the following information

Some people might be interested to hear that I have just published a memoir, In My Mind's Eye: A Cornish girlhood, covering my memories as a young child in World War II, life on a remote farm in the West of England, and my years at Boarding school. It is available from Amazon as both a paperback and e-book.

[Jenny, congratulations and thank you for sharing. Memoirs can be great sources of information and enjoyment both for those left behind, as we become ancestors, and for historians. The memoirs of John Crandall, Maury Kleiman, and William Ward were invaluable resources for the production of their military service stories. Like you, John Crandall published his memoirs and there are a couple of copies in Drake Memorial Library. Maury and Bill did not formally publish their memoirs but copies have been given to the Rose Archives. Thanks again for sharing!]

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Emerita Elaine Miller has responded to our invitation to share travel experiences and other retirement activities.

I did a weeklong bike tour around Sun Valley, Idaho in July. Great adventure in beautiful country: pedaling up those inclines in the foothills of the Sawtooth Mountains, meandering along gorgeous routes through the Sawtooth and Challis National Forests, rafting on the Salmon River, soaking in the Challis Hot Springs, and folksy accommodations like the Wild Horse Creek Ranch, together with the not-at-all-folksy 5-star Sun Valley Lodge.
If you haven't seen Idaho, it's a must!

I also attended the convention of the Association of American Editorial Cartoonists (AAEC) in Columbus, Ohio in September. Especially interesting was the high security (armed guards and bomb sniffing dogs) at the convention because there was an exhibit of the cartoons produced by U.S. and international cartoonists in response to the attack on the offices of the French satirical magazine, Charlie Hebdo. Aside from that, there was the usual discussion and strategizing about dealing with the decline in numbers of political cartoonists and
cartoons in print format.

More "travel" experiences -- New Horizons Band Camp at Chautauqua in October, and Cuba in November.

I recommend all of the above! Elaine

[Elaine, thank you for sharing this. It is good to know that you are enjoying retirement while also continuing to make contributions relating to your ongoing political cartoon interests, including doing presentations on Political Cartoons as Social Critique.]

Carpe diem,

Bud

October 1, 2015

Greetings,

Wow, where did September go? Here we are already enjoying fall and looking forward to spring!

I am repeating the invitation from the SUNY Retiree Corps to attend its upcoming conference in Schenectady to ensure that you are aware that all SUNY retirees are invited not just those in their database who received direct invitations. I especially encourage any of you who reside in the Albany/Schenectady area to attend. Also, I share with you that I was invited to write a piece for the SUNY Retirees newsletter and did so, and, if interested, you will find it in the Fall/Winter 2015 issue referenced below. You may want to share your retirement stories as well and the information you need to do so is also included below.

Dear SUNY Retirees,

I am pleased to send you [the link to] the latest issue of the SUNY Retirees Newsletter, which is published and distributed electronically system-wide by the SUNY Retirees Service Corps (RSC) twice yearly (Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter issues). The Fall/Winter 2015 issue can be viewed at: http://www.suny.edu/media/suny/content-assets/documents/retirees/SUNY-Retirees-Newsletter-FallWinter-2015.pdf.

This issue highlights Creating New Connections, the SUNY Retirees Conference on Wednesday, October 21st at Schenectady County Community College. The event is designed for SUNY retirees, future retirees, and campus administrators alike. There is still time to register online at https://fs9.formsite.com/zetadonut/form67/index.html; the conference registration deadline is Monday, October 5th. The online registration form contains a link to the conference program brochure and related information.

I also encourage you to consider sharing your story for a future issue of the Newsletter.
Your submissions (1,000-word maximum) may be emailed to us as a Microsoft Word attachment at retirees@suny.edu. Please include a good-quality photo of yourself, preferably as a jpeg attachment. We also welcome stories about SUNY retirees, their accomplishments and retiree events with jpeg photos attached.

Anyone with questions or story ideas of interest to all SUNY retirees may email me or call me at (518) 320-1354.

To learn more about the SUNY Retirees Service Corps, visit http://suny.edu/retirees/.

Thank you. Happy reading!

All the best,

Pierre

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We recently learned of the passing of John J. Trevisan who worked at the College many years ago but is known to some of you who were at the College before my time. Based upon what I know, John served in student affairs with responsibilities in student activities in the days when Student Affairs was located in the recently renovated Lathrop Hall and when the Student Union and Cafeteria were located in the basement. When I arrived in 1967 John was gone on to MCC and likely his replacement was Pat Ryan or Dan Sullivan, a couple of the first people I met at Brockport. We are blessed to have people on this distribution list who will remember John so, although it is untimely, I share his obituary from a recent Rochester D&C below. Following the obituary is a tribute to John from Patrick Madama I lifted from John’s memorial page.

Trevisan, John J.

Penfield/Webster: September 22, 2015 at age 91. Predeceased by his wife, Margaret and son, Mark. John is survived by his beloved and devoted daughter, Suzanne (C.D. Walsh) Trevisan. He was Director of Student Activities at Monroe Community College. John was also an avid golfer and longtime member of Penfield Country Club.

Friends may call at Jennings, Nulton & Mattle Funeral Home, 1704 Penfield Road, Thursday (TODAY) 4-7 PM. John's Funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday 11 AM at St. Ann's Community at Cherry Ridge Chapel, 900 Cherry Ridge Blvd., Webster. Entombment, White Haven Memorial Park. Donations may be directed to St. Ann's Community in John's memory. - See more at: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/democratandchronicle/obituary.aspx?pid=175913637#sthash.5O5j16wE.dpuf
Simply, one of the best. John shared his time and talent in a gracious way with so many students, alumni, employees and friends of MCC. A true gentleman who will be remembered and cherished by many!

Patrick Madama,  
Brooklyn, New York

[We send our condolences to John’s family and friends.]

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There will be an exhibit of the work of Lori Skoog’s art students at A Different Path gallery on Market Street from 7-9 pm on Sunday, October 4, 2015. There will be wine, appetizers and friendship while there is no charge and nothing for sale! What could be better?

[While I am resolved to limit the use of Update as a community bulletin board because that entails deadlines that change my volunteer activity to work, with all of its demands and deadlines, I share this event because the artistic achievements of some of our group will be represented, because this event is a type of activity I know many of you enjoy, and because I have other things to share so that this message can be timely without being demanding.]

Along those lines, I also share with you the following information received from emeritus Raymond Duncan about a project initiated by members of the Walk, Bike, Brockport organization, and supported by emerita Margay Blackman, Mayor of Brockport:

Our not-for-profit organization, Walk Bike Brockport, in cooperation with the Mayor of Brockport, Margay Blackman, has launched a project to convert the Main Street Railroad Bridge into a Victorian Gateway for the Village of Brockport.

SUNY-Brockport students are helping to clean up the site and the community is pitching in to help raise funds for the new mural for the railroad bridge. Stacey Kirby, the muralist who designed the mural now displayed on East Avenue, will do the railroad bridge mural.

[If interested you can get more information and make a donation at: https://www.gofundme.com/xe557djc  If you have problems opening the website and/or wish to make a contribution but do not like doing it on-line, contact Ray or Margay for more information about how you can support this project.]

Carpe diem,

Bud

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October 8, 2015

Greetings,
The good news is that Andy Virgilio is back in the race again after having had his batteries recharged during a three-week visit to a body shop in Florida. I’ve heard that he is not quite as nimble and quick as he had to be in the days that he was ducking paper wads in the campus school or running to distance himself from the fangs of watchdogs while on the campaign trail when he was a New York State Assemblyman, yet I’ve heard that the results of his rehab work have placed him in competition with the energizer bunny. Many in the Rochester area were bummed out when the timing of Andy’s recharge prevented them from visiting the area this summer and we all send them, Andy and caregiver, Sue, best wishes from Brockport. They’d likely be pleased to hear from us:

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Punta Gorda, Florida 33955  
(941) 637-9277  
Andy: advirgilia@comcast.net  
Sue: spvirgilio@gmail.com

The sad news for this Update is the recent news of the passing of emeritus John “Jack” Warthman. John started at Brockport in the Education Department in 1961 before the growth of the 1970s created new specialized education departments including Educational Administration from which John retired as Associate Professor in 1992.

Many school administrators and teachers benefitted from John’s teaching and mentoring throughout his career. Following is his obituary from Boles Funeral Home in North Carolina:

Dr. John B. Warthman (Jack) entered everlasting life on September 29th at FirstHealth Hospice House.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Dr. Irene C. Warthman; dear niece Sarah Warthman Clark (Tim); special nephews Dan Warthman (Jody), Sam Alward (Ruth); and many nieces, nephews, grand nieces, grand nephews and great grand nieces and nephews. Jack fought a long courageous battle with cancer and won the race. His strong faith was an inspiration to many of all ages during his illness.

Memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2015 at 11:00am at the First Baptist Church of Southern Pines with Rev. Dr. David Helms officiating. Family suggests memorials may be made to Belle Meade Educational Fund c/o Linda Castillo, 100 Waters Drive, Southern Pines, NC 28387

We send our condolences to John’s family and friends. Here is Irene’s contact information for those who may want to contact her.

Dr. Irene Warthman  
300 Waters Drive, B206  
Southern Pines, NC 28387
David and Peggy Hale continue to explore the world and David has just shared the following information about their recent trip:

We're just back from another of our trips. We (and 150 others) took a river cruise from the Black Sea in Romania to Budapest. We stopped in many countries with different languages and currencies. Along the way, we saw the usual castles and cathedrals, but also lots of what were described as "Stalinist baroque" apartment blocks. There's a lot of history in the area, much of it bad—communists, Nazis, Ottomans, Hapsburgs, Mongols, and so on. All we saw of the refugee situation was coils of barbed wire at the Croatia-Hungary border. A third of the group added a few days in Prague. The long bus ride was the perfect opportunity to spread a nasty cold. But we're safely home and recovering. Where next?

In closing, a group of us were pleased to see that Paul Curran was getting around well with his new knee on Tuesday. We are all very fortunate to live in a time when such formerly medical-miracles have become routine.

Carpe diem

Bud

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October 14, 2015

Greetings,

People on this distribution list will be saddened to learn of the passing of Elizabeth (Betty) H. Schroeder this past weekend. Betty had been very ill in recent months and spent her last days in hospice where she died peacefully with daughter Pam at her side. She was married to the late emeritus Kermit Schroeder, Chemistry (1966-1991), who passed on August 19, 2012. Her son Daniel also predeceased her on February 28, 2014. Immediate survivors include her daughter, Pamela Shillieto, and her son, David. More information should be available upon the publishing of her obituary that is expected to appear this coming Sunday. At this time, a memorial service at the Presbyterian Church in Spencerport is being planned for some time in December. The obituary will include some information about it followed later by an announcement when the planning is completed.

Betty was a beloved member of the Brockport community throughout most of her adult life following her arrival in Brockport with Kermit in 1966. She was a caring person who was very active in her church and gave freely of her musical and other talents, at her church, and in the broader community. Many of us who came to Brockport during the period of growth and transformation at the College feel that we grew up together in the 1970s and 1980s as we developed our careers and raised our families, and Betty’s passing is a reminder of how much the nurturing friendships we developed with other College employees and their families contributed to our welfare over the years.
We thank Betty for her friendship and service and are thankful for her example of a life well lived. We send our condolences to her family and friends as they celebrate her life. Condolences may be sent to “The Family of…” or to Pam and Wayne Shillieto, 2596 Spencerport Road, Spencerport, New York 14459.

Other – Events:

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Expect “Music Macabre” when the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra Takes the Stage in Brockport, Just in Time for Halloween Performance takes place October 30, 2015, at 7:30 pm in the Tower Fine Arts Center. Call (585) 395-2787 or visit the box office in Tower and, if you are emeriti/retiree, identify yourself as such.

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The College at Brockport employs many professors of merit. During October Drake Memorial Library is paying tribute to one of our notable professors, emeritus Dr. Joseph Winnick. Dr. Winnick has effectively contributed to his field, regular and adapted physical education, as well as his area of interest, physical fitness for individuals with disabilities, and to the Brockport campus.

Over the years, Dr. Winnick’s accomplishments have influenced the development of the Brockport campus. The adapted physical education concentration was developed by Dr. Winnick in 1968. The grants he has earned enabled hundreds of students to pursue the master's degree program.

Dr. Winnick is a prolific writer with over 50 publications in the field, including undergraduate and graduate texts. He is author and editor of one of America's premier texts in the field entitled Adapted Physical Education and Sport (5th ed., 2010) and lead author with Dr. Short of the Brockport Physical Fitness Test.

The Drake Memorial Library display features Dr. Winnick’s books including some of the numerous translations of his adapted physical education books.

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On Tuesday, October 20, from 6 to 8 pm, hear from ROC Brewing owner, Chris Spinelli, about the growth of the craft beer industry. Immediately following his lecture, sample some of ROC’s great brews. Tickets are $5 prior to the event or $7 at the door and can be purchased online through the link below. This event is cosponsored by St. John's.

For more information and to register, visit:
http://alumni.brockport.edu/learning

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On Thursday, November 5th, 2015, from 4-6 p.m., The Department of Art will host the opening for the art exhibition that celebrates the life and creative works of Gary Kazin, who passed away
in June. The exhibition titled, “gary@brockport.edu” will feature a selection of Gary’s ceramic work, paper folding, and pages from a book on mathematical tessellations. The exhibition will run from November 5th – December 11th in the Westside Gallery, Tower Fine Arts building. For purposes of ordering refreshments for the opening, please rsvp to Brittany Profit-Rheinwald at either ext. 2206 or bprofitr@brockport.edu.

Drake Memorial Library will also celebrate Gary’s memory with a display of some of his favorite books, authors and influences from math, computer science, art, graphic novels, science fiction, and more.

Gary was incredibly generous sharing his pots, folded paper sculptures, and other assorted creative works. Many of us on campus, and in the Brockport community were recipients of those gifts. Here are some ways you may wish to help recognize and honor Gary’s contributions to the campus:

1. The Department of Art would like to showcase Gary’s generosity by asking faculty, staff, or friend of Gary’s to take a “selfie” with their artwork from Gary and send to Lori Mills at lmills@brockport.edu. Individuals may include a brief statement, story, or memory about Gary. The images and accompanying text will also be featured at the opening of the exhibition. Please forward by October 15.

2. Anyone who has a photo of Gary is asked to send a copy to Richard Black (rblack@brockport.edu) for inclusion in a memory book for family and friends. Include your name and address to have materials returned to you. Please forward by October 15.

3. The Gary Kazin Art Award has been started to honor Gary’s memory. Funding will be used to support a student art award at the Annual Student Art Exhibition Award Ceremony. Donations may be sent to the Department of Art. Please make checks out to: Brockport College Foundation and in the memo area include Attn: Gary Kazin Art Fund Acct. 831.02.

Carpe diem,

Bud

November 1, 2015

Greetings,

I am not sure but it is possible that I found a way to send out Update so that recipients can view the content on IPads or IPhones. I will continue to use that text-only method for now even though it may alter formatting a bit and eliminate even more punctuation.

This news flash was just received from emeritus Jim Vetuskey who has developed a close relationship with the land and all that it has to offer since retiring:

The 2015 cider-making report is: 25 people, half adults and half children, made 92 gallons of
cider. I kept 2 gallons, all the rest was given to participants and family. Also, 22 pumpkins were grown over the summer along with 58 bushels of fruit (3 types of apples, plus bosc pears). All 22 pumpkins were given to the children.

Jim, thank you for this report on what is keeping you busy in retirement. Even though there was a lot of work involved, it sure sounds like great activity for respecting our environment and for having wholesome work/play with family and friends. Congratulations on your success during the growing season for both crops and people.

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Following is a reminder and a welcome from Betsy Standish, Alumni Affairs.

Join us for First Fridays on November 6!

Stop over to Alumni House and join the Alumni Association as we welcome Dr. Heidi Macpherson as the new President of The College at Brockport.

Enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres provided by The Stoneyard from 4 to 6pm where you'll be able to say hello to Dr. Macpherson and her husband Dr. Allan Macpherson and connect with faculty, staff, alumni, emeriti and friends.

Rosie LaSorte Rich is our sponsor for this First Friday.

Contact: Office of Alumni Relations, (585) 395-2068, alumni@brockport.edu

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Andy Virgilio and Sue Virgilio continue to be well and remain interested in what is going on in Brockport. I regret that in a recent Update when I tried to correct the email address for Andy I still ended up giving you the wrong one. For the record his current email address is: virgilioandy12@gmail.com

[We send our best regards to Andy and Sue.]

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From the Daily Eagle:

Veterans Day Activities
Help Brockport show support of our veterans and current military by partaking in one or more of the various opportunities available on-campus. Your participation affirms our support and will help make this event successful.

Too often, we take for granted that our freedom is a privilege, not a right, paid for by the sacrifices of our nation’s defenders. Veterans Day is a day of remembrance, a day to honor the men and women who have fought to preserve our freedom. What many fail to realize is that Veterans Day is not about merely thanking veterans for defending the American way of life, but capitalizing on the opportunity they have granted us with their sacrifices, to build our nation a better tomorrow.

Please show your support this Veterans Day for the importance and impact our veterans and current military have made and continue to make in our society. Join us at the flagpole on the
Campus Mall at 12pm for the Raising of the Flag Ceremony immediately followed with a reception in the Fireside Lounge with guest speaker, Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Bringer. Cake and punch will be served.

Please see the list of Veterans Day Activities at The College at Brockport this year at: Veterans Day Activities

Contact: Lisa Burch, Financial Aid Office
Submitted: Thu, Oct 29, 2015 by lburch

Also, November 10th is the Marine Corps birthday. Several of our veterans served in the Marine Corps, with emeriti President Albert Brown and emeriti Frank Hillman, who served in the Pacific Theatre in WWII, being our senior members of that group. Their stories and the stories of surviving WWII veterans Henry Bretton, Richard Elton, Warren Fraleigh, Robert Hellmann, Ian Henderson, John Killigrew, Irene Manitsas (veteran and wife of Bill Manitsas who was also a veteran), and John Sinacore, among other stories, can be found at: http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/BKPT_VETS.htm

[We thank our veterans who served. While many have questioned the roles of our government and our military in recent conflicts, we pay tribute to those who sacrificed their lives and their time, sometimes reluctantly, along with those objectors who found alternative ways to serve their country.]

It was nice to see many emeriti faces in the audience at the performance by the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra on the stage at Tower Fine Arts on Friday, October 30th. It was great to see the auditorium filled to capacity. To ensure a capacity crowd and that you do not miss an event do not forget to frequently check the calendar of events at the Dailey Eagle link http://www.brockport.edu/eagle/ on the Internet. You might even consider changing your home page to the Dailey Eagle site when you open your browser.

While I often fail to catch every award earned by emeriti and current staff at the College (it is challenging because there are so many), I do try to include them when they are timely for an Update. I am pleased to include mention of awards earned by an alumnus and friend, former NBA Player (Noon Time Basketball Association), Warren (Coz) Kozireski, and a person of interest (I love photography) who follows emeritus Jim Dusen as an award-winning photographer, Matt Yeoman. Here are the news releases about their awards from the Dailey Eagle:

Warren Kozireski

College Broadcasters, Inc. (CBI) presented its Joel Willer Award in recognition for exceptional dedication and service to student electronic media" to WBSU/89.1 The Point General Manager Warren Kozireski at their annual conference held in Minneapolis October 22-24.

Matt Yeoman
Matt won two awards in the UPAA’s monthly competition. The UPAA is an international organization of more than 600 college and university photographers concerned with the application and practice of photography in higher education.

Matt placed second in the General Feature category with an image that was created for the Department of Environmental Science and Biology, showing graduate research students seine netting on Cayuga Lake. Matt also placed fourth in the Science and Research category with an image of a fruit fly shot with a macro lens, taken while photographing McNair Summer Research students.

I would like to thank the students and their departments for providing me the opportunity to capture the amazing work they are doing, Matt said. I love being out with students and telling the Brockport story, it is always fun, exciting and rewarding when I walk away with great images.

Finally, for those who may have missed it, following is the recent report from the President to the College on her first 100 days. We wish her much success as she leads the College in meeting the current challenges and those on the future horizon for Higher Education. Here is her report:

Dear Colleagues:

During my first 100 days at The College at Brockport, I’ve learned a lot about our institution’s priorities—something that is best done from the inside. A former colleague of mine once shared her thoughts about coming to a new institution. She said, to be successful, it is vital to “know your clay.” I think that’s a powerful image, because it suggests that there isn’t a simple transplanting of ideas from one place to another, nor will one know what can be created, before knowing the people who work here. My first 100 days have been focused on getting to know Brockport, and I like what I’ve seen so far.

As I learn more about our academic community, I also hold onto some core ideas and principles that have assisted me in the past. One of these is not assuming a cookie cutter approach will solve issues, or that how we did things at my previous university is the “answer.” I have spent time finding out what our practices are here, and WHY we undertake them. If the reason is, “They’re successful,” then great. If the reason is, “We’ve always done it this way,” I’d like us to consider other perspectives. The answer may be the same—it is a successful model—but unless we ask the question, we won’t really know. One of the benefits of coming in from the outside is the opportunity to ask those searching questions and apply different models—but only when they are appropriate.

Another key approach I like to use is to focus on the “Big Rocks.” Essentially, the idea is that you should think of your time as a vase. You can fill the vase with rocks, pebbles, sand and water. It’s your choice. But if you want the big rocks to fit in, you have to put them in first, or they will never fit. I like that idea, and it’s one I’ve tried to live by. What are Brockport’s” Big Rocks”? You and I can easily identify the sand—emails, for example, or meetings that might not achieve objectives—but what are the big rocks? What should we focus on, as an institution, to ensure that we achieve our objectives?

The list that follows includes the things that, in various encounters, you have told me are
important, and should be a focus for my energies as your new president:

1) Working on resolving our budget issues. To that end, I have established a Presidential Task Force on Budget and Planning, and we are meeting weekly in order to identify budget solutions that will ensure our success for many years to come. Called “Fund the Future,” this project is focused on expense reduction and revenue growth. Shortly, a new link will be established off the presidential webpage to keep our campus community apprised of our progress. Through the first two meetings and some earlier work, we have already identified 100 ideas for us to consider and evaluate. By the start of the next semester, we expect to have made great progress on our goals of establishing a strategic initiative fund and rebuilding our reserves.

2) Starting the work for our next strategic plan. My goal is to ensure that our next strategic plan is a responsive and living document that does more than sit on a shelf. To that end, I have set up a series of New Vision World Cafés, which will be followed by other opportunities to engage in the first step of our planning process. Early next semester, I will constitute a strategic planning committee to take these ideas even further.

3) Continuing to ensure that we respond successfully to our accrediting body, Middle States Commission on Higher Education. A small team visited us last week in relation to the monitoring report submitted in September, and we expect to receive an update from the commission just before Thanksgiving. I hope you had the opportunity to read Provost Zuckerman’s note of appreciation to the campus, which appeared in yesterday’s Daily Eagle. I want to add my thanks to hers for the work that went into preparing for the visit, and the ongoing work you do to ensure that, as a campus, we evaluate our processes and focus on good outcomes for our students.

4) Engaging with the community, here in Brockport and more widely in Rochester. Our community needs us, and we need them: so, I am happy to represent our interests locally and regionally, to the benefit of the college. One of my biggest roles in the first 100 days has been to meet people, individually, in small groups and in large ones, to listen and learn, but also to ensure that they know more about us. This leads me nicely to the next point.

5) Telling our story, whenever and wherever possible. There are a lot of wonderful things about our college, and I want to ensure that people know them, so that when they are looking for experts, they’ll come looking for you to help them achieve their goals. Again, I consider this a priority for my presidency.

6) Continuing to ask people what they need and try to find ways to provide it. This is both the hardest and the easiest to achieve, but I hope always to be able to help us find solutions to the issues that we have as a campus. To that end, I will continue to have open office hours and town hall meetings, so that our community is able to speak with me about who we are and where we are going.

As you can probably see, all of these things are linked, and in order to achieve 6, we will likely need to achieve 1, and in order to accomplish 5, we need to focus on 4, with 2 and 3 being crucial to our ongoing success as a college.

Plans do not stay static—and priorities shift and change with time. I will continue to keep our
collective priorities under review, and I look forward to crucial campus conversations around these and other issues. I have been truly impressed by the college, particularly by the commitment of faculty, staff and administrators to the wider institution and to the students’ welfare and academic success.

Thank you for helping me to settle in, and for being so generous with your time, your expertise, and your historical knowledge of our wonderful college. I look forward to serving you and the institution for many years to come.

Kind regards

President Heidi Macpherson

And, here is a reminder. The Department of Art will host a reception to open an exhibit of the work of the late Gary Kazin in the Westside Gallery of Tower Fine Arts from 4-6 pm on Thursday, November 5th. RSVP to Brittany at 395-2206 or bprofitr@brockport.edu ASAP, or HANDS OFF the refreshments if you attend! If you cannot attend this event please note that the exhibit will run through December 11th.

Carpe diem,

Bud

November 4, 2015

Greetings,

On the evening of November 2nd, I heard from retiree Judy Wade that many of us lost a dear friend and a very competent, personable, and highly respected former colleague that afternoon. That person is Bonnie Park, a technology pioneer who used the opportunity for gaining knowledge while employed at the College to create bridges that took her from the role of Account Clerk to Telecommunications Manager. Her expertise then propelled her to a management position in a bank in or near Charlotte, North Carolina. Sadly, her success in this life took a bad turn recently when she broke her shoulder in a fall and subsequently developed a staph infection while recuperating at a rehabilitation facility. That infection took her life.

Bonnie’s passing brings back fond memories of discussing our individual projects for a class we both took on Relational Data Bases as that technology was just becoming known. The late Norman Plyter taught the course and Bonnie and I both decided to do projects that we could use in our jobs. She developed a relational database using Henco’s INFO that became the backbone for maintaining telecommunications data for several years. Unfortunately, while on vacation in North Carolina in 1996, she and Steve decided they liked it there, and she applied for a job in telecommunications at a Bank. She returned from vacation and gave notice and was soon working at the bank that had been very excited to hire her after seeing her technology credentials. When she returned to Brockport a year or so after moving to North Carolina I remember her saying that she owed her success at the bank to Norm Plyter, and to Mike Oshier,
former IT Officer, and to the freedom to grow professionally that she had experienced at Brockport.

All of us who knew her will have fond memories of our times with her and will remember her as a dedicated professional who worked to the best of her abilities, and they were very good, to provide first-class telecommunications services to the College and its constituencies. We were sorry when she left Brockport but we were always pleased to hear of her subsequent success. We are sorry she has left this world but blessed that our paths crossed while she was here.

[Since Bonnie had worked with, and for, Mike Oshier I invited him to contribute to this memorial piece for Bonnie and, as always, Mike remembers well and writes with precision and feeling. Here is his contribution]:

Bonnie was one of the most self-motivated professionals I had the privilege of working with. Her in-depth knowledge of the telecommunications system of the college at the time it was integrated into Information Technology Services was invaluable to me. Our complimentary knowledge of our respective technology specialties, hers in telecommunications and mine based in computer science, facilitated the integration of campus telecommunication into the mainstream of campus technology. The once standalone phone system department became a strategic technology partner in transitioning SUNY Brockport to a leadership role in telecommunications within SUNY. Bonnie was highly respected by her SUNY Colleagues and a “go to” expert on telecommunication advancements. Her self-taught expertise combined with her enthusiasm for everything new in telecommunications made her a very unique individual and a joy to work with. Bonnie was both excited and proud when telecommunications was elevated to equal status with all the other technology departments on the campus. Some of her parting words to me were “It has been rewarding to see Information Technology Services evolve and work as a team” and Bonnie was the ultimate team player. Her thoughts to me upon leaving were that she didn’t know where to begin thanking me or where to end, either. For me, and all her former Brockport and SUNY colleagues, our combined thanks to her for everything she accomplished and for being the person she was. A final Thank You Bonnie for being part of our lives.

[Thanks to Mike for this very nice tribute to Bonnie that she very much deserves.]

Because Craig and Dona Hazen had worked closely with Bonnie I also asked them if they wished to contribute and Dona responded with the following tribute:

Hi Bud. Mike did a great job writing about Bonnie Park's work skills. I'm sure most of her friends and co-workers don't need to be reminded, but Bonnie was a great person and a special lady. On a more personal level, she was one of the first to call or stop in the office and offer help, or just to listen when personal or professional issues became challenging. I had no technology experience when automation hit Purchasing, but Bonnie offered a helping hand with advice and friendship. When Craig and I were planning our wedding, she hosted a wedding shower in her home and invited our co-workers. I often joked with her that she should have been in the catering business because she wowed everyone with the food. She loved her family.
immensely, and was so proud of her three children. It was always obvious to me that Steve was her absolute best friend. Their personalities so complimented each other. They were going to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in December. I kept in touch with Bonnie through Facebook, but it was never the same as being able to see her smiling face appear at your door.

In case you don't have it, their address is:
6007 Creekview Court
Harrisburg NC 28075

Steve, Sheryl, Shawn and Stevie would love to hear from Bonnie's co-workers and friends.

[We thank Dona for sharing this heart-felt tribute.]

And in conclusion, Ed Kumar who was Vice President for Administrative Services for the last several years of Bonnie’s service at the College has added these comments:

The passing of Bonnie brings great sadness to all of us that counted her as an esteemed colleague and trusted friend. Bonnie will be remembered as a hard working, ambitious professional as well as a personable, cheerful co-worker.

After a highly successful fifteen-year career at Brockport (1982-1997) Bonnie joined Bank of America, and spent seventeen years (1997-2014) as Senior Vice President for Technology and Operations for Bank of America. In 1992 Bonnie made all of us in Administrative Services proud when she was awarded the Chancellors Award for Excellence in Professional Service.

[Thanks to Ed for sharing his tribute and for pointing out the significant achievement, The Chancellor’s Award, that Bonnie earned through her exemplary services.]

Here is Bonnie’s obituary from http://www.tributes.com/obituary/read/Bonnie-Marie-Park-102980859 where you may leave a message if you choose to do so:

Bonnie Marie Park, 68, of Harrisburg, N.C., went to be with Jesus on Monday, November 2, 2015 at the Tucker Hospice House.

She was born June 6, 1947 in Brockport, New York to the late Clifford Walter Bergan and Doris Marie Smith Bergan. Bonnie graduated from Brockport High School in 1965. She was united in marriage to Stephen E. Park on December 18, 1965. Together, they raised three children.

Bonnie worked as a Telecommunications Administrator at the State University of New York at Brockport (SUNY Brockport) for nearly 20 years. While balancing family, work and church, Bonnie graduated from Roberts Wesleyan College (Rochester, N.Y.) in 1992 with a bachelor's degree in Human Resources. Bonnie and Stephen relocated to North Carolina in 1997 where Bonnie worked as a Senior Vice President of Technology and Operations at Bank of America for over 18 years.
Bonnie was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, niece, cousin and friend. She was a devoted member of He's Alive Church. She enjoyed spending her time with family and friends. Bonnie's love for her family and friends was quiet, but powerful. She was willing and happy to help others however she could. She wanted others to experience the many opportunities she had been blessed with.

Bonnie enjoyed traveling and photography. She frequently traveled to Sarnia, Ontario to visit her son and his family. Bonnie traveled to Europe for both work and vacation. This past summer, when they passed through North Dakota, Bonnie and Steve met one of their life-long goals of visiting each of the 50 states.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents, several aunts and uncles, as well as her granddaughter, Margaret Ann Marie Park.

She is survived by her loving husband of nearly 50 years, Stephen E. Park, of the home; two sons: Stephen Bergan Park and his wife Yanina, of Concord, N.C. and Shawn Douglas Park and his wife Rebecca, of Sarnia, Ontario; one daughter: Sheryl Marie Florance and her husband Derek, of Kannapolis, N.C.; four grandchildren: Valeria Lluna Park, of Concord, N.C.; Graeme Douglas Selassie Park and Robyn Edith Shewayee Park, both of Sarnia, Ontario, and Jaxon Scott Florance, of Kannapolis, N.C.; a dear aunt: Arlene Bell, of Batavia, N.Y., and a host of relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, Bonnie wishes memorial contributions be made to:

He's Alive Church P.O. Box 6296
Concord, NC 28027 or to 

Autism Speaks 8604 Cliff Cameron Drive, suite 144
Charlotte, NC 28269

We send our condolences to Steve, who also worked at the College in the Physical Plant Department (1993-1997), and to the rest of Bonnie’s family and to her many friends. Many will recite Judy Wade’s words: She was one of my very best friends and I will miss her!

Carpe diem,

Bud

November 11, 2015

Greetings,

Happy Veterans’ Day! I stopped by the College today to take some photos of some of the Veterans’ Day activities. The activities were nice and appropriate and several walkways were adorned with small American flags. Alumni Walk, in particular, was very attractive. It is the fourth year that the College has had programs to recognize Veterans’ Day. Having observed some of the activities today, I hope they will continue.
While on the subject of veterans, I just learned that navy veteran Jerry Luzum, Assistant Vice President for Facilities Emeritus (1990-2000), is in rehab in Canandaigua to get his strength back after having been assaulted by some medical problems. Cards from friends and former colleagues might brighten his, and caregiver Rosemary’s, days. Send to:

Mr. Gerald Luzum  
5835 State Road 21  
Naples, NY 14512

We send our best wishes to Jerry and Rosemary as he works to regain his strength and she works to stay strong while giving him care.

I received several emails in response to the notice of the passing of Bonnie Park. Tonya Satryb, Barbara White (who started at the College at about the same time as Bonnie and they became good friends), and Diana Needham seconded Mike Oshier and Ed Kumar’s tributes while some others shared related stories. Some of you seem to like it when a little Brockport history works its way into Update so I am sharing the feedback received from others and the repeat of my story about Norm Plyter that I shared a few years back.

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I remember Bonnie fondly and was sorry to hear of her passing. More specifically, she made an impression on me because she was one of the first people I knew who completed much of her degree by taking one course at a time.

She was always professional in keeping up-to-date at a time that VOIP (voice over IP) seemed far off in the future. The mention of Henco's INFO also brings back memories of old PR1ME system days.

[Mary Jo Orzech]

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Thank you for sharing these beautiful words about our dear friend Bonnie. Not only did I know her in Brockport but also here in NC. We lived only minutes away from each other. It was Bonnie and Steve’s open hearts and generosity that brought a mutual friend to NC. Bonnie and Steve opened their home to these friends for months until they were able to permanently move to NC. A true display of friendship and love! Bonnie and I talked often and she reassured me that my own move to NC would be successful. We lost a special lady too soon and I will miss her just knowing one of my SUNY Brockport colleagues is gone.

[Betty Drennen]

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I am always saddened when you deliver the news of the loss of any of our colleagues and friends. I was shocked and deeply saddened to see Bonnie's name this time. It's so difficult to understand this tragedy. My heart goes out to Steve and his family.

I remember so many talks with Bonnie about family, career ladders, and education. In
particular, I recall the dictum that all college professionals had to have a degree. Any current professionals without a degree would have 3 years to obtain a 2 yr or 4 yr degree. Bonnie, with Steve's and her family's support, rose to the challenge and succeeded even though the requirement for current employees was later rescinded. Typical of Bonnie, she set goals and worked until she achieved them. After being awarded her degree, she decided to begin seeing what other career opportunities might be out there. The vacation came when she was in this frame of mind. How many people do you know who would #1 walk into a bank cold turkey and hand in their resume, #2 be offered an interview on the spot, and #3 be offered a high-ranking position? Bonnie is the only person I know who did! Her courage was rewarded with a career she loved. And yet, with all her success, she remained true to herself without losing sight of what was most important. She held her faith, family/friends, and career in their proper order.

Greg and I once stopped to see Bonnie and Steve on our way to Florida. They had a beautiful new home in Harrisburg. As we walked up the driveway, Bonnie commented that it was easy to tell where they lived. Only the Northerners planted mums in their yards to remind them of home!! We will all miss Bonnie's kindness, her generosity, and her love. I send my deepest condolences to Steve and Bonnie's family.

[Jill Campbell]

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Your remembrance of Bonnie hit a chord of memory with me from a time long before my employment at Brockport. I, too, took Norm Plyter's Relational Database class. I was working as librarian at Taylor Instrument Co. in Rochester and needed to develop a library database. Norm was a wonderful teacher! I got permission to leave work to attend class for that semester (got my first traffic ticket on the road too). I used INFO to develop a database of book orders and subscriptions. It was my first real introduction to computers and to Brockport.

A good experience right from the start!

[Mary Jo Gigliotti]

[Henco’s INFO Relational Data Base was a godsend to Norm Plyter who had just been challenged to develop a database to keep track of events, coaches, chaperones, and personal data for participants in the 1979 International Special Olympics hosted by Brockport. Norman was anxious and struggling with how he and his group could ever develop a COBOL or FORTRAN Program that would provide the type of data storage and retrieval envisioned by the officials of the Special Olympics. The officials wanted to be able to on-the-spot select participants for special activities such as a tug-of-war with full representation of countries, states, gender, ethnicity and disability restrictions, among other factors. He managed to get through it with some hair remaining on his head largely because at just the right time some representatives of Henco paid him a visit to ask him if the Academic Computing Department at the College would be interested in being a test site for their new and innovative Relational Data Base that stored related data in tables that could be linked together for reporting purposes. Norm jumped at the chance, got the necessary approvals and started building the tables of participants, chaperones, events, etc. without having to use miles of COBOL code to do so. Once the tables were created
and the data entered during the registration process, the use of simple commands such as SELECT, ASELECT (additionally select), DESELECT, and LINK allowed him to quickly select an appropriate representative population for a tug-of-war. During the Special Olympics, the officials just took it for granted that the College could provide this type of instantaneous reporting not realizing that a few months earlier it would have been nearly impossible except for the introduction of this new technology.

In the 1980s I used this technology to develop a database for employees with which I could likewise quickly create ad hoc reports for chairs, deans and vice presidents that helped them track notice dates and tenure dates, maintain DSI award history, or just about anything else by simply adding a table that could be linked to the master employee table. The initial data base to track civil service employee evaluations for a new evaluation system mandated by the State in the 1980s was developed as a class project. Thereafter we just kept adding and refining it until it became the reporting tool for several years. When SUNY created a new database with mandatory campus participation around 1990 the dual maintenance workload became too great and we had to abandon the HENCO system. For some time, we lost some reporting capabilities (particularly for including hired employees in reports before they actually received their first check on the lagged payroll), but we gained by a slight reduction in data entry as basic employee data was captured through the payroll system through feedback to SUNY’s HRMS.

Sorry if I bore you but Bonnie’s passing brings back fond memories for me and the others mentioned above. Those were the days! We moved to selectric typewriters, memory typewriters then to computers for word processing while also going from keypunching, to modems with TTY printers, to PCs linked to networks for information processing, and Bonnie Park was in the thick of things. We are very sorry she is gone but thank her for the great memories.

I read in the paper recently of the death of an ELDERLY 73-year-old man as the result of an automobile accident and it hit me hard that the newspapers would report me as ELDERLY if anything newsworthy happened to me. Thankfully I still have a few friends like Jeanette D’Agostino Banker whose eyes still see me as I was when I began my career at Brockport and she occasionally boosts my spirits by telling me: “You’re just a kid!”

This whole issue of whether or not I am ELDERLY got me thinking and I thought I remembered that my son, Eric, had written something about aging on his blog, checked it out, and I thought some of you TWEENERS like me might be interested, so here it is:

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In their twilight years, the G.I. generation wanted to be called “senior citizens,” in part because in their youth they had been called “junior citizens.” But the Baby Boomers who increasingly make up society’s older cohort are having none of it. It seems that they prefer—or are believed to prefer—to be called “older adults,” which has become the standard term in the field of aging. But what exactly is an “older adult”? When will I become one?

The ambiguity of the term speaks to a larger confusion about who should be the beneficiaries of aging programs and services, which I noted in a keynote to the Missouri Association of Area Agencies on Aging. I have subsequently identified four different dynamics that contribute to this
confusion.

- First, as life expectancy has increased, the age at which a person needs intensive services and care has increased as well, often to around 75 or 80. Many people—particularly social service providers, in my experience—fear that attention paid to younger “older adults” who can still function independently will reduce the resources available to the frail “older adults” who really need help.

- Second, funding constraints have led some organizations to expand their markets by lowering the age of eligibility for their services, often from 65 to 50. This allows them to collect additional membership dues or to claim greater utilization of services, allowing them to justify higher budget requests. As a result, a 50-year-old can now join AARP and attend many programs at senior centers.

- Third, as physical and mental decline are increasingly detached from chronological age (since socioeconomic and behavioral factors often play as great a role), some agencies have shifted their focus from “aging” to vulnerability and disability. For example, the federal Administration on Aging has now become the Administration for Community Living, having merged with the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and the HHS Office on Disability.

- Fourth, there is evidence that all life stages are now in flux, with Boomers embarking on “encore” careers and Millennials living at home well into their twenties. Laura Carstensen from the Stanford Center on Longevity has proposed extending adolescence to age 25 and young adulthood to age 40, with people being most productive career-wise from 40 to 65 before easing out of the workforce by age 80. I explored this possibility in Scenario #4 in a set of scenarios on older adults in the year 2035 that I developed recently for the Howard County (Maryland) Department of Citizen Services. In this scenario, the term “aging” ultimately expands to refer to a process of continuously unfolding human potential throughout the life course.

These four dynamics simply suggest that the notion of “aging” is not as simple as it used to be, and that it needs to be reconsidered. (For example, if I’m not a full-fledged adult until age 40, as Carstensen would suggest, then why am I already an “older adult” only 10 years later?) The challenge here is to reexamine the entire life course and find where people need extra support to live healthy, productive, and fulfilling lives.

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I know that several of this group are suffering from the aging process but maybe we can all keep our spirits up by considering ourselves “older adults” instead of “elderly” and by hanging out with friends who still tell us: “You’re just a kid!”

Carpe diem,

Bud

November 20, 2015

Greetings,
Before the holiday season takes total command, here are some events at the College that should be of particular interest to people on our distribution list. Mark your calendars and get your tickets now.

Please note the fund-raising event for the music program being held on December 8th. It is sure to get you into the holiday spirit and will help the College expand the music offerings for the benefit of students and the greater Brockport community. There are no free passes to this event but I hope that will not be an impediment to your enjoying the program and contributing to this worthy cause.

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Novelist, essayist and short story writer, Pam Houston, the 2015 Writer’s Voice featured author will read from her work and talk with the audience on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at Temple B’rith Kodesh, 2131 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester. The program, that is open to the public, will be at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary followed by a book signing and reception. Houston is the author of two collections of linked short stories, *Cowboys Are My Weakness* and *Waltzing the Cat*, which won the Willa Award for Contemporary Fiction; two novels, *Contents May Have Shifted* and *Sight Hound*; and two collections of autobiographical essays, *A Rough Guide to the Heart* and *A Little More About Me*. She also has edited a collection entitled *Women on Hunting: Essays, Fiction, and Poetry*. Houston is known for writing strong female characters set in extreme geographical settings that involve dangerous and physically challenging adventures. She is a professor of English at UC Davis. She divides her time between Davis and southwestern Colorado at 9,000 feet above sea level near the headwaters of the Rio Grande.

If you have not previously attended this event you should and you will find both the program and the venue perfect. There is ample parking, easy access to the Temple and an excellent auditorium and reception area. And the location is ideal for highlighting The College at Brockport’s programs in the greater Rochester Area. Invite your friends to join you.

Please contact the division of advancement at (585) 395-2451 if you have questions.

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The Department of Theatre and Music Studies at The College at Brockport will produce “As You Like It” beginning on Friday, December 4, 2015, at 7:30 pm in the Tower Fine Arts Center Mainstage, 180 Holley Street, on the Brockport campus.

Performances of *As You Like It* will take place on December 4, 5, 10, 11, and 12 at 7:30 pm. There is also a 2 pm matinee on Sunday, December 6, which will be ASL interpreted for the hearing impaired. Tickets may be purchased online at fineartstix.brockport.edu, by phone at (585) 395-2787, or at the Tower Fine Arts Center Box Office, 180 Holley Street, Brockport, NY.

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The Department of Theatre & Music Studies is proud to host the Karl Stabnau Quartet on Tuesday, December 8, at 7:30 pm on the main stage at the Tower Fine Arts, for an evening of fun-filled holiday music. They will be performing the jazz soundtrack from “A Charlie Brown Christmas”. Tickets are $15 General Admission. There is a cocktail reception prior to the concert at Alumni House at 6 pm. All proceeds from the event go to benefit the music studies program on campus. For more information and/or to purchase tickets visit: http://alumni.brockport.edu/charliebrown

[Stabnau is an award-winning Eastman School of Music graduate and an adjunct lecturer at the College. His Quartet is also making its presence known in the jazz community.]

The College at Brockport recently launched the Lifelong Learning Community Lecture Series. It kicked off with lecture about the growing craft beer industry by ROC Brewing. It was hosted by St. John’s. The next Lecture in the series is titled: Crime Scene vs. TV Screen by Dr. Ann Bunch, Associate Professor & Interim Chair, Department of Anthropology. The lecture is on Wednesday, December 9 at 6 pm in the McCue Auditorium in the Liberal Arts Building. For more details about the lecture, to view the full series and to register visit: http://alumni.brockport.edu/s/1549/index.aspx?sid=1549&gid=1&pgid=1010

And if these events are not enough to keep you occupied, here are some more:

The various music ensembles that are part of the Department of Theatre and Music Studies at The College at Brockport will present a holiday-themed Brockport Ensembles Concert on Wednesday, December 2, 2015, at 7:30 pm in the Gallery in the Seymour College Union, Residence Drive, on the Brockport campus. On the following evening, Thursday, December 3, 2015, the Brockport College-Community Orchestra makes its debut in the Union’s ballroom; also at 7:30 pm. Admission for each concert is $5, at the door.

[Lots of choices sometimes create conflicts but the College is offering a nice lineup of events now and I thought I should share them.]

Finally, a small group enjoyed a cooking demonstration, “Thanksgiving Cooking Tips with Chef Sean”, in the New York Room in Cooper last evening, an event that was included in the 2015-16 Brockport Fellows Events. The demonstration was followed by a Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner, served by Sean and his assistants and was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance.

Chef Sean Foley, a BASC chef, is a two-time medalist in the American Culinary Federation Annual Competition, Chef Sean is a skilled culinary professional with a passion for creating full-flavored menus that look as amazing as they taste. Chef Sean is happy to work with you to
create a customized menu for your special event.

To see the list of remaining Brockport Fellows events for the 2015-2016 year, go to:


For information about how you may be invited to participate in Brockport Fellows Events contact Kim Ehret, Assistant Director of Donor Relations, at 395-5124 or kehret@brockport.edu

Carpe diem,

Bud

December 2, 2015

Greetings,

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! I was personally thankful after cleaning up my yard on Black Friday that my weeping (Sandy would say whining) season may be drawing to an end. On the border of my back yard stands a Weeping Willow tree. As both I and the tree have aged I have come to fully understand how it got its name. My weeping season begins sometime in October and nearly ends around Thanksgiving with daily ventures into the yard to weep and vent throughout the period. Weeping willows do not just shed leaves in the fall, they shed everything, and that prevents them from being blown, or raked without first collecting their spindly branches. The next challenge is to bag them without having the spindles snap free and tear the bag or the eyeball. Then when placing the bags into the car to transport them to the transfer station you have to be careful lest the spindles break out of the bags and razor cut your upholstery. This shedding process continues long after all other leaves in the neighborhood are gone. The owners of such trees are very fortunate! These droppings are not like millennial kids who never leave home. Instead, they fly high and far in their quest to leave home and to relocate to such preferred sites as right in front of garage doors from which they can fly quickly into garages as soon as the garage door is opened, or into the gutters where they wait to clog the drains and create more weeping/whining in the winter when an ice pick is required to reopen the drains. But, I digress! What I am extremely thankful for is that the end of my weeping season was significantly aided by my introduction to an eBook, “Never Agitate an Alligator” by our colleague and good friend, Ray “Global” Duncan. It turned my weeping into laughing so hard that I giggled and cried. It is probably the best $1.99 I have spent in a long time and while Sandy might disagree, I believe I am now a recovered weeper/whiner, at least for 2015. Ray had a very distinguished and successful career at Brockport and continues to distinguish himself through community service. If you read this book you will likely be literally “knocking yourself out” with the hope of emulating his success while you still have time. “Never Agitate an Alligator” is now available as an e-book on Amazon and Smashwords.
This Friday, December 4, there will be a First Friday celebration from 4-6pm at the Alumni House (located on the front lawn of Hartwell). The usual wine/beer/hors d'oeuvres along with faculty/alumni/emeriti, etc. will be present. Significant others are more than welcome. Psychology Department Emeritus Herb, & Alicia Fink, are the hosts for this last First Friday of 2015.

Warren Kozireski, Instructor Communications Department and WBSU Station Manager, reminded me of the November 14th death of Jack Kinnicutt, a Brockport alum who was radio talk show host in Rochester in the 1980s. Warren used to produce Jack’s afternoon show on WBBF 950 AM in the mid-80s. Jack’s father, the late Jack Kinnicutt, was the Director of University Police in the 1970s, and his mother, the late Joan Kinnicutt, was also an employee of the College at that time.

We are sorry to hear this sad news and send condolences to the family and friends of Jack Kinnicutt. We thank Warren for sharing. Those of us who remember Jack’s parents will be reminded of fond memories from the period when they served the College.

Former Associate Dean of Students Douglas Hickerson is well known to many of you and he has been a freelance writer for many years. He recently announced that 130 feature articles he has written over 23 years will be available at Seymour Library, as of December 1 (starting at noon), in the new Local History Room. The articles appeared in the Suburban News and Hamlin-Clarkson Herald.

Doug is hopeful that many will visit the library and enjoy the stories of people and places in Brockport's history.

I was just about ready to distribute this Update when I learned the sad news of the death of Kenneth A. “Kenny” Kassman on November 29, 2015. Kenny was a well-known or well observed institutional character back in the late 1970s and 1980s who worked under the supervision of Roger Knapp who was the Supervisor of Housekeeping Services. I have very fond memories of Kenney who was generally a good worker and an outgoing friendly presence on the campus as he performed his cleaning duties. I have many fond memories from those days at Brockport. Following is Kenny’s obituary from the Kevin W. Dougherty Funeral Home in Honeoye.

Honeoye/Canadice: November 29, 2015 at age 73 years at the Livingston County Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation in Mt. Morris, NY. Predeceased by his wife Alice and parents Roy & Geraldine Kassman. Survived by his daughter Katherine Kassman of LeRoy and siblings; Ray Kassman of Canadice, Sharon Trainham of Mt. Morris, Debbie Kassman of Brockport, and Carole (Jim) Kilmer of Honeoye. Several nieces & nephews.

Friends are invited to a Memorial Service on Saturday, December 5th, at 11am at the Kevin W. Dougherty Funeral Home Inc., 8624 Main Street, Honeoye, NY. Memorial
I have sad news to report. Last Tuesday I learned that emerita Gisela Fritzsching, Theatre Department was in hospice and then on Wednesday I learned from emeritus Sri Ram Bakshi that she had passed. Today Michael Krickmire, Theatre Department, and reportedly a former student of Gisela, shared the following information with me.

I, on behalf of the Department of Theatre and Music Studies, am writing to inform you of the passing of Mrs. Gisela Fritzsching, emeritus faculty member of the Department of Theatre. She passed early Tuesday morning, December first at the age of 96. Mrs. Fritzsching was one of the founding faculty members of the department of Theatre and taught here from the early 1960's until her retirement in 1990. Gisela was a gifted teacher and mentor to uncountable students (and a recipient of the SUNY Chancellors Award in teaching). A gifted actress, she appeared in many department productions as well as productions for every major Rochester theatre company.

Her Memorial Service has been set for Saturday, December 12th at 10:00 A.M. at the Church of the Ascension, 2 Riverside Street Rochester, New York (corner of Lake and Riverside).

[Sandy and I knew Gisela through work but got to know her better when our sons tried out for college productions when they were quite young and Gisela directed at least one of the productions. They were selected for roles in a couple of productions and it was great, as Michael mentions above, to see how well she mentored the youngest of the cast members. We were pleased to see her a couple of years ago at a reunion concert of D. Donald Cervone’s “Brockport Singers.” Although we had lost contact with her over the years and occasionally wondered about her status in life, we found her to look and act exactly as we remembered her, and we were amazed when she asked how our sons were doing. She was certainly a memorable act in the on-going student-success production at Brockport in her time and everyone who ever knew her will be saddened to learn of her passing, but very glad to have known her. We send our condolences to her family and friends.]

Carpe diem,

Bud
Greetings,

I started this Update on December 20, 2015 and little did I know that two days later a former colleague I had enjoyed contact with in recent months would pass away two days later. Thursday morning after having a joyful time with grandchildren, fixing breakfast and working on a puzzle together with them, I received the sad news from Mary Barnard, retiree from Design and Production, that her cousin, who was a Physical Plant retiree, Neil Curtis, had passed on Tuesday. The shock of this news overshadowed my previous joy as I thought about how much I had enjoyed my recent contact with Neil, and I was hit with the realization that I would no longer be able to enjoy his cynical wit, and his wry, and sometimes devious, smile, on this earth except in my memory.

I had known Neil for many years and I know that his expertise and knowledge of the campus were of great value to the Physical Plant Department. He ended his career at Brockport as the supervisor over utilities, a position his work had earned for him. Recently I became much closer to Neil as we worked together to put a piece together about his military service and he helped in identifying many other veterans who were, or had been, employed by the Physical Plant Department. Over lunch and via email Neil connected me to several veterans and their stories. And, we enjoyed sharing exchanges on a variety of subjects via email. I should have realized that something must be wrong when the emails from him ended a few weeks ago.

Neil had reason to be proud of his work at the College and he was. Similarly, he was proud of his service to his country and that of his son, Clark, who predeceased him, and of course, he took pride in all of his family.

I am sure Neil would be honored if you would pay your respect to him and all our veterans by visiting his veterans story, which also includes reference to some of his College work at:

http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/BKPT_VETS.htm

Following is Neil’s obituary from Thursday’s Democrat and Chronicle:

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Curtis, Neil A.

Brockport: Passed away peacefully on Tuesday December 22, 2015 at the age of 71.

Predeceased by his parents James and Mabel Curtis, brothers John "Jack" and James and his beloved son Clark. He is survived by his loving wife of 31 years, Ellen (Ellsmore) Curtis; children Michelle (Mike Davis) Merrell, Brenda (Samuel)Miller, Michele MacVeand and Rob (Teresa) Sheffield, grandchildren Alyssa, Janel, Braelynn, Hunter, MaKayla, Christian, Ashley, Caitlin, Erica, Kelsie, Noah, Morgan, Tyler, Emily and Garrett, brother George (Kay) Curtis, sister Violet Merritt, sisters-in-law Rosalie and
Marilyn Curtis, Mother of Michelle and Clark, Linda Gage Curtis, cherished pets Abbey and Murphy.

Neil was a retired SUNY Brockport Employee. Starting as an electrician and ending his career as the Supervisor of Utilities. He may be remembered as "The Keeper of the Hartwell Clock" and "The Master of the Fire Alarm System." He had a lifelong love of fire trucks and was a past member of the Morton Fire Department. Neil was known for his sense of humor and many sayings but none more than "It is what it is."

In honoring his wishes, there will be no calling hours. A private memorial service for family will be planned. To send condolences to the family or to share a special memory please go to: www.fowlerfuneralhomeinc.

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[We send our condolences to the family and friends of Neil Curtis as we mourn with them. I continue to have fond memories of him and I will miss him, particularly our email exchanges.]

Here is some better news to end on a higher note the sad, rather than glad, tidings this Update brings:

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Elaine Miller recently shared the following information a travel experience:

On a travel note: I did a 10-day trip to Cuba this past month with Road Scholar. The tour was focused on arts and culture. The projects we tapped into were impressive. Interesting to catch up on what has changed there in the last four to five years.

The most moving part of the trip was seeing the throngs of Cubans waiting at the airport to greet their friends and relatives arriving on the flight from Miami.

Elaine Miller

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Jim Horn also has shared on his blog information and photographs of his recent trip to Peru and the Amazon River. His is his note with the link to information about his trip.

This is way more than most people want to see, but if you have ever thought about an Amazon cruise, I can’t imagine there is any better than this one. Because the ship is new with lots of unsold dates, Secret Escapes is offering incredible discounts. There are 100 photos and a cell phone will not do justice to the posting so wait until you are at a computer. It’s also on my Facebook page if you prefer that link. All the best, Jim Horn http://jimhornnews.com/2015/12/14/a-voyage-on-the-amazon-discovery/

We thank Elaine and Jim for sharing their travel experiences.

Peace,

Bud

January 1, 2016

Greetings,

I am sorry to have to start the New Year by sharing some very sad news.

On Wednesday, December 30, 2015, Frances Moroney Whited, Professor Emerita, Education and Human Development (1950-1985) had lunch with one of her former scholarship recipients. At the lunch, she developed symptoms of having a stroke and ended up in the hospital where she could communicate with family before becoming comatose and passing early on Thursday, December 31, 2015 because of a hemorrhage caused by a tumor.

I suspect that the words she shared to those waiting to greet her as she arrived to be honored with an exalted role among the angels who have previously passed from this life were of this sort:

“I cannot think of a better way to end my career in education and my life than being in contact with a student who was part of the College’s student-success initiative. I also would not have wanted this transition to be otherwise, and I know many of the friends I leave behind are hopeful that they likewise will be able to live their lives fully until the end, with a short and just passage.”

Everyone who knew Fran, or was touched by her charity from a distance, will mourn the passing of this wonderful woman as they celebrate her life, her contributions to their success, and the good that she brought to her world, especially to those associated with The College at Brockport and the State University of New York College at Oswego. While nothing is forever in this world, her departure is an extraordinary loss and she will be greatly missed. Thankfully, her unique gifts to this world will continue to have an impact through the hearts that she touched as her legacy is shared with subsequent generations. She was blessed in this life and we were blessed to have been a part of her life.

Here are a handful of early tributes to Fran.

We have lost one of the greatest ambassadors for Brockport (and Oswego) that any of us have ever known.

[Mike Andriatch]
We all lost a beautiful person and loving soul.
[Mary Canale--SUNY Oswego]

I could not agree more...[above] we are all saddened to hear of her passing.
[Thomas Hernandez]

There are no words to express how much Fran will be missed even by those of us who are 3,000 miles away and saw her only occasionally. She was always so welcoming and gracious. Her enthusiasm for Brockport and the students was infectious and you couldn’t have even a 5-minute conversation with Fran without coming away thinking that the college and the students were the best in the whole country. What a loss. I am absolutely heartsick. Please convey our sympathy to the family and let them know that we will certainly keep her and them in our prayers.
[Joan and Archie Freitas]

What a terrible loss. She was so precious to all of us. She will be dearly missed.
[Roxanne Johnston]

“Precious” will be the word that resonates when we think of Fran, her contributions, and her friendship.

Here is what we know so far about arrangements:

Wednesday, January 6
Funeral Mass at 10 am at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 152 Main Street (off Monroe Ave.), Brockport, NY

Thursday, January 7
Lunch at noon in the New York Room of Cooper Hall, New Campus Drive, on The College at Brockport’s campus.

There will be an obituary in the Rochester D&C on Sunday that you should check for other details.

[Condolences, peace and joy to the family, friends and beneficiaries of the life of Frances Moroney Whited].

We also recently received the sad news from Elaine Miller that Patricia (Pat) R. Palmer, Senior Counselor Emerita, Student Counseling Center (1973-1989) passed away on December 24, 2015 in hospice in St. Augustine, Florida as the result of a recurrence of the cancer she had treated for
several years. Elaine is grateful that she was able to spend several days with Pat while she was in hospice before she passed.

Pat was a highly-respected Counselor who has a legacy of helping students through difficult times and of working with faculty and staff as appropriate and necessary to assist her client-students in resolving issues and achieving success. Distinguished Service Professor Joseph Kandor remembers her as an excellent counselor as do all who had the pleasure of working with her.

I wrote about Pat in Update a couple of times over the years. In one Update reported that she had joined the Peace Corps after retiring and told her story about how difficult it had been to recharge her mind to learn a new language. She told me she had almost dropped out because all the younger members of her group were learning the new language so easily as she struggled. But, as she related the story, as she persevered, suddenly, the area of her brain where such learning takes place seemed to experience a rebirth and she found that she could catch up with the rest of the students. As a senior citizen, she greatly impressed those who knew her when she was successful with the Peace Corps training and received a foreign assignment. If my memory serves me correctly I believe she had to return home for cancer treatments before completion of her assignment.

Pat was an individual who was committed to helping others in this life and always gave more than she received.

[We send our condolences to the family and friends of Pat Palmer as they celebrate her life and contributions. I am awaiting an obituary for Pat and I will share it when it becomes available.]

With sadness,

Bud

January 3, 2016

Greetings,

How things are accomplished in life is at least as important to legacies as the achievements themselves. The remarkable women whose obituaries I share with you today excelled in the “how,” and the lessons their exemplary lives taught us about charity and service to others has made the world a better place.

[Please note:

Fran’s Funeral Mass will be Wednesday, January 6, at 10 am at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Brockport. A luncheon will be held immediately following the Mass in the NY Room of Cooper Hall on The College at Brockport camps. A private burial will take place later in the day in Auburn, NY.]
There WILL NOT be a luncheon on Thursday, January 7th.]

[From her daughter via Elaine Miller]

Dr. Patricia Boughton Palmer

Dr. Patricia Boughton Palmer, 82, of Tucson, Arizona, passed away following a brief journey with cancer on December 24th, 2015, in St. Augustine, Florida, surrounded by her loving family. Patricia was born on December 30th, 1932, to Spencer and Amy Boughton Palmer, and raised in Kingsport, Tennessee. Patricia was wedded to Dr. Antoine A. Nassar of Beirut, Lebanon, and raised four children in Albion and Brockport,
New York. She earned a doctorate degree in counseling from the University of Rochester in addition to degrees from Boston University (M.Ed.) and Rockford College (B.A.).

For over forty years Patricia worked with people dealing with a life-threatening illness with a focus on cancer. She served on the California-based Simonton Cancer Center as a senior teacher and director of training. In 2012, Patricia co-founded the Hekademos Mind-Body Medicine Foundation (www.hekademos.org) offering programs, counseling, and education in South Africa, the Netherlands, and Tucson; Hekademos teaches tools and techniques to prior work included a private psychotherapy practice in Rochester; Acting Director of the Counseling Center SUNY Brockport and Associate Director of its Mature Adult Program; and Founding Director of Orleans County’s (NY) first Headstart Program and Mental Health Association Chapter. Patricia devoted countless years to the volunteer organizations she held most dear, including serving as Board Chair for Habitat for Humanity (Rochester); working in community development for the Peace Corps (Bulgaria); and serving as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for children (Tucson). Patricia’s legacy of loving service endures in the lives of all who were blessed to have known her.

Patricia is survived by her four children, Spencer (Leann) Nassar of Half Moon Bay, CA; Peter (Shannon Leu) Nassar of St. Augustine, FL; David (Jasmin) Palmer of Santa Monica, CA; and Jennifer (Rick) Dohr of Sherman Oaks, CA.; her sister-in-law, Nancy Palmer of Washington, D.C.; seven grandchildren; and six beloved nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Audrey Moore of Falmouth, MA; and her brother, John Palmer of Washington, D.C.

A celebration of Patricia’s life will be held at the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), 931 N. 5th Avenue, Tucson, Arizona, on Saturday, February 13th, 2016, at 3pm. The service will be streamed worldwide. For more information, please visit her Memorial Website to sign the guest book, share stories and register for the streaming event. http://www.forevermissed.com/patricia-boughton-palmer

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Hekademos Foundation’s Patricia Palmer Memorial Scholarship Fund so that Patricia’s healing programs will continue to reach those most in need:

Patricia Palmer Memorial Scholarship Fund
http://www.hekademos.org/index.php/hekademos-foundation/palmer-memorial-fund

“May all beings everywhere, with whom we are inseparably interconnected, be fulfilled, awakened, and free. May there be peace in this world and throughout the entire universe, and may we all together complete the spiritual journey.” - Sayings of the Buddha

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How do you measure true greatness…maybe it is the heart and soul people put into making the world a better place? We are again fortunate to have experienced “greatness” in our presence!
Greetings,

I am sorry to have to again report sad news. Early yesterday morning, Nina Vicary, an Administrative Assistant in the Admissions Office and then in the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, passed after losing her battle with cancer. I had learned from Jim Cook on Christmas Eve that Nina was in hospice preparing to leave us. In that conversation, Jim shared that Nina had been a tremendous asset to the Admissions Office from when she worked there from around 1979 until she moved to Student Affairs. According to Jim she was a very caring, efficient professional who was quick to recognize where she could make a positive contribution and she always did just that while always putting others first, a true public servant who was held in high regard by everyone. While I did not have a lot of contact with Nina I did observe the same traits that Jim describes and on those occasions when I needed to visit Student Affairs during her time there. She was always quick to address my needs in a friendly, professional and efficient manner. Jim’s alert prompted me to solicit input from others and here are their tributes:

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Thanks for contacting me about Nina. I was aware she has been battling cancer and had taken a turn for the worse. Very sad to hear! I’ve written the following from my memories.

Nina was a dedicated employee who was always willing to help out. I came to know Nina best when she worked for Marion Schrank in Student Affairs. She was a wealth of information while COSAC worked with CSEA and the administration to help "restructure" classified staff in Registration. She supported me while writing a thorough justification for moving a classified service employee to a non-teaching-professional (NTP) title that more aligned with her duties and responsibilities in Registration and Records.

Nina was always one who stepped up to help no matter the cause. She supported COSAC functions and encouraged staff in Student Affairs to attend our events. She helped with our training sessions, annual Holiday Helping Hand drives, luncheons and special events.

She was always supportive of classified staff and made herself available to answer questions and help out whenever she could. Working with her while I was on the 6th floor of Allen was an experience I won't forget.

Simply put, Nina is a great lady who will be dearly missed by all who know her.
[Jackie Thomas, retired Administrative Assistant]

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Bud, I did hear recently that Nina was in hospice. We had kept in touch for a while after she left but had lost touch since then. I remember her very well and always thought she was a terrific secretary and especially nice to work with. We worked together as secretaries to Vice Presidents
on the 6th Floor in Allen for several years. Nina was very dedicated to her family and I believe she left her position at Brockport partly to be closer to them. She was always in a good mood and great to work with. I know she was well respected and enjoyed her time at Brockport. I also know how excited she was at being a grandma.

[Eileen Rose]

Jim Cook advised me last evening of Nina’s passing and of the availability of her obituary and reiterated how valuable she had been in the Admissions Office. Shortly thereafter I received this email notice and tribute from Joani Martin who also had worked with Nina:

I have sad news to report. Nina Vicary passed away early this morning. She worked at the College in the Admissions Office and then for the Vice President for Student Affairs. Back in the day, I remember being in awe of Nina's super efficiency and professionalism, yet she was the sweetest, kindest person ever.

She had a heart of gold and was completely selfless, right up to the end. Nina's obituary can be found on the Web site for the Falcone Funeral Home in LeRoy, NY.

[Joani Martin]

While everyone hated to see Nina leave the College for a job closer to home around 1993, we celebrated her new opportunity. With this departure, we send our condolences to her family and friends as we contribute to her legacy with our memories of her good work and her good life.

We wish her peace.

Following is the referenced obituary:

Stafford ~ Nina Marlene Paladino Vicary, beloved wife, mother and grandmother, was called home at age 68 on January 6, 2016, after a long and courageous battle with Multiple Myeloma.

Mrs. Vicary was born June 15, 1947 in Rochester, a daughter of the late Joseph and Margaret DeMars Paladino.

She worked for about 20 years in the admissions department [and student affairs] of SUNY College at Brockport and then for about 10 years as an administrative assistant at the NYS Veterans Home in Batavia.

She is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 48 years, David G. Vicary; her children, Mary Margaret (Buddy) Johnson of Rock Hill, SC, Bonnie Jean Vicary of LeRoy and David G. Vicary Jr. of Asheville, NC; her 6 treasured grandsons, Andrew Vicary, Nicholas Nobles, David Vicary III, Logan Vicary, Dalton Cowell and Colton (CJ) Cowell; her 3 sisters, Alice Macaluso of Batavia, Marjorie Buckley of Batavia and Joann (Michael) Wroblewski of Eden Prairie, MN, along with several beloved nieces, nephews and children born of her heart. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brother, William Paladino.
Family and friends may call on Friday from 2 ~ 4 and 7 ~ 9 at the Falcone Family Funeral & Cremation Service Inc., 8700 Lake Road (Rt. 19), LeRoy.

Nina's Funeral Service will be held on Saturday at 9:30 A.M. at St. James Episcopal Church, 405 E. Main Street, Batavia, NY, with interment in Stafford Rural Cemetery to follow.

Memorials are suggested to either Genesee Cancer Assistance, 16 Bank St., Batavia, N.Y., 14020, Crossroads House, P.O. Box 403, Batavia, NY 14021 or Wilmot Cancer Center, P.O. Box 278996, Rochester, N.Y. 14627.

Would love to hear some of “Your News” other than the sad news. Let me know what you wish to share. The only thing I have today for ending on a more positive note is that Karla Linn Merrifield and Roger Weir recently had an enlightening trip to Cuba.

Announcement from the College:

After 19 years of service, Chief of University Police, Robert Kehoe is retiring from The College at Brockport. Chief Kehoe is credited with implementing a community policing model, maintaining excellent working relationships with local law enforcement agencies, and providing excellent leadership during crises.

Chief Kehoe came to the College after serving the Monroe County Sheriff’s Department for 24 years. He has helped train hundreds of police officers in the State of New York and exemplifies a standard of ethics and care for all he serves. Please join us in celebrating his career on Tuesday, Jan. 19 from 3-5 pm in the New York Room in Cooper Hall with a short program beginning at 3:45.

Carpe diem,

Bud

January 8, 2016

Greetings,

Finally, I have some more cheerful “Your News” items to share in this Update but have some sad news to report first.

Recently the College had reason to reach out to Professor Emeritus John Catan, Philosophy (you may learn more about the reason in a subsequent Update), and we learned that our directory information was not current. Through the efforts of Brad Schreiber, John Catan was found to be living in Oneonta, New York so we now have up-to-date contact information for him. Sadly, in the process of reconnecting, Brad learned that John’s wife, Melody, known to many on this distribution list, passed on November 24, 2015. Melody was a talented Brockport alum who
graduated Summa Cum Laude with a bachelor’s degree in Philosophy/Psychology. In 2013, she retired from Orme School of Arizona where she had been employed variously as Executive Administrator, to the Assistant Head, and the Associate Head, of the School, since 1997.

I know John, of course, from his many years of service (1966-1995) at the College but met Melody because of her son, Brendan Brinkman, and my son Eric, being friends until Brendan transferred to the School of Arts in Rochester. I always thought her name, Melody, had a resonance that fit what I observed in her personality. I never knew her well but whenever I encountered her it seemed that she always had a radiant smile and a perky flair about her.

John shared with me that: [The adjustment to the loss of a spouse is very hard, many tears---but finally my Christian faith limits the grief but not the memories.]

We send our condolences to John as he recounts the memories, dries the tears and celebrates their life together.

Following is Melody’s obituary from the Lewis, Hurley & Pietrobono Funeral Home:

Obituary
January 1, 1942 – November 24, 2015
Melody McKinney Catan, 73, of Oneonta, NY fell asleep in the Lord after a short illness.

She was born in Marysville, CA to Don McKinney and Helen Anderson McKinney. She has two surviving siblings, Micha’el McKinney Tallant of Albuquerque, NM, and Clarke McKinney of White Bear Lake, MN.

Melody went to SUNY Brockport where she earned a Bachelor’s Degree with a dual major in psychology and philosophy. She most recently worked at Orme School in Mayer, AZ. She was active with her family and community and loved to paint and spend time gardening. She was a member of St. Mary’s Parish in Oneonta

She is survived by her husband John Catan of Oneonta, her son Brendan Brinkman, his wife Jessica and their son Hayden, many nieces and nephews, stepson Paul and wife Michelle and their three children, stepdaughter Claudia and husband Gary Tennyson and their son, a stepdaughter Anna and her two sons.

She will be laid to rest at Mount Calvary Cemetery. Services will be Friday morning at 10:15am at St. Mary’s officiated by Pastor Father David Mickiewicz. For more information, please contact Lewis, Hurley & Pietrobono Funeral Home at 607-432-1511.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to your local no kill animal rescue or St. Mary’s Renovation Fund.

[We send our condolences to John, Brendan and all of Melody’s family and friends.]

Here is some better news from two of our members:
Happy New Year!
Some of us just enjoy retirement in un-newsworthy fashion. Peggy and I spent Christmas in New Jersey with Tim and Mindy, and her very extended family. I did grandparental things like pick up Tyler (7) at school and take Elizabeth (12) and her friends to dance class, set up the Lionel train under the tree, and watched Luke's (14) hockey game. Christmas afternoon there was a family gathering for dessert at Mindy's brother's. Twenty-five people, including ten kids, eight of whom are seven or less. Overloading the kids on sugar didn't make for the quietest gathering we've attended.

[Dave Hale, Professor Emeritus, English]

==> Evy Newlyn continues to enjoy very greatly teaching in the Senior College (Olli) at the University of Southern Maine; the students are terrific--engaged and very appreciative. She just finished teaching "The Odyssey" this past fall and will be teaching "The Lais of Marie de France" and "Sir Gawain and the Green Knight" in spring. She strongly recommends this delightful retirement activity.

[Evelyn Newlyn, Professor Emeritus, English]

Thanks to Dave and Evy for sharing!

Carpe diem,

Bud

January 17, 2016

Greetings,

If you do not know about it already, check out the following link to see how two tosses of a basketball bought some free advertising that made The College at Brockport known to the world.


Similarly, check out this link: Camp Abilities on HBO at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xnbdp35NvEo

to see an HBO Special about the Camp Abilities Program founded at Brockport by Distinguished Service Professor, and Director of Camp Abilities, Lauren J. Lieberman; Kinesiology, Sport Studies and Physical Education. Also visit the link to the Camp Abilities website at:

http://www.campabilities.org

Then, I have some bad news that became good news to share with you from Professor Emeritus Dick Liebe, Earth Sciences:
“Much has happened to the Liebe household over the past several months, my quadruple bypass surgery in June, the sale of our Keuka Lake home and move to a retirement community in Brevard, NC in the fall, and now complex foot-ankle surgery to repair my damaged right foot (hurt while trying to body surf at Myrtle Beach in May - you'd think an 80+ year old would know better). That will lay me up for a couple of months, but surgeon thinks I will be back to hiking and other active participation by summer. Sure hope so. *I know there are several ex-Brockportians in the area, but only have had contact with Judy and Pete Olevnik at present...”

[Dick, thank you for this update. We are sorry for the “bad news” you have been through but happy for the “good news” that the outcomes provide. We hope you can enjoy hiking again this summer. I’ll make sure your address is updated in the secure on-line directory at the College next week for those who want to make contact. Best regards to you and your family.]

In anticipation of completing the Brockport veterans project, at least as far as I can take it, during the winter months, I have tinkered with the website which has been a temporary storage location for names and stories. You can view the changes at: http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/BKPT_VETS.htm I am still hoping to get stories to go with some more of the names that have no links and encourage anyone on this distribution list who is named on the website without a story link to share a photo in uniform, if available, and whatever s/he wishes to share about her/his military service.

I give a big thank you to all the veterans and/or their family members and friends who have provided photos and information so far and will greatly appreciate any information any of you can provide to help me complete my part with this project this winter.

And, darn! Yesterday Jenny Lloyd had a book-signing at the Lift Bridge that I learned about too late to announce. I regret that, but the good news is that copies of her book, “In My Mind’s Eye—A Cornish Girlhood” are still available at the Lift Bridge. We have not begun to read it yet but it has great reviews and we are looking forward to getting started based upon the statement: “In a series of verbal snapshots, Jenny describes her youth in England in the 1940s and 50s—her memories of World War II, her life on the farm, and her experiences at boarding school...” from the book cover. This is surely something to curl up with on a cold and snowy winter night.

Carpe diem,

Bud

February 1, 2016

Greetings,

First, I have some very sad news to report today. After being seriously ill much of 2015 and bed bound for his last days, Jerry Luzum passed on January 31, 2016. Jerry was an exceptional leader who served the College with distinction from 1990 to 2000, starting as Associate Director of Facilities under Donald Pickard in 1990 and promoted to Assistant Vice President for
Facilities and Planning shortly thereafter following Don’s resignation. Jerry proved to be the right person at the right time to lead the campus’s facilities division. He epitomized a “teal-evolutionary leader” as defined in a book I just completed, “Reinventing Organizations” by Frederic Laloux. He led via a medium of trust and purpose ensuring that those under his sphere of influence felt valued as members of the team, were purposeful, and were trusted to do the right thing. I remember how much he disliked the requirement that people on his teams had to have a performance program and an annual evaluation as he believed that if he was providing proper leadership by example, they, like he, would do the right thing at the right time under existing circumstances. Although he played the organizational pyramid game on paper, in practice he flattened out the organization of facilities and was a very effective member of his team, not a boss who dictated the how and what of the daily routine. I’ll admit that I was not always as enlightened as he was in my role as an enforcer of rules but I did learn from him and, in hindsight, there are many times I wish I had followed his lead.

Jerry came to the College after a distinguished military career and he and Rosemary continued to support and serve other veterans after his retirement from that role. Jerry and Rosemary were both very active with the American Legion and were Post Commander and President of the Auxiliary in Canandaigua, respectively, after moving there. As Post Commander Jerry is credited with, among other things, having obtained a 9/11 artifact from the Twin Towers disaster for Post #256. The artifact, received in May 2015, “is a section of sheet metal, about 19 inches tall and 20 inches wide, that was torn from one of the structures within one of the Twin Towers and badly twisted out of shape during the horrendous attack on 11 September 2001.” [Post Bulletin October-December 2015]

Anyone who ever worked with, or was otherwise associated with Jerry, will remember that he was a thoughtful listener and informed guide as he gave the College the gift of his person and expertise for ten years. We are sorry his presence is gone in this world but thankful to have known him and to have had the opportunity to have learned from him.

Calling hours are scheduled for this Thursday, February 4th at Fuller Funeral Home on Buffalo Road in Canandaigua from 5-8 PM. A memorial mass will be at St. Januarius Church in Naples at a later date, with interment at Arlington Cemetery. See obituary at: http://fullerfh.com/

I have some more bad news/good news to report. On January 23rd, I learned in a telephone conversation with Paul Curran about a recent event adding to the challenges he has had to face in the last few months. He lost his wife and then had a knee placement. Then when he arrived in Florida for the winter he had two bouts with pneumonia that he just got cleared up before his most recent event. Early in January he could not shave because he could not use his left hand and wrist. He ended up in the hospital because of a stroke but fortunately so far, the only damage is to his left arm, wrist and hand. He has been in rehab but I learned today that he will be going home tomorrow. The good news is that there was no bleeding and no other apparent damage other than the left arm. He is in good spirits, has no problem talking and his mind is sharp. He is, of course, on medications to ensure that the event does not happen again. When he gets out of rehab his daughter will be with him for a week or so but then he will be living alone again. Of course, he has been going to the same area in Florida for several years so he has friends there and his son is close by in Bonita Springs. Still, I am sure he would appreciate
hearing from his Brockport friends. So, here is his contact information:

Paul Curran  
6300 South Pointe Boulevard, Unit 123  
Fort Myers, Florida 33919  
(585) 698-9465  
pcurran85@aol.com

We send our congratulations to Susan and Larry Jones upon learning that they will be celebrating their 25th anniversary on March 16th. On Sunday, March 20th, as part of their celebration, they will attend services at United Methodist Church in Brockport where they were married if the weather cooperates. While visiting they will be staying at the Victorian B&B over the 18th and 19th. Susan Huston Jones was Associate Registrar when the late Bill Sanford was College Registrar. She met Larry when he was an officer in the ROTC program at the College. After leaving Brockport Susan became the head of Registration and Records at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. I believe Susan and Larry are hopeful they will bump into former colleagues and friends during their visit.

I just learned that some works by artists Jack Wolsky and Jappie King Black are on exhibit in the current Arena Group show at St. John Fisher College. Unfortunately, the date of the Reception and Artists’ talks has passed but the exhibit is still available through February 26th. Gallery hours are 9-4 Monday-Friday at The Patricia O’Keefe Rose Gallery at the Joseph S. Skalny Welcome Center, St. John Fisher College, 3690 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14168, (585) 385-7350. Jack Wolsky is Professor Emeritus of Art while Jappie King Black is the wife of Richard Black, Director of Design and Production.

Mark your calendar:

On Friday, February 5 at 7 pm, the Village of Brockport will join with The College at Brockport to celebrate two of Brockport’s prominent 19th Century African-American figures and their families: William Page and Fannie Barrier Williams. The celebration includes presentations, musical performance, and refreshments. It will take place on the College campus in the New York Room in Cooper Hall. The event is free, and open to the public.

Sarah Cedeño, Brockport Village Historian and Lecturer in the College at Brockport’s English Department, will discuss the lives of the William Page family and their place in Brockport's history. William Page, born into slavery in 1834 in Florida, was sent to western New York via the Underground Railroad. Page earned his certificate in civil engineering from Rochester before raising his family in Brockport, NY.

Ann Frey, retired Brockport Central School history teacher, will present the life of Brockport-born Fannie Barrier Williams. Mrs. Williams was a nationally known lecturer who worked tirelessly to promote programs to benefit the free and newly freed black women. She helped establish the NAACP and Chicago's Provident Hospital—the first black-owned and operated hospital in America.
In addition to presentations, College at Brockport student Oscia Miles, an Interdisciplinary Arts major, will perform a speech written by Fannie Barrier Williams. Pianist Greg Turner will entertain the audience with some music composed by Harry Page.

The evening will conclude with punch and a birthday cake to celebrate the February birthday of Mrs. Barrier Williams.

This event is co-sponsored by the Museum Studies/Public History Program at the College at Brockport, and the Emily L. Knapp Museum & Library of Local History in the Village of Brockport. Additional support is provided by the Department of Anthropology, the Department of History, and the Office of the College Provost.

John and Angie Sinacore were quoted in a recent article about senior living in the Rochester Business Journal. It may be informative to those of us who do not yet know where we are going. John, of course, is Professor Emeritus and former chair of the Health Science Department who has also had recent press coverage for his role in WWII. Here is the link to the article:

http://www.rbj.net/article.asp?aID=222325

[John and Angie, it is great to see that you are enjoying retirement and sharing your experiences.]

Similarly, Distinguished Professor Henry Bretton continues to make news out in Albuquerque, New Mexico. While I am unable to access the article, emeritus Ralph Jordan shared with me that Henry was mentioned in an article in the December 2015 issue of the ACBL Bridge Bulletin about a 100 year old [actually only 99] war hero who plays bridge in Albuquerque. If anyone out there is a member of the ACBL and can share more information about this article I’ll include it in the next distribution.

[Henry, Ralph Jordan told me he hopes to play as long as you do so keep it up to make it a real challenge for him.]

Say a prayer for the family and friends of Jerry Luzum as they find peace with their loss and celebrate a life well-lived.

Carpe diem,

Bud

February 22, 2016

Greetings,

In a recent Emeriti News Report, I referenced the link to the draft Veterans page. Shortly thereafter I learned that there was a server problem that blocked access to that page as well as to the Emeriti page and all links from it. I am happy to report that the problem went away on its
own without special interventions and you may now access these pages again if you tried to and failed recently. So, here are the links again:

Brockport Veterans’ Page:  http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/BKPT_VETS.htm

Emeriti Page:  http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti.htm

As mentioned before, you can honor the late Jerry Luzum by reading his military service story by visiting his veterans page. And here also are a couple of tributes to Jerry:

Thank you for sharing, Bud. Very sad news indeed. Jerry was such a good, kind, decent man and a real pleasure to work with. I also shared this with Debbie Lamphron. She was Jerry’s secretary in Facilities and loved working with him. They were a really great team.
[Joani Martin]

I am so sad to hear about Jerry. I received a Christmas card from Rosemary, so I was aware that everything was very difficult for Jerry & Rosemary. I worked very closely with Jerry during his years at Brockport. We had a unique relationship because challenging NYS rules and regulations made it impossible at times for me to do exactly what Jerry wanted, so we certainly had our "moments". One time in particular he got pretty angry with me on the phone. After the call I was quite upset, but rationalized that Jerry was always only trying to do what was best for the College. The next morning Jerry came to visit me. When I realized someone was standing behind me, I turned around and saw him just standing there, not saying a word. My first thought was he was going to continue debating the ridiculous procurement rules & regulations with me. Instead, he gave me a hug, and just asked if we were still friends. I assured him that we were indeed friends. I loved working with Jerry because he was intense, in a good way. He so cared about the College and always gave it his all. And, he had the best laugh! The world could use more Jerry Luzums.
[Don Hazen]

Thanks to Helen and John Maier, and Jean Hjelle, I can share the article that appeared in the American Contract Bridge League’s newsletter. First, I share some related news from Helen. She reports that she plays in Greece, New York where they usually have 10 or 11 tables. She also reports that Arline Stephany continues to play with them at The Center every Wednesday. Ed Stephany started the group many years ago and Henry Bretton was an original member.

We thank Jean for her perseverance in locating the ACBL’s newsletter that included the reference to Henry Bretton and sharing that story, which follows, with us:

{Unit 374 [ACBL) in Albuquerque NM is celebrating the 100th birthday of Henry Bretton.

Henry is a decorated World War II veteran/retired Office of Strategic Services Secret Intelligence (OSS-SI) agent.
Born in Germany in 1916, Henry immigrated to the U. S. in 1938. He began training in military intelligence in 1940 at Camp Ritchie MD, and saw combat in Germany through 1945. He was awarded the bronze Star for identifying, tracking through enemy-held territory and arresting a German officer who had executed three members of the U. S. tank crew after they had surrendered.

After the war, Henry was transferred to the OSS-SI, the precursor of the CIA, and worked under Naval Commander Richard Helms, who would later head up the CIA.

He obtained a graduate degree at Yale and a doctorate in political science at the University of Michigan.

Henry married, had two children, and taught political science at universities in New York, Vienna, Ghana and Kenya. He has authored eight books and numerous scholarly articles. He retired as a distinguished professor for national and internal recognition.

Henry still plays bridge once or twice a week.)

[From Jean Hjelle]

The February 2016 issue of Newswheel, a publication of Alpha Chapter, Pi State, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International contained tributes to Francis Moroney Whited one of founders of the chapter. The article included the tribute written by Christine Walker that was shared in a previous Update along with the following:

{Founding Alpha Member Frances Moroney Whited, Ed.D., died on December 31, 2015 at age 93 after devoting her life to educating and mentoring.

Before her retirement, Fran was a professor of reading and literacy education in the Department of Education and Human Development at the College at Brockport for many years. Fran taught in East Irondequoit schools for three years, then at SUNY New Paltz for one year before transferring to the College at Brockport in 1950. She retired from Brockport in 1985.

Fran was a Charter Member of Alpha Chapter in 1955, and served our chapter as First Vice President in 1955-1957 and as President in 1962-1964. She remained an active member of our chapter’s Awards and Scholarships Committee until the end of her life. She also volunteered her time and talent to support reading teachers, the College at Brockport, and other groups.

Fran was a major benefactor of Alpha Chapter. As part of the chapter’s 50th Anniversary commemoration in 2004-2005, Fran led a fund-raising effort to add an additional, third year of support to the chapter’s Brockport strand of scholar awards. This award was named in her honor.

Fran leaves behind legions who enjoyed her friendship, who benefitted from her encouragement, and who consider her a role model. She is remembered for nurturing and mentoring countless careers, for taking a personal interest in all her students, for being proud of their accomplishments, for tirelessly nudging them toward success and achievement, and for
embracing them for life. Alpha Members join many others who mourn the passing of this incredible friend who has made a huge impact on so many lives and on education.

Reportedly, the people reported as passing in the following D&C obituaries had early ties to Brockport and are likely known to some of you.

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College records show that Richard J. Pegis taught in Mathematics/Computer Science as Assistant Professor (1968-73) and Associate Professor (1974-1978). He had the reputation of being exceptionally intelligent and very principled. I remember that he had a disdain for the discretionary salary increase (DSI) process and refused to participate because he would not complete an application on the basis that if he was worthy someone else would take notice and recommend him.

{Pegis, Richard J. East Greenwich: Formerly of Rochester, NY, passed away Feb. 13. His long career included teaching mathematics at Saint John Fisher College and U S Coast Guard Academy, work at Bausch & Lomb, founding his own computer programming company NIAS. He is predeceased by his wife of 47 years Anne Pegis and son Damien Pegis; survived by children Christopher, Jonathan (Dawn), Jolyon (Donna), Gabriel (Annette), Matthew (Milene) and Monica; five grandchildren Michael, Jason, Julia, Jacqueline, Alexander; siblings Sylvia Santin, Jessica Pegis and Gerard Pegis, and long-time partner Bernadine Einloth.}

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Carol Henretta is believed to have taught in the early days of the Nursing Department as a part-time Instructor (1972-1974) and Instructor (1975-76).

{Bieck, Dr. Carol Henretta
Greece: On February 10, 2016 (Ash Wednesday) Carol passed away peacefully surrounded by her family. She was a caring wife, mother, grandmother, sister, nurse educator and friend. Survived by her loving husband of 55 years, Elmer; children, Deborah (Sean Murray), Michael (Lisa Marino) and Mark (Joan Graham); grandchildren, Caitlin, Connor, Shannon, Carolyn, Johanna, Sarah and Sean; sister, Marlene "Mickey" (Greg) Gargan; nephew, Christopher (Lori) Gargan and niece, Stacy (Ryan) Clemens. She attended and supported Mercy High School and Nazareth College. She received her Doctorate and was a Professor Emerita at the U of R. Carol was a caring and thoughtful person. She was a devoted volunteer in numerous charitable organizations, an energetic leader in her church and actively involved in her grandchildren's activities. Friends may call Friday 3:30-7:30 at the Funeral Home, 777 Long Pond Rd. (between English and Latta). Funeral Mass 11:30 Saturday at Our Mother of Sorrows Church. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the Breast Cancer Coalition, Mercy Outreach Center or the U of R School of Nursing.}

[We send our condolences to the family and friends of Richard and Carol.]

The Brockport Foundation invites you to The Spring 2016 McCue Lecturer Series with the Best Known Unknown
If you have not heard of the following event yet and intend to donate to the College this year, this might be a very good time to do so.

The College’s second Day of Giving begins Monday, Feb. 29, at noon. Don’t forget to mark your calendar!

Last year’s first Day of Giving was a resounding success, culminating with 768 donors who gave just over $146,000. With your support, another groundbreaking 24 hours is in store!

Remember, if 500 donors support the campaign within 24 hours, five challenge donors will contribute a collective $25,000! We can’t reach our goal without 500 donors, so please plan to participate.

Thank you for all you do to support The College at Brockport!
Sincerely,
Josh Silber
National Chair, The Fund for Brockport

Contact Nicole Dumbleton at ndumblet@brockport.edu for more information

Carpe diem,

Bud

February 23, 2016

Greetings,

Here is a quick follow-up to my February 22, 2016 Emeriti Newsletter.

Soon after the referenced Newsletter was sent out I learned from Phyllis Lista the sad news that William McLaughlin, son of emerita Helen Healy McLaughlin (Communications, 1965-1995), had passed. Just last May Helen lost her son Bryant, so she has had little time to get through mourning for that loss before beginning another period of mourning. We are saddened by her loss and send our condolences to her, the rest of Bill’s family, and all their friends.

I have confirmed that Helen’s directory information is current in the on-line emeriti directory at the College. Those who wish to send personal condolences can find her information by selecting Quick Links in the drop-down on the right of Brockport’s Homepage then clicking Directory, followed by selecting Internal. You will then have to sign on using your Brockport email sign-
on if you still have one, or by using the generic sign-on I have previously shared with you, and then, finally, selecting the Emeriti option and entering her name. If you need to use the generic sign-on and don’t know it, email me and I’ll provide it.

Following is William’s obituary from the Rochester D&C on February 23, 2016:

McLaughlin IV, William A.
“Cool Bill”
Spencerport: Passed away on Saturday February 20, 2016. Predeceased by his wife, Mary E. McLaughlin; brother, Bryant K. McLaughlin. He is survived by his daughters, Laura M. McLaughlin, Kerry E. McLaughlin; grandson, Dante A. Gresham; mother, Helen Healy McLaughlin; brother, George G. McLaughlin. To light a candle of remembrance, visit www.alifecelebrated.com Bill’s Memorial service will be on Thursday at 11 am at St. John the Evangelist Church of Spencerport, 55 Martha St. An evening gathering will be held Thursday at 7 pm at the Galley Restaurant in Spencerport in Bill's honor. - See more at: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/democratandchronicle/obituary.aspx?n=william-a-mclaughlin&pid=177809979&fhid=13400#sthash.88hu9CO4.dpuf

In response to the notice of the passing of Richard J. Pegis, I received some interesting background information from John Catan, Professor Emeritus, Philosophy (1966-1995). Here is what he shared about Richard’s father:

{Just a little addendum to the obituary notice of Richard Pegis. Richard was the son of a renowned scholar, teacher and student of Etienne Gilson, a member of the French Academy, who was the co-founder of the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies in Toronto, which is part of the University of Toronto. Professor Anton C. Pegis published many articles and books within the framework of St. Thomas Aquinas and was also a well-known scholar in ancient Greek philosophy and taught at the Institute for many years as well, being its President at one time. He was said to be the favorite student of Professor Gilson. He was a native speaker of Greek and therefore was ahead of many scholars who learned ancient Greek through grammar and literary works.}
[John Catan]

[Thank you, John, for sharing this interesting information about Richard’s father.]

I also had a nice note from Theron Rockhill (Rocky), Professor Emeritus, Mathematics, 1962-1997 which paid tribute to the story about the bridge playing longevity of some of the Brockport bridge group. He particularly paid tribute to Arline Stephany, whose husband, the late Professor Emeritus Ed Stephany, helped to start the group in which she continues to play.

Rocky reports that he and Claribel are doing well and still riding their bikes most days out in Tucson but that they have had to learn at least one of the retiree mathematics formula that when you add age, you subtract distance.

[Rocky, thanks for the feedback and keep pedaling.]
Mike and Nancy Oshier also sent some feedback about Richard Pegis. They knew Richard very well and remember that Richard’s boys were all concert level musicians. Mike also shared that there is not much winter for them in the Valley (Montana) this year but lots of snow in the mountains.

[Mike, thanks for the feedback, and enjoy the rest of the winter. It must be beautiful out there this time of year, particularly if you can look up at the snow but not have to be in it.]

Reminders:

When you send me stuff, please ensure that you tell me if it is for-my-eyes-only and not intended for sharing. I do some editing anyway to pick out the content that informs about a Newsletter subject but it helps me in that process to know your wishes.

Also, please note that if I learn of a passing but cannot locate a published obituary I assume the family wishes to preserve privacy. Absent the published obituary, I do not share the passing in the Emeriti News unless authorization has been provided by a family member.

Carpe diem,

Bud

February 29, 2016

Greetings,

Rosemary Luzum sent me the following note last week and I am happy to share. Jerry was a highly-respected administrator over the course of his ten years at Brockport and a good citizen of his community following both his military and higher education retirements. He is sorely missed by family, friends, all those who knew him, and the organizations he supported. Here is what Rosemary asked me to share:

Please thank all our Brockport family for their kind words about Jerry. He enjoyed working at Brockport, though it was sometimes stressful when dealing with budget issues. He was very much a "people person" who treated his co-workers with respect. He went on to work hard for veterans through the American Legion and the Military Officers Association of American, where he held leadership positions for many years.

A memorial mass will be held at St Januarius Church, 180 N. Main, in Naples, NY, at noon on April 2, 2016. A reception will follow. All are invited to join us in celebrating Jerry's life.

While I have your attention, here are a few reminders. Please note the time-sensitive nature of all of them.
1. It’s Leap Day and The College at Brockport’s 2nd Day of Giving, “Leap for Bport,” is currently underway! If 500 donors support the Brockport Foundation before noon tomorrow, five of our friends will contribute $5,000 each to The Fund for Brockport.

This is an exciting day for all the Brockport family. We hope you will join us in supporting this endeavor by making a gift of any amount before noon tomorrow. Simply call 585.395.777 or go to http://alumni.brockport.edu/s/1549/index.aspx?sid=1549&gid=1&pgid=761 to make a gift.

“Leap for Bport” and let’s make this happen. We appreciate your support!

2. Susan Bennett, the voice on your iPhone, otherwise known as “Siri,” visits Brockport as part of the first McCue Lecture Series on Tuesday, March 1, for a 7 pm event in the Tower Fine Arts Mainstage. http://www.brockport.edu/newsbureau/2178.html

3. This month’s First Friday is March 4 at Burlingame House. President Heidi Macpherson and Allan Macpherson are proud to host (230 Holley Street). Come join other members of The College and Brockport communities from 4 to 6 pm for refreshments and light hors d’oeuvres. First Friday’s is a wonderful opportunity to get reacquainted with old friends, and meet new ones. Guests include College faculty and staff, Brockport alumni, emeriti and local community. For more information, contact the Division of Advancement at 585-395-2451.

Carpe diem,

Bud

April 3, 2016

Greetings,

I have been away and out of touch, somewhat on purpose, and will try to catch up. With most of the news, I almost wish I had stayed away. Those of you in the Brockport area likely know about most of the things I am including in this email but I share for those outside the area as well as for the locals who may have missed the stories.

First, we were all saddened to hear of the passing of James B. Scott (Bruce, Jim, Scotty, "Gentle Ben"), who was well known to many of you for his work as a University Police Lieutenant. In my view the “Gentle Ben” tag bodes well for this really good man. My encounters with him were always pleasant and I enjoyed my limited contact with him and especially remember his sly smile that made his eyes dance. He will be fondly remembered by all who worked with him in the University Police Unit as well as those who had contact with him at the College and within the Brockport Community. You will be reminded of some of his many contributions by reading his obituary at: http://fowlerfuneralhomeinc.com/tribute/details/584/James-Scott/obituary.html#tribute-start
We are glad that we knew Scotty and join his family in celebrating his life. We send our condolences to his family and friends.

I also note the passing of Richard H. Schroedel who would be known to those of you who were at the College just before the explosive period of growth that began in 1970. Rich was the Personnel Director, working under the leadership of the late Maury Kleiman, Director of Business Affairs, when I began my career at the College in the Financial Aid Office. I replaced Rich in June 1970 when he left his personnel position to serve for a couple of years as Food Service Director. While at Brockport Rich also taught as an adjunct, I believe in the Sociology Department under Chair Bob Potter, and may have continued to do so after he left full-time service with the old FSA (now BASC). Following is his obituary that appeared in the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle on March 9, 2016.

Schroedel, Richard H.

Irondequoit: Unexpectedly on March 7, 2016, age 73. Predeceased by his parents, James and Helen Schroedel. Survived by his cousin, Annelise Allan (Barb Williams) both of PA. and many dear friends, among them, Robert Smith, Michael Posato, Chip McDaniel, Allan Richards, Ed Sims and Gary Douglas. Rich was a former Professor at MCC and SUNY Brockport and was active in the LGBT Community.

Calling hours THURSDAY 6-8PM with a Prayer Service at 8PM immediately following calling hours both at the Falvo Funeral Home, 1295 Fairport Nine Mile Point Rd. (Webster Route 250). Private Interment at Irondequoit Cemetery.

Published in Rochester Democrat and Chronicle on Mar. 9, 2016

I was sad to hear of the passing of Rich Schroedel but glad to have my memories of him which prompted me to look back on my career at the College with gratitude. We send our condolences to Richard’s family and friends.

Also, we have reports of the deaths of others who are familiar to some of you but not a lot of information to share. The list includes Donald Covell, Educational Administration; Ara Zulalian, Health Sciences; Evan Sisson, son of emeritus Ralph and Harriet Sisson, who passed while on a bicycle ride; and Jean Gaylord, wife of the late E. Curtis Gaylord and whose obituary brings back fond memories of the events organized by the Faculty Wives Association and can be viewed at: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/saratogian/obituary.aspx?n=jean-gaylord&pid=178078790&fhid=13057&eid=sp_ommatch

We send our condolences to the family and friends of those departed. We are grateful for the memories of those we knew personally. I do have some information about Donald Covell from the Educational Administration Department which I share below. Although we await more information, I also must share that I knew “Zu” as a colleague and neighbor. Following their retirements, he and Betsy spent winters in Virginia and Florida in time-share units they owned. I remember talking with him when they had to give up being snowbirds because of health issues and how sad he was about that. Prior to that it was always a notice of the coming of spring when
he and Betsy returned home and began their walks about the neighborhood. Good man, good memories!

Here is the referenced note about Donald Covell whom I did not know:

With great sadness, The Department of Educational Administration at the College at Brockport announces the passing of Donald Covell from complications related to a catastrophic fall in December 2014. Since 1999, Don served in multiple roles as a full-time professor, adjunct professor and from 2008-2011, and Department Chair. Don loved teaching and reveled in watching learning unfold in his students. Those fortunate enough to be in his classes appreciated his knowledge, stories and the donuts he frequently brought from Perry. His lecture on Power and Authority often stood out to his students. As a superintendent, his prescient skills to see what was necessary for the district and to map out a plan for change were his trademarks. Our educational leadership family mourns the loss of a scholar, teacher, leader and friend. When she announced his passing, his wife Sarah shared this: “When I asked him a few days ago what he thought the purpose of life is, he answered without hesitation: "To know love." Surely he fulfilled his purpose.”

Better News:
Here is an event I learned about from Ray Duncan that might be of interest. You can likely find more information about it by visiting the Daily Eagle, which you should do anyway because there are many activities occurring on campus as the end of the spring semester is in sight. Check it out at: http://www.brockport.edu/eagle/

Information on the 2nd lecture in SUNY-Brockport's "Lifelong Learning Community Lecture Series" (OPEN TO THE PUBLIC) is as follows:

"When did the Civil War End?: The War and After the War"
Wednesday, April 13, 6:00 pm.
McCue Auditorium, new Liberal Arts Building

Susan and Larry Jones report that they had a nice anniversary trip to Brockport but were a little disappointed that the College was closed for spring break. Susan had her picture taken with the Eagle near the bookstore and next to the Rakov Center entrance, while Larry had his taken in front of the ROTC Office’s entrance in Cooper. They both thought it a little too cold and were happy to return home to Virginia.

Many of you know alumna, former instructor and honorary emerita, Rosie Rich, and may be familiar with her book and her experience in Beirut, Lebanon from 1964 to 1968. You and others are invited to hear her talk about her experiences and here is the invite.

BOOK TALK--ROSIE RICH
Date and Time: Wednesday, May 4, 2016, 7:00 P.M.
Location: Clarkson Justice Court House, 3655 Lake Road N., Clarkson, NY
(rte. 19 North, just past rte. 104, west side of road)

Book: "Crossing Boundaries, Beirut and Beyond", 1964-1968
(not available for sale. Check local libraries and Amazon. com.)
Sponsor: Clarkson Historical Society

Topic: Rosie will chronical her four years spent in Beirut, Lebanon. She will discuss challenges she faced while establishing the first Health and Physical Education program for women at the American University of Beirut.

During the 6-day Arab/Israeli war, she was the only female on the 8-person committee to plan and successfully execute the 24-hour evacuation of the 5000 Americans living in Beirut. (The current political situation in the Middle East will not be discussed)

note: Those who have heard previous talks or read the book may not be interested, but are welcome to attend.

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And, this travelogue was just received from David Hall and we thank him for sharing and reminding us of Manny Mouganis:

As Chaucer noted, with the approach of Spring, “thanne longen folk to goon.” So did we for most of March, back to the Balkans where we had traveled last September. We flew into Zagreb, Croatia, for two days, then bused to Split to tour the retirement palace of the Emperor Diocletian (305 A.D.). We then boarded a small ship (fifty passengers) to cruise the Dalmatian coast. After stops in Hvar and Korcula, we arrived in Dubrovnik. There were tourist things like visiting the maritime museum and walking the city walls. We also heard a lot about the 1991 Homeland War. The city has intentionally not repaired all the damage done by Serbian shelling. We went to the small farming village of Gramac for dinner. Our hostess, Anna, was six when the war started; she and her family evacuated to the north. The village was occupied, but did not suffer major damage. News that Ratko Mladic had been convicted in The Hague brought some satisfaction to our Croatian tour leader.

The next stop was Kotor Bay, Montenegro, where, among other things, Peggy found a sailboat to take us and another couple around the bay. After a brief stop in Saranda, Albania, the ship took us to Corfu and Itea, Greece, and then to Delphi, home of the oracle and the Pythians Games. Then the ship went through the Corinthian Canal, which was begun by Nero and finished in 1893. It is only four miles long and the bridges at either end go down instead of up.

We got off the boat in Athens and began a bus tour of the Peloponnese. This was our first time in Greece, not having travelled with Manny Mouganis. I did teach ENL 355, Mythology, a number of times, so I was interested in and familiar with Olympia, Mycenae, and Epidaurus, and the
And, the front page of the March 27, 2016 issue of the Hamlin-Clarkson Herald had a nice article by Douglas Hickerson about the Little Free Library organization that featured retiree Eileen O’Hare, Library, and her husband Tom, among others. Eileen and Tom have attached a protected bookshelf to a tree in their yard that invites people to take a book and leave another to encourage reading. They opened their library last fall and there is a well-worn path to it. You can find the whole article which includes a photo of the Eileen and Tom with the library at: http://www.westsidenewsny.com/features/2016-03-28/the-little-free-library-promoting-books-and-connecting-neighbors/ and I bet that Eileen and Tom would be good resources if you decide to create your own neighborhood library.

The email below is included on behalf of Pierre Radimak, Editor of the SUNY Retirees Newsletter and Coordinator of the SUNY Retirees Service Corps

Dear SUNY Retirees,

I am pleased to send you the Spring/Summer 2016 issue of the SUNY Retirees Newsletter (attached), which is published and distributed electronically system-wide by the SUNY Retirees Service Corps (RSC) twice yearly (Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter issues).

The current issue…

* reports on the highlights of Creating New Connections, the SUNY Retirees Conference last fall at Schenectady County Community College (page 1)
* describes Monroe Community College’s “Retirees: Advocates for Education” program (page 3)
* profiles SUNY Oswego retiree Brian Betz and UAlbany retiree Roger J. Cheng (page 4)
* debuts a brand-new column, New York State’s Historic Sites (page 7)
* profiles the SUNY Oneonta Retired Faculty, Professionals and Administrators Association (page 13) and the Retirees Association of Suffolk Community College (page 18)
* contains “news you can use”-type stories on Surgery for Solos (page 11), How to Stop Worrying (15), Top 10 Scams Targeting Seniors (page 15), and The Challenges of Family Caregiving (page 21); and
* features a time-sensitive column by SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher (page 24) in which she asks retirees to Stand with SUNY during the current state budget process.

The current and past issues of the SUNY Retirees Newsletter are also available online at http://www.suny.edu/retirees/newsletters/.

I also encourage you to consider sharing your story for a future issue of the Newsletter. Your submissions (1,000-word maximum) may be emailed to us as a Microsoft Word attachment at retirees@suny.edu. Please include a good-quality photo of yourself, preferably as a jpg
attachment. We also welcome stories about SUNY retirees, their accomplishments and retiree events with jpeg photos attached.

Anyone with questions or story ideas of interest to all SUNY retirees may email me at pierre.radimak@suny.edu or call me at (518) 320-1354. To learn more about the SUNY Retirees Service Corps, visit http://suny.edu/retirees/. Thank you. Happy reading!

All the best,
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Carpe diem,

Bud

April 10, 2016

Greetings,

I have just a couple of things to share but decided to do so while they are fresh. Also, in one case, I want to help Lynda Sikorski get an early handle on her commencement staffing by including any of you who decide to volunteer. If so, let her know as soon as possible. I will start with her note to me and her invitation to you:

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I am the volunteer coordinator for the College's Commencement Committee and I would like to invite Brockport's emeriti to join our team of volunteers this year. I have attached a letter and would appreciate your assistance with distributing it...


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Dear College at Brockport Emeriti,

On behalf of the College’s Commencement Committee, I would like to invite you to volunteer for a Commencement ceremony. Becoming a member of the team that makes it all happen will give you an opportunity to continue your contributions to student success, reconnect with your
former colleagues, and celebrate with the campus community as we deliver the College’s capstone events.

There are many different jobs available, and on the sign-up form we have included an estimated shift time for each. You can volunteer for as many ceremonies as you’d like.

Graduate Ceremony
Fri., May 13
3:30-7 pm
SERC
Reception follows in the SERC

Undergraduate Morning Ceremony
Sat., May 14
approx. 7 am – 12:30 pm
SERC
School of Health and Human Performance and the School of Science and Mathematics
Reception follows in Tuttle North Gyms 205/206

Undergraduate Afternoon Ceremony
Sat., May 14
approx. noon – 4:30 pm
SERC
Schools of The Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; Business Administration and Economics; and Education and Human Services
Reception follows in Tuttle North Gyms 205/206

If you would like to volunteer, please visit www.brockport.edu/commencement/volunteer to complete the sign-up form by May 6.

If you sign up to volunteer, please plan to attend a training session on Thursday, May 12 from 11:15 am-12:15 pm in the SERC Field House.

As a small token of appreciation, a buffet-style “thank you” lunch will be available on Saturday from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm in the Tuttle South Gymnasium.

For more information, please visit http://www.brockport.edu/commencement or contact the Office of Conferences and Events at 395-5648 or at commencement@brockport.edu.

Sincerely,
Lynda Sikorski
Volunteer Coordinator, on behalf of the Commencement Committee

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And here is an example of the compensation someone could earn by assuming the role of writer and editor-in-chief for this distribution. I know from such feedback that this work is well received, but I also know that I cannot be in this role forever.

This note/compensation was particularly well received as Betty Drennen and I started our personnel careers together in 1970 when she and Kathleen Flansburg were responsible for managing FSA’s personnel and payroll functions out of the College’s personnel office in Hartwell. Sometime before we moved to the new Gordon Allen Administration Building a decision was made to relocate them, both physically and organizationally, to facilitate their direct reporting relationship to FSA (now BASC). I worked with her long enough to know that Betty was dedicated, personable, effective, and always very humane and professional even at the onset of her career, and she only grew more so as her career progressed. I am sure that BASC continues to miss her as much as she misses them and I thank her for her note that brings many good memories to mind.

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Hi Bud,
As always, I appreciate your informative emails that bring me joy about the achievements of the College and former colleagues ... and sadness at the news of those who have passed.

I was so fortunate to have known Scottie, "Gentle Ben." He was such a sweet man and a true friend to BASC. I was so shocked at your news of his passing. And although I knew Rich Schroedel for only a short time at the onset of my career with FSA/BASC, he was a very kind and hard working person who helped shape our dining services.

Being this far away from home reminds me what I have left behind...wonderful friends and an outstanding work environment at SUNY Brockport. I miss not being there to join the festivities with fellow retirees and paying my respects to those who pass away.

But no matter how far away I am, I will always carry with me those precious memories of the College and the friends I made there.

Thanks to you and these emails, I still feel connected to my Brockport family.

Thank you so much for taking your time to keep so many of us connected. It means so much to me.

Hope you and Sandy are well.
God bless.

Betty Drennen
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Jim Horn, although now a retired travel guide, is not in the least a retired traveler. In a recent email exchange, I learned that he spent Sunday through part of Wednesday this past week in Acapulco, and today, he is on his way to Japan. I hope he will enlighten us on the Japan trip when he returns. Likely those who are interested will be able to read about it on his blog. Incidentally, since he has travelled so much, his blog is worth a visit for there you find his view of some of the major players in the travel industry. I just reviewed his river trip in France last year with Viking River Cruises and gained some insights. Those interested can locate his blog at: https://jimhornnews.com/

Carpe diem,

Bud

April 13, 2016

Greetings,

Sadly, I have to report the passing of Eunice Chesnut who is very well known to many of you. She is also the widow of the late John Chesnut who served in the English Department until his death in 1969. I did not know Eunice, except casually, and through her esteemed reputation in the community. Fortunately, because of her service to the community, there is a lot of information about her life in the Brockport community available on the internet. Also, you can find information about John’s pre-Brockport military service there. Three links that may be of interest are:

http://www.brockportcommunitymuseum.org/pdfs/interviews/

http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/Chesnut_John_war_story.pdf

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-HkC7kntfwc

And here are a couple of early tributes to Eunice:

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The passing of an era. Just saw a picture of her a few days ago - hard to believe she's gone. She was one of the first History MAs and we have a few words about her in our upcoming newsletter. [Bruce Leslie]

==> Yes, I saw that post on FB by her son, Mark. She was a lovely person, and such a keen local historian. She helped me get started doing the archives and local history parts of my job many years ago. Her husband John was a very popular prof here. I have heard many older alumni talk about him. [Charles Cowling]
We send our condolences to Eunice’s family and friends as they celebrate her remarkable life.

Another remarkable woman who continues to serve in our community is Professor Emerita, Ena L. Farley (African & Afro-American Studies 1973-1995). Recently her many accomplishments and contributions resulted in another distinguished award. Following is information about the award Jamie Beers-Wilson shared with me. I have always enjoyed my encounters with Ena, and her late husband Rawle, and I am happy to congratulate her on behalf of all of us for this latest recognition of her life’s work and I thank Jamie for sharing this information with us:

On April 1, 2016, faculty/staff, emeriti, students and community members joined together to celebrate Fannie Barrier Williams, the first African-American woman to graduate from the Brockport Normal School in 1870. At the luncheon, the Fannie Barrier Williams Women of Courage Award was given to several individuals. Award nominations were sought for women who exemplified the following requirements: leadership and activism towards a social justice cause, and a thorough understanding of and appreciation of equality and justice; participation and contribution to a specific area of social justice and a robust collection of accomplishments; and contribution to the College’s major goal to embrace diversity and achieve a more inclusive campus community.

Dr. Ena Farley was the emerita recipient of the Fannie Barrier Williams Women of Courage award.

Dr. Ena Farley retired from an active academic career in 1995, having served in Brockport’s department of African and African American Studies from 1973. Born in Jamaica, she earned a bachelor’s degree in history and a master’s degree in education from the University of London’s University College in the West Indies, graduating with honors. She went on to complete a PhD in history at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Before beginning her career at Brockport, Dr. Farley was an assistant professor of history at SUNY Buffalo. Her prolific scholarly work addresses issues of black history and racial equality, particularly in New York State, including the book The Underside of Reconstruction in New York: The Struggle Over the Issue of Black Equality (1993). Her leadership and energy both on and off campus, as faculty and chair of the department of African and African American Studies, with Rochester’s Urban League, in regional and national professional organizations, and in many other areas make her a particularly fitting recipient of this award. In a nomination letter, it was noted that the Brockport community continues to benefit from Dr. Farley’s commitment and dedication, even in her retirement.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Ena Farley.

[Jamie L. Beers-Wilson
Alumni Relations and Development
Leadership Giving Officer]
And, Emerita Elaine Miller reports that she is continuing to do presentations on political cartoons as social critique both locally and nationally. She has been invited to speak this month by the University of Houston-Clear Lake at a research conference sponsored by the Women and Gender Studies program and the UHCL Alumni Association. I may have previously reported that Elaine did a long-distance bike tour in New Zealand in January, but now, for sure, I have done so.

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[The College and the greater community reap great benefits from the continuing service of our emeriti and we thank these emerita for sharing their talents.]

I just received this information from Pierre Radimak, Coordinator, SUNY Retirees Service Corps and share it for those who might be interested.

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It is my pleasure to forward you this link to a just-issued UAlbany press release entitled “Three Voices Grant Program Offers Research Funding for UAlbany Emeriti”: 

The University at Albany Emeritus Center will administer the new endowment designed to promote and support the three major components of the University’s mission - teaching, research and service – for emeriti.

The Three Voices Grant Program, established through the generous support of Professor Emeritus of Philosophy and Emeritus Center Founding President William Reese II, Ph.D., allows retired faculty and professional staff who hold emeritus status to apply for grants based on projects and/or activity they are undertaking during their retirement. The University at Albany Foundation is the endowment custodian.

Emeritus Center President Sorrell Chesin believes that this grant program is rather unique and that the Center is breaking new ground in engaging and encouraging retired professors, administrators and professional staff to continue their important work.

[next two paragraphs have been edited to make them work for this distribution]

The following link to the UAlbany Emeritus Center website contains detailed information on this new: http://www.albany.edu/emerituscenter/three-voices.php

Feel free to contact UAlbany Emeritus Center President Sorrell Chesin at schesin@albany.edu with any questions you may have, especially if you are interested in supporting the establishment of a similar program at Brockport.

I am sending you this information to keep you abreast of innovative developments by SUNY retiree programs and organizations.

If your campus program or organization has or launches a unique or innovative initiative for its
retiree members that could be duplicated at other campuses, feel free to send me information about it that I can share…

Such an exchange of ideas is one of the purposes of the SUNY Retirees Service Corps.

All the best,
Pierre F. Radimak

In conclusion, I apologize again for the missing punctuation that many of you find in my Emeriti Newsletter distributions. I found that in order to get the distribution to all devices that you may use I had to create a text only file and that process strips the document of quotation marks and apostrophes for some of you.

Carpe diem,
Bud

April 14, 2016

Greetings,

This is just a gentle reminder, especially for those of you who have been away for the winter, that Dr. Heidi Macpherson will be inaugurated as the Seventh President of The College at Brockport at 2:00 pm, Friday, April 29, 2016 in the Field House-Special Events Recreation Center (SERC). In her short tenure as President she has demonstrated exceptional inclusiveness as she has reached out to the entire College and Brockport communities, including some special events for emeriti. She and Allan have already hosted us at breakfasts in the New York Room and at a reception in their home. As our new President, she continues to provide opportunities for retirees to participate in the life of the campus and to have input to the planning processes she has initiated. I am sure we will be well represented at her installation ceremony and look forward to seeing many of you there.

If you have not already done so, do not forget to Register to Attend the Ceremony & Reception by tomorrow, April 15, at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/presidential-inauguration-ceremony-tickets-21734044111. If you have trouble with that, call the number below for guidance.

For more information, call (585) 395-2868 or visit: http://www.brockport.edu/inauguration/ where you may also leave her a Well Wishes message if you choose to do so. And, for those of you who are unable to attend, you’ll be able to click on a “watch it here” link during the ceremony to participate from a distance.

Congratulations and well wishes for continued success to Dr. Heidi Macpherson as she is installed to continue to lead The College of Brockport into the future.

Carpe diem,
April 19, 2016

Greetings,

The memorial gathering for Eunice Chesnut will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, May 7 at the Morgan-Manning House. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Eunice’s name to the Western Monroe Historical Society or the Brockport Food Shelf.

For those interested, Doug Hickerson shared a few more links to articles he wrote about Eunice for the Hamlin-Clarkson Herald, and, of course, Saturday’s edition of that newspaper had a feature article about Eunice by Kristina Gabalski that was on the front page.

Here are the links shared by Doug:


Bill Andrews shared that Ena Farley was also a member of the NYS Board of Regents to add to the list of her accomplishments in the story about her recent award I reported in the last Emeriti Newsletter.

This year was the 10th anniversary of the President’s Donor Recognition Luncheon and the 9th anniversary of the Volunteer of the Year Award. Last year I was very honored when Kathy Halstead, who had received the award in 2014, presented the 2015 award to me. I was especially pleased that several of my mentors, among them Jeanette D’Agostino Banker and Frances Moroney Whited, were at my luncheon table last year. Fran, of course is no longer physically present but somehow, I think that she was present in spirit this year. As last year’s recipient, I had the pleasure of presenting the 2016 Volunteer of the Year Award to Coach Don Murray and I am sure that Fran gave a thumbs-up, a wink and a smile as Coach was named as the 2016 recipient, assuming she did not already know about it. We congratulate Coach Murray and thank him for his many, lots of them behind the scenes, volunteer contributions that led to his award.

Other recipients of the award include the late Clark V. Whited who, along with Fran, received the award in 2008, Mary Worboys-Turner in 2009, Jeanette D’Agostino Banker in 2010, William C. Rock in 2011, the late George and Rosa La Sorte Rich in 2012, and Richard and Joan Fenton in 2013.
Many alums, emeriti and others were also present to be recognized at different levels for their financial donations to the College. During lunch a slideshow ran that identified some major donors and the programs they supported. Overall, it was a very nice event that celebrated the great giving community that supports excellence at The College at Brockport.

Brad Schreiber just learned of a webinar presentation by the SUNY Planned Giving Group that is taking place this week. Following is the information about the program that Brad shared with me. Please note it is scheduled for this Thursday, April 21st if you are interested.

The SUNY Planned Giving Group presents: The New Estate Plan: Modern Solutions for Modern Families. This live webinar is available at no cost on Thursday, April 21 from 9:00 – 10:15am and is presented by Martin S. Finn, JD, CPS, LL.M. Mr. Finn is a Founding Partner of the Albany, NY-area law firm Lavelle & Finn, LLP. As an attorney and CPA, Marty brings a wealth of knowledge and understanding when advising clients on tax and legal matters such as maximizing wealth and retirement income, estate planning and elder law services.

Join Marty for the first-ever webinar presented by the SUNY Planned Giving Group! Log In/Register on the day of the event at www.surveymonkey.com/r/SUNYPGWebinar

Keep your eye on the Daily Eagle to ensure that you know about all the excellent events going on at the College this time of year. Go to: http://www.brockport.edu/eagle/

Carpe diem,

Bud

May 1, 2016

Greetings,

I have sad news to begin with today, yet, some pleasant memories prompted by it. The passing of Grace Crowley was reported in the Rochester D&C on April 24th. Grace was the wife of the late John [Jack] Crowley, Associate Professor Emeritus, English who served the College from 1963-1983. Grace is believed to have been active in the Brockport Community in the years in which the Faculty Wives Association provided many social activities for faculty, staff and spouses that were open to the greater Brockport Community and thereby enhanced the Town and Gown relations. I did not know Grace except for contact, by phone I believe, with her at the time that Jack died, but I knew Jack slightly through my work at the College. Two things stick out in my memory; one is that at one time he announced that he was running for President, and the other is that I have been quite certain that he played some kind of role in WWII. My memory is a little fuzzy regarding his presidential campaign but I believe it turned out that it was a different presidency than the President of the United States. If there is any good news in someone’s passing it is in the refreshing of memories and, in this case, there is a side benefit for me. I have been able to be in touch with Liz Crowley and have learned that Jack Crowley was in the American Field Service. I am confident that I will soon have enough information and maybe a photograph of Jack in uniform to create a page for him for the Brockport veterans project.
Grace had longevity on her side and, as evidenced in her obituary, she lived a long and productive life enriching the lives of others. We send our condolences to her family and friends as we celebrate her life and our memories. Following is her obituary from the D&C.

Crowley, Grace


Born in Milton, MA, Grace spent her early childhood in China. Horace G. Robson, her father, taught at Nanking University. Grace earned her undergraduate degree from Wellesley College, Class of 1943. After WWII, she earned a Bachelor of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary.

Grace was a long-time resident of Brighton. She had worked as a psychiatric social worker for New York State for 14 years. Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Crozer Theological Seminary conferred upon her a Doctorate of Ministry in 1986. She then worked as an Interim Assistant Pastor at Salem United Church of Christ and Interim Assistant Pastor at Mountain Rise United Church of Christ.

Grace will be remembered by friends & family on May 6th at 3:00 pm in the All Seasons Chapel of White Haven Memorial Park in Pittsford (please meet at the entrance). For more information, please contact Liz Crowley at ecrowley7@gmail.com.

For your calendar if of interest:

The Friends of Drake Memorial Library and the Western Monroe Historical Society are co-sponsoring: A Tour and Talk: Antiques and Hidden Treasures, on Tuesday, May 17, 2016. Join Antiques Expert and Alumnus Robert Meringolo ’73 in a discussion about [Everything You’ve Wanted to Know about antiquing, But Didn’t Know Who to Ask]. Here are the details:

6:15 pm: Tour of Drake Memorial Library, departs from the lobby of the library
7:00 pm: Antique and Hidden Treasures Discussion, McCue Auditorium, Liberal Arts Building
8:00 pm: Reception

RSVP by Friday May 6, but contacting Jamie Beers-Wilson at (585) 395-2380 or jbeers@Brockport.edu

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To celebrate Arbor Day, there will be a tree planting on South Avenue in Brockport. If interested in volunteering to help plant some Washington Hawthornes, show up at the intersection of Brook Terrace and South Avenue, rain or shine, dressed to dig by 10:00 am, on
May 6, 2016. Shovels, planting instructions and a demo will be provided along with refreshments following. Contact Sam Bingay: hbing1@u.brockport.edu for more information.

Lauren Lieberman has shared information about the biggest fund raising event of the year for Campabilities—a golf tournament and auction. For those interested in participating or otherwise supporting Campabilities, here is the information she shared with me:

Our biggest fund raiser for Camp for the year is our dinner auction and golf tournament. It is May 21st at Salmon Creek Country Club! It starts at 5:30. If you also want to golf that starts at 1pm. You can sign up right on our web site www.campabilities.org under golf tournament. If you cannot attend please consider sponsoring a hole for $50 (right on the donate now button on the web site) or donating items to our silent auction!

Here is a link to our documentary of all of our camps around the world! Enjoy! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cVplJVaVnpA

Lauren J. Lieberman Ph.D.- Distinguished Service Professor
Director of Camp Abilities
Co-Director of The Institute of Movement Studies for Individuals with Visual Impairments
The College at Brockport
Kinesiology, Sport Studies and Physical Education

I end on a HIGH note!

Those who have had personal encounters with Heidi Macpherson, the new president of The College at Brockport-SUNY, or have had the pleasure of otherwise observing her as she has made every conceivable effort possible to get input from all constituencies during her short time at Brockport, will not be surprised that the overriding theme of her inauguration speech was GRATITUDE.

Among other expressions, President Macpherson expressed gratitude for:

- the work of those who preceded her, with particular note of the two former presidents and their wives who were in attendance; John and Maxine Van de Wetering and John and Kathy Halstead; and, by inference, to the work of Donald Tower, Albert Brown, and Paul Yu with a special tribute to all of the women who had paved the way for her to have the opportunity to serve as President.

- the heritage of The College at Brockport using, among other things, the example of the lifetime of contributions by the highly esteemed, recently departed, Professor Emerita, Frances Moroney Whited.

- the work of the excellent faculty and staff who have moved the College forward to its present stage, well positioned for the future.
• the work of Scott Turner, Chair of the College Council and Chair of the Search Committee [who also performed masterfully as Master of Ceremonies for her inauguration], along with those council and committee members he represents, for choosing to recommend her to the Board of Trustees and Chancellor for appointment as the 7th President of the College at Brockport.

• the mentoring she has received from others throughout her life and career with heartfelt thanks to her favorite professor, Dr. Steve Klepetar, Professor Emeritus, St. Cloud State University, MN, who spoke with pride in her accomplishments at the inauguration and read a poem he had written to honor the occasion.

• the many forms of diversity in evidence at the College represented in the program by the performances of Outbound, Advanced Xylophone Percussion Ensemble, and The Call of the Drum, Sankofa African Drum and Dance Ensemble at the inauguration.

• the opportunity she has had over the last nine months to be welcomed into the greater Brockport community and to receive input about the College’s heritage and thoughts related to its future from it.

These are but a few of the things that impressed me at the inauguration. At first I had intended to just say, [Heidi Macpherson’s inauguration ceremony was just awesome! If you missed it, I am sorry.] But, I decided to share a little more. If you were present, either in person at the SERC, or on-line, you will sense the tremendous gratitude everyone feels for Heidi and Allan’s decision to accept leadership roles in this community. The future begins!

Carpe diem,

Bud

Visit: http://www.brockport.edu/newsbureau/2205.html to see current news about the inauguration and keep an eye on the College’s website for more related postings next week.

May 4, 2016

Greetings,

This is just a quick newsletter to convey condolences and reminders as well as to seek assistance in restoring people to my distribution list who are no longer being reached with the email addresses I have.

Condolences:

Belated condolences to the family and friends of Zachary Pietrzykowski, who passed recently and is the son of Tony Pietrzykowski and MaryAnne Grade Pietrzykowski who are well known to many of you through their many years of contributions in the Brockport community.
Condolences to emerita Mary Jo and emeritus Ken Schecht and family and friends for the recent loss of Mary Jo’s brother.

Condolences to retiree Dody Ballard for the recent loss of her sister June Ballard.

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Reminders:

==> Rosa (Rosie) La Sorte Rich
Tonight, Wednesday May 4, 2016 is the night when Rosie Rich will be sharing her experiences in Beirut, Lebanon before, during and after the 1967 six-day Arab/Israeli War at the Clarkson Court House from 7 to 9 pm this evening.

==> Tree Planting.
May 6, 10am-noon, meet at the intersection of Brook Terrace and South Avenue. Dress to dig, shovels and planting demo provided. Refreshments following.

==> Don't forget to join alums, colleagues and friends at Alumni House this Friday, May 6, 4 pm to 6 pm. It will be the last First Friday of the semester.

There is no charge to attend, and refreshments will be served. We hope to see you there!

Thank you to our sponsors Richard and Joan Fenton.

==> Low Bridge, High Water, Canal Opening Festival

Thursday, May 12, 2016
Boom and Bust: America’s Journey on the Erie Canal
7pm at Morgan Manning House
Film Screening & Discussion with Dan Ward, co-producer of the film

Friday, May 13, 2016 Local Craft Beer Big Tent Event
5-11pm, Water Street
Local Craft Beverages-Live Music
Tasting Tickets: $20 advance; $25 at door; $10 designated driver ticket
For more information, visit: www.facebook.com/events/147146458993824/

[As always, keep abreast of what is happening at the College by frequently visiting the Daily Eagle at: http://www.brockport.edu/eagle/]

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Tour and Talk!

Tuesday, May 17th from 6:15 PM to 8:30 PM
Drake Memorial Library
Antiques

It is really great news when we are able to reach people again after losing them through changes in their email addresses for a variety of reasons. Recently, through the help of others, we have reconnected with Ann Schnell (spouse of the late Emeritus of History) and Inaam Al_Hashimi (Emerita of Business-Economics). Inaam has had a difficult time since dropping off our radar when her Brockport email account was closed and is excited that she is now able to participate in College events again. She expects to be at Rosie Rich’s talk this evening and she has authorized me to share the note she sent to Mike Andriatch that follows. We are happy to have reconnected with Ann and Inaam and to learn that Inaam continues to be on the mend!

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Dear Mike:

Thank you very much for remembering my birthday... This year is a special year... I am 75 and survived two major health disasters... Cancer ten years ago and a stroke last May that sent me to hospital and rehab. I was half paralyzed and speech impaired for a while. That explains why I have been away from the college activities... Now I am back ... Walking and talking and you will see more of me at the college activities if I am invited.

I had lunch with my dear friend Jeanette D’Agostino and Rosie Rich today to celebrate my birthday... It was so special! It Put me back in the old academic spirit that I missed for some time now.

I have been busy writing poetry and translating literary work from Arabic into English and from English into Arabic... published few books in Arabic and English through Amazon self-publishing...

Here is the link:

And here is a link for my latest in an experimental digital form:

http://mobile.epaperflip.com/?docid=af577650-33f2-482d-8857-a52b005ed6e&page=1#page=1

You may share the information with whom wishes to hear about me.
Thanks again for remembering me.

[Inaam, we are all happy to hear from you and learn that you are doing well.]

After catching up with Ann and Inaam I reviewed my recent distributions and found that the email addresses I have in my address book for the following individuals are no longer valid. If
anyone knows of their whereabouts or has a different email address for them, please share with me.

aalexand@brockport.edu, Andrea Alexander
aaltmeye@brockport.edu, Ann Altmeyer
basimmon@brockport.edu, Barbara Simmons
bjancar@brockport.edu, Barbara Jancar-Webster
cadavis@brockport.edu, Carol Davis
ccuddihe@brockport.edu, Carol Cuddihee
cgallagh@brockport.edu, Craig Gallagher
clennox@brockport.edu, Carol Lennox
cmcbride@brockport.edu, Carolyn McBride
dpalmiel@rochester.rr.com, Darwin Palmiere
dwaters@brockport.edu, Darlene Waters
egangaro@rochester.rr.com, Ellen Gangarosa
gcooper@brockport.edu, Gilbert Cooper
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rherlan@brockport.edu, Ronald Herlan
S.Bellerender@yahoo.com, Sharon Belle-Render
scarmichael@beyondcommunications.net, Shirley Carmichael
sisara1@qwest.net, Jamie and Sara Snell
walter@netacc.net, Walter Boston
Zimmerliw@fvsu.edu, William Zimmerli

Carpe diem,

Bud

May 12, 2016

Greetings,

Henry Bretton is on the distribution list for this newsletter but I have dropped him from the list for this mailing as I wish to report that Henry will be 100 years old this coming week and if you are so moved you are encouraged to send him greetings so that they arrive on or just before next Wednesday. I have reviewed my records and, although many have gotten close, I believe Henry is the first retiree from The College at Brockport to become a centenarian. At last report, he is
still enjoying playing bridge in Albuquerque, New Mexico, among other things. Here is his directory information for those of you who wish to send him greetings to help him celebrate:

Dr. Henry L. Bretton (1969-1985)
Distinguished Professor Emeritus
Political Science
10500 Academy Rd NE Apt 102 Albuquerque, NM 87111
(505) 828-2998
henry.bretton@gmail.com

Jim Horn recently completed a travel adventure to Japan and he has posted his photo-essay of his trip in his blog at: www.jimhornnews.com Those interested will find some great photos and a lot of good information at this link.

Thanks to help from several of you I have been able to update my address book with the correct email addresses for Ann Altmeyer and Sharon Belle Render. I also had a note from Warren Fraleigh that he was no longer receiving the newsletter and I found that I did not have his current email address. Warren said he had turned 90 in December and commenced his journey to 100. Hopefully he will be able to follow the example of Henry Bretton and we wish him well in that endeavor.

Please let me know when your directory information changes, especially your email, if you wish to remain connected through the newsletter.

Big things going on at The College at Brockport this weekend! For more information, including the list of this year’s Chancellor’s Award Recipient click on Quick Links and select Daily Eagle from the Colleges website.

Carpe diem,

Bud

May 18, 2016

Greetings,

If you did not get a card in the mail to Henry Bretton to help him celebrate his 100th birthday, it is not too late. You can email him today at henry.bretton@gmail.com

Speaking of Henry Bretton, Bill Andrews told me a Henry story. When Henry moved to senior housing Bill congratulated him on having moved into ASSISTED living. Henry quickly corrected Bill by stating that is was not ASSISTED LIVING but INDEPENDENT living.

[Reaching 100 is remarkable, but living INDEPENDENTLY at 100 is amazing!]
I had a brief note from Del and Jeannette Smith when they notified me of Ann Schnell’s new email address. They report that they continue to enjoy life in Palm Coast, Florida with lots of travel adventures.

I had an interesting note from Bob Gemmett in response to my posting of the passing of Grace Crowley, wife of the late professor of English emeritus, Jack Crowley about Jack’s bid to become President of the United States. Here is some of the content, slightly edited, of Bob’s note:

In your recent newsletter, you touched upon an indelible moment in my past. I happened to be sitting next to Jack Crowley during the faculty meeting called by Al Brown to announce a retrenchment forced by declining enrollments [likely in 1974]. Towards the end of the meeting, Jack stood up and announced that he was running for the Presidency of the United States. Needless to say, all jaws dropped. I remember that we were stunned by the announcement for at least two reasons:
(1) it seemed an odd time to make his announcement in view of the gravity of the situation and
(2) [it seemed preposterous] that a Professor from the college would have the means and the political connections to believe that this would even be possible.

For those of you who know her and her work, the departure of Debbie Toms to become the Payroll Manager for the University of Rochester will be bittersweet. While we send her sweet wishes for continued success as she continues her good work at the UofR, her departure leaves a void that will be difficult to fill. Debbie came to Brockport to replace former Payroll Officer, Connie Davis, when both Connie and I retired in October 2000. Because I stayed on until a search was completed and Terry Hooper was appointed as Director of Human Resources, I had the pleasure of working with Debbie until approximately April of 2001. I also continue to have occasional contact with her and the Payroll Office in conjunction with my work with this newsletter and have always been impressed with her professionalism and competence.

The competence of Debbie and her staff was recognized by the Payroll Unit of the NYS Department of Audit and Control when it began an annual award program for the best performance of payroll offices in the State service. Under Debbie’s guidance, Brockport’s Payroll Office was a perennial winner of the most prestigious awards. One of my goals during my post-retirement service at SUNY Maritime College was for Maritime to beat Brockport in this competition by processing fewer late payroll appointments and separations. While Maritime came close, it could not unseat SUNY’s champion Payroll Office. While I have mild regret at not beating her, I congratulate her on her success at Brockport and for the effort of her and her staff in having Brockport’s Payroll Office be repeatedly recognized as the best in the State and SUNY service. While Debbie will be missed, Brockport has a seasoned payroll staff and its mission to provide excellent service to the College and its employees will continue.

If you are in the area, here is an opportunity for you to pay tribute to Debbie’s service at Brockport and wish her success in her new position:

Farewell Celebration for Deb Toms
After almost 16 years of service, Deb Toms is leaving the College for a new position at the University of Rochester.

Please stop by on May 23 from 2 - 4 pm in the Allen Administration Building 4th Floor Conference Room for cake and punch to say farewell and congratulations!

We send our condolences to Roxanne Johnston, VP for Advancement Emerita, and the family and friends of her dad, Francis E. Fugle, who passed on May 13, 2016. His obituary was posted in the Rochester D&C on May 15th. Funeral services were private. Memorial contributions may be made to the Livonia Ambulance, PO Box 8, Livonia, NY 14487. Arrangements were entrusted to the Kevin W. Dougherty Funeral Home, Inc. Livonia-Honeoye where you can post a condolence by visiting their website at: www.doughertyfuneralhomes.com

Carpe diem,

Bud

June 2, 2016

Greetings,

Here it is the second of June already and yards are becoming full of color but one of Brockport’s legends is no longer around to take care of his flower gardens. Dale Burrell, known to many of you from the Albert Brown era at the College, is now finishing spring 2016 elsewhere.

When I started my career at Brockport as a Financial Aid Counselor, I worked in what was then Vanderhoof Hall, (now Morgan III). One of the main components of my job was to assign college work-study positions to departments and then find eligible students to fill them. At the time, most of the business functions were located together in a large office in the northeast corner of Hartwell Hall. Dale Burrell worked in a corner of that office as Purchasing Agent under the late Sidney Eastman who was the Financial Secretary who exercised great control over budgets. I met Dale Burrell through my work assigning jobs and students to the business office. Dale’s passing causes me to reflect on those early days and brings back fond memories. While everyone worked very hard, it seemed that the work environment was more relaxed and more social than it became after the first retrenchment. During lunch hour people often found space to play bridge or chess while eating their lunch. If my memory serves me, Dale was one of those people who enjoyed both, and he also enjoyed discussing the stock market with many of his friends and associates. Sometime in the early 1970s Dale had a change in assignment and became the manager of the print shop and the secretarial pool where he was responsible for the recruitment, training and placement of secretarial staff in accordance with the NYS Civil Service Law (including the rule of three for recruitment from lists ranked by test scores). His role sometimes made him popular, in a negative sense, when a department head had a person in mind to fill a position but the person was not among the top three candidates based on test score. But, of course, there was no way to circumvent the rules because the Department of Civil Service had to certify all additions to the payroll of classified service appointees. Dale will also be known and remembered for his work as an Assistant in the Facilities Department, the last assignment he
had at Brockport, and for one assignment he was given, to reduce the cost of refuse disposal by making sure that only college trash ended up in the dumpsters. Dale was a bigger than life character, had a bright mind, and was a good guy and a good friend to those who knew him well. After several years of working with him I was surprised to learn about some of his outdoor activities, especially those in a canoe, as I became involved in canoe tripping. He told of some pretty spectacular white water canoe experiences that for the most part convinced me to stay on the flat water.

As we send our condolences to his wife Rita, a Brockport retiree who provided exceptional service as Administrative Assistant in Delta College, among other assignments, for many years, we hope Dale finds flat water and blooming gardens in the afterlife. Here is Dale’s obituary from the Rochester D&C on Sunday:

Burrell, Dale

Holley, NY: Passed away on May 22, 2016. Dale was predeceased by his parents, Fred and Florence (Cram) Burrell, his brother, Roger, and his sister, Beverly Tracey.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Rita; nephews, Patrick (Dawn) Tracey, William (Sharon) Tracey; and niece, Susan (Bruce) Rund; and furry friends, Missy and Sissy.

Dale was a graduate of Cornell University, and a retiree of SUNY Brockport. He had served as Commissioner of Boy Scout Troop 111, Brockport; on the boards of Genesee-Orleans Cornell Club, Friends of Letchworth State Park, 4-H Committee of Orleans Cornell Cooperative Extension, and the Rochester Area State Employees Federal Credit Union.

He enjoyed traveling, RVing, his iris gardens, sailing, and fast cars.

At Dale's request, there were no calling hours. Private services were held at the family's convenience. Memorials may be made to the Diabetes Association, the Alzheimer’s Association or a charity of your choice.

Published in Rochester Democrat and Chronicle on May 29, 2016

Carpe diem,

Bud

June 7, 2016

Greetings,

Several people responded to the last newsletter that included the notice of the passing of Dale Burrell. It was nice to hear from Dave Morien, Charles Clevenger, Dick Liebe and Ed Kelly who all indicated that they had fond memories of Dale, and Rita, and all shared that Dale was
certainly a memorable character in the history of the College. Until Ed Kelly’s note, I had forgotten that Dale was the local president of the PEF (Professional Employee Federation) union that represented NYS professionals appointed to classified service positions. Ed’s note states: [He was a zealous advocate as a representative of the professional staff bargaining unit and a colorful addition to labor management meetings.]

In addition to Dick Liebe’s comments about Dale Burrell, he shared some information about his personal life that he authorized me to pass along. Following is an edited copy of Dick’s email to me:

[Just a comment on Dale's passing. We became good friends over his years at the college as I did also with Rita through my connections with the AC (Alternate College). One thing I remember were many trips to the old Memorial Stadium to watch the Bills play. What fun those trips were and what a fun guy he was to be around.

On another matter, I am recovering from the amputation of my right foot. This was the result of an infection that stemmed from an earlier operation to correct a genetic problem with the foot. After weeks of nerve pain, I am now free from that pain and have only to deal with the soreness of the operation. If it's God's will, I will be able to be fitted with a prosthesis in a few weeks and be able to return to walking and some degree of hiking which I really miss. Our best to all. Dick and Jan]

I responded to Dick that at our ages when we talk about losing a foot it usually refers to height, certainly not girth, but seldom the actual loss of a foot. And, of course, I sent our regret that he had had to go through the associated pain and suffering and wished him an adequate recovery to continue his passion for hiking. Again, we send Dick our best wishes for the continuation of his recovery and for success with the prosthesis, and our best regards to both Dick and Jan.

On another front, it is always nice to see media coverage of the College and its students and staff. Recent examples include the following:

The June 5, 2016 issue of the Hamlin Clarkson Herald included a very nice article by former Associate Dean of Students Douglas Hickerson, about emeritus Bill Hullfish and his longtime passion for delivery of folksongs of the waterways. It was also noted that Bill Hullfish and his Golden Eagle String Band are featured on the recently installed mural in Sagawa Park next to the Brockport Diner. If you are in the Brockport area, make sure to check out this mural which depicts some history of Brockport and some of its people.

As Geneseo graduates, Sandy and I receive Geneseo’s equivalent of Brockport’s Kaleidoscope. In a recent edition, there was a feature sharing Study Abroad Photo Winners and I was pleased to see that the Grand Prize Winner was a participant in the Oxford scholars program through SUNY Brockport.

And, on Sunday, the ROCArts section of the Democrat and Chronicle featured an article entitled [Mural, Mural on the Wall] about local artist Nate Hodge, who received his BFA from The College at Brockport, followed by an MFA from the University of Buffalo. The article went on
to say that Nate Hodge had received the University of Rochester’s Lillian Fairchild Award for his work with Wall/Therapy. He is in good company with previous recipients, two of whom have connections to Brockport. Recipient Garth Fagan, of course, is a distinguished emeritus. Sculpture Albert Paley is a former professor and the creator of the sculpture [Conclave] which has been installed on the main walkway of Brockport’s academic and residential corridor with funding from Bill Andrews to honor his wife, the late Monika Andrews. Per the article, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Anthony Hecht is also a recipient of the award.

All good news for those featured and for Brockport!

Carpe diem,

Bud

June 8, 2016

Greetings,

Sorry, but I thought I should do this follow-up to my last Newsletter before I lose track of the feedback I received.

First, as I relied on the article about his art work and the Lillian Fairchild Award that alum Nate Hodge received, I assumed wrongly that it referenced all previous recipients of the award. I later learned that the award was first given in 1924 and has continued to this day. I also learned that in addition to Nate (award year 2015), emeritus Garth Fagan (award years 1982&1992), and Al Paley (award year 1975), other at one time members of the faculty at Brockport who have received the award include emeritus Jack Wolsky, Art (1970); Wendell Castle, Art (1977); emeritus Bill Stewart, Art (1978&1991); Joan Lyons, Art (1979); emeritus Nathan Lyons, Visual Studies/Art (1987); emeritus William Heyen, English (1996); the late emerita Judith Kitchen, English (2002); and Ann Panning, English (2008). You can find the history of the first 50 years of the award (1924-1974) at http://rbscp.lib.rochester.edu/3510. The College at Brockport is well represented by emeriti, a current member of the faculty, and other former members of the faculty who distinguished themselves and received this award. With the help of some friends and the internet, I think I have now identified all the Lillian Fairchild Award recipients with connections to Brockport. We congratulate them all! [BTW, there are many awards our faculty and staff have received over the years, but, after today, you’ll just have to take pride in knowing that, without the details, unless you want to go down the path on your own that I chose to start on yesterday. What was I thinking?]

Dorie Sweeting was President Emeritus Albert Brown’s secretary, with assistance from Diane Frisch, when I arrived in Brockport in August 1967. She shared with me: [I do remember Dale and Rita Burrell and the memories are all happy ones.] Dorie plans to be in Brockport sometime in August and I’ll let you know with information about how to contact her after her dates are finalized as she would like to see some of the people she worked with back in the 60s and 70s while here. It was nice hearing from Dorie again as such contact always reminds me of the “First Fridays” type of event that Dorie and others would host at their homes “back in the day!”
As I recall, we did not worry too much about whether it was a “first” as any Friday would do if there was a host!

And, Elaine Miller wants to share her concerns upon hearing about Dick Liebe’s recent medical issue as follows: [ I’m so sorry to hear of Dick Liebe’s surgery. It does sound, though, like he’s well into recovery and will soon be hiking again. We had great times working with both Alternate College and Peace Corps/College degree students back in the 70s. I remember both Dick and Jan with great affection.]

Finally, sometimes having a “bad memory” means not only that you cannot recall stuff, but also that when you do recall stuff you do so “badly.” Such is the case, and I believe this is my second run at this error, of my reference to Doug Hickerson’s title when he was at Brockport. It was Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, not Associate Dean of Students.

Carpe diem,

Bud

June 14, 2016

Greetings,

There is a lot of grief in our world today and to add to it is the passing of Carl Sherwood, who for 58 years has been the soulmate of the beloved emerita Assistant to the President Barbara Sherwood. When I first arrived in Brockport in August 1967 with an assignment in Student Affairs, one of the first people I met was Barbara who at the time was the administrative assistant to Oliver Spaulding, the Dean of Students. I first met Carl in those early days at staff social gatherings, encountered him occasionally at other gatherings over the years, and was glad to see him recently at a Chris Wilson fund raising concert for the Sweden Senior Singers. While I never knew him well he appeared to be a laid back and loving supporter of Barbara’s many activities. Barbara proved to be a wonderful associate who always provided the heart and soul for every office in which she provided her services. While her heart is now broken, we send our condolences, and our best wishes that memories of Carl and their 58 years together will be the healing medicine for her and for all of Carl’s loved ones and friends. Following is Carl’s obituary from the June 15, 2016 issue of the Rochester D&C.

Sherwood, Carl H.

Brockport: May 11,1937-June 11, 2016. Predeceased by his parents Raymond and Gladys, sister Betty Genter. He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Barbara; sons Eric (Lorraine Mead- deceased) and Steven (Joyce), grandson Jack, sister Joyce Bell, brothers and sister-in-law and many nieces and nephews.
Family and friends may call on Thursday June 16 from 4 to 5:30 PM at the Fowler Funeral Home Inc. 340 West Ave., Brockport where his funeral service will be held at 5:30 PM following calling hours. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may contribute to the Brockport First Baptist Church, 124 Main Street, Brockport, NY 14420.

Better news is the upcoming Arena Art Group members’ exhibition, Explorations, A Visual Conversation. It will be in the gallery at the NTID Dyer Arts Center, RIT, 52 Lomb Memorial Circle M-F, 10-2 from June 17 to August 20, 2016. Most important, the artists’ reception is this coming Friday (6/17).

Among the participating artists with a Brockport connection are professor emeritus Jack Wolsky, alumna Marsha Wolsky, adjunct professor Nate Hodge, and local Brockport artist (and former student) Jappie King Black, wife of Director of Design and Production, Richard Black. The opportunity to socialize and to see the works of our friends at such receptions are always fun and rewarding and the support is always appreciated by the artists.

Carpe diem,

Bud

June 17, 2016

Greetings,

Reminder and a little more info:

The time for the reception for the artists that is being held tonight for the exhibition mentioned below is 6 to 9 pm. Hope to see some of you there.

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June 23, 2016
Greetings,

Many of you who were employed at the College in the period from 1965 to 1985 will remember Judy (Jenk) Seever, who worked throughout that period in the Purchasing Office (later “Procurement Services”). I learned recently of her passing and wanted to share the sad news for those of you who knew her. Judy was a big woman who had a heart to match her size. She was a friendly and helpful staff member in the Purchasing Office who was respected by, and friends with, those with whom she worked. They were sorry to lose her services when she transferred to the Orleans County Correctional Facility in Albion in 1985. We send our condolences to her family and friends. Following is her obituary from the Orleans Hub which was shared with me by former employee Linda Chrzan. Although I had the information, I regret that I was unable to get this out before her memorial service on June 19th.

Judy J. Seever, of Albion, passed away suddenly on Tue., June 14, 2016 at the age of 69. She is predeceased by her parents, Mate and Marie Jenk. Judy is survived by her significant other, David Mullet; daughters, Tiffany (Steven) Crawford and Breanna (Andrea) Seever, and their father, Donald Seever; granddaughters, Hailey, Lindsay and Kelsey Crawford; sister, Margaret Menear; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. A memorial service is planned for 2 p.m. on Sun., June 19 at Christ Episcopal Church, 26 S. Main St., Albion.

Better news is this announcement. Please note Lauren Lieberman’s invitation for visitors to come and observe the campers as they extend their boundaries in the performance of the many planned activities.

Camp Abilities comes back to Brockport June 26th-July 2nd

Camp Abilities is an educational sports camp for children with visual impairments held at The College at Brockport. Each summer 55 children with visual impairments stay overnight in the dorms and are supported by over 60 counselors.

The children come from all over NY State and the college students come from all over the world. This year we will have counselors from Brazil, Canada, Greece, Scotland, and all over the US!

Research will be conducted related to perceived gross motor competence, curricular development, and perceived competence of the counselors. The researchers are coming with their graduate students from Vanderbilt University, University of South Carolina, and SUNY Cortland. This year NBC will be filming Camp Abilities for the Sunday Morning Today Show with Willie Geist.

Our newest sport this year is sailing on Lake Ontario! We are collaborating with the Brockport Yacht Club to provide this unique sport to some of our older campers. We will continue to have all our other sports including stand up paddle boarding which we added last year.

This year camp will run from June 26th-July 2nd. The campers will stay in Harmon/Gordon and the sports will take place in Tuttle North, on the track, on the canal by the dock in Commissary
Park, on the rugby field and in the parking lot across from The Welcome Center. Please see our schedule at [http://www.campabilities.org/schedule.html](http://www.campabilities.org/schedule.html)

We look forward to having visitors come and observe what children with visual impairments CAN do! Please come any time during the week! Please e-mail or call me if you have any questions. Thank you all again for your continued support for our 21st year of this signature program!

Carpe diem,

Bud

July 4, 2016

Greetings,

Happy 4th of July!

I had the 99th birthday (July 2nd) of emeritus Richard Elton on my radar but then missed letting you know about it. But, we are only belated by a couple of days so we still can celebrate his longevity and wish him much success in reaching 100 and beyond. If you want to do so, you can contact Dick via his son Wally, who has reported that Dick is doing well, at wally.elton@earthlink.net or by regular mail to Richard Elton, c/o Judy Elton, 10540 West Ruth Avenue, Peoria, AZ 85345. Dick, we send you our best wishes for a healthy and happy 100th year.

Camp Abilities, begun by Lauren Lieberman 21 years ago, has again brought joy to the many participants from around the world. The program has been covered by channel 9 and had a spot yesterday on the SUNDAY TODAY show. We have heard great feedback about the program including that the collaboration between Camp Abilities and the Brockport Yacht Club went very well. About two dozen campers had experiences on the water, either sailing or, when Lake Ontario was too rough, by power boat on Sandy Creek. Channel 9 provided coverage. Among the BYC members who helped were emeriti John Gardner and Dave Hale.

Jim Horn has been traveling again and you can read about his four days in Lisbon along with his travel log about his voyage on the Silversea from Monte Carlo to Lisbon on the internet. If interested, check out the following link:

[www.jimhornnews.com](http://www.jimhornnews.com)

Remember to check out the Daily Eagle from the Quicklinks link on Brockport’s website to keep up with what is happening on campus such as the following:

Photographer Matt Yeoman Wins UPAA Awards

Campus Photographer Matt Yeoman won two first place awards in the UPAA’s annual national contest, and two more awards in their June monthly contest.
Matt Yeoman took two top honors at the UPAA's annual conference held at Austin Peay State University earlier this month. He won first place in the sports feature track for his photograph of a Brockport hurdler. The same photo also took the top prize in the Kelby Creative category, given to the best image which uses Photoshop. Winners are determined by the votes of UPAA members.

Yeoman also won two awards in the UPAA's monthly member contest. His image of a Brockport dancer in the woods was named the first-place portrait for the month and his photo of a U.S. veteran on Memorial Day, taken for a project that Communications Professor Dale Hartnett is working on, took third place in the Personal Vision category.

The UPAA is an international organization of more than 600 college and university photographers concerned with the application and practice of photography in higher education.

You can see all of Matt's great work in the Week in Pictures: www.brockport.edu or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/thecollegeatbrockport

[It is nice to see that Matt is following emeritus Jim Dusen in producing some outstanding photography and drawing attention to the College’s students and programs along the way. Congratulations Matt!]

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And, here is a community posting that might be of interest to members of this group:

Dessert, Drinks and Music July 17th  
6:30pm-8:00pm  
THE CENTER  
133 State Street  
A community gathering place.

Hope to see you there! Lori Skoog, Sweden Town Board Liaison to The Center  
No charge, but reservations would be appreciated. Please respond by July 6th. Call 637-8161, email: deannai@townofsweden.org or stop in at The Center. For a little more information, check out the article OPEN HOUSE PROVIDES A FRESH LOOK AT THE CENTER IN BROCKPORT by Doug Hickerson in the July 3rd issue of the Hamlin-Clarkson Herald.

Also, if you are living away from Brockport, you might be interested in seeing the exterior of The Center on a video at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FV1cQwNRHbg

I have recently been playing around trying to learn how to edit and combine photo clips into video and have done three BIKE RIDE videos of which the one at the link above was first. If interested, the two other bike rides cover Main Street and some of the College campus. They can be viewed at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6xZ0Yw_y8D0   Campus Bike Ride
Developing my abilities is a work in progress but I hope to get better at this because it is kinda fun!

Carpe diem,

Bud

July 7, 2016

Greetings,

Sandy and I were sad to learn on Sunday of the passing of William F. Stier III, one of the sons of the late Bill, and Veronica Stier. I do not remember Will but likely met him many years ago when Bill and Veronica hosted several consecutive Super Bowl parties. The Stier family is now dealing with grief at the passing of a loved one in their immediate family for the second time in less two years. We send our condolences to Veronica, and to all the Stier family and their friends. Following is Will’s obituary as posted on the website listed at the end of it.

Obituary for William F. Stier III

Stier III, William F., 42 of Wesley Chapel, Florida passed away on Saturday, July 2, 2016. Will was born in La Crosse, WI. Earned his Bachelor’s Degree at The College at Brockport, State University of New York. He was a proud teacher at Seven Oaks Elementary School in Wesley Chapel. Will was a sports fan of all kinds but especially loved the Buffalo Bills, Buffalo Sabres, and Tampa Bay Lightning. He enjoyed spending time with his family & friends. Will loved going and doing many things…but most of all enjoyed anything Disney, especially with his wife and daughter Alycia. He took great pride in being a dad. Will is preceded in death by his father; William Stier, Jr. Will is survived by his loving wife; Kelley, daughter; Alycia, mother; Veronica, brothers; Mark and his wife Barbara, Michael and his wife Reba, Patrick and his wife Lori, sister; Missy and her husband Michael, along with many loving nieces, nephews, extended family, his many students and co-workers and of course his kitty babies, Dixie, Ryder, Turner and Ireland. A Funeral Service will be held at Loyless Funeral Home on Wednesday, July 6 at 2:00pm. Family will receive friends one hour prior.


I recently hit an age that caused me to say: “I’m glad I made it this far, but didn’t expect it would happen so soon!” That age got me thinking about some of the projects I have started but have not completed, and reminded me that, like so many I have written about over the years, I could run out of time. So, for you, who are veterans, and/or know someone, or some of their relatives, whose name is listed on the following webpage without an active link, please share that I am drawing the Brockport Veterans Project to an end on or about August 31, 2016. I am looking for a photo of each veteran in uniform along with some dates, times and places relating to their
military service and a story or two if available. For some guidance, you just must open a few of the active links on the webpage for examples. I draw your attention to the story of Richard Elton who, as reported previously, is in his hundredth year, for interesting information about what he was doing from 1942 to 1945.

While I would like to have a story for each of the veterans listed, I will have to go with what I have in my hands by August 31, 2016, as every project must have an ending!

http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/BKPT_VETS.htm

Carpe diem,

Bud

July 8, 2016

Greetings,

Andrew “Andy” Virgilio first came to Brockport as a student after serving in the military during WWII and became a member of the class of 1949. After graduation, he married his childhood sweetheart, Sue, class of 1946, and began his teaching career. In 1961, he returned to join the faculty as the school was beginning to evolve from a “Teachers College” to a Liberal Arts College. Andy proved to be a formidable advocate for the changes in store for what today is known as The College at Brockport, State University of New York. He served in numerous capacities, always willing to help wherever he was needed, as Professor of Educational Administration; Campus School Principal; Chair of the Department of Educational Administration; and Dean of Education, Social Professions, Public Service & Continuing Education. He also served as Alumni Association President and is in the “Circle of Presidents.” For his lifetime of support to Brockport, he is the recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus and the Alumni Hall of Heritage awards. In 2013, a tree was planted next to the walkway to the front entrance to Hartwell Hall to honor him and his achievements.

Andy became active in local politics and served as a Clarkson Town Justice, and his excellent record in that office led him to success in being elected to the New York State Assembly (133 District) where his experience made it possible for him to be a successful enlightened advocate for higher education and later led to his service as Director NYS Developmental Disabilities Planning Council.

Sadly, over the 4th of July weekend, Andy gave up on his last attempt at getting a tune-up at a hospital for his failing body, and, on his own initiative, returned home to prepare for his inevitable journey to the other side of life. That enabled him to say his goodbyes and to communicate with family and some friends before he crossed over on the afternoon of Thursday, July 7, 2016. Andy’s contributions to the College at Brockport, to the greater Brockport Community, to higher education in general, and to the State of New York are immense and we owe him a debt of gratitude for his inspirational style of leadership, his integrity, and his friendly heartfelt and soulful interaction with all he encountered in this life.
I am personally thankful for his exemplary leadership example and for the personal support he gave to me as I began my career at Brockport. He always built up my confidence by making me feel that I was doing well enough in my jobs, first in the Financial Aid Office and later in Personnel, to become successful. One thing I hold dear is a conversation with Andy relating to a job offer he had had that would have taken him away from The College at Brockport during the early tenure of Albert W. Brown as president. Andy had advised Dr. Brown of the possibility of leaving without looking to negotiate anything, but just to inform. Andy told me that Dr. Brown responded, “What can you accomplish anywhere else that you cannot accomplish here,” with some additional comment that Andy had the freedom to use his talents any way he chose to in support of the College’s mission. His sharing of that exchange was enlightening and kept me “in place” on those few occasions that other opportunities presented themselves and I asked the question: “What can I accomplish there that I cannot accomplish here”, and I believe that many will share Andy’s view, that regardless of who was at the helm, The College at Brockport has always provided a great deal of freedom for its employees to stretch and build their skills as long as their personal goals did not run contrary to the mission of the College. Andy Virgilio’s story taught me that early in my career and I am grateful for that lesson and grateful that Andy stayed to complete his career at Brockport where he continued to inspire others. And, the memory of the way he lived his life will continue to be inspirational to all who have had the privilege to have known him.

Andy Virgilio’s passing is significant to the history of The College at Brockport, the Brockport Community and the State of New York. His presence in this world and his role as an ambassador for Brockport will be sorely missed. All who knew him hold him in high esteem and will mourn this loss.

Today we mourn, yet, we count our blessings for having known Andy and we honor him for a life well lived as we send our condolences to Sue and the rest of Andy’s family and his multitude of friends.

I will share details relating to memorial plans when they become available.

Carpe diem,

Bud

July 11, 2016

Greetings,

In response to the Emeriti Newsletter containing the sad news of the passing of Andrew Virgilio, Bruce Leslie shared with me an interview he did with Andy in 1999 that is very informative about Andy’s time at Brockport as a student, a teacher and an administrator as the College transitioned from a Teachers College to a College of Arts and Sciences. Bruce later advised me that his interview with Andy had prompted Ken O’Brien and himself to research and write a section for SUNY at Sixty-The Promise of the State University of New York which they, along with former interim President John B. Clark, edited. You can find that piece on page 56 of the book under the heading “State Teachers Colleges Under Attack.” It defends, to a degree,
criticism that the State Teachers Colleges were weak in their offering of liberal arts because their focus was centered on professional education. Because of Bruce’s interview with Andy, and their research, Bruce and Ken could refute some of a claim in a book, “The Miseducation of American Teachers” by James Koerner, that “…strongly criticized teachers’ colleges’ curriculum” [SUNY at Sixty]. Bruce’s interview with Andy is 22 pages long so it is not included here as content or as an attachment but, if interested, it can be reviewed at:
http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/Leslie_Virgilio_Interview.pdf

You can also find this July 11, 2016 Newsletter and the July 8, 2016 Newsletter by scrolling down at:  http://www.itss.brockport.edu/~rmeade/your_news.htm

My exchanges with Bruce, who is currently in Scotland regretting that he will not be here to celebrate the life of his “first Dean”, prompted me to see what else I could find about Andy, and in a piece entitled “Where are they now?” from Kaleidoscope (Vol. 22, No. 3 Winter 2009), I found interviews (no byline) with James Kunstler ’71 and Raymond Duncan, along with one of Andy Virgilio from which I extracted the following for this Newsletter:

“Andrew (Andy) Virgilio ’49, educational administration professor emeritus, taught at Brockport from 1961 until 1987. Although Virgilio now lives in Florida the year round, he stays connected with the College by supporting student scholarship, and has fond memories of his years at Brockport.

Q. What is your favorite memory of Brockport?

A. My favorite memory of Brockport would have to be the camaraderie I found at the College. Being a smaller college, the campus environment was one in which the faculty and students could build close relationships.

Q. What individual or experience at Brockport made the greatest impact or impression on you — an impression that has lasted a lifetime?

A. Dr. Ray Conrad made the biggest impact on me. I did not know what I wanted to do when I first arrived at Brockport, but after listening to him as he taught a class that I was taking, I realized that teaching is what I truly wanted to do.

Q. How do you spend your days now?

A. I live in Florida now, so I spend a lot of my time at the gym, volunteering at a local hospital, and being involved with a community college. I also do a lot of reading.

Q. What is your all-time favorite book?

A. It is one of the classics: A Tale of Two Cities, by Charles Dickens.

Q. What would you do differently, if you had the opportunity to do it all over again?
A. I think about a poem by Robert Frost entitled “The Road Not Taken,” which discusses the point in life where you come to a fork in the road and must decide which path you will take. I chose the path that I continue on to this day, assuming it was the right way to go, and I can honestly say that there is nothing about it I would change.”

[And Andy, those who have known you can attest that you chose the path to humble greatness and we are all grateful that our paths crossed.]

Following is a copy of Andy’s obituary as published today on the website of Fowler’s Funeral Home http://fowlerfuneralhomeinc.com/tribute/details/605/Andrew-Virgilio/obituary.html#tribute-start that will also appear in the Rochester D&C on Sunday, July 17th.

“Obituary of Andrew Virgilio

Andrew D. Virgilio (Andy)

Punta Gorda, FL – Died on July 7, 2016 peacefully at home at age 90. He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Sue (Pugliese), son David (Marianne), daughter Andrea Cotter (John Babich), son Paul (Leslie), and daughter Anita (William) Wemple. Grandfather of Brian (Monica) Virgilio, Christina Cotter (Andres Borromeo), Christopher, Carla, and Susanna Virgilio, and Drew Wemple. Great-grandfather of Luminara, Felicity, and Zoey Virgilio.

Andrew graduated from Aquinas High School in 1943, attended Villanova University for one year before serving in the Army Air Corps during WWII. Following military service, he studied at Brockport State Teachers College, graduating in 1949. He later completed graduate studies at Syracuse University in 1952, and doctoral studies at Penn State University in 1960.

Dr. Virgilio devoted many years to education and community service. His teaching career began at East Rochester as an elementary school teacher and principal. He taught at St. John's University in New York for one year, returning to The College at Brockport where he served from 1961 to 1986 as Campus School Principal, Dean of Education and Dean of Continuing Education. His community service career included Clarkson Town Justice (1972-1974), Assemblyman for the 133rd Assembly District of New York State (1974-1980), and Executive Director of the New York State Council on Developmental Disabilities (1981 – 1986). In his retirement, he completed a paralegal degree and assisted the Tribunal of the Diocese of Rochester.

A longtime member of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Brockport, Andy was active in Brockport Kiwanis. In Punta Gorda, he was an active Elk and a 4th degree Knight of Columbus.

Family and friends may call at the Fowler Funeral Home at 340 West Avenue, Brockport, NY, Thursday, July 21, from 4 to 7 P.M. A funeral Mass of Christian burial will be held
on Friday, July 22 at 10 A. M., at Nativity Church, 152 Main Street, Brockport, NY, followed by interment, with military honors, at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Rochester, NY. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Andrew D. and Sue P. Scholarship Fund at The College at Brockport, 350 New Campus Drive, Brockport, NY 14420.”

Carpe diem,

Bud

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July 16, 2016

Since reporting the sad news of the passing of Andy Virgilio, a recurring phrase, “every cloud has a silver lining” keeps playing because of the contacts that event has created. Some of them are: email exchanges from Larry Scopa, a long standing, and very well-known former member of the Brockport community who has been friends with Andy for most of his adult life; a long reminiscing phone conversation with one of my earliest mentors, Dick Alexander, focusing on some of those legendary players at the onset of the transition of the College from a Teachers College to an Arts and Sciences College who were at Brockport when we both arrived in 1967; an email from Steve Ullman noting how Andy, among others of the greatest generation, provided mentoring to the many rookies who were appointed in 1970; notes from former President of the Alumni Association and well known community leader, Mary Duryea Merle, and from Emeritus Distinguished Service Professor, Joe Winnick, among others, paying tribute to Andy’s service to the College and the Community; a message from John Halstead that Bruce’s interview gave him a great sense of Andy’s wise perspective and the vision of his predecessors through Andy’s eyes; a message from Donna Mancuso noting that Andy was the late Dick Mancuso’s 5th grade teacher in East Rochester and that Dick always felt that “their reunion at Brockport was a gift to Dick who considered Andy a mentor and good friend;” a tribute to Andy from Sheila Myer who echoes Andy’s message that Brockport was, and is, a great place to spend a career; and, of course, the significant silver lining I found was in Bruce Leslie’s interview with Andy in which Andy shares the story about his exchange with Al Brown about staying at Brockport because it confirmed that I had not made up that story, something of which Joe Lawrence, former Assistant to the President under Al Brown, accuses me of from time to time.

Yet, while I enjoyed finding these silver linings, there are dark clouds hanging over us at home and abroad. Some of them are affecting strangers to us and some are affecting those we know and love. I often learn of the latter clouds after sending out a newsletter and such was the case with the recent distributions. Mo and Carol Beers are dear friends to many in the greater Brockport community. Mo has advised me that Carol has had some major health issues requiring surgery followed by complications that have resulted in additional hospitalization. Sending our good thoughts and prayers their way will help sustain them while this cloud hangs over them and may help to speed Carol’s recovery. You can contact them with a “ray of sunshine” at:

Carol Beers
2934 Moorings Way SE
I would be remiss in sending this newsletter out without also mentioning that Joe Lawrence has had a cloud over his head relating to some serious health issues for the last few couple of months. “Rays of sunshine” to help disperse his cloud can reach him at:

Joseph Lawrence  
212 South Huron Street  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197-8402  
joe@ypsi.com

We hope and pray that Carol and Joe, and everyone in the world can find silver linings when the dark clouds appear.

Carpe diem,

Bud

August 4, 2016

Greetings,

Memorial events are often “bitter-sweet!” The departed, I believe, is pleased when her/his passing provides an opportunity for refreshing friendships and associations lying fallow as a result of distance and/or changes in the direction of individuals’ activities. Similarly, s/he likely is pleased to hear the kind words expressed in eulogies describing more about “who s/he was” than what “s/he did.” Unfortunately, this is often the first time many of us actually get to know the departed. For me examples of the “sweet” from the departure of Andy Virgilio include getting to spend some time with Charles and Jeanne Clevenger and to visit with emeriti Frank Filardo, who came to Brockport for one or more of Andy’s memorial events, and catching up with many others like Mel and Helen Smagorinsky, Dick Booth, and Milt Hoy, among others, who may live in the area but with whom our paths do not cross as frequently now as in the past. It was great to see that Charles still has his great intelligence, wit, charm and twinkle in his eyes despite the disruptions to his health that he and Jeanne have endured the past several months. And, while we all are aware of Andy’s accomplishments in life, not from him, but from observation, it was nice to learn more about his person through the wonderful eulogy presented for his family by his daughter Andrea. If there are others who would like to read the eulogy, Andrea asks that you contact her directly for a copy at avcotter@gmail.com.

[We thank Andrea Virgilio Cotter for her willingness to share as we mourn the bitter and relish the sweet.]

I just received a message from Dorie Sweeting, former administrative assistant to President Emeritus Albert W. Brown, about her upcoming return to Brockport for a visit. She advises me that she will be in town from August 18th through August 21st and is hoping to get to see as many
folks as possible that she knows from living in Brockport and working at the College many years ago. I have her cell phone number for those who might like to reach her. Those wishing to have the number may send me an email at rmeade1@rochester.rr.com and I’ll reply with it. Dorie plans to attend services at First Baptist Church in Brockport on Sunday, August 21st and expects to see some folks there.

[We hope Dorie has a great return visit to Brockport and gets to see many friends and associates from her days living and working here.]

Recently many, if not all, of you, received a Lifelong Learning (Fall 2016) brochure that contained a list of courses at the College in which 20 spaces have been reserved on a FREE, first registered-first served basis, for members of our community who are age 60 and older. Additional information about this program, and more, will be provided in a Lifelong Learning Orientation Program scheduled to begin at 8:30 am in the Jitterbugs Café, Seymour College Union, on Wednesday, August 17. Participants in these courses can participate in them without having to take exams or write papers. And, of course, no College credit is available for such “freebies.”

While it has been the State and SUNY’s policy for as long as I can remember, and I know that is longer ago than yesterday because that is what I have already forgotten, that seniors (age 60 and over) could audit courses on a space available basis for free, it has not been greatly publicized. That is, until a few of our overly eager and energetic emeriti, who are always looking to improve the quality of life for everyone in Brockport, decided that the availability of Lifelong Learning opportunities could be enhanced at the College. Led by emeritus Ray Duncan, who had the initial inspiration and secured support from former provost, Mary Ellen Zuckerman, a Lifelong Learning Committee was created consisting of Ray, Rich and Joan Fenton, “Gordy Fox of Morgan Manning Fame” [Ray’s words], and Rosie Rich. After the initial meeting between Duncan and Zuckerman the then provost, Zuckerman, “ran with the idea” and brought professor Jason Dauenhauer, Department of Social Work, into the mix and, according to Ray, Jason has been unrelenting in his efforts to formalize a Lifelong Learning Program at the College. Here are Ray’s words of tribute to Jason for his efforts:

Jason put together the Lifelong Learning Committee that has been meeting for several months now to move this project along,

He has chaired the meetings, done all the groundwork in terms of contacting professors who might be interested in having seniors audit their courses and arranged for the upcoming orientation day, etc.

Jason has put in many hours working hard to put life into the project's goals--throwing himself into it with gusto, energy and good humor.

Jason's plans include participating seniors to have a card allowing admission to Drake Library, entrance to classes to be audited and possibly linked to a way to purchase meals on campus.
We thank Ray and his associates, Mary Ellen Zuckerman, Jason Dauenhauer, and the College, for their efforts and hope that many of you will show up to lend your support and take advantage of this opportunity by attending the orientation session on Wednesday, August 17th.

Carpe diem,

Bud

August 12, 2016

Greetings,

Jeanette D’Agostino Banker is a person known to be at the top level of excellence in the art of being a member of the human race. She exemplifies all that is good in this life by working feverishly to keep her eyes out to identify anyone and everyone who might be in need and then by providing love and care while recruiting others to follow her lead. She constantly looks for ways to recognize others while attempting to stay out of the limelight herself. Her lifetime of demonstrating her exceptionally good character by being caring, dedicated, dependable, faithful, friendly, generous, kind, lovable, loyal, personable, trustworthy and welcoming, among other praise worthy attributes, while making major contributions as advisor, assistant, caregiver, communicator, educator, initiator, mentor, supporter, and volunteer, among others, ranks her at the top of those held in high esteem by others. And, while the College at Brockport has greatly benefitted from her many significant contributions to its life and history for many years, and she has received many significant awards for those efforts, her character and contributions have been, aghast as this may make her, continuously noted by everyone who has been gifted by knowing her since her early days as a student at East Rochester High School. I am therefore exceptionally pleased to report that one of my favorite mentors over the years, Jeanette D’Agostino Banker, received the Annual Distinguished Alumni Award from East Rochester High School at a gathering at Lima Country Club on August 5, 2016. Here is what they had to say about her which echoes the endearing sentiments we all feel for our distinguished colleague and friend, Jeanette D’Agostino Banker, as quoted from the program from the event:

As part of our Sam Urzetta Alumni Classic awards luncheon on Friday, August 5, 2016, the Alumni Foundation proudly honors Jeanette D’Agostino Banker with its annual Distinguished Alumni Award.

Jeanette graduated from East Rochester High School in 1949. Majoring in Education she received her Bachelor’s Degree (1951) and Master’s Degree (1958) from SUNY Brockport.

The field of education has been the focus of Jeanette’s life. Her career began as a teacher for 6 years in the Rochester City School District. She then spent 31 years as an Associate Professor of Education at SUNY Brockport. There she was the first female to be President of the Faculty Senate. Jeanette was a demonstration teacher and student teacher supervisor at the Campus School (working with former East Rochester Principal Dr. Andrew Virgilio). She was founder and director for American International Schools Overseas—responsible for the entire program, selecting students and faculty and
planning the curriculum. Jeanette was also coordinator of overseas teaching centers in Germany and Portugal. Later she developed a teaching center in the Greece Central School District, and was the center’s director and supervisor until her retirement. Jeanette continues to work as a volunteer at the College at Brockport. [Editor’s note: Marguerite “Peg” Browne developed the Greece Teaching Center with the very able assistance of Jeanette. They were a formidable team that guaranteed the success of this program.]

She has also assisted students by influencing the creation of more than a quarter of the scholarships provided by the Brockport Foundation. Two scholarships bear her name, the Jeanette D’Agostino Banker International Scholarship and the Jeanette D’Agostino Banker Political Science Scholarship.

For her work, Jeanette was named to SUNY Brockport’s Alumni Association’s Hall of Heritage in 1984. In 2011, she received the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International’s Frederica Hollister Professional Educator’s Award which recognizes a member who exemplifies the best in education and has made a most significant impact on education in New York State.

While much of Jeanette’s life has centered on SUNY Brockport and the Brockport community where she lives, East Rochester has continued to have a special spot in her heart. As a member of a pioneer family she has quietly provided assistance with a variety of initiatives in our village.

Jeanette D’Agostino Banker with her sense of community and belief in the value of education has helped many reach their potential. She is a friend on whom we can always depend. We honor her caring generosity, kindness, and support.

[If you know Jeanette, you know full well that she is very pleased with the recognition but not so much with the attention it draws to her. Yet, we could not let this opportunity pass without giving her heartfelt congratulations from all of us upon her receipt of this award and for her lifetime of significant contributions to make everything she encounters in life better. Heartfelt congratulations to you Jeanette!]

While on the subject of recognition, I regret that in my haste to get out the last Update, my memory failed me. I had noted when I received the excellent brochure from the College announcing the Lifelong Learning Course Offerings, that it came from the Advancement Office and had intended to mention that and that in addition to those mentioned, Kim Ehret, in particular, but among others, had also done yeoman’s work in helping to formally launch this program. So, to Kim, we thank you for your work on this project as well as for all the work you do in support of emeriti. We truly appreciate it.

Please check at http://alumni.brockport.edu/s/1549/index.aspx?sid=1549&gid=1&pgid=1209&cid=2387&ecid=2387&crid=0&calpgid=13&calcid=664 for more information on this program and the
information and registration session to be held on Wednesday, August 17 beginning in Seymour College Union Ballroom at 8:30 am.

Carpe diem,

Bud

August 20, 2016

Greetings,

Very sadly, Marion E. Sargent nearly made it to her 100th birthday, but had she done so, she would not have known it. The last time I saw Marion, about three years ago, she was sitting in the lobby of the nursing home where she resided. I approached her to say hello, as I had done so often over the years, but I found her to be vacant. She did not recognize me or communicate with me in any manner. Yet, thankfully, for much of her long life she was alert, active, and able to be compassionate about the things she enjoyed in life and her causes.

I first met Marion while working in the Financial Aid Office from 1967 to 1970. She was the administrative assistant to the late Charles Lang and the late Robert Jubenville in the Career Services Office just down the hall in Vanderhoof Hall (now Lathrop III). Marion was very active in the early days of collective bargaining following the passage of the Taylor Law that gave public employees in NYS negotiating rights. She served as an early officer of the Civil Service Employees’ Association (CSEA), with Sue Cloutier, Hazel Nelson, Red Caton, Barbara Kays, and Tom Gartley, among others. In this role, she was passionate about creating a safe and healthy environment, and improving the lot of state workers. On the environmental side, much to the chagrin of one of her pipe-smoking supervisors, Robert Jubenville, she used her CSEA platform to be one of the first, and very passionate, advocates for a smoke free work environment. While her efforts may not have been appreciated by all at that time, she proved to be well ahead of her time, and her efforts, among those of others, started the ball rolling for creating smoke-free work environments. Many, but not all, are thankful.

Marion was also passionate about keeping herself active and in shape. She loved dancing, particularly Square Dancing, and she wore out a couple of partners during her lifetime. She also made good use of the College’s pool to keep in shape. During my NBA (noontime basketball association) days, I remember frequently encountering her in the hallways of Tuttle North, long after she had retired, as she was back on campus for her daily laps in the pool. She was always upbeat and happy to talk about how much she enjoyed swimming and dancing activities in retirement.

As I read her obituary in the Rochester D&C this morning, I had flashbacks to some great memories of my early days at Brockport, and while I was sad to learn of her death, I thank her for being part of my memory bank for nearly 50 years.

Following is Marion’s obituary from the D&C.
Sargent, Marion E. (Sisson) (Lavell)

Brockport: Passed away peacefully on Wednesday August 17, 2016 at the age of 99. She was the widow of Patrick Gerald Lavell and Earl Sargent. Predeceased by her siblings Major Edward A. Sisson Jr., Evelyn Folwell and Harry R. Sisson. She is survived by her daughter Janice Lavell Gurney, grandchildren Crystal Marie Gurney, Debbie, Bobbie, Stacey and Richard Hess.

There will be no prior calling hours. Interment will be at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation the Alzheimer’s Association, the Gilliam Grant Community Center, 6966 W. Bergen Rd. Bergen, NY 14416 or a charity of your choice. Arrangements entrusted to Fowler Funeral Home Inc.

[We send our condolences to Marion’s family and friends as we cherish the memories of her service to The College at Brockport and its employees.]

Carpe diem,

Bud

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August 21, 2016

Greetings,

I am sure you understand that I do not like to have to send out a newsletter more than once a month because that usually means more bad news than good! Such is the case today. The passing of Gordon R. Marsham, who worked at the College as a locksmith in the Facilities Department for several years, is a very sad event, yet it brings back fond memories of him and his era. If you check the photograph at the end of his obituary that follows, you will see a great smile, a slightly older one than when he worked at the College, but still the one everyone who knew him will remember. Gordon was one of those people you loved to encounter as he moved about the campus repairing and replacing locks, assisting people who forgot or lost their keys, and doing other light maintenance work, because he always wore that smile which characterized him as always optimistic, caring and kind. From my contact and experience with him he proved that there was indeed a very good man and a very good employee behind that smile. I am confident that those who knew him will agree and will be saddened to learn of his passing. We send our condolences to his family and friends. Here is his obituary, but, make sure you check the link below for the parting smile.

Marsham, Gordon R.

Brockport: August 19, 2016, at age 91. Predeceased by his loving wife of 66 years, Doris and his sister, Jeanette. Survived by his children, Rosa (William) Scouten of Alaska and Terry (Carol) Marsham; grandchildren, Shannon (James) and Michele (Alex) Scouten, Jennifer (Peter) Beadling and Deedra (Pat) Jones; great-grandchildren, Gregory & Jessica Jones; great-great-grandson, Nathan Jones; several nieces & nephews.
Gordon was a member of the Brockport United Methodist Church for 50+ years and a Master Mason for 65 years. He taught Sunday School and was a Boy Scout leader. Gordon was in the petroleum business for several years in Oakfield, co-owned a Western Auto store with Doris, and was a locksmith at SUNY Brockport. He was a WWII Army Combat Veteran serving in Europe with the 13th Airborne Division (Glider Corps).

Gordon and Doris belonged to several camping clubs and traveled coast to coast in the US and Canada, driving to Alaska 7 times.

Friends may call Monday, August 22 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Fowler Funeral Home, 340 West Ave., Brockport. Funeral service immediately following calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Brockport United Methodist Church. A special thank you to the caregivers on the 3rd floor of Lakeside Beikirch Care Center, the Lifetime Care Hospice Service and his friends and staff from The Legacy at Parklands.

Published in Rochester Democrat and Chronicle on Aug. 21, 2016 - See more at: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/democratandchronicle/obituary.aspx?n=gordon-r-marsham&pid=181135697&fhid=7382#sthash.2yTVvXqz.dpuf

Other unpleasant news has been received from Bill Andrews that is ominous in nature. But, the individuals to be named might still appreciate hearing from colleagues and friends as they complete their journey here.

Emeritus Sriram Bakshi is in hospice care at Shepherd Home, 1959 Five Mile Line Road, Penfield, NY 14526.

Jackie Morris, who had no connection with the college but is a friend of many of us who have, is in hospice care at Sunset House, 3746 Saint Paul Boulevard, Rochester, NY 14617.

Thankfully, some good news has also been received.

I received the following note from Pat Baker:

Hi Bud,
Thought I’d send this photo of the Brockport Golden Eagles with emeritus Bill Hullfish (center) and his gang of talented players and singers at the Brockport Arts Festival this past weekend. They do a great job on everything but I enjoyed the Erie Canal songs with great harmony from the band members. They should be lauded for essentially donating their time to many community endeavors. They also show that being retired just allows more time to do what you like to do.
Pat
[I thanked Pat for the photo and agreed with her assessment of Bill and his gang. I also mentioned to her that Bill and his gang appear in the mural in front of the Brockport Diner. If you have not paid attention to the mural that includes historical people and structures, you should make a point of viewing it when you are in the area. Bill Andrews, among others, was instrumental in the creation of this mural.]

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Dorie Sweeting could fulfill some of her objective to communicate with friends and associates while visiting Brockport. On Friday evening, she was pleased to be able to have dinner with Jeanette D’Agostino Banker, Rosie Rich and Shirley Schuff. She was also able to have a nice catch-up conversation with Diane Frisch while visiting.

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Many of you commented on the newsletter about the award Jeanette D’Agostino Banker received and were pleased that her significant contributions had been so recognized.

We have lost touch with Emerita Shirley Carmichael and would appreciate hearing from anyone who might have a good email address and/or telephone number for her.

Carpe diem,
Bud

August 31, 2016

Greetings,

A very quick update!

Congratulations to Ken and Diane O’Brien who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary the end of next week. We wish them many more anniversaries to come.

I am pleased to report that the late Andy Virgilio’s military service story with photos is now available for viewing by visiting http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/BKPT_VETS.htm Andy had a close call that you can read about and we can be thankful for the chain of events that made it possible for him to be with us so many years. I will soon be posting the military story of Gordon Marsham as soon as his son Terry and I can find time to get together.

I wanted to share a tribute to Marion Sargent that I received from Angie Sinacore.

Dear Bud,
How sad to learn of Marion Sargent’s passing. I was reminded of what a vibrant and active person she was. It’s no wonder she almost made it to 100 years. Our coming together by chance in 1979 stemmed from her determination to breathe clean, fresh,
smoke-free air in her working environment. You described it so well in your Emeriti newsletter. It was also at that time that I was working with the Rochester American Cancer Society (ACS) on their Public Education Committee. It was the year that the ACS started the GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT. Their message was, "Quit Smoking for One Day." When Marion heard what I was working on, she immediately joined forces, and together, we worked throughout the village of Brockport distributing brochures on... HOW to QUIT...WHY, one should QUIT...WHERE to get help to quit smoking. Some smoking withdrawal clinics were set up in town and some local physicians lectured on the Hazards of Smoking. It was 1964 when the Surgeon General's report was published, so it was well established that there was a "cause and effect" between smoking and such health issues as heart disease, lung cancer, COPD or emphysema/chronic bronchitis.

Needless to say, it was a rewarding project. Several years later when John and I returned to SUNY Brockport from Florida and approached an entry door to the North Pool building, we noticed the door had a sign affixed to the window stating that, "THIS IS A SMOKE FREE CAMPUS." Wow, I thought, "Marion, maybe we did make a difference after all."

Bud, thank you for your effort in keeping us posted on Emeriti. John and I truly appreciate your work, and thank you for the kind words you shared about Marion this past week.

Sincerely,
Angie Sinacore

[Thank you, Angie for sharing this wonderful tribute. And, I forgot to mention previously that Marion is the mother of Janice Lavell Gurney who is a retiree from the Health Services.]

Carpe diem,

Bud

September 18, 2016

Greetings,

Sandy and I have been out of the country visiting Prague and enjoying a Viking River Cruise from Nuremberg to Budapest with a couple of extra days added on there. We had limited access to computer resources, the internet, and phones, partly of choice, so I missed some happenings and will try to catch up.

First, I was very sad to hear about the passing of Nathan Lyons, Emeritus Distinguished Professor and Director of the Visual Studies Workshop. While I did not know him well, I was always impressed at how humble he was, given all his significant accomplishments. I first met him back in the early 1970s when the SUNY relationship with the Visual Studies Workshop
moved from the University of Buffalo to The College at Brockport and Nathan, and some of his staff, moved from UB’s payroll to Brockport’s payroll and I was involved in some of the funding and appointment transfers. Some number of years later I fondly remember that during a visit to the campus to deal with some personnel matters, Nathan invited Tonya Satryb, then Associate Director of HR, and me, for a guided tour of the Visual Studies facility in Rochester. Nathan was a wonderful host and guide and he treated us like dignitaries as he proudly showed us the facility and the projects underway at the time. I remember at the time thinking that I would love to take some courses there once I retired but, to date at least, that has not occurred. More recently when Nathan had an exhibit in Manhattan while Sandy and I were at SUNY Maritime, we attended the opening reception and we remember how glad Nathan was to see us as defacto representatives of Brockport. After I sent out the brief notice of Nathan’s passing, I received a note from Earl Ingersoll that he had only recently met Nathan at a luncheon hosted by President Heidi Macpherson for members of the Distinguished Professorate group and that Nathan “…was a truly eminent member of the group”. Upon seeing Nathan’s obituary in the D&C, and upon getting to his office that day, Richard Black shared:

“I came into the office today and pulled out my copy of the book about Nathan Lyons and VSW from 1969 - 1999. A lot of great images. What I’d forgotten is the entire book is in Italian. I also found a copy of “afterimage” from 2000. It’s in English! Let me know if you’d like to see either one.

-Richard

PS: I have an original print of the photo from the book’s front cover… it’s Nathan, on horseback, in front of the VSW building.”

I have not had a chance to visit Richard yet but I hope to do so to look at these books and the picture of Nathan on horseback.

Nathan’s significant work and the great loss created by his passing were noted in his obituary in the Rochester D&C and in the New York Times. Below is the link to the version published in the New York Times.

http://www.nytimes.com/2016/09/02/arts/design/nathan-lyons-dead.html?emc=eta1&_r=0

[Nathan had a great and distinguished life. We send our condolences to his family and friends]

Other very sad news from the College is the passing of Jeff Smith as reported in the following message distributed to the staff at the College by Interim Provost, Jim Haynes:

To faculty and staff:

I'm sad to report that Jeff Smith, the College's Chief Information Officer, passed away Sunday, September 4.

Jeff joined the College in June 2005 as a computing resources coordinator following a career at Eastman Kodak Co. In October 2008, he was promoted to director of technology support services and served in that role until being appointed interim associate provost/chief information officer in July 2013. Following a national search, Jeff was appointed associate provost/chief
information officer in March 2015.

I did not have the opportunity to work with Jeff for very long but he was invaluable to me as I transitioned into my interim role, and he was an integral member of the Academic Affairs Leadership Team. My first extended interaction with Jeff was during last year's Presidential Task Force on Budget and Planning. From that experience on, I discovered that Jeff was a thoughtful, decisive leader that always had the best interests of the institution in mind.

Additional information can be found at: http://fowlerfuneralhomeinc.com/tribute/details/627/Jeffrey-Smith/obituary.html#tribute-start.

With condolences to Jeff's family, friends and colleagues,

Jim [Haynes]

Much better news!

Emeritus Distinguished University Professor and Distinguished Professor, Henry Bretton’s autobiography: “A Dream, Shadows and Fulfillment” is scheduled to be published by Xlibris on September 27, 2016. Henry has had an interesting and distinguished life and I am sure this will be an informative read. Of course, when I think of Henry I think of two things that I doubt will be mentioned in his autobiography. I have fond memories of Henry, his daughter, and sometimes his wife, riding their bikes around and around and around our neighborhood on most summer evenings and marveling at his effort to keep up with his daughter. Also, when I ran for councilman against Democrat David Carney, who was a member of the College Council at the time, Henry invited me to his house to discuss my thoughts about what I could do for Clarkson. He had also invited Sarah Liebschutz to be there. As a young professional who still felt somewhat unworthy to be working in higher education and even more unsure about being talked into running for office, I was more than anxious when I accepted the invitation. Of course, they were kind to me and, while I have no memory of what we discussed, they seemed more comfortable with my candidacy than I did when I left. Nothing to do with Henry, I lost the election by six votes after having convinced Sandy and some friends to vote for Dave Carney, which I also did myself. After a month knocking on doors I had realized that politics was not for me, and, just maybe, Henry Bretton may have helped me reach that decision. In any event, I have always held Henry in high esteem and I look forward to reading his autobiography.

Norm Frisch sent me the following message while we were away:

Gordon Marsham's church family saw those same great qualities that you saw. Just a wonderful guy who always had a smile, a kind word and a helping hand.

Advance notice: The Brockport Community Museum will be dedicating another interpretive panel (sometime in October, hopefully during Homecoming Weekend) that does explain and identify all the various people and things depicted in the Sagawa Park mural. Several college people were involved.
[Thanks to Norm for sharing, and for his work, and the work of others, in promoting the history of the community. Watch for further announcements concerning this event.]

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Make sure you check the Daily Eagle at: https://www.brockport.edu/daily_eagle/ frequently, particularly the Events and Activities section, as there is a lot happening now that the fall semester has commenced. Betsy Standish, Associate Director, Alumni Engagement, would particularly point you to a seminar sponsored by the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry conducted by Dr. Mike Nicholson ’01 who is a very distinguished alumnus doing some VERY amazing things!

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Finally, I regret not sharing with our group an announcement of a Peace Corps reunion event that occurred on Friday. I knew about it while traveling and had intended to get out a Newsletter right away upon our return. A tragic event altered my plans when I received a message while in Budapest that one of my best friends, Donald Lackey, retired Assistant Vice President for Human Resources at Geneseo, had died in a horrific automobile accident on his way to church on Sunday. Don and I worked together for thirty years and continued to spend time together in retirement, and unknown to you, he contributed to the welfare of Brockport employees throughout these periods. Don and I early on decided that there was no reason for everyone to be “reinventing the wheel” every time new legislation, new labor agreements, and new policies and procedures required change. As such things occurred we picked our poison from the list of items needing attention and then shared the outcomes with each other, making modifications necessary for our unique campuses. Don and I always travelled together to meetings and conferences and shared lodging to stretch our travel budgets and we learned a lot from each other as we shared the knowledge and experience we gained on our individual campuses. Don was highly respected by the SUNY HR Resource Association for his expertise and his willingness to share and to mentor. At the time of his death he had been serving on the board of the SUNY Retiree Corps since its founding and was continuing to advocate for retirees of the State University of New York. I am thankful for his friendship and for his many contributions that benefitted not only his campus but also benefitted The College at Brockport and the whole SUNY System as well.

Don was a firm believer in “seizing the day” to make the world a better place and will be missed. Our recent trip was partly inspired by Don who was constantly reminding us that we needed to travel while we still had mobility. See: https://www.suny.edu/retirees/retirement-stories/donald-lackey/

If you have never done it before, or would like more information, look also at the website of the SUNY Retiree Corps at: https://www.suny.edu/retirees/

Carpe diem,

Bud

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September 30, 2016

Greetings,
It is hard to believe but here we are at the last day of September already and some recipients of this newsletter are already half-packed for their annual migrations south. Unfortunately, some of our group are preparing for, or have already experienced, a different and final migration, and I will dispense of that sad news first.

This is just a reminder that Emeritus Sriram Bakshi is in hospice care at Shepherd Home, 1959 Five Mile Line Road, Penfield, NY 14526 and is still able to enjoy cards and contacts.

And, this was just received:

We are invited to join The College at Brockport community in honoring Dr. Sriram Bakshi, Associate Professor Emeritus of Interdisciplinary Arts, in a tree dedication ceremony this Wednesday, October 5 at 3 pm at the west side of Tower Fine Arts Center. A small reception in the Tower lobby will immediately follow.

After earning his Ph.D. from the Department of Speech and Drama, University of Kansas, Dr. Sriram Bakshi joined the ranks of Brockport faculty in 1970, becoming the founding chair of the Interdisciplinary Arts program developed in 1996. He retired from the College in 2000 after a distinguished, 30-year career.

Dr. Bakshi brought a number of conferences to campus, starting with an Asian Theatre conference in 1972. In 1974, he developed a new course with an eclectic title, “Magic, Ritual and Mysticism in the Theatre,” and he was instrumental in developing a minor in “Arts Criticism” in 1979.

Dr. Bakshi has touched the lives of countless students and fellow colleagues in our campus community. We look forward to honoring him this Wednesday for his years of dedication and service as a devoted educator and friend of the College.

Anna Loria ’15
Communication Specialist

[At the current time, Dr. Bakshi hopes to be able to be present at this event, so, if you are in the area, it will be a great opportunity to thank Sriram for his many contributions on behalf of the College and the Brockport Community.]

I am still hoping to receive more information about Alvin Landy, particularly something about his military service, but I wanted to let you know about his passing. What we know is that Alvin served the College as Associate Professor from 1974 to 1985 and was chair of the Social Work Department from 1980 until his retirement in 1985. After his retirement he lived in Wilmington, North Carolina for a few years and then moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico where he was living when he passed. In the last communication I received from him, he told me that he appreciated my newsletter although, because he was only here for about eleven years, he did not know most of the people I was reporting on. He did choose to stay on my distribution list but
then disappeared when his emails started bouncing. I believe the date of his passing is July 30, 2016.

[We send our condolences to his family and friends.]

Because of his past service on the Brockport Foundation Board, many of you knew Willard “Wil” Hunter, who passed away recently. In addition to his service on the Foundation Board, he funded the restoration of the piano in the College’s Department of Theatre and donated an OptiGrid confocal optical device to Brockport’s science departments to be used in research microscopy. In tribute to the work of emeritus photographer Jim Dusen, he also donated to a fund to support the display of some of Jim’s photographs at Brockport’s Metro Center in Rochester. Although I do not remember the details, Wil and Judy are the only people I know who ever stayed in an ice hotel. It was an interesting and intriguing adventure story for them to share but a kind of lodging that most recipients of this email will no longer have an urge to book.

We were sorry to hear of the passing of Wil Hunter and we send his family and friends our condolences. Following is his obituary from the Rochester D&C several days ago.

Willard Wicks Hunter  
Adams Basin, NY and Bonita Springs, FL.: September 18, 2016. Age 75. Survived by his wife of 51 years, Judith and their children Kellie (Peter), Scott (Stacey), and Eric (Heather) and his grandchildren Willard Orcutt, AC Bolda, Grace Hunter, Gavin Hunter, and Bennett Hunter and his beloved dogs, Marney and Bismark. Born in Pittston, PA, graduated Dickinson College and moved to Adams Basin, NY in 1971. He was a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army. He worked for Bausch & Lomb for 17 years before starting Optem, an optical engineering and manufacturing company, where he retired as President and CEO after 19 years. In 2007, Willard and Judy founded The Hunter Institute for Early Childhood Learning which is based out of Florida Gulf Coast University. His passions were family and friends, tennis, biking and gardening. Memorial Service [was held] Saturday, September 24th, 11:00am at Brockport United Methodist Church, 92 S. Main Street in Brockport. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to The Hunter Institute.

Better things to follow!

Thanks to the research and writings of his wife, Rosemary Gibson, and his daughter, Karen Chamberlain, Gordon Gibson’s interesting military story with some photographs can now be found at:  http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/BKPT_VETS.htm

Pat Coates has shared the following:

Jim and I have just returned from a 15-day tour to China and Thailand. We did a 3-day cruise on the Yangtze River as part of it. An amazing and very busy trip. Interesting to
see the growth taking place in all the cities we visited in China -- their new national bird is the Crane (construction crane that is!).

[Pat, thanks for sharing. From feedback I have received, people on the retiree distribution list enjoy hearing about the travel adventures of members of the group.]

My last newsletter prompted the following response from Sarah Liebschutz in which she also shares some of her retirement activities:

Hello Bud,

I was interested to read of the conversation you, Henry Bretton, and I had some years back. Not sure at all that Henry and I were helpful!

My fellow emeriti might be interested to know of my latest research and writing on the Affordable Care Act, aka "Obamacare." As New York State field associate for a national study of the implementation of the ACA, my report, "Implementation of the Affordable Care Act in New York," was published and featured at a conference at the SUNY Rockefeller Institute in Albany in June. The report and my talk are available on the Institute website (www.rockinst.org).

In addition to writing and speaking, I am involved in local civic and community organizations and enjoy the climate and culture of Sarasota in the winter months.

Warm regards,

Sarah

[Sarah, thank you for sharing. Enjoy those winter months!]

The recently held Retiree Luncheon, hosted by President Heidi and Dr. Allan Macpherson in the New York Room, was enjoyed by more than 120 participants and was well received by all. In her remark, President Heidi Macpherson made note that the lunch hour was chosen in response to the retiree survey a few months back that asked for our preferences in which it was clear that getting up early for breakfast was not something that was high on our agenda (instead, it appeared to be right down there with 8:00 am classes). I, for one, really enjoyed seeing a lot of you I had not seen for a long time. In a few conversations, modern medical interventions that keep us all going was part of the subject matter and there was speculation as to how many artificial hip and knee joints might be present. Elaine Miller shared that she went to the body shop for a new hip in June and I shared that Sandy had made a similar visit last May. I do not dare share more about other procedures I learned about because of HIPPA restrictions but for sure, many of us can be very thankful that medical science continues to allow us to, well…continue!
For those who missed the Retiree Luncheon there is another great opportunity for us to share our joints and procedures stories coming up on October 7th when Heidi and Allan Macpherson will host the first “First Friday” of the year at the President’s residence. Here is the invite:

First Friday at Burlingame Oct. 7

Join us for a relaxing time of refreshments and networking at the President's Home.

President Heidi Macpherson and Dr. Allan Macpherson are proud to host First Friday at the Burlingame Home (230 Holley Street) on Friday, Oct. 7. Come join other members of The College and Brockport communities from 4 to 6 pm for refreshments and light hors d'oeuvres. First Friday is a wonderful opportunity to get reacquainted with old friends and meet new ones. Guests include College faculty and staff, Brockport alumni, and local community. For more information, contact the Division of Advancement at 585-395-2451.

[And, if you have no stories to “bone up” on for this gathering, you will have ample time to get on board for other “First Friday” events that will occur at Alumni House throughout the academic year, except for during the semester break in January. Bring your joints, new and used (just remember, this is not Colorado), and enjoy the continuation of life with the continuation of your association with College and Community colleagues and friends at these events.]

As always, if interested, make sure you keep abreast of all the events and activities at the College by visiting the Daily Eagle frequently at: https://www.brockport.edu/daily_eagle/

Carpe diem,

Bud

October 9, 2016

Greetings,

Just a quick note to share some information and to bring a time-sensitive reminder about a presentation by an alum to your attention.

First, the Department of Public Health and Health Education Presents Visitor and Alumnus, Lawrence Gostin ’71. Law professor and frontrunner in his field, Lawrence Gostin ’71, will be discussing his career in Public Health Law tomorrow, Monday, October 10, from 2 to 3 pm in Hartwell 14. All are welcome to attend.

Brockport Alumnus Lawrence Gostin is the founding Linda D. & Timothy J. O’Neill Professor of Global Health Law, Faculty Director of the O’Neill Institute for National & Global Health Law, Director of the World Health Organization Collaborating Center on Public Health Law & Human Rights, and a University Professor at Georgetown Law. His areas of expertise include Constitutional Law, Global Health Law, Health Law and Policy and Bioethics, and Human Rights Law.
Gostin holds a number of international academic professional appointments, has numerous editorial appointments in leading academic journals throughout the world, and is the author of several Public Health Law books. Having served on a number of advisory committees and health organizations, as well as led major law reform initiatives, he is known as a fruitful contributor in his field. Gostin holds four honorary degrees, and has been awarded prestigious international awards for his work in Public Health Law.

Please join the sponsoring department this Monday for what will be an informative and dynamic conversation on Public Health Law, and the diversified career journey of Lawrence Gostin ’71.

contact: Jen Boyle, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Public Health and Health Education, jboyle@brockport.edu, x2764

[Note: This event had to be rescheduled due to a flight cancellation.]

Following is a nice update on Elaine Miller’s recent activities:

News: I did a presentation this past month on "Political Cartoons as Social Critique," at the monthly dinner meeting of the Rochester Torch Club at Oak Hill Country Club. I'll be doing another one at Oasis on Oct. 18th. The 2016 campaign makes for a bonanza of political cartoons!

Also, I just returned from the annual convention of the Association of American Editorial Cartoonists (AAEC) in Durham, NC. A lot of organizations cancelled their plans to meet in NC, in protest over the so-called "Bathroom Bill." But the AAEC decided to go ahead and meet there and mount an exhibit of "bathroom bill" cartoons, which turned out to be very clever.

And, check out Jim Horn’s blog for an informative travelogue with great photos from his recent tour of Northern Italy.


Thanks to Madam President Heidi, and Dr. Allan Macpherson, for hosting First Friday. Everything was almost perfect; prefect hospitality, perfect refreshments, perfect opportunity and venue for connecting, and even perfect weather. The only thing keeping it from being perfect is that some of you were not able to be there. But, since First Friday happens every month through December, and then again in the spring semester, there are other opportunities, albeit, the weather may only be perfectly dreadful!

Similarly, the Tree Dedication Ceremony to honor Emeritus Sriram Bakshi was “almost perfect.” Sriram could attend and greatly appreciated the recognition bestowed upon him. I hope to be able to share more about the event in a future newsletter.
Greetings,

It is a month of celebration! We recently had tree dedications to honor Michael Cavalcanti, class of 1964, who served as President of the Brockport Foundation from 1981 to 1988, and to honor Emeritus Associate Professor and Chair of Interdisciplinary Studies, Dr. Sriram Bakshi who served from 1970 to 2000. And today (soon) there is another Tree Dedication Ceremony to celebrate the many contributions of Alumnus Frank Sacheli. Many more will be honored in other ways at celebrations that will take place during the upcoming Homecoming Weekend. After you check out the rest of this newsletter come back here and click on this link http://alumni.brockport.edu/s/1549/index.aspx?sid=1549&gid=1&pgid=401 and check out the homecoming schedule if you have not already done so.

Today's Tree Dedication Ceremony Celebrates Frank Sacheli Day.

The College invites you to join the College community in honoring Frank Sacheli ’45, former Village of Brockport mayor, in a tree dedication ceremony today at 3 pm on the front lawn of Hartwell Hall. A reception at Alumni House will follow the ceremony.

A native of Rochester, NY, Frank Sacheli ’45 has lived in the Village of Brockport and Town of Sweden for 73 years. He is well known for owning the Landmark Hotel in the late 1940’s, and for his family onion farm in Orleans County. After serving in World War II for two years, Frank graduated from The College at Brockport in 1945. Twenty years later, he was elected Mayor of the Village of Brockport, a role he would fill for four years. Frank was inducted into the Brockport Alumni Association Hall of Heritage in 1990, 14 years after ending his 2-year tenure as President of the Brockport Alumni Association.

Frank married Patricia Curtin in 1946, and as a widower became a faithful friend of Antoinette Ercolano. He is the father of Kathleen, John, Anne and Elizabeth. He freely shares his expertise in euchre and gin, continues to enjoy golf and his garlic/vegetable garden, and remains an avid supporter of his community and church.

On behalf of the Village Board, Mayor Margaret B. Blackman has proclaimed October 11, 2016 as Frank Sacheli Day in the Village of Brockport. We invite you to join The College at Brockport community in inaugurating this momentous day at today's Tree Dedication Ceremony.

contact: Marsha Rivers, Development Associate, at (585) 395-5113 or mrivers@brockport.edu

Recent Honoree Dr. Sriram Bakshi spoke at his Tree Dedication Celebration and his family has shared the content of his statement with me to share with you. Here are his words:
“Madam President

And, The First Gentleman of the College at Brockport, Dr. Alan McPherson, Colleagues, and Friends:

I am overwhelmed by this generous and thoughtful gift from the College.

My interest in the theatre started at a young age. My father, who was an attorney, wanted me to be a lawyer. He used to take me to the courts to see the proceedings. After coming home, I will don a black gown and a hat and plead in front of the non-existing judge. In India, there were not many professional theatres therefore, jobs in the theatre were not available. While my goals of life and career were being evolved, I determined that teaching schools during the day time and do the theatre work at night should be my goal. With this ambition in mind, I completed Bachelor of Education degree, and doctoral studies at the University of Kansas.

I joined the faculty of the Theatre Department in 1970. Certainly, I had my first-year jitters. As a student, I gathered enormous information about theatre, but to organize that information for imparting to the undergraduate students was a big task. Sometimes I bombarded the students with the theories of Freud, Jung, Nietzsche, and Kant. On the first day when I entered the American Theatre class, one student commented: “The American Theatre class should be taught by Americans, not by foreigners.” I was shocked. Kept my composure and finished the class. The following day I discussed with the student. I explained the scope and significance of the theatre. The theatre has been the integral part of great civilizations: Greek, Roman, Elizabethan. The theatre reflects the soul of the culture. It doesn’t matter who teaches American Theatre: whether an American or foreigner. As long as that teacher has the understanding of the theatre which reflects the civilization of that country; formulates objective perceptions, and communicates them with same enthusiasm. Last time when he saw me, he confessed that the philosophers like Nietzsche and Kant whom I introduced in the class inspired me to be a social critic and an activist. Now he is an activist and a well-established writer.

Once we were asked to teach how social problems are being dealt by various disciplines. I designed a course which discussed social topics, such as homo-sexuality, sexual harassment, America’s participation in wars, and racism. The discussion of topics in the class was so intense that one student wrote on evaluation: “sometimes the class turned in to a Jerry Springer Show.”

We had a faculty member, Gisela Fritzsching, the oldest faculty member in the Department. She was not only older in age but was also longest serving member of the Department. During her memorial service, Mary Krickmire said: “In your life you come across professors who have an effect on you. You want to remember them; you want to see them. Gisela was certainly one of them. Mary also mentioned that in your life you come across certain professors who have a bad effect on your life. You do not want to remember them; you want to run away from them. Probably I belong to that category. Do you remember Senior Project course? I received get well cards from students. It is very gratifying that most of them have good jobs and doing well. Especially Jessie Goins who is seen in movies and TV shows.
I enjoyed my work at the College immensely, especially the discussions in the classes; the interaction with the faculty; and the exchange of ideas about teaching strategies and other intellectual topics was very gratifying.

I don’t know whether I deserve this honor, I accept it with great pride for all the faculty who served the College with impassioned commitment.

Thank you.

Sriram Bakshi
5 October 2016”

[If you were unable to attend Dr. Bakshi’s ceremony, for a short period of time you may view a PDF version of a slideshow created from photos of the event at:
http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/bakshi_tree_planting.pdf Just open the file and click the arrow or slide on the right of the screen to scroll through the frames.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

October 16, 2016

Greetings,

Recently we learned from Herb Fink, who serves as a retiree representative with UUP, and attends meetings at which deaths of its membership are reported, of the passing on July 9, 2016, of Richard Lyon Castner, Associate Professor Emeritus, Dance (1969-1995), at the age of 89. I did not know Richard well, but I do remember he otherwise became well known on campus when his office in Hartwell caught fire in the early 1970s. I have made attempts to learn more about his post-retirement activities and his passing by contacting former members of the Dance Department but apparently, Richard just dropped off our radar soon after retiring. He was on my distribution list for a while, but I was unable to relocate him once his email address failed. I did learn that he was a long-time member of the American Folklore Society and have heard that his career in which he specialized in folk dance stemmed from his interest in folklore.

We are sorry to learn of Richard’s passing and send our condolences to family and friends this message reaches.

[Thanks to Herb Fink and John Sapienza for contributions to this notice.]

Via Mike Andriatch, the College wishes to invite us to participate in Homecoming Activities and you will find the link to scheduled activities at the end of the two events being highlighted below. The late Clark and Frances Whited are known to most, if not all of us, because of their long term as emeritus/emerita, their contributions, and their involvement with emeriti activities. Linda Arena will be remembered by many of you who arrived at Brockport in the faculty-staff
recruitment class of 1970 and other subsequent, but much smaller, recruitment classes throughout the 1970s. Following is the invitation shared by Mike Andriatch.

Whited Way

President Heidi Macpherson, the Brockport Foundation, the Brockport Alumni Association, and College community members will recognize the late Clark V. Whited and Frances Moroney Whited for their years of outstanding service to The College at Brockport with the naming of “Whited Way” in a brief ceremony. The dedication of “Whited Way” will take place at the juncture of Parking Lot V and Commencement Drive at 11:30 am on Saturday, October 22, as part of the College’s Homecoming Weekend festivities. Because of the location, the reception will not take place in the parking lot but will be held as part of the pre-game tailgate (register at http://alumni.brockport.edu/reception) at 1:30 pm in the Tuttle South Gymnasium.

Both Clark and Fran made significant contributions to the College through the Brockport Foundation. Fran supported enhancements and upgrades to the baseball/softball complex named in honor and memory of her late husband during the Comprehensive Campaign. In recognition of all of Clark and Fran’s history of philanthropic support to the College; Clark’s outstanding record of accomplishment as a professor, coach, administrator, and athletic trainer; and Fran’s distinguished teaching career; this campus road now bears the family name.

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Dr. Linda Arena & Class of ’69 Field Hockey Venue

A pregame recognition at the College will honor former field hockey coach, Dr. Linda Arena ’69, during Homecoming Weekend. The Dr. Linda Arena & Class of ’69 Field Hockey Venue Dedication will take place Friday, October 21, at 3:30 pm at Eunice Kennedy Shriver Stadium.

Since joining The College at Brockport community – first as an undergraduate student-athlete playing both field hockey and softball, and later as head coach of the College’s field hockey team – Dr. Linda Arena ’69 has made a tremendous impact on women’s athletics as an athlete, coach, and fundraiser. Under her leadership, the Golden Eagles made three consecutive national tournament appearances from 1979 to 1981, and the 1981 team became the first Brockport women’s program to reach the Final Four. Dr. Arena was inducted into the Brockport Athletics Hall of Fame in 1986.

The College community can register for this event, and more Homecoming 2016 events, at http://alumni.brockport.edu/homecoming.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

October 20, 2016
Greetings,

We have received the sad news of the recent passing of emeritus Leslie O. Kuhn who served as Chief Engineer TV Services (1968-1993), first in Educational Communications, and subsequently in the Communications Department. Les was a good employee, liked by all who worked with him, and always had a bright smile when you encountered him on campus. I have no other details at this time but will share more information if it becomes available.

We send our condolences to his family and friends.

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Sadly, while preparing this newsletter yesterday, I also received word from several sources of the sudden and unexpected passing on Tuesday, October 18th of emeritus Richard M. Liebe, Earth Sciences (1967-1997). Dick and Jan were pillars in the community during their time here as they served their church and the College and participated in many community-wide activities while raising a family and being neighbors and friends to many of us. Great character was the hallmark of his life and his passing has a significant impact on those who knew and loved Dick and his family. I will pass on additional information when it becomes available. In the meantime, we send our condolences to his family and friends.

[A memorial page is being built for Dick by the Moody-Connolly Funeral Home in Brevard, NC that you can find at: http://moodyconnollyfuneralhome.com/book-of-memories/2729327/Liebe-Richard/service-details.php and it will likely have more information as the day progresses.]

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How boring life would be if we were not all “characters” of different sorts. I knew and liked the late Richard Castner, who, like each of us, was a unique character. This is somewhat borne out by the responses I have received in response to his passing. Here are some of them that pay tribute to him, and to his time at Brockport, so that he can be better remembered in the folklore of the College at Brockport, something I believe would please him.

As far as I know, Rich Castner moved to his home in Maine after he retired. I was grateful to him for introducing me to square dance activities in a small town south of Brockport and also to a folk-dance camp east of Binghamton which I attended for many years until the hotel was sold two years ago.
[Ruth Hyde]

Hi Bud, I remember Richard Castner, sorry to hear of his passing. He was very active and quite well known in the worlds of square dancing and contra dancing in upstate NY and New England. Not only as a scholar of these areas, but as a caller at dances, arranger of music for them and so forth.
[Charlie Cowling]

I read the newsletter faithfully, but don't often know anyone named. However, Dr. Castner is one I DO know. I took his dance class when I was working on my degree. It counted as a PE course and was definitely more attractive than the other offerings at my age at the time. He was an interesting person and a little quirky. I believe Jerry rented the basement of his house when he first arrived to work at Brockport. In fact, the whole
house was rented out, leaving Dr. Castner no place to live. He camped out in his office at the college, a situation Jerry had to deal with as Facilities VP. THAT was how his office caught on fire. He was cooking a meal on a hot plate and something caught on fire. I think it became general knowledge that he was living in his office, but I'm not sure. I'm not surprised he dropped off the radar when he retired.

[Rosemary Luzum]

Thanks Bud for the latest updates.
I took a Dance class with Richard Castner in the late 1980's. He was an excellent instructor and was teaching us Ballroom dancing moves. My class partner and I were in the wrong place at the wrong time and next to Richard and his student partner!! Well, we collided, and I was knocked to the floor. I thought I might even get a black eye from his elbow shot, but only suffered a minor bruise and much embarrassment!!

Just wanted to share the memory!

[Pat Coates]

In a couple of exchanges with Mo Beers to learn how well he and Carol survived the recent hurricane, in which he reported that they had nothing bad to report, Mo also shared an update on Carol that follows:

Carol is doing better. She finished the first nine weeks of chemo and began her six weeks of radiation this week. After the radiation, she will begin another nine weeks of chemo. Most of the effects of the first chemo sessions are wearing off, except for the fatigue, which will be enhanced by the radiation. We are planning on driving to New Orleans in mid-December for a family wedding.

{Mo Beers}

[We keep Carol in our thoughts and prayers as she continues her regimen for a return to good health.]

Emeritus Ed Lehman shared on October 10th that on that day his wife, Johnnie Lehman, who sadly has been missing from activities at the College and in the Brockport community for some time, is now in hospice care beginning a process that has an end. She has entered hospice care in Cottage Grove in North Chili where she has been cared for over the past three years.

We have fond memories of Ed and Johnnie as participants and contributors to the activities of the College and the Greater Brockport Community. You can view a couple of photos of Ed and Johnnie in better times and pay tribute to them by opening his military story at http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/BKPT_VETS.htm

Support for Ed during this difficult time will reach him at: 9 McCormick Lane, Brockport, NY 14420 or ELJW@rochester.rr.com

Better news is that the Fall/Winter 2016 issue of the SUNY Retirees Newsletter is now available. We have a very active retiree group at Brockport and I hope that some of you on my distribution
list might share your retirement activity stories with Pierre for publication in his newsletter some
time. See his invitation in his message below:

The email below is being sent on behalf of Pierre Radimak, Editor of the SUNY Retirees
Newsletter and Coordinator of the SUNY Retirees Service Corps.

Dear SUNY Retirees,

I am pleased to send you the Fall/Winter 2016 issue of the SUNY Retirees Newsletter (attached),
which is published and distributed electronically system-wide by the SUNY Retirees Service
Corps (RSC) twice yearly (Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter issues). The current issue…

* profiles Hudson Valley Community College’s Keepers of the Flame retiree organization (page 1)
* tells the remarkable story of Monroe Community College retiree volunteer Betty P. Smith
  (page 7)
* profiles SUNY Oswego retirees Betsy Waterman (page 10) and Linda Syrell Tyrrell (page 18)
* provides an update on The Reading Is Fun Program in Schenectady, NY, which was founded
  by UAlbany retiree Alvin Magid (page 12)
* contains “news you can use”-type stories on Advance Care Planning (page 17) and “Some
  Ideas for Establishing and Maintaining a Local Retiree Organization” (page 20); and
* features a column by Matilda Raffa Cuomo on the New York State Mentoring Program
  seeking retiree volunteers (page 24)

Plus much more!

The latest and past issues of the SUNY Retirees Newsletter are available online at
http://www.suny.edu/retirees/newsletters/.

Please forward the attached SUNY Retirees Newsletter and this cover email to your
retired/retiring campus colleagues or any retirees you may know from other SUNY campuses
who may not already be on the SUNY Retirees Newsletter electronic distribution list.
Anyone with Newsletter story ideas of interest to all SUNY retirees may email me at
pierre.radimak@suny.edu or call me at (518) 320-1354.

I also encourage you to share your unique retirement experience by completing the online survey
being conducted by Dr. Ram Chugh on behalf of the SUNY Retirees Service Corps as detailed
on page 23 of the attached Newsletter. Kindly submit the survey at
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LMCJT6Q by Tuesday, November 15th. Thank you.

To learn more about the SUNY Retirees Service Corps, visit http://suny.edu/retirees/.

Thank you for your interest in the SUNY Retirees Newsletter!

All the best,
Pierre
[Note: I do not send attachments with my newsletter but, if required, I can, upon request, send you a PDF version of the newsletter. If you want me to do so, email me at rmeade1@rochester.rr.com]

Housekeeping:

As always, when you communicate with me it is helpful if you will make appropriate notations to distinguish things that are “for my eyes only” or “OK to publish.”

As always, if you do not advise me, or the College (Advancement and/or HR), of changes in your directory information, including email addresses, we cannot remain in touch with you.

Always, when, because of my role in all of this, I become aware of many of the unfortunate things going on in some of your lives, a lot dealing with health issues and sometimes deaths, I try not to slip up and include anything without the permission of the affected parties, or unless the information otherwise becomes public. When I am uncertain, I try to share my drafts with affected parties before finalizing the news for distribution.

“Weather” or not, Homecoming 2016 will be a success so make sure you check out the schedule and plan to attend some, if not all, events.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

October 24, 2016

Greetings,

And, Dick Liebe, except for the” stepping on the toes” reference, something not in your character, you reflected your words for Phil Hewitt in all that you did for students, your department, the College and the Community.

"Bud,
I appreciated your e-mail about Phil. You certainly "hit" him with your comments as to his passion and energy.

In 1967 Phil was hired by Al Brown to establish a geology department at Brockport, which eventually became the Department of the Earth Sciences. From the beginning that passion and energy were evident as he brought in our original staff and provided the leadership we needed to build a highly successful department. It was fairly easy during the Rockefeller years when support was there and as a result our department grew to be one of the best in SUNY. We were very proud of our record of sending almost 70% of our geology seniors on to graduate school for over a decade.
However, it was his leadership during the "leaner" years that really was key. He stressed that it was the students that were the real reason we were there and worked hard to continue to improve our program, and as you put it, occasionally stepping on some toes along the way. But it was always for the department not Phil Hewitt.

Eventually he turned the leadership of the department over to others, but he was always there to offer advice and support when needed. The success of our program today in large degree is due to the groundwork established by Phil in the 60s and 70s. He will be missed by all.

Dick"

[Richard Liebe, Professor Emeritus, Earth Sciences (1970-1997)]

Following is Dick’s obituary from the website of Moody-Connolly Funeral Home in Brevard, NC.

Brevard - Richard “Dick” Liebe passed away on 10/18/16 in Asheville, NC. Dick was born on 05/26/32 in Norwalk, Connecticut and raised in Killingworth, Connecticut. He graduated from Bates College, Lewiston Maine, in 1954 and served in the U.S. army 1955-1957. He received an MA from the University of Houston and PhD from the University of Iowa. He obtained his first teaching job at the College of Wooster from 1961 – 1967. Dick then taught geology at the State University of New York, Brockport, N.Y. for more than thirty years. Dick loved to teach anyone who would listen, and was honored with a Distinguished Teacher Award in 1973.

Dick retired from teaching in 1997 and spent his later years enjoying hiking and traveling. He and Janice lived in Tucson, AZ during the winter months and at Keuka Lake, Hammondsport, N. Y. in the summer and fall.

Dick was an avid sports fan, especially of his favorite Yankees, often to his family’s chagrin. He was an amazing card player, who was regularly beating his family at bridge up until the time of his death. Dick had a big presence in this world, with a booming voice and unstoppable sense of humor that won’t soon be forgotten.

Dick is proceeded in death by his parents, Milton and Elizabeth Liebe. He is survived by his loving wife and partner of 61 years, Janice, and their three children: William (Glenn Anne) Nashville, TN, John (Sue), Brockport, NY, and Diane (Kyle), Granger, WA, and his 6 grandsons: Reuben, Kevin, Douglas, Brian, Eric, and George.

A ceremony of celebration was held on October 22 at 2:00 PM at College Walk, Brevard.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Finger Lakes Trail Conference, 6111 Visitor Center Rd, Mt Morris, NY, 14510; First Presbyterian Church of Penn Yan, N. Y. 311 Main Street, Penn Yan, NY 14527; and/or Sharing House, P. O. Box 958, Brevard NC 28712.
We knew the Liebe family and always enjoyed the occasions when we were around them, whether at coffee hour after services at the First Presbyterian Church or other church activities, at College events and activities, or any other chance encounters at the College or in the community. Dick always had an uplifting smile and greeting to offer everyone he encountered. His passing brings back fond memories from my past that include bowling against his team in the School Masters Bowling League. My teammates, Mel Smagorinsky, the late Russ Teresi, and the late Harry Emmerson, regretted having me on their team because that prevented us from even getting close to beating one of the best teams in the league, of which Dick Liebe was a member. He was joined by Kent Smith, Sandra Bauch, the late Bob Cassie and Bob Weinbeck and their team won league championships for Petersons Drug Store, at least in 1982-1983 and in 1984-1985, per Dave Morien’s records. Dave Morien has fond memories of a regularly scheduled lunch with Dick and Bob Weinbeck, and others. At a Bluegrass Festival in Wind Gap, Pa, Dave was in the campground with a group of people and said hello to a woman named Joyce and asked her if she was the one who had conducted a clogging workshop. When in conversation she found out Dave worked at Brockport, she asked him if he knew Dick Liebe. Of course, that led to more conversation and Dave learned that she was a Geology Teacher from near Poughkeepsie, New York. At a subsequent ‘Pickin’ in the Pasture’ Blue Grass event in Lodi, New York, Dave, and Joyce met with Dick and they all enjoyed listening to the music together.

Dick’s passing also reminds me of how fortunate we were to have great families like the Liebe’s living in our neighborhood that provided trustworthy babysitters as our boys were growing up. For sure, Diane Liebe was one of our first babysitters after we moved to the neighborhood and I am quite sure that John substituted for her on at least one occasion. I cannot leave this without remembering all the other trustworthy babysitters with College connections that supported us as Diane and John aged up and other pursuits occupied their free time. Our boys were also cared for by babysitters with the following academic connections: Earth Sciences (Diane and John Liebe) and (Ruthie Hubbard), Education (the late Betsy Nasca and sometimes substitute David), Chemistry (the twins of the late Derek and the late Sandy Hill), Physics (Gina and Jennifer Mancuso), Theatre (Carrie LaZarre), Recreation and Leisure (Amy Jewell), and Counselor Education (Ronalee and Sundae Kandor). I am not sure anything related to the academic disciplines represented carried over for an influence on my sons but the character of the babysitters that was instilled by their families likely did. One example I remember was when Carrie LaZarre took responsibility for breaking a cookie jar and insisted on replacing it. We told her it was unnecessary but a couple of days later she presented us with a new cookie jar that we have still have.

Thanks to Dick Liebe, who in his passing reminded us of how our lives were enriched by the many contacts our work at the College and our lives in the Brockport community created for us.

In keeping with this theme, I share a condolence posted on Dick’s page at the funeral home referenced above by neighbor, Marc Harbison, son of the late former Assistant Director of
Condolence From: Marc Harbison

Condolence: I'd like to express my deepest condolences and best wishes to the Liebe family. Mr. Liebe (as I'll always know him) treated me like one of his children, was patient, and an excellent role model. I'll never forget sitting in his living room while he watched sports on two TV's and listened to another on the radio next to him.

[Role model indeed! Dick and the Liebe family are role models held in high esteem by everyone with the privilege of knowing them. Dick will be sorely missed, but the memories live on.]

Tributes to Les Kuhn:

Les was one of four staff members comprising the Brockport Instructional Television center when I came on board in October 1965. The studio and control room was located on the first floor of Hartwell Hall. I clearly remember his enthusiasm and intensity while fine-tuning the various (now antique) electronic components used during live and video-taping sessions. Productions were team efforts where speed, accuracy and collaboration were key factors. That was an atmosphere in which Les thrived as the engineer. The campus school was also part of his territory. Video-taping student teachers in the process of teaching there was a technique used for their self-evaluation, and Brockport was already an established national leader in this. After just a few years BITV merged with Audio-Visual services to eventually become the Educational Communications Center. Few buildings existed west of Kenyon Street, but this was a time of rapid campus growth, and with the many new buildings came a focus on electronic media to facilitate instruction and learning as exemplified in the Educational Communications building (Edwards Hall). Connecting, maintaining and updating new systems and facilities became part of his responsibilities. Additional engineering staff and student helpers enlarged the team, many of whom he managed. Les also had outside accomplishments: Very early he partnered with a friend in a storefront television antenna installation business and, much later, he developed and built a robotic arm that was sold through catalogs to schools and experimenters. As I recall, Les was originally from the Alden, NY area and had previously served in the U. S. Navy out of Norfolk, VA. It was there that he met his future wife Alice with whom they had a daughter Leslie and a son Randy. They lived at the intersection of Lake Road and Colby Street when we first came to know them. Adjacent to their house was a small barn in which they held annual Halloween parties for neighborhood kids, with hay bale mazes (before they became more widely popular), games and prizes. Separately he cut a hole in the barn roof to build a rotatable telescope observatory in the upper story for one of his many interests: Astronomy. Mineralogy, another consuming interest, led to creek bed fossil hunts in the Alden, NY area, and rock busting for Herkimer diamonds in the New York county for which they are named. It was exciting to accompany Les and Alice on many of those trips, sometimes with other couples. Ultimately, he donated his collection to the Hilton Central School District. Les and his family eventually moved to the town of Hamlin NY where they continued raising their family. Sometime following his wife Alice's untimely death in an automobile accident, Les married Sheila, and moved to a different home in Hamlin. There he pursued another interest: Model trains. His layout had a
unique coal mine component that continued down several levels below the table top. It was at this time that they started to winter in Florida. Although we saw less of them because of time and geography, we continued to exchange holiday greetings. Sheila predeceased him following a long illness. Diane and I miss Les for his diverse interests, story-telling and the infectious enthusiasm and inclusion of others that he brought to everything he pursued.

[Thanks to Norm and Diane Frisch with tweaks from Mel Smagorinsky for this tribute to Les Kuhn.]

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I was very sorry to hear about Les Kuhn's passing. He married my neighbor, Sheila LaDue, and was a wonderful neighbor. My husband had a seizure disorder, so wasn't permitted to work. Many people are afraid of those who have seizures, but Les treated my husband with kindness and respect. Once, when my husband and I were back home in PA, I received a call from our frantic and crying daughter. Because she was tired and taking cold medicine after work, she fell asleep and forgot to bring our Irish Setter back in the house after his trip outside. In the morning, she found him in the ditch. I called Les and Sheila to help. He buried the dog and Sheila comforted my daughter. They were marvelous folks.
[Bernice Graham]

I just remembered that Les had a private business in his basement. I don't know what he was making. I don't think it was robots, maybe something with computers. He used to set up a telescope in the back yard, also. He was an excellent dancer. He and Sheila would go square dancing, wearing bright decorative clothing. Sadly, Sheila passed away just months before my husband in 2005, also lung cancer. She didn't smoke and her ex-husband, divorced for 20 years, died the year before, also of lung cancer. Les' ex-wife died when she hit the canal bridge that was going up. I believe Les was retired military. He had a son and a daughter, Leslie. Sheila's daughters still owned her home and Les would live there during the summer months. It was sold fairly recently. Sorry to ramble on. Memories start cropping up.
[Bernice Graham]

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One of my first encounters at the College was while working at the Reserve Desk at Drake Library. Les and Bob (Gib), affectionately known as Mutt & Jeff (take your pick as to who was who), were the techs that kept our machines in good condition. Students could borrow these machines through the Reserve Desk. The pair always came together, one to do the repairs and the other to entertain a very talkative library employee. Hence, both were really “working.”

BTW… Bob (Gib) and I have always told our story that we met over broken machines while he was “working.” His “work” paid off, as that was over 40 years ago and we will celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary next August!
[Carol Giblin]
[Obviously, Les was a talented resource and much-loved friend and these stories from Bernice and Carol, and from Norm and Diane Frisch with input from Mel Smagorinsky, are wonderful tributes that invoke fond memories.

Similarly, Dick Liebe’s own words about his colleague and friend, Phil Hewitt, reflect his own character, and invoke fond memories of his contributions in this life.]

Rosemary Gibson has shared her experience with Hurricane Matthew and I thought you might like to read about it. She shows us the great impact of hurricanes even for those whose homes are not ruined and lives not upended by them. Here is Rosemary’s story.

Bud,

I wish to report that I also survived Hurricane Matthew even though I live in Lumberton, NC. My house was not damaged since it is not near any streams, lakes or the river.

I was not even here for the storm. I went to the Southeast Section Meeting of the 99s (women pilots) in Tennessee with another member from Raleigh, NC. I left Lumberton Wednesday evening, October 5th, to drive to her house so we could leave from there because we had to drive. So, I was not home during the storm.

When we returned to Raleigh on Sunday, the 9th, the plan was for me to stay overnight and leave Monday morning. I did not leave until Saturday, October 15th. The 3 people I was able to contact in Lumberton on Monday all said to stay away. I talked with my boss Tuesday and he agreed that I should stay away.

To quote another friend, "Don't bother getting home, seriously. No one has power, gas, and groceries are hard to get. If you can crash elsewhere, I'd do it. Water is undrinkable, and/or off, depending. There is no gas in a large radius, or power. I'd stay away if I could."

I took her advice. Besides, when I checked Monday morning many of the roads that I could take to get into Lumberton were flooded so there was no point in making an attempt since I would have to make large detours to do so. Also, I believed the officials would be just as happy if I did stay away. One less person to worry about.

The power was restored Thursday. When I came home Saturday the word was that there would be no water for 2 - 4 weeks because the water had not receded and all the electrical was shot in the plant. However, it came back on Sunday with very low pressure and a do not drink advisory. They said it would take 3-4 days for them to get the system fully pressurized. It seems that FEMA came in with 4 large pumps and they were able to get the water pumped back into the river that has dropped. They cleared up the area covered when the water rushed in from a cut in the levee for the railroad tracks. The water plant is located in that area. The county system tied into the city's which is why we have water. I didn't care if there wasn't enough pressure for the shower, because I could flush
the toilet! The "do not drink" advisory is still in effect, but there is enough pressure for showers now.

The main reason for the flooding is that the river was already at flood stage from all the rain we had during the previous month. So, when Matthew arrived there was no place for the water to go.

At least I did not lose everything, only the food in the refrigerator and freezer section. I was grousing about the limited number of clothes I had with me last week because I had only packed for a weekend, but I did have a wardrobe to come home to which so many people do not. Also, I do not have to stay in a shelter or wait in line to get food.

I am grateful and feel blessed.

Rosemary Gibson

[Rosemary, thank you for sharing your informative experience.]

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And, this just in from Rosemary Luzum!

I miss seeing those Brockport folks I knew but found that I knew fewer and fewer of those attending such events as the President's gathering. It's a long drive from South Bristol for the off chance I would know someone. If anyone is passing 5835 State Route 21 on their way to Naples or the wineries, I would enjoy seeing them (with a little advance notice) phone 585-396-1406.

[Rosemary Luzum]

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Julie Pruss has just shared with me the announcement of special event. From 7-8:30 pm on November 10th there will be a screening and panel discussion for a “Crisis Hotline: Veterans Press1” documentary, in the McCue Auditorium of the Liberal Arts Building (LAB). The panelists will include Dr. Tom Hernandez, Interim Dean, Education and Human Services; Canandaigua VA Suicide Hotline Counselors; and other Mental Health Counselors. While I am trying to wean myself from being a bulletin board for activities and encourage you to visit the Daily Eagle on a regular schedule to learn of such, this event is close to two things that are significant to me, the November 10th Marine Corps Birthday, and Veterans Day on November 11th. Watch for Veterans Day activities on the Daily Eagle at https://www.brockport.edu/daily_eagle/

And, the hardworking Alumni Engagement and Advancement staffs can now rest easy after pulling off a great Homecoming Weekend despite the weather. And, on this latter note, thanks to President Heidi Macpherson for sharing with us something we all should keep in mind as we continue to reside in the greater Brockport area: "There's no such thing as bad weather, only the wrong clothes."

Carpe Diem,
Bud

PS. When hearing some of your stories I feel so blessed that the only thing challenging my health to date is, at times, chronic and progressive stupidity, something simple that I can pronounce, and even remember, at least so far.

October 28, 2016

Greetings,

The “Community” subcommittee of the Strategic Planning Committee is looking for your input. Forums will be held on Nov. 1 and Nov. 2 as indicated below.

As you are aware, a strategic planning process at The College at Brockport has been underway since early 2016.

One of the four “pillar” subcommittees, focused on “community,” is looking for input from you. Forums will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 1, at the College’s Alumni House (142 Utica Street), and Wednesday, Nov. 2, at the Rochester Educational Opportunity Center (REOC), 161 Chestnut Street in Rochester. Both sessions will be held between 5:30 and 6:30 pm for the public to comment.

A series of core concepts and questions distilled from the College’s Strategic Planning Committee and Community Subcommittee deliberations about the College community in relation to diverse regional and global communities is included at the following website: http://www.brockport.edu/about/strategic_plan/community.

This link will be open through Nov. 3. These core concepts inform the working definition of the Community pillar and the more specific scaffolding around that pillar for and building a better College community, for a better Brockport, Rochester, and world. That scaffolding includes: five strategic goals for strengthening the community, with corresponding measures and metrics.

“We recognize that neither our questions nor our responses are comprehensive, yet they provide an opening for what we trust will be engaging, elucidating, and transformative discussion,” said Sharon Allen, co-chair of the subcommittee. “Our hope is that all members of our community will recognize themselves in these descriptions of who we are, what we do, and what we aspire to be and do as a college community, and then offer further insights, ask incisive questions, and contribute concrete strategies for refining and renewing our community in its relation to other academic, professional, and civic communities.”

For more information, contact any member of the Community subcommittee (listed at the above link).
contact: Co-chairs: Sharon Allen, slallen@brockport.edu or Mike Andriatch, mandriat@brockport.edu

links: [Community subcommittee webpage](http://www.brockport.edu/about/strategic_plan/community)
[The Strategic Plan is an important guide to how The College at Brockport defines itself, adapts to change, and applies resources to meet the defined mission. Obviously, the mission includes inclusiveness as evident by an invitation for our group to participate in the process, and I hope many of you will provide feedback to this subcommittee.]

And, I am pleased to remind you that former Instructor of Health and Physical Education, and exalted supporter of all things at the College at Brockport, will discuss her experiences and her book, “Beirut 1967…24 Hours to Flee”, as outlined in the following announcement:

McCue Auditorium, Liberal Arts Building,
6 – 7:30 pm, Wednesday, November 9th
Presented by Rosie Rich, Local Educator & Author
Rosie Rich will discuss challenges she faced while establishing the first Health and Physical Education Program for Women at the American University of Beirut. During the 1967 Six Day Arab/Israeli War, Rosie was the only female on the Committee to plan the successful 24-hour evacuation of the 5000 Americans living in Beirut.

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Also, in December, put a hold on your calendar for this one, we will have an opportunity to honor and celebrate the achievements of Emeritus Distinguished Service Professor, Joseph Winnick, among others, for his/their significant contributions in the field of Adapted Physical Education and Sports.

The Department of Kinesiology, Sport Studies and Physical Education invites us to join it for a celebration of the 6th Edition of Adapted Physical Education and Sport, edited by Dr. Joseph Winnick & Dr. Dave Porretta, with contributing chapters by Dr. Cathy Houston-Wilson, Dr. Frank Short, Dr. Lauren Lieberman, Dr. Francis Kozub, and Dr. Doug Collier.

When: Wednesday, December 7th from 4 pm - 7 pm
Where: Bill Gray’s Tap Room
What: A gathering to celebrate the publication of the leading textbook in the field of Adapted Physical Education
Who: Faculty and staff, including retirees; alumni or friends of the KSSPE departments; or families that have benefitted from our programs.

Appetizers sponsored by the School of Health and Human Performance.

With questions, please contact Lauren Lieberman at llieberman@brockport.edu.

Carpe Diem,
Greetings,

Here is a reminder from Marsha Rivers, Develop Associate, to join the College and Brockport communities for First Friday at Alumni House November 4th.

As those who have attended are aware, this is a wonderful way to unwind at the end of a week, with both members of our retiree group as well as with those for whom the end of the work week is slightly, and I believe that, more significant. This is also an opportunity for you to meet Marsha, who is relatively new to the Brockport community but will be playing a key role in the coordination of First Friday.

Stop by for light refreshments, and collegial conversations.
4 to 6 pm, Friday, November 4th, Alumni House (just east of Hartwell Hall).
See you there!

contact: Marsha Rivers, mrivers@brockport.edu or 395-5113

Emeritus Earl Ingersoll emailed me to add his tribute to the late Dick Liebe that follows:

The news of Dick Liebe's death hit me hard. He was just with me last Wednesday (in my memory), when I visited Letchworth on one of the most beautiful October days I can remember. While I was hiking, I reached down and picked up a smooth pebble, as I have many times since an equally beautiful day at Letchworth when he led Cal and Marghi Rich, Vince and Martha Tollers, Helen and John Maier, Mary and me, and of course Jan, on a walk in the woods to take a break from a weekend of bridge. On that occasion, Dick stopped to reach down to pick up a smooth pebble and ask us what its smoothness was telling us. After none of us could come up with a reasonable explanation, he told us it was evidence the area had once been under the ocean. Teaching wasn't his job; it was his life. And his life was an inspiration to many of us.

Earl Ingersoll

[Thanks to Earl for sharing his special remembrance of Dick. Note: the last Wednesday referenced is now 2-3 weeks behind us.]

Following is a welcome surprise email I received from Emeritus Donald Johnson, Associate Professor, Education and Human Development, 1968-1995. Both Don and Leah are well known to many of you on this distribution list.

Hi Bud,

Leah and I appreciate your updates. They help us stay in touch with the lives of so many good friends and acquaintances. We are enjoying our time in Maryland, it is a little warmer here and we do spend the winter months at our place in Venice. While I spend a
good deal of time playing golf and making furniture, Leah has continued to invest her time in community service. I thought some of your readers may be interested in Leah’s recent activities and a new honor.

After moving here Leah taught part time at Hood College and Towson University. She also joined the Frederick Civic Woman’s Club and assumed the leadership of an outreach to needy children which led her to the Child Advocacy Center. Leah founded The Friends of the Child Advocacy Center and served as its president for twelve years. The Friends group has raised over a quarter million dollars in support of the agencies programs and Friends are involved in many of the programs serving abused and neglected children and families in Frederick County.

On October 27, in recognition of her extensive community service, Leah was inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame at the 30th Annual Gala Awards Luncheon in Glen Burnie Maryland. Her email is: leahldj@comcast.net

[Don Johnson]

[It was great hearing from you, Don, and we are grateful for your sharing of this news of Leah’s award. Congratulations to Leah and warm regards to both of you!]

The PDF attachment and email below are being sent on behalf of Pierre Radimak, Coordinator of the SUNY Retirees Service Corps and Editor of the SUNY Retirees Newsletter.

Dear SUNY Retirees,

If you recently received the Fall/Winter 2016 issue of the SUNY Retirees Newsletter, you may have read a story by Dr. Ram Chugh, in which he describes an important online survey he is conducting called The Power of SUNY Retirees: Lessons from Retirement Experiences. See the attached PDF of Ram’s article for details about the survey, which enables SUNY retirees to share their unique retirement experiences. We need your help.

Dr. Chugh, who is conducting the survey on behalf of the SUNY Retirees Service Corps, said “I strongly urge you to complete the survey and share how you adjusted to retirement and the things you do to keep yourself busy. Most SUNY retirees continue to remain active during their retirement years. They get involved in a variety of community and campus service activities. Through such involvement, they share their knowledge and experience in meeting various unmet community and campus needs. The online survey results will help show the nature of such involvement and the collective impact SUNY retirees have on society at large,” he explained. “I also encourage you to provide the survey link – https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LMCJT6Q – to your retired SUNY colleagues so that they, too, may share their experiences.”

Chugh is seeking survey responses representative of each category of SUNY retiree – from administration/management to faculty, professional service to support/clerical, and every job in between. The more responses we receive, the better.

In the meantime, if you haven’t seen the Fall/Winter 2016 SUNY Retirees Newsletter yet – or would just like to read it again – you may view and even download it at http://www.suny.edu/media/suny/content-assets/documents/retirees/SUNY-Retirees-Newsletter--Fall-Winter-2016.pdf
(Ram’s survey article is on page 23).

If you have any questions regarding the survey, you may contact Dr. Chugh at ram.chugh@suny.edu.

Thank you very much for your interest and cooperation.

All the best,
Pierre

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Betsy Standish, Associate Director, Alumni Engagement, invites us to nominate worthy alums with whom we are connected for the annual alumni awards. Following is information about the award categories and a link to the nomination form. Nominations for 2017 awards are due to her no later than January 13, 2017. All other information is on the form at:
http://alumni.brockport.edu/awards

The Brockport Alumni Association Awards recognize distinguished alumni and friends who have made notable contributions to the Alumni Association, the College and/or the community. The awards have been presented since 1980. Recipients of these awards are honored at the annual alumni awards ceremony. Plaques with the names of those who have been honored are on display in the Alumni House. Here is a description of each of the awards:

The Hall of Heritage is the Association’s most prestigious award, designed to honor alumni who have distinguished themselves by their exceptional contributions to the Alumni Association and/or the College and/or their community and/or have shown outstanding professional achievement.

The Honors for Outstanding Service Award is designed to honor those who have (a) given outstanding service to the Alumni Association/the College and/or (b) given outstanding community service and/or (c) shown outstanding professional achievement.

The Citation of Appreciation Award honors those individuals who have demonstrated sustained commitment through their services to and/or affiliation with the Alumni Association.

The Recent Alumnus Award is designed to honor graduates who have received their bachelor’s degree within the past 15 years and who have (a) developed a positive relationship with Alumni Association/the College and/or (b) given outstanding community service and/or (c) shown outstanding professional achievement. [Taken from the nomination form.]
Veterans Day Activities

Please check out this link Veterans Day Activities https://www.brockport.edu/daily_eagle/doc/2016-11/item_10566_7460.pdf to view the list of Veterans Day activities being held at The College at Brockport this year beginning on November 10th and continuing on Veterans Day, November 11th, and ending with Vets 5K Run, Walk or Roll on Saturday, November 15th.

Too often, we take for granted that our freedom is a privilege, not a right, paid for by the sacrifices of our nation’s defenders. Veterans Day is a day of remembrance, a day to honor the men and women who have fought to preserve our freedom. What many fail to realize is that Veterans Day is not about merely thanking veterans for defending the American way of life, but also for capitalizing on the opportunity they have granted us with their sacrifices, to build our nation a better tomorrow.

Please show your support this Veterans Day for the importance and impact our veterans and current military have made and continue to make in our society. On Friday, November 11, join us at the sidewalk between the Seymour College Union and Thompson Hall at 11 am for a Flag Ceremony and guest speaker, immediately followed with a reception in the Union's Main Lounge with cake and punch being served.

contact: Lisa Burch

And, in addition to watching the Veterans Day Slideshow in the Seymour Union Lounge, look at some of the Brockport College veterans’ stories, including two recent additions for Gordon Marsham and Roger Weir, at: http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/BKPT_VETS.htm

Carpe Diem,

Bud

November 11, 2016

Greetings,

With sadness, I share word of the passing, on November 6th, of Johnnie Lehman, wife, companion, and best friend of emeritus Edward Lehman, Distinguished Teaching Professor and Chair of Sociology, (1970-1996). If Ed was the soul of Sociology, as the late Vice President for Academic Affairs Bob Marcus once described him, Johnnie was the support and inspiration behind his many accomplishments. As a couple, they were loved for their contributions to the welfare of their family, friends, church, the College, and the greater Brockport community. Ed continued to contribute to the life of the community even as caregiving duties demanded more of his time as Johnnie’s light in the community faded. That light has now been extinguished but the memories of her many roles, and of the contributions Ed and Johnnie made together, lives on.

We send our condolences to Ed and to Johnnie’s family and friends as they celebrate a life well lived. As part of that celebration, Ed has extended the following invitation:
Celebrating the Life of
Johnnie Verna Walker Lehman
March 17, 1930 – November 6, 2016

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday December 17, 11:30 am, at the First Baptist Church, 124 Main Street, Brockport. A celebratory dinner reception will immediately follow at 12:45pm, at the Deerfield Country Club, 100 Craig Hill Road, Brockport. We encourage all friends of our family to attend; please feel free to spread the word and forward on to others!

Kindly RSVP by December 1 to Mark Lehman (Johnnie’s son) by either phone or text to 585-732-6855 or by email to lehmanpt@aol.com. Your response will be very helpful in planning our expected numbers for the reception.

We sincerely hope you will be able to join us as we celebrate Johnnie’s/Mom’s/Nana’s remarkable life!

[On this veterans’ day, you can further honor Ed and Johnnie by visiting his story at: http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/BKPT_VETS.htm where, by reading/scrolling through it you will find two photos of Ed and Johnnie during better times.]

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Thanks to the perseverance of John Sapienza in Advancement, who continued to search the internet for an obituary for the late Leslie Kuhn when the rest of us had given up, we can share a timely notice to you, with due credit as well to the Burger Funeral Home in Hilton. Please note the information in the text below concerning a celebration of his life scheduled for Friday, November 25th.

“Leslie “Les” O. Kuhn, age 78 of Clarkson, NY, passed away on Saturday, October 8, 2016 in Danville, IL where he had moved to be closer to family. Les was born July 6, 1938 in East Aurora, NY, the son of Oscar and Alice (Hupp) Kuhn. He was formerly married to Sheila Kuhn of Clarkson, NY.

Les will be greatly missed by his remaining sister Norma (Kuhn) Weber of East Aurora, daughter Leslie H. Kuhn Boedicker of Danville, IL and son Randall G. Kuhn of Hamlin, NY. Les’ pride and joy was his three grandchildren Andrew, Justin, and Tyler Kuhn of Rochester NY. Les was preceded in death by his sister Arlene (Kuhn) Kelner of Holiday, FL, and his wife Sheila.

Les began his adult life in the Navy doing AT – Aviation Electronics. He was in the Patron Squadron 56- Dragons and finished his Navy carrier as an E5, Petty Officer 2nd class. Les always said that being in the Navy was some of the best years of his life, and he was lucky enough to go on a tiger cruise on the USS America with his son Randy, having an adventure of a lifetime.

After Les’ tour of duty was over, he went to work in television and later audio visual
services and computers at SUNY Brockport, where he then retired after 31 years of service.

After retirement, Les was very busy participating in and teaching dance, astronomy, model railroading, traveling, playing with the grandkids, and teaching them all the cool things he taught his own children like camping, swimming, and canoeing; and he still had time to learn to play the piano and run his own robotics corporation, inventing a Robot Arm that could be run on a PC.

A celebration of Les’ life will be held on Friday, November 25 at Thomas E. Burger Funeral Home, Inc., 734 East Ave., Hilton, NY 14468. The visitation will be at 2 PM with a memorial beginning at 3 PM. A New Orleans Jazz event will be held afterwards at 5 PM at Carmestro’s, 50 Canning St., Hilton, NY 14468.

Memorials in Les’ name can be made to the Vermilion County War Museum, 307 N. Vermilion St., Danville, IL 61832, a place where Les volunteered as a docent during the last few years of his life.”

David and Peggy Hale share the following news of recent happenings:

1. Last Night [The evening of November 9th] I attended the Oxfam America Hunger Banquet at the College. I spoke briefly about the operation of the Brockport Food Shelf, of which I'm a board member.

2. Granddaughter Audra Hale has been accepted at the College, or (as her mother phrased it on Facebook) "the little SUNY she can walk to from her Grandpa's house." Audra has been here three summers for volleyball camps, did the admissions tour in February. Whether she'll enroll is up in the air. Her older sister was also accepted here, but is a sophomore at UMass-Lowell where she's reported to be doing well.

3. Peggy and I spent most of October on a river cruise in Europe. We flew into Brussels, boarded the ship in Antwerp, went through the Netherlands, Germany (with a side trip to Luxembourg), briefly France, and ended with a few days in Switzerland.

[Thanks to David and Peggy for sharing and for their contributions in the community.]

One of the recurring comments from people who view the stories of Brockport’s veterans is something to the effect that: “I worked with [veteran] for [#] years and never knew anything about him/her but his/her work.” And, of course this relates to other factors in the lives of the people we encounter/encountered in the workplace besides being veterans. As we celebrate Veterans Day, I am reminded of this feedback and hope to use it to become better at seeing others as compositions, not just as snapshots.

And, of course, on this day, we thank veterans for their sacrifice and service!

Carpe Diem,
Greetings,

I do not like cluttering your email mailboxes this frequently but there is some information that I want to share that was not available to me yesterday, forgotten to be included, or temporarily withheld.

First, the following obituary for Johnnie Lehman appeared in the Rochester D&C today and I thought those of you far away might not see it so I wanted to share it:

Lehman, Johnnie Verna (Walker)
Brockport: Passed away peacefully on Sunday November 6, 2016 at the age of 86. Predeceased by her brother Robert William Walker. She is survived by her loving husband of 63 years, Edward C. Lehman, Jr., her daughter; Jeanne Lehman (J. Peter) Sokol, her son Mark (Theresa) Lehman, grandchildren; Ana Sokol, Lauren Sokol, Jacob Lehman and Danielle Lehman, several nieces and nephews. Johnnie was a Registered Nurse, she held a Master’s Degree in teaching and taught in the Rochester City School District for 25 years.

There will be no prior calling hours. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, December 17th at 11:30am in the First Baptist Church of Brockport, 124 Main Street. A celebratory dinner reception will immediately follow from 1-5pm at Deerfield Country Club; all are welcome. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may contribute to the Alzheimer’s Association. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Fowler Funeral Home Inc.

Published in Rochester Democrat and Chronicle from Nov. 11 to Nov. 12, 2016 - See more at:

Then, I did have this information available from Emeritus Professor and Dean of Political Science (not to mention Assistant Mayor of Brockport), Bill Andrews, but forgot to include it.

“Bud--You might want to pass along to your Retirees List the information that our political science alumnus John Faso was elected to the United States House of Representatives yesterday.”

[Thanks Bill! Great news that speaks well for The College at Brockport and its Political Science Department and is a great accomplishment for alum John Faso.]

And, I intentionally did not mention the great slideshow that Kenneth Wierzbowski, Systems and Assessment Librarian, and Charles Cowling, Archivist and Librarian, created to honor veterans
on Veterans Day on behalf of the Brockport Veterans Day Committee that includes Assistant to the President Julie Pruss and Scott Atkinson, Director of Enrollment Services/Director of Financial Aid, because I did not want to overload the system when they were counting on using it yesterday. But, since the slideshow is still available at the following link, I hope you will honor them for their work and honor the many veterans associated with The College at Brockport by viewing the representative veterans included in the slideshow at:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1zAtqz4KZeeUhvPIATVBDbfmu-ckrcILQ6wVap5BEDds/pub?start=true&loop=true&delayms=15000

Be aware that if you let it run on its own it will take about 30 minutes before it repeats itself. If you want a faster look, click on the right arrow button that should appear at the bottom of the page, or use the slide on the right if that appears instead.

[Thanks to Ken, Charlie, Julie, and Scott, and the rest of the Veterans Day Committee for this presentation to honor veterans for their sacrifice and service.]

Carpe Diem,

Bud

PS. And, just learned about this, so check out this link to view the story of the success (in war, love, and career) of a Brockport alum.


November 29, 2016

Greetings,

If you haven't already heard, it is with sadness I am sharing news passed on to me from a reliable source that George Toth passed at around 9:00 am Sunday, November 27, 2016 at Unity with his family at his side. Many of you know George better than I did. I know he was a good man, a good husband, a good father and a good worker with a good heart for caring for others and trying to make the world a better place, with good citizenship and equality being his motivators, and he was always wanting to create a "Better Community" for all. And, I remember how much he loved Brockport and the colleagues and friends he worked with, and how happy he was to return to the College as Director of Career Services a couple of years after his position in Education was abolished during budget cuts. George was disappointed by the first event but elated by the second, and, he never had anything but good things to say about the College throughout both experiences.

I was again reminded at Les Kuhn’s memorial on Friday of how little I know about the lives of the people who surrounded me during my working years when I learned that Les had been an
avid canoe tripper and outdoor adventurer, among many other interests, all things I would have enjoyed talking about with him, had I taken the time to know. Similarly, I missed the opportunity for acquiring knowledge of George Toth’s interests and aspirations beyond his work and his devotion to his family and friends, some of whom have shared their tributes to him as follows:

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When George retired, we, his staff in Career Services, decided to compile a memory book and I posted a web page where faculty and staff could post something about George. At the time, I was very touched—and remain so—by the consistent comments his colleagues submitted. They were not in the vein of his performance in the job as might be expected. Instead they often wrote of a kindness, a favor, a personal and meaningful interaction with George. He came closer to achieving Maya Angelou's goal than anyone I ever knew.

“I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” —Maya Angelou

He enriched all of us with small courtesies and reaching out to be kind. And now is the time when each of us can remember how he made us feel.
[Rick Kincaid, Associate Director Emeritus, Career Services]

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What fond memories I have of George. I really got to know George when we were transitioning to Banner, which often involved long, confusing, frustrating work days. He often stayed after the offices were closed and wandered over to Advisement to chat. Always interesting, funny, kind.

As I wrote to him recently:

"So many good times, conversations, laughs!

Wish I had a nickel-- okay, would rather it be a dollar-- for every time either Tom or I told the tie story. You remember, right? You came up to the counter one morning when Tom was behind the counter and said, "That's a nice tie [pause]..." Just as Tom thought you were paying him a nice compliment (which you were), you added, "and you usually don't wear nice ties." Tom loved it, thought it was really funny, as did I."

Just one of many exchanges that highlighted George's good nature and superb sense of humor. He was a wonderful guy and I miss him.
[Pat Mahoney Nugent, Senior Academic Advisor Emerita, Academic Advisement]

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I remember well when he came to EHD (C&I then), a new PhD seeking to prove himself. One of the things I remember best was advising him to find a mentor at Brockport which I thought should be Betsy Balzano, also in science education. He followed my advice and told me later, it was one of the very best things anyone had done for him because Betsy not only became his mentor but his and his families’ dear friend. Thanks to Betsy, I also will have fond memories of
Thanksgiving a year ago when I was invited to go to dinner with George, Ginger and Betsy. As others will echo, George was a very nice fellow who will be missed by many.

Pat Baker

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A Few Words About My Friend of 36 Years, George P. Toth

George Toth was the first person I met at then SUC Brockport in the fall of 1980. True to form George gave me less than a day's notice to join him and the search committee for an interview in the newly-formed Career Development Office.

Soon after, I joined the staff of the college and remained for over 35 years. Thus, too began a 36-year relationship with my friend and colleague, Dr. George Peter Toth. George always said the "P" in his middle name stood for procrastination---I think he was right. I was so grateful for George taking me under his wing----going out of his way to introduce me to many faculty and staff, regularly bringing me to meetings and lunches and often halting people in mid-stride to be certain I got well established at Brockport. I think how important George was in making me feel like I was someone with potential at 27 years old. That belief was so critical in me being grounded and feeling like I could contribute. Likewise, George's wife, Ginger, invited my husband and me to dinner, included us at events and introduced us to their wonderful family---Karin, Lisa and Greg. George loved a good laugh and joke-----throwing his head back, belting out a great belly laugh, gasping for air and doing it all over again. His heart and soul were always situated in good purpose----students were at the center of his work. He was very dedicated to Student Affairs and while he spent much time sorting and resorting the piles on his desk, I always knew he had my back and was the kind of person I could go to for support, camaraderie and understanding. As an office in those early years, we established and/or recreated services in career advisement, a career library, job postings, credentials, job fairs and events, student career advisers....to name a few.

Several of us were able to job share while establishing a saner work/life balance. While I am sad George and I will no longer share a lunch at Java Junction, I am glad he is out of the hell brought on my pancreatic cancer. Wherever your soul is George Toth, may you be able to laugh and tell your corny jokes and laugh some more. Thank you for all you did for me. I will never forget you.

[Diane Maurer, Director of Field Experience and Certification Emerita, Professional Education Unit]

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Little did I know 42 years ago when I moved into my new condominium and met a new family moving into a condominium directly behind mine that we would become "family". George Toth had just been hired at Brockport and he and his lovely wife Ginger, 5-month-old daughter Karin and Irish setter Holly were my new neighbors. In the passing years, we shared many events from the birth of two more children, Lisa and Greg, marriages, the arrival of seven grandchildren, another Irish setter, Kelly, and even two cats, Tula and Lucy. Generously sprinkled through the years were trips to Cape Cod, the Adirondacks, and Niagara on the Lake. We shared many theater productions, pops concerts and philharmonics. A yearly goal was to see all the movies that were in contention for the Academy Awards, and believe it or not we were mostly spot on.
The tradition of starting Christmas with dinner at my house from kiddoes on the floor doing homework to just the three of us was never broken over all those years. There were great conversations when Ginger and I could get a word in edge wise, many laughs, sometimes tears, and always great love and caring. You are at peace, George and without pain. I know that St. Peter had a pot of Lemon Chicken Soup waiting for you, my very dear friend.

[Betsy Ann Balzano, Distinguished Service Prof, Ed and Human Development]

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Obviously, George, “…people will never forget how [good] you made them feel…” thanks for the memories!

And, here is George’s obituary taken from the Obituary page at Fowler Funeral Home, where you can view it and a photo of George at:

http://fowlerfuneralhomeinc.com/tribute/details/653/George-Toth/obituary.html#tribute-start

George P. Toth, Ph.D, 75

George P. Toth, 75, of Brockport, New York, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, November 27, 2016 after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Born in Torrington, Connecticut, George lived most of his life in State College, Pennsylvania and Brockport, New York.

He is survived by his devoted wife and best friend of 49 years, Virginia 'Ginger' (Feshler); his three loving and proud children; daughter Karin Lisack (Matt), daughter Lisa Salzman (Marc) and son Greg (Natalie); his brother Robert Toth (Claudia) of Torrington; his uncle, Deacon Eugene Nebiolo; many loving cousins, nieces, nephews and other friends, including close family friend, Dr. Betsy Balzano.

George also leaves a loving legacy to his seven grandchildren who were the joy of his life: Peter, Daniel and Evelyn Lisack; Vivienne and Ashton Salzman; and Mackenzie and Andrew Toth. He is predeceased by his parents, George and Josephine Toth, his cousin Stephen, and his many beloved aunts and uncles.

George's life and career touched the lives of many. After receiving his Ph.D. from Penn State University, Dr. Toth was assistant professor at both The College at Brockport and Nazareth College. He then spent most of his career as Director of Career Services at Brockport and was an influential advisor to the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity. In his retirement, he continued his work with students and served on the Board of the United Nations Association of Rochester (UNAR). George was a well-known member of his community and enjoyed his time volunteering at the Brockport Welcome Center.

The family will receive friends on Friday, December 2, 2016 from 4:00-7:00pm, with a prayer service at 7:00pm at the Fowler Funeral Home, 340 West Avenue, Brockport. A funeral mass will be held on Saturday, December 3rd at 10:00am at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, 152 Main Street in Brockport. Memorial donations may be
made in George’s name to the Golisano Children’s Hospital at the University of Rochester or to UNAR where a scholarship is being created in his honor.

[We send our condolences to George’s family and friends as they celebrate his life and adjust to their loss.]

Carpe Diem,

Bud

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December 1, 2016

Greetings,

Yikes! December 1st, can you believe it? And, for a little news-housekeeping, I have noted that Friday, December 2nd will be a very full day for many of us. As you know, from 4 to 7 pm there are calling hours for our friend and colleague, George Toth, at Fowler Funeral Home. With creative scheduling, some of us might also be able to attend the 3:30 pm Sagawa Park Mural Panel Dedication in front of the Brockport Diner, and fit in a few minutes at First Friday, hosted by Rosie Rich, scheduled from 4-6 pm at the Alumni House, as well as some time at a sporting event or more. I again remind you to frequently check out the Daily Eagle at https://www.brockport.edu/daily_eagle/ to keep abreast of events at the College at which your presence is cherished, including the Campus-Wide Holiday Open House from 3-5pm in the New York Room, Cooper Hall on Tuesday, December 13th.

And, some good news, before more sad news, is that there will be bus transportation to the December 10th Winter Gala at the Hyatt Regency in Rochester for those who would like to attend without the hassle of having to deal with transportation and parking. Bus transportation to and from the event will be available for $5.00 per person. The bus will leave the SERC circle at 5:30 pm and on-campus parking will be available in Lot “V”, west of the SERC. To reserve your seat, go to http://alumni.brockport.edu/galatix where, in addition to a link for purchasing Winter Gala tickets, there is a separate link for purchasing Gala transportation, or contact Kim Ehret, kehret@brockport.edu or (395-5124). You can use the referenced link to pay in advance or pay on the bus that day.

The latest sad news! John Sapienza just received the following obituary for Francis Joseph Clune, Associate Professor Emeritus, Anthropology (1967-1990) from a news service. I remember Frank as he arrived in Brockport the same year that I did although I never knew him very well. But, I am sure that many of you who served the College during the Clune years will have fond memories of Frank and Dorris. And, I am pleased that his obituary provides some detail about his life and activities that serve to enhance our memories.

Francis Joseph Clune "Frank" GREAT FALLS - Francis Joseph Clune "Frank," 86, passed away on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 from the effects of Alzheimer’s at Highgate Senior Living in Great Falls. Frank was born in San Antonio, Texas on February 23, 1930 to Francis and Eva Clune, the middle of three brothers. Being the son of a military doctor, he lived in many places
while growing up such as Little Rock, Arkansas, China, Visalia, California and Austria. Frank married Dorris Ann Ackelbein in 1957 while going to graduate school. They had three children. Frank received a PhD in Archeology and then taught, first at the University of Georgia in Athens and later at State University of New York, Brockport. He published several articles and scripted a multimedia presentation on Aztec Hipball (his doctoral topic). He even starred in a short documentary on archeology. In addition to his work, he was involved in several outside activities. In the 1970s, he was part of a bicentennial reenactment group named Robie's Regiment, leading the cannon brigade. He was also a partner of Clune and Johnson, doing archeological research for various development projects in the upstate New York area. He was a lover of big band jazz and unique brews (pea-pod wine, anyone). Once he hosted a local charity competition, distracting all of us with bad jokes and puns for several weeks. Upon retirement, Frank and Dorris moved to a farm near Gaines, New York (halfway between Rochester and Buffalo) where he continued to read books (both scholarly and popular) and listen to music. He also enjoyed hunting with a flintlock rifle, although we suspect he just wanted a reason to be outdoors. Later, he and Dorris moved to Great Falls, near where Dorris grew up. While in Great Falls, he volunteered as a docent at the C.M. Russell Museum for several years. Frank is survived by his wife, Dorris; son Edward Clune; and daughters Sheila Leaming and Sarah Clune. Condolences for the family may be posted online at www.SchniderFuneralHome.com.

[We are sad to learn of Frank’s passing and send our condolences to his family and friends.]

And, I’ll end this with some additional tributes to George Toth and Les Kuhn that have been shared with me:

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Thanks Bud,
That is really sad news! George was a real gentleman and a tremendous asset to the College. I always enjoyed talking to him about current affairs in the world and our College. He will be missed by many of us.
Gary Metz, Associate Professor, Healthcare Studies Department

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Moreover, thanks for the several tributes to George Toth. I was his daughter's (Karin) basketball coach. What a wonderful job George and Ginger did raising Karin and her siblings. This is about the best legacy parents can leave to society.

Yes, I knew Les Kuhn was an outdoorsman. When we were kids, we fired clay pottery along the shores of Lake Ontario at Devil's Nose. We would also roll down the Nose and race into the water to remove the sand and clay! His dad had a racing boat too. His family was from Buffalo but had a cottage at Troutburg where my extended family had several. I have great memories of times with Les.
[Doug Cunningham, Alumnus]

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And OMG. George Toth. Oh dear, oh dear. It is going to be hard to tell Roger about this in the morning. Roger teased George relentlessly -- a sign of affection. I remember Roger's
complementing George, "George, you are so good, you could talk to anybody," then the zinger, "And you do. And talk and talk and talk." George would redden then both of them broke into laughter as good-humored man to good-humored man. We both loved him. George was just the nicest man.

[Karla Linn Merrifield, Director, Marketing Communications Emerita]

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Thank you so much for sharing the beautiful words and memories that were shared for our wonderful friend, colleague and mentor. I will always love George, who loved us. He will be missed :-)

[Sharon Belle Render, Counselor, Counseling Center]

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Sad news indeed! I spoke with George in what seems like less than a month or so ago...who would have guessed he'd be gone...just like that! A good man he was for certain...did much fine community work.

[Ray Duncan, Distinguished Professor, Political Science and International Studies]

Thanks for all who have contributed, particularly to this and the previous newsletter.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

December 7, 2016

Greetings,

Sadly, we have learned of the passing, on Sunday, December 4th, of Dr. Sriram Bakshi, Associate Professor and Chair Emeritus, Interdisciplinary Arts, who is well known for his gentle caring and mentoring of students and his many contributions on behalf of the College and the Community. After earning his Ph.D. from the Department of Speech and Drama, University of Kansas, Dr. Sriram Bakshi joined the ranks of Brockport faculty in 1970, becoming the founding chair of the Interdisciplinary Arts program developed in 1996. He retired from the College in 2000 after a distinguished, 30-year career. While serving, he brought a number of conferences to campus, starting with an Asian Theatre conference in 1972. In 1974, he developed a new course with the title, “Magic, Ritual and Mysticism in the Theatre,” and he was instrumental in developing a minor in “Arts Criticism” in 1979. Dr. Bakshi touched the lives of countless students and fellow colleagues in our campus community. After retirement Sriram continued to have a presence at College events and was a volunteer in support of the Seymour Library, the Morgan Manning House, and the Walk-Bike group, among organizations in the community, until illness limited his activities. While capable of expressing strong views, he had a gentle approach in all things and was always tolerant of and accepting of the views of others. His presence was already being missed as his roles in this life were diminished by illness, but his irreversible absence from all future activities in this world brings sadness.
Thankfully, on October 5th the College was able to recognize his many contributions with a tree planting ceremony to honor him and he was able to attend. There are still some photos of the event available for viewing at: http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/bakshi_tree_planting.pdf. Just open the file and click the arrow or slide on the right of the screen to scroll through the frames.

It is expected that his obituary will appear in the Rochester D&C tomorrow, or, you might find it later today or tomorrow morning on Fowler Funeral Home’s website at: http://fowlerfuneralhomeinc.com/. As I am taking a few days off from electronic devices, I am sharing that the plan right now is for calling-hours from 1-3pm on Saturday, December 10th, and that a memorial service is being deferred until sometime in the spring. Check his obituary at one of the sources mentioned above to confirm.

We send our condolences to Sriram’s family and friends.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

December 13, 2016

Dear Colleagues:

It is with deep sadness that I share the passing of former College at Brockport President, Dr. Paul Yu.

I did not have the honor of meeting Dr. Yu, but I know many of you have first-hand knowledge of the transformation he oversaw. It’s not easy raising the academic profile of a college, and Brockport’s rise during Dr. Yu’s tenure was achieved while always focusing on student success. The College at Brockport is a better institution because of Paul Yu.

Kind regards,

Heidi Macpherson

Paul Yu, 1941-2016

Paul Yu, who served as the fifth President of The College at Brockport, State University of New York, and has been credited by many with transforming the institution’s academic reputation, passed away on Dec. 5 after a battle with Parkinson’s Disease. He was 75. The College asks that you respect the privacy of the family at this difficult time. Under his leadership, Brockport achieved new levels of excellence and recognition, from acquiring the latest information technologies to improving campus communications to increasing admissions standards. Brockport became recognized throughout New York and within the SUNY system as an innovative and dynamic institution.
Dr. Yu, who received his Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctorate from the University of Michigan, held previous positions at Butler University in Indiana and Central Michigan University before beginning his tenure at Brockport in the summer of 1997. He introduced and guided mission review and strategic planning initiatives that involved multiple committees representing every area of campus life. A major outcome of the process was the introduction of the Presidential Scholars program that proved instrumental in attracting top students to apply to Brockport and giving them incentives to maintain a high GPA. Such students served as role models to fellow students to improve the classroom environment for all. The Extraordinary Academic Scholarship Program was initiated during his tenure and aided the College’s rise in to “Tier 2” within the SUNY system’s rankings of academic quality for incoming students. This strong academic culture assisted in an improved recruitment for study abroad programs and international students. The College’s Honors Program grew and prospered during his time. Enhanced computer laboratories added new equipment and services as well as longer hours. These and other changes helped the College attain a stronger public image for the institution. After Brockport, Dr. Yu had a short tenure as President of San Jose State University in California before returning to the SUNY system and Brockport where he completed his teaching career in 2007.

Dr. Yu's areas of scholarly interest were philosophy of language and philosophy of mind. He published a number of papers and made many professional presentations. He was active professionally in other ways, including serving as external evaluator for the Chinese University of Hong Kong, National Taiwan University, and National Science Council of the Republic of China. In 1980-81, he was invited to be a Fulbright lecturer at the National Taiwan University. Dr. Yu was active in other professional and civic capacities, regionally, nationally, and internationally. He served on the Michigan Council for the Humanities from 1988 to 1989 and was a member of the Board of Directors of the American Association of University Administrators (AAUA). In 1990, under the Visiting Scholars Exchange Program (VSEP), sponsored by the U. S. National Academy of Sciences, he was visiting scholar to the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) in Beijing, China.

December 18, 2016

Greetings,

I am sorry I was unable to provide you with a timely communication about the passing of Judith Desfosses. I did not know Judith very well except for knowledge about her care giving skills that she honed on her husband, the late Louis Desfosses, Professor Emeritus, Business-Economics and former UUP Chapter President, and, also, on her daughter, the late Julie Desfosses. In a couple of conversations at different times her dedication to each of their needs was the highest of priorities. Judy’s passing brings back fond memories of amicable labor relations problem-solving with Louis, and not so amicable contact with him on the basketball court. Judy will be greatly missed by those who have known her and we send our condolences to her family and friends.

Obituary of Judith Desfosses
Henrietta/Brockport: 78 years of age, passed away on December 7, 2016, at Strong Memorial Hospital’s Palliative Care and Hospice Unit.

Judith was born November 18, 1938 in Massachusetts to the late Martin J. and Margaret (Collins) Finn. She was the youngest of 5 children, three who proceeded her in death. She is survived by her brother Martin Finn of Holyoke, MA. Judith was educated at Our Lady of the Elms College in Chicopee MA, the University of Rhode Island and Buffalo State College.

In 1960, Judith married the late Dr. Louis R Desfosses Sr. and continued her lifelong quest for knowledge and enlightenment. She was the consummate researcher and pursued many varied interests during her lifetime. She was a loving, caring, protective and dedicated mother, grandmother, great grandmother as well as a caring friend.

Judith joins her late daughter Julie L. Desfosses and leaves her children Louis R. Desfosses Jr. (Cindy), Suzanne Desfosses-Gilliam (Aaron) to cherish her loving memory. She will also be missed by her two grandchildren Aaron (Taylor) Gilliam and Samantha Gilliam as well as her great grandson Aaron Gilliam Jr and her nieces, nephews and friends.

Calling hours [were] Sunday, 3-5 PM at Fowler Funeral Home, 340 West Avenue in Brockport, [followed by] her funeral. Private interment at Mt Olivet Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Finn Scholarship c/o Elms College 291 Springfield Street Chicopee, MA 01013.

And, because I was unable to share Sriram Bakshi’s obituary with you when I communicated with you about his passing, I am including it as taken from Fowler Funeral Home’s website, as follows:

Obituary of Sri Ram Bakshi

BAKSHI, SRI RAM. Passed away peacefully on December 4, 2016. Predeceased by his wife Sushila Devi. He is survived by his daughter, Sudha Bakshi (Steve Kirsh), and son, Srikar Bakshi; grandchildren, Michelle, Daniel, and Emily; brothers Lalith Ram, Jagath Ram; and sister Vijaya Lakshmi.

Born in 1933 in Alwal, Hyderabad, India. Sri Ram grew up during the Indian Independence, becoming involved in both social and political activism. At the age of 16, he proudly helped organize local barbers and other workers into guilds. Soon after marrying Sushila in 1963, Sri Ram came to America to attend the University of Kansas, becoming the first Indian ever to obtain a doctorate in Theatre. In 1970, he joined the Department of Theatre at SUNY Brockport, with a scholarly focus on Asian Drama studies. But Sri Ram’s greatest love was teaching. He wanted most to convey to his students that theatre is an important reflection of a culture and society. Upon retiring, he continued to be active in the community: he was on the Board of Trustees of Seymour Library and Western Monroe Historical Society; he was a member of The Historical Preservation Board of Brockport Village, and he was involved in the Democratic Party.
Sri Ram also shared his love of sitar with others, organizing classical Indian music lessons for people in the area.

Sri Ram was a kind and thoughtful man who embodied the meaning of spontaneous generosity. He made friends everywhere and was interested in everyone. As patriarch, Sri Ram made every effort to attend all weddings, graduations and events. Sri Ram was close to children of many generations and will be remembered for birthday cards, personal notes, and flowers. He spent his last days in peace at the Shepherd Hospice Home and was cared for by the most loving of people. Sri Ram will be very missed.

Calling hours were at the Fowler Funeral Home 340 West Ave, Brockport, NY 14420; Saturday, December 10th from 1-4pm. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Shepherd Home 1959 Five Mile Line Rd. P.O. Box 33 Penfield, NY 14526.

Better news is that Dorie Sweeting has fond memories of her visit to Brockport this summer and sends us all the following message:

Bud, this is my Christmas greeting to you and all my friends from SUCB!

With nostalgic thoughts of my childhood and then in Brockport--the laughter, fun and tears. My heart looks back remembering yesterdays. I feel the joy and happiness and the same old-fashioned cheer that made those days so wonderful and my memories so dear.

I have a list of folks I know and every year at Christmas time I realize that these names are a part of my heart. Each name stands for someone whose path touched mine and I want to touch again. You may not be aware of any special link but the years cannot erase the memory of a pleasant word or of a friendly face. Every year when Christmas comes I realize the biggest gift life can give me is meeting folks like you.

May the Spirit of Christmas leave its richest blessings in the hearts of you and yours and may you receive many blessings in 2017.

[Thank you for this message Dorie and we send the same wishes back to you!]

Carpe Diem,

Bud

January 15, 2017

Greetings,

It is especially sad when someone with exuberance for life, who lives as a gift to others, passes from this life before her time. Such is the case of Carol Beers who passed on Friday, January 13, 2017. We, of course, knew Mo Beers from work at the College for many years before our retirements and through that, Carol was an acquaintance. But, we learned to love her, her
enthusiasm for life, her many talents, and her significant contributions as a wife, mother, teacher, church member, singer and friend when we wintered near Mo and Carol in North Carolina for three years. Carol was unique and remarkable in the energy that she brought to everything from simple conversation to her work on behalf of others. Her smile and zest for life was inspirational and filled any room in which she was present. While in North Carolina we enjoyed the company of Mo and Carol when they gave us a tour of their home, their village, their beach and we were also privileged to have their company when going out for dinner on several occasions. It is with deep sadness that I report that Carol’s life has been cut short by disease and we have lost the presence of this wonderful soul in this world. Following is Carol’s obituary from the Rochester D&C. We send our condolences to Mo and her family and to the multitudes of dear friends she cherished and served during her passage.

Beers, Carol Ann

St. James, NC: Carol Ann Beers, 74, of St. James, NC, passed away Friday, January 13, 2017, at Lower Cape Fear Hospice in Whiteville, North Carolina.

Mrs. Beers was born September 29, 1942, daughter of the late David & Adell Metres Nahom. She was a devout Catholic, a member of St. Philip's Episcopal Church and a member of Sea Notes Choral Society.

Mrs. Beers had an amazing talent for quilting, winning many awards for her favorite hobby. She was a lifelong educator and public school teacher. An avid traveler, she visited all seven continents and all fifty states. She lived with her family in Japan, Brazil, Germany, and Indonesia. Her love of baseball and San Francisco Giants fueled a cross-country trip during which she and Mo visited 18 baseball stadiums. Her trip is registered with the Baseball Hall of Fame. Her love of the beach brought her to Southport, North Carolina. Her captivating personality was loved by many and she will be dearly missed.

Preceding her in death were two brothers George and Edmund, and one sister Emily. Leaving to cherish her memory is her husband Mo Beers of St. James; children, Kathleen Mauro, David Beers, Col. Eric Beers, and Emily Kimmel; eight beloved grandchildren, Nicholas, Hailey, Nathan, Emily, Lauren, Thomas, Miles, and Maxwell; and two sisters, Helen Nahom and Georgette Morey.

Funeral services will be 11am, Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at St. Philip's Episcopal Church. A service will also be held in Connecticut at a later date.

The family will receive friends from 2-4pm and 6-8pm Monday, January 16, 2017 at Peacock-Newnam & White Funeral and Cremation Service in Southport. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Lower Cape Fear Hospice, 206 Warrior Trail, Whiteville, NC 28472. Online condolences may be made at www.peacocknewnamwhite.com

Published in Rochester Democrat and Chronicle on Jan. 15, 2017
While few of you knew her, it has been suggested by several people that I should share my and my family’s personal loss that also occurred this week. My mom, Doris L. Meade, died peacefully in her sleep on Wednesday morning, as she had prayed to do for several months. At 93 she was still driving, but at 96, her body had forsaken her and we, and she, are blessed that she has now forsaken it. Mom was a wonderful, gentle, kind and sensitive woman who gave unconditional love to those she encountered. If she had one imperfection it was her effort to be perfect in her relationships with others to the extent that she was in agony if she felt that she had slighted or burdened anyone else. We will miss her but, in contrast to our friend Carol, mom’s work was done and the sadness is diminished.

If interested you can view her obituary at: http://www.rootfh.com/obits/obituary.php?id=631297 where you can also see a couple of photos at the photos tab, including one from her 90th birthday party.

A few years ago, Sandy and I honored my mom and others with a contribution to the Technology Scholarship Fund at the College. This would be the preferred choice for those among our Brockport family who might be inclined to contribute to a memorial.

Carpe diem,

Bud

January 30, 2017

Greetings,

I am very sorry to report the much-too-early departure of retiree Janice Gurney, a long-time employee in the Health Center at the College. I only recently reconnected with Janice when her mother Marion Sargent died and, at that time, we talked on the phone and exchanged emails. Because of that contact I added her to the newsletter distribution list and she sent me responses to a couple of my postings. It was therefore shocking and unexpected news to learn of her passing from Mike Andriatch yesterday. We send condolences to her family and friends.

Following is her obituary from the Rochester D&C on Sunday.

Janice L. Gurney
Clarendon: Passed away peacefully on Monday, January 23, 2017, at the age of 67. Predeceased by her parents Patrick Gerald Lavell and Marion Lavell Sargent. She is survived by her loving daughter Crystal Gurney, also her many wonderful friends and loved ones. Jan worked for 36 years at the SUNY Brockport Health Center. She loved horses, knitting and dancing.

A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, February 21st at 6 PM in The Church of Jesus
Christ of Latter-day Saints, 4088 Lake Rd. N., Brockport, NY 14420 where a reception will follow the service. Interment will be at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may contribute to Von Hippel-Lindau Alliance at www.vhl.org. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Fowler Funeral Home Inc.

Published in Rochester Democrat and Chronicle on Jan. 29, 2017

Better news is that one of our own, emerita Dr. Patricia Baker, Education and Human Development, is to receive the “Alan S. Bader Community Service Award” at the Annual Awards Dinner of the Greater Brockport Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, February 2, 2017. The dinner, to be held at Fazool’s, located on Market Street, is open to the community. At 6:00 pm there will be a Social & Network Hour followed by dinner and awards. Reserve your seat at $25.00 per person and get details by calling the Brockport Chamber 208-7062, or Robin 329-9663 or Dorothy 395-1000. If you can, please support Pat, who has for many years given great service to the Brockport Community through her work with service organizations and her other volunteer activities. She is much deserving of this recognition and I am sure would love to see some of her College colleagues and friends present when she receives her award.

Congratulations Pat and thank you for all that you have done to help make Brockport a great place to live.

Carpe diem,

Bud

January 31, 2017

Greetings,

Several of you will remember the late James (Professor, English Department) and Helen Lynch from their years in Brockport so I am sharing more sad news that Helen passed on January 18, 2017. I did not know Helen or James, I only knew of them, so I cannot say more than to share the obituary that follows that I have borrowed from the Ithaca Journal. We send our condolences to Helen’s family and friends who mourn while celebrating her long life.

===> Lynch, Helen M.

Helen M. Lynch, age 99, passed away in Ithaca, NY on January 18th, 2017. Helen was born in Orange County, NY on Dec. 14, 1917, the daughter of Lucy Nearn and Charles H. Ford Jr. After graduating from New York University, Helen married James J. Lynch in 1942 and during WWII she worked as a volunteer nurse. After the war, James taught at the Sampson College in Seneca Co. NY. Later the Lynches settled in Brockport, N.Y. where James taught at SUNY Brockport and Helen worked in real estate and as a volunteer at the Morgan Manning House.

In retirement Helen and James returned to Seneca Lake living close to the former Sampson College, now Sampson State Park. They spent winters in Melbourne, Florida in Barefoot Bay
where Helen was a volunteer at a grade school, a choir member at St. Luke's Catholic Church and a top swimming competitor in the Senior Olympics. Helen loved the outdoors and rode her bike into her 80's.

Helen Lynch is survived by her seven children: James of Potsdam and Michael of Ithaca, NY; Kate, Brian and Maura of New York City; Mary Hurley of Houston and Colleen Zastrow of Shakopee, Minn. Helen is also survived by seven grandchildren: Ryan, Sara and Julia Lynch; Terese Hurley Tobin and Katie and Beth Hurley; Daniel and Cara Zastrow and two great-granddaughters, Riley and Bridget Tobin.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers that people donate to a charity of their choice.

Published in Ithaca Journal on Jan. 30, 2017 ===<

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Sad news continues to take more of its share of this newsletter. We have learned of the death of Charlie D’Agostino, son of Irene D’Agostino and the late coach and Assistant Professor Jerry D’Agostino, last week just short of his 53rd birthday. We send our condolences to Irene and her family, and all their, and Charlie’s, many friends. I have no other news to share now except that the Funeral Mass for Charlie will be held on Monday, February 6 at 1:30pm at St. James Catholic Church, 415 Vincent Street, Redondo Beach, California. A reception will be held at Charlie and Donnell’s home, 812 El Redondo, Redondo Beach, CA 90277 following the service.

Rosemary Luzman has shared with me the final burial plans for Jerry. He will be buried at Arlington Cemetery on April 20, 2017. According to Rosemary: she and her son, Eric (who worked at the Brockport Campus one summer), will travel to Washington to join son, Brian, and daughter, Keira, and their spouses for the ceremony. It will be full military honors. Jerry wanted to be buried there because of the beautiful setting, the proximity to where two of our kids live and the security of perpetual care of the grounds. He presided over so many funerals while he was stationed at the Pentagon. Procedure is to have an officer of equal or higher rank as the deceased present at a funeral. It was so easy to just send someone over from the Pentagon that it was common for Jerry to receive word to report to Arlington. That's probably why he was so good at managing the ceremony at funerals for the American Legion Honor Guard.

[Rosemary, thank you for sharing this information. It is a great honor to be buried at Arlington and from knowing Jerry and his work at the College we can bear testimony that he is very worthy of this honor.]

Seize the day and take advantage of the opportunity to greet friends and associates at the first “First Friday” of the spring semester. Here is the announcement:

First Friday of February: This Week! Feb. 3

Stop by the Alumni House after work this Friday (4 to 6 pm) to enjoy an adult beverage and mingle with colleagues, community members, and friends of the College. Thanks to the Fannie Barrier Williams Scholarship Committee for sponsoring this event. Join in this lovely town-gown tradition. Encourage co-workers to come. Invite neighbors, too! We'll celebrate Fannie's
birthday, learn a bit more about this remarkable person in Brockport's heritage, and have the opportunity to support the scholarship honoring her memory. 58 Main will serve snacks and drinks. See you there!

contact: Marsha Rivers, Development Associate, mrivers@brockport.edu

Carpe diem,

Bud

February 7, 2017

Greetings,

I have more sad news to report today. Pat Powers Sommer and John Michaels have reported that Dr. Kazumi Nakano, former chair of the Mathematics/Computer Science Departments passed away Saturday, February 4th after a long illness.

I did not know Kazumi well, but I felt uplifted anytime that I encountered her and her cheerful greeting, and it was sad that she became reclusive soon after retiring. She contributed much to the life of the College before her retirement and was very supportive of the Advancement Office.

According to Pat, there are no immediate plans for a service.

Those with a desire to know more may contact Pat Powers Sommer, pepowers76@gmail.com or Nancy Harkin, nharkin@frontiernet.net.

Better news is the sharing of the following information:

Lifelong Learning Community Lecture Series

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Wednesday, February 15th
Check-in: 6-6:30, 6:30-8:30

“The Age of Love”
Screening & Discussion

Does the need for intimacy and our search for love change as we age? Posing this question to audiences across America, The Age of Love, an eye-opening documentary on speed dating for the 70+ set has touched a cultural nerve and spurred a social movement, bashing stereotypes and empowering single seniors to seek new companionship. View the trailer: theageoflovemovie.com

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Wednesday, March 8th
6:00-7:00 pm
“What Now? How Will the Results of the Recent Election Affect Us Economically?”

Presented by Richard Fenton, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Economics

The presentation will attempt to suggest the ways that economic policy might be modified over the next four years and what the effects of that modification might be on various subgroups and institutions in the economy.

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Wednesday, April 19th
6:00-7:00pm

“Latin America in a Time of Change”

Presented by Dr. Raymond Duncan, Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus, Department of Political Science & International Studies.

While Latin America does not command news headlines as does the Middle East or America’s weather patterns, momentous change south of the Rio Grande is nevertheless in play. This talk looks at a number of forces that may help us understand what has been happening lately in Latin America—in particular Mexico, Cuba, Panama, Brazil and Venezuela.

All sessions held in the McCue Auditorium, Liberal Arts Building The College at Brockport.

For more information about the series and/or to register visit: alumni.brockport.edu/learning, or contact The Division of Advancement at 585-395-2451

And, here is an event that will be of interest to the people on this distribution list that the snowbirds will wish they could attend:

Women in Business Association Hosts President Heidi Macpherson

Join us as President Heidi Macpherson discusses her own life journey as a woman in the professional world, the obstacles she has faced, as well as answering questions from students.

ALL are welcome!

Details:

Wednesday, February 8, 5:30-6:30pm, The New York Room, Cooper Hall

contact: Pam O’Keefe, Director, Center for Student Success, School of Business Administration & Economics

Carpe diem,
Greetings,

Kazumi Nakano was a special person and I thought I should share some of the tributes I received after advising you of her passing.

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Ah, Kazumi was a bright light in the Math Department. She was always uplifting and cheerful. I know that she struggled with health issues during the past 10 years. She and her family had a great love for "Mutsu" apples, (although we Americans had changed the name of this popular apple originating in Japan to its common name, Crispin.) We would send boxes of "Mutsu" apples to her relatives in the fall.

[Karen Watt]

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I just wanted to share that I took a Japanese language course from Kazumi and that she helped me interpret some Japanese on a piece of cookware I bought in Japan. She was such a gentle, nice person. I enjoyed her class.

[Rosemary Luzum]

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Sorry to hear this Bud. I knew her from my first years here, my wife and I lived in Presidents Village apartments, just down the block from her, and I got to know her a little then. She was a bright woman who was very kind and welcoming. An interesting tidbit about her is that she went to a small Christian college in Japan that had been started in the late 19th century by a woman who'd gone to Brockport Normal School!

[Charlie Cowling]

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Bud ... Sorry to hear about Kazumi. She was a friend and Presidents Village neighbor. She was also a dear and faithful friend for Bob Hall. In fact, she wrote a note to us when Bob died. In addition, she was a scholar and a daughter of an outstanding mathematician. She was a kind and gentle person. Kazumi was a steadying influence at an important time in the life of the department at the dawn of the computer science program.

[Charles Clevenger]

These tributes with the mention of Presidents Village, pondered me to wonder how many faculty and staff lived there when first arriving in Brockport. In exchanges with Charles Clevenger, he shared that in addition to Kazumi; Herb and Alicia Fink, Gary and Lori Skoog, Tom and Mary Callan, Martilu Puthoff, Bob Hall, The Tourniers (from Sociology) and Jacque Davis joined him there. Sandy and I can be added to the list as we lived above Martilu Puthoff and across from Terry and Gayle Hover during our second year in Brockport. As I recall, Charlie Welch, who
was Dean of Men when I arrived in 1967, was at least a part owner of Presidents Village. If memory serves me, he left the College to pursue a property ownership and management career within a year or so of my arrival. It would be interesting trivia to know how many others started their careers at Brockport in residence at Presidents Village.

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And, while we are on the subject of tributes, I want to share one more received for Paul Yu.

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He was a unique and rare person. So much so that I would venture to say that the odds of meeting two such persons in a lifetime would be astronomically low. Similar to you, my career has given me the opportunity to meet and interact with a great many talented and special people. He is at the top of my list. He was extremely intelligent, educated, and actually listened carefully to everyone he interacted with. He had the ability to understand deeply many complex situations and react with amazing speed and accuracy. I particularly enjoyed his speeches to incoming students. Instead of the usual parlance of we have a great college and we are all here to serve you, he actually spoke of things that would be critically important to students both in college and in life in general. He stressed the opportunity that they had and how they chose to apply themselves to taking in all college had to offer would shape their lives now and forever. I had many opportunities to observe him in meetings. He listened completely and quickly separated the wheat from the chaff. He was also not afraid of risk or to try new things. As Bursar, my proposal to him to change the formal definition of a registered student from one that has selected classes and paid a college bill to one who has selected classes and affirms responsibility for college expenses was received with interest and very specific questions that demonstrated a complete understanding of the implications of such a policy change. He understood the legal and financial implications as well as the potential for retaining qualified students the old definition let fall through the cracks for not meeting a deadline or having enough cash in place at a specific point in time. He was always cordial, polite, and a delight to converse with. He was one of a kind in today's world.

[Jim Vetuskey]

And, this prompts me to also share a message that was posted on the PORT on Brockport’s website by the Advancement Division recently that you may not have seen:

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The College community was deeply saddened by the passing of Paul Yu, who served as president of The College at Brockport from 1997 to 2004, back in December. Paul was known for having raised the academic profile of the College during his tenure, and for introducing, and guiding, mission review and strategic planning initiatives. His efforts gave rise to the Extraordinary Academic Scholarship program that proved instrumental in attracting top students to apply to the College. Paul's lasting impact on our institution will not be forgotten, thanks especially to the establishment of a scholarship in his name, initiated by his wife, Ellen. If you want to help perpetuate Paul's legacy of achieving new levels of excellence at the College, please visit alumni.brockport.edu/give to support his scholarship with an amount of your choosing. Be sure to enter “Dr. Paul Yu Extraordinary Academic Scholarship Fund” in the designation box.
You also have the option to submit a check made payable to the Brockport Foundation, including the scholarship name. Your generosity will support an incoming freshman who demonstrates academic excellence.

Following the newsletter reporting the death of Helen Lynch, the widow of the late James Lynch, I received the following note from David Hale:

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About Jim Lynch. In 1979-80 Jim and Helen were in Loughborough, England, where he was the director (or whatever) of the American students in the English and Drama program. We were there on a faculty exchange with the late Bill and Susan Overton. The Lynches lived a few blocks from us. They were both tennis players.

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And, I just learned of the recent passing of Noel Myers who once worked in the College Health Center. I knew her, just not well, at the time, and presume that others on the distribution list did as well so I share her obituary from Fowler Funeral Home’s website edited to remove obsolete information.

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Obituary of M. Myers
Myers, M. Noel

Brockport: January 25, 2017, age 92. Predeceased by her husband of 60 years, Raymond "Mickey" Myers; son, Terrence Myers; parents, William and Mae Connors; and brother, Bill Connors. Survived by her sons, Michael (Susan) and Richard; beloved granddaughter, Caitlin (Scott) Rudlosky, sisters-in-law, Patricia Myers and Joyce Connors; and many nieces and nephews.

Noel received her Nursing degree from Highland Hospital in 1945 and was a registered nurse at Lakeside Memorial Hospital, General Electric, and the SUNY Brockport Health Center during her 40+ year career. She was actively involved in many parish and community groups and organizations including the Catholic Daughters, Seymour Library, Brockport History Club, and Elderberry's and volunteered many hours at the Morgan-Manning House and Strong Museum. She was a lifelong doll collector and proud member of the Margaret Woodbury Strong Doll Study Club.

[Noel will be missed by family and friends and by the many organizations where she volunteered her services.]

Carpe diem,

Bud
Greetings,

I am pleased to share some additional touching tributes to the late Kazumi Nakano.

Dear Bud,

I was sorry to learn of Kazumi Nakano’s passing. I had the privilege of working closely with her when she was chair of the Mathematics and Computer Science Department. It was a difficult period of the college’s history since we seemed to be in a constant downsizing phase forcing us to be as creative as possible to survive while maintaining high-quality programs in the liberal arts and sciences. In short, we were becoming experts in subtraction. Kazumi always stood out at this time as a forceful advocate for her own department and was particularly concerned about nurturing the emergence of computer science as a new and important field of study. She performed admirably in this capacity and with grace and integrity. It was never her style to be aggressive or overbearing. When she first became ill, she sent me a note saying that she intended to regain her health through her own strength and will. Illness was a challenge for her and not something she intended to yield to for as long as possible. This inner strength was a mark of her character.

One of my fondest memories of Kazumi was when Kendra and I invited her to dinner to help us prepare various sushi dishes in the most authentic way possible. Bob Marcus and a friend also joined us for the occasion. I remember searching for fish markets in Rochester to find the freshest seafood possible, desperately wanting to avoid poisoning ourselves in the process. As I recall, one item was octopus, which turned out to be a highlight of the evening. However, at one point during dinner Kazumi turned to me and said, “You know you should never eat sushi inland”.

Today we live in New Hampshire overlooking a salt marsh and close to the sea. So, the next time we eat sushi, it will be in Kazumi’s honor -- the only way it should be eaten, as she would have it — by the sea.
[Bob Gemmett]

If it is not too late to add memories of Kazumi, I have a couple. She was so generous to her Math colleagues that when the college lacked travel funds, she would pay them out of her own pocket. Also, she was noted for being the fastest walker down Main Street. I would tease her by scolding her for exceeding the speed limit and she would always give me her lovely smile.
[Bill Andrews]

Bud,

I too was saddened by the news of Kazumi Nakano’s passing. I have many wonderful memories of Kazumi – she was a great person. She arrived at Brockport in the fall of 1970, a year before I arrived. She and I were the last two of the 9 new mathematicians hired in those two years. The
size of the department was doubled as the college converted from a teachers’ college to a comprehensive college, offering both BS and MA degrees in mathematics. Kazumi rose in rank very quickly because of her strong research record and excellent teaching abilities. She subsequently became Chair of the department and served in that capacity for 6 years.

She was an extremely friendly and generous person. She was very conscious of the families of all the mathematics faculty and those families became her extended family. She was very generous with cards and gifts for her enlarged family.

Her generosity extended to the college. During her 6 years as chair she directed her Chair’s stipend back to the department to be used for faculty travel. Even before she retired she set up the Interdisciplinary Scholarship in Mathematics. She continued to contribute to it and it is now endowed for over $100,000.

She was a beautiful woman who touched many faculty and students at the college. Many others and I will never forget her.

Sandy
[Dr. Sanford Miller]

I am greatly saddened also by the passing of Dr. Kazumi Nakano, and perhaps have a little different perspective on her career as I was one of her undergraduate students and graduate students quite early in her time at Brockport. As a teacher, she was not only kind and caring but extremely supportive in her relationships with students. She encouraged all to achieve to their fullest and offered extra help if needed, many times at odd hours to fit a student’s schedule. This was especially true for her graduate students who took evening classes and worked days, and I was one of those early in my career. When I became an adjunct in 1981, she was helpful to me in adjusting to the college classroom. My 30+ age children fondly remember her as department chair, where many times I was coming to my office on weekends to get office chores done. She was seemingly always there and was very interested in my growing family and was never too busy to talk to my kids. She made them feel like part of the Brockport family as well and my children and I will always remember her for that. She was, in my opinion, the consummate professional, a gifted teacher, and a truly fine person. All who knew her will never forget her.

[Barry Jones]

And, in an email on a different subject, Ken O’Brien added that: Yes, it was said news about Kazumi, who a thoughtful colleague for many years.

Emeriti Norm Frisch, community volunteer extraordinaire, shared the following information with me in response to the reference to the death of Noel Myers in a recent newsletter.

A 2013 interview with Noel [Connors] Myers with a dozen photos, some historic, can be found on the Brockport Community Museum website here:
http://www.brockportcommunitymuseum.org/interviews.html
Sue Savard and several others have done a great job in creating this website that posts interviews with significant residents of Brockport. Norm and many others support the work of the community museum and we are thankful for their efforts.

The list of faculty/staff who resided at President’s Village at some time has grown to include: Steve Buckley, Tom and Mary Kallen, Charles and Jeanne Clevenger, Jacquie Davis, Herb and Alicia Fink, Peter Galvani (1970-71), Joe and Ellen Gilbert (First Building for two years), Bob Hall, Terry and Gayle Hover, Bruce and Nancy Leslie, Raj and Bhim Madan (1965-67 when there were only 6-8 units), Bud and Sandy Meade (1969-70), Kazumi Nakano, Gary and Lori Skoog, Martilu Puthoff and the Tourniers (Sociology). Raj has confirmed that the late Charles Welch and Dick Booth were the owners of President’s Village when they lived there. I am betting that there are others that could be added to this list.

Sandy and I are especially grateful for our association with members of the Art Department throughout our years of connection with the College. Somehow, it all started when soon after our arrival in Brockport we were invited by Ambrose and Eileen Corcoran to an event at Stafford Country Club for a daughter. I knew Ambrose, who at the time was the Chair of the Art Department, through my work in placing College Work-Study Students in departments. But we were surprised, yet very honored, to receive the invitation. We enjoyed that evening and met several others from the department with whom we have been associated at different levels and different times at Brockport such as Bill and Bonnie Stewart, and a dear and special association with Jack and Gladys Wolsky. As a result of these associations we were added to mailing lists that have kept us informed about the activities of members of the art department and included invitations to opening receptions, among other events. We have always enjoyed being part of Brockport’s art scene in this manner even though we may be somewhat ignorant about art. In recent years, I have greatly enjoyed some soulful email exchanges with Jack Wolsky who has been kind enough to critique some of my photos, but, more important, has shared his “soul of the artist” with me and that encourages me to be a better person. And, maybe that is partly what makes our association with the Art Department so special. Artists apply deeper meaning to things they share in their work that challenges us to better relationships with others and with our natural surroundings. So, this is a long introduction, but I want to share that I was honored to receive a photograph of the “Old Gang,” of emeriti from the Art Department, and their spouses, taken at a January 19th Lunch Get-Together at the Memorial Art Gallery. The Gallery had to have felt blessed and honored to serve Gladys Wolsky, Robert Marx, Irma Pylyshenko, Jack Wolsky, Nancy Jurs, Richard Margolis, Mirko Pylyshenko, Francie Marx, Bonnie Stewart, Bill Stewart, and Jill Gussow that day. Wendell Castle and Albert Paley were unavailable else they too would have attended. It certainly was an awesome group and it is nice to see these very active emeriti continue the connections formed at the College. While I do not include attachments in newsletters, with Jack’s permission I will post the photo on the emeriti website when I get a chance in mid-March and share the link with you at that time. 

Sorry to add more to your inbox this soon, but the additional heartfelt tributes to Kazumi need to be shared now since they serve to refresh our memories as we celebrate her life and remember how she impacted ours. And the photo from Jack of the “Old Gang” inspired me to write the tribute to the Art Department and Jack Wolsky.
Carpe diem,

Bud

February 17, 2017

Pat Powers advised me that a memorial service for Kazumi Nakano has been arranged to take place Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 3:00 pm at the Alumni House. Furthermore, she advised that:

An obituary for Kazumi will appear in the paper (Rochester D&C) tomorrow and/or on Sunday, and

Anyone wishing, can donate in her name to the Brockport Foundation Interdisciplinary Award in Mathematics.

[Thanks to Pat for sharing this information.]

February 24, 2017

Greetings,

When I opened my email on Wednesday, I found in an email from Kendra Gemmett, the very sad news that Shona Perry, widow of the late John Perry, had died. Others, including Pat Coates and Jim Horn, later reported that Shona’s sons had posted information on her Facebook page about her death and that, as of today, the arrangements were posted there as well. Kendra reported that Shona had died in New York City, and that it may have been at Memorial Sloan Kettering where she had been treated for leukemia for several years, and had had an unsuccessful bone marrow transplant. Kendra further reminded us that Shona had moved to Glen Rock, New Jersey after John’s death to be close to her middle son, Torquil and that she died just short of her 74th birthday after, according to her sons, having made a brave decision regarding treatments and quality of life just three weeks ago.

Shona, John and their boys were significant ingredients in the social fabric of the Greater Rochester area, the Brockport Community, and the College from 1969 until John’s untimely death in 2006. It was always a joyful experience to encounter them in gatherings, or just at places like Wegmans, because they were always willing to engage in stimulating conversation and share their enthusiasm for life. That makes it especially sad that they both have had their lives cut short by disease.

According to the boys’ posting on Shona’s Facebook page, the family has made arrangements for Shona’s funeral so that out-of-town folks will have time to get in. The memorial will be on Saturday, March 4th, 2-4 PM, at Vander Platt Funeral Home, 257 Godwin Avenue, Wyckoff, NJ 07481 (www.vpfh.com) where you can find her obituary that follows:
Obituary of Shona Perry

Perry, Shona N. S., age 73 of Glen Rock died peacefully on Wednesday, February 22, 2017. She was born in Strathpeffer, Scotland, where she resided until immigrating to the United States in 1969. Shona and her husband, John settled in Brockport, NY where they remained until the death of her husband, Dr. John J. Perry in 2006. She then relocated to Glen Rock, NJ, where she lived until her passing. Shona is survived by her three sons: Tristam Perry and his wife, Maria of Nepal, Torq Perry and his wife, Kim of Wayne, and Timon Perry and his wife Michelle of Manhattan, NY. Also, surviving to carry on Shona’s legacy, are her four grandchildren: Sydney, Cole, Finley and Easton Perry. The family will receive friends on Saturday, March 4, 2017 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at the Vander Plaat Funeral Home, www.vpfh.com, 257 Godwin Ave. Wyckoff, NJ 07481. As an expression of sympathy, in lieu of flowers, contributions in Shona’s memory may be made to The Scottish Terrier Club of Greater New York, www.stcgny.org

[We send our condolences to Tristram, Torquil, and Timon and their family’s friends as they mourn their loss and celebrate Shona’s life.]

Jill Campbell has been “snowbirding”, but wanted to share her tribute to Kazumi that follows.

Thank you, Bud. I'm in Florida and am disappointed that I will miss Kazumi's memorial service. She was an extraordinary woman and very kind. I remember one time when my children were attending Nativity School and had a fund-raiser selling linen calendar towels. She purchased a lot of them saying they were perfect gifts for mailing to family. My children were very happy to accommodate her afterwards for several years when she would ask if there were any calendar towels for sale. Kazumi was always upbeat and I enjoyed talking with her on all too-infrequent occasions.

Jill F. Campbell

The College wishes to share the following announcement:

Please join together for the March First Friday, sponsored by the COSAC Committee

Friday, March 3, 2017, 3:30 to 5:30 pm at Alumni House for a:

wine and cheese pairing,

an afternoon of jazz led by our very own Gian Carlo Cervone,
and a Salvatore’s Diamond Package Raffle.

Ticket prices for the dinner and overnight raffle are:
1 for $1
4 for $3
14 for $10

All proceeds benefit the COSAC Scholarship. Members of the College Office Support Advisory Committee (COSAC) have created a scholarship specifically for a dependent of a COSAC member.

Visit alumni.brockport.edu/fscampaign to extend your generosity to this great cause.

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And, this, just in from Lori Skoog, is an announcement of a timely event for getting rid of the winter blues and welcoming spring.

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Jimmy Foote’s Brockport Buskers will present a free concert at the Lodge on the Canal, 133 State Street from 1:30-2:30 pm on Sunday, March 19, 2017.

Regular jam sessions will also be held at the same location from 1-3pm April 23rd, May 21st and June 25th.

Would you like to jam with us? Singing, playing or just listening!
[Lori Skoog]

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Carpe diem,

Bud

March 22, 2017

Greetings,

Thanks to Carl Ekstrom, former Lecturer in the Department of Political Science, we have learned of the passing of Walker Connor, a former Professor of Political Science from the 1970s who went on to distinguish himself even more after leaving Brockport because his expertise was in such demand elsewhere. I remember meeting Walker and even discussing his departure from the College with him. I seem to recall though that during his time at Brockport he was often on leave because of the prestigious activities in which he was engaged at the time. Yet, his sharing of his time and his credentials at Brockport contributed to the formation of a very scholarly and distinguished political science department in the early years of the Brown administration. In my fading memory, I also recall the mention of his name in a book, I believe, “Surgeon Under the
Knife”, written by an author who was an associate/friend of Walker’s in the early days of heart bypass surgery. Walker’s obituary also identifies him as another Brockport veteran who can be added to the veterans’ project and I hope to be able to get some additional information about his service from family members for his story. We thank Carl Ekstrom for letting us know about Walker’s passing. Following is his obituary from [The Republican of Springfield, MA].

Dr. Walker F. Connor, of Belmont, Vermont and retired Distinguished Visiting Professor at Middlebury College, passed away on February 28, 2017 at the age of 90. Dr. Connor was born in South Hadley, Massachusetts in 1926 to Daniel J. and Mary Jane (Walker) Connor. In 1944, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in the South Pacific during World War II. Upon completion of his service he returned to Massachusetts and later graduated from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. He continued his education at Georgetown University, obtaining a Master’s Degree and Doctorate in Political Science in 1961.

Upon graduating, he began his career of teaching and the pursuit of scholarship in the field of Political Science. Starting as a faculty member of Nasson College (Springvale, ME), he subsequently taught at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, SUNY-Brockport, Trinity College (CT), and Middlebury College. Additionally, Professor Connor was appointed to the faculty of Oxford University, Salzburg University, Cambridge University, the London School of Economics, Central European University, and Dartmouth College among other institutions.

Additional prestigious appointments included Scholar-in-Residence at the National Foreign Assessment Center; Senior Fulbright Lecturer, Institute of Political Science (Warsaw); and a Fellowship at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

Professor Connor is considered one of the founders of the interdisciplinary study of nationalism. From his earliest work, he attempted to improve understanding and establish conceptual consistency in the field. In doing so, he urged fellow scholars to avoid loose terms and concepts.

He enjoyed his relationships with his many colleagues around the world and sharing in the development of a better understanding of the movements toward ethnic self-determination. He continued these efforts until his passing. He was an especially good and humorous correspondent and reference letter-writer for young and older scholars.

Professor Connor published numerous pioneering and still-cited journal articles and two major books and served on the Board of Editors for numerous publications He was named Distinguished American Humanist (1991) by the University of Nevada and Distinguished American of Political Science by the University of Vermont.

Professor Connor married Mary Lyon Connor in 1951. Walker and Mary collaborated in his research and writings until she became ill and he became her caregiver. Mrs. Connor passed away in 2014. He is survived by his three children: Peter (and Marlene) Connor of Holyoke, MA, Professor Joan Connor of Holyoke, OH, and Daniel (and Nancy) Connor of Mount Holly, VT. He is also survived by his grandson, Nils Walker Wessell of Brooklyn, NY; his sister Dorothea Barry of South Hadley MA and numerous nieces and nephews and their children. He was predeceased by his sister, Eileen Paxton of OH.
Throughout his life, he pursued other interests as fervently as his chosen field of study. He was passionate about antiques, art, and jazz. In his final years, he enjoyed his mountain retreat in Vermont; UConn women’s basketball; his friendship with his son, Dan and daughter-in-law, Nancy and especially visits from his grandson.

His family has announced that Professor Connor and his wife’s lives will be celebrated in Vermont sometime this summer.

In his honor, it is suggested that donations be made to Doctors Without Borders.

[We send our condolences to the family and friends of Walker F. Connor for their loss.]

On Monday, March 13th, I had a chance encounter with Dona Hazen at the Post Office and learned that she and Craig had suffered severe damage to their home and a vehicle during the wind storm. A tree came down and struck a vehicle and their family room. It could have been much worse as Dona was standing in the family room looking out the window at the storm a short time before the tree entered the room. We, and they, are thankful that it was only property damage and our thoughts are with them as they pursue the restoration of their home.

For anyone planning a trip to Cuernavaca, Mexico, Jim Horn has announced that he has revised his Guidebook to Cuernavaca and it went online at Amazon.com in February. He advises that it is not aimed at expats who already know the city, but for their visitors or first time travelers here. Per Jim, for the price of a margarita, you will find 121 pages of practical details [likely including where you can find a margarita to drink while reading it]. He is sorry there is only the e-book edition.

In February, I received a surprise package in the mail from Susan Jones, former Associate Registrar at Brockport. In a card that accompanied the package, she advised that in cleaning out closets in preparation for a move she had found some old Faculty/Staff Directories from her time at Brockport. She went on to say that, while considering a shredder, it occurred to her that “the one person on earth who might find them interesting” would be me. I, of course had to respond as follows:

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What a surprise! The mail yesterday brought your priority mail package. It really perked my curiosity and presented a pleasant surprise when I opened it. While I am not sure how “dull” I must be for someone to pick me out as the one person on earth who might find old Faculty and Staff Directories from The College at Brockport interesting, I, of course, do! I used to have a full set of the directories for my years at Brockport but some time ago, I decided to pass them on to the archives at the College. But, I appreciate it that you shared these with me and I have skimmed them, and they bring back very fond memories, as does your note. I will enjoy them for a while but probably I will then have them join the rest of the collection in the College’s archives. Thanks again for distinguishing me as a unique person...only one on earth is quite an honor!

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[Susan, thanks for the nice surprise and our recent reconnect.]

In response to the newsletter containing information about the death of Shona Perry I received the following note from Ed Kelley, former Assistant to the President for presidents Brown and Van de Wetering:

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Hi Bud,

Very sad to hear of the passing of Shona Perry. When I first moved to Brockport John and Shona were just leaving for a year to England and we rented their wonderful house on Canal road which they had designed and built. It was a wonderful residence... right on the canal. I worked with John on any number of legal issues arising from our International programs and at least one very interesting lawsuit. John was always a delight to work with even as we worked our way through problems. I can hardly think of a time when I ran into him that he wasn't smiling. A wonderful couple, and I suspect heaven is a more pleasant place with the two of them in residence.

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[Ed Kelly. Former Assistant to the President for presidents Brown and Van de Wetering]

In a subsequent email, Ed mentioned that he missed all the folks he met through his work at Brockport, particularly all the SUNY-wide Human Resource Professionals. He also advised me that he is going to Poland at the end of March to serve as judge and keynote speaker at an International Mediation Tournament and then spending some time in Lithuania. He had a Fulbright there in 2015 and loves the Baltics.

[It is always nice to hear back from former employees who ended up pursuing their careers elsewhere. We are happy for Ed’s success at Eastern Tennessee State University.]

I have been working with Norm Frisch who thought that it might be a good idea to give the veterans’ project a home on the website of the Brockport Community Museum. I agreed with him and, although I will continue to add and update the listing on the project development page at: http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/BKPT_VETS.htm for as long as my old computer and software will allow, you may also find the information at: http://www.brockportcommunitymuseum.org/military.html, which may ultimately become the singular permanent home for the content.

[I am thankful for Norm’s interest in, and support of, the veterans’ project.]

And, since I know that some of you enjoy being part of Commencement each year, I am sharing the following invite from the Commencement Committee:

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Good Morning, Bud --

It's that time of year again when we're looking for volunteers for commencement and I hope you're still our contact for reaching our Emeriti. The following is an e-mail you can copy and send to our Brockport Emeriti:

Dear College at Brockport Emeriti,

On behalf of the College’s Commencement Committee, I would like to invite you to volunteer for a Commencement ceremony. Becoming a member of the team that makes it all happen will give you an opportunity to continue your contributions to student success, reconnect with your former colleagues, and celebrate with the campus community as we deliver the College’s capstone events.

There are many different jobs available, and on the sign-up form we have included an estimated shift time for each. You can volunteer for as many ceremonies as you’d like.

Graduate Ceremony
Fri., May 12
3:30-7 pm
SERC
Reception follows in the SERC

Undergraduate Morning Ceremony
Sat., May 13
approx. 7 am – 12:30 pm
SERC
School of Health and Human Performance and the School of Science and Mathematics
Reception follows in Tuttle North Gyms 205/206

Undergraduate Afternoon Ceremony
Sat., May 13
approx. noon – 4:30 pm
SERC
Schools of The Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; Business Administration and Economics; and Education and Human Services
Reception follows in Tuttle North Gyms 205/206

If you would like to volunteer, please visit www.brockport.edu/commencement/volunteer to complete the sign-up form by May 5. If you sign up to volunteer, please plan to attend a training session on Thursday, May 11 from 11:15 am-12:15 pm in the SERC Field House.

As a small token of appreciation, a buffet-style “thank you” lunch will be available on Saturday from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm in the Tuttle South Gymnasium.
For more information, please visit http://www.brockport.edu/commencement or contact the Office of Conferences and Events at 395-5648 or at commencement@brockport.edu.

Sincerely,

Lynda Sikorski
Volunteer Coordinator, on behalf of the Commencement Committee

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And, because I know some of you knew Joseph Pascale, brother of Ralph Pascale who served The College at Brockport for many years, and was himself an emeritus Student Affairs professional at SUNY Oneonta, I am sharing his obituary with you. While I did not know Joseph personally, I know of him and of his good reputation at SUNY Oneonta. We send our condolences to Ralph and Joe’s family and friends.

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MIAMI BEACH, Fla. - Dr. Joseph "Joe" Pascale, 85, of Miami Beach, Florida and Reston, Virginia, formerly of Oneonta, died Feb. 1, 2017, in Florida, surrounded by his loving family. His wife of 57 years is the former Alice Kuchukian.

Joe was born Aug. 15, 1931, to Ralph and Dora Pascale in Rochester. He graduated from SUNY Brockport in 1953 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He was co-captain of the soccer team. He received degrees of Master of Science and Doctor of Education from SUNY Albany. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War from 1954 to 1956.

Joe taught math and science in Rochester and was guidance counselor at Bellport High School in Long Island, where he met his wife, Alice. He was Dean of Students, Director of Counseling and Director of the Health Center at SUNY Oneonta. He was an active member of the American College Personnel Association, serving two terms as president. He helped form and served as adviser to the Oneonta chapter of the service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega.

Joe was proud to have been a co-founder of the Oneonta youth soccer program which thrives to this day. He loved to play tennis and to sail. He was a lover of nature which he shared with his children and grandchildren.

In retirement Joe and Alice traveled the world extensively including many trips with their friends from SUNY Oneonta.

Joe loved attending concerts at the New World Symphony and lectures at the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science.
Joe was a voracious reader of history who was content reading the New York Times in his yard on Biscayne Bay while listening to Classical music or Jazz.

In addition to his wife, Alice, Joe is survived by his son, Gregory and wife, Maurita of Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania; daughter, Alison and husband, Thomas McNulty of Arlington, Virginia; son, Kevin and wife, Cathy of Baltimore, Maryland; son, Brian and wife, Mary of Adelphi, Maryland; grandchildren, Kelly, Robert, Daniel, Alison, Gregory and Emily Pascale, Kalyn and Ryan McNulty, Julia and Kyle Pascale; brothers, Ralph and Robert Pascale; and sister, Carol Baird.

A memorial honoring Joe's life will be held June 10, at The Lake House in Reston, Virginia.

For more information, contact Gregory Pascale at greg@needlelawfirm.com. Memorial contributions may be made to the Coral Reef Futures Lab, University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science, 4600 Rickenbacker Causeway, Miami FL 33149-1031 Attn: Cara Mathison.

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Carpe diem,

Bud

March 30, 2017

Greetings,

The following invitation was recently received from Jamie Beers Wilson, Director of Giving. If you plan to attend and have not yet registered, please note you must do so by Monday, April 3rd.

The Friends of Drake Memorial Library cordially invite you to:

A Literary Feast featuring Jane Austen, Edgar Allan Poe, Mother Goose, Oliver Twist, Susan B. Anthony and more…

Saturday, April 8, 2017
6 – 9 pm
Drake Memorial Library

Cocktail reception: 6 pm, Queen Room
Literary re-enactments: 6:45 pm, departing from the Queen Room
Dinner: 7:30 pm, Quiet Study Room

$50 per person or $75 per couple
(Cost includes guaranteed amusement, great food, and a gift to the Friends of Drake Memorial Library.)

Register above by Monday, April 3, 2017.

For more information, contact Jamie Beers Wilson
(585) 395-2380.
jbeers@brockport.edu

And this note was received recently from Dave Kendall, Associate Professor Emeritus, Counselor Education (1970-1998). I’ll let his note speak for itself.

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Hi Bud,

Just thought I’d let retirees, friends, and former colleagues in the Brockport area know of my upcoming talk on campus about my book “When Descendants Become Ancestors: The Flip Side of Genealogy” as part of the “Mornings with the Professors” program on April 25th.

After two winter tours of the south promoting my message, Cynie and I decided this winter to relax in a resort in New Bern, NC. On the way back north to our home in the Thousand Islands, I will be making a presentation to the Central Jersey Genealogical Club on April 11th at the Hamilton Township Public Library (near Trenton). Anyone reading this who might live in that area is heartily invited to attend.

Dave Kendall

For more information or to register, please contact Marsha Rivers at (585) 395-5113 or mrivers@brockport.edu.

Please note the following about the location and sponsors of First Friday on April 7th

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First Friday
Date: April 7, 2017
Time: 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM
First Friday at Morgan Manning House - Sponsored by Herb and Alicia Fink

Carpe diem,

Bud
April 10, 2017

Greetings,

I recently learned from Jacquie Davis of the death of Bill Moulton, the former (Assistant Professor) Music for Dance Specialist in the Dance Department (1979-1996). She then shared the following note she had received from Bill’s wife Roz:

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It grieves me to share the news of the death of my beloved husband Bill. He struggled to overcome cancer these past many months and passed away at home peacefully on Wednesday, March 29, shortly after midnight.

During the four days prior to his death, Bill was at home under hospice care surrounded by his family and friends. He lived his last days the same as he always did—with grace, humor, strength, and consideration and love for others.

New York University-Tisch is arranging a celebration of Bill's life on Thursday, April 20, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Bill had been Associate Arts Professor at Tisch Dance since 1995. You are encouraged and welcome to attend. Kindly email Dariah Kendus at dk2@nyu.edu for further details.

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I knew of Bill when he was at the College but I regret that my memory does not produce anything from personal encounters with him to include. But, I am pleased to share the following information received from Jacquie:

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Bill was an exceptional musician whose beautiful playing was as important in every dance technique class as the dancing itself. He developed his own methods of teaching Music for Dancers and was considered one of the very best internationally in a specialized field. He was a passionate artist and teacher with high energy and great enthusiasm for music, dance, and tennis, his other love.
Jacqueline Davis, Professor Emerita, Department of Dance

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I was pleased to receive a nice note from John Halsey (London Program) in response to an email I sent to a targeted interest group recently.

Among other things he relayed that for Val and him, their time at Brockport, and years working on the College’s London Programs, remain central in their lives. He and Val are thankful for the people they met who welcomed them to Brockport and became friends for life, with special mention of Ed and the late Johnnie Lehman who initially welcomed them, John and Joan Kramer (John Kramer was the chair of Sociology who recruited him), the late Kempes, and Ann Schnell who spent two years working in the London Program, and Del and Jeanette Smith whose home they occupied during their first year in Brockport while Del and Jeanette were in England. John
and Val were pleased to have been able to spend some time with Del and Jeanette in Florida recently and during their visit they were able to see the Kramers and to enjoy a conversation with Ann by phone.

The other good news is that John and Val report that life continues to treat them well in London and that they are very lucky that both their sons and their families live near them. They are pleased that for them there is no shortage of pleasures in retirement: family, music, theatre, politics, football and beer, not necessarily in that order!

And, I am sorry this is late but, emeritus Bill Heyen is doing a poetry reading at 4 pm today in Lake Auditorium in Smith Hall on the Roberts Wesleyan College campus, 2301 Westside Drive, Chili as part of the celebration of National Poetry Month. The event is open to the public and free.

Carpe diem,

Bud

April 17, 2017

Greetings,

Rosie Rich’s Lifelong Learning Community Lecture “Beirut 1967…24 Hours to Flee” is now available on Digital Commons at Brockport along with the full text of her book, “Crossing Boundaries: Beirut and Beyond, Remembering 1964-1968. Here is where you will find them:

Links:

Lecture:  http://digitalcommons.brockport.edu/lifelong_learning/1
Book: http://digitalcommons.brockport.edu/bookshelf/134

Rosie Rich’s lecture and book are about the challenges she faced while establishing the first Health and Physical Education Program for Women at the American University of Beirut. During the 1967 Six Day Arab/Israeli War, Rosie was the only female on the Committee to plan the successful 24-hour evacuation of the 5000 Americans living in Beirut. Rosie La Sorte Rich is a former College at Brockport Assistant Professor of Health & Physical Education (1958-1964) who continues to make significant contributions to enhance the living-learning environment in Brockport.

Contact Kim Myers, kmyers@brockport.edu if your department or organization has captured similar examples of scholarship that you would like to preserve for the future in the Brockport digital repository.

[And, please be reminded to check with Charlie Cowling, College Archivist, before disposing of any documents, photographs, memorabilia, etc. pertaining to the College that you may have in your possession to determine if they are appropriate for preservation in the archives.]
Ray Duncan recently had a fun time reminiscing about his memoir, *Never Agitate an Alligator*, with senior citizens in Windermere, Florida, one of the places he lived while growing up. He was invited to talk, and hosted, by his best childhood friend, John Mills Nabers, who lives on Lake Bessie where he and Ray fished and swam together many years ago. About 60 people were present to hear Ray talk about some of his childhood stories at the Town’s Community Center, the same meeting place that was there when Ray lived in Windermere for 5th and 6th grades. Across the street still stands the two-room school house where some of the groundwork for the creation of a “Global” Political Scientist and Distinguished Professor occurred.

During the visit, Ray and John had an opportunity to revive, and relive, some childhood memories as they reeled in several large-mouth bass from the lake.

[Thanks to Ray for sharing. While we will never know the impact Ray’s childhood experiences had on his life, we would not recommend getting knocked out by falling out of tree houses or by crashing into trees on a cable sling, to anyone looking for a way to emulate his success. The following quote is lifted from his memoir.

“In less than two seconds I smacked into the tree trunk with full force and got knocked out cold.

That was the fourth time I’d been knocked out cold in a short span of time: twice out of the Opa Locke tree house, once out of another pine tree in Opa Locke, and back in California when I fell out of a bunch of grape vines on top of the garage. Basically, I fell out of trees. Friends told me later that these knockouts explained a lot.” {Loc 426, “Never Agitate and Alligator”}

And, if you can make it, emeritus Ray is hoping to “knock you out,” or at least, “knock your socks off” with his talk “Latin America in a Time of Change” in the McCue Auditorium, Liberal Arts Building at 6 pm, April 19th.

His talk is certain to be informative and I am sure he will be pleased to see emeriti friends and associates in the audience.

“Latin America in a Time of Change”

*Presented by Dr. Raymond Duncan, Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus, Department of Political Science & International Studies*

While Latin America does not command news headlines as does the Middle East or America’s weather patterns, momentous change south of the Rio Grande is nevertheless in play. Today’s talk looks at forces that may help us understand what has been happening lately in Latin America--in particular, Mexico, Cuba, Panama, Brazil and Venezuela. {Daily Eagle}

You are reminded that you can join college and community members from 4-6 on May 5th at the Alumni House for the last “First Friday” event of the current academic year. Also, do not forget to check out the Dailey Eagle at: [https://www.brockport.edu/daily_eagle/] often to learn about
events at the college such as “Pancakes with Presidents” scheduled for April 22\textsuperscript{nd}, among many others.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

April 18, 2017

Greetings,

Those of us who began or extended careers by becoming employed by the College at Brockport during the period from 1965 to 1981, are sad to learn of the passing of Albert W. Brown, the president at the time who in his early years led the College in its transformation from a Teachers’ College to a College of Arts and Sciences. Albert passed early in the evening on Monday, April 17, 2017 while under Hospice Care at Heritage Village Health Care in Gerry, New York. He was a great asset of the State University of New York and the College at Brockport while serving as President at the College and he continued to stay in touch and provide support and his visions through contacts with people at the College, including recently Past-President John Halstead, President Heidi Macpherson, Past-Vice President Roxanne Johnston, Vice President Mike Andriatch along with Emerita Associate Professor Jeanette D’Agostino, right up until shortly before his death.

Under Dr. Brown’s leadership, the groundwork was set for a period of unprecedented growth with new buildings, new curriculum, new departments and divisions, new organizational structures and a new mission. As a visionary, he was before his time in efforts to create diversity among the faculty and staff and the student body as he sincerely believed that the role of the public college was to serve all. It was particularly exhilarating to serve at Brockport under his leadership from 1965 through about 1975 when resources and growth in enrollment provided him the opportunity to shine. However, some tarnish occurred in the mid-1970s when this visionary had to readjust his dreams as he was faced with on-going budget shortfalls, and declining enrollments. But, because of his leadership the College did not just survive, but thrived, during this period, and the work that he led, and the people he had brought to the table, laid the foundation for the continuing success of The College at Brockport.

While all who were at the College during this period would have their own stories to tell, here are a couple of mine:

Dr. Brown very much wanted to provide equal opportunity for obtaining a college education and therefore was very much interested in the role of the Student Financial Aid Office in providing aid to those disadvantaged by financial need. So, he even involved himself in my interview for the low-level job of Counselor in Financial Aid. Before I arrived, some new federal aid programs, National Defense Student Loans, Educational Opportunity Grants and the College Work-Study Program were already in place, and, because Dick Alexander, the Director of Financial Aid at the time, knew Dr. Brown’s mission, he had requested the maximum amounts possible when submitting applications for federal funds to support the grants and the work-study
program. That proved wise when the College began the Educational Opportunity Program and could support 80 disadvantaged students in its first year if my memory serves me. Of course, Dick’s insights for seeking funding for these new programs when lots of money was available provided benchmarks for future applications for funds that made Brockport a top recipient of funds among similar campuses.

Dr. Brown also wanted diversity in the College’s faculty and staff and challenged all departments with recruitment goals, I believe even before legislation was passed requiring Affirmative Action Programs for agencies receiving federal funds. The Personnel Office was challenged to provide diversity in the classified service support staff area, including positions filled through competitive examinations. The late Roger Knapp, Supervisor of Custodial Services at the time, had significant success by reaching out to Lee Harris, the pastor of a church on Redman Road for referrals. Some less significant success was achieved by reaching out to the Urban League of Rochester and Action for a Better Community to have them encourage people in their secretarial training programs to take the entry level NYS Civil Service examinations.

I believe one of the hallmarks of Dr. Brown’s legacy is his commitment to equal opportunity and the College was very successful in creating a more diverse community but the budget decline that led to retrenchment and very few new positions beginning about 1974 were obstacles in the completion of this and other parts of his vision.

For more information about “The Brown Years,” go to:
http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/awb_years_1.htm

Make sure to scroll down at this link to read the “Thanks to Al and Marge for the Memories.” You might also like to reflect on the list of names of faculty/staff from the Brown Years at:
http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/memory_jolt_names.htm
And, you can find the 2004 formal proposal for the naming of the Albert W. Brown Building that summarizes his contributions at: http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/proposal.htm

You can also find his interesting WWII military story to learn a little more about his pre-Brockport life at:
http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/Brown_Albert_war_story.pdf Just last Monday, Dr. Brown had his aid email me two photos of himself in uniform that have been added to his story.

We are pleased that Dr. Brown was blessed with longevity and an exceptionally sharp mind right to the end. Many of us had the good fortune to remain connected to him for the 36 years that he has lived since his retirement in 1981. If interested, you can find some photos of Dr. Brown with people from Brockport at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IcPJPPokx5w
Al, you asked many of us who might have chosen to leave at different times, “what can you do elsewhere that you can’t do at Brockport?” You allowed and encouraged us to expand beyond our assigned jobs to enrich/enhance our careers, and we are grateful for both the opportunities the College provided us under your leadership and those you allowed us to pursue. Thanks for the memories!

From all of us, we are indebted to you for your significant contributions on behalf of all whose lives have been enriched by you and their association with The College at Brockport during and since your presidency. Rest in peace!

Bud

PS. Information on a memorial service will be forthcoming, but it is anticipated the family will host it in early summer in the Jamestown area. Memorial gifts can be made to the Albert W. and Marjorie H. Brown Scholarship through the Brockport Foundation (The College at Brockport, 350 New Campus Drive, Brockport, NY 14420) or St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 410 North Main Street, Jamestown, NY 14701.

April 22, 2017

Greetings,

Following is information about arrangements for the memorial and celebration of Al Brown’s life as well as some tributes that have been shared with me.

The memorial service for Albert W. Brown has been scheduled at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 410 North Main Street, Jamestown, New York 14701 for 10:00 am on Friday, June 30th.

And the tributes:

This is particularly tough to write, Bud, especially since you, Mike and I were to visit Al personally just last Friday. Even though the trip did not eventuate, Al conveyed his gratitude for our expressions of care over the past several weeks. He was so humble and unselfish to the end.

Although my service to the College and connection to President Brown occurred later than you and his original colleagues, our friendship ran deep. Yes, it included president-to-president monthly phone calls and emails; yet, it was much more. It was an enduring personal friendship and insightful conversations regarding topics from SUNY to our mutual love of lake living. His wisdom and vision were remarkable as was his grasp of historical and future trends in higher education. His humor and warmth were contagious! All of these qualities were consistently evident whether it was during our dedication of the Albert W. Brown Building, his presence at the grand opening of SERC where I attributed the growth and development of campus to his vision of "going across the tracks" and "tossing some dirt" or our yearly visits to Bemus Point on Lake Chautauqua.
College presidents all endure state and national politics, budget cuts, enrollment challenges and the ebb and flow of lively campus activism and important issues. But Al rose above those, kept his perspective and personal approach to campus constituents, and vividly saw the future. All while maintaining his mantra: "Brockport as Brockport" and not emulating any other campus. His was true leadership setting the foundation and the bar high for all of us who follow. He will always leave his indelible mark on our campus. But most of all, I will miss him as a dear friend, mentor and caring human being.

[John R. Halstead, PhD]

==> Sorry to learn of Al Brown's death. It is worth noting that Dr. Brown's unstinting support was critical in the launching of the Brockport Washington Program now in its 49th year.
[Mike Weaver]

==> Yes, thanks for the memories. He was such a great friend.
[Sue Virgilio]

==> Bud,
I am sorry to hear of Al Brown's passing. He was a real mentor to me when I first came to Brockport as his Assistant for Faculty Staff Relations, and I so much enjoyed his company and advice. I remember my first New Years at Brockport when he and Marge invited Joyce and me over to their house, and made us feel so welcome. Al had a terrific sense of humor and I have wonderful memories of joking with him (and you and Joe Lawrence and the whole crew). He was a very effective president who leaves a very significant legacy at Brockport, as well as a plethora of friends who will miss him. I'm sure he and Ralph Gennarino have begun their tree farm project in heaven.
[Edward J. Kelly]

==> Bud-Al brown was surely wonderful to both of us-- how fortunate we were to be at Brockport during his special years----
[Ellen and Joe Gilbert]

==> Thank you for the report on Al Brown's passing. Fortunately, I was able to get in touch with him when I needed his approval of my publishing a particularly laudatory endorsement of my abilities in my forthcoming autobiography "A Dream, Shadows and Fulfillment”. Xlibris 2017. Thank you for your reports.
[Henry L Bretton.]

[I have placed my newsletter about Al Brown’s passing on the Emeriti Website with a couple of photos from a visit to him on November 1st last year to help him celebrate his 95th birthday plus a
photo from a June 2016 gathering. If interested, you can view them at:
http://www.itss.brockport.edu/~rmeade/your_news.htm

In a subsequent email exchange with Henry Bretton, I learned that his autobiography (see above) should be ready for sale at the Xlibris Online Bookstore in about a week or less and that is will be available in both hard and soft covers and E/book form.

Fresh from the Daily Eagle

The College is pleased to announce the 2017 Chancellor's Award winners. Please offer your congratulations to the following recipients:

Dr. Alexander Lyon, Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching
Dr. Jessica Sniatecki, Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching
Dr. Jie Zhang, Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching
Dr. Christopher Norment, Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activity
Dr. Karen Logsdon, Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service
Ms. Kim Myers, Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service
Mr. Charlie Cowling, Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship
Previously announced were the 2017 Chancellor's Award winners for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching, Ms. Helen Cheves and Ms. Mary Jo Iuppa.
All Chancellor's Award winners will be honored at the annual Employee Recognition Dinner on May 18

[This list certainly is a reminder for me that I have been retired for nearly 17 years as there are only two names on this list that I know. But, while I congratulate all awardees, and I am sure they are all very deserving, I send special congratulations to Christopher Norment and to Charlie Cowling with whom I have had the pleasure of working. Chris and I were both members of the Faculty Roles and Rewards Committee created by the late President Paul Yu and that, in my opinion, was one of the most enjoyable and productive committee-experiences I had at Brockport. And, in recent years I have enjoyed supporting the work of Charlie who is doing an excellent job preserving our legacies as the archivist for the College.]

In conclusion, the information in Henry Bretton’s note about his autobiography, reminded me of the following announcement:

Retirees, friends, and former colleagues in the Brockport area may want to take the opportunity to attend emeritus Dave Kendall’s upcoming talk on campus about his book “When Descendants Become Ancestors: The Flip Side of Genealogy” which will be presented as part of the “Mornings with the Professors” program on April 25th.

For more information and to make sure it is not too late to register, contact Marsha Rivers at (585) 395-5113 or mrivers@brockport.edu.

Carpe diem,
April 27, 2017

Greetings,

I have received several additional tributes to Al Brown to share with you:

Hello Bud. I feel compelled to express some feelings and thoughts on Al's passing.

I feel so fortunate to have known President Brown via my work on the Stylus and Student Government. Al was a man in full. A master at work and life. With a keen mind and a cutting wit, he was both challenging and embracing to me as a student. On the one hand I was charged to analyze and give feedback on campus matters, on the other hand he became a mentor and friend.

Little did I know as a young boy/man that 45 years later that Al Brown would continue to loom large in my mind despite the numerous other people of note and power and success I have known.

Jeanette D’Agostino Banker was President of the Faculty Senate when I was BSG President. The three of us would meet on a regular basis and hash out the issues of the day. There were many such issues during those turbulent times. Student leaders were expected to kick the !#**<>?! out of College Presidents way back then. Al and Jeanette listened to our concerns. I was able to go back to the students that trusted me with quality information and insight, as well as resolutions to concerns and problems.

Dr. Brown evolved as my mentor, providing advice and letters of recommendations for graduate school and employment. One of the first things I worked on with Al was securing the New York Lieutenant Governor as a commencement speaker, transferring title of the Tower Presidents residence to the Alumni Association, purchase of the EOC building and advocating for the Special Olympics to locate the games there. Ha. He kept me busy in Albany continuing my love affair with my college.

I am sad that his life has ended, glad that it was a full 95 years. I assume that Al was at peace in his final years and days. He had plenty of evidence that it was a life well spent. I am happy that I spoke with him just last year and was thoughtful for once in my life and thanked him. Of course, he turned the conversation back to my efforts. Ha again. Al got the last word.

With love and gratitude, I say goodbye President Brown.
[Brian J. Petraitis]
class of 73

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So sorry to hear of Al Brown's passing. He came about the same time as we arrived in 1965/66. I was always amazed with his personal connections with so many students, especially in such tumultuous times. I was also honored to have received tenure from Dr. Brown while at the Campus school.

[Terry Thompson Carbone]

And, as a spin off from Mike Weaver’s tribute to Al Brown for supporting the creation of the Washington Semester Program, here is a tribute to Mike from Dale Hartnett, a founding participant in that program and, also, a faculty member at the College who currently serves as Interim Director of the Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT):

It was great to see the Al Brown tribute from Mike Weaver. Although I graduated from Geneseo, I was a "Brockport student" for one semester when 12 of us (6 from Brockport, 2 from Cortland, and 4 from Geneseo) joined Mike in Washington for the first-ever Washington Semester Program in the spring of 1969. Mike was both a great teacher and a wonderful mentor as we explored DC and the political process. Although he may have been invisible to much of the Brockport campus, he served a valuable role to generations of SUNY students.

[Dale Hartnett]

Some nice news.

Joanna H. Kraus was the guest of Utah Valley University recently, where she had the privilege of seeing a premiere of her latest play, *Me2*, a production of another play *Christabel and the Amazing Pedal Power Challenge* (Dramatic Publishing) and a staged reading of a commissioned play, *Tamales and Roses*, which will have a production in 2018.

[Joanna H. Kraus]
Playwright/Author

You can find out about her new children's book “Blue Tobaggan” at: [www.joannakraus.com](http://www.joannakraus.com)

[Great to hear from you Joanna and we are pleased to learn of your continuing success.]

Dave and Peggy Hale continue to be world travelers and just shared the following information with me about their trip to France this month:

“April in France

We're safely back in Brockport after another of our trips, this one mostly to areas in France we hadn't visited before. The tour began in Brittany and Normandy, followed by a river cruise from Honfleur up the Seine to Paris, and concluded with four days in the Loire valley. In addition to the usual cathedrals, chateaux, and wines, there were several things which were quite new. Peggy is in the group at the Senior Center which knits for charity, an activity she continued during the trip. One afternoon we stopped at Je Sers, a complex of barges on the Seine, which includes a chapel and provides services to immigrants (mostly Tibetans) and the local homeless. Peggy donated some of the caps she had knit to the clothing center. On a much different note, at Mont
St. Michel, two falls on the stairs led me to a half-day introduction to a French ambulance and emergency room. No extra charge. We were in Blois during the police shooting on April 20th, spent time with the television coverage. And we were there during the last weeks of the presidential campaign. Posters were everywhere. Spray painting Le Pen’s face was a popular activity, along with many others.

[Dave and Peggy, we are sorry to hear about Dave’s fall but glad you apparently have returned home safely. Thanks for sharing.]

Another tribute to the late Dr. Brown and some other interesting information has been shared with me by Larry Scoppa, a Brockport native, and a very successful real estate broker in Brockport for many years, and in Florida where he currently resides. He, or his agents sold many homes to, and/or for, many employees of the College. He pays tribute to Dr. Brown with the following story:

Many years ago, Larry had sold and closed on a house with a stone façade on Chappell Street to someone who was coming to Brockport to work at the College, but the new owners had not arrived in town yet. But, on a holiday, Larry got a call that there was a moving van parked in front of his office. Upon investigation he met the driver, a 6+ foot, 200 lb. man named Edward, who advised him that he needed a check for $800 and a place to unload the truck before he would unlock the back door. Larry said it was no problem and paid the $800, then he called Al Brown for advice on what to do with the load of goods. Al told Larry to meet him on Holley Street. They met and proceeded with the driver to the appropriate address to unload the truck. When Larry introduced Albert as the president of the College, Edward replied, “yeah, right, so you are telling me that you, the owner of the real estate company that gave me the check, and the president of the College, are going to help unload my truck…my friends will never believe me.”

While unloading the truck, with the help of the driver as well, Larry remembers remarking that this new employee had more books than Seymour Library, which brought an understanding smile to Al’s face. Larry’s story is a typical one for Al Brown who was likely to pitch in under similar circumstances and who is known to have also enjoyed working on the farm of Frank Sacheli, former mayor of Brockport and a good friend.

Larry enjoyed growing up and living in Brockport and, like all of us, has interesting stories to share. Too bad he could not have been at “Mornings with the Professors” Tuesday to hear emeritus David Kendall’s presentation based upon his book, “When Descendants Become Ancestors – The Flip Side of Genealogy.” But, when I shared that I had attended, and mentioned who was at my table, Larry sent me a few of his stories that could be the start of his memoirs. Here is a start for him.

Larry has advised me that he was the first baby born in Brockport’s first hospital located in a house on Main Street. Larry also reports that he has been friends with Helen and Mel Smagorinsky since the 1950s and sold them two houses. Larry’s mother was a housemother for about 8 girls while also working full time at the A&P factory and canning approximately 1,000 bottles each year, being a great mother, and personally selling a home on every street in Brockport and every road in the Town of Sweden. Larry lived on the corner of Main Street and Brockway when he was about 8 years old and Helen Simpson Phillips lived just down the street.
He reports that he had his first rejection in life when, after asking young Helen to go to a movie with him, she rushed home to get her mom’s, NO, when she asked for permission. Larry also reports that he grew up (K-12) with the late, very distinguished, alumnus, George Rich, a name that evokes fond memories for him, and for us.

[Larry’s tribute to Al Brown and his stories are both timely. Timing is obvious for the tribute, but the stories are timely because they follow so closely the message about leaving them for your future descendants that David Kendall shared on Tuesday. While I am not going to take on responsibility for the writing and sharing of your stories for you, I have included these because of the referenced “timing,” as prompts for those of you who might be thinking about writing your own memoirs. BTW, you do not need to be able to write well or type to create your memoirs. I remember Maury Kleiman, who put together a great memoir that has been placed in the College Archives, dictated his stories into a recording device and then his daughter, Bonnie, typed and edited them.]

Sorry, to end this newsletter with sad news, but this information just arrived.

Distinguished alumnus, third Brockport Foundation Board Chair (1981-1988) and long-time Board Member, Alumni Hall of Heritage Inductee (1982), and great supporter of the College at Brockport, Michael Cavalcanti, passed on April 24, 2017 after a long illness. While I did have the pleasure of meeting Michael on a couple of occasions, I did not know him well, but I know he was a dear friend to several people on my distribution list. I do remember that even in seriously declining health, he attended some Homecoming activities last fall including his being present to honor Clark and Fran Whited at the dedication of Whited Way even though it was a cold and windy day. Following is the obituary of this Brockport treasure from today’s D&C:

Cavalcanti, Michael

Rochester: Michael, 76, died peacefully in the arms of his family on April 24, 2017. A devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, friend and one hell of a great cook, Michael was a mastermind who always made time to listen. He understood human emotions as he understood the flavors in his famous meatballs and sauce. He was big in everything he did and he advised his loved ones to be big too. He had a quiet sense of power and a graciousness that enabled others to hear his sage advice, perhaps because he was such a good listener. Steadfast and focused, he was an entrepreneur with a business acumen and generosity that touched hundreds of lives. He was one of the founders of Perkins among other restaurants, commercial and residential real estate developments.

He was a championship swimmer and a proud 1964 graduate of Brockport College. When he wasn't making deals and cooking meals for his family, Michael volunteered his time and expertise to the Spiritus Christi prison ministry. He loved to go to the public market and golf.

He is predeceased by his beloved parents, Ursula & William Cavalcanti. He is survived by his Wife Sheila Fustanio; his five daughters Lisa (Jeff) Bleier, Michelle Cavalcanti, Amy (Michael) Coyle, Ellen Fustanio, Julie Fustanio Kling. Brothers Bill (Marge)

"Life is not about what you have. Life is about the family you have around you," Michael said.

A mass will be held at Spiritus Christi, 121 Fitzhugh St. Saturday, April 29 at 10:30am. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Cavalcanti Family Scholarship at the Brockport Foundation, 350 New Campus Drive, The College at Brockport, Brockport, New York, 14420 and Spiritus Christi Prison Outreach, 934 Culver Rd., Rochester, NY 14609.

Published in Rochester Democrat and Chronicle on Apr. 27, 2017

[It is indeed sad that this member of the family of life has departed.]

Carpe diem,

Bud

May 4, 2017

Greetings,

Great news to share for a change! The just released Spring/Summer issue of the SUNY-Retirees-Newsletter includes a wonderful article by our own Professor Emerita of Anthropology, and Mayor of Brockport, Margay Blackman. This publication is very professionally done thanks to the work of Pierre F. Radimak, Editor, “SUNY Retirees Newsletter,” and Coordinator, SUNY Retirees Service Corps. Margay’s article “Unmasking the Connections between New York and the Arctic,” describes the research connections between New York State and the Nunamiut Eskimos and her summers doing research among them in Anaktuvuk Pass in Alaska. The content includes many photographs. Together, the content and the photographs make this a “must read” article, particularly for those of us who know Margay.

We congratulate Margay for having her article selected for publication and thank her for submitting it. You will find her article beginning on page 7 if you go directly to the Spring/Summer version of the Newsletter by following this link:


But, don’t stop there! Learn more about the SUNY Retirees Service Corps by visiting http://suny.edu/retirees/ and checking out past issues and the services offered by the SUNY Retiree Services Corps. And, if you have Newsletter story ideas that might be of interest to all SUNY retirees, email Pierre at pierre.radimak@suny.edu or call him at (518) 320-1354.
Allan Berry, President of the Brockport Community Museum, invites all of us to attend the opening reception to kick off the Museum’s Canal History Display at the Seymour Library. The reception will be held at the Library, 161 East Avenue in Brockport, from 1 pm to 3 pm on Saturday, May 6. It is open to the public and free refreshments will be served.

Rosemary Luzum has shared the news that Jerry was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on April 20, at 11 am. She reports that it was a beautiful ceremony with the caisson, horses, marching band, honor guard and presiding chaplain and Civil Engineer Corps officer. The whole family, plus two of Jerry's nephews, a niece and a grand-nephew, two friends from their church community and a representative from the American Legion were in attendance. Rosemary had a photographer present to take pictures of the event that I am sure she and others will cherish.

[Thank you, Rosemary, for sharing. We are glad that Jerry has been honored in the same way he had honored others during his military career.]

Carpe diem,

Bud

May 8, 2017

Greetings,

I have sad news to share but for a change I am going to start with more upbeat news and then go to the downbeat!

For the upbeat, I am going to share a note from Richard Black about some upcoming events.

Hi Bud:

Here’s some College-related news Emeriti might find of interest because it's NOT about colleagues passing away.

The Brockport Artists’ Guild is holding its annual members' show at the Different Path Gallery, 27 Market Street, in the village. The exhibit runs from May 9 through June 2, with an opening reception on Friday, May 12, from 7-9 pm.

There are several College connections, including; Cheryl Hungerford, alumna; Richard Hart, emeritus; Katherine Weston, Stuart Tsubota’s wife; and my own favorite spouse, Jappie King Black.

Our old pal Jack Wolsky and Jappie (along with many other regional artists) both have new work at the Oxford Gallery, 267 Oxford St. in Rochester, from May 6 through June 17. There will be an artists’ reception from 5:30 to 8 pm on Saturday, May 20.
Norma Emmerson, widow of emeritus Harry Emmerson, passed on May 6, 2017. Both Norma and Harry were alums and teachers. Norma had been suffering from breathing problems for some time. Until recently she had been trying to be out and about shopping and participating in activities with some assistance. Following is her obituary from Fowler Funeral Home’s website:

Emmerson, Norma M.
Brockport: Passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Saturday May 6, 2017 at the age of 86. Predeceased by her husband Harry in 2009 and her brothers Gordon and Bill Murray. She is survived by her children David (Susan), Thomas (Karen), Bruce (Deborah), Jeffrey (Lisa), Carol (James) Clark and Robert (Darla), 14 grandchildren, sisters-in-law Joan Murray and Marguerite Emmerson, also several nieces and nephews. Norma met the love of her life, her husband Harry, in Brockport where she spent the rest of her adult life.

There will be no prior calling hours. A Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday May 10th at 7 PM in the First Presbyterian Church of Brockport, 35 State St., Brockport, NY 14420. A light reception will follow at the church. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may contribute to the Hildebrandt Hospice, Center, 2652 Ridgeway Ave., Rochester, NY 14626.

Mary Welch who is a friend to many, and known by many others, passed suddenly at 3 pm on Saturday, May 6, 2017. She had been active right up to the end.

Mary (McCadden) Welch was a principal in Rush Henrietta school district when she married Charlie Welch, one-time Dean of Men at the College.

After Charlie's passing Mary continued to live in Brockport and was active in many community programs with one of her major interests being the Food Shelf. She was friends with many people associate with the College as well as with the greater Brockport community. Following is her obituary from the Fowler Funeral Home’s website:

Mrs. Mary Kathryn Welch, (Mrs. Charles G. Welch) died peacefully surrounded by her loving family on May 6, 2017.

Beautiful at the age of 82, Mary was beloved by all who were graced by her faith, kind heart, and never wavering friendship.
A trailblazer for women and education, Mary was featured in multiple Who's Who publications. She was one of the very first women principals, educating children for over 30 years at Leary and Winslow Elementary Schools. Always a life-long learner she traveled extensively and continued her higher education at RIT even through this year. Predeceased by her husband Charles G. Welch, she is survived by her four children; Charles C. Welch, Wendy Kirchner, Virginia Morris, and Robert Welch. She delighted in her grandchildren Joan, Emily, Conrad, Sydney, Annie, Hannah, Madison, CJ, Wendy, Peter, and Woody. Her loving siblings and their spouses were her anchors; David McCadden (deceased), Betty McCadden (deceased), Barry McCadden (deceased), Sue McCadden, Margaret Burgess, Regina Budd, Wayne Budd, Ellen McCadden, George McCadden, and Sandy McCadden. She dearly loved all of family especially her nieces, and nephews. A quiet philanthropist and tireless volunteer, memorial donations may be made to the Ecumenical Food Shelf in Brockport. Calling Hours: Fowler Funeral Home in Brockport, May 10, 2-4 & 6-8. Funeral: Nativity BVM Brockport May 11, 11:00.

Hopefully, by Wednesday, I will have completed a project to consolidate all the “Updates,” from the time that I started saving them in April 2001 until the present, into one searchable document. I am not yet sure what I will do with the document but I thought it might be interesting to others as it is somewhat a part the College’s, as well as my, memoirs. I’ll keep you posted but the document is likely to become part of the College’s Digital Commons. I am not sure who will be recognized for having their name referenced most frequently during the life of “Update” but, there are some names I expect to be high on the leader board! As of the completion of merging files from April 13, 2001 through May 12, 2016, the document is 1146 pages and 522,101 words and I am forecasting that the competition will be between Karla Lynn Merrifield, Jim Horn, and Dave Hale. But, there may some hidden frequent contributors who did not say much but were frequent contributors, or were frequently mentioned (e.g. Mike Andriatch).

Carpe diem,

Bud

May 10, 2017

Greetings,

I have just a couple of quick notes to share today.

Faithful Alum Helen Smagorinsky is among those artists with connections to Brockport who will have new work at the Oxford Gallery, 267 Oxford Street, Rochester, from May 6 through June 17. Again, the artist’s reception will be from 5:30 to 8 pm on Saturday, May 20. I am sure our artists will be pleased to see some Brockport folks attending.

On May 18, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Henry Bretton, will complete 101 years on this planet. I am removing him from my distribution list for this Update so that he can be surprised if we choose to help him celebrate his birthday with cards or messages.
It is also noted that his memoir “A Dream, Shadows and Fulfillment” is now available in hardcover from Amazon. Just go to Amazon and search on Henry Bretton. For those who might wish to help him celebrate his birthday, here is his contact information:

Dr. Henry L. Bretton (1969-1985)
Distinguished Professor Emeritus
Political Science
10500 Academy Rd NE Apt 102 Albuquerque, NM 87111
(505) 828-2998
henry.bretton@gmail.com

There are a lot of “Town and Gown” activities going on this weekend featuring Commencement programs, and the Erie Canal. For more information go to: https://www.brockport.edu/daily_eagle/ There is still a need for volunteers to help with commencement. If you are available, you can find out more by clicking on the Commencement link at the Daily Eagle link above.

Upon the addition of this newsletter to the consolidation document, Update (April 13, 2001 – May 10, 2017) will be finished (1251 pages) except for a final review.

Carpe diem,

Bud

May 17, 2017

Greetings,

As you know, the memorial for former President Albert W. Brown will be at 10:00 am on Friday, June 30th at Luke’s Episcopal Church, 410 North Main Street, Jamestown, NY 14701.

Looking ahead, Mike Andriatch, Vice President for Advancement and President of the Brockport Foundation, would like to make it as easy as possible for those wishing to attend AWB’s memorial service in Jamestown to do so. The College is strongly considering providing a complimentary coach bus service (air conditioned) for those who would like to travel to and from Brockport. He would anticipate leaving from in front of the SERC at 7 am and returning to Brockport in the 4:00 or 5:00 pm timeframe. To do this right, he needs to have a solid estimate of the number of people who would be interested in using this bus service.

If interested, it is very important for you to email or call Vickie Elsenheimer at velsenhe@brockport.edu or (585) 395.2309, respectively, as soon as possible.

[Thanks to Mike, his staff, and the College for looking ahead!]
Thanks to Betsy Balzano for sharing with me information about a “Book Signing” for emeritus Roy Bubb’s new book, “The Family Scrapbook, An era in Clarendon and Holley – Murray History.” In retirement Roy has continued to be an active writer and this book started with a review of a scrapbook given to him many years ago. From the scrapbook, Roy wrote about some of the things going on in the lives of, John Berry who came to Holley in 1837, his family, including descendants, and in the Town of Murray area. The book signing will take place at 2 pm on June 11, 2017 in the Holley Library, Holley, New York.

[It is always good to hear about the continuing activities of our retirees.]

I believe there is still time to register for this event as I know that not all teams of four are full because in desperation a couple of golfers tried to recruit me recently. But, if interested, do not delay in registering per:

2017 Brockport Bob Boozer Golden Eagle Open

Join us for the 2017 Bob Boozer Golden Eagle Open on Friday, May 19, 2017

For alumni, friends, business partners and supporters of Brockport Athletics. The tournament will take place at Deerfield Country Club. 11 am: Registration, Noon: Shotgun Start, 5:30 pm: Richard V. Mancuso Post Tournament Dinner. Proceeds benefit Brockport student-athletes.

Register through the link below!

contact: For registration information, please contact Betsy Standish, Associate Director, Alumni Engagement, 395-3648, estandis@brockport.edu.

links: Register Now!

[Ken O’Brien, kobrien@brockport.edu or Dick Frey, rafrey@rochester.rr.com might be happy to assist with your registration.]

And, if you need more golf and want to be part of a “First Ever” event, check this out:

First Annual Green and Gold Open: Register Today!
You are invited to join us for the 1st Annual Green and Gold Open to be held at Mill Creek Golf Club on June 12, 2017.

Join Us! Green and Gold Open
Faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends of Brockport are invited to join us for the 1st Annual Green and Gold Open at Mill Creek Golf Club on June 12, 2017. Registration will be at 9am with a shotgun start at 10am. Cost is $300 per foursome. Includes: 18 holes of golf, range balls, cart, prizes, and lunch & dinner. Various sponsorships also available.
This event is sponsored by the Office of Alumni Engagement, Campus Recreation, and Career Services.

contact: For registration questions please contact Tiffany Jewell in the Office of Alumni Engagement at alumni@brockport.edu or by phone at 585-395-2068
links: REGISTER TODAY

The Sweden Senior Singers will present their 10th annual Spring Concert for the Brockport Community on Friday, May 19 at 7 pm at First Baptist Church, 124 Main Street, Brockport. Special guests: Hochstein Youth Singers and Hochstein Singers. The chorus is directed by Maryellen Giese and accompanied by Yasuko Kelly and includes several emeriti and others with connections to the College including the most-senior, senior singer, Millie Giafagna, widow of the late emeritus, Alfred Gianfagna, Biological Sciences (1963-1983).

I have “completed” the consolidation of all the Updates from April 13, 2001 to the present that I could find. I know by doing a few searches that some of the Updates were lost as I worked on different PCs, laptops, etc. during the years of temporary assignments following retirement, and other periods of being away from home. Yet, I did find enough Updates for the referenced period to create 1,262 pages, 573, 448 words, and almost 3 million characters, not even counting the many “characters” I wrote about. I have shared copies with my “bosses/staff” in this effort, Jeanette D’Agostino Banker and Mike Andriatch and with the Digital Commons.

As I have mentioned before, the “bulletin board” work associated with my volunteer activity is the burdensome part that I would like to pass off. While I have had discussions with people about doing this, it is still a work in progress. This newsletter, “Update” is a little atypical because it is bulletin-type info, except for the Brown memorial piece and emeritus Roy Budd’s event. While I would love to get rid of the general “bulletin” workload and just share your stories, the things I think you’d like to know (passings, etc.), and the sharing of your (retiree) events and activities, I will continue use my best judgement to keep you posted about events that I think are of interest for retirees under the following conditions:

1. If you want me to share an event with the retiree distribution list, email me a content-friendly document (no graphics, photos, billboards, posters…only text), preferably using the Times New Roman font, size 12. Make sure to include date, time, place and a brief description of the event.
2. Accept that, even under 1 above, I may not choose to include your item or to fit it into a timely distribution schedule.

While I’d prefer to just be focusing on “Your News”, under these conditions, I will continue to keep you posted for a while yet. But, in the interim, because I might miss something you would have attended from the many, many events going on at the College and in the greater Brockport Community, I encourage you to get in the habit of frequently checking the following websites:

The College at Brockport: https://www.brockport.edu/daily_eagle/

The Village of Brockport: http://www.brockportny.org/
And, in conclusion, because I might not be around to remind you then, here is something to put on your calendars. Emeritus Ray “Global” Duncan has just shared with me that he recently learned his book, “Never Agitate An Alligator,” that includes his memories from his years growing up in Windermere, Florida, has been placed in a Windermere Time Capsule (with other items) to be opened 30 years from now. Ray has a “standing” invitation to assist with the opening and he invites all of us who can make it to attend.

Carpe diem,

Bud

PS. Several months ago I changed the reference in the subject line of my distributions from “Update” to “Brockport Retiree Newsletter” because of SPAM issues the College had with email exchanges on its server that referenced the word “Update” as part of the problem. I wanted to make sure that my distributions were not a contributing factor.

June 9, 2017

Greetings,

Sad does not begin to describe the depth of my feelings after I called Rick Kincaid to see if he would like a visit from me on Tuesday and learned that just three minutes earlier his wife, Sharon, had emailed me to advise me that Rick had passed on Monday afternoon. Rich was amazing in how he dealt with the situation that he encountered shortly after he retired. He had always strived to live a healthy life, didn’t smoke or drink, or take risks. Probably the most dangerous thing he ever did in life was to be a member of the NBA (noon time basketball association) during much of his career at Brockport. Oh, and, one time only, he did dare to venture out on a spring canoe trip on Oak Orchard Creek with the late Tom Nugent, Roger Weir and me during which Tom and I immediately capsized and he and Roger had to retrieve our paddles. Shortly thereafter we all had to extract Roger and Rick’s canoe after they got it sidewise in fast water across an access cut through a log where it was pinned and folded in half. It was a memorable, but exceptional experience. Given Rick’s general life style and seemingly good health, it had to be just ill-fate that shortly after Rick retired he was diagnosed with Pulmonary Fibrosis. If that was not enough, he also faced several complications during the six or so years that he battled this disease. As these additional complications closed doors to some extraordinary treatments, he accepted each setback with full knowledge that his “number-of-days” was declining. Yet, those of us who knew him well from working with him, playing hoop with him, and from Tuesday morning gatherings at “Two Brothers,” were amazed that he could continue to contribute with his wit and charm, and to be an encyclopedia of knowledge, at our weekly gatherings. But, we continued to be concerned, and then alarmed, as his condition
deteriorated and required him to give up driving. Yet, he still joined us at Two Brothers up until
the last two or three months, with travel assistance from Sharon and friends.

At one gathering several months ago, he shared news that his son and daughter-in-law were
expecting and that his goal was to survive to see his new grandchild. While that birth was still
well into the future when Sandy and I prepared to travel for a couple of weeks, it did prompt me
to be concerned for him and led me to write the following note to him on September 29th, the day
before our departure.

“We'll be gone two weeks, but you will be in my thoughts constantly. You are an
exceptional human being, colleague, and friend. Your loyalty and humility are
enlightening to those who desire to be better people. While I have known for a long time,
as you have shared, that your remaining days, to the best of our knowledge, are fewer
than many of us are hopeful for...when you said today that your current goal is to be
around for the birth of your son's baby, the impact was disconcerting. You have amazed
me that you have maintained your ability to share your wit, charm, and intelligence with
our awesome breakfast group while daily having to deal with your challenging health
issues and an unsettling prognosis for the future. I have certainly enjoyed our
relationship over the years from employment to basketball, to just friendship, and in our
breakfast group. You are my current hero in confronting what all in our group are
preparing for, and I hope I will be able to follow your lead if, and when I encounter
similar circumstances. I sure hope and pray for a miracle that will provide you the
opportunity to extend your life long beyond the birth of your third grandchild, but, if that
is not to be, I want you to know that I love you and cherish the friendship that we have
shared for many years on our pathway through this life. If you should leave this life
before me, you will be in my heart and thoughts for the remainder of my
days as I
attempt to emulate your example of a life well lived.”

Rick’s response caused some email exchanges in which, among other things, he shared that he
had learned that anger in response to adversity accomplishes nothing and therefore he strove to
accept what he could not change and unburden himself, and others, to the extent possible, in his
efforts to live life as fully as possible until the end.

Rick made it through the two weeks we were away in September, and more, and obtained his
goal of seeing his granddaughter Helene “Nell” born in January.

Sometime in the fall before the departure of “snowbirds” from the breakfast group, Rick also
shared that he had learned that his youngest daughter was also expecting her first child and her
due date was in June. So, Rick added the goal of living a few additional months for the birth of
this grandchild as well.

Amazingly, he reached his goals and my last email from him was the forwarding of an email he
had received from his daughter on June 1st with the subject, “Introducing Elizabeth,” with his
note, “The baby arrived,” and an attached photo of Elizabeth. So, we can celebrate with Rick his
joy of obtaining his goals of welcoming two new granddaughters into this world to join the two
grandsons of his oldest daughter as we also celebrate his life and his examples of grace and dignity in both living and dying.

Rick, along with your wit, charm, and humility, you had many hidden talents that enriched the lives of your family and friends as you played out your different roles in life with neither desire or expectation of any reward or recognition, except for the good feelings you received from contributing to bettering the lives of others. All who knew you enjoyed your good company.

May you rest in peace, dear friend!

Rick’s obituary will be in Sunday’s D&C (6/11/2017) and can now be seen online at Newcomer’s: http://www.newcomerrochester.com/Obituary/140881/Richard-Kincaid/Rochester-New-York.

Condolences to all who knew Rick but especially to his family Sharon, Megan (Jeffrey) Kramer, Michael (Lindsey Brown) Kincaid, and Alison (Paul) Sahner, grandchildren Max-Yamil, Benjamin, Helene (Nell), and Elizabeth.

Carpe diem,

Bud

June 10, 2017

Greetings,

My May 17th Newsletter included an offer of transportation to Albert W. Brown's memorial celebration from Mike Andriatch. A few people responded that they would like a ride, but not enough to get a full bus. If you are interested in attending (the information is below), please RSVP now and Advancement will be sure to get you a ride to and from the celebration. Mike would anticipate leaving from in front of the SERC at 7 am and returning to Brockport in the 4:00 or 5:00 pm timeframe.

The memorial for former President Albert W. Brown will be at 10:00 am on Friday, June 30th at Luke's Episcopal Church, 410 North Main Street, Jamestown, NY 14701.

If interested, it is very important for you to email or call Vickie Elsenheimer at velsenhe@brockport.edu or (585) 395.2309, respectively, as soon as possible.

[Thanks to Mike, his staff, and the College for looking ahead!]

Emerita Elaine Miller reports that in May she gave a presentation on Chicano mural paintings in Southern California, at Oasis. She shares that, if you do not know about Oasis, you should check it out because it is a wonderful resource for education activities. I am sure she would be happy...
to share information about her experience with this organization. For anyone interested, you can contact her at: emiller@brockport.edu. [Elaine, thanks for sharing.]

On July 2nd, Emeritus Director of Continuing Education Richard Elton will celebrate the 100th anniversary of his birth. He has fond memories of his time in Brockport (1947-1972). We have an opportunity to help him celebrate with cards or emails and I am sure he will enjoy receiving such from a place he called home for 25 of those 100 years. Cards should be sent to him c/o Judy Elton, 10540 West Ruth Avenue, Peoria, AZ 85345. If you prefer, you can email his son Wally at wally.elton@earthlink.net and he will make sure Dick gets them.

For those of you who love travel adventures, check out this link: https://jimhornnews.com/2017/06/08/three-nights-in-the-portuguese-paradise-of-funchal-madeira/ for a great narrative and some great photos from one of Jim Horn’s most recent adventures. [Jim, thanks for sharing.]

Carpe diem,

Bud

June 13, 2017

Greetings,

This is just a quick note to advise you that Walter Brautigan is having a significant birthday on June 19th when he will celebrate 90 years of longevity. I am sure a bunch of cards or notes from members of the Brockport community would bring him pleasure for those inclined to send them. The date is fast approaching so if you want to participate, place a card in the mail to him soon, even today, at:

Walter Brautigan
Emeritus at Landing of Brockport
90 West Avenue
Brockport, NY 14420

Carpe diem,

Bud

June 21, 2017

Greetings,
Librarian Emeritus Peter Olevnik and his wife, Judy, have several announcements to share as they mark the twentieth year since Peter retired from Drake Library, and the twentieth year of their living in Asheville, NC. First, they would like you to know that the last-mentioned experience, living in Asheville, is ending. Then they want you to know that they are moving to 11265 Water Spring Circle, Jacksonville, FL 32256, to be closer to family, and where they both hope to click off many more post-Brockport years in their new location. Peter’s email remains the same and he can be reached at: olevnik@att.net

Other 2017 events worthy of celebration with Peter are:


A retrospective of paintings Peter completed during his Asheville years, was held at the West Branch Library Gallery in March.

Peter also shares that friends are welcome to visit them in their new residence in Jacksonville.

[Peter and Judy, thanks for sharing and we send our best wishes for health and happiness during your adjustment to a new location, and beyond.]

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And, following is information received from Associate Professor Emeritus Richard Evans that I thought might be of interest to some people on the distribution list for this newsletter.

“Hello to everyone interested in local history and intrigue,

You and your family/friends are invited to join us for a specially arranged tour (no charge) of the CCC-POW Camp south of Hamlin Beach State Park on Moscow Road. Add it to your calendar for this Saturday, June 24th at 1:00pm.

Many of you know that this was the home of young men in the Civilian Conservation Corps (1935-41) while they earned $1.00/day building Hamlin Beach State Park, then as a prison for German POWs (1944-46) while they worked for area farmers and canning factories for 85 cents a day.

The driving force behind the reconstruction of this historic site is community activist and popular speaker Ed Evans (no relation), and he has rearranged his schedule to be our personal guide, rain or shine.

The Camp is located on Moscow Road, directly below Hamlin Beach. It is 0.7 mile west of the intersection of Moscow Road and Lake Rd/West Fork and is marked by a sign.
The Camp will “come alive” with captivating stories from Ed regarding both the CCC era and the experiences of the German prisoners. Some of the prisoners settled here after the War, others have returned to visit, and several have corresponded with Ed about their experiences here.

This special event is free and open to all!

Richard Evans
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Ph# 585-964-5886, de1052@rochester.rr.com

[Dick, thank you for sharing this announcement.]

This is the note I sent to Jim Horn after he shared the link to the blog about the Duoro River Cruise in Portugal part of his recent trip which you can view at: https://jimhornnews.com/2017/06/15/a-duoro-river-cruise-with-croisieurope-may-22-29-2017/

“Just read the whole thing so I have had a trip to Portugal without having to learn the language or pay for it. Great photo essay and travel tips. Enjoyed both the narrative and the photos.”

[Jim, thanks for sharing.]

This is a reminder that Emeritus Professor and Director of Continuing Education Richard Elton will celebrate the completion of 100 years on this planet on July 2nd, so it is nearly time for those who wish to join his celebration to reach out to him, preferably via regular mail at: Richard Elton, c/o Judy Elton, 10540 West Ruth Avenue, Peoria, Arizona 85345. Or, if you choose, you can send your message via email to his son Wally at wally.elton@earthlink.net and he will make sure it gets to Dick. You might also honor his birthday by reading the story about his WWII military service by clicking on his name on the military page of the Brockport Community Museum at: http://www.brockportcommunitymuseum.org/military.html in which you will also see a couple of photographs of him.

Carpe diem,

Bud

June 27, 2017

Greetings,

You know you are getting old when you involve yourself with “old stuff.” It is hard to believe, since my dear friend Jeanette D’Agostino Banker continues to tell me I am “just a kid,” but I think I’ve hit the “old stuff” plateau. In looking over some “old stuff” in the basement while contemplating what we can get rid of, I came across a stack of Medina High School Yearbooks, “The Mirror,” starting with the 1918-19 book and ending with the 1930-31 book. “The Mirror”
always has a section dedicated to letters from alumni, many from college students talking about their schools, and I could not help but look for one from Brockport Normal School, which I found immediately in the 1918-19 book. There are probably others in the other years books but I have other “old stuff” to do. Here is the one from 1918-19:

“74 Adams Street
Brockport, N. Y.
April 29, 1919.

Dear Editor:

Greetings to you and all at Medina High School! I would like to be back with you, yet, I would not like to leave good old Brockport. Shall I tell you a little about our school?

The school, a large brown stone building, partly covered with vines, is situated on the beautiful campus at the west end of College Street. On the campus are located some of the largest and most beautiful maple, locust, elm and poplar trees in the state. There is a fine diamond for baseball and also two tennis courts on the campus.

There is quite a difference in size between Medina Library, and Brockport Library with its thousands of books. The museum opens off the library and contains many relics interesting to all.

The walls of the corridors are decorated with many pictures which are copies of famous paintings. The beautifully furnished reception room opens off the corridor.

The gymnasium, about twice the size of the one at home, is put to various uses. It is used for an armory for the State Guard, as well as the school uses.

The chapel is a very large room, seating about seven hundred. There are several stained glass windows in this room, one being added each year by the senior class.

There are five societies connected with the school. They are Arethusa, Alpha Delta, Agonian, Gamma Sigma and Phileathian. They have very pleasant rooms, which are the scenes of many enjoyable evenings.

Now for a few words about my work here. In some respects I do not have as much to do as I did at Medina High, but still one finds plenty to do. I have eight subject matter classes, one teaching class and one tutoring class. Little did I think last year when in English four that I would ever be teaching English in seventh grade, but if you were to look in any time from eight-thirty till nine-thirty in the morning that is what you would find me doing.

Well, duty in the form of a stack of papers, red ink and pen is calling, so will close by wishing all of Medina High School the best of luck.

Sincerely,

Marion A. McAndrew”

[When time permits I may review the rest of the yearbooks for reference to Brockport but, unless something stands out, I may just prepare a document of the alumni letters from Medina for the college archives.]
Here is something that was announced in the Daily Eagle and I am repeating it because many of you know Kim Erhet who has played important roles both behind the scenes, and in the scenes, in the planning and execution of advancement events to honor emeriti and donors. Her announced departure is Brockport’s loss and Cortland’s gain and we will miss her competent and caring contributions and her presence at events. Here is the announcement about her farewell:

Join us as we bid farewell to Kim Ehret.
After 12 years of dedicated service, Kim is leaving us to set sail on a new adventure. Come and wish her well as she begins a new chapter in her life.

Wednesday, June 28 from 4-5:30 pm, Stoneyard, 1 Main Street, Brockport, NY
contact: jbeers@brockport.edu

[We thank Kim for her services and wish her ‘fair winds and following seas!”]

On Saturday, I participated in part of Ed Evans’ very informative guided tour of the former Civil Conservation Corps, and later POW, camp on Moscow Road near Hamlin Beach State Park that was arranged by emeritus Dick Evans, and I felt cheated that I had to leave early. While you can do a walking tour of the camp site on your own with maps and a printed guide available at a kiosk at the site, I think the best way to see this archeological site is a guided tour arranged with Ed who, since 2008, has been obtaining photos and stories related to the CCC camp and the POW camp from both government sources and from contacts in Germany and elsewhere who spent time at the camp as CCC workers or as POWs. The simple artifacts remaining at the camp and his extensive collection of photos serve like a "power point" discussion guide for Ed Evans as they trigger the many stories he has amassed about the impact of the CCC and the POW camps on the area and its people in those times. Ed is a retired science teacher from Hilton who has a friendly, passionate, and articulate presentation style and, because of the passion element, he is extremely knowledgeable about both fact and fiction related to the camp. It is interesting to note that, according to Ed’s research, when the government dismantled the camp, two or three of the barracks (Quonset Huts) were relocated to the Brockport College campus to serve as classrooms. They were placed behind Hartwell, south of what is now Morgan III that is now a parking lot. I remember looking out on them from Vanderhoof Hall, now Morgan III, when I worked in the Financial Aid Office 1967-70. They were removed shortly after the Lennon-Smith science facilities became available.

If you choose to go to the camp on your own, you can find the entrance to the camp adjacent to the property at 968 Moscow Road by going north from Hamlin on West Lake Road. Turn left upon reaching Moscow Road and then, for a mile or so, watch carefully to your right for the sign which is parallel, rather than perpendicular to the road which makes it difficult to see. For some information about the self-guided tour prior to your visit, go to: https://parks.ny.gov/parks/attachments/HamlinBeachCCC-CampRestorationProjectSelfGuidedTour.pdf. But, if you really want to learn the history, Ed advised me that he is always willing to schedule a guided tour for groups and he can be reached at readyeddy@earthlink.net if you wish to put a group together.
Housekeeping Item: Please be reminded to share any changes in your directory information, especially your email address, if you wish to keep receiving newsletters.

Bitter-sweet news is that Emeritus Professor and Dean Bill Andrews was hit by a car on his way to cast his ballot in local elections this past week and he had to spend some time at Strong Hospital. The sweet part is that reports are in that he has bounced back and will soon be restored to his normal activities. We are sorry for his misfortune but pleased with what we have heard so far about his recovery.

I recently reported that I had consolidated my available newsletters into one document and provided Charlie Cowling a copy to make available at Digital Commons. Charlie had a post on the Daily Eagle yesterday that the document is now available. You can find it and download it via this link: http://digitalcommons.brockport.edu/student_archpapers/46/

Charlie has advised me that the language for the entry can be easily modified and that it will also be easy to add future Updates to the document as we go forward.

With this accomplished, my next project is to consolidate all the veteran’s stories into one document so that it too can be placed in Digital Commons, be searchable, and be in an environment where it will be easy to amend stories or add stories as more information becomes available. But, before I start this consolidation project I hope to get some more stories. So, if you have been delinquent in sharing your military service story, please share now. Or, if you would review the veterans list at: http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/BKPT_VETS.htm and let me know if you are aware of people that might know about the military service of those named but do not have active links because we are missing their stories.

Carpe diem,

Bud

July 4, 2017

Greetings,

Always, as it seems, I must begin with sad news, even on the 4th of July. First, here is a note from Karla Linn Merrifield with news about her partner Roger Weir. While they have had a great life together these past several years and some wonderful travel experiences, Roger is preparing for his last travel adventure following a trip to Highland Hospital. Here is Karla’s report:

“Dearest family and friends, near and far,
Although I deplore sending group emails, I think it's justified today because I wanted to let you know how Roger is faring.

Most of you know that Roger has been suffering the debilitating effects of age and dementia. In the past few weeks since we returned home from our winter in Florida, his decline has accelerated. On Thursday night he rode the ambulance to Highland Hospital in nearby Rochester where he remains, being treated for pneumonia, dehydration and nutritional imbalances. He's sleeping most of the time, but today fully opened his eyes and tried to talk. The attending physician tells me they're going to test his swallowing reflex today with sips of an enriched nectar concoction. With continued improvement he could be home in two days.

When he does return home, he will enter hospice care to live out his days comfortably, however many they may be. No more returns to the ER, no extreme measures. A DNR is in place.

Of course, much is in the air...unpredictable, but I am fortunate to have some time to prepare for this great passage in life. And I have you.

Please don't feel you must reply to this. Probably the best way you can help me manage ongoing communications, is for my Facebook friends to reach me there on my wall, a central hub. Email otherwise. I'll be setting up phone calls and visits as days move along and I have a clearer grasp of the situation. Goal now is for Roger rest and recover enough to return to Hollybrook House, for me to get some rest, tend to domestic affairs, and ponder the inevitable.

Meanwhile, if you're on my calendar now, we're still a go.

Please feel free to pass the word along to our circles.
I hold you in my heart so kindly,

Karla”

We also have received word of the June 29, 2017 death of Associate Professor Emerita Helen Healy McLaughlin (Communication, 1965-1995) in Aiken, South Carolina. We are saddened by this news as we seek more information to share. I did not know Helen well, but I always enjoyed her visits to the Human Resources Office. She was just a notch or two below the late Jayne Vogan in her exuberance for life and her flair. I will share more when I know more. I remember that she was excited about leaving to live for a time in Mexico when she retired. She then lived in Texas before moving to Aiken. We send condolences to her son George, her other relatives and her friends.
For those interested, Henry Bretton’s autobiography has just been published. The Title: “A Dream, Shadows and Fulfillment.” The Publisher: Xlibris Publishing, Bloomington Indiana.

[I am confident this would be a good read for those who know this centenarian and for others as well.]

I’ve have received several interesting responses from mentioning the Quonset Huts that were moved from the CCC Camp in Hamlin to the campus many years ago. Here are a few of them from memory’s lane:

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I took several classes in those Quonset huts while at B'port and always wondered what their history was and now I know. I certainly never knew about the POW camp.
Thanks for the info.
[Alum Joe Maresco, 1967]

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To build on the Quonset hut information. The huts backed up to the railroad tracks. The trains still ran during the day and if you were taking a class in one of the huts, the building rattled, and lectures ceased until the train passed. The noise and vibration of the buildings did serve to wake up those taking 8 a.m. classes so that might be considered a good thing.
[Alum Elaine Leshnower]

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I would have loved to go on the Ed Evans Moscow Road tour however I was in Ottawa at the time.

I really had some chuckles when the Quonset Huts were mentioned. Until reading your newsletter I never knew the origin of the "Quonset Huts" that housed the first classrooms I taught in at SUNY Brockport. I came to Brockport College in 1961 as an assistant professor in biology [then a segment of the science department] Dr. Russ Wallin was chair of Biology then. I am the last regular faculty in biology alive from that time.

The stories I could tell about life of a faculty in the Quonset Huts. I just discovered from a woman who attended Phelps Central High School with me that they were dorms when she attended Brockport. She said, "That when a train went through it seemed as though it was going right down the center hallway of their dorm-the Quonset Hut". Well I knew exactly what she meant because I had the same experience while teaching and having office hours in the Quonset Huts. I had better stop here because many stories are flooding my mind about the early days in the Quonset Hut. Of the many Quonset Hut stories, I could tell, I will share this one rather memorable one. As the students were filing into my Quonset Hut classroom to start class there was a shout near the door and I quickly discovered it was the shout of a student as the floor near the door gave way and he went through the floor. Two of his buddies hauled him out of the hole. Those were the primitive-rough and ready good old days before Lennon was built and gave us a top-notch place to conduct our classes.
I'm sure there are other folks from that era who could tell some "exciting tales" of the Quonset Huts on the Brockport Campus.

[John I. Mosher, Prof. Emeritus Biological Sciences]

The good news to report is that Professor and Dean Emeritus and Deputy Mayor, Bill Andrews, has recovered nicely from his injuries and will be continuing to make his significant contributions to the enrichment of the greater Brockport community. We are grateful for this as we celebrate July 4, 2017!

Carpe diem,

Bud

July 13, 2017

Greetings,

Today I will avoid the bad news until the end as I invite you to share your “good news” with me to bring some balance to this newsletter. So here is some avoidance material.

Some readings, Ray Duncan’s memoir, “Never Agitate and Alligator,” David Kendall’s book “When Descendants Become Ancestors, The Flip Side of Genealogy,” and the reading of the memoirs of Maurice Kleiman and William Ward have led me to start writing some stories to leave for my children and grandchildren to inform them about how I came to be me. Going through my mom’s possessions (mostly just photographs, diaries and letters) has also had an influence as I found out that a library museum in my hometown was interested in some of these documents and even in some stories of my time living there prompted by a review of my mom’s stuff. Recently I learned that two of my stories, one about my first haircut in a barber shop and another about working in a gas station, will be published in the third volume of “Stories from Smithville and Greene” that will be available in September. So, I have decided that, if a museum library is interested in a couple of my stories then maybe someday my children and grandchildren might want to know more about their ancestry, and as David Kendall has said, sharing stories creates a more informative and enjoyable read. It is sometimes fun collecting information. For example, in my mom’s stuff I found my baby book. I shared with Sandy that it appeared that my development ended after my first birthday since there were no entries for any of the categories that followed: Two Years Old, Bright Sayings, Three Years Old, Growing Up, Four Years Old, and Five Years Old. Her response: “That explains a lot!”

Staying with this theme and supporting David Kendall’s recommendation, was the unexpected pleasure this week of receiving copies of “Bake It Up Brown,” a cookbook put together by the late President Emeritus Albert W. Brown’s family. It included a preface, reportedly written by the late Marjorie Brown, Albert’s wife, that provides a bit of genealogical history of the Brown family. These treasured copies are being placed in the Rose Archives at the College and will
augment the “Brown Years” collection. We are grateful to Albert’s son Brewster and the rest of the family for sharing and to Marjorie for the narrative.

It goes without saying that such documents are very helpful for historical research. Edward Evans who has been researching the CCC/POW camp in Hamlin has learned a lot from the logs/journals of people who were at the camps. Related to the story about the camp appearing in an earlier update, I have a correction to make. There were both Quonset Huts and old Barracks placed on Brockport’s campus. The Barracks likely came from the camp in Hamlin but where the Quonset Huts came from is not yet certain. The good news is that from the mentioning of the camp and the Quonset Huts, Edward Evans and College Archivist Charlie Cowling are sharing information and maybe some of the mysteries will be solved. Here is a note from Charlie of some of his findings from College archives.

“Hi Bud, this one got me curious, one of those things I have lots of bits and pieces on, but never tracked down completely. There's still some gaps, but I have a better idea now.

First, the Quonset huts were not from Hamlin, see the attached file, the 1947 Stylus article; they were from a naval base in RI. The vet housing that was erected in the same period (see photo at end of article, 1 is Quonset, 1 is vet housing,) those vet barracks may have been moved here from Hamlin Beach. They are referred to simply as "war surplus" in one record, but it doesn't say from where. Hamlin was a POW camp during the war, and I did once hear from a local person that they thought those barracks were from the Hamlin Beach CCC/POW complex.

I think the attached documents give as much as I know at this point. It's one of those historical curiosities, the great concern of college staff at the time was with acquiring desperately needed buildings, and where they came from was just taken as an incidental point. Now, 60+ years later, we're very curious about it!”

Charlie Cowling
College Archivist, Local History & General Reference Librarian

I am unable to provide any more information than already shared about the passing of the late Helen McLaughlin. But, I do have some feedback from some of you that I thought I should share:

I don't know who coined the phrase but several of us always referred to Helen as “Helen of Speech” as in Helen of Troy. You're right she was in the same category as H. Jayne Vogan. Though I did not know her very well I served on several committees with her and always found her to be delightful. I remember she helped me participate in a seminar on excellence in teaching and she stole the show.

[Walter Borowiec]

Hi, Bud -- so sorry to hear about Helen M.
Helen, my sister and I did Jim Horn's Costa Rica tour years ago.
She was a great traveler.
[Elaine Miller]

Last week Sandy and celebrated a wonderful balancing act as we let loose of the bicycle seat and watched our five-year-old grandson pedal off on his two-wheeler without assistance and then observed how quickly he became an expert rider once he found his balance. Crazy, but that celebration of youthful accomplishment got me musing about “balance.” I had flashbacks of watching former colleagues who were runners as they hit the “passage points” and their running became jogging, then walking, then limping, then wobbling, and then they totally lost their balance and were seen no more. For a lifetime, balance, in all respects, is a difficult task for some of us but watching a young boy overcome the challenges of a two-wheeler brings joy to offset some of the sorrow as we see others lose their balance and fall off their “life-cycle” and we begin to wobble and must acknowledge that we will someday lose our balance and fall off as well.

Unfortunately, I must report two such “fall-offs” today.

This message was received very early this morning from emerita Karla Linn Merrifield and wife of emeritus Roger Weir:

“Bud:

I wanted to let you know that Roger died last evening, peacefully in his hospital bed overlooking the front yard. He was facing a wall of nautical art in our living room, closest to him an oil painting of an old schooner, its sails white-white, the sea the same sparkling blue as Roger's eyes, the white-whitecaps like his twinkle.

He had been breathing evenly with slow rich snores as he slept into the evening and I wrote at my desk a room away watching night come, listening, getting up, checking on him every twenty minutes or so. Just as I was finishing the last line of a poem to him, writing the words “your pilgrimage on Earth comes to an end,” moving a word or two around in the line, I head the breathing stop.

A gentleman always knows when to leave. And he was a gentleman to the end, sparing me from prolonged intensive care for him, seeing his further emaciation and mindlessness. How gracefully he bowed out. When he was last fully alert in mid-morning, he had given me a last kiss in return for mine, had been able to articulate, love you, too,

Tonight, I saluted him; and then bowed; it seemed the right thing to do.

Roger Martin Weir, born April 5, 1932, died of complications of dementia on July 12, 2017, at his home in Brockport, NY. An Army veteran of the Korean War, he held a doctorate in
educational psychology from the University of Rochester. Roger served as the first school psychologist in the Brighton School District for several years, and went on to serve for 33 years at the State University of New York College at Brockport where he began as director of counseling and rose through the ranks to assistant to the vice president of student affairs. He also served as SUNY Brockport Faculty Senate president for two terms. There will be no memorial/funeral service, but condolences may be sent to his wife of 22 years, Karla Linn Merrifield, 236 Hollybrook Road, Brockport, NY 14420. Those wishing to make a memorial donation may do so to the charity of their choice, or to Lifetime Care (www.lifetimecare.org).”

Roger was a unique character, and many have stories to tell, be they truth or fiction. One of them relates to the many very creative letters he shared with friends, sometimes even with the administration, when he thought that events and decisions lacked reasoning. Several people are known to have saved his letters for their wit and humor as well as for their critical analysis of all-things Brockport. Roger was a member of a coffee group that drove some members of the administration crazy enough to sometimes participate with the hope that they would not be talked about when present. His service and intelligence as a student affairs administrator earned the respect of the faculty and, if memory serves me, he was the first elected Faculty Senate President not having academic rank. He was a recipient of the Chancellor’s Award for Professional Service in recognition of his contributions while supervising the counseling center and health services.

Roger’s legacy will live on and he will be remembered for his contributions in support of student success. We send our condolences and thank him for the memories.

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Today I learned from Warren “Koz” Kozireski of the July 7, 2017 passing of Claude Hall who taught Public Relations and Journalism as Assistant Professor in the Communication Department from September 1984 until January 1990. Claude was a loveable man except when he was on the court during Noon Time Basketball Association skirmishes. I sent the following recollection to Koz in response to his email:

“I knew Claude and liked him, and his son Andy was in classes with one of my sons. As you will recall, Claude had quite the reputation on the basketball court. You'd think you were free of him and about to make a layup when you'd get "clawed" from behind. It was the Claude-move and it would catch you with your head and neck becoming stationary as the rest of your body continued in space beyond the court boundaries. I don't know why he hated having people make layups against him so much, but you didn't have a chance of making them when Claude was guarding you. He was not fast, but he was shrewd and somehow could be where he needed to be to execute his move. Off the court Claude was the gentlest man and you just would not have believed how formidable he could be on the court when you saw him elsewhere on campus or in town.

Following is some information about Claude and his significant career shared by Koz and the internet.
CLAUDE HALL, longtime radio-TV editor for BILLBOARD magazine, best-known for coining the term "easy listening" to describe the sound of NEW YORK's WPIX in 1965, passed away this morning (7/7).

CLAUDE HALL'S INTERNATIONAL RADIO REPORT was a radio industry trade publication founded by the BILLBOARD radio columnist in 1978 to provide industry news and airplay lists from major radio stations.

HALL was also the author of "Radio Wars," an e-book available as a download on the internet.

Said ANDREW CLARK HALL, one of his sons, "He is getting ready for the LONGHORNS up in the sky and hanging with his radio buddies."

And I share this obituary borrowed from an even more extensive compilation of information about Claude that can be found by searching on Vox Jox on the internet and then selecting the link to its homepage.

If you knew Claude, you need to look at the tributes there once you finish this newsletter.

Claude Hall, who was born in Brady, TX on September 4, 1932, and attended high school in nearby Winters, died of heart failure complicated by a recent fall shortly after midnight, Friday morning, July 7, 2017 at Sunrise Medical Center in Las Vegas. The highlight of his career was 14 years with Billboard magazine. Although he covered the news in music and radio, he was mostly known for a column called Vox Jox that was widely read in the United States and Canada and translated and read throughout Brazil. It was even read behind the then Iron Curtain and on islands in the South Pacific.

Hall entered The University of Texas shortly after being discharged from the U.S. Army. He had served in Germany shortly after World War II. He graduated with a Bachelor of Journalism degree in 1958. His first newspaper job was with the El Paso Herald-Post, but he quit after a few months and hitchhiked to New York City. He spent two years on a trade magazine, American Druggist, published by Hearst, then two years with Cavalier, then a man’s adventure magazine published by Fawcett. Married and with a young son, he and his wife Barbara (she’d worked for Dr. Joyce Brothers at NBC) spent two years in New Orleans. He worked on the Times-Picayune, then considered one of America’s finest newspapers, and his wife finished up her master’s degree from Columbia University.

Later, he landed a position with Billboard magazine in New York where he was named radio-TV editor and spent the next 14 years. He also created and organized the International Radio Programming Forum, a conference, for 10 years. After Billboard, he earned a master’s degree in education at a small Christian university in Oklahoma while serving as the school’s director of public relations. With his degree, he joined the State University of New York at Brockport as a journalism and public relations professor where he taught the next eight years before retiring. He has since authored more than two dozen novels. He and Barbara also wrote “This Business of Radio Programming,” considered by many to be the best book on radio programming ever.
written and once adopted as a textbook by 22 major universities. His books are available via Amazon and Kindle Books.

He leaves a wife and sons John, Darryl, and Andy. Two brothers and a sister previously passed on.

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Following is an invitation from the family of the late Carol Ann (Nahom) Beers. If you can, plan to join Mo and the family to celebrate Carol’s life and remember her legacy.

The family of Carol Ann (Nahom) Beers is planning a Memorial service for her on Saturday, August 5, 2017 at 11:00AM at the Newman Center on the campus of SUNY Brockport. A reception will follow immediately after at the Alumni House (about a block away with plenty of parking).

We would like to see as many of Carol’s friends as possible attend so we are reaching out in several ways and apologize if you receive more than one invitation.

Please come! There will be a wonderful selection of Lebanese foods and some wine and beer.

Let’s send Carol off with a memorable party!

Thank you,

Mo Beers
mbeers@ec.rr.com
(910) 880-0291

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Carpe diem,

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July 19, 2017

Greetings,

Jason Dauenhauer has shared the following information that appears in what should be your favorite website, the Daily Eagle. I am sure many of you will be interested in attending this orientation after reading the brochure that you can find via one of the links below. We send a big thank you to Jason and the others who have developed this learning program for seniors.

Lifelong Learning Orientation
Interested in taking a fall semester course for FREE? Are you 60 years or older? If so, sign up for the College's Lifelong Learning Orientation taking place on Wednesday, August 16, in the Seymour College Union. The orientation program begins at 8:30 am and will end at noon. The College's successful expansion of lifelong learning for community members continues to grow! A limited number of seats in nearly 40 different courses are available for community members aged 60 and over. Known as 'auditing', individuals can register to attend and participate in a semester-long college course — for FREE. Auditors reap the benefits of being a part of a class such as engaging in discussions with students and faculty but aren't required to take tests or write papers. Visit alumni.brockport.edu/learning for more information on the orientation, and other lifelong learning opportunities. The orientation will also include an information fair with representatives from many campus programs.

contact: Jason Dauenhauer, PhD, MSW, Director, Multigenerational Engagement, jdauenha@brockport.edu
links: Lifelong Learning Programs at The College at Brockport
documents: Fall 2017 Lifelong Learning Orientation Brochure

Many of you have interacted with Rick Lair during his 27 years at Brockport. He is now joining our ranks as a retiree and I thought some of you who still do not follow the Daily Eagle would like to know about the following Farewell Reception:

Farewell Reception for Rick Lair
Wednesday, July 26, from 1 to 2:30 pm in the Union Gallery
Please join us Wednesday, July 26, from 1 to 2:30 pm in the Union Gallery as we say farewell to our Director of Physical Plant, Rick Lair!
After 27 years of service, we celebrate Rick’s dedication and great work, while wishing him well in his retirement …AKA “Gone Fishin’!”

I am still receiving feedback relative to the history of the military barracks and the Quonset Huts on the Brockport Campus. Following are two contributions from emeritus Norm Frisch and one with a slightly different slant from John Mosher.

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Hi Bud, maybe you'll find this mildly humorous. --Norm

I started working for Mel Smagorinsky as a graphic designer in the Brockport Instructional Television unit October 5, 1965. The TV office was then in Hartwell Hall. For about a month my "desk" was a clipboard and my "office" was the side chair next to his desk (unless he had a visitor or client, in which case I became scarce). I was mobile anyhow, working mostly in the studio next door. Shortly thereafter a space was found for me in the west Quonset Hut, a semi-cylindrical shaped building southwest of Hartwell. There I had a real desk and it was the last one on the left as you entered the building; one nearest the railroad tracks. Everything stopped when
the train went by in late afternoon because of the loud and deep rumbling noise and because everything oscillated.
But that was not all.

I commuted from Irondequoit during my first year. One winter day I parked as usual behind Hartwell Hall and went in the back door to get to the TV office which was on the first floor across from the President’s office. After checking in I took the front door out of Hartwell and south on the sidewalk to my new office. On this particular day, the snow was about knee deep along the edge of the sidewalk and flurries were in the air. The huts were heated by radiators and the steam line that fueled them, likely shallow underground and uninsulated, came from Hartwell. You could easily imagine where the line was because lush bright green grass showed in the narrow snow "canyon" where wisps of steam rose out of the ground.

The entrance to our hut was through a wooden door that did not fit too well. The bottom of the door had quite a gap and there was no storm door or vestibule. You were either in or out. So was any precipitation. The building was occupied by no less than a half dozen Psychology and History professors. Were the first of these observers and this a test? There was no building insulation; you could touch the inside of the metal sheathing that served as the outside of the building. All of this led to a noticeable temperature difference between the floor and "ceiling" that we all felt. One day, Chuck Day (Psychology) decided to quantify this by bringing in and placing one thermometer on the floor and another on top of a tall filing cabinet. While I here have an opportunity to exaggerate, I honestly do not recall what the temperatures were but do remember the difference was easily double digits.

Thinking back on it, I humorously imagine us as life boat passengers, of sorts, with very diverse backgrounds, interests and talents but with the uniting intention to survive. Ha, hardier married students occupied these buildings way before us I had heard. For most of us it was very temporary; the college was undergoing a major building expansion that would put us in better places. That hut was my office space only during my first winter on campus. The following spring another space was found for me in the lower level of Hartwell, the first of three moves on that floor about which more stories could be told--involving, on different occasions, carbon monoxide and avalanches.

[Norm Frisch #1]

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I was 23 when I started there, seems so long ago.

Other occupants of the Quonset Hut that were not mentioned in the previous story:
Kempes Schnell (History)
Robyn (sp.?) ______ (a guy; History?) Bud, do you know?
C. Stuart Dube (I think he was there; Psychology)?

The other Quonset hut, to the east and parallel to us, was occupied by George Pinckney, chairman of the Psychology Department. He did experiments with tropical fish and so instead of desks, there were raised fish tanks.
Environmentally the fish may have been better off than us humans because the temperature of
the tanks had to be closely and uniformly regulated. Mr. Pinckney had a (graduate?) student
assistant Linda (sp.: Lynda?) who helped him care for them.

The two Quonset huts were connected at their south ends by a more traditionally shaped building
of about the same size. I don’t know what was in it or what it was for. Between the Quonset huts
and what is now the Alumni House was a non-descript, moderate sized, grey clapboard wood
frame building. It seemed to be used as a maintenance catch all. It burned down on a warm day
sometime after the end of 1966. Not sure of the year. I remember we were home at 42 Monroe
Avenue and, hearing the sirens, walked to the front lawn of Hartwell to see what was happening.

[Norm Frisch #2]

[Norm would be interested if any of you can identify others who occupied the barracks or
Quonset Huts or can fill in the blanks for the partial references to people in his contribution. I do
know from a photo I scanned from a yearbook that Russell Wallen worked in one of the
structures at some point in time. Share feedback with me and I’ll share it with Norm.]

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Ah, the saga of the Quonset Huts continues. I think the fact that little note was made of the
origin of the Quonset Huts at the time they arrived on the Brockport Campus emphasizes David
Kendall's plea for people to write about their life and times. As David has noted it is fascinating
to our descendants and other interested persons to have a glimpse of our life and our times. As in
the case of the Quonset Huts, apparently no one considered that there might be future interest in
the history of these buildings.

I believe we often disregard the importance of recording a bit of our times and life for our
descendants. The very fact that my parents and grandparents did not do this motivated me to
start writing about my life and times growing up on a farm 1934-1952 for my children and
grandchildren. These writings have become a book, “THE GREEN FIELDS OF HOME,”
which was published a few weeks before I heard David Kendall's presentation at Mornings with
the Professors. I was amazed at the synchronicity of having done exactly the thing that David
had encouraged us all to do!

Recently I gave a presentation for The Phelps Community Historical Society about growing up
on a farm in the township of Phelps. Over 50 people attended. At the presentation, I passed on
David's message and encouraged everyone to write about their life and times for their
descendants. I emphasized, as David did, that the writing does not have to be spelled correctly,
grammatically correct or published. In my case, I had no intention of writing and publishing a
book. I was just putting together stories from my experience growing up on a farm in the period
1934-1952 in loose-leaf notebooks for my children and grandchildren. It is another story how it
got published with photos etc.

At the Phelps presentation there was a lot of interest in my talk and even some of the young folks
there bought a copy of my book. To me that said there is interest even beyond one’s family.
Again, I emphasize David Kendall's message, whether it is Quonset Huts or personal history,
write it down for those in the future who may be interested in the past.
All good wishes,
[John Mosher]

Your last letter mentioned saving things from your mother, other ancestors etc. and passing them on.

A couple of years ago I sent my photo album of my family's farm life in Tully Valley 1947-1952 to the Farmer's Museum in Cooperstown. Any more former farm kids in the Brockport realm? [Joyce Ogden]

[These stories suggest that David Kendall’s message has not fallen on deaf ears. And, they also remind me to say again, in clearing our “stuff” to prepare for downsizing, etc., remember to touch base with Charlie Cowling, College Archivist, before “trashing” anything in your possession that might be helpful in preserving the history of the College.]

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If anyone is interested in visiting Cuernavaca, Mexico, “The City of Eternal Spring,” Jim Horn now has added over 40 new photos to the Apartment Rentals section of his blog.

**Blog:** [www.jimhornnews.com](http://www.jimhornnews.com)  
[Jim Horn]

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The following tribute to Helen McLaughlin was received from Gary Metz that I thought should be shared.

Hi Bud,  
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Helen McLaughlin. She was one of my first professors at the College back in 1973 and was also one of the best. Many of us will miss her warm smile and kind wit. She was one in a million.  
[Gary Metz]

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I also have received this nice tribute to Claude Hall from Dale Hartnett to share.

I never met Claude Hall although I did meet his wife a few times in her PR role working in the not-for-profit sector in Rochester.

Yet I was extremely familiar with the name Claude Hall while I was working in radio in the early 1970's before he came to Brockport. Claude wrote the weekly column "Vox Jocks" for Billboard magazine, a music industry trade journal. All of the DJs at WNYR and WEZO used to grab the most recent copy of Billboard as soon as it came in to read Claude's column. It was there that we read of the most recent personnel changes in radio. Claude's column was the industry's most authoritative source for finding out the comings and goings of radio talent across the country.
We learned which former colleagues and competitors had moved to or from various radio gigs. I suppose that we also hoped that some of these transitions created openings in larger markets where we might also advance our careers.

[Dale Hartnett, Communication Department]

For some reason, my last newsletter took forever to send out. I believe it was being treated as SPAM because it had too many links. So, after several failures, I edited the newsletter to eliminate almost all the links and I was finally able to confirm that the newsletter was being mailed. In the process, I deleted some feedback from Mary and Tom Markusen related to “Carpe Diem/Seize the Day,” which they had shared with me and I found interesting. It contained link to a historical analysis of the functional meaning of the phrase at different times by different people. I regret that in the process of getting the last newsletter on the street, I totally deleted the link from my records. I do thank Mary and Tom for the feedback. Suffice it to say that the phrase has had many contextual interpretations over the years.

In conclusion, I remind you that you need to notify me when your directory information changes, especially your email address, to remain on my distribution list.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

July 29, 2017

Greetings,

I have no time to write but because one of these news items is time-sensitive, I thought I should try to get it out today. I will try to enhance these reports later.

First, Jon Bell, an alum, an emeritus adjunct and a roving-reporter from Albany, shared the following note that he received from St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Brockport.

“Dear Parishioners:

It is with great sadness to report that Walter Boston passed away on Wednesday, July 26th around 4:20pm surrounded by his family. There will be an informal memorial service at the Friendly Home, 3156 East Avenue, Rochester, on Sunday, July 30th at 2:00pm for Walt. It is open to anyone who would like to attend.

There are tentative plans for a Memorial around his birthday September 23rd. More information will come later.

Please keep Abbie and her family in your prayers,
"Francis "Frank" Filardo just alerted me to the unfortunate news that Evelyn M. Burger passed recently. She was one of the original Educational Communications Center Graphic Designer / Illustrators. A very sweet person and very accomplished illustrator. In those days, we had upwards of many hundreds of clients each year. I cannot think of one who was not impressed with her quiet friendly sense of humor, exceptional skill and promptness in completing his/her job. After quite a number of years she left service around the time she and her husband Bill were starting a family on the other side of Rochester. That was in the mid-70s as I recall.”

Following is her obituary, edited to exclude information about past events, from this link: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/democratandchronicle/browse?page=9

“Burger, Evelyn M.

Webster: Saturday, July 22, 2017, age 72. She leaves her husband of 50 years, William; sons, Greg and David (Jodee); granddaughter, Kaylee. Evelyn was a loving wife, mother and grandmother who will be greatly missed.”

[Thanks to Norm and Frank Filardo for sharing.]

Now heading out quickly to “seize the day,”

Bud

August 2, 2017

Greetings,

Sad news seems to be in abundance this summer. Following in an obituary of a young woman with connections to the College. I share it because many of you are familiar with her parents.

Diane (Hartmann) Wood is one of the daughters of the late Linda Hartmann and Wayne Hartman. Linda served for several years as administrative assistant in student affairs and then ended her career in the Office of the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. Wayne was, and is, a faithful fan of Brockport College sports and many of you spent time with him bunching up in the bleachers to stay warm when you all braved the elements to watch Brockport Football. Sadly, Linda lost her battle with cancer in February 2015 and now Wayne and his family are having to grieve the untimely loss of Diane. Please note the visiting time in the obituary from the Rochester D&C that follows.
We send our condolences to Wayne and his family and Diane’s friends.  
[Thanks to Pattie Kendall, Print Shop, for bringing this passing to my attention.]

Wood, Diane J. (Hartmann)

Holley: Passed away suddenly on Monday July 31, 2017 at the age of 46. Predeceased by her mother Linda Hartmann. She is survived by her loving husband Robert, children Anthony, Charlotte, Jacob and Julia, father Wayne T. Hartmann, sisters Lori (Loren) Hartmann, Heidi (Jason) Squillante, nieces and nephews Levi, Merin, Angelo and Zander, other family, and many dear friends. Diane held the position of EMS Lieutenant for the Holley Joint Fire District.

Family will receive friends on Thursday August 3rd from 4-8 PM at the Fowler Funeral Home Inc. 340 West Ave., Brockport where a Funeral Service will be held on Friday August 4th at 10 AM. Interment will be held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may contribute to the Educational Fund for Charlotte, c/o Charlotte E. Wright, Citizen's Bank. Please visit www.fowlerfuneralhomeinc.com for more information.

Carpe diem,

Bud

August 11, 2017

Greetings,

Reminder: Lifelong Learning Orientation in 119 Seymour next Wednesday, August 16, 2017. Check in 8:30 – 9:00 am. Register online at alumni.brockport.edu/learning or by calling (585) 395-2451. See more at: https://brockport.edu/daily_eagle/doc/2017-07/item_11872_0634.pdf

I knew the late Walt Boston as a neighbor and as an Associate Professor, sometimes Chair of the History Department, and, if memory serves me, a short-term fill-in Dean. I remember chatting with him in the neighborhood when he was out walking for exercise when he lived behind us on Valley View Drive in Clarkson. And, I remember sharing things with him on at least two occasions. One time was back in the 1980s when Sandy and I decided to add a master bedroom to our home but were beside ourselves with how to lay it out. In a conversation with Walt we learned that he had added a master bedroom over his garage and, because of that conversation, he loaned us the plans for the room. Shortly thereafter Sandy and I were sort of sleeping in the same room as the Bostons. Another sharing experience was a surprise to both of us. I decided to have a garage door opener installed. A day or two after it was installed, it became apparent that something was wrong because the garage door opened and closed frequently without instruction from anyone in our household. Before calling the installer for a repair, I decided to drive around the neighborhood clicking my garage door opener in front of my neighbors’ homes to see if someone else’s garage door was on the same frequency. Sure enough, when I was in front of the Boston’s home and clicked, their garage door opened. Another click, and it closed. Blessed with
this information I decided to have a little fun with Walt for at least a day or two as I opened and closed my garage door often and at odd times. I then confessed to Walt and changed the frequency of my remote door opener since mine was the most recently installed.

After the Bostons moved out of our neighborhood and we all started retiring I lost touch with him except for his occasional input for the emeriti newsletter. I checked my past newsletters for input from Walt and I found a few references to his post-retirement work and travels. If interested, you can search on “Boston” after clicking on “download” at: http://digitalcommons.brockport.edu/student_archpapers/46/

[While he remained healthy, Walt continued to contribute to his church, the Brockport community, and his friends, and was able to enjoy some travel adventures. Walt spent his last nine months at the Friendly Home on East Avenue in Rochester where he was able to enjoy several gatherings of family and friends. He will be missed by all who knew him. We send our condolences to his family and friends. Following is his obituary from the Rochester D&C]

“Boston, Walter M., Jr.
Rochester: On Wednesday, July 26, 2017, Walter McCree Boston, Jr., PhD died at age 85, surrounded by family in prayer.

Walter is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Abigail; beloved children, Jennifer (William), Andrew, and Jacob (Kim); cherished grandchildren, Jessica (Kevin), Joshua (Kaitlin), Hannah, Emma, Madelyn, Fiona, and Isla; and treasured great-grandchild, Charles. Pre-deceased by his parents, Walter, Sr. and Theresa; Walter was a respected college professor at SUNY Brockport and RIT, a committed member of Linkages of Rochester, and a devout parishioner at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Brockport, NY.

Friends and family are invited to St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Brockport, NY on September 22, 2017 for a gathering at 10:30 a.m., a memorial service at 11 a.m., and a lunch reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, Walter's family sincerely requests all memorials to be directed to The Michal J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research or St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Brockport. Published in Rochester Democrat and Chronicle on Aug. 6, 2017”

You may note the address for condolences is:

Abbie Boston
81 Linden Avenue, Apt 621
Rochester, NY 14610

I continue to receive input about the barracks and Quonset huts that used to occupy the parking lot next to the railroad tracks west of Hartwell and south of Morgan III. I am mostly sharing them as they were received because I do not have a lot of time to prepare because the first item in this newsletter has time-sensitive information

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Nice report on barracks from Norm. I spent one semester there with Stan Wechkin, Herb Fink, and others in Psych until we got into new building (Holmes). I guess I was so happy to get a job that I didn’t notice the ramshackle and breezy setting. It was very physically intimate, though, since we were rather crowded together, desk-by-jowl, rather than, as later, in separate offices.

A related barracks story: When I was a freshman at the University of Illinois, I lived in barracks that had been set up for returning military veterans with families (that’s post WWII).

[Martin Lindauer]

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Bud, I started as a faculty member in Psychology in September 1966. The Quonset huts housed the Psychology Department. The department was small able to be housed in the Quonset huts until Holmes was completed Spring, 1968. My fellow colleagues in the department when we moved were Stu Dube, Chuck Day, Archie Carran. Stan Wechkin, Marty Lindauer, Shirley Tuska and possibly Bill Ward & Bhaldev Bhatia. George Pinckney was Chair and his office was either in the eastern hut or between the two huts. There was also a classroom in the back, very close to the RR tracks. And yes, the train came thru a few times each day. And came thru LOUDLY. George did yeoman work designing all the labs in Holmes. He traveled throughout the US visiting Psychology Departments so that we would have the most up-to-date building. George did research on avoidance learning (using fish). His undergraduate research assistant was Linda Anderson (previously mentioned in a previous note about the Quonset huts). Linda became the second Mrs. Pinckney. Linda went on to earn a Ph.D. in Psychology at the University of Rochester. She was a faculty member at Nazareth for more than a decade and then left academia.

I also remember a small maintenance building that was 30 feet to the west of the huts. One could park next to this building BUT, there was often mud or unplowed snow. I used to wear good clothes and shoes. Not very smart.

[Herb Fink]

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I had forgotten the Kaleidoscope article from 33 years ago. My recent story was pretty redundant, but maybe, to some degree, corroborated what was covered in it. Eventually I became, coincidentally, the lead designer for an upscaled Kaleidoscope when Sarah Watts became editor. I am fairly certain it was Chuck Day that brought those thermometers in, hopefully filling in that gap. The article and photographs helped me in return. I noticed that the Quonsets did not yet have the doors in the front ends when those pictures were taken.

[Norm Frisch]

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More Quonset Hut history. In 1961 when I came to SUNY Brockport, the Biology Department, then a division of the College's Science Department, was located in a couple

Our offices were at the opposite end of the classrooms, so to get to our office we had to walk through the connected classroom. That meant quite frequently walking through a class in session. As you can imagine, this arrangement caused many distractions to students and faculty. If it wasn't the train rumbling by, it was some faculty member walking through the class to get to his or her office. Then there were students, as well as other faculty walking through the class to meet in a particular faculty member’s office located through a door at the far end of the classroom. It was a rare day that I taught a class without interruption!

Norm Frisch made mention of the heating in the Quonset Huts. The heat was basically uncontrollable in the Quonset Huts that the Biology Department occupied. Not only was there the heat gradient between floor and ceiling but oftentimes the rooms would be overheated. One example of this that I especially recall is a time when we had just obtained new microscope slides with various parasites and other critters immersed in balsam sandwiched between the microscope slide and the slip cover. The slides were stored in a cabinet of slide trays in the prep-room adjoining a classroom-laboratory. Overnight the heat soared to who knows what temperature and made a sticky, gooey mess out of our new slides!

Those were the days of very low budgets and making do with the conditions at hand. We did the best we could and worked with it as it was.
[John Mosher]

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In the early 1970s Wayne Dedman and Jack Crandall used to regale us young historians with tales of life in the Quonset Huts, especially when we uttered any complaints about our current accommodations. They too talked about the dramatic differences in temperature, but between summer and winter rather than floor to ceiling--we are historians interested in change over time after all! They said all teaching came to a halt when trains came rumbling down the tracks. And apparently the walls between offices did not extend to the ceiling limiting privacy in office hours.

The Quonsets play a role in the history of the College that Mary Jo Gigliotti, Ken O’Brien, and myself published a few years back. There are pictures of the classroom buildings on p. 35 and the married student residences on p.49. The overview picture on p.33 shows their layout. BTW - sadly it is out of print, but copies appear second hand on Amazon.

The Quonsets were all left over from WWII facilities for GIs and POWs. I believe the married student ones had been up on the St. Lawrence. Others may have come from Sampson Air Force base in the Finger Lakes. Wayne Dedman talks about them in the
oral history in Rose Archive. I hope the stories keep coming as they will important make important archival additions.

[Bruce Leslie]

[Thank all who have contributed to the story of the Barracks and the Quonset Huts. The College was blessed in the late 1960s and early 1970s with new facilities and more structural history is continuing to be made with the current building and renovations programs at the College.]

I am now working with the College to publish in print the photographs, information and stories that I have been collecting since September 2011 from current and former employees of the College who were veterans. The sale price has not yet been determined but some of the above-cost proceeds will go to the veterans’ scholarship fund.

So far, I have consolidated everything into one document and it is, if I must say so myself, quite impressive, thanks to the responses from many veterans and/or members of their families. I am now working on final edits, the addition of a few photographs, etc., and, hopefully, the collection of a few more stories and photographs. Recently, thanks to Maury Kleiman’s son, Gerry, I added a photograph of Maury in uniform to his story and, thanks to Bill Andrews and Charlie Cowling, I recently added a photograph of Bill Andrews in uniform to his story. You can view them at their links at: http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/BKPT_VETS.htm. I expect to be able to add the stories of Arden Bucholz, Richard Clack, Donald McWherter and Harold Rakov to the publication soon and I continue to work on maximizing the number of stories to be included.

For many of our veterans, I do not have much more than a "place marker" that generally is nothing more than some information including the veteran’s name, title and department at the College, his/her branch of service and period (e.g. WWII, Korea era, Viet Nam era, etc., if known). I would still like to add a photo of these veterans in uniform and more information about their service as it would enhance this publication.

Except for a few recent additions, you can check out the stories I have completed as of this date by clicking on the active links at: http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/BKPT_VETS.htm. I am hoping that either the veteran or, if deceased, a member of his/her family, will provide a photo of the veteran in uniform, some basic information about his/her service and, if possible a story or two, but, to make the first edition of this publication, the material must be received soon enough to meet a deadline to have the publication printed prior to Veterans Day this year. If anyone can help locate contacts for information about any of the veterans listed on the VETS website without active links, please let them know about this project and have them contact me.

There is no guarantee that there will be a second edition. I just know that it is time for me to complete my work on this project. Others may continue to collect photos, information and stories in the future, but if you wish to be well represented in the first edition, now is the time to act.

Carpe diem,
Greetings,

I have very sad news to report today. Former employee, Marie Bush Dellaquila, who is known to many of you, and a dear friend to some, including emerita Jeanette D’Agostino Banker, died on Friday, August 18, 2017 after a period of at-home hospice and one night at the Shepherds Home Hospice in Penfield.

Marie was a wonderful person and role model throughout her time at Brockport and thereafter during her continuing career with the State University of New York as an administrator at SUNY System Administration. She joined the staff at Brockport as a Residence Hall Director on August 14, 1969 at the time the College was transforming itself from a Teachers’ College to a College of Arts and Sciences. Working with former Associate Dean of Students, Dick Alexander, the late Charlie Light, Thomas Rosia and others, she was involved in many facets of the transition, and the events of that time, including the elimination of “in loco parentis”, the replacement of “house mothers” with student affairs professionals in residence halls, the elimination of the distinctions of “Dean of Men” and “Dean of Woman,” the opening of new residence halls, and the managing of them in a time of social upheaval related to the civil rights movement and Viet Nam. In those days we worked hard, but we were like family with many good times together after the work was done. I have fond memories of a nice beginning of the school year party hosted by Marie in the fall of 1970 at her duplex on Fourth Section Road, at which I believe I met Thomas Rosia, among others, for the first time. They were exciting times for Brockport and Marie played a key role on the student affairs staff as a colleague and friend and an important advocate for students. Marie left Brockport as Associate Dean of Students in the summer of 1976 for a position closer to family. She was similarly appreciated for her work on the academic side, including as Associate Provost at SUNY System Administration, after leaving Brockport. We thank Marie for the memories and for her good work on behalf of SUNY and send condolences to her family and friends. Please note from her obituary that follows that her Funeral Mass will be celebrated, tomorrow, Tuesday, August 22nd, 9:45 AM at the Church of the Assumption, 20 East Avenue, Fairport, NY.

“Dellaquila, Marie Bush

Fairport: August 18, 2017, two days before her 74th birthday. Predeceased by her parents, Agnes Connery & Fred Bush of Saratoga Springs, NY and her much loved husband, Steven P. Dellaquila of Fairport, NY in 2006 and her sister-in-law, Roseann LaFay. Marie is survived by brothers and sisters-in-law, Thomas & Frances Dellaquila of Fairport, John & Ann Dellaquila of Holley, NY, Pat & Jacie Dellaquila of Johnsonburg, PA and Anthony LaFay of Fairport. She inherited many nieces and nephews from Steve and was very fond of Julie Dellaquila, Joseph (Jayne) LaFay, Marie (Philip) Byrne and Michael (Kristen) LaFay and their families who live locally. She also leaves several cousins. Marie was an only child and she truly cherished all of her extended family. She graduated from St. Peter’s Academy in Saratoga Springs in 1961 and SUNY Plattsburgh in 1965 and later from SUNY Albany earning MS and EDD degrees. She
worked in Student Affairs at SUNY Brockport and retired from SUNY Central Administration in Albany in 1995. She and Steve moved to Fairport, NY in 1995. She enjoyed her home, her new friends and relatives and much-loved pets. Marie volunteered at the Motherhouse at the Sisters of St. Joseph and eventually was honored to become a Lay Associate of the Sisters. She truly treasured, respected and loved the Sisters. Marie traveled quite a bit from Alaska to rounding the tip of South America and throughout much of Europe, but she always loved to come home. She will be buried next to Steve and her parents in St. Peter's Cemetery, Saratoga Springs, NY. Her family wishes to express special thanks to the caring staff of the Shepherd Home in Penfield.

No prior calling. Marie's Funeral Mass will be celebrated Tuesday, August 22nd, 9:45 AM at the Church of the Assumption, 20 East Avenue, Fairport, NY. Her Burial will take place Wednesday, August 23rd, 1 PM in St. Peter's Cemetery, Saratoga Springs. In lieu of flowers, kindly consider donations in her memory to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester, Lollypop Farm or Shepherd Home Hospice.

Published in Rochester Democrat and Chronicle on Aug. 20, 2017”

Carpe diem,

Bud

August 28, 2017

Greetings,

It is hard to believe that last Wednesday our summer, with only a couple of times having three days in a row without rain, ended and we welcomed fall. But, here we are and while I am happy not to have the type of bad news to report today that has become my prompt for preparing newsletters, I am getting anxious about my annual battle with my neighbor’s weeping willow tree.

The prompts for this brief newsletter are to share information from Marsha Rivers that I failed to include in my last newsletter, and to share an email encounter that resulted from that posting.

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Here is the omission:

The “Fall Mornings with the Professors” schedule is out. If you did not receive a hard copy in the mail, you can find it, along with an online registration option (new — not previously advertised) at::

You may register yourselves and/or guests for all sessions ($60/person) or individual sessions ($10/person). Day-of registration is $12/person. Contact Marsha Rivers (mrivers@brockport.edu, 585-395-5113) with any questions or concerns.

And, here is the report on the email encounter:

I was pleased to receive an email from former Dean of Students, Robert Squatriglia, in response to the newsletter about the passing of Marie Bush Dellaquila. Bob had known her and worked with her at Brockport (7/2/1970-8/31/1972), and along with others, wanted to pay tribute to Marie. A copy of the newsletter was shared with him by emeritus Vince Tollers. As residents of North Carolina, they have remained in touch. I enjoyed several email exchanges with Bob and he shared that he and Betty feel blessed with good health after 56 years of marriage. Betty had a career in real estate and Bob is Vice President, Dean of Students and Professor emeritus (1977-2003), then consultant (2003-2010), at Coastal Carolina University. It makes them happy that their four children are successful and that they and eleven grandchildren live within thirty minutes of them. This unexpected delight is one of the benefits of my role as writer/editor of the newsletter that will prove to be great compensation for anyone who might be interested in assuming this role in the not-too-distant future.

And, this announcement about First Friday starting in October, not September, just came in from Vice President for Advancement and Alum Mike Andriatch:

Coming this Fall...First Fridays at Alumni House

Come one, come all and join us for First Fridays at Alumni House starting in October. Enjoy good company, refreshments and tour the house.
4 - 6 pm
142 Utica Street, Brockport

Mark your calendars for the following dates:

October 6, 2017: Sponsored by the Friends of Drake Memorial Library
November 3, 2017*
December 1, 2017*

*Sponsors needed! If you're interested in hosting a First Fridays, contact Marsha Rivers at (585) 395-5113 or mrivers@brockport.edu.

See you in October!

Mike Andriatch ’85/’17
Vice President for Advancement
I am getting close to a “wrap” on my work with the Brockport veterans’ project. I am pleased that Irene Manitsas is working on getting information for me about Bill’s military service, David and Jill Rakov have shared photos of Harold in uniform and are hurriedly working on his story, McWherter children, Jonathan and Kirsten have provided information and photographs for Don’s page, and Arden Bucholz has shared a photo and his story. I have heard from emeritus and alum Mel Smagorinsky that Jack Frank was a veteran, so he will be added to the list. I’ve also secured a photograph of Bill Andrews to add to his story and John Sinacore has shared some edits for his story. I would love to hear soon from the other veterans, or members of the family of veterans, whose names appear without links to their stories at:

http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/BKPT_VETS.htm and/or the names of College veterans you may know who are not listed at this site.

Carpe diem,

Bud

September 5, 2017

Greetings,

I have just a few things to share, mostly for your calendars.

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Mike Andriatch has asked me to share the following information about another initiative at the College to help us keep up with things.

Stay up to date with College at Brockport news in The Port! Read the latest news and stories, browse recent press releases, find upcoming event information, enjoy featured photos and video spotlights, and more. Visit https://brockport.edu/news/ any time to view recent content and watch for the monthly Port e-newsletter in your email inbox.

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Jamie Beers-Wilson, Director of Donor Relations and Stewardship shares the following information about the scheduling of an event that has been very well received by us in the past. Here is the information:

The Antique Appraisers Road Show
Saturday, October 14, 2017
9 am – 6 pm
Seymour College Union Ballroom, The College at Brockport, State University of New York

What’s in your attic?
Have your heirlooms, collectibles and other treasures appraised by leading antique experts including alumnus Robert Meringolo ’73.
All appraisals $5.00 per item*
*Flat fee of $25 for five or more items
All proceeds to benefit the Drake Memorial Library at The College at Brockport.
Free and open parking.
For more details contact Jamie Beers-Wilson at (585) 395-2380 or jbeers@brockport.edu.

Emeritus John Mosher has shared that his wife, Connie, will have an exhibit of her art at “A Different Path Gallery”, 27 Market Street, Brockport, NY 14420 from Friday, September 8 through September 28th. Everyone is invited to the opening reception on Friday, September 8 from 7-9 pm.

The exhibit is called "EXPRESSIONS AND IMPRESSIONS" and includes a collection of oil paintings, flower scanography, and Polaroid transfer art.

Speaking of John Mosher, I recently learned that he was a veteran and I am happy to report that his story is now posted on the temporary veterans website at: http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/BKPT_VETS.htm And, he is one of our emeriti who is presenting at “Mornings with Professors” this Fall on October 3rd on the subject: “A Guide to Your Hidden Journey: Your Life as a Journey with Steps Along the Way.”

The other member of our emeriti group who will be presenting in this program this Fall is Raymond Duncan who will speak at the session on October 10th on the subject: “News and Views from South of the Border: Mexico, Cuba, Panama, and Venezuela.”

If you have misplaced your “Mornings with the Professor” brochure or did not get one, you can still view the program offerings at:


I am not going to hold out for bad news before sending this out. So, just enjoy a “no bad news” update and then visit The Port or go to “Quicklinks” on Brockport’s website and click on Daily Eagle to see all that is going on at the college that I have not reported. And, remember, both the Town of Sweden and Village of Brockport have websites on which the many community events and activities are posted.

In conclusion, here is something I found on the Facebook page of James Dusen, emeritus Director of Photographic Services, that might be of interest to several, if not many of you:

For many years I've exhibited a selection of my photographic images in Rochester at the Image City Photography Gallery. If you're in the area please stop by during the opening reception on Friday, September 8th, 5:00-8:30pm. Or catch the show during the month of September. Along with my 10 prints you can enjoy a variety of images by some other area photographers. Of
course, you need to see the excellent large panoramic prints of the featured presenter, Sheridan Vincent, which highlight the Rochester region. The Gallery is open Tuesday - Saturday, Noon-6:00 pm and Sundays, Noon- 4:00 pm. For more info call 585-271-2540 or check the Gallery web site, www.imagecityphotographygallery.com. Thanks very much and I hope to see some of you there.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

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September 11, 2017

Greetings,

Just typing this date brings back so many haunting memories that I almost feel that I should not be wasting anyone’s time with a newsletter on such a day. Yet, living in the moment is all that we really have, so I write, as I still can.

Yesterday, Sandy and I saw Associate Professor Davida Bloom perform in a one-woman play, “Wild Horses,” by Allison Gregory, on CenterStage at the Jewish Community Center. If you “grew up,” or are still in that process as an adult, you can still see Davida’s excellent performance of this excellent play that will make you laugh mostly, and maybe cry, while challenging your memory of the early episodes of your life-story that made you who you are. I am sharing this because you still have six opportunities to see Davida perform during “Fringe Festival.” The play will be performed September 14 (5:30 pm), September 16 (5:00 pm), September 17 (11:00 am and 7:00 pm), September 23 (5:00 pm and 7:30 pm) at School of the Arts, 45 Prince Street, Rochester, NY 14607. I believe you will enjoy the play while marveling at Davida’s talent as, all by herself, she will captivate you for 90 minutes of fun, yet challenging, entertainment. Provost Jim and Carol Haynes were also in attendance yesterday, and while they might say it differently, it was obvious that they also would strongly recommend this event to you.

[I shared a draft of this newsletter with Jim Haynes to get his approval for mentioning him and Carol and he responded with:

“No problem with including us, Bud. Laughter and tears are the perfect description for Carol’s and my reactions to the play. It was marvelous and jogged my memory of a pivotal event in my life that marked the beginning of my long and continuing transition from adolescent to and through adulthood. A truly marvelous play and performance by Davida!”]

We encourage you to take advantage of one of the opportunities to see this performance and support Davida in the process. Tickets at: rochesterfringe.com or call (585) 957-9837

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It was nice to see the “Woman to Watch” article about Adrienne Collier, former Affirmative Action Officer and Interim Human Resource Officer, in the Business Section of the Rochester D&C yesterday. We congratulate her on being the ESL Credit Union’s first diversity and inclusion program manager and wish her much success.

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Stuart Soloway, Fine Arts Series Manager has shared the following information:

“Many former students of the Department of Art are prolific in maintaining an active pursuit of the visual arts in their lives. The department is honored to present a sampling of works by alumni who have developed an extensive record of artistic activity over several years. The Department of Art Alumni Exhibition will be on display at the Tower Fine Arts Center Gallery at The College at Brockport from through October 13, 2017. The gallery is located at 180 Holley Street, Brockport, and the exhibit is free and open to the public. Featured in this sampling are works by Trisha Koomen ’04, Christina Laurel ’09, Charity Henderson ’10 and Mary Jo Whitman ’11.”


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Reminder(s):

There will be a celebration of the life of the late Walter Boston, Associate Professor Emeritus, History, at 11:00 am on Friday, September 22nd at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 14 State Street, Brockport. The service is open to those who would like to attend and join the family for lunch immediately following the service. The family will be pleased see some College/Brockport folks.

Let me know when any of your directory information changes, especially your email address.

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Pierre Radimak, SUNY Retirees Service Corps Coordinator, has asked that the following invitation be shared with SUNY Retirees. I am happy to be the conduit.

“The invitation below is being sent to you on behalf of Julie Petti, Director of University-wide Human Resources

Dear SUNY Retiree,

I am pleased to invite you to the fifth biennial conference for SUNY retirees, which will be held on Friday, October 13th, 2017. This year’s event is called “Stronger Together”: Building Bridges among SUNY Retirees, Campuses and Communities, and the system-wide conference will, for the first time, be held at one of SUNY’s Long Island colleges – Farmingdale State College (FSC) in Farmingdale, NY. We welcome the College as co-sponsor of this timely symposium in
partnership with the SUNY Retirees Service Corps (RSC), a unit of the University-wide Human Resources office at SUNY System Administration in Albany. In keeping with the theme of Stronger Together, the event Planning Committee includes retirees and staff from all five SUNY campuses on “The Island.”

The conference agenda offers something for retirees and campus administrators alike. A variety of notable speakers will address diverse and interesting topics, including: issues related to Elder Law (such as long-term care and estate planning); Medicare: Things Retirees Should Know; Social Security: Widows, Widowers & Other Survivors; Social Media and Internet Safety; and Lifelong Learning Options for SUNY Retirees. A panel discussion on Campus Retiree Organizations and Campus-Sponsored Retiree Programs will examine creating and maintaining a positive public presence on campus and in the community.

In addition to the various presentations, the $25 conference registration fee includes: continental breakfast, a hot lunch, multiple networking opportunities, handouts, and an optional guided tour of Farmingdale’s acclaimed Department of Urban Horticulture and Design Teaching Gardens and Greenhouse.

Stronger Together is open to current retirees of SUNY’s 64 campuses, System Administration, the Research Foundation, individuals who oversee existing campus retirement programs and retiree organizations, and those interested in starting or expanding a retiree organization or program at their campus.

You can find details about the conference, including the agenda and registration form by visiting http://www.suny.edu/retirees/conferences/ and select the “2017 SUNY Retirees Conference program and related details” link.

The conference registration deadline is Friday, September 29th.

Any conference- and registration-related questions may be directed to Pierre Radimak, SUNY Retirees Service Corps Coordinator, at retirees@suny.edu or 518-320-1354.

We hope to see you at the Stronger Together conference!
Julie Petti,
Director, University-wide Human Resources
The State University of New York”

Carpe diem,
Bud

September 16, 2017

Greetings,
Millie Gianfagna has a new address. She is now residing at Brookdale Brockport, apt 118, 90 West Avenue, Brockport, New York.

Millie came to Brockport with her husband, the late emeritus Assistant Professor, Biological Sciences, Alfred Giafagna, in 1963 and she has been a well-known active and caring member of the Brockport community. She is known for her many contributions to her church, the Church of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary; for her many years of staying fit by playing tennis, including her many wins in Senior Olympic Games; and for her attendance at many events and activities at the College. She will be a nice addition to the Brookdale Brockport community as she continues her life in Brockport and you may even see her out and about singing with the Sweden Senior Chorus at their events. We wish Millie well as she adjusts to her change in residence.

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Here is another announcement from Pierre Radimak, Editor, SUNY Retirees Newsletter Coordinator, SUNY Retirees Service Corps. This also mentions the upcoming conference but more specifically, it is to share information about the availability of the Fall/Winter 2017 issue of the SUNY Retirees Newsletter. You may recall that emerita, and mayor of Brockport, Margay Blackman, and I, have contributed to past issues. Take a look at both the newsletters and the organization on the internet.

“I am pleased to advise you that the Fall/Winter 2017 issue of the **SUNY Retirees Newsletter** which is published and distributed electronically system-wide by the SUNY Retirees Service Corps (RSC) twice yearly (Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter issues) is now available. It and past issues of the Newsletter are available online at [http://www.suny.edu/retirees/newsletters/](http://www.suny.edu/retirees/newsletters/).

The current issue…

* highlights *Stronger Together: Building Bridges among SUNY Retirees, Campuses and Communities*, the fifth biennial system-wide SUNY Retirees Conference on Friday, October 13, 2017 at Farmingdale State College (page 1)
* profiles the Lifetime Learning Institute at SUNY New Paltz (page 4) and the Rockland Community College-sponsored Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Rockland County (RSVP) (page 14)
* tells the fascinating retirement stories of Bill Goergen (State University Construction Fund) (page 11) and Dr. Jennifer Sneed (Charter Schools Institute) (page 25)
* gives Seven Good Reasons to Attend the Fifth Biennial SUNY Retirees Conference (page 20)
* contains “news you can use”-type stories on revisiting one’s Retirement Income Option from the SUNY Optional Retirement Plan (Part II) (page 6), the NYS Long Term Care Ombudsman Program (page 12), and Vitamin D Deficiency (page 16); and
* provides First, and Lasting Impressions of SUNY from Dr. Nancy Zimpher, Chancellor Emerita

…plus much more!

In addition to the stories within the latest *Newsletter*, SUNY Retirees Conference details and registration info is available at [http://www.suny.edu/retirees/conferences/](http://www.suny.edu/retirees/conferences/). The conference registration deadline is Friday, September 29th.
Please forward the attached SUNY Retirees Newsletter and this cover email to your retired campus colleagues or any retirees you may know from other SUNY campuses who may not already be on the SUNY Retirees Newsletter electronic distribution list.

Anyone with Newsletter story ideas of interest to all SUNY retirees may email me at pierre.radimak@suny.edu or call me at (518) 320-1354.

To learn more about the SUNY Retirees Service Corps, visit http://suny.edu/retirees/.

Thank you for your interest in the SUNY Retirees Newsletter!

All the best,
Pierre F. Radimak
Editor, SUNY Retirees Newsletter
Coordinator, SUNY Retirees Service Corps’

I’ll let words from a flyer speak for themselves but, if you have enjoyed Doug Hickerson’s human interest stories over the years, as we all have, here is an opportunity for a little flashback in time of remembrance while recognizing Doug and Diane’s contributions to the enhancement of the greater Brockport community. Here is the announcement of the event. Please note that the Tuesday, October 10 date is the correct date not the October 9 date which mistakenly appeared in the papers last weekend.

“Doug Hickerson reviews 25 years of his Brockport stories in a Power Point presentation at Seymour Library on October 10

For over 25 years ago, Doug Hickerson has been composing human interest stories for the Westside News newspapers as contributing writer in the Brockport area where he lives. After retiring in 1992, people he knew or heard about in his community began to capture his attention as subjects for newspaper stories. Now, there are over 170 accounts of their interesting personalities, gifts, and contributions to the community. And, some interesting public places are included.

Selecting a sample of 100 features, Hickerson will review his writing in a Power Point presentation scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, in the Seymour Library Duryea Room, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. The library is located at 161 East Avenue in Brockport.

His first story tells of a young woman in his church who miraculously survived a life-threatening disease, and then gave birth, defying the negative predictions for the disease. In the background is the church’s extensive support for her and her family. A follow-up story covered the birth of a second baby three years later.
The rest of the presentation is not in chronological order. A kaleidoscope of characters is offered, such as: Mateo Mortellaro, a local high school freshman adopted from Columbia, starts his own farm business and gives $4,000 to the Columbian orphanage where he was adopted. Chet Fery, “The Bread Man,” is in his thirteenth year of baking bread in his home and giving away 40,000 loaves to people with whom he shares stories of human kindness. For some pieces, the title tells it all: “The Nesbitts: Sealing driveways and bonding the family – Hamlin father and three lovely daughters do dirty driveway sealing.” In “Cast iron or cotton quilts,” retired Kodak engineer Jim Smith goes from creating steel components to designing and making hundreds of quilts to be given away.

Local artist Dianne Hickerson has been the photographer for her husband’s articles since she took colorful photos for the quilt article in 2011. Prior to that, the writer took his own photos. Hickerson’s training and background is not in journalism, but in higher education administration. With a Doctor of Education from Penn State University, he has served in student development administration for over two decades in liberal arts colleges, his last position being Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs at the College at Brockport.

As a free-lance writer, Hickerson has published articles in Genesee Country Magazine and The Good News Rochester Christian newspaper. In the late ‘80’s and through the ‘90’s, he penned many op-ed essays on cultural violence and other social issues in the Rochester Times-Union and the Democrat & Chronicle.

“As a pastime in retirement, exploring my community and writing about the people has been very gratifying,” Hickerson said. “I am grateful to Westside News for accepting my articles for the Suburban News and Hamlin-Clarkson Herald for over a quarter of a century. My special thanks to Evelyn Dow, editor emerita, with whom I worked for 23 years. And, more recently, thanks to Kiri Patella Ryan, editorial assistant, for enabling my articles to continue.”

A retrospective of Hickerson’s articles in print will be on display in four portfolios in the Local History Room of the Seymour Library beginning October 10 and extending through December. The last three years of Doug Hickerson’s articles can be seen at:
www.westsidenewsny.com/author/doug-hickerson/ “

Carpe diem,

Bud

October 5, 2017

Greetings,

Community Volunteer extraordinaire Gordy Fox has shared with me that the Morgan-Manning House is seeking to hire a part-time historian. He thought that someone on my distribution list might have the right background and interest for this position. For years Morgan-Manning was fortunate to have the services of Eunice Chestnut serving in this position. Since her moving out of the community and her subsequent passing, Alicia Fink has been serving as interim but she is relinquishing this role. I do not have details about the compensation and duties of the position.
but, if you are interested, chose your method for contacting Morgan-Manning from the following information:

Morgan-Manning House  
151 Street  
Brockport, NY 14420  
(585) 637-3647  
morganmanninghouse@gmail.com

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Jim Horn has returned to his home in Cuernavaca, Mexico and is happy to report that he found everything in good shape. For the past 2-3 weeks he has done some, unusual for him, travels in the United States. He has posted his chronicles and some beautiful photographs of his trips blog [https://jimhornnews.com/](https://jimhornnews.com/) where you will find his most recent trips, “A Tauck tour of Yellowstone and the Grand Teton” and a visit to the NY Botanical Garden to see the stunning Dale Chihuly exhibit. Jim’s blog is a significant resource whether you plan to travel, or unable to do so. I have enjoyed visiting his trip essays and photos and traveling with him vicariously and thank him for sharing his many travel adventures.

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On September 16th, Dave and Peggy Hale had a new experience. Their granddaughter Audra Hale is a freshman at RIT and on the women's volleyball team. Their first home game was that day. They watched RIT beat Medaille 3-0. They’ll be going to some other games, especially when RIT visits Brockport 10/24 when their loyalties will be tested. Go Tigers!

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Reminder:

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Greetings,

I was playing catchup today after being on the road for a couple of weeks and, in the Rochester D&C, I found a notice that John T. Mahoney, a University Police Officer at the College from 1969 until his retirement in 1987, had died on October 7, 2017. I then found a link to his obituary on the website of Miller Funeral and Cremation Services, Inc., 3325 Winton Road South, Rochester, NY 14623 at:
http://millerfuneralandcremationservices.com/tribute/details/2638/John-Mahoney/obituary.html#tribute-start

I knew John and was happy to learn about his life after Brockport while being saddened to learn of his passing. You can find a recent photograph of John at the helm of a boat by visiting the website above.

Obituary of John Mahoney
~~John T. Mahoney
Died October 7, 2017. Survived by his wife Janet (Webster); sons, Brian (Jody) Mahoney, Jared (Elizabeth Laney) Mahoney; grandchildren, Brendan and Erynn Mahoney; brothers-in-law, Wayne (Irene) Webster, Warren (Mary) Webster, Steven Webster; sister-in-law, Barbara (Ken) Extein; many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

John was a Viet Nam veteran, honorably discharged from the U.S. Army after serving with the Military Police. John retired from The SUNY Police at Brockport College.

After retiring, John, Janet and 15-month-old Jared moved to NC where he opened several small businesses and worked at jobs that “he couldn’t afford to have before but always wanted to try” as he was fond of saying. His favorite among these part-time jobs required getting his commercial driver’s license so he could be a motor coach operator. He enjoyed touring his passengers around as well as still putting on a uniform. After creating three in-home part-time businesses and playing an integral role in raising Jared, he convinced Janet it was time to open a full-time business. John was the driving force behind establishing Village Music School in Cary, NC in 2005. Together, as co-owners, they have watched the fledgling business grow from 18 students to the current enrollment of 700+.

John was known as JT to his friends and family. His passion was boating. His father sparked this lifelong interest by letting him row a boat tied to the dock of his family’s cottage on Cuba Lake as a young boy. As a teenager, he graduated to a power boat. Together, JT and Janet have changed boats over 20 times during their 32 years of marriage. For the past nine summers, they have vacationed on their boat either on Lake Ontario or Seneca Lake. Winter vacations must also
include sunshine and a boat according to JT so he has always booked an annual cruise, which became the couple’s mutual Christmas gift.

Friends and family may call MONDAY October 16, 2017 from 5-7 PM at Miller Funeral and Cremation Services, Inc., 3325 Winton Road. South., Rochester, NY. A celebration of his life will be held 1 PM Saturday October 21, 2017 at the Highland United Methodist Church, 1901 Ridge Rd., Raleigh, NC 27607.

In lieu of flowers please consider donations to the Salvation Army in Rochester, NY or Raleigh, NC:
Salvation Army, 70 Liberty Pole Way, Rochester, NY 14604
Salvation Army of Wake County, PO Box 27584, Raleigh, NC 27611

We send our condolences to his family and friends.

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I will likely have more to share once I get caught up, but I am distributing this time-sensitive information for those who knew John and may want to personally share condolences with the family tomorrow from 5-7 at Miller Funeral Home.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

October 18, 2017

Greetings,

Sadly, I have two deaths to report today. I did not know either person very well, but they were both well known in the Brockport community and loved by many. Emeritus Thomas Kallen served as Professor and Chair of the Chemistry Department throughout some of his career at Brockport that began in 1970, along with the rest of the faculty recruits in the biggest faculty recruitment year in the history of the College. His death reminds me of that great year for the College and the many highly qualified faculty and staff that were engaged in the transformation of the College from a Teachers’ College to a College of Arts and Sciences. Sandy Hare is the other death. While she was to my knowledge, never a member of the faculty or staff of the College she was a dear friend to many from the College. In those early years for the incoming recruits in the 1970s, her husband, the late Don Hare, was the police chief in Brockport and he, and she, were seen out and about supporting the College and the community. I am reminded by Sandy’s death of a couple of things. In the 1970s Don, the Chief of Police, could be found directing traffic on the Main Street in front of Barbers during the heavy traffic periods on Friday nights, helping drivers negotiate the egress from Market and Clinton Streets. As an “old” HR Director, I cannot resist saying, that was back in the days when people who saw a need addressed it, even if it was not in their job description. Another event Sandy Hare has reminded me of was a time I was filling up gas tank at Northside before heading on my way to Albany for a meeting
and getting confused when I could not decide whether to pay cash or charge and ended up driving away without doing either. That evening (before cell phones) Sandy (Meade) called me to advise me that Don Hare was looking for me because I had ripped off Northside. It was embarrassing, but, I simply went to Northside and paid the bill when I returned from Albany and never heard anything more about it from Don. Finally, Sandy was the sister-in-law of the late Marguerite Hare “Peg” Browne who was an exemplary member of the faculty and lived her life for the College right up until her passing. Sandy was one of Peg’s caregivers and further endeared herself to others in performing such duties. Sandy was a retired nurse from Lakeside Hospital and she attended “Mornings with the Professors” for many years, and she and Don supported the College in many ways over the years.

I did not know Tom Kallen well enough to share any stories, but his passing reminds me of one of my favorite photographs that I took of him at Ken Schlecht’s retirement party. I do not send attachments with newsletters but if anyone wishes to have a copy of the photograph, request it of me in an email and I will email it to you. You can also see a different photograph of Tom on Fowler Funeral Home’s site at: http://fowlerfuneralhomeinc.com/tribute/details/733/Thomas-Kallen/obituary.html#tribute-start

I have been told that Sandy Hare’s obituary will appear in the Rochester D&C within the next couple of days, so you can watch for it. I do know that calling hours will be at Fowler’s Funeral Home on Sunday from noon to 5:00 pm and the service will follow at 5:00 pm with a dinner reception to follow at the Vets Club. I do already have Tom’s obituary from the link above and I replicate it here:

“Kallen, Thomas W.

Brockport: October 15, 2017, at age 78. Tom was predeceased by his sister Kathleen. He will be greatly missed by his loving wife Mary; his children Michael (Kimberlee), Amber and Brandon; his grandchildren Jonathan, Josiah, Lydia, Anna, Mary Rose, Eliza, Kateri, Avery and Liam; his brother Gary (Monica) and sister Susan; and cousins, nieces and nephews.

Tom graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Madison and earned his PhD at Washington State University at Pullman. He taught inorganic chemistry at The College at Brockport for 41 years, chairing the department for over 12 years. He loved teaching, learning and baseball - especially the Chicago Cubs.

The family is most grateful to the medical staff at the University of Rochester Medical Center for excellent care.

A celebration of Tom's life will be held on Friday, October 20, at 2:00 P.M. at the Fowler Funeral Home Inc., 340 West Avenue, Brockport, followed by a reception at Smith Hall at The College at Brockport.

In lieu of flowers, kindly consider a gift in Tom's memory to the Brockport Foundation for Scholarship Fund, 350 New Campus Drive, Brockport, NY 14420.”
[We send condolences to the family and friends of Tom Kallen and Sandy Hare.]

And, here is an announcement from Marsha Rivers, Development Associate, Division of Advancement. Sandy and I hope to see many of you on Friday, November 3rd and hope many of the veterans whose stories are in “the book” will be able to attend.

First Friday: Veterans Edition! (Sponsored by Bud and Sandy Meade)
Join us Nov. 3, 3:30-5:30 pm at Alumni House. Brockport veterans book to be unveiled.

Retired Human Resources Director Bud Meade has compiled profiles, pictures, and stories of nearly 200 former and current Brockport faculty and staff who are veterans of the United States Armed Forces. The directory will be published by our own Print Shop and can be purchased in time for the holidays. Sample copies and order forms will be available at First Friday. All proceeds will benefit the Brockport Veterans Scholarship.

These tales of harrowing heroism and sacrificial service are sure to enrich our collective understanding of the Brockport community and our connection to the wider world. Thanks to Bud and Sandy for investing in this project and for sponsoring First Friday. Beer, wine, and refreshments are free to all attendees.

Toast a vet — there are more of them in Brockport than you might realize!

Earl Ingersoll continues to have a productive retirement and shares that last August, University Press of Mississippi (UPM) published Mary’s and my Conversations with Colum McCann, which we began to work on eight years ago, after UPM had published our, “Conversations with Anthony Burgess.” We were told that McCann wasn't "ready" for a Conversations, but after he received the National Book Award for his novel “Let the Great World Spin,” UPM suddenly decided he was ready.

Earl also does not think he shared Rowman & Littlefield's publication last December of his: “Screening Woolf: Virginia Woolf on/and/in Film.”
[Congratulations on Earl’s success and a thanks to him for sharing.]

Feedback I receive often includes appreciation for my sharing the travel adventures and tips from other members of this distribution list. Because of our treasured friendship with Ray and Ute Duncan, we knew they had recently been enjoying a great travel experience and I pressed them to share some information about their trip. In response, Ray has graciously shared the following:
For those of you who love to travel, you might consider the Scottish Highlands. This part of the world offers breath-taking scenery, historic castles and welcoming hospitality. Rather than take a pre-arranged tour—among which many are available—try the go-it-alone approach.

Here’s how you do it:
(1) decide on what towns you want to visit
(2) check out available B & Bs or hotels for price and location, and then
(3) call your selected place and make a reservation for 2-3 days (enough time for sightseeing in that town). You can get from Point A to Point B by a rental car—or, as we did it—public transportation [bus or train].

On our 17-day adventure we visited: Edinburgh, Aviemore, Inverness, Portree (on the Isle of Skye), Ft. Williams, Oban, Inveraray, and back to Edinburgh.

A “Scotland Explorers Pass” purchased at Edinburgh’s Bus Station produced up front inexpensive bus tickets from city-to-city. This saved money and time and made logistics a no-brainer and fun with a lightweight backpack and carry-on suitcase. We decided on the bus rather than rented car because of our age and driving on the left-hand side of really-narrow roads.

[We thank Ray and Ute for sharing their trip and these tips. If you would like to hear more about their trip I am confident that they will be happy to share if you contact them directly.]

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Thanks to many of you and other members of the Brockport Community, Doug Hickerson had a nice audience for his recent presentation at Seymour Library about the 170 people he has highlighted in the Suburban News, Hamlin-Clarkson Herald over the years. His stories are now available on the College’s Digital Commons at:
http://digitalcommons.brockport.edu/local_books/25/

And, if you do not have your tickets yet, get them soon! When the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra plays in Tower Fine Arts, it is always a sold-out event. This year promises to sell-out early because the Music Director, Ward Stare, will be conducting himself. Ward’s grandfather is the late William Ward who served as Professor of Psychology from 1967 until 1985. The concert, with Ward Stare conducting, will take place at The College at Brockport on Friday, October 27, 2017, at 7:30 pm in the Tower Fine Arts Center Mainstage, 180 Holley Street, on the Brockport campus. Tickets for retirees are available by phone at (585) 395-2787, or at the Tower Fine Arts Center box office. If you are so inclined, check out Bill Ward’s military story at:
http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/Ward_William_war_story.pdf and you will learn how Ward Stare got his early start in his distinguished career in music.

This is all the information I have to share at this time. I am sorry for the sad news of the passings.

Carpe Diem,
Greetings,

This newsletter is just to remind you of a few upcoming events, one of which occurs today.

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From Jason Dauenhauer, Director, Multigenerational Engagement:

Lifelong Learning Lecture: Traveling to the Southern Continent: Glimpsing the Past and Potential Future in Antarctica

Dr. James Spiller, Associate Professor of History, will describe the mounting scientific evidence of climate change in Antarctica, its unique political history, and accounts of study abroad trips to the southern continent. Integrating the unique political history of Antarctica with accounts of study abroad trips to the southern continent, this presentation conveys a half century of mounting scientific evidence of global environmental change through a tale of personal discovery.

All community members, students, faculty, and staff are invited to the lecture taking place on:

Today, Thursday, 10/26, from 6-7 pm in McCue Auditorium, Liberal Arts Building.

contact: Jason Dauenhauer, Director, Multigenerational Engagement, jdauenha@brockport.edu

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You may already be too late, but, if interested, you can try to get tickets to hear the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra play on the Main Stage in Tower Fine arts at 7:30 pm, Friday, October 27, 2017. As reported earlier, the orchestra will be conducted by its Music Director, Ward Stare. Tickets for retirees may still be available by phone at (585) 395-2787, or at the Tower Fine Arts Center box office.

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And, again from Marsha Rivers, Development Associate, Division of Advancement:

First Friday: Veterans Edition! Join us November 3, 3:30-5:30 pm at Alumni House. Brockport veterans book to be unveiled.

Bud Meade, Human Resources Director Emeritus, has compiled profiles, pictures, and stories of nearly 200 former and current Brockport faculty and staff who are veterans of the armed forces. Sample copies for review, and order forms, will be available at First Friday. Proceeds will benefit the Brockport Veterans Scholarship.

Carpe Diem,
Greetings,

I begin today with both expected, and totally unexpected, sad news, but I will leave you with some wonderful news about an award bestowed on one of the founders of emeriti/retiree support initiatives at The College at Brockport, State University of New York.

The expected sad news is that the life of Carrie LaZarre, a very dear child of the late revered members of the College Community, Adam and Jet LaZarre, has ended after she wonderfully lived out her remaining years following the diagnosis of a terminal illness more than 10 years ago when she was only forty. Carrie was well known by many Brockport College families as one of their favorite baby sitters because she was known to actively engage their children in good activities. Sandy and I still remember fondly the one time that she was feeling bad when we returned home when she was sitting for us. Somehow a cookie jar had been broken during the evening. We told her not to worry about it, it was no big deal, but, the following day she came by with a new cookie jar and insisted that we take it. I remember a telephone conversation with her when she was about 48 in which she expressed a goal of living to reach 50. She made that goal and a little more, and though we were not present, she danced at a 50th birthday party held in her honor and you can watch her coming on the dance floor to engage with another dancing couple at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eGGURcXrbYw Make sure you watch the whole video as she jumps in at least three times and is still dancing and singing, at the end, which is just about what she was still doing when her life ended.

Following is Carrie’s obituary from the Ithaca Journal on November 2, 2017 that you can find, with a photograph of her, at: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/theithacajournal/obituary.aspx?pid=187120567

“LaZarre, Carrie Lisa

Carrie Lisa LaZarre, 51, passed away on October 30, 2017 at Hospicare in Ithaca, New York after surviving and thriving with a diagnosis of cancer for over 10 years. She was born on May 4, 1966 in Santa Monica, California of Adam Maurice and Jet MacDonald LaZarre. Carrie grew up primarily in Brockport, New York, and graduated from Brockport High School. After high school she graduated from Ithaca College with a degree in Communications, and then SUNY Brockport with her Masters in Education degree.

Carrie is survived by her sister, Julie (Tony) LaZarre-Miller, her brother Adam (Angie) LaZarre, and the lovely Rosie and Norman, her dog and cat (who both have wonderful new homes).

Carrie lived her life with passion, from friendships and family to teaching, travel, dancing, acting, and civic engagement, she had a strength of spirit and purpose admired
by all who knew her. She inspired us, is loved dearly, and will be remembered often and fondly.

Carrie’s life will be celebrated on Saturday, November 4 at 10:00 AM at the First Unitarian Church in Ithaca, NY, 306 N. Aurora Street. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the organization that brought Carrie and Rosie together: Pet the Pet Program Inc., 6371 Strong Road, Trumansburg, NY 14886.

Published in Ithaca Journal on November 2, 14886.”

[Carrie is a treasured spirit. We send condolences to her family and friends as we remain thankful to her for her inspirational life.]

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The unexpected passing of Ward Wolff, a retired guidance counselor from the Brockport School District, and adjunct in Counselor Education at the College, on Monday, October 30, 2017 was shocking. He passed while trying to improve his remaining days by having a hip replacement. Ward was well known by members of this distribution list and a dear friend to emeritus Joseph Kandor and Jan. He was also a dear friend to the late emeritus Director of Campus Public Safety, Bob Coleman, and was assisting me in securing contact with Bob’s family to complete his military story. I do not have information about arrangements yet, so I encourage you to view the obituaries in the Rochester D&C the next couple of days for details.

[Ward will be sorely missed by his family, friends and neighbors, for whom he did so much. We send condolences to them as they recover from the shocking, untimely, passing of Ward and prepare to adjust to life without him.]

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As promised, I offer joy, instead of sorrow, as I conclude this newsletter.

The joy is that the Volunteer of the Year Award that has been presented annually by the Brockport Foundation Board for ten years has a new, and much deserved, name. “Each year the award is given to someone who embodies extraordinary dedication and commitment to The College at Brockport, leaves a unique mark on Brockport and the community, and makes a lasting and important difference for our campus.” [From 2017 Alumni Awards & Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony & Dinner]

Following are Vice President Mike Andriatch’s words announcing the renaming of the award to those present at the Alumni Awards & Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony & Dinner on October 20, 2017.

“Last night was the unofficial kickoff to Homecoming Weekend. For the last three years, we have begun Homecoming by bringing together our volunteers, members of our
College Council, Alumni Association and Foundation Boards of Directors, along with other key people and College leadership to say, ‘thank you,’ for all they do for Brockport.

And last night, for the first time in the ten years that we have named our Volunteer of the Year, we presented it at that function in front of the other volunteers. Two-time alumnus Nick Billotti, and former member of the Brockport Foundation Board of Directors was this year’s recipient.

But this year, we added a special twist to this very important award. Thanks to a great suggestion from long-time faculty member Dr. Gary Metz, we were looking for a way to honor the ultimate Volunteer, a person who won this award previously, is in the Alumni Association Hall of Heritage, and quite simply, has done more to keep alumni engaged or re-engaged, connected others, mentored students, honored students, than anyone you can imagine.

As we said when she was honored in 2010, I don’t think it is possible to capture in words or in the description of one project the impact that she has had on the college, our programs and our people, especially our students.

I would guess that most if not all of you here tonight have been touched, either directly or indirectly, by her work. If you interact with her regularly you probably have gotten an email well after midnight or a phone call early in the morning, sometimes both in the same 12-hour period! The wheels just never seem to stop turning and the connections she makes always seem to turn to gold. It’s probably a low estimate to say that she has influenced the creation of more than a quarter of all scholarships provided by the Brockport Foundation and is intimately involved with nearly two dozen such scholarships.

Student recipients love her because she really gets to know them and cares deeply about their success. Current faculty respect her because of her lifelong commitment to the College and the success of every facet of campus life. Emeriti colleagues admire her for her energy and ability to make connections and build consensus on important issues. And her classmates from 1953 adore her for her friendship, love and effort to create and build the model scholarship that every class should emulate.

She is a mentor, a donor, a friend, an advisor, a counselor. There are not enough words to describe the impact she has had on so many people who are associated with Brockport. And so, because of her lifelong commitment to her alma mater, we are honoring the ultimate volunteer with the ultimate award. From this day forward, the Brockport Foundation’s Volunteer of the Year Award will now be called the Jeanette D’Agostino Banker Volunteer of the Year Award. Congratulations!!"

[Jeanette D’Agostino Banker is one of the first people I met when I began my career at Brockport as a Financial Aid Intern in 1967. She and other student teacher supervisors had offices on the second floor of Vanderhoof Hall (now Morgan III) above the Financial Aid Office. Soon after I became the Personnel Director in 1970, Jeanette, and the late Peg Brown, visited me]
to discuss, among other things, the inclusion of spouses in the Faculty & Staff Directory, the building of a database of retirees, the extension of benefits (e.g., parking passes) to retirees, and the inclusion of retirees in campus activities. The number of retirees at the time was small but the groundwork Jeanette and Peg pushed for made the campus welcoming to retirees as their numbers grew. Like most of you, I have been in awe of her commitment to the State Teachers’ College, Brockport, New York; the College of Arts and Sciences at Brockport; and The College at Brockport, State University of New York, and there is no renaming that pleases me more than “The Jeanette D’Agostino Banker Volunteer of the Year Award.”]

As Carrie sang: “Thank God, it’s good to be alive!”

Carpe Diem,

Bud

November 7, 2017

Greetings,

Sadly, I begin another newsletter with news of the passing of one of our own. Psychology Professor Emeritus Frederick Gravetter passed on Thursday, November 2, 2017. I did not know Fred well, but his death does bring back some fond memories of our early days in Brockport. We knew the late William Wilkins and his wife, Marty, from our days as students at Geneseo. So, when they moved into the neighborhood after Bill accepted an appointment in the Psychology Department at Brockport, we did a few things with them socially. Bill and Marty were bridge players, as were we at the time, and sometimes invited us to join them as one of the three couples invited for an evening of bridge and conversation. On a few occasions, Fred and Carol were members of the group. We had some good times at these gatherings and enjoyed meeting new people through this bridge-connection during our first years at Brockport. Then children came along, their activities took over our lives, and we all lost touch as we took different paths. I am sorry that it sometimes takes the passing to remind us of some of the good times. We send our condolences to Fred’s family and friends as they mourn his passing and celebrate his life. Following is his obituary from the Rochester D&C on Sunday, November 5, 2017:

“Gravetter, Frederick J. PH.D. “Papa”
Brockport: Passed away at the age of 72 after a short illness on Thursday, November 2, 2017. Fred will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Survived by loving wife and best friend, Debbie, son Justin, stepdaughters Melissa (Niccolo) Monachino, Megan (Jimmy) Baker, brother Mark and Justin’s mother Carol Gravetter. “Papa” is also survived by grandchildren Niccolo “Boo” Monachino, Samantha “Sam” Baker and grand-dogs Teddy and George.
Fred taught in the Psychology Department of SUNY Brockport from 1971-2006. He also authored three books on Statistics and Research Methods. A celebration of Fred’s life will be held at the New York room at SUNY Brockport on Sunday, November 19 from 2-4. In lieu of flowers we ask that everyone consider donating blood to the Red Cross or donating to Lollypop Farm.
Following are a couple of tributes to Ward Wolff I have received:

“What a shock to hear of Ward Wolff’s sudden death. I knew Ward best as a student in our dept. shortly after beginning my teaching days at the college. I last saw him (I think) at Jayne Vogan’s life celebration party in Rochester a few years ago. As you’ve indicated, Ward also joined the dept. as an adjunct, so I also knew him as a colleague and, above all, a friend. He had a wonderful sense of both seriousness and humor, and loved soaring through the heavens in his plane. He had an awesome sense of appropriateness in everything he did, rarely getting upset but never backing down from his values. He was a true gentleman and a “genuine” human being in the best possible manner. He will surely be missed!!”
[David Kendall]

“Bud, what a wonderful influence Ward Wolff was on generations of BCSD students. A truly dedicated, inspiring individual.”
[Steve Ullman]

And here are a couple of tributes or congratulations to Jeanette D’Agostino Banker that I received for sharing with Jeanette:

“To Jeanette Banker a special note of congratulations! Andy would have been most proud. You know how proud he was to be your best (boss) friend, from your high school years in East Rochester to his last days. Best wishes always and God Bless you always.”
[Sue Virgilio]

“And what can we say about Jeanette other than she modeled for me and many other then-junior faculty how we should interact with students. No one has been more valuable to the college community than Jeanette.”
[Steve Ullman]

Veterans’ Day Activities

At 11:00 am on Friday, November 10, 2017 a Veterans Day Ceremony will take place at the flag pole near the mall followed by a reception in the main lounge in the College Union.

At 5:00 pm, on Tuesday, November 14, there will be a panel discussion about the “Crisis Hotline” Video in McCue Auditorium.
At 1:00 pm on Saturday, November 18, there will be a Veterans Memorial Ceremony at the Eagle Statue in front of the College Union.

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Brockport Sports

Brockport fall sports have had great success this fall with the football team, with 9 wins and no losses could have a perfect season in they beat St. Lawrence this week. They already have an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. Similarly, women’s volleyball had a great season and won the SUNYAC championship for the third time. They will be competing in the NCAA tournament as well, along with both the men’s, and women’s, cross country teams. I hope I have not missed a playoff team, so, to check up on me, be sure to go to Brockport’s website, click on Athletics followed by a click on Sports to check out the other teams. Congratulations to the athletes and the Athletic Department for these success stories.

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Our retirees remain active and it is always nice to see media coverage of their activities. Emerita Margay Blackman has recently enjoyed such coverage. The November/December issue of the “55 Plus” publication includes a feature story by Christine Green, entitled “A Second Act – in Politics,” in which she shared her experiences that led to her becoming involved in politics and highlights the emphasis she places on Town and Gown relations in her role as Mayor of the Village of Brockport. This publication is free, and you should be able to pick it up at Wegmans. Additionally, the November 2017 issue of “in good Health,” Rochester’s Healthcare Newspaper, includes Margay’s insights on keeping healthy in an article entitled “Yoga: Flexibility, Strength for Active Adults,” that features Melissa Kleehammer, owner of “Beyond Yoga” in Brockport.

[Congratulations to Margay for the coverage that also contains references that are good for the College as well as for the Brockport Community.]

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Following is a gift to all of us who knew John and Ginny Atherton: https://www.pitzer.edu/communications/wp-content/uploads/sites/17/2013/08/2012_spring.pdf I was led to this site by the Executive Assistant to the President at Pitzer College when I sought a photograph of John for the Veterans’ Book. At this link you will find a wonderful tribute to John and Ginny who returned to Pitzer after leaving Brockport in 1985.

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It was nice to see many friends and associates at First Friday and I was particularly pleased to see WWII veteran John Sinacore and Angie, along with two wives of WWII veterans, Irene D’Agostino and Helen Hemmer (the late Gerald D’Agostino and William Hemmer, respectively). We are fine-tuning the book this week and hope to submit it to the printer within
the next two weeks. For those interested, instructions for ordering will be shared in the next newsletter.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

November 12, 2017

Greetings,

Bittersweet is likely the word to best describe many of the things that many of us on this distribution list experience as we close in on the completion of our bucket lists for our current plane of existence. And, the word “final,” often creates a bittersweet experience. I recently learned that Distinguished Professor of Art Emeritus, Robert E. Marx, has just returned from opening an exhibit of his recent work at the Davidson Gallery in Seattle where he has had an annual exhibit since 1973. This year the exhibit is billed as “bittersweet,” and “final.” You can find a photograph of one of his paintings on the gallery’s website at: https://www.davidsongalleries.com/exhibitions/. The image and the caption will likely take a little wind out of your sails, as they did for me. But, although Robert may be ending his annual exhibit at Davidson, I suspect that he is not giving up on his love of art, and will continue to bless and challenge us with his haunting images. So, bittersweet is the watchword as we congratulate Robert for his lifetime of achievements, including his extended relationship with the Davidson Gallery, and for sharing them with us.

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And, I was very pleased to receive an email yesterday from Susan Huston Jones on the 40th anniversary of her reporting to work in the Registrar’s Office at Brockport on November 10, 1977, where she reported to the late emeritus Bill Sanford, and worked with Ann Henderson and the late Neil Pfouts. She remains grateful to them, and to others at Brockport, from whom she learned her craft that led to a 34-year career, from which she retired as Registrar at George Mason University in 2012. We were grateful for Susan’s service at Brockport, sad when she left, very happy that her experience here led to her appointment at George Mason, and we send her our thanks for sharing her reflections on her anniversary date.

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The spiral bound “viewing” copies of the book, “Honoring Faculty and Staff Veterans” seems to have been well received. For those who are interested, I am happy to announce that the Advancement Office has placed a secured order form that can be completed and submitted from the internet at: http://alumni.brockport.edu/book If you want to place an order, and that method overwhelms you, let me know and I’ll email you an order form that you can complete and submit, along with your payment, via the U. S. Postal Service. It is the plan for the final version
of the “First Edition” of the book to be submitted to the print shop this week. If all goes as intended, the satisfaction of orders will commence on or about December 15th.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

November 14, 2017

Greetings,

I have sad news to report today. A few days ago, I received a report that Professor Emeritus Robert W. Blake may have passed, but I could not confirm it. Yesterday, in visiting the website of Fowler Funeral Home I found that, indeed, he did pass on November 5th.

Throughout his career and most of his retirement, Robert was a prolific writer, and on several occasions, he shared some of the things going on in his life with me for inclusion in this newsletter. You can find some of his contributions by downloading the file and searching his name in the archived newsletters that can be found at: https://digitalcommons.brockport.edu/student_archpapers/46/

I remember Bob from my earliest days at Brockport. Bob had a passion about teaching and learning that drove his commitment to his students and his craft. I remember enjoying bumping into Bob at the Clarkson refuse transfer station occasionally, and hearing about his sailing and writing. After he retired, I also remember seeing him walking for exercise along route 19 in Clarkson on my way home from work and thinking, maybe retirement would not be so bad.

It was sad news to learn that Bob has passed, and we hope he is at peace as we send our condolences to his family and friends.

Following is his obituary from Fowler Funeral Home’s website at: http://fowlerfuneralhomeinc.com/tribute/details/744/Robert-Blake/obituary.html#tribute-start where you can view his photograph, and leave condolences. You can also find Bob’s obituary in the Rochester D&C today.

“Blake, Robert, William, ‘Bob.’
Brockport: November 5, 2017 at age 87, peacefully, with family by his side, after a long and courageous battle with dementia. Predeceased by his wife of 62 years, Carol (Clark) Blake, he is survived by his three children, David (Linda) Blake, Brett Elizabeth Blake, and Robert W. Jr. (Jen) Blake; grandchildren Robert Clark Moe, MacKenzie Grace Blake and Matthew Reagan Blake; three step grandchildren Bobby J. Hopson II, Kierra Hopson-Taylor, and Jonathan Herbert Eaddy Hopson; his sister Elizabeth (Blake) Niergarth, Sister-in Law, Barbara Blake, and several nieces and nephews. Robert was a proud Veteran of the Korean War.
Robert was an educator for over 60 years and published over 50 books and articles on a wide variety of topics around literacy, linguistics, and English education. He was a GED teacher in the Armed forces, a high school English teacher, a vice principal and principal, and after receiving his doctorate in 1964 at the University of Rochester, was, for well over 30 years, a Professor of English Education at the State University of New York (SUNY) of Brockport where he held various titles: Chair of the Department, Coordinator of English Education, and Coordinator and Founder of the Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) program. When Robert retired in 1995, as Professor Emeritus, he continued to write and publish with his daughter, often traveling to places like Ireland, Greece, Scotland, and Spain to talk about his work and the importance of equitable education for all, not just for the privileged few.

When Bob was not teaching, he was enjoying his two favorite hobbies of sailing and skiing. (As a young man, he was a champion high diver, painter, and live radio actor). Later, as a family man he was a long-standing member of the Brockport Yacht Club (BYC) where he taught sailing along with being an avid sailboat racer. Robert would race anything, and was a long-time member of the Day Sailer Association (DSA). His ‘go-to’ crew members were his family, first his wife Carol, then David, Brett and Bob Jr. in succession. In 1994 (Rudi Reservoir, Aspen, CO) and 1995 (Huntington Lake, CA), Robert, with his son Robert Jr., won the Day Sailer North American Championship Regatta. Bob and Bob, Jr. spent over 15 years racing as a father-son team and last teamed up in 2010 to win yet again.

Bob was also a professional skier, having become a ski-instructor, in Killington, VT, a position he held with great pride until well into his 50's.

A Memorial Service at Fowler Funeral Home in Brockport and a celebration of Bob's life (place to be determined) will be held in the summer of 2018, and announced here in the Democrat & Chronicle.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation or to the Veterans' Group called, ‘BrothersKeepers’ in his name noting his service in the Korean War.

‘Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another.’”

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A dear friend of Bill Heyen’s has shared with me information about the publication of the fourth of William Heyen’s journals; this one entitled: “Too Many Angels (1995-2001). Read on for more information.

“Friends, William Heyen (who has his computer/email back again after weeks as he & his wife have been moving from their home of 48 years to another just a mile away) has asked me to notify friends about the availability now, via Amazon & perhaps other outlets, of the 4th volume
of his prodigious journal, the most extensive in American literature.

Some of you have one, two, or all three of the previous volumes also published by poet Nate Pritts at his H_NGM_N Press

The Cabin: Journal 1964-1984
Hannelore: Journal 1984-1990

all of these being quarto-sized, 10 pt., 500+ pages, & now, to join these

Too Many Angels: Journal 1995-2001

has arrived, this one the handsomest of them all (with a leering DeLoss McGraw devil on its cover & a preface by, ahem, myself). It gladdens Heyen, he tells me, to think of copies of his journal years finding shelves from NYC to Pasadena & beyond, his time in Time. His journal keeps his other books company as the years go by, & he claims (& I believe this true) that each volume becomes more interesting, more of a port in air (Wallace Stevens) than its predecessors.”

[Bill, with the writing you have done it is quite amazing that you have had the time, and maintained the discipline, to keep a journal. I know from “The Cabin: Journal 1964-1984” that there is a lot of history, your perspective, of the College and the greater Brockport Community in the journals, and I look forward to reviewing the latest addition to this series.]

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Just in time for this newsletter, I received the following invitation to a reception/fundraiser featuring Brockport alum, Helen Smagorinsky, a dear friend to many on this distribution list, including Brockport emeritus, and alum, Melvin Smagorinsky. Here is the invitation:

“Town of Wheatland Historian, Barbara Chapman, and Bridgett Gee invite you to join us on Sunday, November 19th, 1:00 – 2:30 at the Scottsville Free Library, to a reception/fundraiser to view and purchase the print “Scottsville Past and Present” by prominent folk artist, Helen Smagorinsky.

Helen Fabi Smagorinsky never formally trained as an artist, however, her work is well known and regarded. Helen has been painting all her life. Helen's work is detailed and invokes a simpler and less complicated time.

Some of Helen's artistic accomplishments include; her folk art was used in Ken Burns’ documentary Baseball, Helen’s work is part of permanent collections at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, DC, the New York State Historical Museum and the American Museum in Bath, England, and private collections as well. Congresswoman Louise Slaughter was recently given a print that Helen created depicting the women’s suffragette movement. Congresswoman Slaughter referred to Helen as a "national treasure.” Helen has also painted the communities of
Pittsford, Fairport, Spencerport, East Rochester, Clarendon, Brockport and now Scottsville.

Helen will be available to answer your questions and sign your print. Helen's print includes some of our buildings, homes, structures, and many other references and memories that make Scottsville the community we call home. Ten percent of each print sold will be donated to the Wheatland-Chili High School International Club in memory of Madeline Gee. If you have any questions, please send an email to VOSPandP@gmail.com.”

[I am sure Helen would enjoy seeing some familiar faces from Brockport at this event.]

Carpe Diem,

Bud

November 15, 2017

Greetings,

I’ll try to stay out of your mailboxes for a few days, but I wanted to remind you of an event, and the transportation available to it, and, forgot to do it in my last newsletter. My pending file became a little disorganized, as did I.

Here is the reminder:

Join an evening of celebration at the College’s second annual Winter Gala on Saturday, December 2, at The Wintergarden by Monroe’s in downtown Rochester. Celebrate extraordinary students and the College’s growing ties to the greater Rochester community in a night of philanthropy, food, and fun. Special guests and speakers include Joey Jackson ’88 and Ryan Nobles ’98 (CNN), Ginny Ryan (13WHAM News), Lauren Dixon and Mike Schwabl (Dixon Schwabl Advertising), Megan Carter ’06 and Corey James ’06 (98 PXY), Dave “Kane-O!” Kane ’79 (96.5 WCMF), and Sandy Waters ’98 (98.9 The Buzz). Purchase tickets online at alumni.brockport.edu/gala.

[Anna Loria ‘15
Communication Specialist]

And, the good news is that transportation is available for those who desire it as follows:

Need a ride from Brockport to the Gala? Your chariot awaits!
Catch a bus to and from:

Bus to depart from the Special Events Recreation Center (SERC) on the Brockport campus at 5 pm and arrive at The Wintergarden by 5:45 pm

Bus to depart from The Wintergarden at 10 pm and arrive at the SERC by 10:45 pm
Round trip cost: $10 per person
Seats are limited – guarantee your spot today!
Reserve your spot today: http://alumni.brockport.edu/galabus17

[Jamie L. Beers-Wilson
Director of Donor Relations and Stewardship]

I think this brings me up to date, but, you should check out the Daily Eagle https://www.brockport.edu/daily_eagle/ and the PORT https://www.brockport.edu/news/ on a regular basis to make sure you do not miss anything.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

November 28, 2017

Greetings,

I am just sharing a few announcements that I thought might be of interest to our group. I am thankful to not have and bad news to report at the moment.

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Friday, December 1, 2007: 3:30 – 5:30 pm
It’s First Friday: Holiday Edition!
Many thanks to Rosie Rich, this month’s sponsor

There is much to celebrate as we wind down the semester and begin the season of festivities!
Please join us at Alumni House for drinks and appetizers. As always, this event is free and open to all faculty, staff, alums, friends, and neighbors. See you there!
contact: Marsha Rivers, mrivers@brockport.edu

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The nomination process is underway for alumni awards for 2018 with a deadline of January 12, 2018. New this year, the nomination process is online! The link is: http://alumni.brockport.edu/awards2018 Descriptions of the four awards (Hall of Heritage, Outstanding Service, Citation of Appreciation, and Recent Alumnus) can be found at the link as well. The 2018 award recipients will be honored during Homecoming Weekend, in September 2018.

Questions can be directed to Betsy Standish, at estandis@brockport.edu or 585-395-2648.

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Stuart Ira Soloway, Fine Arts Series Manager has shared the following announcement.

Choruses from The College at Brockport and Brockport High School Join Forces for a Very Special Holiday Concert

Benjamin Britten’s “A Ceremony of Carols” is featured on the program

Brockport, NY – The Brockport College-Community Chorus and the Brockport High School Choir will appear together in this year’s “Sounds of the Season” Holiday Concert on Sunday, December 3, 2017, at 7:30 pm. To accommodate the audiences who would typically attend their separate performances, this concert will be held at the Brockport High School Auditorium, 40 Allen Street, Brockport. There will be a $5 suggested donation.

Brian Clickner, music director of the College’s chorus, is “very excited to be a part of this event.” “It is the first time our two groups have sung in a joint concert since the 1980s, easily,” recalled Elizabeth Banner, the music director for the high school’s chorus and other smaller musical ensembles. She added, “Especially at the holiday season, when togetherness is key, it’s wonderful to take part in something that not only unites our two organizations, but the College and the Brockport communities themselves.”

A highlight of the concert will be the combined chorus’ performance of Benjamin Britten’s “A Ceremony of Carols,” accompanied by harpist Barbara Dechario. More of a cantata than a ceremony, the work was inspired, in part, by Gregorian chants. Originally separate songs, they were gathered into a cycle with the addition of a processional and recessional. When the songs are presented collectively, they tell the story of Christmas.

In keeping with the theme of the two choruses joining together, the concert will be bookended with two songs that reflect on the desire of all people to live in peace and harmony. The Hebrew hymn “Hiney Ma Tov” is taken from Psalm 133 in the Old Testament, which revels in the joy of sitting down with one’s brethren in unity. Similarly, the beloved Christmas carol “Silent Night” was written in 1818 in Oberndorf, Austria, when that region had been divided up following the Napoleonic wars. It has long been thought of as a message of hope, most poignantly during the Christmas Truce of 1914, when soldiers from Germany, France and Britain found themselves all singing this song on a Christmas Eve during World War I.

Though most familiar as an instrumental piece, the High School Choir will sing “Carol of the Bells,” which, it turns out, began as a Ukrainian folk tune that had nothing to do with Christmas at all.

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WBSU Hall of Fame Inaugural Class to Be Inducted

The eight members of the inaugural induction class into the WBSU Hall of Fame have been announced. The inaugural WBSU Hall of Fame class will be inducted April 14, 2018, at a dinner in the New York Room of Cooper Hall on campus.
The eight members chosen by the selection committee are:

Bernard Lynch - former Chief Engineer who helped design the station's current facility in the Seymour College Union and oversaw the transition to FM in 1981.

David Van Wie - the station's first FM General Manager from 1981-1983.

Michael Doyle ’80 - currently managing 14 markets as Regional President/President of Sales Operations at Entercom.

Scott Fishman ’79 - Senior Vice President and Executive Producer at Spike TV.

Ron Reger ’71 - early station manager as a student and former Vice President and Radio G.M. of WTAR/WLTY in Norfolk, VA.

Stacey Fitch ’85 - Vice President, ESPN Production Operations.

Tiffanie Wong ’95 - Operations Supervisor at CNN, NYC.

Ryan Nobles ’98 - Washington Correspondent at CNN.

And, check out the “Take a Seat Campaign” at http://alumni.brockport.edu/s/1549/rd17/interior.aspx?sid=1549&gid=1&pgid=1515&cid=2951&ecid=2951 to learn how you can put your name, or that of someone you wish to honor, on a seat in the Tower Fine Arts Center Mainstage Theatre, or the Hartwell Dance Theater.

And, as I prepared to distribute this newsletter, I learned that the first printing of the book, “Honoring Faculty and Staff Veterans-The College at Brockport” has returned from the printer. For those who have ordered, and, depending on the preference you specified in your order, your copy(ies) will either be mailed, or, you will be notified where to pick it (them) up. For those who have not yet ordered, you are reminded that you can either order on-line at: http://alumni.brockport.edu/book or email me at: rmeade1@rochester.rr.com and I will email you a copy of the order form.

It is a busy time of year. To keep abreast of what is going on, check the following links frequently: https://www.brockport.edu/daily_eagle/ and https://www.brockport.edu/news/

Carpe Diem,
Greetings,

This morning Del Smith informed me he had just heard from Joan Kramer that John Kramer had died yesterday. Joan requested that Del share the information with me to pass on to all of you. I am thankful to Del for making this sad notification easier for me, as follows:

“My friend and colleague John Kramer died on November 28 in hospice care in Palm Coast, Florida. John suffered a stroke this spring from which he never recovered.

John was Professor Emeritus and first Chair of the Sociology Department at Brockport. He retired several years ago, and in 2004 he and Joan moved to Ormond Beach, Florida, just two months after Jeannette and I moved to Palm Coast. Our homes are just a few miles apart, and during these past 13 years we Four have enjoyed many dinners, plays, baseball games, art museums, and stamp shows together.

John and Joan have a son, John, Jr. (Texas), and a daughter, Susan (Florida), as well as four grandchildren. John’s ashes will be buried in the Kramer family plot in Philadelphia, and a family memorial will be held in Philadelphia which will include the reading of an article John recently wrote for the Dartmouth College Alumni magazine.”

[Delmont (Del) Smith
Professor Emeritus, Biological Sciences]

I have known John since his initial appointment at Brockport in September 1968, just as the period of rapid expansion was beginning to take shape. I was pleased to reconnect with him within the past couple of years and enjoyed two or three email exchanges with him relating to his military experience and his love of baseball. Those interested can visit his military service page at: http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/Kramer_John_vet_story.pdf where you will find a couple of photographs of him and information about a former Red Wings player, Roger Freed, who was one of his favorites.

We send Joan, John Jr., Susan, the rest of John’s family, and their friends, our condolences and we wish them peace. And, we are thankful that we knew John as we remember and celebrate his many contributions in his lifetime.

Carpe diem,

Bud

December 1, 2017

Brockport Football is headed to PA!
The Golden Eagles will compete in the Elite 8 of the NCAA Division II Championships this weekend against Delaware Valley University in Doylestown PA. If you are unable to make the trip Kerry Gotham has advised me of three options available for you to watch the game which takes place at noon Saturday, December 2nd. Two options will put you with other fans and one gives you the ability to watch it alone, or with others from home, or anywhere:

East
Stoneyard Craft Beer Hall and Grill
1517 Empire Boulevard
Webster, New York 14580

West
Bill Gray’s Taproom
4647 South Lake Road
Brockport, NY 14420

or

connect to livestream at:

https://livestream.com/DelValAthletics/events/7954682

Carpe diem,

Bud

December 11, 2017

Greetings,

Thanks to Del and Jeannette Smith I can share John Kramer’s obituary with you. I am also sharing a couple of tributes to John that I received.

John E. Kramer, Jr. of Ormond Beach, FL died on November 28, 2017. John was born on May 19, 1935 to John E. and Helen F. Kramer in Philadelphia, PA. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1956, followed by service in the U.S. Army, with an Honorable Discharge as Captain in the Infantry. He then went on to graduate with a Master's Degree from George Washington University, followed by a PhD from Yale University. John then went on to become a Professor of Sociology at the University of Missouri before settling at the State University of New York College of Brockport located outside Rochester, NY. Here he taught Sociology as a Full Professor for 29 years. John is survived by his wife of 59 years, Joan Andrews Kramer. He is also survived by his daughter, Susan Kamelgarn (Phillip) of Ormond Beach, FL and his son, John E. Kramer, 3rd of Austin, TX. John is also survived by his four grandchildren, Phillip and Sarah Kamelgarn of Ormond Beach, FL and Skye and Shelby Kramer of Austin, TX. He is also survived by his brother, Donald Kramer (Vicki) of Philadelphia, PA. The family wishes
to express its' deepest gratitude to the staff of the 6th floor at Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center in Daytona Beach, FL. The nursing staff, social workers and doctors provided the much-deserved care and compassion at a time in John's life when he needed it the most. Finally, the family is forever indebted to the staff of the Stuart F. Meyer Hospice House in Palm Coast, FL. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Florida Hospital Hospice Care. Private memorial arrangements will take place in Philadelphia, PA on December 9, 2017

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Tributes:

John Kramer!
This is sad news, indeed. I had no idea about the stroke.

You will remember that John and Joan lived right here in our little neck of the wood: Brook Terrace, for several years before moving to Florida.

John had a wonderfully dry wit and sense of humor, and I just loved chatting with him.
[Ray Duncan]

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Thanks Bud for passing this on. I always enjoyed John Kramer's dry sense of humor. I remember the days when he could smoke his pipe and teach his classes. He will be missed.
[Pat Coates]

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John Kramer

I remember quite clearly my first meeting with John Kramer. It was in London, in a Kensington hotel in the spring of 1973, and it changed my life.

John was Chair of the Sociology Department. I was a graduate student in England, and I’d written a speculative letter to a number of American universities and colleges, hoping to spend a year teaching in the U.S. I had two pieces of great good luck: my letter arrived when a sabbatical meant that the Department would have a vacancy to cover in 1973-74; and John was an Anglophile who was coming to England with Joan to explore possible locations for his own sabbatical a year later. He invited me to meet him, and offered me the position at Brockport.

In our years in Brockport John and Joan introduced Val and me to many people, and went out of their way to make our transition to Brockport as smooth as it could have been. They were very hospitable and generous. We also learned so much from John about
American politics, education and country music. And also baseball, another area of which he had a vast knowledge.

John’s ability to remember and draw on so much information across so many fields was deeply impressive. He was also very witty.

During the year John and Joan spent in England, in Canterbury, Val and I lived in their house in Clarkson, where our neighbors were Walt and Abbie Boston, who also became great friends.

The following year John developed the idea of a Brockport London Program, and asked me whether I would be interested in running it. He quietly and effectively supported the program even when he was no longer Chair. Although the London Program changed a great deal during my 37 years as Director, some of his original elements remained central to it.

Some of the things John said could sound cynical, but I think that it’s more accurate to describe him as “inner-directed”, to use a sociological term. John spoke and acted with a clear sense of his own values and didn’t seek the approval of others.

Incidentally, John’s political views changed significantly over the 40 years or so that we knew him. For many years he was one of the small number of Republicans among our acquaintances at the College. He seemed quite conservative, and he certainly enjoyed ribbing us about our support for the Labour Party in Britain. But when we saw him and Joan after their move to Florida we were amazed by his strong, though never uncritical, support for the Democrats.

[John Halsey]

If you do not know already, yesterday Brockport lost to defending Division III national football champion, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, in Belton, Texas. Except for a disastrous first quarter and Brockport’s inability to make it to the end zone, Brockport proved that they deserved to be in the semi-finals for the last three quarters. For a few seconds Brockport even had what looked like a great 4th down, goal-line-stop until the stopped runner from Mary Hardin-Baylor, smartly backed out of the pack and scampered around it into the end zone. The Brockport team lost to an excellent team and it should be very proud of its accomplishments this season. I would like to think that they came in third in the nation in Division III this season as, because of scheduling, in the other semi-final game, University of Mount Union (Alliance, OH) won over the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh before Brockport’s loss was recorded. So, the way my mind works, finishing third in the nation is great and will be even greater if Mary Hardin-Baylor repeats as national champion!

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The first printing of the book, “Honoring Faculty and Staff Veterans, The College at Brockport,” has arrived in the Advancement Office and copies have been mailed to those who chose that delivery option when ordering. If you chose to pick up your copy(ies) and have not yet done so, you may do so in the Advancement Office on the 3rd floor of the Gordon Allen Administration Building during normal business hours. Feedback from those who have reviewed their copies has been favorable and some recipients have particularly enjoyed the photographs included in the book. Personally, I was extremely pleased to be able to include a photograph of the late President Albert W. Brown in uniform received as an attachment from his email account a couple of days before he died. From his hospice room, as he was closing the books on his life, he requested his aid to email me the photo that I had been seeking from him to include in his story for two or three years.

If you have not ordered your copy of the book yet, you can do so from the internet at: http://alumni.brockport.edu/book or, if you do not wish to order on line, let me know and I will email you an order form you can complete and submit via the U. S. Postal Service.

Happy Holidays,

Bud

December 20, 2017

The family of the late President Emeritus Albert W. and Marjorie Brown received an early Christmas present on Thanksgiving Eve, November 22, 2017. On that day, Al’s daughter, Shauna, received the following communication from T. Marion Beckerink, Director of Development, Robert H. Jackson Center, 305 East Fourth Street in Jamestown, New York.

“On the eve of Thanksgiving, I thought you would want to share the news with your family that a generous gift was recently made in honor of your parents for the benefit of the Robert H. Jackson Center. The “Al and Marge Brown Author Series” was created by Phil and Mary Ann Zimmer to honor your parents’ legacy and acknowledge how deeply they impacted their lives personally and professionally. In Phil’s words:

‘Al was a very bright comet who brightened my life and the lives of all around him. He and his equally charming wife, Marge, were exceptional. I kept in quiet contact with him over the years, including after he retired from Brockport and took up nearly full-time residency at his "fishing shack" just south of Stow. He always made himself available to me, and his insights and positive charm proved invaluable as I moved forward with my career. I remain indebted (and still somewhat awed) by his brightness, tireless energy, and his humility. He set the bar high and I cherish his kindness and friendship to this very day.’

The Zimmers’ gift will establish an annual two-part author series to be held here at the Jackson Center and named in honor of your parents. The {twice-a-year} author selection {lecture} is expected to include one speaker who produced a quality book on military
components of the war. The second would be an author of a non-military book, on a wide-range of possible topics as they relate to the military and justice…”

In follow-up communications with Phil Zimmer, it was learned that he had worked at The College at Brockport in 1977 and 1978 as the head of the College’s news services, before being lured away to head up news services for the Chautauqua Institute in Chautauqua, New York. Phil is involved in many activities in the Jamestown area, one of which is to be a principle in a “Defenders of Freedom” project at the Robert H. Jackson Center.

“‘Defenders of Freedom’ is an oral history initiative that seeks to capture on video and share the first-hand experiences of WWII veterans in the Western NY and Northwestern PA areas. Hosted and filmed at the Center in Jamestown NY, the project is a collaborative effort between the Jackson Center, the United Veterans Council, Chautauqua County Office of Veterans Services and local WWII authors and historians, Rolly Kidder and Phil Zimmer.

Underway in many parts of the United States, oral history initiatives seek to capture and share the stories of WWII generation veterans. Stories gathered through the “Defenders of Freedom” project are the voices of area veterans who helped shape the history of the world. Once properly edited the collection of video files will then be made available to researchers and the general public for a wide variety of projects and purposes, including academic papers and scholarship, documentaries, genealogy research and personal interest. The “Defenders of Freedom” project will also provide the opportunity for students to supplement their textbook learning with the preserved voices of our area WWII veterans.”


Phil Zimmer advised me that Albert W. Brown was interviewed at the Robert H. Jackson Center in Jamestown in conjunction with this project and he shared the following link to an interview with Al that runs about an hour and seven minutes:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RPjkOCsnmZ8

I am confident that watching it will bring back fond memories for most of you on my distribution list, and you can view it in small chunks if you do not rely on your memory, but instead, note in writing where you leave off.

We were pleased to learn about the significant gift from Phil and Mary Ann Zimmer to honor Al and Marge. That gift has provided a great “feel-good” for the Browns’ family and friends, and for those in the Brockport community that knew Al and Marge and benefitted from their contributions. The impact of the author-lecture series will add to Al and Marge’s legacies throughout its existence and beyond.

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I received another tribute to John Kramer from Steve Ullman, which I share:

“Bud, I first met John Kramer in 1962 when he was our section man in intro to Sociology - even then he had his trademark pipe and affable nature. As a Brockport high School senior, my son Dan took his rigorous intro to sociology course and was impressed with the quality of our teaching staff as a result of John’s course.”

If you have ordered, and paid for, an “Honoring Faculty and Staff Veterans-The College at Brockport” book with instructions to have it mailed to you, please know that if you have not yet received it, you will likely not do so until the first week in January as the College is operating on curtailed activities and the mailroom is closed. If you have ordered and indicated that you will pick up your copy at the College, you should plan on doing so today, Wednesday, December 20 or, tomorrow, Thursday, December 21, else you will likely have to wait until after the New Year. If you are local and have not ordered but have heard that it has been well-received, and you want to get your hands on one over the holidays, I have purchased a few copies and sold them to the Liftbridge. They, of course, will need to adjust the price slightly for handling costs, and, if you purchase from them, I do not know any way that you will be able to claim the donation portion for tax purposes. But, if you are anxious to make a purchase after hearing that those who have purchased it have been enjoying the stories of our veterans, this is another purchasing option.

I have quite a list of possible veterans not included in the first edition. I am not sure how it would work but I keep thinking that students in an American History class might be assigned to research one of these veterans and help in producing a second edition, or, one of you, out there, might want to help capture the stories of the rest of the Faculty and Staff Veterans on your own. There are likely other veterans not yet identified, and there are veterans named in the first edition with just “hold places” that need further research. For those interested, or those who might be able to provide contact information, here is the current list of confirmed veterans or possibilities:

We have confirmation that the following Faculty and Staff who did not appear in Edition #1 are veterans:

Robert Blake (Education and Human Development)
Louis Hetler (Theatre)
Nancy S. Iafrati, Student Health Center
Bill Jolly, Facilities (retired)
Ryan Kelly (University Police)

Following are the names of other former or current faculty and staff who might be veterans who could be added to Edition #2:

Greetings,

The Holiday Season always tends to make the sad events harder to bear. Sadly, most of what I share today falls into the “very sad” category. On Wednesday I learned that long-time FSA/BASC employee, (30 plus years), and retiree, Alice Goosley, had fallen a week ago and had been admitted to Strong Hospital. Thursday evening, I learned that Alice had passed at Strong that day. On Friday we received Alice’s Christmas card wishing us happy holidays. This was an unusual sequence that bore witness to how quickly the “passing” game can play out once we receive our invitation.

Alice was the husband of the late John Goosley Jr. who was employed by the College in 1967, and with whom I worked in Personnel/Human Resources until his retirement in 1990. Alice, who has had the support of her close-knit family and friends since John’s passing in February 2004, was loved by all who knew her. In her role in FSA/BASC, Alice had much contact with College and BASC employees, and the public, and such contact was always uplifting for those who required her services. Sandy and I have fond memories of holiday get-togethers with the Goosleys in our early days at Brockport and of our work associations with them over the years. Alice was a member of the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Brockport and her faith sustained her through the years. We hope the knowledge of her faith, and the fond memories of her life, will outweigh the grief for Alice’s family and friends during this holiday season.

Following is Alice’s obituary from the website of Fowler Funeral Home in Brockport:

“Goosley, Alice F.

Brockport: Passed away peacefully on Thursday December 21, 2017, age 87.

Predeceased by her husband John Goosley Jr., brothers Ed (Pat) and Joe Jeziorowski, sister Theresa (Ed) Mohney and daughter-in-law Peggy Goosley. She is survived by her children; John Goosley, Mary Ann Goosley, Chris Goosley, and Sue (Paul) Henshaw, grandchildren; Sean (Ola) Goosley, Brandon, Mitchell and Tyler Henshaw, sister-in-law Estelle Jeziorowski, beloved nieces, nephews and friends.
Alice was a devoted member of Nativity BVM Church and Catholic Daughters of the Americas. She graduated from St. Ann's Business School in Buffalo, NY. She worked at the Liberty Bank in Buffalo in Bonds and Securities. Alice retired from SUNY Brockport after many years as Head Administrative Assistant of the FSA.

Family will receive friends on Wednesday December 27th from 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM at the Fowler Funeral Home Inc. 340 West Ave., Brockport. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, December 28, at 11 AM in Nativity of the BVM Church, 152 Main Street, Brockport, NY 14420. Those wishing may contribute to Nativity BVM Church Building Fund in Alice's name or to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, (check written to “CDA Court Nativity of Our Lady #931”) c/o Nativity Church.”

If interested, you may view a photo of Alice and John together at an earlier time by scrolling to the bottom of John’s remembrance page at: http://www.itss.brockport.edu/~rmeade/john_goosley.htm

We send our condolences to Alice’s family and friends during their season of mourning and wish them peace in the new year in the knowledge of a life well lived!

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A “year’s end” always inspires us to look back as we prepare to engage the future.

In this case, I am looking back to March 5, 2016 when I received the following email: “Zu passed at 10:30 a.m. yesterday, Friday, March 4 at the Tender Loving Care facility in LeRoy, NY.”

This message referred to the passing of Professor Emeritus of Health Science (1961-1985), Ara Zulalian. There were some concerns that resulted in my not sharing information at that time. When “Zu” died, his wife Betsy was also living at the facility in LeRoy, but a couple of years ago she moved to a care facility out-of-state to be close to family members. We recently learned that Betsy passed on November 15, 2017 and it now seems appropriate to note these passings of individuals who played significant roles in the Brockport Community for many years.

“Zu,” as he was affectionately known, was the 12th Faculty Senate President, serving in 1974-75, and he also served for a time as Chair of the Health Sciences Department.

While serving the College Zu enjoyed a lunch-time handball/racquetball game and occupied one of the coveted double lockers in the Faculty/Staff Locker Room in Tuttle South. After retirement he continued that activity for awhile but, to the chagrin of many who would have wanted a locker, he held on to it for some time after his presence was no longer noted. Upon taking notice, some active “athletes” put pressure on him to give up his locker, which he did. I always enjoyed any professional or social exchanges I had with Zu. Betsy was an elementary school teacher in the Brockport School District and she was held in high esteem by the administration, by other teachers, and by her students.
Zu and Betsy lived in our neighborhood and spent winters in South Carolina, if not Florida, after they both retired. On the way down, they spent a couple of weeks in Williamsburg, Virginia which they really enjoyed. It was always a sign of spring when they returned and started taking walks around the neighborhood and chatting with neighbors along the way. We are thankful for the contributions of Zu and Betsy to the greater Brockport community and for having known them.

Both Ara (Zu), and Betsy attended the first-ever emeriti reception at the College in October 2004 and you can refresh your memories of them by scrolling to a photo of them and clicking on it at: www.itss.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti_photos/index.htm

As you scroll, you will see photos of several/many who are no longer with us and, I know that if they could, they would be sending you the message: “Carpe Diem.”

==> For those of you who may be interested, there is now a video photo album of the veterans whose stories are in “Honoring Faculty Staff Veterans-The College at Brockport” that can be viewed at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qfWiuON0jgA

Reminisce on 2017 briefly, but as you prepare to enter 2018, keep in mind this saying that we picked up in a coffee shop in St. Petersburg, Florida last year: “Don’t look back…you’re not going that way!”

Happy Holidays,

Bud

January 8, 2018

Happy New Year!

Apparently, I have a day off from shoveling snow today, so I thought I’d take the opportunity to update you even though I do not have much news to report.

==> This item is time-sensitive! The orientation for the spring semester life-long learning course registration has been scheduled for this Wednesday, January 10, from 9-11 am. For the convenience of participants, it will be held in Seymour Union Ballroom West, closer to parking. This semester there will be 25 courses from which to choose, and, of course, if you are a senior, you can also arrange to audit other courses by obtaining approval to audit a course from the professor on your own. Based upon feedback from prior participants in the life-long learning program, there will be a new registration format including calling tables, and a registrar representative located in the same room. Jason Dauenhauer, Director, Multigenerational Engagement, has even scheduled this event on what is projected to be the warmest day we have had since before Christmas, and, the morning is even predicted to be dry.
The support of those who register for courses provided by this course-auditing initiative, is important, and necessary to justify the amount of effort it takes to arrange for courses for which you can register without having to do the leg-work yourselves. Likewise, attendance at the lectures provided, and feedback about subjects that might be of interest, are important ingredients to the success of the lecture series for seniors. If interested, please note the following spring semester lectures on your calendars:

Thursday, February 15, 6-7pm, Liberal Arts Building, McCue Auditorium
“Spiritual Midwifery: The Sisters of Maternal Charity in Metz, France against the Catholic Church”

and

Thursday, April 5th, 6-7pm, Liberal Arts Building, McCue Auditorium
“Unlocking the Past to Plan for the Future: Using Archeological Evidence to Provide Options for Global Food Security”

At the orientation session on January 10th, there will also be an opportunity to register for a Great Decisions Discussion Course that life-long learning at the College is now hosting. For more information, about these life-long learning initiatives, under the sponsorship of the College through the Office of Alumni Engagement and the leadership of Jason Dauenhauer (Department of Social Work), including course descriptions for the spring semester offering, scroll through the information available at:


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Over the holidays I heard from a reliable source that the “Holiday” section in an issue of the Los Angeles Times listed Henry Bretton’s book, “A Dream, Shadows and Fulfillment” as one of the “Best Books of the Year” and a “Great Book for the Holidays.” After hearing this news, I ordered a copy, but I have not yet had time to read it, or the other three books that that were recently gifted to me. But, I am looking forward to doing so.

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I keep signing off with “Carpe Diem,” and, recently, keep reminding myself of a poster I saw in an open-front coffee shop in St. Petersburg, Florida last year that reads: “Don’t Look Back, You’re Not Going That Way.” Yet, I keep stumbling on things that jolt me into the past; things like finding a photograph of myself with others and realizing that I am the only one left who still has the “Carpe Diem” option, or finding among the things my mother left behind, all of the letters I sent home, beginning with my leaving home to work at a camp in the summer of 1957, and ending when I left active military service in June 1964, after which correspondence was replaced by Sunday night telephone conversations. On occasion, looking back can also be a catalyst for “seizing the day!” The letters my mom had held onto reminded me that I had three close buddies that I spent liberty with for most of the three years I was in the service. I knew two
of them had passed but had not heard anything about the third since saying farewell at Camp Pendleton, California in June 1964. In my possessions the only remaining connection I had was a name and an address in a small town in Texas. But, I seized the day and entered that little bit of information into an internet search, and, to make a short story, shorter, we are both enjoying reconnecting after 53 years.

So, a little “looking-back,” once in a while, can also provide opportunities to “seize the day.”

Don’t miss them!

Reminisce and Carpe Diem,

Bud

January 18, 2018

Greetings,

The College has extended an invitation to all of us to help celebrate the football team’s historic season. Following is the invitation, with details about how to register for this event:

“We know several alumni, faculty, staff, and friends want to celebrate with the team. Here is your opportunity. A Brockport Football Banquet will take place in the Seymour College Union Ballroom from 11 am to 2 pm on Sunday, January 28th. Tickets are $20 per person. RSVP by January 22. To complete your RSVP, purchase tickets, and get more information, go to:


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You are reminded to frequently check out the following links to learn about events and activities at the College that might be of interest to you:

https://www.brockport.edu/about/college_calendar/
https://www.brockport.edu/daily_eagle/
https://www.brockport.edu/news/

An example of what you can find at one or more of these links is the following event that might be of interest to those in the area who are tired of being cooped in by the weather:

“Tim Massey, the director of the Tower Fine Arts Center Gallery, comes from Tennessee. The candid photos he takes on his visits home depict rolling hills and contraptions full of Southern ingenuity. As a Southerner working in Western New York, he might occasionally feel like a fish out of water. With Southern Sampler: Contemporary Artists of the New South, the new
exhibition he has curated, he is offering us Yankees a glimpse of what Southerners are saying these days, through their art. *Southern Sampler* will run from January 30 through March 4, 2018, at the Gallery, located at 180 Holley Street, Brockport. The exhibit is free and open to the public, as is the opening reception on Tuesday, January 30, from 4 – 6 pm.”

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Terrific news is that Donald Nelson-Nasca had another right hip replacement at Rochester General on January 12th. The surgery went well, and he is now looking forward, after some time in rehab, to being able to be pain-free, and have improved mobility, by the time the snow is gone this spring. Hopefully, that will be sooner rather than later!

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Not such great news! Ken Schlecht just reported the following on January 17, 2018:

“We currently have about 4”of snow with about 2-3 more in the forecast. Temp is close to freezing but should drop to mid-teens overnight. About 40 tomorrow so it won't last long. Snow began about 9 am. Most schools etc. announced they would be closed by last night.”

[We hope the weather improves for the snowbirds before we join them!]

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Better news from Jim Horn is that, although he was not crazy about leaving the “eternal spring” climate in Cuernavaca, he was happy to come north to Buffalo last week for the warmth of the celebration of his mother’s 100th birthday.

Here is a January 8th post on his Facebook page:

“My Mom, Frances (Malinowski) Horn, 100 years old today. Our family has been so fortunate to have her with us for so long. And not just with us: living independently, driving up until a few months ago, cooking and baking for family events, bringing joy to her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She says she is making a lemon merengue pie from scratch for my visit later this week. I wish all families could be so fortunate.”

[We send Frances a belated Happy Birthday and our wishes for her continuing good health. And, congratulations to Jim for having those great longevity genes!]

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For anyone interested in viewing the slideshow video of Brockport College veterans, it has a new location at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nm5qS6s5EXQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nm5qS6s5EXQ) and one new veteran’s photo, that of Michael Weaver.

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I am ending with sad news that just came to my attention. Valerie S. Coolbaugh passed away on January 11, 2018. Val started working at the College in 1987 and is remembered for being a competent, cheerful and helpful employee in both the Business Affairs Office, and the Office of Registration and Records. Following is her obituary as posted on the website of Fowler Funeral Home.

“Valerie S. Coolbaugh
Hamlin: Passed away unexpectedly on January 11, 2018 at the age of 60. Predeceased by her parents Clive E. Sr. & Helen Coolbaugh and sister Carol Maples. She is survived by her brother Skip (Gale) Coolbaugh and many other family members. Per Valerie's wishes, there will be a private family gathering. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may contribute to the Mia Foundation, 1377 Latta Rd., # 188, Rochester, NY 14612, www.themiafoundation.com in Valerie's memory. www.fowlerfuneralhomeinc.com”

[We send condolences to her family and friends.]

Carpe Diem,
Bud

January 27, 2018

Greetings,

The following information is dated but I still thought I should share it for those of you currently residing outside of the Brockport area.

I learned of the passing of former employee Vivian Moultrie on the afternoon of her memorial. Vivian was employed at the College from September 1964 until May 1985 with a couple of breaks when babies arrived. I knew, and liked, Vivian, but my memory is foggy about her assignments. I believe she started working in the Business Affairs Office back in the day when its functions were housed in a large office located in the north east corner of Hartwell Hall. Sid Eastman, John Predmore, Dale Burrell, Edna Terrell, among others, including, I believe, Vivian Moultrie, all worked at their assigned desks and functions within that large room where employees had primary functions (Accounting, Budgeting, Payroll, Purchasing, etc.), but also provided backup for all Business Affairs functions as needed. So, I have difficulty in pigeon-holing Vivian’s role in those days before growth brought specialization, and before responses to needs changed from “It’s not my area but, I can help,” to “The person responsible for this function is not in this week, so you’ll have to come back.” That said, I believe that after specialization, Vivian worked in the Purchasing Department on the 5th Floor in the Allen Administration Building. I know I had contact with her and that she was always friendly and helpful until she left the College for another job in 1985. I am sorry to hear of her passing but thankful for the good memories from her days at the College. We send condolences to her family and friends. Here is her obituary from the January 22, 2018 edition of the “Orleans Hub:”
“Vivian J. Moultrie

Vivian J. Moultrie, of Rochester, N.Y., passed away suddenly of natural causes on Jan. 9, 2018. Vivian graduated from Albion Central High School in 1964. She worked for the College at Brockport for several years. She ultimately moved to Rochester, where she worked for the City of Rochester in the Department of Neighborhood Development and then the Department of Environmental Services – Bureau of Construction until her retirement in 2002.

Vivian loved to travel and spend time with her family and friends. She was also a devoted fan of the San Francisco 49ers.

Vivian is survived by three daughters, Mercedes Moultrie of Philadelphia, Nkenge (Isaac Sr.) Lewis of Rochester, and Sharifa (Reginald) Prior of Rochester; five grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and a host of family and friends.

A memorial service will be held on Thu., Jan. 25 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Grace-Unity Fellowship Church, 986 Joseph Ave., Rochester NY 14621. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Open Door Mission, 156 Plymouth Ave., Rochester NY 14608.”

The other very sad news is the passing of Wendell Castle, an internationally acclaimed artist who was a member of the College’s distinguished group of artists during the period from 1970 until 1980. Wendell left Brockport for the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) where he further distinguished himself and enhanced his processes. The Rochester artists are a close-knit group and many, if not all, of the art faculty of the College, past and present, have enjoyed the company of Wendell, and his wife, Nancy Jurs, also an artist and one-time teacher at Brockport, over the years. Wendell’s presence in this world will be sorely missed both for his person and his extraordinary expertise. More about Wendell and his remarkable contributions can be found by just searching his name on the internet, but, to assist, I suggest the following links:


We send our condolences to Nancy and all of Wendell’s family and friends.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

January 28, 2018
Greetings,

I really regret returning to your inboxes so soon. Unfortunately, I learned from Joani Martin and Betty Drennan of the passing of the beloved Ginger Ioannone almost immediately after sending out the last newsletter. Ginger was a senior administrative assistant at the College and retired after 34 years of service in 1996. She contributed much more to the College than her excellent performance of her job responsibilities. She was an early, if not, charter, member of the COSAC group of Administrative Assistants that provides many activities to enhance employment at the College and service to others. (See: https://www.brockport.edu/support/cosac/). Following is her obituary that is posted on the website of the Fowler Funeral Home.

“Virginia L. Ioannone

Brockport: Passed away suddenly on Wednesday January 24, 2018. Predeceased by her husband Antonio Ioannone and her daughter Lou Ann Ioannone. She is survived by her daughter Toni (Richard) Burch, grandchildren Bryn Baube, Jennifer (Derek) Holmes and Erin Burch, great grandchildren Jocelyn Cook and Oliver Holmes, also several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call at the Fowler Funeral Home Inc., 340 West Ave., Brockport on Tuesday January 30 from 5-7 PM, followed by a funeral service at 7 PM. Interment will be held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may contribute to the Holley VFW, 8 Veterans Drive, Holley, NY 14470.”

To leave a condolence, view a photograph of Ginger, and to see this obituary on-line, go to: http://fowlerfuneralhomeinc.com/tribute/details/765/Virginia-Ioannone/obituary.html#tribute-start

When Ginger’s husband, Antonio, passed in May 2003, I included the following item in a newsletter. I believe it is fitting to repeat it here as it reflects the high esteem in which Ginger was held by those who knew her.

“After 43 years of marriage, Virginia "Ginger" Ioannone, retired Administrative Assistant, has lost her lifetime partner. Korean War veteran Antonio went to rest on May 26, 2003. I had met Antonio, but I did not know him. But, because I know Ginger and all that she has meant to the college, her friends, and her family, I am certain that he was a loving, caring man who will be deserving of the best the “after-life” offers. For those of you who knew Ginger you will recall that she served the college faithfully for 34 years from April 19, 1962 until her retirement on July 11, 1996. If memory serves me, Ginger worked with several senior officers during her career including the late Ronald Watts when he was Assistant to the President for Community Relations. At the time of her retirement she was administrative assistant to John E. Stoller, Vice President for External Relations Emeritus (1985-1997). In this capacity, Ginger was the face of the college to its many constituencies, including elected officials, community leaders, local businessman, and others. Again, if memory serves me, she also provided backup assistance to the Office of the President during the tenures of presidents Albert W. Brown
and John E. Van de Wetering. She served cheerfully, competently, and compassionately. We send our heartfelt thoughts to Ginger and her family and hope that there will continue to be cheer in Ginger's life after the mourning as she cherishes the memories of her 43 years with Antonio. Peace be with you Ginger.”

Indeed, “Peace be with you Ginger!”

If you go to https://digitalcommons.brockport.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1047&context=student_archpers download the file and search on “Ioannone” you will find a couple other references to Ginger and her primary associates at Brockport.

We send our condolences to Ginger’s family and friends and thank her for her contributions to the benefit of the College and those of us who worked with her.

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To finish with good news, I am pleased to report that Don Nelson-Nasca went home yesterday following eleven days at Fairport Baptist Home for rehabilitation after hip-replacement surgery. He is doing well. We send him our best wishes for reaching his goals to walk without a cane by June, drive his tractor, and cruise in his BMW Z4 convertible.

Carpe diem,

Bud

February 7, 2018

Greetings,

Here is a reminder from Jamie Beers, about spring semester 2018 First Fridays at Alumni House:

Come one, come all and join us for First Fridays! Enjoy good company, refreshments and tour the house.

3:30 – 5:30 pm
142 Utica Street, Brockport

Mark your calendars for the following dates:

March 2nd*

April 6th
Sponsored by COSAC with special guest musicians Gian Carlo Cervone, pianist and Hannah PK, vocalist

May 4th*
Free and open to all.

*Sponsors needed! If you're interested in hosting a First Fridays, contact Jamie Beers at (585) 395-2380 or jbeers@brockport.edu.

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Carpe Diem,

Bud

February 22, 2018

Greetings,

I recently learned from Karen Schuhle-Williams that Faith Prather will be retiring and will be honored at a gathering in June. Here are the details:

“Save the Date: Faith Prather Retirement Jubilee

Friday, June 15th, 2018 at 6 pm.
Rochester MetroCenter
55 St. Paul Street
Rochester, NY

Save the date for a celebration honoring Faith Prather and her many contributions to the College at Brockport and greater community.

Remarks to begin at 6:45 pm

In lieu of gifts, contributions to the Dr. Faith Prather Scholarship will be greatly appreciated.

contact: Steven Bouteiller, sbouteiller@brockport.edu, 585-395-2375”

Thanks to Faith for her services and best wishes to her for a healthy and happy retirement. I have fond memories of working very closely with Faith when she served as Affirmative Action Officer. It was a pleasure to work with her on issues relating to faculty and staff recruitment, equal opportunity and diversity. I recall my regrets when she left that role to return to full-time teaching.

This is an early notice of a future event, but don’t forget to put it on your calendar now!

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Two well-known people with significant ties to the College as alums and supporters, Gary Skoog and Hanny Heyen, have received awards that honor them and the legacy of the late Monica W.
Andrews, who set the bar high for anyone to try to match the volunteer contributions she made during her lifetime. John Rombaut, another volunteer contributor, whom I do not know, was also honored. Following is the announcement as received from Doug Hickerson:

“On February 5, in the Brockport Village Board meeting, the Monika W. Andrews Creative Volunteer Leadership Award 2017 was presented to Gary Skoog.

Hanny Heyen and John Rombaut each received a certificate of merit.

Read about their valuable contributions to our community and their backgrounds in the February 18 Suburban News and Hamlin-Clarkson Herald.”

In cleaning out my inbox today I found two emails containing tributes that I received from Charles Clevenger that I do not believe I have shared. So, belatedly, here they are.

From Charles in response to the announcement of the passing of Vivian Moultrie:

“I knew Vivian well. She was friendly and good at her job. I also knew Wendell Castle and admired his work ... It seems that the names I knew so well are gradually being replaced by names that I don't recognize. We've been gone a long time.”

From Charles in response to the announcement of the passing of Ginger Ioannone:

“Ginger was the first person I met the day that I started at Brockport. And we were friends from that day on. She surely will be missed.”

Charles, of course, was known for his intelligence, wit, and excellent service during the portion of his career he spent at Brockport where he is still held in high esteem by those who knew him. After leaving Brockport he had a very successful career with the Pennsylvania System of Higher Education where he was recognized for his significant contributions. Along the way, he also became an excellent folk artist and you can view a note card with one of my favorites of his paintings at: [http://www.villageartisansgallery.com/clevenger_1x.jpg](http://www.villageartisansgallery.com/clevenger_1x.jpg)

I am thankful for the email notes I’ve received from Charles over the years and for his sharing of his reflections of Vivian and Ginger that bring back fond memories of them, and of him.

In closing, we send our belated condolences to emeritus Roy Bubb for the recent passing of his brother, Clayton Bubb, whose service was held in Webster, NY this past Monday. For more information search Clayton’s name under recent obituaries via the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle’s website.

We send our condolences to Roy and to the other family members and friends of Clayton.
Carpe Diem,

Bud

February 28, 2018

Greetings,

Engagement Officer, Nicole Dumbleton, has shared the following announcement with me. Information about “Bport Gives Back,” has been shared via other mailings, etc., so, if you already know about it, this is a reminder, and for others, it is an invitation for your participation. Today is the Day!

“The College's 24-hour giving challenge, Bport Gives Back


has officially begun! Nick Billotti '73, Glenn Goldberg ’80, Bob Marino ’69, Mark Schamel ’95, and our Hollywood crew, William Fichtner ’78, Jesse Goins ’74, Jim Goldthwait ’82, Stu Krieger ’73, and Larry Slade ’85, have challenged us to secure as many donors as possible in 24 hours.

Support #BportGivesBack before noon tomorrow to help us secure nearly $30,000 for our students.

First up is the Power Lunch Challenge. Go to the link above, call (585) 395-7777, or if you’re nearby, stop by our table in the Union (we have cupcakes!) to be one of the 300 donors we need to beat this challenge by 4 pm! If we do, Nick Billotti ’73 will become our first challenge donor, contributing $10,000 in honor of James Fulton, his former cross-country coach and life mentor.

Who will you honor with your gift today?”

Thank you for giving back!

Nicole Dumbleton '10/'15
Engagement Officer

March 9, 2018

Greetings,

I have sad news to report this morning. Irene Manitsas, a former nurse in the Brockport School District, the widow of the late William Manitsas of the Art Department at the College, a regular at morning breakfast at Two Brothers Restaurant in Brockport, and well-known member of the Brockport community has passed after a brief, but serious illness. I had not known Irene until I
began work on the veterans’ project and started pursuing her to obtain Bill’s military service story. During those encounters, we had many pleasant exchanges and I learned that she also had served in the military. I decided to include her story, as a widow of a College employee, in the book honoring Brockport College veterans. I enjoyed getting to know her and will miss seeing her at Two Brothers on Tuesday mornings, as will her many breakfast friends and the rest of her friends and family members. Following is her obituary as posted on the website of Thomas Burger Funeral Home. Please note the information about her memorial service which will be held on Saturday, March 17.

Brockport: Irene S. Manitsas passed away on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at the age of 95. She was predeceased by her husband, William, & her son, Paul Manitsas. She is survived by her daughter, Mary Donahue; her grandsons, Paul Manitsas, Joseph Donahue, Mark (Ashley) Donahue & Scott (Ellen) Donahue; her granddaughter, Lauren (Kevin) Farrell; her sister-in-law, Cynthia Schafer; her great grandchildren, Joshua, Patrick, Joseph, Julianneo, Elise, Rian, Camryn, Lila & Jax Donahue.

Friends are invited to call from 9 to 11 AM on Saturday, March 17th at the THOMAS E. BURGER FUNERAL HOME, INC., 735 East Avenue in Hilton. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, March 17th at 1:00 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Hamlin. Interment will be held in Lakeside Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. John Lutheran Church, 1107 Lake Rd., W. Fork, Hamlin, NY 14464 or Wm. P. Manitsas Art Scholarship SUNY Brockport.

A copy of the Stafford Country Club’s Newsletter reporting the death of member Jim Dempsey was recently shared with me. While I had met Jim on a couple of occasions, I did not know him well. But, since his widowed wife, Angela Dempsey, is known to many of you because of her work at the College, including some time as an Administrative Assistant in Human Resources, and her contributions to the Brockport community, particularly as a volunteer for the food shelf, I thought many of you outside of the Brockport area would want me to share this information. Here is the report from the referenced Newsletter:

“It is with heavy hearts that we report the passing of our friend and long-time Stafford member, Jim Dempsey. Our deepest sympathies to his wife Angela and the entire Dempsey family.

Following is Jim’s obituary:

‘Leonard James Dempsey (Jim) died peacefully on March 5, 2018 surrounded by his family. Jim was predeceased by his parents. He is survived by Angela, his wife of 55 years. Also, survived by his four sons, Mark, Christopher, Robert and Brad (Rebecca) and grandchildren May, Sara, Margaret, Daniel and John. Also, survived by his sister, Marilyn Whitwell, and many nieces and nephews. Jim retired as a Sales Manager having spent over 50 years in the packaging industry.

Jim was a sports enthusiast and a member of Stafford Country Club since 1978. He led a successful and fulfilling life as a husband, father, friend and in his sales career.
Reception in Jim’s honor on Sunday, March 18th, 1:00 – 5:00 at Terry Hills Country Club, Batavia, New York.”

We join Stafford Country Club in sending our condolences to Angela and the family.

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From Stuart Ira Soloway

Brockport, NY—The College at Brockport’s Department of Dance will present DANCE/Strasser featuring choreography by undergraduate and graduate students in the College’s nationally renowned dance program. Performances take place Thursday – Saturday, March 22 – 24, 2018, at 7:30 pm in the Rose L. Strasser Studio in Hartwell Hall, Kenyon Street, on the Brockport campus. Tickets are $17/General, $12/Senior Citizens, Brockport Alumni, Faculty and Staff, and $9/Students. They are available online at http://fineartstix.brockport.edu, by phone at (585) 395-2787, or at the Tower Fine Arts Center Box Office, 180 Holley Street, Brockport.

According to artistic director and dance faculty member Stevie Oakes, “this exciting collection of 12 adjudicated dance works represents a series of bold, ferocious, and nuanced movement choices from each of the student choreographers.” Exploring choreography that befits a three-sided studio-theater, this concert “oscillates between expansive explorations and intimate interweaving of space. The play between strong individual movers and community cohesion develops as a theme, uniting the scope of the works. Dancers seek connection and display virtuosity in movement and in style, while a wide array of soundscapes accompany this diverse collection of dances: enjoy the familiar voice of Billie Holliday alongside the sweeping strings of a Bach violin partita or the driving rhythms of our dancers moving together with gusto.”

The concert proudly demonstrates the range and talent of Brockport’s Department of Dance at both the graduate and undergraduate level, with many of the choreographers and performers appearing in their final semester of the Bachelor of Fine Arts program before they graduate and continue to inspire community and connection beyond The College at Brockport.

Any remaining tickets will be available at the Box Office in Hartwell Hall one hour prior to each performance.

For more information contact Stuart Ira Soloway, arts events manager (585) 395-2797, ssoloway@brockport.edu

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I recently learned that emeritus Jack Wolsky recently was chosen for the Who’s Who Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award for 2018. Jack has had a distinguished career as a Professor and Artist and it is great to see him continue to work and to continue to be honored for his achievements. We send Jack our congratulations and wish him continued success.

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Linda Sikorski, Administrative Assistant in BASC and Volunteer Coordinator for the Commencement Committee has asked me to share the following:

“On behalf of the College’s Commencement Committee, I would like to invite you to volunteer for a Commencement ceremony. Becoming a member of the team that makes it all happen will give you an opportunity to continue your contributions to student success, reconnect with your former colleagues, and celebrate with the campus community as we deliver the College’s capstone events.

There are many different jobs available. Below are the approximate times for the volunteer opportunities. Your actual hours will be determined by your job assignment, which are estimated on the sign-up form and will be communicated to you prior to the event.

Graduate Ceremony, Friday, May 11 (3:30 – 7 pm), SERC
Reception follows in SERC

Undergraduate Morning Ceremony, Saturday, May 12, (7am-12:30 pm), SERC
School of Education, Health and Human Services
Reception follows in Tuttle North Gyms 205/206

Undergraduate Afternoon Ceremony, Saturday, May 12, (Noon-4:30pm), SERC
School of Arts and Sciences; School of Business and Management
Reception follows in Tuttle North Gyms 205/206

If you would like to volunteer, please visit www.brockport.edu/commencement/volunteer to access and complete the sign-up form by May 4.

If you sign up to volunteer for an Undergraduate ceremony, please plan to attend a training session on Thursday, May 10 from 11:15 am-12:15 pm in the SERC Field House.

As a small token of appreciation, a buffet-style “thank you” lunch will be offered on Saturday from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm in the Tuttle South Gymnasium.
We hope you can join us!

For more information, please
Visit http://www.brockport.edu/academics/commencement/ or contact the Office of Conferences and Events at 395-5648 or at commencement@brockport.edu”

[Linda Sikorski]

Recipients of this newsletter who have volunteered to help with commencement in the past have reported that they enjoyed the experience…so…Carpe Diem,

Bud

March 16, 2018

Greetings,
Sadly, emeritus John Benitez passed on March 10, 2018. I may have met John, but I did not know him well. He served at Brockport as Counselor, I believe in the Educational Opportunity Program, from December 1986 until he retired in December 1992. According to his obituary, he also taught graduate courses while at the College. I regret not knowing that he was a veteran and hope to be able to collect some information about his service for the veterans’ project. If anyone has contact with members of his family, please let them know about the project, and, if permitted, share information with me.

Following is his obituary from the Rochester D&C that you can view at:  

“John Elbert Benitez, Sr. - PhD

Rochester - Passed away Saturday, March 10, 2018 at the age of 80 years old. John is survived by his Wife, Lucy, marriage of 57 years; his Children; Deborah (Mick, children-Caitlin & Lucy), Kiki (Oty, children-Marilyn, Cristina & Cristian), Raymond (Carmen, children-Alexandra & Armando), Tony (Elizabeth, child-Victoria), Richie (Marisol, children-Juan Ricardo, Alejandro, Antonio, Claudia & Mateo), Marinelly & Adam; and his 5 amazing Great-Grandchildren.

John was a loving family man, Veteran and accomplished Educator. A lifelong student, he achieved both his Masters and PhD in Education & Administration at the University of Rochester and the University at Buffalo, respectively. John's favorite pastime was camping and fishing with his children and grandchildren. He retired from teaching graduate studies at SUNY Brockport and split his retirement years between NY, FL, and Puerto Rico. John had a passionate thirst for life, love, nature, music and poetry.

Family and friends are invited to a Memorial Service on SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at Miller Funeral Home (3325 Winton Rd S, Rochester, NY). Father Mickey McGrath will officiate. In lieu of flowers contributions in "John E. Benitez" memory may be made to either charity: Multiple Sclerosis Association of America or Lollypop Farm.

[We send our condolences to John’s family and friends.]

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Better news follows.

Dave and Peggy Hale continue to travel, and Dave has just shared this news:
“We're back from two weeks in Peru. The trip started with two days in Lima--museum, cathedral, parks, and views of the Pacific. Then we flew over the Andes to Iquitos (pop. 400,000, accessible only by water or air) for markets, manatee rescue center, and motokarts, taxis built around motorcycles. The main point was a week on a small ship on the Amazon to look for wildlife and visit Kukama indigenous communities.”

[Many of us enjoy hearing about the travels of others and we thank Dave and Peggy for sharing. I presume they will be happy to share more information about this trip with those who are interested who contact them.]
I close with a tribute from Ed Kelly, former Assistant to the President, to Faith Prather who will be retiring this year. Here is what he shared with me upon learning of Faith’s upcoming retirement:

“I am delighted to wish Faith Prather a long and happy retirement. I worked with her way back in the last century and our offices were right next to each other. She was always a pleasure to work with and was an excellent affirmative action officer. I wish her well!” Ed Kelly

[Thanks to Ed for sharing this tribute.]

Carpe Diem,

Bud

March 17, 2018

Greetings,

Among my most cherished possessions is a note that Walter Brautigan sent to me when I retired. It was a surprise to me because I had not had many personal interactions with Walt during my working years. I came across that note a few months ago while cleaning out some old files and decided to send Walter a note telling him how much that note meant to me. I am so glad I seized the day to do so, as Walt has now passed on. I was pleased to get to know Walter better in the last couple of years as a result of the veteran’s project. While he was a reluctant participant, because he did not think his post-WWII service warranted any special recognition, I still had some good email exchanges and visits with him. While his last few years were difficult, with multiple visits to hospitals and rehab facilities, he was always upbeat when encountered at Wegman’s when he was still out and about, or more recently, at the Brookdale Brockport Senior Living Facility. Walter leaves a legacy of caring and kindness that he shared with everyone he encountered, and his example had a positive impact on the future educators he taught, and everyone else he encountered. While his passing ends his suffering, it leaves a void for those closest to him, including Betsy Balzano, among many others on this distribution list. We thank Walter for his work and for his exemplary life and wish him peace.

Father Matt Kawiak, who was Newman Oratory Chaplain for a number of years, has a website on which he has placed a tribute to Walter entitled, “A Beautiful Life.” Those interested can view it at: http://fathermatt.blogspot.com/2018/03/a-beautiful-life.html

Following is Walter’s obituary from the website of New Comers Funeral Home at http://www.newcomerrochester.com/Obituary/155280/Walter-Brautigan-PhD/Rochester-New-York where you will also find a photograph of Walter and a place to enter your memories of him:

“Walter F. Brautigan PhD
Friday, March 16, 2018

Predeceased by his parents; Charles and Bertha Brautigam. Sister and brother in law; Viola and Clarence Lussow.

Survived by his beloved niece; Janie Lussow, Dear friends; Bobby (Erin) Kulikowsky, Ryan and Liam Kulikowsky, Betsy Ann Balzano.

Much loved professor who inspired generations of students to become teachers and countless friends to become better human beings.

Walter was a graduate of and professor at Cornell University, SUNY College at Brockport, and taught at Brockport College Campus School as well as abroad.

Family will receive friends 10 am, Thursday March 22, 2018 at Church of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 152 Main Street, Brockport, NY 14420 for his mass of Christian burial. At 1 pm, family and friends will meet at the main gate of White Haven Memorial Park, 210 Marsh Rd, Pittsford, NY 14534 for Entombment in Birchwood Mausoleum.

Friends may make contributions to The Humane Society of Greater Rochester at Lollypop Farm, 99 Victor Road, Fairport, NY 14450 or to the charity of their choice.”

[We send our condolences to Walter’s family and friends.]

I had not yet heard about the death of Congresswoman Louise Slaughter when I received the following note from President Emeritus John Haistead. Shortly thereafter, I heard more about her passing on the national news. John’s recollections reflect on Louise’s impact on the Rochester area and her support of The College at Brockport, and how she worked with her constituents. Here is what John shared with me:

I recall two primary instances during my decade as president that Congresswoman Louise Slaughter came to campus to support our College. First, early in the 2005-2006 academic year, the Congresswoman spoke at Lennon Science Building in support of our Lake Ontario research initiative and the importance of the Great Lakes. Later, she returned, on crutches no less, as we launched our new $29M Liberal Arts Building. She stayed not only for the ceremony but also for a lengthy tour of campus accompanied by Dave Mihalyov in a golf cart. There were numerous other times the Congresswoman or her staff contacted us regarding federal programs, especially student aid, and I met with her at the Federal Building in Rochester or on the Hill when lobbying in DC.

Charlie Cowling should have photos of the LAB occasion in the archives.”

While I tried not to be intrusive, I had a couple of opportunities for brief exchanges with Louise over the years. Sometime in the 1970s, she and the late emeritus Vice President for Administration, Burton Wolin, had some connection that somehow resulted in my being named
to a Committee to Study the Civil Service System in Monroe County. Louise was not on the committee, but, on occasion when attending the meetings in Rochester, I would encounter her, and we would talk briefly about the work of the committee. As a member of the Monroe County Legislature at the time, she had an interest because the committee I served on had been formed as a result of complaints from the City of Rochester about the performance of the County Civil Service Commission on its behalf. The Committee I served on was pretty ineffective but did manage to write a report and, while the report probably had little influence, the City of Rochester ending up creating its own civil service commission. In the 1980s, I was involved in a project for SUNY System Administration that required me to go to Albany frequently on one of the early Monday morning flights. Often, Louise would be waiting for a similar flight either to Albany or Washington and we would sometimes have brief exchanges, or I had opportunities to observe her interact with others. In all of these encounters and observations, often from a distance, it was evident that Louise Slaughter was interested in the work and views of others. Most recently, while at Clinton Crossings for an appointment, Sandy and I bumped into Louise departing with a family in a situation that led us to believe that she was personally shepherding them through the health care system, a level of attention-giving for which she became known in the Rochester community. Her loss is significant to her family, friends and constituents. We send our condolences to all of them.

[Thanks to John Halstead for sharing his tribute to Louise. The College, along with the greater Rochester area, has obviously lost a supportive friend in the passing of Louise Slaughter.]

Carpe Diem,

Bud

March 19, 2018

Greetings,

I am sorry to have to visit your inbox again so soon but there is more sad news to report. Mike Andriatch received word on Saturday of the passing of Rita Panaggio, wife of Emeritus Assistant Professor, Coach and Athletic Director, Mauro Panaggio. Rita was very well known in the Brockport community as a result of her support of her family, her involvement with the sale of real estate, and her many contributions. Along with many of you, I have fond memories of Mauro and his family from open houses they hosted at their home for those of us who actively supported athletics, especially basketball, during the period that Mauro served as coach. Rita was always the charming hostess and always made everyone feel comfortable in her home. She will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her, especially those mentioned, or otherwise referenced in her obituary that follows:

“We celebrate the life of Rita H. Panaggio who passed peacefully on March 16. Rita was born in Rochester, New York on March 6, 1931. Rita, a wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother was deeply committed to her family. There are so many good things to say about her, all of which would be heartfelt and appropriate, but it was this commitment to family that truly defined her life’s pursuit. An only child and a product of a broken home, she was raised by
a foster family, which gave rise to Rita’s passion for family. When she entered Heaven’s glorious gates her lineage included over 50 who adored and loved her. Rita made it a point to make sure each one of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren felt like they were the most important person in her life, and they were. And when sons-in-laws, daughters-in-laws and other children became part of her family, they too received this same unconditional love and commitment. Husband, Mauro, received the same love and commitment for 68 years as he pursued his basketball-coaching career. The hundreds of players that Mauro coached over the years became a permanent part of the family as Rita opened her already crowded home to them. Still, to this day, many of the players continue to call and visit and remain a part of the family.

Rita was also a businesswoman and a successful realtor and active in the Brockport, NY community. One of her great joys was the Brockport Twig and the long-lasting friendships she maintained with the group. Additionally, she kept close contact with childhood friends and those from her high school alma mater, Nazareth Academy in Rochester. She loved to travel and had been all over the world. Her home in Daytona Beach was a magnet for her grandchildren where they were always welcomed with plenty of food and advice on basketball and life. Rita never missed a game, recital, performance, graduation, or wedding. Rita is survived by her husband of 68 years, Mauro; children, Michael (Jennifer), Daniel (Ellen), Kathy (Mike), Tom (Shemi), Jim (Kay), Mary Beth (Michael); 23 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.”

Visitation: 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Monday, March 19, 2018, Lohman Funeral Home Ormand, 733 West Granada Boulevard, Ormond Beach, Florida.

Funeral Service: 11:00 am, Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at Lohman Funeral Home Ormand mentioned above.”

[Information is from the website of Lohman Funeral Home where you can view a photo of Rita and leave condolences at: http://www.lohmanfuneralhomes.com/obituary/rita-panaggio ]

We send our condolences to Mauro and the rest of the family and friends of Rita.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

March 23, 2018

Greetings,

I have a few tributes and stories to share today. Thanks to all of you who shared them.

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Tributes to Rita Panaggio

“When I read your notices, I am reminded of so many, and so many years that have gone by. I have been touched by many that have made my many years of experience here ok. But I must
say that none have touched me like this one [Rita Panaggio]. She made life bright, welcoming and very cheerful for me for so many years beyond my graduation. They [Mauro and Rita Panaggio] both were like parents. I am so glad I got a chance to go down with the B-Ball team and spend time with them. It was a blessing.”
[Gary Owens]

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“When my wife Judy and I were first married, Rita helped us buy our first home on Ridge Road in 1969. When we moved to our present home in 1975 she was our realtor again. The joy she had in seeing us in our new home makes much more sense knowing of her childhood. When she lived in Brockport she always made an effort to see us and make us feel like family. She was an outstanding person, beautiful inside and out. She will be greatly missed.”
[Greg Kenney]

Tribute to Congresswoman Louise Slaughter

“Loved and appreciated the comments on the death of our Congresswoman and her contributions to the College at Brockport. She was one of my dearest friends one of my two "big sisters" (Jeanette D’Agostino Banker being the other). I was fortunate to have coordinated two of her re-election campaigns for Congress in 2002 and 2004. I intentionally said coordinated rather than manager of the campaigns because in spite of my campaign experiences on two statewide campaigns and several local campaigns from 1969 on, Louise was the campaign manager of her campaigns. She was the most politically savvy person involved in her campaigns. Once elected, she represented her entire district regardless of political party. I have been told by several people that when they called the District Office for assistance nobody ever asked them how they were registered and if they shared their party registration they were told it did not matter because Louise represented all her constituents equally. I doubt I will meet another Louise in my lifetime and am so glad that she was in my life.”
[Elaine Leshnower ’61]

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Tribute to Walter Brautigan

“Walt [Brautigan] was simply the kindest and most generous person I have ever known. He loved students, friends, cats, science, and home cooked meals. He disliked hats. (He also never took umbrage at my endless comments that he needed one and often an overcoat too - he also ignored the suggestions.) I have so many memories of him: talking on the phone sharing feline antics (and problems), never refusing an invitation to a meal, especially the luncheon ones, including Betsy and our group of secretaries, his modesty for all the help he gave to others. Probably most significant to me personally was his willingness to give students a break and the attendant encouragement and help needed to succeed. As a long-time graduate director for our
college department, I know many students owe their degrees and careers to Walt and the unfailing efforts he made on their behalf. Nowhere was this manifest more clearly than in acceptance into graduate school and then fulfilling the final project/thesis requirement. I thank him for the truly outstanding mentoring he gave to those advisees, especially those who really needed that break. He knew that just because your undergrad GPA was not 3.0 did not mean that you were incapable of being a caring and effective teacher – or even an outstanding one. I can state that he never refused my request to take still another student as his advisee, particularly for final projects that usually entailed a significant investment of time by an advisor. There is no doubt they were better teachers and people for having him in their lives.”

[Pat Baker]

Other news:

Mirko and Irma Pylyshenko have had a joint art exhibit at The Lily Café-Maplewood YMCA, 25 Driving Park Avenue, Rochester, NY 14613 since February 1st. The exhibit runs thorough May 1st and can be viewed from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. I am sure they would love to know that people on this distribution list viewed their work. They have also exhibited at the Cobblestone Art Center in Canandaigua. If you are not familiar with it, check it out on the Internet. I did not know about it but found it to be doing some very interesting programming for the arts that might be of interest to many of you.

[Thanks to Irma for sharing. We are always pleased to share news of the activities of our retirees. I am also pleased to welcome them to the distribution list as recent converts to the use of email.]

Emerita Joanna Kraus was the guest of Utah Valley University, Orem, Utah, March 15-18 to attend the commissioned premiere of her new play, "Tamales and Roses" based on her popular picture book "A Night of Tamales and Roses." While there she taught a master class and conducted Q and A sessions with university students and audiences. The story is about a flower girl who gets stage fright and can't walk down the aisle to start the wedding ceremony. To her surprise her Hispanic family still loves her. After several performances in the Noorda Theatre on campus, the bi-lingual play will tour area Utah elementary schools. Kraus is the author of several prize-winning Theatre for Young Audience scripts and her latest picture book, "Bravo Benny" is forthcoming.

Joanna H. Kraus
Playwright/Author

Find out about my new children's book Blue Tobaggan here:
www.joannakraus.com

[Joanna, thanks for sharing and congratulations for you continuing success.]

Carpe Diem,
April 6, 2018

Greetings,

Here is what I share today.

On March 28, 2018, Rita Webster, a beloved retired administrative assistant, first in the Facilities Department and subsequently a retiree from the Marketing Communications Department, joined her husband, the late George Webster, also a former employee, and a one-time President of CSEA, in the afterlife. Rita was known to be a personable, take-charge asset to the College who not only performed her job in an exceptionally proficient manner, but also made significant contributions on behalf of others and the College through her service to CSEA and COSAC. She and George made a great couple and it was always good to see them at the various activities they attended. They especially enjoyed dancing and, although I do not recall seeing them dance, I believe they were known for possessing more expertise than most of us. I last saw Rita at George’s calling hours in 2012. I had tried to contact her regarding George’s military service, but we were never able to connect. I did send photographs of George’s graveside in Arlington National Cemetery a couple of years ago because I had information that she had not been able to visit the grave herself. George was a retired Staff Sergeant in the Air Force who received the Bronze Star from service in Korea and Viet Nam.

Sandy and I were sorry to hear about the passing of Rita, and I am sorry that because we were traveling I was unable to provide a timely notice relating to Rita’s calling hours and memorial.

You can review more about George and Rita by clicking on download at: https://digitalcommons.brockport.edu/student_archpapers/46/ and then searching on “Webster”.

Following is Rita’s obituary as posted in the Rochester D&C edited to note events that have passed.

“Rita Webster

Holley - Age 83, March 28, 2018. Predeceased by husband George Webster; Survived by children Greg (Beth) DeFrank of FL, Doug (Betsy) DeFrank of OH, Michelle (Mike Vendetti) Goudreau of Holley, Terri (Gary Smith) Fanton of Holley; grandchildren Sheldon (Samantha Kunc) Goudreau, Jamie Fanton, Dani Fanton; great-grandchildren Noah Goudreau, Taryn Fanton, Korban Goudreau; step-grandchildren Jamie (Andrew Niederhofer) Vendetti, Julie Vendetti, Paul Vendetti; step-great-granddaughter Kayla Niederhofer; sisters Elizabeth Beaney, Gale Woodworth; special nephews David (Kelly) Quaranto, Paul (Christy) Quaranto; life-long best friend Nete Wicks and many other nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family will receive [received] friends at the Christopher Mitchell Funeral Homes, Inc. 16650 State Rte. 31 Holley Monday April 2nd 4-6pm where her Funeral Service will follow [followed]
at 6:00pm. Private burial in Hillside Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Hospice of Orleans, PO Box 489, Albion NY 14411. If you must send flowers, she loved all flowers except lilies. To share a special memory of Rita, please visit www.christophermitchell.com.”

[We send our condolences to Rita’s family and friends.]

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From Mike Andriatch, VP for Advancement and President of the Brockport Foundation:

Registration is live for the 41st annual Boob Boozer Golden Eagle Open on Friday, May 18. Please share with all who may be interested. Hope to see you there! For details and to register, go to


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First Friday Event on Friday, April 6 from 3:30-5:30 pm at the Alumni House
The COSAC Committee has been enthusiastically planning a First Friday Wine and Cheese Pairing.

We are very excited about this event, which will be held on Friday, April 6 from 3:30-5:30 pm at the Alumni House. Leonard Oakes, a local New York state winery, is providing a delicious selection of their prize-winning wines and hard cider. BASC will be providing a selection of meats and cheeses. We are delighted to have an afternoon of jazz led by our very own Gian Carlo and Hanna!

In conjunction with this event there will be a raffle to raise additional funds for the COSAC Scholarship. The prizes include 1) Batavia Down’s overnight package, which includes $50 toward Fortune’s Restaurant and $50 free play, and 2) Amerks Box Seats with parking for April 11.

Ticket prices for the raffle are:
1 for $1
4 for $3
14 for $10

Tickets will be on sale from 11 am to 1:30 pm in the Fireside Lounge, Seymour Union on:
Thursday, April 5
Friday, April 6

And at the First Friday event, Friday, April 6, 3:30-5:30 pm, Alumni House
The COSAC committee would like to thank you for your support of the COSAC Scholarship. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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Over the years Sandy and I have especially enjoyed the Art of Fact Award presentation. This year I am particularly looking forward to attending it because I have not yet had the opportunity to visit the Educational Opportunity Center at its current location. Back in the day my assignment often took me to the Center and I always enjoyed it when my work took me there. So, I am highlighting this event this year to encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to hear Phillip Lopate discuss his work and to visit the REOC that has had a significant presence in downtown Rochester since the early 1970s. Here is the information about the event:

2018 Art of Fact Award for Excellence in Literary Nonfiction

The newest of Phillip Lopate’s 16 books is *A Mother’s Tale*. He writes widely about topics beyond the personal, such as adapting novels into movies, movie criticism, photography criticism, and teaching. His many accolades include a Guggenheim Fellowship, two grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, and two from the New York Foundation for the Arts. He teaches at Columbia University.

April 25, 7:30 pm
Phillip Lopate
Rochester Educational Opportunity Center,
161 Chestnut Street, Rochester

Hourly parking is available across the Street at Washington Square Parking garage

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Ann and the late Kempes Schnell’s daughter Julie and I had a recent email exchange and I thought some of you would like to know about a recent change in Ann’s address.

"Ann Schnell, known to many of you from the days when she and the late Professor of History Kempes Schnell, with daughter Julie, resided in the Brockport Community, is currently residing at: 1425 Philadelphia Avenue, Health Center at Chamber’s Point, Room 534-1, Chambersburg, PA 17201. Although she can no longer write notes herself, she cherishes notes received from the friends she has met along the way and enjoys the memories they invoke. If so moved, you can send a note or card to her at the new address or an email to her at hd.press@gmail.com that will be shared with her."

[Thanks to Julie for sharing and best regards to Ann.]
As usual, it is easy to fill your calendar with events at the College this time of year. If interested, you should visit https://www.brockport.edu/daily_eagle/ each day and also visit The Port at https://www.brockport.edu/news/ to make sure you do not miss anything. In particular, if you click on the last link and then click on “You can get there from here,” you will find some interesting history about the College’s radio station WBSU 89.1 and some of the significant players in its evolution from a club radio station broadcasting only to the College Union to an FM station “reaching seven counties.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

April 11, 2018

Greetings,

Sad news is too plentiful! My task today is to belatedly share the passings of two individuals with College connections, and one individual with longevity in the Brockport community who is well known by many of you.

Leon Totter brought the skills he had mastered by running his own farm to the College when he became a member of the Grounds Crew on June 27, 1976. He was a hard worker who just went about the job of assisting others in keeping the campus grounds functional and presentable. I did not know him well, but I did learn to appreciate him during a period when he was the supervisor of grounds (May 24, 1979 to his retirement on May 1, 1986) and we worked together on some difficult work-related issues. He was a good supervisor, and a good man, who led by example. After he retired I bumped into him, sometimes alone, and sometimes with his wife, in the community on several occasions and I always enjoyed chatting with him. I have regretted not noting the passing of Gloria last August, but, as I recall, I learned of it late and forgot to record it for a future newsletter. So, we send our condolences to the family and friends of Leon and Gloria Totter as they grieve two significant losses in a seven-month period. Their presence in this life will be missed. Following is Leon’s obituary from the website of Fowler Funeral Home where you can find a photograph of Leon to refresh your memory if you choose.

“Leon J. Totter

Holley/Brockport, NY - Born in Clarkson, NY on May 18, 1928.

Passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Wednesday March 28, 2018. Predeceased by his loving wife Gloria of 69 years and 2 grandsons Matthew Fulks and Gregory Totter. He is survived by his children Penny Buckland, Joseph (Stephanie) Totter, Susan (Paul) Volkmar, Judy (Robert) Fulks, Janet (Sharon) Totter, Joann (Frank) Ricotta, John (Julie) Totter, Lee Ann (Jerry) Glogowski, and Thomas (Kristy) Totter; also, many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

Family will receive [received] friends on Friday April 6th, 2-4 and 6-8 PM at the Fowler Funeral
Thanks to Joan Spade, former Professor and Chair of Sociology, for bringing the death of Lewis Neisner, to my attention. Lewis is the husband of Beth Van Fossen who also served as Professor and Chair of Sociology during the period of her employment at Brockport from September 1975 to June 1990 before she left for Towson University in Maryland where she served as Professor and Director of the Institution for Teaching and Research on Women. I did not know Lewis Neisner, but, I do have one story related to him to share. Lewis taught in the Business-Economics Department as an Adjunct during the 1983-84 academic year. Around that time there were some concerns outlined in the newspapers and in the Chronicle of Higher Education suggesting the need for verification of the credentials of faculty in higher education. Of course, this news got the attention of State auditors who became interested in the credentials of SUNY faculty. I do not remember the exact circumstances, but I remember that Lewis Neisner’s name ended up on a list of people whose credentials the auditors wanted to review when they visited Brockport. I remember being astonished that we had to defend hiring an MBA, with an extensive high-level career in a business that operated on a national basis, because the auditors thought that all teaching faculty should have PhDs. The credentials of some members of our Fine Arts Departments had to be similarly defended. It was this type of oversight that led to legislation that helped free SUNY from many of the State’s bureaucratic controls and to allow SUNY to be responsible for its curriculum and other aspects of its operations that were associated with the development of high quality Colleges and University Centers, and to obtain high ratings among its peers as it fulfills its obligations to its various constituencies.

Lewis James Neisner

Rochester - Age 78, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 1, 2018. He was predeceased by his parents, Fred and Eileen Neisner and son, Robert Neisner. He is survived by his wonderful, supportive wife of 34 years, Beth Elaine Vanfossen; his daughter, Jennifer Neisner; son-in-law, Peter Balint-Kurti and grandsons, Ben and Jack Balint-Kurti, of Raleigh NC; his sister, Merry Eileen Neisner of New York City; cousin Ellen Neisner; and many cousins.

Lewis was born in Rochester, attended Brighton public schools, graduated from Phillips Academy, Andover, Princeton University, B.A. and Columbia University, M.B.A. He served for six years in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Lewis had three careers. Between 1965-1979, he worked for Neisner Bros., a national chain of 5&10 Cent and discount stores founded by his grandfather, Joseph Neisner and his brother, in Rochester in 1911. He was the Corporate Secretary and held the positions of Personnel Director and Vice-President, Store Operations.
After the company went out of business in 1979, Lewis embarked on his second career as a professor of retailing and marketing, teaching at Buffalo State College, and from 1990 to 2007 as an adjunct professor at the University of Baltimore and the University of Maryland at College Park.

In 2007, Lewis and his wife retired back to Rochester and Rivers Run. He began his last career as an active member of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at RIT. He served as Vice-Chair of Program, and led courses on Sherlock Holmes, jazz, the Great American Songbook, modern art, health care reform, Woody Allen, and Joyce Carol Oates.

Lewis was active in the Sherlockian world and was the founder of Rochester Row, a local Sherlock Holmes society. He served on the boards of the Princeton Club of Rochester, the Torch Club, was a former President of the Brighton Schools Alumni Association, a charter member of RATS, a member of breakfast and lunch clubs, and an active bridge player. One of his proudest accomplishments was running a marathon under four hours at the age of 40.

Funeral services will be [were] held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 10:00 am at Temple B'rith Kodesh, 2131 Elmwood Ave, Rochester, NY. The family will receive [received] friends after the service in the Wolk Family Center. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at RIT or the Brighton Schools Alumni Association.

Published in Rochester Democrat and Chronicle on Mar. 4, 2018

[We send our condolences to Beth and Lewis’ family and friends.]

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While searching for the obituaries quoted above I found the one that follows. I only know Rudy in passing, but I know that he and Joan were well known to many of you, so, mostly for the sake of those residing outside of the Rochester area, I include his obituary below even though, to my knowledge, he had no affiliation with the College. We send our condolences to Joan and the rest of Rudy’s family and his many friends.

“Rudolph ‘Rudy’ Aceto
Brockport - Passed away on Saturday, April 7, 2018 at the age of 87. Predeceased by his parents and brothers, Tony Edo, John and Harry. He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Joan; children, Guy (Joanne), Nancy (Orlando) Jaime, Ellen (J David Brederson) Aceto; grandchildren, Marcelino Jaime, Elissa (John) Merridew, Geoffrey and Michael Jamele, Mira and Shona Aceto; sister, Ann Polsinelli; brother, Roger (Susan) Aceto and many loving relatives and friends.

A Celebration of his Life will be held at the convenience of the family. Those wishing may contribute to the Morgan Manning House in Rudy's memory.”
I have recently received several inquiries about how to purchase the book “Honoring Faculty and Staff Veterans-The College at Brockport” so I am repeating the information:

There are four ways to obtain the book:

1. You go to the Development Office (on the left, southside, on the 3rd floor of the Allen Admin Building), pay $25.00 and pick one up.

2. You can order on-line at the following link and choose whether you want to pick up the book in the Advancement Office on the 3rd Floor of the Allen Administration Building or have it mailed to you (extra $5.00).

3. You can go to the Liftbridge Bookstore downtown and purchase one (I believe for $29.99, or something close to it),

4. You can request an order form via an email to me and I will email you a copy that you can complete and then either carry it or send it by regular mail to the Development Office.

Here is a reminder and a little more information than previously shared about the upcoming Bob Boozer Golden Eagle Open from Anna Loria ’15, Communication Specialist and Writer for “The Port.”

“Help support Brockport student-athletes in a day at the Hickory Ridge Golf Resort & Country Club for the 41st Annual Bob Boozer Golden Eagle Open. A $90 per-golfer package includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, a tournament gift, door prizes, lunch and dinner, course beverages, an awards program, and more.

11 am – Registration
Noon – Shotgun Start
5:30 pm – Richard V. Mancuso Post-Tournament Dinner

Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Register online at [alumni.brockport.edu/bbgeo2018](http://alumni.brockport.edu/bbgeo2018).”

Carpe Diem,

Bud

April 12, 2018

Greetings,
When I was working I never dreamed of the possibility of having a nearly full-time job writing about the passing of friends and colleagues, but I have caught up with reality and I am starting to not like it much! Just as I was about to push the send button to distribute my last newsletter I learned from Mike Andriatch about the passing of legendary basketball coach Mauro Panaggio. Only a couple of weeks ago I reported the passing of his wife, Rita, who was known to many of you. Now their family and friends have more mourning to do.

I first met Mauro on the ‘hardwoods’ [might have been tiles at the time] of the old gymnasium in Hartwell Hall, now the Rose L. Strasser Dance Studio, in a faculty-staff basketball game. Mauro had come from Rush Henrietta High School to the College as Assistant Professor and Basketball Coach in 1967, the same year that I arrived at Brockport as an Intern in Student Financial Aid. Mauro was “slightly” older than the rest of us who competed on hardwoods (and that “slightly,” I admit, puts a little fear in my heart these days), but, boy, could he outperform the younger competition that included the likes of the very talented Jim Cook, the somewhat talented Gary Skoog and Jack Beck, the awesome Bill Stewart, and others with little talent beyond “desire,” myself among them. Mauro was a lot more than a notch above us with knowledge of how basketball was supposed to be played and, as I recall, preferred to move the ball around a bit rather than just witness the person getting the rebound on one end of the court try to dribble the length of the court and score at the other end. While we had fun for a few games, it did not endure, possibly because the locks on the gym were re-keyed because of liability concerns to secure the gym from those like us who might seek after-hours access. However, the Noontime Basketball Association (NBA) was formed in the 1980s by some of the original players and that competition has endured in the Tuttle North gym for many years. Mauro honored the NBA with his presences on a few occasions, but never seemed to adjust to its style of play that included Dick Mancuso’s forearm shivers and other uses of force that more closely resembled a war than a basketball game.

Mauro was employed at the College from September 1967 until his retirement in August 1987. During his final year(s) he served only as Assistant Professor and was able to find time to pursue and accept opportunities to continue his coaching career with professional teams.

While Mauro served as Head Basketball Coach at Brockport, he and his teams brought a lot of excitement to the College. He continues to be held in high esteem, especially by those he coached, and those that he and Rita have treated as family.

The following obituary information is paraphrased from the yesterday’s posting on the website of the Rochester D&C:

Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, April 16, 2018 at Lohman Funeral Home, 733 West Granada Boulevard, Ormond Beach, Florida, where, at 11 am on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, his funeral service will also be held.

The family may hold a ceremony locally at some point. If I learn of the scheduling of such event I will share the information in a subsequent newsletter.
Mauro is survived by his children, Mike (Jennifer), Dan (Ellen), Kathy (Mike), Tom (Shemi), Jim (Kay) and Mary Beth (Michael); 23 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.


A lot more information about Mauro and his career can be found by searching his name on the internet.

[Following is a tribute to Mauro from James R. Cook, Director of Admissions Emeritus. I send a special thank you to Jim for taking the time to honor the Coach and Friend!]

“Bud, I have many fond memories of the "Panaggio Days and Nights" at Brockport. One moment stands out! As an avid basketball fan and rookie admissions counselor beginning at Brockport in 1965, I was disappointed with the poor results of the team in 65-66 and the initial part of 66-67. I recall dropping into President Brown's office one afternoon expressing my concern about the status of Brockport basketball. President Brown listened with great interest to my concerns about how such a poor team record was not in keeping with Brockport's history and that future recruiting for the team and college would be affected. After my 10 minutes of sharing concerns, he leaned across the desk and said, "Be patient, I think you will like the news that will be announced shortly about the team." He did not elaborate any further and several weeks later it was announced that Mauro Panaggio had been hired for the coming season as JV coach and would assume the Varsity reins the following year. As usual, President Brown was way ahead of the problem. All the college supporters and I were delighted. Mauro's first recruit was an all-Greater Rochester player, Jim Harrington, a Cardinal Mooney player who went on to be the first of Brockport's many excellent recruits over the highly successful "Panaggio Days and Nights." The after-game parties at the home of the Panaggios were a great melting pot for players, parents of players, faculty/staff and the Brockport community. Rita was a key part of the program's success as she also took great care of their family of six. Success followed quickly, and a sold-out Tuttle South gym meant that fans had to arrive early to be assured a seat. So many fine memories, too many to continue writing about. Mauro and Rita will both will be missed greatly by all those who knew them and followed their success at every stop. My sincere condolences to their family. Jim Cook”

[We join Jim in sending our condolences to Mauro’s family and friends as we remember the great times and great memories Mauro created for us!]

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I did not know about the late Rudy Aceto’s connection to the College until I received feedback after distributing my last newsletter. From Mike Andriatch and Rosie Rich, I learned that Rudy was a 1956 graduate from Brockport College who was active in alumni engagement and, along with the late Jack Mazzarella, was involved with some alumni projects when the late George Rich served as President of the Brockport Alumni Association. He also was a Physical Education Teacher in the Brockport Central School District.
More tributes to Walter Brautigan

==From Pat Baker

Pat Baker shared with me the following information from an Education and Human Development departmental newsletter. It provides an additional tribute to the late Walter Brautigan to accompany one recently received from Steve Ullman that follows it:

“Dr. Walt Brautigan, who formally retired a decade ago, has continued to teach and advise. He is a kind, caring person, conscientious advisor, great teacher, and considerate friend to students. He is the model for student-centered professors. His generosity to students and the College is legend, be it the FOB rose garden, the geraniums, the award plaques and their cases, etc, etc. Unfortunately, we have not enough space for all that could be said.”

==From Steve Ullman

“Bud,

The news of Walt Brautigan’s passing reminded me of how totally devoted Walt was to SUNY Brockport and, especially, to our students. Back in the day, Wally Borowiec and I composed a list of SUNY Brockport faculty and staff who “bled green and gold.” These were the people for whom there were practically no ceilings on how much they would dedicate themselves to the really tough jobs the college meted out. At the top of course, was Walt Brautigan.

An illustration of Walt’s commitment was highlighted when I chaired the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program during a period when the number of matriculated grad students increased from about 7 to more than 200. Each semester I needed an instructor for each of the four, interdisciplinary capstone seminars. By far the hardest course to staff was the natural sciences seminar. Frequently I would shamelessly ask Walt if he could teach it. I meant shamelessly because I knew that Walt would already be assigned a full teaching load as well as a boatload of advisees. Students genuinely loved Walt and he seemed to have no limits on how much time he would devote to them.

Walt was the epitome of everything a college professor should be. I was privileged to know him and will greatly miss him. Steve.”

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And for some fun news, Emerita Ruth Hyde sent me the following note yesterday:

My news: I was a member of the English Country Dance demo team who danced with members of a class about Jane Austen in the Seymour Union Ballroom last night [Tuesday].

[Thank you, Ruth, for sharing with us that you “seized the day!” and for being an example for us.]
Greetings,

I have mentioned to Jim Horn several times that, if it were not for the internet’s impact on the decline of print publications, his travel blogs could easily compete with National Geographic. If you missed the Cherry Blossom Festival in the nation’s capital this year, I am happy to report that you can still “go,” by simply clicking here https://jimhornnews.com/2018/04/18/the-national-cherry-blossom-festival-washington-d-c/ and enjoying the excellent narrative and photographs from Jim’s recent visit there. It may have been an exhausting visit for Jim, but he provides for us a very relaxing tour. I hope you will enjoy touring with him as much as I did.

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Following are two more tributes to the late Mauro Panaggio and the exciting times for Brockport College basketball during his time as coach:

“A couple of thoughts about Mauro. First, he was a tireless worker to build a winning basketball tradition at his alma mater, The College at Brockport. And second, we salute his life partner, Rita, for helping Mauro achieve his goals on the round-ball court and do all the things required for family maintenance as well.

No question that Lori and I were part of the more than enthusiastic crowds who jammed the gym in Tuttle South to watch those Golden Eagles. I bet most of us in the community can still name the starting five players from the almost championship team.

Our condolences to the children and extended family.”
[Gary and Lori Skoog]

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“Bud and all of you,

I cannot even begin to express just how much this man (Coach) has meant in my life. I can honestly say that had it not been for him coming down to Niagara Falls, NY one evening to recruit another kid and met another a scrawny 16-year-old, who had never given college a second thought, and then went to that 16-year-olds’ home to talk with his mother where he convinced her that there was a place for him at Brockport, I can truly say that without him taking that step, I don't know where I would be today.”
He became like a father, not just as a student but also as I grew into a man, he mentored me, advised and counseled me. He gave me guidance when I had to go through a divorce and raise a little girl by myself.

He and Rita (Ms. P) were always there for me. He allowed me to be an assistant coach and the JV coach for three years. He gave much council to me and many others for many years, long after Basketball. Yes, he taught me how to play the game of basketball and he taught me a lot about this game called life, and the focus of the lessons always centered on one thing and that was FAMILY, and nothing else was more important to him and I thank him for teaching me that. I thank the family for sharing him and I'll just say: THANK YOU COACH MAURO PANAGGIO, I thank GOD for you.”

[Gary Owens]

And here is a link to a document that will present a walk down memory’s lane for those of you who shared time at Brockport with Mauro and his Brockport College teams: http://panaggio.com/program.pdf

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In a newsletter in February I asked you to save the date, June 15, 2018, for a retirement event for Dr. Faith Prather. I am pleased to report that the invitation to the Dr. Faith Prather Retirement Jubilee and Fund Raiser Invitation is now available on-line at: https://www.brockport.edu/daily_eagle/view_item.php?id=13479. Take a peek at the exciting activities the evening (6-9 pm on June 15th) will offer you beyond the opportunity to celebrate Faith’s work and send her into our ranks smiling!

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The New York Room was filled, to capacity, on Friday, April 20, 2018 for the 12th Annual President’s Donor Recognition Luncheon. A highlight for me was to see so many friends and colleagues together to both be recognized for their support and be honored for it by the “Student Remarks” of scholarship recipients, Robert Darrisaw ’18, and Hannah Spencer ’19. It is a joy to hear the stories and know that our donations are having a significant impact on “student success.”

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The Brockport College-Community Chorus will present “Love in Bloom,” their spring concert on Saturday, May 5, 2018, at 7:30 pm at Tower Fine Arts Center, 180 Holley Street, Brockport. For tickets, College retirees should call (585) 395-2787, or visit the Tower Fine Arts Center Box Office and identify themselves as retirees.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

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April 26, 2018
Greetings,

The email below is being sent on behalf of Pierre Radimak, Editor of the SUNY Retirees Newsletter and Coordinator of the SUNY Retirees Service Corps. Please note that the referenced issue of the Newsletter includes a great article about Life Long Learning at Brockport written by Jason Dauenhauer, Brockport’s Director of Multigenerational Engagement and Associate Professor of Social Work.

“Dear SUNY Retirees,
I am pleased to send you the link to the Spring/Summer 2018 issue of the SUNY Retirees Newsletter, which is published and distributed electronically system-wide by the SUNY Retirees Service Corps (RSC) twice yearly (Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter issues).


The current issue…
* provides an overview of THE POWER OF SUNY RETIREES: Lessons Learned from Over 100 Retirement Stories, a study that makes a strong case for promoting a “retiree-campus-community” partnership at every SUNY campus (page 1)
* features excerpts from the autobiography of Clifton R. Wharton Jr., SUNY’s trailblazing fourth Chancellor, in which he looks back on his tenure at the State University of New York (page 3)
* tells the fascinating retirement stories of Edward Fitzgerald (University at Albany) (page 13) and John Fisher (SUNY Oswego) (page 20)
* contains “news you can use”-type stories on 10 Ways to Worry Less (page 8), Fall Prevention Tips for Older Adults (page 14), and The Smart Way to Help Grandkids with College (page 16)

…plus much more!

Anyone with Newsletter story ideas of interest to all SUNY retirees may email me at pierre.radimak@suny.edu or call me at (518) 320-1354.

Current and past issues of the Newsletter are available online at http://www.suny.edu/retirees/newsletters/

To learn more about the SUNY Retirees Service Corps, visit http://suny.edu/retirees/

Thank you for your interest in the SUNY Retirees Newsletter!

All the best,

Pierre

Pierre F. Radimak
Editor, SUNY Retirees Newsletter
Following is an important announcement from the Camp Abilities Staff relating to one of its most significant fundraising events. While providing an opportunity for a nice day of activities with colleagues and friends, it also provides additional resources to support the annual camp and its participants. This year the camp runs from June 24th through June 30th and you can expect to see campers in the community as they are guided in extending their skills. For more information and to see some of the past participants, view a video about Camp Abilities at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xnbdp35NvEo. Then, “carpe diem,” by clicking on the registration link in the informative note that follows:

“Hi Everyone,

It is that time of the year again for our 9th Annual Camp Abilities Luncheon, Auction, and Golf Tournament! A few things have changed from last year! The date is set for May 20th, 2018 at Pinewood Country Club (Spencerport, NY) at 11am! There are activities for everyone! Golfing will begin at 11 AM and it will be 4-person scramble and 9-holes plus carts! Following the golf there will be a luncheon buffet starting at 2pm with a silent auction!

The cost of golf plus lunch is $55 per person, if you are attending just the lunch and auction the cost is $30 per person. If you cannot make it and would still like to sponsor a hole it is $50 a hole! Please remember that all proceeds benefit Camp Abilities Brockport, a weeklong educational sports camp for children who are visually impaired, blind, or deafblind.

Registration can be found at: www.campabilities.org & click on “Golf Tournament/Auction”.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you all back again this year!

The Camp Abilities Staff
Lauren Lieberman
Lily Jagodzinski
Kristi Lane”

Last June I shared the invitation from Emeritus Dick Evans that follows and then on June 27, 2017 I shared my experience as a participant in the June 24, 2017 event. I am pleased to share that Dick has again secured the services of Ed Evans (no relation) for another specially arranged tour of the CCC/POW camp. This year’s tour is scheduled as follows:

1:00 pm, Saturday, June 2, 2018 – Just follow the directions from last year’s invite below and plan to be there ten minutes before the tour starting time. Again, this is a rain or shine event and, while there are some paths, there is some field-walking involved so dress appropriately. Let me know via email to rmeade1@rochester.rr.com if you plan to attend.
Following is some background information that was shared with those on my distribution list last June.

“June 21, 2017

And, following is information received from Associate Professor Emeritus Richard Evans that I thought might be of interest to some people on the distribution list for this newsletter.

“Hello to everyone interested in local history and intrigue,

You and your family/friends are invited to join us for a specially arranged tour (no charge) of the CCC-POW Camp south of Hamlin Beach State Park on Moscow Road. Add it to your calendar for this Saturday, June 24th at 1:00 pm. [1:00 pm, Saturday, June 2, 2018.]

Many of you know that this was the home of young men in the Civilian Conservation Corps (1935-41) while they earned $1.00/day building Hamlin Beach State Park, then as a prison for German POWs (1944-46) while they worked for area farmers and canning factories for 85 cents a day.

The driving force behind the reconstruction of this historic site is community activist and popular speaker Ed Evans (no relation), and he has rearranged his schedule to be our personal guide, rain or shine.

The Camp is located on Moscow Road, directly below Hamlin Beach. It is 0.7 mile west of the intersection of Moscow Road and Lake Rd/West Fork and is marked by a sign.

The Camp will “come alive” with captivating stories from Ed regarding both the CCC era and the experiences of the German prisoners. Some of the prisoners settled here after the War, others have returned to visit, and several have corresponded with Ed about their experiences here.

This special event is free and open to all!”

Richard Evans
7604 Newco Dr., Hamlin, NY 14464
Ph# 585-964-5886, de1052de@gmail.com

[Dick, thank you for sharing this announcement.]”

and:

“On Saturday [June 24, 2017], I participated in part of Ed Evans’ very informative guided tour of the former Civil Conservation Corps, and later POW, camp on Moscow Road near Hamlin Beach State Park that was arranged by emeritus Dick Evans, and I felt
cheated that I had to leave early. While you can do a walking tour of the camp site on your own with maps and a printed guide available at a kiosk at the site, I think the best way to see this archeological site is a guided tour arranged with Ed who, since 2008, has been obtaining photos and stories related to the CCC camp and the POW camp from both government sources and from contacts in Germany and elsewhere who spent time at the camp as CCC workers or as POWs. The simple artifacts remaining at the camp and his extensive collection of photos serve like a "power point" discussion guide for Ed Evans as they trigger the many stories he has amassed about the impact of the CCC and the POW camps on the area and its people in those times. Ed is a retired science teacher from Hilton who has a friendly, passionate, and articulate presentation style and, because of the passion element, he is extremely knowledgeable about both fact and fiction related to the camp. It is interesting to note that, according to Ed’s research, when the government dismantled the camp, two or three of the barracks (Quonset Huts) were relocated to the Brockport College campus to serve as classrooms. They were placed behind Hartwell, south of what is now Morgan III that is now a parking lot. I remember looking out on at least one of them from Vanderhoof Hall, now Morgan III, when I worked in the Financial Aid Office 1967-68. They were removed shortly after the Lennon-Smith science facilities became available.”

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Here, from Development Associate, Eliza J. Pionessa ’17, is a notice about a program that might be of interest to many on this distribution list who reside in the Brockport area:

“Sponsor a Green & Gold Ambassador!

By supporting the Ambassador program, you provide students the opportunity to build their leadership and communication skills, network, and facilitate valuable relationships for their futures.

The Green & Gold Ambassadors are committed to serving The College at Brockport, encouraging relationships between students and alumni and acting as official hosts and hostesses at activities and events at the College. Green & Gold Ambassadors portray a positive image of our institution and promote the importance of philanthropy with current and future students, alumni, and the community. These carefully chosen students demonstrate a passion for life and are committed to the College.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor please contact Eliza Pionessa at epionessa@brockport.edu or call 585-395-5227.”

[I believe there are at least a couple of people on this distribution list who have enjoyed being part of this program. If others are interested, contact Eliza directly and reap the joy of a little “fountain of youth,” by being around people whose lives are at the sunrise stage.]
Also, while it is hard to believe for many reasons, including the absence of spring, the last “First Friday” of the academic year is upon us! Following is the information about this event just received from Jamie Beers-Wilson:

“Join us at Alumni House for a Pre Cinco De Mayo Celebration on May 4th!
Come one, come all, and join us for First Fridays on May 4!

Take a break from the end of the semester whirlwind, enjoy good company and refreshments, and tour the House.

Sponsored by Richard and Joan Fenton.
3:30 – 5:30 pm
Alumni House, 142 Utica Street, Brockport

Free and open to all - hope to see you there!

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In conclusion, if any one on this distribution list ever “played” in the NBA (Noontime Basketball Association) league and has not been contacted yet by me, or others, about a gathering of NBA retirees, and long-time survivors, please contact me at rmeade1@rochester.rr.com for information about such an event to take place on Wednesday, May 23, 2018. So far, we have identified 107 NBAers and 20 have already indicated they will attend and we expect many more. I need to know the number of NBAers who will be attending; if you have been contacted and haven’t advised me about your participation, please let me know as soon as possible.
Carpe Diem,

Bud

April 30, 2018

Greetings,

Kim L. Myers, Scholarly Communications Coordinator, 30B, Drake Memorial Library wishes to share the following information with you.

“Drake Library will be hosting a celebration of faculty/emeriti authors (who’ve published in the SUNY Brockport eBook platform) on May 3 from 1:15-2:15pm, on the main floor of the library. We will be serving punch and cookies.

Featured will be the work of the following Brockport authors:

John Maier – Gilgamesh and the Great Goddess of Uruk

Gary Metz and Richard Lumb - Substance Abuse Interventions: Catalysts for Change: Criminal Justice and Community Collaboration
Amaury Samalot-Rivera - Desarrollo de valores y destrezas sociales apropiadas por medio de la educación física y el deporte: Una guía para maestros y entrenadores.

Cesar Torres & Claudio M. Tamburrini- Columna deportiva: Artículos sobre deporte, ética y sociedad.

I hope to see you there!”

[If you are in the area drop in and support these authors including the two emeriti from our group whose works are being recognized.]

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I keep admonishing myself for “looking back” when I’m not going in that direction, but maybe I’m drawn to the absolute fact that the distance I can see looking back is now much greater than the distance I envision looking forward. And, of course, when we start trying, and usually failing, to get rid of stuff, things jump out that kick start our “looking back.” Such is the case of a menu from Casey’s Old Time Bar & Cookery that has kicked around in our possession for several years and is still in pretty good shape. In fact, it is in much better shape than any of the menus I see in restaurants today. For examples, can you imagine getting two dozen Chicken Wings for $3.50, 50 Wings for $6.95, an open-faced Reuben for $2.95, a Turkey Melt for $2.75, or a Cheese Cake dessert with strawberries for $1.25? But, of course, what drew many of us to Casey’s after we left work on Fridays was the reasonably priced Beer Battered Fish Fry, and, more important for many, the 3-7 pm Happy Hour specials; the 50 cent 12 oz draft beers and 50 cent mixed drinks. But, yes, we still complained about the prices back then. Of course, there were other popular eating establishments like Lista’s and the Ale House that many of us frequented, especially on Fridays, but they have long since disappeared, except on the internet where you can still submit reviews of the food and service for the Ale House and Casey’s. I was tempted to submit some reviews to see what would become of them but decided it best not to continue to “waste the day,” and went back to the future.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

PS.

My emails to the following emeriti have started bouncing recently. If anyone has a current email address for any of them, please share it with me.

Mark Anderson
Gerald Begy
David Brannigan
William Hullfish
Steve Ireland
John Phillips
Art Smith
Greeting,

It is not quite a Mayday emergency, but, on this Mayday, I have learned that the President has sent an urgent appeal to the campus community for commencement volunteers. As of this date the commencement committee is short of having enough volunteers to provide critical services necessary for providing excellent care of the graduate and undergraduate programs and the graduates. A couple of weeks ago I shared the need for volunteers with this distribution list, so this is just a friendly reminder for those of you who might be able and willing to assist. Valerie Dimino ‘07/’17, Communications Coordinator and Managing Editor of The Port, has prepared the following reminder for me to share with you:

“Volunteers needed for Commencement

Commencement is the most exciting time of year for graduating students and their families — and for the faculty and staff who have supported them along the way.

The College is in urgent need of additional volunteers necessary to make this year’s ceremonies a success.

Graduate Commencement is Friday, May 11, at 5 pm in the SERC Field House.

Undergraduate Commencements are Saturday, May 12, at 9:30 am and 2 pm in the SERC Field House. More volunteers are needed for these ceremonies in particular.

We have a variety of important jobs that need to be filled by volunteers from the College community. Whether you like to work inside, outside, with students or with their guests, we can find a job that’s a good match for you.

Visit the Commencement volunteer page:  
https://www.brockport.edu/academics/commencement/volunteer to learn more about the roles needed and sign up by Friday, May 4. As a thank-you, a buffet-style lunch will be available on May 12 from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm in the Tuttle South Gymnasium.

Please contact Lynda Sikorski at lynda.sikorski@basc1.org with any questions.

Thank you for your time and consideration!
Sincerely,

The Commencement Committee”

[Time is of the essence! If you are able to volunteer, sign up on the website mentioned above by Friday, May 4 so that the Commencement Committee can ensure that critical volunteer assignments are filled.]

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And, here is a reminder from Betsy Standish ’00, Associate Director, Alumni Engagement, for another event that I have previously mentioned.

“May 18, 2018:
2018 41st Annual Bob Boozer Golden Eagle Open
Hickory Ridge Golf & Country Club
12:00 PM

Alumni, friends, business partners, and supporters of Brockport Athletics are invited to come enjoy golf followed by a post-tournament dinner at Hickory Ridge Golf and Country Club. Proceeds benefit student-athletes.”

[If you have been waiting to commit to these events until some sign of good weather appeared, this Mayday is your day!]

Carpe Diem,

Bud

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May 10, 2018

Greetings,

I’d like to draw your attention to something I missed reporting when I advised you that the Spring/Summer 2018 SUNY Retirees Newsletter was now available. What I failed to mention is the link to The Power of SUNY Retirees – Lessons from over 100 Retirement Stories written by Ram L. Chugh, Ph.D., Executive Director (Emeritus), SUNY Retirees Service Corps. You can scroll through the book online at http://www.suny.edu/media/suny/content-assets/documents/retirees/The-Power-of-SUNY-Retirees---Lessons-Learned-from-Over-100-Retirement-Stories.pdf.

Scroll alphabetically through Chapter 2 and you will find the stories of six of your former colleagues from Brockport; Margay Blackman, David Hale, James Horn, John Mosher, Joyce Ogden and yours truly. Also, if you have not checked out the website of the SUNY Retirees
Reminders:

May 18, 2018
2018 41st Annual Bob Boozer Golden Eagle Open
Hickory Ridge Golf & Country Club
15816 Lynch Road
Holley, NY 14470

11:00 PM Registration – Shotgun Start at noon
Cost is $90 per golfer

5:30 pm: Richard V. Mancuso Post-Tournament Dinner

Proceeds benefit Brockport student-athletes – sponsored by Athletic Department

Contact: Adam Standish, Engagement Officer, 395-5113, astandis@brockport.edu

Online registration:

May 20th, 2018
9th Annual Camp Abilities Luncheon, Auction, and Golf Tournament at Pinewood Country Club (Spencerport, NY) at 11am!

There are activities for everyone! Golfing will begin at 11 AM and it will be 4-person scramble and 9-holes plus carts! Following the golf there will be a luncheon buffet starting at 2pm with a silent auction!

The cost of golf plus lunch is $55 per person, if you are attending just the lunch and auction the cost is $30 per person. If you cannot make it and would still like to sponsor a hole it is $50 a hole! Please remember that all proceeds benefit Camp Abilities Brockport, a weeklong educational sports camp for children who are visually impaired, blind, or deafblind.

Registration can be found at: www.campabilities.org & click on “Golf Tournament/Auction”.

Service Corps where you can find the referenced Newsletter, as well as past issues, check it out at: https://www.suny.edu/retirees/
Copies of “Honoring Faculty and Staff Veterans, The College at Brockport” can be obtained by visiting the Development Office, on the 3rd floor of the Allen Administration Building. For those of you who are out of the area, you can order by completing an online order form that can be obtained at: http://alumni.brockport.edu/book

Commencement:

Check https://www.brockport.edu/academics/commencement/ for information about commencement activities tomorrow, Friday, May 11th, and Saturday, May 12th.

I have just learned that Emeritus Edward Lehman has moved to apartment 238, Brookdale of Brockport, 90 West Avenue, Brockport, New York 14420. If he has email I will share that address with you when I obtain it. Meanwhile, I am sure he would appreciate hearing from friends and colleagues as he adjusts to his new living arrangement.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

May 31, 2018

Greetings,

It is nice to have good news to share. I recently learned that Emeritus Director of Admissions (1965-1996) James Cook was inducted into the Geneva Sports Hall of Fame 2018 at the Twenty Second Awards Banquet on May 18, 2018. Following is a copy of the biography for Jim that was included in the brochure for the event. This bio and information about the Geneva Sports Hall of Fame Association that sponsored the award, can be found at www.genevasportshof.org. More about Jim’s many accomplishments in golf can be found by searching “Cook” at: https://digitalcommons.brockport.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1047&amp;context=student_archpapers. Four of the 84 records in the document report on Jim’s golf legacy. Here is the biographical information from the brochure.

“James R. Cook Sr.
Golf
Geneva HS Class of 1957

Jim Cook started a lifetime in the game of golf when he was invited to a golf clinic conducted by Geneva Sports Hall of Fame golf pro Stan Chizinski at the age of 13. It is said that a lasting legacy of Stan Chizinski was the many generations of golfers who not
Jim only learned the game of golf but also learned a love and respect for the game. Jim was one of his first students who has lived these lessons well.

A 1957 graduate of Geneva High, Jim was a significant member of the school’s golf team that won four consecutive league championships and has been inducted into the Geneva Sports Hall of Fame as a team. He won the first of his six Geneva Country Club Championships as a senior in high school. He then attended the University of Miami and earned a spot as a walk-on player on the Division I golf team. He transferred to SUNY Geneseo after his freshman year and earned three letters in golf and served as team captain his junior and senior years. He also lettered in basketball for three years and served as team captain. He has been a champion of the Geneva Country Club, the Geneva City Championship, the Rochester District Golf Association, the Stafford Country Club, numerous scratch four ball events in Central and Western New York and more recently the NYS Golf Association Senior/Super Championship. He has also volunteered and served as an officer of several golf organizations that promote the game of golf with one notable achievement being the creation of a program that allowed junior golfers to play in tournaments even though their parents may not have had the economic means to join a golf club. His participation in these organizations has allowed him to give back to the game of golf some of what was given to him.

Jim’s career was in the field of education starting as a teacher until he joined the admissions staff at SUNY Brockport and later became its Director of Admissions until his retirement in 1996.

The induction of Jim Cook in the Geneva Sports Hall of Fame is, in part, a story of how a Geneva youth learned a love for the game of golf from a venerable Geneva golf professional at a young age and stands as an example to the youth of Geneva that learning a love for the game of golf can provide a lifetime of accomplishment and enjoyment.”

[Congratulations to Jim for the recognition of his lifetime of achievements for his playing of, and his support of, the game of golf!]

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On Wednesday, May 23, 2018 a group of 28 of the 123 former players of the Noontime Basketball Association at The College at Brockport who have been identified so far had a reunion gathering at Bill Gray’s in Brockport. The event, with a photo of the ‘youthful in their own minds only’ participants, was mentioned in the Daily Eagle at the College on May 29, 2018. Bob Kravnik was present but is missing from the photograph. There are a handful of players from the early days of the NBA still playing today. A good time was had by all who were able to attend.


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You will recall that the tour by noted conservationist and popular speaker Ed Evans is 1:00pm this coming Saturday (June 2), rain or shine. Dick Evans and I have heard from some of you that you plan to attend but, since we are trying to get an approximate head count, if you have not so advised either Dick or me, please let one of us know if you plan to attend. Dick Evans at de1052de@gmail.com or Bud Meade at rmeade1@rochester.rr.com.

FYI, reservations are not required so you can still invite anyone else that’s interested. The Camp is located on Moscow Road, directly below Hamlin Beach. It is 0.7 mile west of the intersection of Moscow Road and Lake Rd/West Fork and is marked by a sign at the entrance (north side).

Please arrive a few minutes early to allow the tour to begin on time (you can also browse the kiosk with historical information and graphic illustrations of the area).

[This is slightly edited copy provided by Emeritus Dick Evans. The latest weather prediction for Saturday suggests that it will be dry, and Dick and I hope that there will be a good turnout for this educational event at which the history and preservation efforts at this site will be presented. And, if you join us, you will get to celebrate National Trail Day with others on a gentle and short path.]

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We continue to be of an age, where post scripts reporting sad news are necessary even when a newsletter is initially drafted as a “good news” edition. I just learned that Ardeth Mumpton, the widow of the late Professor Emeritus of Earth Sciences Frederick Mumpton passed away on Monday. Although she has been in a fragile state for the last couple of years, she is known by many from her years in Brockport commencing when Fred was employed at the College in 1969. I did not know Ardeth well but did see her walking with a friend in the neighborhood up until the last couple of years. Fred passed on February 10, 2004 and you can refresh your memory about his professional life by searching on “Mumpton” at:
https://digitalcommons.brockport.edu/student_archpapers/46/

“Brockport - Born in Camden, NY, Ardeth passed away on Monday May 28, 2018 at the age of 87. Predeceased by her husband Frederick and brothers; Roy, Orton, Paul and Tim. She is survived by her children Sheila Mumpton (Kevin Koss), Mark (Kathryn), Eric (Patricia Carney), Lisa Mumpton and Daniel Mumpton, grandchildren; Ian, Danielle, Christopher, Reily, and Margaret, 2 great grandchildren; Mary and Silas, sister in law Marion (Keith) Balch also many nieces and nephews.

Family will receive friends on Sunday June 3rd from 12:00 noon to 1:00 PM at the Fowler Funeral Home Inc., 340 West Ave., Brockport where a Funeral Service will be held at 1:00 PM. Interment will follow in Garland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may contribute to the Alley Cat Allies, Lollypop Farm or the American Cancer Society.

Published in Rochester Democrat and Chronicle on May 31, 2018”
Although I have been unable to confirm it, I believe the Doris M. Poole whose obituary appeared in the Rochester D&C recently, is the same Doris M. Poole who was a substitute instructor in the Educational Opportunity Center’s Nursing Department at times starting in 1991. Those who knew our Doris may want to confirm. Here is her obituary from the Rochester D&C with information about her memorial service:

“Rochester - 1935-2018. Rev. Doris M. Poole born on September 20, 1935 in New York City Harlem Hospital to James L. and Rachel V. Peterson passed on May 6, 2018. Doris was predeceased by her son, Warren E. Poole and survived by son, Vance E. Poole; sisters, Yvonne B. Peterson; grandson, Navaar A. Poole; granddaughter, Ayesha Miller; great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service to be held June 2, 2018 at Monroe Community Hospital main building 6th floor beginning at 2 PM. Co-workers, ex-students, church members, sorority members and friends are invited to attend.”

[We send our condolences to the family and friends of Ardeth and Doris.]

Carpe Diem,

Bud

June 14, 2018

Greetings,

If you are interested, you can view photographs taken at the 2018 Recognition Dinner at The College at Brockport at the following link: https://brockport.photoshelter.com/galleries/C0000VNusPo.d9i0/G0000.lYadNrKBAI/Recognition-Dinner-2018

If you click, you will find photographs of this year’s retirees being honored, along with photographs of others being honored for longevity or receiving other special awards. If you have been away from the College as long as I have, you will enjoy the photos but with few exceptions you will not recognize those being honored. But, it is worth a look to see how many of your former colleagues and friends can be identified. If you choose to open a photo and a password is called for, use ‘brockport’.

Back in April I heard that Emeritus Professor of Art Thomas Markusen had been in the hospital for a “tune up” while spending the winter in Arizona. After an inquiry, I received the following news from Emerita Mary Markusen. “Tom is doing exceedingly well after his elective open-heart surgery for an aortic valve replacement and single cardiac artery bypass. We were
pleasantly surprised at the rapid recovery he experienced without pain or immobility. In fact, you would never know that he had the procedure...he is more energized than ever...” After a couple of recent contacts, I am very pleased to be able to confirm that Tom is still hanging his art work in galleries, offices and homes, and, it looks like, as he says, and, as his activities demonstrate, he has a new 100-year warranty. It is great to see him back in the Greater Brockport area and to know his torch is still burning and creating artworks to brighten the lives of many who possess them or otherwise have the opportunity to view them.

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I thank emeritus Gary Levine for sharing with me the connections that Thomas Matthews, a 2018 retiree from SUNY Geneseo, had with Brockport. I read about Tom’s accomplishments and contributions during his 51 years at Geneseo in its Alumni publication recently, and Gary shared with me that the Rochester Business Journal recently included a nice tribute to Tom’s career. Unfortunately, my internet skills must be waning because I was unable to connect to these stories so that I could share the links with you. But, the following link will refresh the memories of those of you who know Tom: https://www.geneseo.edu/gold/meet-our-director. Tom is well known to many of you who were represented by UUP as he served as the state-wide Vice President for Professional Employees in the UUP organization for many years. Although it cannot be confirmed from employment records currently maintained at the College, it is also known that he spent a couple of years at Brockport at the beginning of his career. We thank Tom for his contributions on behalf of UUP represented employees during his career at Geneseo and send him congratulations and best wishes as he joins the ranks of the retired.

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And one of my anonymous reporters has informed me that in a recent issue of the Clarkson Historical Society’s newsletter, it was reported that emeritus Charles Edwards is on the new slate of officers of this organization as President. Chuck has been serving as Recording Secretary and will be replacing his wife Mary as President. Together they have been instrumental in preserving the history of Clarkson and the old school house that holds its collections, as well as to provide instructional programs for youth and adults alike, including efforts to preserve cursive, and in sponsoring lectures on topics of historical interest. Chuck and Mary are excellent examples of the caring service retirees provide to their communities and I am pleased to be able to share our thanks and to honor their contributions.

Announcement:

Emerita Karla Linn Merrifield will be launching her new poetry book at the Life Bridge Shop, 45 Main Street, Brockport, NY from 1-3 pm on Saturday, July 14th. Karla will read from her work, inviting your questions. Books will be for sale and signing. It will be a great opportunity to catch up with Karla, to support our local, non-internet dependent bookstore, and to get to know Karla’s new book.

And, it is not too late today to register for the Jubilee and Scholarship Celebration in honor of Faith Prather’s commencement of retirement. The event is being held from 6-9 pm tomorrow
evening, Friday, June 15, 2018, at the MetroCenter, 55 St. Paul Street in Rochester. To register and for more details, go to:

Reflection:

Mary and Chuck Edwards’ efforts to preserve cursive, and Karla Linn Merrifield’s ability, at least for now, to launch her new book in a “bookstore,” raise a concern. What are the “backups” to support reading, writing and arithmetic if the world-wide-web were to collapse?

Carpe Diem,

Bud

June 23, 2018

Greetings,

I usually enjoy getting feedback after sending out a newsletter but sometimes it includes news that causes concern. Such is the case for a recent email received from Betty Drennan that she has given me permission to share.

“Dear Bud,

Receiving your newsletters are always a delight and this one was even more so with the pictures from the recognition Dinner. The familiar faces just make me smile and remind me of the wonderful years and numerous colleagues I was blessed with during my time at Brockport. I miss it and my friends terribly but do love being with my family. Especially these last few months.

I’ve had some health issues. I was diagnosed with breast cancer in February. It was small and caught early. After three surgeries, I’m now recovering from the latest one. I’ll begin radiation in a few weeks followed by 5 years of an estrogen blocker. I’m truly blessed that I don’t require chemo.”

[Betty, we are sorry that this health issue, that plagues so many, has made its home with you and wish you success and tolerance with the treatments. I have fond memories of working with you in Hartwell Hall before the FSA/BASC and College’s Personnel/Payroll offices were separated. And, of course, you continue to be revered by all who became acquainted with you during the many years you served as Executive Administrative Assistant for BASC. Know that you are in the thoughts and prayers of your many friends and associates as you walk the path of those supported by pink!]
In a brighter email note, Jim Horn shared a link to his travelogue and photos from his recent Tauck Tour of Ireland. If interested, go to: https://jimhornnews.com/2018/06/16/the-best-of-ireland-a-tauck-small-group-tour-may-24-june-6-2018/

As always, the narrative and photos leave you with the impression that “you were there!”

[Jim, we thank you again for sharing your travel adventures!]

Walk, Bike, Brockport (WBB) is seeking volunteers to assist them in support of cyclists who will be passing through Brockport on the Canal Bike Tour on Monday, July 9th. After successfully hosting a rest stop for the cyclists, WBB has actually had the Brockport stop added to canal tour brochure so there may be more cyclists planning to take a break in Brockport.

See: https://www.ptny.org/cycle-the-erie-canal/annual-bike-tour

The busiest time of the morning is from 9:30am - 11:30am. It's great to have extra bodies to help greet the cyclists, direct bike traffic and 'parking' at the stop, check supplies & water coolers (possibly refill if needed), offer and organize the postcards, etc. It was quite busy last year!! If you would rather come help set up (9:00am) or break down (11:30am), that could also be helpful! There are supplies and equipment that will need to be returned after the event.

If available to help support the cyclists and showcase Brockport on Monday, July 9th, contact Kristy Knechtel Hart at kristyhart@gmail.com or (845) 337-5405.

[I’ve volunteered a couple of times in support of the annual canal bike tour and found the experience enjoyable. The cyclists enjoy talking about their tour experiences and their lives as they “take a break.” So, I am confident you will enjoy this volunteer experience if you are available to assist WBB. Bud]

In response to the information I shared recently about the CCC/POW camp in Hamlin, emerita Pat Baker shared the following memories:

“'m old enough to remember Hamlin [the POW camp] when it was active, likewise Italian prisoners in Albion. The locals got to see a lot.

Regarding the Quonsets on campus: “spent a lot of time there between Dr. Claffey (2 classes) and Queen (4 classes), Lee, Dedman (I majored in him), Crandall, Rakov and the like - mostly soc. science and science.

As to Hamlin, we had the fellow [likely Ed Evans] who has pushed this from the beginning to speak at Rotary many years ago when he was just really starting. It is
amazing how close civilians got to the camps. In Albion it was right on RT.31 where the old Snyder plant was between the school and the traffic light on the north side. (Lots of barbed wire in both places as I recall, but I don't remember people fearing these folks and I know a lot of them never went back to Europe.). Of course, I was only 5 or so at the time. Later, I also remember my stepfather taking us to Hamlin too in the late 40's. He was of German descent and I think in retrospect was even more interested in the camp.”

[Pat, thank you for sharing your memories and enhancing the stories about the camp and the Quonsets.]

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Sandy and I just spent some time in Auburn, New York this week (only an hour and a half away) and found it to be a historical treasure. We took tours of the Willard Memorial Chapel, the only known chapel remaining built entirely in the Louis Tiffany factory in NYC--glass, wood, furniture and all, the Harriet Tubman House, and the William H. Seward House. All were informative and enjoyable, but the Seward House was exceptional. Its furnishings are 99.9 percent items belonging to the Millers and Sewards as they were when the Miller and Seward families lived in the home. It is a beautiful home that has many stories to tell. Sandy and I have toured many homes over the years, but Seward House is exceptional because of its authenticity as well as its history.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

June 26, 2018

Greetings,

This is a quick note to advise those who do not follow the local papers of the death of Joyce Vera Gale, widow of the late Associate Professor Emeritus of Sociology Leslie G. Gale who served the College (1959 to 1992) and was also a Director of the United States Chess Federation, and who, along with Rawle Farley, the late Professor Emeritus of the Business Department (1966-1995) started a chess club in Brockport. I did not know Joyce beyond knowing who she was when I saw her, but, like all passings, we can feel a shiver pass through us as, in mourning, we are reminded that we are mortal beings.

Following is Joyce’s obituary from the Rochester D&C where you will note that her funeral will be held Saturday at Nativity.

Joyce Vera Gale

Brockport - She passed away on June 5, 2018 at the age of 80.
Joyce was predeceased by her husband, Leslie Gervaise Gale.

She is survived by her children; James, Christopher and Rachel Gale, 4 Grandkids and 3 Great Grandkids.

Her Funeral will be on Saturday, June 30, 2018 at 10:00 am at the Nativity of the BVM Church of Brockport, NY, 152 Main Street, Brockport, NY 14420 with Burial to follow.

Published in Rochester Democrat and Chronicle from June 24 to June 29, 2018

[We send our condolences to Joyce’s family and friends.]

Carpe Diem,

Bud

June 27, 2018

Greetings,

I am sorry to attack your mail box again so soon, but I intended to include the following note from Bruce Leslie in my last newsletter and neglected to do so.

“Dear Bud,

I've been in contact with Kempes and Ann Schnell's daughter Julie and she said Ann has been having a difficult time lately and that she loves to receive cards. If anyone is so inclined her address is:

1425 Philadelphia Ave., Health Center at Chamber's Point, Rm 534-1, Chambersburg PA 17201

Most people probably don't know that Kempes taught at Tougaloo College in Mississippi in the early 1960s before coming to Brockport (leaving because Julie would have had to go to a segregated school).

It was quite a tense time, to say the least, as recorded in Anne Moody's wonderful book, 'Coming of Age in Mississippi’. Moody was a student when Kempes was there.

Kempes said that one of his deepest regrets was that Medgar Evers invited him to come over for coffee, but he didn't find time before moving. Kempes was in Brockport opening boxes when the report of Evers assassination was reported.”
[When I was researching the stories of Brockport’s veterans I had contact with Julie and we discussed how conflicted Kempes had been during WWII. As a Mennonite, and it follows, a pacifist, she shared that he had struggled with how he could balance his convictions with his compassion for those countries and individuals involved in the conflict. His choosing to teach at Tougaloo, and to become involved in human rights at home, was partly fostered by his desire to serve his country while preserving his pacifism. Kempes was remarkable in the how he resolved his personal war and how his life exemplified peace, not conflict! The greater Brockport community was blessed to have had Kempes, Ann, and Julie in its presence for many years and now can “bless” Ann with a card or a note.]

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Timing really is everything. As I was finishing this newsletter I received the following information from Jamie Beers-Wilson. It seems to fit best here so I am inserting it rather than adding it at the end. It is also posted today on the Daily Eagle at:

https://www.brockport.edu/daily_eagle/view_item.php?id=13767

Support the Brockport Veterans Scholarship!

Purchase a copy of "Honoring Faculty and Staff Veterans" or register for the 7th Annual Veterans Day 5K: Run, Walk or Roll.

In support of the Brockport Veterans Scholarship, retired Human Resources Director Bud Meade has compiled profiles, pictures, and stories of nearly 200 former and current Brockport faculty and staff who are veterans of the United States Armed Forces. The directory, entitled "Honoring Faculty and Staff Veterans," can be purchased for $25.00 per copy. It includes tales of harrowing heroism and sacrificial service, and it will enrich your collective understanding of the Brockport community and our connection to the wider world.

Sample copies and order forms are available in the Division of Advancement, 3rd Fl., Allen Administration Building. Proceeds benefit the Brockport Veterans’ Scholarship, which was established by family and friends of The College at Brockport to recognize an outstanding student who is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces. A special thanks to Bud Meade for investing in this project.

Also, registration is now open for the 7th Annual Veterans Day 5K: Run, Walk or Roll, on Saturday, November 3, 2018, which supports the Brockport Veterans’ Scholarship. See the link below to register.

contact: Jamie Beers-Wilson, jbeers@brockport.edu or 395-2380
submitted: Mon, Jun 25, 2018 by jbeers

links:

Register for the Veterans’ Day 5K
From the Westside News, here is the line-up for the 2018 annual Summer Serenades music series:

“The annual Summer Serenades music series returns to the Village of Brockport’s Welcome Center on the Erie Canal just east of Main Street. Every Thursday evening in July (7 p.m.) and August (6:30 p.m.) a professional group performs in this scenic and acoustically strong venue. The atmosphere is always casual – people bring chairs or sit on the grass, often with snacks purchased on Main Street. The Greater Brockport Development Corporation sponsors a lineup of local musicians, homegrown or newly established residents. This series is made possible solely with the generous support of many local businesses and individuals.

• July 5 – Marc Berger and friend. Marc has performed around the country as a singer, acoustic guitar player, writer of original music, and recording artist.

• July 12 – Rudy Dean. Rudy is a new village resident. He is an accomplished singer and instrumentalist performing songs from the Great American Songbook.

• July 19 – The Brockport Big Band. Our community is pleased to have the always popular “BBB” return featuring outstanding local musicians playing classic jazz and other crowd favorites.

• July 26 – The Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. Welcome to the full RPO under the baton of Maestro Ward Stare, performing indoors at The SERC on The College at Brockport campus. Like all Summer Serenades concerts, there is no charge for admission. This is a very special treat for our community and we hope you will bring family and friends. The SERC is on New Campus Drive/Adams Street between Redman Road and Main Street.

• August 2 – Chris Wilson. A hometown bred international recording artist, writer of original music, and guitar player extrordinaire, Chris has returned to Brockport as his home base.

• August 9 – The John Nyerges Jazz Quartet. John, another local musician, and his friends are back this year after a very warm and appreciative response from the audience last season. John features original music and arrangements from recognized jazz greats.
•August 16 – The Geezers. These professional musicians perform a wide range of lively toe tapping Roots music.

•August 23 – Zak’s Pak. If you like Blues, Rhythm, and Rock n’ Roll, you will embrace the music of this popular local band.”

And, don’t forget, the annual 4th of July community celebration at the Morgan-Manning House.

These events provide great opportunities to meet and greet friends and colleagues to celebrate our time together in Brockport. The days are already getting shorter so…

Carpe Diem,

Bud

June 28, 2018

Greetings,

Here is a follow-up to my last newsletter.

For clarification, the late Kempes Schnell finished the final chapter of his life on January 15, 2008. He and Ann shared the last months of his journey here and you can review the posts by searching on “Schnell” at: https://digitalcommons.brockport.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1047&context=student_archpapers. And something more I learned after clicking the send button yesterday is that June 27th is Ann’s birthday. So, for those who might send a card to her, and haven’t done so yet, you can choose to include a belated birthday message.

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And, it seems to be a recurring message, but yesterday I forgot to include some news from Rosemary Luzum.

On July 20, Rosemary will give up the home she and the late Jerry shared on Keuka Lake after his retirement and will be moving into a new addition to her son, Eric’s, house in Cortland. She reports that it has taken a year to build the addition because of unexpected construction problems and that, while she has enjoyed her time in the Rochester area, it is time to move on. She reports that it has been good to be relatively settled here for over 20 years after 29 years of following Jerry around with his military career, but as a result of the “settling in,” it has been a big job to clear out her house in preparation for a significant downsizing. That prompts her to share the following:

“What a lot of memories I uncovered in boxes I have hauled around for years, often never opening them between moves. The local charities have benefited from my downsizing as
my children wanted little of the volumes of mementos Jerry and I accumulated. My advice to all my friends from Brockport would be to start cleaning out your houses RIGHT NOW!”

On July 20th, Rosemary’s new address will be. Address: 3105 Clute Road, Cortland, NY 13045 Email stays the same. Cell phone: 585-355-9132

[Rosemary, thanks for sharing your news and advice. We wish health and happiness for you as you write another chapter in your book of life.]

If you are interested, you can find more about the late Jerry Luzum by searching on “Luzum” at: https://digitalcommons.brockport.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1047&context=student_archpapers

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Other news was also received from Veronica Stier. She is proud that her grandson Dalton will swim for Niagara University. His mom, Lori Mead Stier, is in Niagara’s Athletic Hall of Fame. Veronica still has her hand on a teacher’s travel fund project Bill started when he was at Brockport that provides scholarships at Brockport, Stritch, and St. Ambrose in Davenport, Iowa for teachers at the First Nations school where she lives. Veronica is particularly pleased that granddaughter Alycia, daughter of son Will II who passed away on July 2, 2016, will be spending two weeks with her this summer swimming, fishing, and enjoying time with some of her cousins on Veronica’s island (residence on Birch Island home in McGregor Bay located 9 miles off-shore in Ontario, Canada). She is grateful that son, Mark, is a very hands-on uncle who will be providing transportation for Alycia. Veronica says: “I love this place year-round but ‘Prince Charming’ [Bill, of course], made me promise ‘only spring, summer and fall!’

In concluding her news, Veronica describes the harshness of winter on their remote island that makes her follow the late “Prince Charming’s” directive to only do three seasons there, describes how Canadians believe the topography in the part of Canada where her island is located predates the Grand Canyon, and she ends with: “But we love company… great place to write or paint! With three refrigerators and freezers cooking is fun too! Company is always welcomed!”

[Veronica, thank you for sharing your news.]

For those readers who did not know the Stiers, you can learn more by searching on “Stier” at: https://digitalcommons.brockport.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1047&context=student_archpapers

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Via an anonymous source I just learned that Emerita Benita Jorkasky, Education and Human Development (1970-2000), took a serious fall recently and is in a rehabilitation unit with some consideration of needing assisted living. We do not have the name of the rehab facility but have been assured that cards sent to her home will be delivered to her. Her home address is:
Housekeeping:

It would be very helpful to me if you would indicate information that is private between us, and information you wish to share with the newsletter distribution list when you send information to me. While I try to use good judgement, without those distinctions I might err by sharing something you intended “for my eyes only.”

Thanks to Emeritus Norm Frisch I can share with you that that on July 12th “Miles Watts and Brothers from other Mothers” will be taking over the spot originally scheduled for Rudy Dean at Summer Serenades at the Welcome Center on the Canal.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

July 25, 2018

Very Sad Greetings,

Twenty years ago, when I envisioned a semi-annual newsletter to retirees designed to keep them in touch with the College, and the colleagues and friends they accumulated while serving it, I was not yet personally so much in touch with mortality. Yet, mortality, and the hope that surrounds it, has in those years shown itself to be an essence of life in this world requiring an end as well as a beginning. The hope for a helpless newborn is for a bright future with a successful career and good relationships with others; the hope at the end of the continuum when many are helpless again, is to look back at hope fulfilled, to not linger long, and to have a peaceful passage from this life. Sometimes, a placement on this continuum can change in the blink of an eye.

Such is the case for Joe Kandor, Distinguished Service Professor, Department of Counselor Education (1970-1999), a very dear friend and colleague to many of us, who passed away on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 after a short illness. He was continuing to enjoy life, and to split the sharing of his friendship with others in Brockport, the Adirondacks, and Florida, when suddenly, while in Florida in February, health issues forced him back to Brockport prematurely. At breakfast with friends during a long period of tests and diagnosis, he shared his hope that they would find out what was wrong and treat it so that he could get back to normal, and, of course, that it would not be serious. Finally, an unpleasant diagnosis was made, but an interim hope, “you’ll be a new man by August,” was still in the picture for a short time before Joe moved to the “end-hope” stage to complete his role in this life.
Joe can look back at a very successful personal life and career. In both arenas he shared his love and received it in return. He would say he was fortunate to have a wonderful wife, two wonderful daughters, and two wonderful grandchildren, all of whom gave him great joy. He often shared his pride in their accomplishments. Of all things, being a loving, supportive husband, father and grandfather took precedence.

He also would be proud of the relationships he made in this life. His friendships evolved from his work and his activities. I cannot verify it, but I believe Joe might hold the record as the longest serving department chair in the history of SUNY. I cannot imagine anyone staying with that administrative designation for 29 years unless they simply loved the College and their career. It certainly was not for the compensation, nor was his short acceptance of an appointment as acting Dean while John Phillips was on leave. Several years ago, I was very pleased when Joe accepted my invitation to be a presenter at a workshop for new academic department chairs that the western New York SUNY HR Directors (Alfred, Brockport, Buffalo State, Fredonia, Geneseo and UB) developed. New chairs from these campuses were invited to a one-day retreat at the Roycroft Inn in East Aurora, New York. Joe’s role was to share some of his experiences as a Chair and to provide them insight into that role and what they needed to know to be successful in it. The program evaluations from participants clearly gave his segment the highest rating for both presentation and value. As Chair and Distinguished Service Professor, Joe became friends with many of his former students as they often became school counselors. After retirement he assisted the Admissions Department for a few years by contacting these counselors, who held him in high esteem, resulting in many top high school graduates choosing to attend Brockport.

Throughout his career at Brockport, and in retirement, Joe enjoyed early morning breakfast gatherings with colleagues and friends at various establishments in Brockport including the infamous Conner’s Corner, 58 Main, and in recent years, Two Brothers. While working he also was part of another infamous coffee break collection of faculty, staff and courageous administrators that met at various locations on campus. At these gatherings Joe was known for his expertise on cynicism and he enjoyed practicing it and teaching it, and his coffee mates liked to “prime the pump” on occasion to fire him up when he was off his game. I think he really enjoyed sharing his views and the reactions he received.

I remember one time being asked if I wanted to be part of a group that was to help Joe build a shed in his backyard a few houses down the street from where we lived. I had a prior commitment and was not available. But, I did learn who had agreed to help and after hearing the names of the prospective builders, the late Terry Hover, the late Tom Nugent, Jack Kurtzman, and Joe Kandor himself, possibly among others, I was convinced that the chaos they would create would not be enhanced by my presence anyway. The surprising thing for me was that a day or so later I walked down the street to see what they had built, and it darn near looked like a shed and I believe it served Joe well and may even be still standing today. As far as I was concerned, it was a construction miracle considering the construction participants. Part of the miracle was that Joe’s friendship was so strong that his friends were willing to attempt new skills to assist him whenever it was needed, and Joe was likewise always there for them.
I met Joe, a real sports enthusiast shortly after he arrived in Brockport in 1970 and we became neighbors a year or two later. When necessary we shared rides to basketball games (in the late Mauro Panaggio days), and even to work on occasion. As I have reported before, we were blessed to have a great pool of babysitters in our neighborhood when our sons were young and both Ronalee and Sundae Kandor provided excellent service when available, as would be expected. Although it was not needed, it was also comforting to know that we could count on our friends, the Kandors, if we needed help with anything.

Besides loving to follow sports and being somewhat an encyclopedia of sports trivia, Joe enjoyed playing some himself. In the late 1970s or early 1980s, he kept in shape by playing lunch hour handball or racquetball. One day on his way to play, he and the late Chuck Lang, Director of Placement at the time, were hit by a car as they crossed Residence Drive near the railroad overpass by Seymour College Union. Chuck received the worst of it but fortunately neither was seriously injured. Around that time, the Noontime Basketball Association (NBA) started its skirmishes and apparently Joe decided it was safer to face the forearm shiver of the late Dick Mancuso than to walk across campus with the likes of Chuck Lang and became a regular participant. He, unlike most of the players, was known for a “soft touch,” if you know what I mean. You never knew if he fouled you; bad knees and all, he just seemed to be able to get to the right spot on both defense and offense, and he had a deadly set shot from the top of the key if he got free of his defender. He will also be remembered as a great banterer during the pre and post-game antics in the locker room. Joe attended a gathering of 28 former NBAers on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 a day or two after receiving his diagnosis and told me afterwards that he enjoyed it and hoped to do it again in six months to a year. Although he was understandably off his game a little that day, I am glad he was able to attend as it turned out to be his final opportunity to enjoy the company of many former combatants.

We are deeply saddened by the loss of this dear friend and significant member of the College family for whom the high esteem in which he is held by students, faculty and staff will be his legacy. He will be sorely missed by family and friends. We send our condolences to them along with our desire that their knowledge of his exemplary life will provide them hope and comfort.

There will be a remembrance service at 10:00 am on Saturday, July 28th at First Presbyterian Church, 35 State Street, Brockport, NY followed immediately thereafter by a light-fare reception in the church’s fellowship hall.

Memorials: Joseph R. Kandor Award of Excellence Scholarship, c/o Brockport Foundation, 350 New Campus Drive, The College at Brockport, Brockport, NY 14420 or the Palliative Care Program, Unit 4.1200, PO Box 278996, 300 E. River Rd., Rochester, NY 14627.

Condolences: To the family of Joseph R. Kandor at 18 Cyrus Way, Brockport, NY 14420

Carpe Diem,

Bud
August 12, 2018

Greetings,

Sad news is in abundance! I am sorry to report that Benita M. Jorkasky, Associate Professor Emerita of Education and Human Development (1970-2000) died on August 9, 2018. I knew Bonita through office contact over the years and we shared a retirement year. However, I am thankful right now that Emerita Pat Baker, a dear friend of Benita, has provided the following tribute to her that captures the essence of Benita nicely.

“Hi Bud,

By now someone has gotten to you with news of Benita’s passing. Here are some of my reflections. This fall would have marked 48 years since Benita became my office mate. Our offices seldom were located very far from one another. Like me she was social studies education but with a business rather than a social science/elementary/secondary background. We found an immediate kinship in a mutual love of science fiction. That became a lasting personal friendship and professional partnership (we both even became president of the New York State Council for the Social Studies and co-edited its newsletter for years). I feel like I’ve lost my right arm because we agreed on so many things and she was always there for me. I was really sad to have her retire to Altoona, but her family was there, and it and her church were of highest priority to her. She had suffered for several years with debilitating leg circulation problems and it was good she had family to help her. She was a very hard-working person, what I call “old school,” someone who did it all, from chairing the Dept. of Education & Human Development to winning the Chancellor’s Teaching Award and NYSCSS’s service award. She was one of the most intelligent people I have known. I will treasure her memory and the nearly half century of memories we shared. Just some of the things she loved (in no particular order) were: travel (started with the Peace Corp), her many foreign friends (Benita was someone who not only made a lot of friends, she kept them), Disney World (took all her nieces and nephews there once they reached a certain age), Chinese food, her many students, friends (everyone got a birthday card).

Others will write you reams of personal information, so I’ll stop here. But to me, she was a dear friend and a very wise woman who selfishly I’ll so miss not being able to call when I need some sage advice, or something proofread.

[Pat Baker]”

Pat, along with other friends and colleagues of Benita are working with members of her family to have a remembrance ceremony in Brockport at a later date as distance prohibits attendance at memorial events in Altoona, Pennsylvania today and tomorrow for most of us. If, and when such an event is scheduled I will share that information. For now, here is Benita’s obituary from the Stanley J. Krish Funeral Home’s website. More information, including a photo of Benita can be viewed at https://www.krishfuneralhome.com/notices/DrBENITA-JORKASKY and, by searching “Jorkasky” at https://digitalcommons.brockport.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1047&context=student_archpapers where you will read that Benita was a member of a “hip” generation.
“Benita M. Jorkasky, 81, Altoona, passed away Thursday at Maybrook Hills Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, Altoona. A life so well lived deserves more acknowledgement than can be said here.

She was born in Altoona, daughter of the late John B. and Lilly (Medinsky) Jorkasky. Surviving are a brother, John Jorkasky of Oakdale, Conn. She was always active with her family; three nephews: Patrick Grimme, Father D. Timothy Grimme and Shawn Grimme, all of Altoona; three nieces: Michaeleene Miles of Lodi, Calif., Maureen Haller of Altoona, and Dawn Davies of Lucas, Texas; plus several great- nieces and nephews; and great-great-nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a sister, Lucy Grimme; a brother-in-law, Robert Grimme; and a niece, Tania Kinney of Oakdale, Conn.

Benita was a graduate of Altoona High School, class of 1954. After several years teaching at Altoona High School, she entered the Peace Corp and served two years in Malaysia. Afterward, she pursued her master’s and doctorate degrees from Penn State in social studies. Prior to retirement, she was a professor of [Education specializing in social sciences] at SUNY College at Brockport.

She was a faithful member of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona, where she volunteered often; including sending cards to elderly and home bound parishioners.

Friends will be received from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018, at Stanley J. Krish Funeral Home Inc., 1204 17th St., Altoona. A con-celebrated funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 13, 2018, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona, Father D. Timothy Grimme celebrant and Monsignor Robert C. Mazur co-celebrant. Committal will be at Ss. Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Cemetery, Altoona.

Donations may be made to:

Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery Endowment Fund
c/o Our Lady of Fatima Parish 2010 - 12th Ave. Altoona, Pa. 16601,
or
Altoona Symphony Orchestra
1331 12th Ave. #107, Altoona PA 16601”

We send our condolences to Benita’s family and friends and are thankful for having known her and for her contributions to the welfare of others during her time here.

As promised, I am sharing the tributes to Joe Kandor that I received. I include the few short “right on” notes of full-agreement that my newsletter was “on spot” regarding Joe along with the others and the remarks that Ken O’Brien shared at Joe’s memorial.

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Thanks for writing such a lovely article about Joe! Fast is good for the patient. A terrible loss. I plan to attend his service.

I’m working to find email addresses for school counselors, retired now, at Escola Americana do Rio de Janeiro, Brockport’s International Teaching Center in the ’70s, plus, where Joe was a consultant for us. He was dearly loved and highly respected and was their consultant/friend for years beyond his assignment.
[Jeanette D’Agostino Banker]

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Joe Kandor was one of the really good guys. Our paths crossed often whether it was very early coffee (6am) in town, Sunday morning paper purchase at Northside, rambling through the halls of Brown Office Building (FOB), attending college football and basketball games and at many high school softball games supporting his beloved granddaughter. Joe's quick wit, infectious smile and concern for others were wonderful qualities that come to mind. A native of Western Pennsylvania, Joe and I often shared and commented on stories published in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. He took great pride in his heritage and the stories were endless. Many lives were impacted by Joe Kandor and we are better people because of our association and friendship.
[Jon Bell]

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I was honored to have worked with Joe while he served on the BASC Board of Directors, both as a board member and Board President. The number of years he served slips my memory, but he served the students, campus community and BASC corporation with respect, enthusiasm and honesty.

In our journey through this life, we meet all kinds of people who grace our lives with wisdom, honesty, dedication and loyalty. I can honestly say that my life was enriched by knowing Joe Kandor.
[Betty Drennen]

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This is really sad news.
[Ray Duncan]

Sorry to hear the news. Sounds like the family is holding up. Joe was such a vital, alive guy, it's hard to think of him dead. I loved his chuckle when he found something funny and his righteous indignation when he found something wrong. Despite his counseling expertise, he didn't suffer fools easily, either.
[Dick Frey]

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I recall during my earlier years that Joe was instrumental in our school counselors’ outreach and open houses on campus. And always a sports fan, including Bud’s infamous Brockport NBA. We are sorry we’ll not be able to attend Saturday’s memorial service [as we are out of state.]
[John Halstead]

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I was profoundly saddened to hear of Joe’s passing. Your tribute is fitting for a man I called colleague, mentor and friend. He was a giant in our profession, not to mention a great leader to us all. I will miss him more than words can say. We are better for having had such a passionate man in our presence for so many years.
[Tom Hernández]

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Bud, thank you for this long tribute to Joe.
[Bill Heyen]

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What a shock to get your update. I had no idea Joe was ill. Sorry for your loss of a friend.
[James Horn]

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Very sad news indeed. Just got a call this morning from Jerry Donigian. Jerry, Joe, Jayne Vogan and I all came to Brockport at approx. the same time and retired at approx. the same time, and we were all within 6 months of the same age. I can’t imagine a better functioning dept. or one whose members respected one another as much. Within our profession, we were quietly recognized as one of the best and most innovative programs in the country. Our academic strengths were all very different, as were our personalities. We worked best when each of us went off “into a corner” and did “our own thing”; then we would come back together, discuss what we’d done, and come to respectful compromises. It was kind of like “herding cats,” but it worked—largely because of Joe’s patience and leadership skills. We always gave him a hard time when his dept. chairmanship came up for renewal. We would send him out of the room while we discussed whether or not we should vote to renew his appointment. Of course, that’s not what we really discussed; rather, we told jokes and sought to “pull his chain” when he returned to the room. There was never a question about our wanting his return. Joe was extremely “fair” almost to a fault. He listened well to all of us and made the best decision he could, considering everyone’s input. I can honestly say that there is no one for whom I ever had greater respect!!!

The last time I saw Joe was when the two of you came to a presentation I made over a year ago for the “Mornings with the Professor” program. I remarked to my wife at that time how great he looked, not knowing what was in store. We have a prior commitment to attend a 50th anniversary celebration for friends here in the 1000 Islands at 3 pm on Sat. However, we will travel to Brockport on Friday and return after the service on Sat. after I give a fond farewell to a highly respected friend.
I was so saddened to read of the passing of one of my favorite people and a fantastic human being, Joe Kandor. I literally shed tears as I read your piece and am upset because I did not get to read it until this afternoon as I would have wanted to be there to honor Joe at his memorial. I am so glad I had the chance to sit down and talk with him at Bill Gray's for the NBA gathering. He never let on that he was sick but maybe a little run down. He got in a few good quips as usual and I will always cherish my times with him, his great professionalism, and sense of humor. I am at a loss for words to express how much I loved the man and his family and the kindness that he showed to me over the years. He will be greatly missed but always in my memories. Thank you for sharing your thoughts with all of us.

[Greg Kenney]

Thanks for sharing the sad news of Joe's death. I am grateful that it was quick for both Joe and his family. As you said, sad for the loss, but I am grateful for having known him and having been a small part of his life. He will always be missed and remembered by those who shared that life.

[Jack Kurtzman]

I know you will be posting to the college community with your own thoughts of Joe as colleague, friend and neighbor. There will be many tributes to him, I'm sure. I would like to add my own, if I may.

Joe and Jan moved into our neighborhood one year after Dick and I. We bonded easily and immediately forming a friendship that lasted nearly 50 years. Joe was always ready to help when that help was needed. We woke him one Saturday evening when our car broke down on Ridge Road right in front of a biker bar. Because it was cold Dick insisted I wait in the bar while he waited for Joe outside. Joe said he had a good mind to leave Dick there and take me home!

Everyone will have a "Joe" story. He was a good man, a good neighbor and a great friend. I hope that somewhere he and Dick have reconnected and are sharing their own stories.

[Donna Mancuso]

So sorry to hear this. I said this in an email to Bill Heyen a few minutes ago: "Joe was part of the coffee group I joined at the college when I hooked up with Roger...so many years of chewing the fat with Joe who always had a big hug and a kiss for me. Joe and Roger are now communing in the Universe, past their pain and suffering." He was a bright spirit.

[Karla Linn Merrifield]
Well said, Bud. Well said.
[Gary Metz]

I’m sad to learn of Joe’s death. He was always such a good guy. When I became chair of the nursing department, he gave me some advice. “Expect to piss off about one third of the department in my first year. The other two thirds will follow, so by three years, I’ll have pissed off everyone”. Quite accurate.
[Sheila Myer]

And, following are Ken’s remarks at Joe’s memorial service:

Good morning. First, Diane and I extend our most heartfelt sympathy to Jan and the members of Joe’s family. Let me begin with how I came to know Joe. We both arrived at the College in the early 1970’s, he in Counselor Education and me in history. Through the years, we each served as chair of our respective departments, each participated in a number of other administrative and quasi-administrative positions. We got to know one another professionally, and well.

Before age caught up with us and our knees gave out, we jogged in the early morning with our buddy Tom Nugent and played noon-time basketball, the Brockport version of the NBA. Although truth be told, neither one of us ever lit it up, we both played with a dogged determination and great love of the game. Through the years, I came to appreciate Joe’s equanimity, a rare quality in academics, especially in aging academics who dreamed of being quick as cats and playing above the rim, but who in fact were slow as slugs, earth-bound and prone to fouling one another consistently.

Joe was a wonderful campus citizen, a role model. He was the longest serving chair of any department in Brockport’s history. Understand what that means, 29 years of herding faculty cats, most of whom see themselves as independent agents, who want to teach the courses they want to teach, when they want to teach them, 29 years of standing between the faculty and academic administration. Joe succeeded, brilliantly, due, according to one of his colleagues, to his “patience and leadership skills.” For the quality of his leadership, both on the campus and in national organizations, he was deservedly promoted to SUNY’s highest professorial rank, SUNY Distinguished Professor, an honor bestowed on very few of us.

During our annual graduate commencement ceremonies, each student who has earned his or her master’s degree approaches the stage, where they are hooded by a faculty member of their program, usually the chair. Every year, we faculty would await the hooding of the Counselor Ed group, because each of those students would turn to Joe after being hooded and give him a big, heartfelt hug. This, of course, led to an endless series of tart comments about what was actually
being taught in the Counselor Ed program, all of which Joe bore with characteristic good grace. Need I add, the annual hug fests continued, to everyone’s delight.

Joe was as important to his many friends as he was to his colleagues and students, someone to whom we could turn whenever we needed to talk in confidence. He invited such conversations, listening without judgment, an ideal sounding board who asked the questions that led those who had come for advice to see their issues in new, more imaginative ways. What I’m trying to say is that Joe was an ideal counselor, a wise man that helped others resolve their issues, without ever dictating solutions.

Joe and I also shared an early morning breakfast group for the past twenty years. Rising each morning in time to join six or seven others by 6:15, we gathered for the company rather than the food or the service. We talked about our families, our work, and occasionally something about the politics of the larger world, despite the distaste of several of us for any mention of politics beyond family or locality. Joe once insightfully commented that the group – composed of men and women, old and not so old, retired and employed both on the campus and off – kept us all grounded.

This is where I learned of Joe’s capacity for “righteous indignation” whenever someone, a politician, an administrator, or a miscreant committed a particularly egregious offense, abusing the power with which he or she had been entrusted. There is that abiding sense of fairness again, which I came to understand had been bred into his bones as he grew up in working class communities of western Pennsylvania.

As I said earlier, he loved athletics and all who competed at any level, in a bewildering variety of sports. As a participant, he was a tough competitor, whether the game was played on a tennis, handball, or basketball court. And as a fan, he avidly watched it all. Behind the scenes at Brockport, he supported our athletic programs by serving as the Chair of the College’s Board of Athletic Control for more than a decade, a distinctive record that put him into the maelstrom of D3 collegiate policy and budget battles. He loved it.

Most simply stated, Joe loved the collegiate environment, loved his professional life, but more than anything, Joe lived and breathed his love for his family, the rock of which was his life-long loving companion, Jan. He took great relish in telling stories, good stories, about their daughters, Ronalee and Sundae, and their families, and when the next generation came along, Joe and Jan traveled throughout the northeast for soccer games, lacrosse games, graduations, and all other important dates in the lives of their growing grandchildren, Brendan and Sophia. One of the last conversations Joe and I shared was about his joy in having closely watched their grandchildren become successful, caring adults who would be making important contributions to their world long after we were gone.

A final thought. We are taught to mourn when loved ones pass. It’s both natural and appropriate, especially when the death is premature, as it is in Joe’s case. But, I hope we will also remember that each of us has been given a singular gift, life itself, and what we do with that gift is what matters. Joe understood the responsibility in that and he lived his life to the fullest,
giving more than he received at every turn, leaving all who had the great good fortune of knowing him a legacy for us to cherish. Thank you, Joe, my colleague, our friend.

[Ken O’Brien]

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Sorry to hear Bud- my condolences to the family. There is a time for every season on earth.

[Reginald “Reggie” Ocansey]

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Very sorry to hear the news about Joe. I have to tell you that what you have written is so touching and a perfect description of this man. You knew him well, and our community certainly appreciated his presence. Thank you for taking the time to honor him with your words.

[Lori Skoog]

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What a nice tribute. Sorry to hear this news.

[Josh Silber]

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Thanks for article on Joe Kandor...remember him well. Sad news.

[Robert Squatrigilia]

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Bud - a superb remembrance - Joe was just fun to be around.

[Stephen Ullman]

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Henry Bretton

I promised more about the late Henry Bretton who distinguished himself in the military, in his career in higher education, and in his longevity! At his parting he had achieved the enviable position of being 102 years old while retaining remarkable mental and physical capabilities. I remember meeting Henry in the Personnel Office in Hartwell Hall shortly after I became Director of Personnel in 1970. He, along with the late Justus Hartnack, were of such stature that I was anxious about my performance in their presence in those early days of insecurity in my “right” to be involved in the higher education enterprise. Over time as they, along with the late Howard Kiefer, the late Harold Rakov, the late Ralph Gennarino, the late Armand Burke, the late Raye Conrad, among others, accepted and mentored me, I became more comfortable around them with one exception that occurred outside of the work environment. In the 1980s, Lenna Whiteman, who worked in the Office of Registration and Records and was on the Republican
Committee in Clarkson, talked me into joining the committee and running for town council. I ran against one of the few Democrats, David Carney, who was ever elected to office in Clarkson. David was also a member of the College Council at the time and was well respected, so I took a little grief from some for running against him. During the campaign my anxiety relating to Henry Bretton was resurrected when he, a Democrat, invited me to a gathering at his home to query me about what I might bring to the office if I were to be elected. I believe he did so because he was conflicted about whether to support an inexperienced college employee and Republican, over a seasoned office holder and Democrat. At the time, after doing some door-to-door, my desire to hold office was already withering. That, and my engagement at Henry’s left me wondering if I really wanted to be an elected official and made my loss by 6 votes more acceptable. Joe Kandor, among others, never let me forget that, at that time, I was the only Republican to ever lose an election in Clarkson whenever we engaged in a conversation about local elections. Yet, my hat is off to Henry for his role in dissuading me from politics.

One of the letters I received when I retired that I cherish the most was a very unexpected one from Henry Bretton. It is one that I cherish even more now that he is gone. I am pleased that I came upon it a couple of years ago and thanked him again for it before he died.

Henry appears in several earlier newsletters and those interested can find those entries by searching on Bretton at:

https://digitalcommons.brockport.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1047&amp;context=student_archpapers

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The problems with the first distribution resulted from my testing of another format (it did not work) for my newsletter, combined with a test of a new distribution list server to which the College is migrating and the implementation of a new SPAM filtering system by the College. These changes resulted in the mailing for many list members whose email addresses are at brockport.edu being sent to their Junk Mailbox. Thanks to Shawn Maher, Client Systems Administrator, settings have been changed and those members should receive this mailing in their In Box.

Two news items not in the previous mailing of this newsletter are:

~~We welcome Morris (Mo) Beers back to the Rochester! He has shared that he has moved back from South Port, North Carolina and now resides at: 49 Guardian Drive, Rochester, NY 14610. Friends may add their personal welcome back at: mbeers@ec.rr.com. We look forward to seeing Mo out and about in the community during the ensuing days, months and years.

~~First Fridays will continue to be held from 3:30 to 5:30 pm this year and, for those who do not know it, Burlingame House, where the First Friday of the fall semester will be held, is the president’s residence. If you are interested in the origin of the name for the residence, go to: https://digitalcommons.brockport.edu/faculty_photos/3/

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September 3, 2018

Greetings,

Sadly, I have the death of another member of the greater Brockport College family to share with you today. On August 28, 2018, Mary Anne Pietrzykowski, a significant friend to many on this distribution list and, with her husband Tony, a significant presence at, and contributor to, many events and activities within the community for many years bowed out of this life. I believe she was well aware of how much this community loved her and today we applaud her for her contributions on our behalf while in our midst. Mary Ann came to Brockport with her first husband, Ned Grade, who taught in the English Department. They had met at a Middlebury Bread Loaf Writers’ Conferences program, one of the first programs concentrating on creative writing. Unfortunately, Ned died at a young age only a short time into a career at the College. In the ensuing years, Mary Ann spent some time as a student teacher advisor, as an adjunct teaching Children’s Literature and completed her Masters in English at the College. She was an active member of Alpha Alpha Chapter, Pi State, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.
Among other additional activities, she was a talented poet, an elementary school librarian, and a member of the Town Board. I did not know Mary Ann well, but I was aware of her friendly presence and know that she was always generous of her time and resources. One personal memory was when our son Eric was selected to participate in a youth Congressional Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. while in high school. One of the conditions of his acceptance was that he had to raise a certain percentage of his cost of participation himself by soliciting support. I thought it a little crazy at the time since we could have afforded to pay his way but, reflecting back over the years, I guess it makes sense that they would require him to learn how to solicit monetary support since “Congressional” was in the name of the program. But, I digress. My reason for mentioning this is that Mary Ann and Tony, who we did not know very well, were the first to support Eric’s cause with a gift. Mary Ann and Tony have been known for such good deeds.

We are thankful that Mary Ann blessed this community with her presence and send our thanks to Tony and her family for sharing her along with condolences to them and to all the friends she made along her path.

Following is her obituary from the Rochester D&C:

Mary Anne Pietrzykowski
Brockport - Passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on August 28, 2018 at the age of 83. She is predeceased by her first husband Ned Grade, stepson Zachary Pietrzykowski, granddaughter Katrina Pietrzykowski, son-in-law Mark Handley. She is survived by her devoted husband of 37 years Anthony D., children Christopher (Elaine) Grade, Anne Grade Daggs, Andrew (Carrie) Grade, Jeremy (Susan) Grade, Alex (Debbie) Pietrzykowski, Kim (Bill) Faill, Karen (Ken) Schleede, Tony (Cindy) Pietrzykowski, Andrea (Dan) Lista, many grandchildren, great grandchildren, brother Robert (Mary Lou) Menard, nieces, nephews and many dear friends.

She will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, and friend; extending love and kindness to everyone she met. She leaves behind a thankful and blessed family for the wonderful years and happy memories.

Friends may call Tuesday September 4th from 2-4 and 6-8 at the Fowler Funeral Home Inc., 340 West Ave., Brockport. Mass of Christian Burial will be Wednesday September 5th at 11 AM at the Newman Oratory, 101 Kenyon St. followed by internment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may contribute to the Parish Center Building Fund at Nativity BVM Church, Morgan Manning House, Seymour Library or the Alzheimer’s Association in her memory.

Published in Rochester Democrat and Chronicle on Sept. 2, 2018

On a happier note, I am lucky to have some good news to report.
I just heard that yesterday that John and June Killigrew recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. The event was mentioned at mass at Nativity in Brockport on Saturday, September 1st as the mass was offered for them although they were not present. Beyond this I have not heard whether they marked the occasion with a game of tennis, but even if that game has gotten “too old” for them, they have been wonderful in this game of life and their longevity in life and marriage has been a blessing to all who have been fortunate to know them. We congratulate them on reaching this exceptional milestone!

And, while there is little likelihood of their catching up to the Killigrews, the Bixlers and Meades celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries this weekend and are grateful for being blessed with that opportunity.

In closing, you are reminded that the First Friday event of the new academic year will be held from 3:30 to 5:30 pm at the President’s House on Friday, September 7th.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

September 6, 2018

Greetings,

Jeanette D’Agostino Banker shared the following information with me. Judy Wadsworth is a past president, and past editor of the newsletter of the DKG chapter in which Mary Ann Pietrzykowski was a member. Judy continues to contribute to the newsletter and has drafted the following item for their next issue. Because it further elaborates on Mary Ann’s many contributions to this community, I thought I should share it and the tribute it represents.

“Long-time Alpha Alpha Member Mary Anne Pietrzykowski Pietrzykowski died on August 28 after a long illness.

For three years she chaired the chapter’s Helen E. Quinn Award Dinner Committee, and for many years served as Chair of the Remembrance Committee.

Mary Anne earned a BA in English from the College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, Minnesota in 1957, and her MS in English Education in 1981 from the College at Brockport. She was the school librarian at the Nativity BVM School from 1979-1992. She also served as a student teacher advisor at The College at Brockport, as well as an adjunct teaching Childrens’ Literature.
She also helped organize a town recycling program; helped form and served on Town of Sweden Conservation Board; served on the Seymour Library Board; and from 1986-2000 served as a Town of Sweden Councilwoman.

For her community service, Mary Ann was recognized as Community Leader in American Hometown Leaders Award Program in 1995, and as NYS’s First Annual Woman of Distinction Award Winner from 61st Senatorial District in 1998. She served on advisory committees for the Governor and two Monroe County Executives.

Mary Anne was also a talented poet and in her later years was an active member of OSHER Lifelong Learning at RIT.

Chapter Member Monica Cosgrove writes that, ‘I have such fond memories of her and all those years she would do the invocation for the June breakfast as well as send cards to members experiencing difficult times.’”

[We send our special thanks to Judy Wadsworth for sharing this information.]

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Thank you, Bud, for writing so beautifully about Mary Anne. Many passings have been honored by your pen, but this one strikes close to home for me. While you speak of 50-year marriages (and more), Mary Anne and I were friends for even more years--but now is our time to look back and smile in memory of a life well lived. [Kendra Gemmett]

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Several have asked for an address for John and June Killigrew, so here it is:

John and June Killigrew
Chapel Oaks
1550 Portland Avenue, Apt 1309
Rochester, New York 14621

John and June report that they are happy with their new residence except for missing their contacts with many of us. They hope to bump into some of us when they visit the campus on September 15th in conjunction with Homecoming.

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I enjoy the email interaction with those from whom I receive feedback after the distribution of newsletters and I thought I would highlight a recent exchange with emerita Kathy Kutowlowski. After a recent newsletter she shared her analysis of the words inter/interment versus intern/interment. As a result, I got to thinking that while you can understand “th impac of addng or leving out jus on leter,” sometimes such omissions or additions can significantly change the meaning and can even be humorous. As Kathy had noted, with only the change in one letter we
can be either buried in the ground or imprisoned. Kathy and I decided that, in a sense, life as we know it is significantly altered in either case, and, of course, oftentimes both cemeteries and prisons are fenced in. Yet, if given the choice, many of us would likely prefer to be interned rather than interred. In our exchange I shared with Kathy two humorous one-letter alterations I have enjoyed since visiting China a few years ago. From signs on businesses, they are Hair Saloon, a place I might enjoy visiting (where you go to get “the hair of the dog”), and Deportment Store, a place I suspect no one would want to visit. So, there you have it if you wonder how some of us retirees occupy our days!

Announcements:

There will be lots of announcements going on from now through commencement in the spring, so you are again reminded to keep abreast by frequently visiting the Daily Eagle if you are interested in what is happening on campus. I am highlighting a couple of examples that might be of interest. For details go to: https://www.brockport.edu/daily_eagle/

==> Dr. Elaine Miller, Professor Emeritus, will discuss how political cartoons work, who does them, and what role they play in U.S. politics. McCue Auditorium, LAB, September 13th, 6-7 pm.

==> Distinguished Service Professor Lauren Lieberman Wins Service Award at the International Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind Conference

==> And, Jamie Beers-Wilson, Director, Donor Relations and Stewardship, Development Office invites us to join the campus community as it celebrates the completion of modifications to the base of Special Olympics fountain, “Joy and Happiness to the Children of the World” at Noon, Friday, September 14, 2018 at the fountain located adjacent to Drake Memorial Library

Created by artist Zurab Tseretelli
Gifted by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (1979)

Sandy and I are looking forward to seeing many of you at First Friday at the President’s House tomorrow from 3:30 to 5:30 and at activities during Homecoming Weekend beginning the middle of next week. See: https://brockport.edu/life/homecoming/

Carpe Diem,

Bud
October 8, 2018

Greetings,

Sometimes I receive automatic replies from Karla Linn Merrifield and others advising me that they are in remote places where the internet is either too slow to use effectively, or unavailable. I have just returned from such an experience during which I learned that withdrawal was possible and can be a nice respite. Maybe next time I’ll even leave the camera home and really learn to live in the moment!

That said, this is a little “catch up” newsletter, and I begin with a couple of things that are time-sensitive:

First, Karla Linn Merrifield and Bill Heyen will be doing a poetry reading at the Genesee Reading Series at Writers & Books tomorrow, October 9th. This event will take place at 7:30 pm at Writers and Books, 740 University Avenue, Rochester, New York. A fee of $3.00 will be charged for members of Writers and Books, and a $6.00 fee charged for the public.

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Emeriti Pat Baker wishes to share that a memorial service for emerita Dr. Benita M. Jorkasky, who died August 9 in her home town of Altoona, PA, is being held Saturday, October 20 at 1:30 pm at the Newman Center in Brockport. A reception will immediately follow the service at the Center featuring refreshments and personal memories of Benita who served in the Department of Education and Human Development from 1970-2000. The event is being organized by friends from the College and social studies professional organizations. The committee includes: Betsy Balzano, Pat Baker, Bonnie-Anne Briggs, Mary Corey, Jeanette D’Agostino, Judy DuPre, Linda Hall and Pam Quamo.

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Betsy Standish, Associate Director, Alumni Engagement wishes to share the following information with you.

“It’s time to begin the annual process of nominating individuals for the four 2019 Brockport Alumni Awards: Hall of Heritage Award, Honors for Outstanding Service, Citations of Appreciations, and the Recent Alumnus Award. This year’s honorees will be recognized at the Annual Alumni Awards Ceremony during Homecoming & Family Weekend on Friday, September 27, 2019.

Please visit http://alumni.brockport.edu/awards to find an electronic or paper nomination form for these awards. Descriptions of each of the four awards are included on the form. I would ask that you please consider potential nominees for these prestigious honors and nominate all who you feel are worthy. At this point in the process, we are asking for basic information on the
nominees. Please feel free to copy and share this form with your colleagues and friends who may be interested in placing a nomination into consideration.

The deadline for receipt of this form is November 2, 2018. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Betsy Standish, associate director of alumni engagement, at estandis@brockport.edu or (585) 395-2648.”

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Emeritus Jim Horn recently returned home to Mexico after spending some time in Brockport and in Russia. You know what Brockport looks like but many of us have never encountered Russia up close and personal. But you can get a feel for it if you choose to click on the link below where you will find Jim’s photo-essay of his trip. Thanks again to Jim for sharing his travel experiences.


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Thanks to emerita Jill Campbell for sharing the following tributes to Mary Anne Pietrykowski:

“Bud, I was saddened when I learned of Mrs. Mary Anne Pietrykowski’s passing. I shared the information with my family. Here are some of the Facebook postings from her Nativity students who recall her impact on their lives so many years later. I just thought that her family might find some solace in them.

Kristina Campbell Burne:
Nativity Classmates- I just found out Mrs. Pietrzykowski passed on August 28th. I have exceptionally fond memories of spending time with her in Nativity’s Library, particularly for “Junior Great Books” club. She introduced me to so many great authors and was one of my favorite teachers.

Crystal Robinson Park:
So sad to hear of such a great lady passing. She had a quiet warmth and a sweet way (but a quick and keen wit!) about her. I thought of her last week at the library...remembering her help me find all of the ‘Frances’ books. She laid the groundwork for so many of us. I wish I could thank her for instilling a love of reading in us. We were so lucky to have her!

Tara Brown Stewart:
Sad to hear. I have great memories of her from Junior Great Books.

Janine Ba:
She was a wonderful lady who always greeted us with a genuine smile.”

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And, emeritus Steve Ullman shared the following remembrance:
“Mary Anne was an exceptionally accomplished reading teacher at BVM - I think of the four Hogan girls who became voracious, thoughtful readers under her guidance. When the BVM grads got to Middle School, they stood out as great readers.”

At last count a couple of weeks ago there were only 6 copies of “Honoring Faculty and Staff Veterans, The College at Brockport” remaining from the first printing. If you are interested in having a copy you should contact the Development Office. If there is enough demand, they may even print a second edition. I have recently received confirmation from former Supervisor of Grounds William Minoia and emeritus Professor of Philosophy Harold Greenstein and their brief stories, that might be expanded, can be found at: http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/BKPT_VETS.htm

Many receiving this newsletter know Priscilla (Gaylord Thomas) Baglio, the widow of the late Professor of Biology Charles Thomas who is well known in the Brockport community. Sadly, Priscilla’s second husband, Cosimo J. Baglio, died at age 101 on October 5, 2018. I thought I should mention his passing and share the following information:

“Family and friends may call on Saturday, October 13 from 9:30 - 10:15 AM at the Falcone Family Funeral & Cremation Service Inc., 8700 Lake Rd. (Rt. 19), LeRoy, where a celebration of Cosimo's life will be held at 10:30 AM. Interment will be private in St. Francis Cemetery, LeRoy.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in memory of Cosimo to the Nativity of the BVM Building Fund, 152 Main St., Brockport, NY 14420.”

This information, and more, can be found at: https://falconefuneralhome.com/tribute/details/482/Cosimo-Baglio/obituary.html#tribute-start

Carpe Diem,

Bud

October 15, 2018

Greetings,

I am sad to share the news that the life of Roderick Ormandy, a former Associate Professor in the Communications Department (1969-1983), has expired. I remember Roderick only from my relationship with personnel records and my knowledge of the 1983 retrenchment that included a program within the Communications Department to which he was attached. That reduction in force ended Roderick’s employment with the College and likely many of his personal relationships with faculty and staff as well. That said, I wish I had known about his military service so that he could have been included in the “Honoring Faculty and Staff Veterans” book.
Following is Roderick’s obituary. If I become aware of the date, time and place of the memorial service referenced in it, I’ll include the information in a newsletter at that time.

“Dr. Roderick Bonet Ormandy

Pittsford - Dr. Ormandy passed away at the age of 95 on October 1, 2018 in Rochester, NY. He was the son of the late Jesse and Arthur Ormandy and grew up in the Albany/Menands area of New York, then served in the Army/Air Corp during WWII, from 1942-1945. He earned a BA from Emerson College in Boston, where he met Elaine Stuart, of Beverly, Massachusetts, his eventual wife of 63 years. He went on to earn a MS and PHD from Northwestern University in Chicago. He was a Professor in the Communications Department at SUNY at Brockport for 19 years and a speech pathologist in Rochester area hospitals and nursing homes, until retiring in 1993.

Roderick was predeceased by his brother, Harold Ormandy (1922), sister, Eileen Roblin (2004), grandson, Jason Ormandy (2010) and his wife, Elaine (2013). He is survived by his sons, Peter S. (Diana) Ormandy, David L. (Kathy) Ormandy, Jeffrey A. (Eileen “Sue”) Ormandy and Andrew E. Ormandy; as well as 5 grandchildren, Andrea, Elizabeth, Matthew, Benjamin and April; also one great-grandchild, Jason Christopher. Roderick was a huge baseball fan and loved music, as well as reading. He also enjoyed singing and once belonged in a barber shop quartet.

His family has planned a private ceremony for his Intermen on 11/10/18 and Memorial Service in the Spring. In lieu of flowers, he would urge you to take in a ball game.”

[ Rochester D&C 10/1/2018]

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Stuart Ira Soloway, Fine Arts Series Manager recently shared the following announcement.

“Brockport, NY – According to gallery director Tim Massey, though modest in size, the permanent collection of the Gallery at the Tower Fine Arts Center houses fine examples of works by notable regional and national artists, as well as former faculty and alumni of the Department of Art, all in a wide range of media. Some of these works will be displayed in Selections from the Permanent Collection, a free exhibition at the Gallery, 180 Holley Street, Brockport, which runs from October 23 – November 18, 2018. A reception celebrating the exhibition will be held as part of one of the College’s First Friday social hours, on Friday, November 2, at 4 pm.”

While I hope you will follow the Daily Eagle to be informed about events of interest to retirees at the College, I do sometimes point to them when they involve members of this group who remain very active, both in things related to their careers and in new activities. Such is the case of Emeritus Professor of Art Jack Wolsky, who has a piece included in the exhibit referenced above, continues his artwork, and remains active in his community. “‘Organic Structure,’ his piece, takes its inspiration from the Erie Canal. Wolsky’s work can be found in museums throughout the Northeast, as well as in many private collections. Earlier this year Wolsky was
presented with the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award by Marquis ‘Who’s Who.’” [Brockport’s website announcement of event.]

You can pay tribute to Jack and his lifetime of achievement, as well as others whose pieces are in this exhibit, by visiting the Gallery and/or by attending First Friday, 3:30 to 5:00 pm on November 2nd. Please be reminded that for obvious reasons this First Friday will be held in the Tower Fine Arts Gallery, 180 Holley Street.

Please be reminded that a memorial service for emerita Dr. Benita M. Jorkasky, who died August 9 in her hometown of Altoona, PA, is being held Saturday, October 20 at 1:30 pm at the Newman Center in Brockport. A reception will immediately follow the service at the Center featuring refreshments and personal memories of Benita who served in the Department of Education and Human Development from 1970-2000.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

October 26, 2018

Greetings,

In my last newsletter I forgot to mention that Ruth Hyde had shared that her smart phone had worked most of the time when she attended a wedding in Italy recently, followed by a two-week tour of Albania/Kosovo to study the culture and folk dancing of these countries. She also commented on the outstanding alpine scenery she viewed, especially as seen from a two-hour boat trip.

[Thanks to Ruth for sharing this note about her trip that again demonstrates how retirees continue to enjoy pursuing their interests. Regarding the use of smart phones while traveling out of the country, Sandy and I hope to become “smart” enough, at least about that aspect of using them, before our next trip.]

If such announcements reach my attention I try to mention it when Brockport retirees publish. I just learned that Emeritus Associate Professor of Criminal Justice Richard Lumb and Associate Professor of Health Science Gary Metz collaborated on the writing of a book "Common Ground: Bridging Police and Community Collaboration" published in January 2017. Some think that collaboration is a “foreign” word today and maybe the book will be swimming against the tide, but they hope that the book will get into the hands of organization and agency staff willing to collaborate to enhance services to their clients. If interested, you can learn more about the book at:  https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/announce-book-release-richard-lumb.
Some recipients of this newsletter will remember Ray McGinnis whose life expired on October 13, 2018 from his pastoring work in Brockport and North Chili. Although I did not know Ray during his time in Brockport, I met him when he attended a couple of luncheons when some of us visited the late emeritus President Albert Brown and the late emeritus VP Ralph Gennarino in Chautauqua, NY. Ray was friends with Al and with Ralph, and with the late Emeritus Professor Joe Kandor. I believe he and Ralph lived in the same retirement community. I enjoyed meeting Ray and chatting with him at these gatherings. If interested, you can view him talking with Joe Kandor and sitting to the left of Al Brown at one of the luncheons by visiting photos from one of the luncheons at:


Following is Ray’s obituary from the Post Standard in Gerry, NY:

“The Rev. Raymond L. McGinnis, 88, of Heritage Village, Gerry, went to his eternal reward Oct. 13, 2018, in Heritage Village Health Care Center, bringing to a close a lifetime of service to God and his fellowman.

He was born Dec. 27, 1929, in Barboursville, W.Va, the only child of Luther B. and Mamie M (Butcher) McGinnis.

He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by Marjorie, his wife of 60 years; a daughter, Dixie (Garth) Bolinder, Rogers, Ark.; four sons: Melvin of Frewsburg, N.Y., Merlin (Angela) of Spencerport, N.Y., Mark (Karla) Altamont, Ill., and Max (Kristin) of Brighton, N.Y.; as well as 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The Rev. Ray McGinnis spent 48 years in pastoral ministry. He started in rural Pennsylvania in Monaca, Pa. (1951-53) before attending and graduating from Roberts Wesleyan College (1958). After college he pastored in West Hamlin, W.Va. (1958-59) and then to Gerry, N.Y., (1959-63). While at Gerry, he lectured and conducted tours at the Holy Land replica at Chautauqua Institution. After Gerry he pastored in Ayersville, Ohio (1963-68). It was during this time he graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary (1967) and was a first lieutenant in the Civil Air Patrol as a chaplain.

He returned to western New York in 1968 pastoring Free Methodist churches in Brockport, N.Y. (1968-78) and North Chili, N.Y. (1978-84). In 1984, he returned to Gerry and pastored the church from 1984-94. After retiring from the pastorate, he became the first full-time chaplain of Heritage Ministries serving from 1994 to 2000. He then filled in for Kiantone Congregational Church for two years and the First Baptist Church for one.

A celebration of the life of “Pastor Ray” [was held] at the Gerry Free Methodist Church at 11 a.m., on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018.
Memorials can be given in lieu of flowers to Heritage Ministries, Starflight or Northeastern Seminary.”

[We were sorry to learn of Ray’s death and we send our condolences to his family and friends.]

And, remember the special First Friday event in November will be held in the Tower Fine Arts Gallery instead of Alumni House. Following is everything you need to know from Jamie Beers-Wilson:

Join the Arts Placement Committee for First Friday in the Tower Fine Arts Gallery, 180 Holley Street, Brockport from 3:30 to 6:00 pm on November 2!
Enjoy good company, refreshments, and artwork.
Free and open to all - hope to see you there!

Interested in sponsoring a First Friday? Contact Jamie Beers-Wilson at jbeers@brockport.edu or 395-2380.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

October 31, 2018

Greetings,

In this newsletter I am featuring travel information from Ray “Global” and Ute Duncan. The first report is a little tardy because the editor of this newspaper failed to follow-up when he was unable to open a photo file of the trip that was shared last fall. But, since many of you appear to be interested in travel, I do not believe it is ever too late to share your experiences. Thankfully, the report about their second trip is timely. So, read on and enjoy the read as they share their travels.

FIRST: SCOTLAND

Our self-created and self-led trip to Scotland’s Highlands last fall (not a group tour) proved mighty satisfying. We first identified towns in the highlands we wanted to visit, then googled B & B’s in those towns, and next telephoned a preferred B & B and booked a room for 1-3 nights. Great fun chatting with Scottish B & B owners.

When we arrived in Edinburgh and visited the Bus Station, we learned about Scotland’s Senior Citizen discounted bus travel passes. Since we had a printed copy of our scheduled towns and B & B’s, the Bus Station attendant was able to use those dates and locations to print out bus tickets for the entire trip--Transportation solved!
Scotland’s Highlanders—including the bus drivers—were extremely friendly, outgoing and ever-ready to help us get around the places. One bus driver actually stopped the bus by the roadside, so Ute and I (the “American Visitors”) could get out and snap a photo of a remote castle on a lakeshore.

Scotland’s Highlanders are outdoor people. Everywhere, you see hikers, back-packers, bicyclists, motorcycles, campers—ever-seeking the outdoor life. Every town and village seemed to have one or two “Outdoor Living” stores, with clothing, footwear, rain gear, etc., kind of like our L.L. Bean merchandise. Rain offered no deterrence to getting out there in the open air. People seemed to thrive in the wet weather, with kids walking in it to school.

All-in-all, Scotland was pure joy and altogether uplifting.

SECOND: GREECE

We’ve just returned from a 12-day tour of archeological sites in Greece, a tour that began and ended in Athens. For those of you who have not yet visited Greece, try to give it a shot. It’s well worth the visit. This tour included:

- Key islands, such as Mykonos, Santorini, Rhodes, Crete—and Ephesus (located on Turkey’s coast)
- Mycenae, Olympia (site of original Olympic Games), Delphi
- Athens (Acropolis and Parthenon)

Two tour leaders led us, one an archeologist, both highly informative and engaging. The tour company is called SmarTours.

Greece is stunning in its villages, towns, archeological sites and topography (very mountainous), which made the area hard to unify, historically speaking. Back in the “BCE” period, as we know, Greece was composed basically of city-states, occupied by tribes. City-states frequently were at war with each other, such as Athens versus Sparta—that is, when they did not come together to fight the Persians, on the hunt for more territorial acquisitions.

Greece’s people today, friendly and engaging, are going through a noticeably tough economic period. Our Ph.D. archeologist tour leader made more income as a tour leader than she would have as an archeologist teaching or working in the field. Teachers’ incomes have been reduced significantly in the recent past as Greece grapples with its economic woes. In Athens, we were advised to be on the alert for pick-pocketing—given the country’s economic problems. None of our tour participants experienced a pick-pocket event.

For what this is worth, I’ve learned in the Ancient Greece Archeology and Art class I’m taking through SUNY-Brockport’s fabulous Lifelong Learning Program that the best-
preserved ancient Greece archeological sites are actually in southern Italy and Sicily, long ago colonized by Greece. Just a little tip to future travelers.

Now the challenge is to learn how to cook some of the sensational Greek dishes: Greek lasagna, Moussaka, Baklava.

Bottom line: Greece today is definitely worth the visit!

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Eliza J. Pionessa ’17, Development Associate, Division of Advancement invites you to invite friends and to:

Join the Writers Forum for Writer's Voice, an evening of poetry and music with Cornelius Eady accompanied by Charlie Rauh and Bernie Heveron.

Supported by: Ingersoll Family Endowment Fund and Brockport's Promoting Excellence in Diversity Fund.

Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 7:30 pm
Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
161 Chestnut St., Rochester
Free and open to the public.
Doors open at 7 pm.
Book signing and author's reception to follow.

For more information go to https://www.brockport.edu/academics/english/writers_forum/ or call (585) 395-2451

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Jason Dauenhauer, Director, Multigenerational Engagement wishes to remind you of the upcoming Lifelong Learning Lecture, “Civil Rights of Blacks and Women in the 19th Century. Put this event on your calendar and invite friends to join you to introduce them to this excellent lecture series that can be as invigorating as travel:

“Join us on November 8 when Dr. Alison Parker, Professor of History, will discuss how movements to abolish slavery and promote women's rights were linked prior to the Civil War, and why these links eroded during and after the Reconstruction era.

Before the Civil War, the movements to abolish slavery and promote women’s rights were linked. Parker’s talk explains why the links between civil rights for black men, on the one hand, and black and white women, on the other, eroded during and after the Reconstruction Era. This program will take place from 6-7 pm on Thursday, November 8, in room 107, Liberal Arts Building.

contact: Jason Dauenhauer, Director, Multigenerational Engagement, jdauenha@brockport.edu”
I am happy to report that Lucille Ribble survived the storm “Florence,” although with some inconveniences. She evacuated to a nearby high school with about 250 to 300 others, and in some cases, their animals. She reports that most of the people took sleeping bags or inflatable mattresses. They slept in the halls or in two designated rooms for those with serious physical conditions or otherwise needed an electrical outlet in which to plug in a support apparatus. They were fortunate in only losing power one night for only a few hours. She told me the school cafeteria served them meals that were not the “Ritz,” but were satisfactory. As their stay was ending, they had to be moved to another school because a nearby dam broke. However, the next day they received an all-clear and were able to return to their homes. Lucille was fortunate that even though Oak Island received 30 inches of rain, no water got into her house.

[We thank Lucille for sharing her experience and happy that she and her family were not severely affected by the hurricane.]

Carpe Diem,
Bud

PS. Remember: First Friday, 3:30 – 6:00 pm, Tower Fine Arts Gallery, November 2nd (Rain or Shine!)
conflict memorials in Washington, DC. He described it as a wonderful experience and recommended it for other veterans.

We also continue to “find” other veterans who worked at the College. Recently identified veterans include the late Robert Blake, Roy Bub, Harold Greenstein, William Minoia, and after seeing a letter to the editor in the D&C today, I am investigating whether to add William Hullfish to the list. The veteran status of these employees was not known when “Honoring Faculty and Staff Veterans-The College at Brockport” was published last year but, they will be added to the website at the link mentioned above as information becomes available and will be included if there is a next printing of the book.

And, thanks to Theresa Lehman, daughter-in-law of Ed, I have a new address to report for Edward Lehman (Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus-Sociology and a veteran), with whom we had lost touch. Although his memory is not quite what it used to be (you may have to reintroduce yourself), he enjoys visits and conversations and is very happy at Helen’s House. They have meals at 12:30 and 5:30 and you can always join him for lunch or dinner if you wish.

Helen’s House College Grove
48 Cottage Grove Circle
North Chili, NY 14514
(ext. 2 for Helen’s house)
(585) 594-8720

In conclusion, I am happy to share that emeritus Warren Fraleigh, although not as well as he might like to be as he migrates towards 93, still monitors his email. I am also happy to report that Sondra Fraleigh is still teaching and writing and has recently published her 9th book, “Back to the Dance Itself: Phenomenologies of the Body in Performance.” Her work with her “Eastwest Somatics Institute” is going well with teachers in Mexico, the UK, New Zealand, Japan, and several places in the USA. She reports that she doesn’t travel so much now, but the work she created for her retirement years is just now taking off, the “tipping point,” as she notes. She hopes to see its fruition before she “tips over” herself.

If was great hearing from her and we send our best regards to Sondra and Warren.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

November 17, 2018

Greetings,

When we are created, we are all stamped with a production date. As we age, we become knowledgeable that our life in this world also has an expiration date. Most sad are expiration dates that are reached too soon, while individuals are still “able,” and before they have had a
chance to fulfill their promise for this life. Sad, but somewhat easier to bear, are the cases where someone has lived a long, full and productive life who just has exhausted all abilities and reaches his/her own “just” expiration date. Such, I believe, is the case of Josephine “Jo” Wallin, a lifetime area resident, a Brockport College graduate, an Albion Central School District Retired Teacher and the widow of the late Professor Emeritus of Biological Sciences, Russell Wallin. Moreover, she was an outstanding member of the Brockport community with many dear friends who are on the distribution list for this newsletter. While I greeted her at different gatherings, I only had real conversation with her on a couple of occasions over the years. One time, Sandy and I were seated with her at a joint Brockport, Clarkson, Sweden millennial gala in the Ballroom on campus and enjoyed her company, along with that of others at our table at the event. And, I remember talking with her when she and her son attended the first-ever Emeriti Reception hosted by Acting President John Clark on October 4, 2004 and you can view a couple of photos of her at the event at: http://www.itss.brockport.edu/~rmeade/emeriti_photos/index.htm.

While, so far, expirations cannot be avoided, we are still sad to say goodbye and we say them to Jo with thanksgiving for her wonderful life amongst us as we mourn and celebrate it with her family and friends.

Following is her obituary from the website of Fowler Funeral Home:

Josephine Wallin - 93, died November 15, 2018 after an 11-month respite at Elderwood of Lakeside at Brockport. Mrs. Wallin was predeceased by her husband Dr. Russell Wallin. She was also predeceased by her parents James and Mary Trupiano, her brother Vincent Trupiano and her sister Pauline Trupiano Burgio. She is survived by one child, James D. Bell (Marie); three grandchildren, Kevin (Stephanie), Nicholas and Matthew; three great grandchildren, Claire, Benjamin and Jane; nephews Patrick Burgio, David Burgio and Steven Trupiano; and dear friends Mary Ann Giglio, Jeanne Barry, Joan Hare and Kathleen Pacilio. Mrs. Wallin graduated from Albion High School in 1943 and the State Teacher's College at Brockport in 1946. She received her master's degree in Education from SUNY Brockport in 1967 and taught 5th grade in the Albion Central School District for many years. She received many teaching awards and similar recognitions for her teaching skills and abilities. Mrs. Wallin was a loving and dutiful mother, always offering appropriate guidance, wisdom and direction throughout her life. In her retirement, she was a devoted grandparent and loved nothing more than spending time with her grandchildren and her family during the holidays. Her evenings during baseball season were usually occupied watching the New York Yankees.

Family will receive friends on Monday November 19th from 3-6 PM at the Fowler Funeral Home Inc. 340 West Ave., Brockport. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, 10 AM in Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, 152 Main St., Brockport. As an expression of sympathy, donations may be made to the Nativity Building Fund.

[We send our condolences to Jo’s family and friends.]
In my last newsletter I mentioned the possibility I had discovered that emeritus Bill Hullfish was a veteran. I was excited when Bill got right back to me and he was able to confirm he was, and to provide his story and a couple of photos to go with it. I wrote to Bill after putting his story together telling him how grateful I was the military did not put him in harm’s way while at the same time providing him the opportunity to hone his skills and improve his credentials, which together helped to prepare him to be a blessing to the College and a treasure in the greater Brockport community these past 65 years. You can further honor him by reading his story at: http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/BKPT_VETS.htm

Carpe Diem,
Bud

November 28, 2018

Greetings,

Here are some announcements that might be of interest to members of this distribution list:

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Come walk with The College at Brockport’s float in the village’s annual Parade of Lights! Students, faculty, and staff are all welcome to come march. Wear your green and gold and warm winter clothes.

Date: Sunday, December 2
Time: Parade begins at 5 pm, lineup begins at 4 pm
Route is from Strong West to Main Street.
contact: If you have any questions, email Zoe Seznec-Sweetland at zseznecsweetland@brockport.edu.
submitted: Tue, Nov 27, 2018 by kgree4

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Brockport, NY – Highlighted in the Brockport College-Community Chorus’ “Sounds of the Season” holiday concert will be a suite of carols—some familiar, some perhaps not—arranged by noted British musician John Rutter. The concert will be held on Sunday evening, December 2, 2018, at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 14 State Street, Brockport. Tickets for the concert, which begins at 7:30 pm, cost $5, and will be sold at the door. For information, please call (585) 395-2787.

While programming the concert, music director Elizabeth Banner wanted to include the Rutter works “because they are classic choral literature, written by one of the master composers and choral directors of our time. They are timeless in his treatment of familiar melodies. John Rutter is an inspiration and authority on the art of choral singing. We all need to hear his work.”
Rutter has spent much of his career, composing, conducting, orchestrating, or vocally arranging mostly liturgical music. In addition to more than 100 carols, for every season of the Church calendar, he has also composed extended works such as a Gloria, a Magnificat, and a Requiem. Interspersed in the Rutter suite are familiar carols, such as “O Come, All Ye Faithful” and “God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen,” as well as lesser-known songs, such as the charming French carol “Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella” which tells of the milkmaids Jeannette and Isabella, who run to tell the shepherds to come and see the baby Jesus in the stable. The Chorus will also perform the Rutter arrangement of “‘Twas in the Moon of Wintertime,” which is considered to be Canada’s oldest Christmas carol. Also known as “The Huron Carol,” the English text uses imagery that was familiar in the early 20th century and derived from Huron religious concepts. Instead of the traditional nativity story, Jesus is born in a “lodge of broken bark” instead of a manger; visited by hunters and chiefs instead of wise men who bring “gifts of fox and beaver pelt” instead of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Other piece included on the program are these holiday classics, “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas,” “Go Tell it on the Mountain,” and the beautiful Darmon Meader arrangement of “Silent Night.”

More information about The College at Brockport’s Fine Arts Series can be found at Facebook, or at https://www.brockport.edu/academics/fine_arts/. The concert caps a weekend of holiday fun throughout the village of Brockport. For information about these events, visit brockportny.org/news/events.

[Stuart Ira Soloway, Fine Arts Series Manager]

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Deck the Halls at Morgan Manning!

Next Friday (December 7th), join us for the final First Friday of the semester. Enjoy good company and refreshments from 3:30-5:30 pm at Morgan-Manning House, 151 Main St S, Brockport, NY 14420

If you're interested in hosting a First Friday, contact Jamie Beers at 395-2380 or jbeers@brockport.edu

[Eliza J. Pionessa ’17, Development Associate, Division of Advancement]

Tributes to Jo Wallin

“Hi Bud,

[Regarding Jo Wallin] “I met her when she student taught in Albion. I went to the old elementary school (now senior apartments) from 1944-1948 (K-4th grade) and lived only a few blocks from her folk's home on Park St. Jo was my only student teacher during elementary school. I believe I had her in first grade. I remembered her as very pretty, well dressed and nice. I didn't see her for many years after that, after I had come to Brockport and after she had married
Russ. She looked at me and said, ‘Patsy Ellis, I remember you.’ I said, ‘And I remember you too’ (she had changed less than I had), so I was VERY impressed with her memory. Even after she became more forgetful, she would still remember me when I ran into her especially at the hair dresser's although the name got so it escaped her. The last time, I saw her, she was at the you seem familiar time. However, she was still pretty, well dressed and nice.

[Thanks to Pat Baker]

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Sorry to hear of Josephine's death. She was my student in a grad seminar to which she contributed keen insights and a good sense of humor. I'm happy to hear she lived to a ripe old age…”

[Thanks to Earl Ingersoll]

With hope that there will be no urgent reason for me to communicate with you again until after the New Year, Sandy and I send you all our best wishes as you celebrate the holidays in accordance with your beliefs and traditions, and we hope that you are well and will be able to enjoy the fellowship of family and friends.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

December 13, 2018

Greetings,

The news of the season prompts a somewhat different order for this newsletter. I am always pleased to hear from the “originals” that lent me friendship and support when I began my career at The State University of New York College at Brockport. Recently I had a couple of nice emails from Dorie Sweeting who, at the time, was the Administrative Assistant to the President. As I have reported previously, in those days we had “Fridays,” not just “First Fridays.” Different employees would host the gatherings at their homes and on more than one occasion Dorie played host until the event became too large and moved to the Faculty Dining Hall, now Alumni House. Dorie and I periodically keep in touch via email and I am always happy to hear from her and still regret not being available to see her when she visited Brockport a year or so ago, but glad that other “originals” made her visit enjoyable. In a recent email she sent me in response to a newsletter, she said that “It would be great to be in Brockport for some of the events mentioned but not possible for me to attend anymore.” However, she did indicate that she would be traveling to visit family, including two very special great-grandchildren for Christmas Day.
While we regret her “not possible for me to attend anymore” statement, we are happy that she will still be able to spend time with her family for Christmas and, we thank her for her friendship that remains in the collective memory bank of those who knew her.

And, as I was about to send out this newsletter, I received the following email from Dorie:

“I would like you to extend my greetings to anyone you meet who happens to remember me. I turned the ripe age of 91 on this past 11/09 and I have slowed down, and I may not get any greetings sent to my friends in Brockport. My greeting follows:

‘My Christmas Card list is more than just a way to keep track of the special folks. Through simple conversation, a warm hug or a shared meal, every person on my list has helped me grow or heal or love or smile…the blessings never end. May you have a Blessed Christmas and receive Much Happiness in 2019!’

Warmest regards.

Dorie”

[We thank Dorie for her greetings, and we send her our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.]

Sadly, the joy of the season is diminished…

Even when someone has lived a long and fruitful life, their departures are bittersweet for those who remain even when the will to live has diminished with age and infirmity. Since my last newsletter I have learned of four such departures of people who made significant contributions to the greater Brockport community during their fruitful years while they remained fully connected to their earthly faculties.

The recently departed include Mary Ingersoll, the wife of Distinguished Professor of English Emeritus Earl Ingersoll; Dorothy “Dot” Petersen, the wife of the late Professor of Chemistry Ingo Petersen; Ann Schnell, the wife of Professor of History Emeritus Kempes Schnell; and William (Willie, Bill) Sweeving, well known former businessman and more recently a caregiver to the Clark and Fran Whited Baseball/Softball complex.

Mary Ingersoll was the soul-mate and partner to Earl and an able assistant to him as he pursued his lifetime scholarship and publication passion. Until her last few years she was his constant companion at the many College related activities they attended, and her presence was missed when she could no longer accompany him. Mary departed with Earl at her side on the morning of Tuesday, November 27, 2018. Following is an early-bird copy of Mary’s obituary that includes information about calling hours, the celebration of her life and memorials, along with information about some of her significant contributions in this life. Check the Rochester D&C on Sunday for any additions.
“Mary C. Ingersoll

Passed away peacefully November 27, 2018; predeceased by parents Edward and Erma Cosgrove; brother, Albert; survived by her loving husband of 58 years and best friend Earl G. Ingersoll; loving sister Patricia E. Cosgrove; sons Jeffrey E. (Linda), Timothy E. (Sara); grandchildren, Stacy (Adam), Jessica, Joshua, Patrick, Mia; great-granddaughter Madelyn; nieces and nephews.

A master teacher, Mary taught 27 ½ years in Spencerport Schools from which she and Earl graduated in 1956 and where they met in kindergarten. She helped to establish the Gifted and Talented Program in which she taught until her retirement in 1999. It was a premier, full-time program, encouraging students to believe it was OK to be bright, and they flourished in her care. She earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues, especially new teachers; one wrote: “Mary was such an inspiration to me as a young teacher. I enjoyed her knowledge, wisdom, and passion for education.”

Calling hours Saturday, December 22, 1-3, celebration of Mary, 3-4 at Walker Brothers, 15 West Avenue, Spencerport.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Mary’s memory to: Ingersoll Family Endowment, College at Brockport Foundation, 350 New Campus Dr., Brockport 14420; OR Spencerport Central Retirees’ Association scholarship, Diana Hanley, Treasurer, 3976 Brick Schoolhouse Rd., Hamlin, 14464; OR Foodlink, 936 Exchange St., Rochester 14608.”

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Dot Petersen gave love and support to Ingo and their children and friends in need while residing in Brockport through her involvement and work with the First Presbyterian Church in Brockport, among other activities. She and Ingo were active in the greater Brockport community, particularly at musical performances at which Ingo shared his gift of song. After visits and other contacts with family for goodbyes, Dot departed life on this earth on the evening of November 19, 2018.

[Per Dot’s wishes, the family is planning a small graveside service in the spring when the whole family can be present.]

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“Willie” Sweeting was an icon in the Brockport community from the time that he, along with Earl Siegfried and Ken Moore, cared for our vehicles and entertained us with their bantering as we waited for them to be serviced at Earl and Bills’. He continued to build his iconic reputation through his service as supervisor of transportation for the Brockport School District, and, through his service in supervising the maintenance of the playing fields in the College’s Clark and Fran Whited Baseball/Softball Complex. In that last capacity he took great pride in looking out for every single blade of grass, and this dedicated attention was noticed by all visiting teams as well as Brockport’s own. Willie departed on December 3, 2018. You will find more information about his life and his contributions at the link to his obituary that follows.
A Memorial Service will be held at Fowler’s Funeral Home, 340 West Avenue, Brockport on Friday, December 14, at 2:00 pm, where a calling hour will be held from 1:00-2:00 pm before the service. Everyone is invited to join Willie’s family at a reception immediately following the service, 3:00-6:00 pm at BPOE, Elk’s Club Lodge, 4400 Sweden Walker Road. For more information go to: https://fowlerfuneralhomeinc.com/tribute/details/845/Wendell-Sweeting/obituary.html#tribute-start

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Ann Schnell was a soft-spoken wife and mother who was dedicated to Kempes and their daughter Julie as well as to her church and all the friends she encountered on her journey. On December 22, 2016, I was favored with an email from Ann, with the assistance of Julie, that wished me a Merry Christmas, but also included her Christmas Letter to Friends in which she shared some of her thoughts and feelings about the chapter of her life that she was writing at the time. As some of her feelings will resonate with those of us who are aging and might have to set our treadmills on idle before long, I do not think she will mind if I extract and share a few of her comments:

“I wish I could say that I’ve been just as busy as many of you have been, with family, jobs & volunteering, but I have to admit that 90 plus years take their toll on energy!

The Senior Living where I am now is called the "Renaissance." I have a living room, bedroom, bath, small kitchen, and three closets for "the rest of my STUFF!" The Renaissance provides us with all kinds of entertainment -- movie nights, music, a lovely campus for outdoor entertainment, genealogy classes, swimming pool, exercise classes, monthly birthday parties, a club room with a large television for keeping us in touch with the world and a table for playing games with friends, the Olympics on TV, and concerts, plays, and occasional trips to the Luhrs Center for the Performing Arts. They also help us with transportation to doctor's appointments, etc. so I am well taken care of!!!

The hardest part of our life here is the giving up of our families and friends. In 2015, we gave up to our God and Savior, Betty Schroeder, a very special Brockport friend of many years; our dear Mary, sister of Kemp, and beloved aunt to many of the Schnell family; and Rick's special Aunt, Lois. In 2016 more of our friends joined the Lord, including a dear friend from our campus here, Wayne Mowrey; Sunday School friend of many years, Jack McGeehee; Dick Liebe, our wonderful, longtime Brockport friend; and just yesterday, my former neighbor, Ed Egee. Ed and his lovely wife were married over 65 years. Although we know they all lived full and wonderful lives and they are now at peace and with God, it is a sad time for us.

Thank you for your special friendship and please know how much I enjoy hearing from you about your lives. I may not be able to keep in touch as I once did, but my heart sings when I hear your voices and read your letters and e-mails. My Christmas prayer for each of you is that God's love and peace will surround you; that his healing presence will be with you, your families, and the world; that each of you will be able to share His love
with those you meet; and that you will have a year filled with love, peace and the joy of family and friends.”

Friendships are special gifts that should not be forgotten during this season of giving and resolve. Time may be eternal but our brief presence in time on this planet is a precious opportunity. We thank Ann for her words that invoke us to prioritize friendship.

[In February 2017, shortly after she and Julie penned her 2016 Christmas letter together, Ann suffered a fall and thereafter was moved to a nursing facility in the same complex. Sadly, Ann departed this life on Saturday, December 1, 2018. Julie and Rick will share information later of the time and place for a celebration of Ann’s life that will be scheduled for the spring when most of the family can be present.]

I had an email exchange with emeritus Del and Jeannette Smith after hearing about Ann’s departure because I knew they had remained close to her. Jeannette pointed out that Ann and Dot Petersen had remained dear friends over the years following Brockport. There is some comfort in that they nearly crossed the finish line for this life together.

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This newsletter particularly draws attention to the gift of caregivers. I admire Earl Ingersoll, and those like him, Julie Schnell Halstead, Ann Sweeting, and the Petersen children among them, who are placed in sometimes tragic and demanding caregiver roles and are able to persevere compassionately to the end. Closely observed in Brockport was Earl’s continued dedication to Mary, even after she was in a care-giving facility, which was an exemplary showing of love and concern. So, in this season of giving and receiving gifts, celebrate the caregivers!

In conclusion, I am pleased to report the good news that Jeannette and Del Smith will be driving to Galveston to join their Texas family for a Christmas cruise. Jeannette reports that “it should be fun, and no one has to cook!” As we mourn the losses, and then celebrate the lives and contributions of the departed, this is a reminder that for us life goes on. Time remains on our side.

Carpe diem with family and friends,

Bud

January 3, 2019

Happy New Year!

As a further tribute to Willie Sweeting, Professor Emeritus Steve Ullman reminded me as follows:
“Bud, when serving on the Brockport Central School Board, I received numerous messages from other school districts about how exquisitely Willie Sweeting kept our playing fields. He was Da Vinci of school landscaping.”

And, if you look it up, you’ll see that “exquisitely” is the perfect word to describe Willie’s commitment to his contributions in this life.

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College Council Member and Alum, Elaine Leshnower (‘61/’89), has fond memories of Dorie Sweeting from when she was an undergraduate student and Dorie worked in the President’s Office. It was nice of Dorie to share her holiday wishes for us this year and we look forward to keeping in touch with her in 2019 and beyond.

Elaine also reported on her fond memories of being a classmate with Mary Ingersoll and her subsequent association with her while both were members of the local area chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International and was saddened to learn that Mary had passed on.

Most of you should have received an announcement brochure for this program at the College but this will serve as a reminder for them and inform others not on that distribution list. If interested, make sure you add the January 16, 2019 orientation session to your new 2019 calendar.

Lifelong Learning Opportunities for the spring 2019 have been announced by Jason Dauenhauer, Director, Multigenerational Engagement and Professor of Social Work.

Go to http://alumni.brockport.edu/s/1549/rd17/interior.aspx?sid=1549&gid=1&pgid=1010 to learn about the planned orientation program, about the options, and to register on-line. The options include taking a semester-long class, attending the very informative and successful Lifelong Learning Community Lectures, attending scheduled fee-based “Mornings with the Professors,” and joining the “Great Decisions” 2019 Community Discussion Group (limited number of participants, so register early if interested.)

These programs are offered by the College with the coordination of Jason Dauenhauer and the support of his department; with the support and sponsorship of the Division of Advancement; particularly, the Office of Alumni Engagement; and the support of participating faculty and staff of the College. If you participate in these programs and find them beneficial you can discover ways to suggest enhancements or to thank the College for providing these programs by visiting the links at the top of the webpage cited above.

[Be reminded or made aware that the orientation session is scheduled to take place in the Seymour College Union Ballroom from 8:30 am to 11:45 am on Wednesday, January 16, 2019. If you can't attend the orientation in January, please contact Jason for assistance at j dauenha@brockport.edu.]
Karla Linn Merrifield wishes to share the following information about why she may be “off the grid” if you are trying to reach her for approximately the next three months. I have a feeling she will miss us, but not much! We wish her a safe and most enjoyable cruise and look forward to hearing about the highlights when she returns. From Karla:

“\begin{quote}I’ll be setting sail on January 3 for a 108-day world voyage on the Queen Mary 2 with ports of call in 22 countries on four continents. I'm keeping a promise I made to my beloved husband, Roger (Weir), who two days before he died, fiercely gripped my arm and demanded, "Keep...on...traveling." I am. And will be scattering some of his ashes in all the seas and oceans I sail. Who knows what photographs I will take (bought a new camera body for this adventure). Who knows what poetry I will write. All alone on a storied ship, let loose on this beautiful, fragile planet. Stay tuned.\end{quote}"

The hard part will be being so far away from my friends for so long without the steady connections of visits, texting, phone calls, Skypes, email, Facebook (my go-to on this trip) given the pokey and pricey Net connections. I'll do my best.

Part of that best-of-me will be giving birth to my new book, *Athabaskan Fractal: Poems of the Far North*, a book written over 20 years that will be out next March or April, depending on those fragile email connections. It's in design now, and I should be proofing it sometime in January from somewhere!

On that note, I'll leave you with one of the poems from the book, the last poem I wrote for Roger before he died, the one I read to him that day he commanded me to keep traveling. He couldn't follow the story line, but he was sure able to grasp the poem's emotional content.

Joy to all of you, dear ones.

**Once Upon a Fine Canadian Day**

In a tandem Barbie-pink sea kayak
we paddled rugged—tricky—Johnstone Strait,

Vancouver Island starboard, hugging closer
to mainland BC portside, traversing

the last of nine arduous miles to camp
with only an hour of July sunlight left to see by,

to keep the rising chill at bay.
We twin-stroked past moss-draped cliffs,

tacked away from hull-scraping shoals
raised by the tangles of massive tree limbs
and boles wave-tossed onto shore:
the sandy cemeteries of firs and cedars.

No wind. No whitecaps. Slack tide.
One bald eagle shriek-whistled,

another answered—I ruddered the craft
in a circle, but no, no *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*.

Instead, we believed we saw a steadying golden eye,
sun’s last glimmering in deepening evening sky.

Once upon a day, as if stilled in Time in an Emily Carr
landscape, paddles paused, we held our breath in water colors.”

*after “Beach and Sky” by Emily Carr;*
*in memoriam Roger M. Weir*

[Karla Linn Merrifield]
http://karlalinn.blogspot.com

"The élan of the brain when pleasured is poetry."

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2018 Deaths Reported in Newsletter:

As we prepare to enter a new year, it is a fitting tribute to remember those who started 2018 with us but will be unable to make or keep resolutions in 2019. We are fortunate to still be able to make them and maybe this remembrance will inspire us to keep a few, if not all of them. It is what they would want us to do. The names include former faculty and staff, their spouses and other close relatives, and other community leaders of friends of the College known to many on my distribution list. The newsletter distribution date in which those listed were reported as having resigned their futures here is included with their names.

Baglio, Cosimo, 10/08/18 (spouse of Priscilla Thomas Baglio the wife of the late Chuck Thomas); Benitez, John, 03/10/18; Brautigan, Walter, 03/17/18; Bretton, Henry, 08/12/18; Bubb, Clayton, 02/22/18 (brother of Roy Bubb); Castle, Wendell, 01/27/18; Coolbaugh, Valerie, 01/08/18; Dempsey, James, 03/09/18 (spouse of Angela Dempsey); Gale, Joyce, 06/26/18 (spouse of the late Leslie Gale); Ingersoll, Mary E., 12/13/18 (spouse of Earl Ingersoll); Ioannone, Ginger, 01/28/18; Jorkasky, Benita, 08/12/18; Kandor, Joseph, 07/25/18; Manitsas, Irene, 03/09/18; McGinnis, Raymond, 10/26/18 (former local pastor and friend to many); Moultrie, Vivian, 01/27/18; Mumpton, Ardeth, 05/31/18 (spouse of the late Frederick Mumpton); Neisner, Lewis, 04/11/18; Ormandy, Roderick, 10/18/18; Panaggio, Rita M., 03/19/18 (spouse of the late Mauro Panaggio); Panaggio, Mauro, 04/12/18; Petersen, Dorothy A. "Dot", 12/13/18 (spouse of the late Ingo Petersen); Pietrzykowski, Mary Anne, 09/03/18 (former
spouse of the late Arnold Grade); Poole, Doris M., 05/31/18; Slaughter, Louise, 03/17/18 (Congresswoman—friend of the College); Totter, Gloria, 04/11/18 (spouse of Leon Totter); Totter, Leon, 04/11/18; Webster, Rita, 04/06/18; Schnell, Ann, 12/13/18 (spouse of the late Kempes Schnell); Sweeting, Willie, 12/13/18 (well-known friend of the College)

We must always be grateful for our experiences with others who gift us with perspective.

Sometime ago I was informed by Tonya Satryb that Olive Heffron, retired Administrative Assistant Human Resources, had moved back to the Rochester area to be closer to family as her partner Donald Deane was in declining health. Sadly, the D&C on Sunday, December 23, 2018 reported that he died on December 19th. Olive will be remembered by many of you for being the person to welcome you and provide you with friendly helpful service when you visited or called the Human Resources Office. She competently took care of your needs or referred you to others who could do so and always put herself in your shoes to ensure that she could give you the best service in the most caring manner possible. We are sorry to learn that the happiness she has enjoyed in retirement has been diminished by the loss of her partner. We send Olive and her family and friends our condolences and our best wishes that after the morning and celebration of Don’s life she will find other sources of happiness that will sustain her. Following is the obituary mentioned above:

“Donald A. “Diz” Deane
Greece - Passed away on December 19, 2018, at the age of 79.

He is survived by his loving partner, Olive "Ollie" Heffron; son, Scott (Larry Glore); and granddaughter, Connie-Rose; as well as Olive's children, Lori Brice, Vicki (Bob) Brawn, and Lisa Smith.

Don was a retiree of Delco Products.

A celebration of Don's life for family and friends will be held on Sat., January 5, 2019, at 2 PM at Valicia's Ristorante, 2155 Long Pond Rd., Rochester, NY 14606.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Veteran's Outreach Center, 791 South Ave., Rochester, NY 14620.

Published in Rochester Democrat and Chronicle from Dec. 23, 2018 to Jan. 3, 2019”

I conclude this first newsletter of 2019 with wonderful news! I have been blessed and made a better person by virtue of every interaction with Jack and Gladys Wolsky during the 50+ years I have known them as a result of being part of Brockport College’s family. I just learned that they recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with family at a surprise luncheon given by their daughters at the Woodcliff Inn. In every way they have demonstrated the strength of their relationship as soul-mates in a way that has been a tribute to themselves and an inspiration to
others. I join you in thanking them for their friendship and example, and in congratulating them that, as Gladys said to Jack with a hug on their anniversary date, “we [they] made it.” We send them peace, love, health, and continued happiness as they continue their journey together on route 66 and beyond.

Shalom,

Bud

January 11, 2019

Happy New Year!

“Happy” is not a word that comes easily to Mary Ann Giglio since she came face to face with 2019. Tragically, Mary Ann suffered multiple serious injuries in an automobile accident last week and is temporarily residing at Strong Hospital. While our hearts and thoughts reach out to her from a distance, and we are “happy” that she is on the mend, she needs time on her own to do so and we need to resist the need to pay her visits and phone calls until later when she gets to rehab or is otherwise ready to be welcoming. “Thinking of You” cards, of course, as Larry Humm reported, are an aid to the healing process (Mary Ann Giglio, 2500 East Avenue, Apt 7W, Rochester, NY 14610). We send Mary Ann our thoughts and love and wish her a speedy recovery from her injuries.

[Speaking of Larry Humm, he and Dot are in Vermont, likely on the ski slopes, as I write, and Larry has promised us he’ll stay “on the slopes and out of the woods.” Also, as regards Mary Ann, I will let you know when Mary Ann is ready and able to welcome visits and calls.

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I recently needed to look up something on Jim Horn’s blog and thought I should provide the link again for those of you who might be planning trips to places he has been. Jim’s trip writeups contain a lot of great travel tips including descriptions of what you can expect in the way of activities; must-see things such as museums, monuments, and historic sites; and his assessment of accommodations, restaurants and food and wine. Here is the link: www.jimhornnews.com where, by further clicking on the link: RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR AT THE LARGEST FIESTA IN THE WORLD: RIO DE JANEIRO & PARATY, BRAZIL, you will learn about Jim’s most recent travel adventure and get his view of whether it was a “once-in-a-lifetime” or a “to-be-repeated” event.

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A multi-media solo artist interpretation of emeritus Bill Heyen’s Holocaust Poems in reading, music and dance early during my career at Brockport remains as a haunting memory for me to this day. I am pleased to share an announcement of the following performance for those of you who might be close enough to the venue to take advantage. I am confident that a similar experience will occur for the audience of this new adaptation of his poems.

“American Dream Theatre
‘Distant Survivors’

Based on Holocaust Poetry by William Heyen
January 24, 2019 to February 03, 2019
Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30PM; Saturdays and Sundays at 2PM

Adapted for the stage and directed by June Prager

Never Forget! Never Again!

In this one-hour poetic drama, a man, an American of German descent, looks back on his ancestral past and tries to make sense of it. He encounters embodiments of the Holocaust: a Nazi soldier, an elderly caretaker, a Jewish survivor, among others. A visitor into the collective unconscious, he takes us to places most of us would like to forget. This play about survival and cruelty is particularly relevant today when quests for power and the ease of prevarication and justification are rampant.

We are experiencing the polarization of America, along with the rise of anti-Semitism across the globe, resulting in an increase of attacks, verbal and physical, against Jews, Muslims, and immigrants. The testimonials for “Distant Survivors” speak to the power of theatre to deepen our understanding of “the Other” and create a spark towards dialogue and communion.

Presented with permission by Blue Moon Plays LLC.”

[See: https://thez.org/show/distant-survivors/ and, congratulations to Bill !]

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I keep advising you to keep up on news and events that might be of interest by visiting the College’s website, particularly the Daily Eagle, but I often forget to do so myself. Such is the case for the following news item about Ken O’Brien, who recently officially joined our emeriti/emerita group. I regret missing the opportunity for a more-timely sharing of the honor bestowed on Ken by Chancellor Johnson and SUNY System Administration but send him a belated congratulations!

“Brockport Featured in SUNY’s 70th Anniversary

‘Prof. O’Brien at Chancellor’s 70th Anniversary celebration

Professor Emeritus of the Department of History — Ken O’Brien was the featured speaker at Chancellor Johnson’s Albany ceremony marking SUNY’s 7 decades. Posters created by Garrett Roe from Admissions and Professor Bruce Leslie from the Department of History provided the visual backdrop. The event was held in Albany on Monday, December 3, 2018.’”

[Daily Eagle]
[Both Ken and Bruce Leslie have been associated with SUNY during at least four of its seven decades of SUNY’s existence and they have significantly influenced the methods used to document its history and have produced at least three books that help to preserve it. So, we thank both of them for their work now and I plan to provide more about it in a future newsletter.]

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And, speaking of SUNY’s history reminds me that Charlie Cowling continues to do a yeoman’s job in preserving the history of the College at Brockport. Please remember to touch base with him whenever you have cause to downsize your Brockport related documents and memorabilia as he may have a better place for them than a dumpster. Contact: Charlie Cowling, (585) 395-5667, ccowling@brockport.edu. For more information about the “Rose Archives” go to: https://www.brockport.edu/about/archives/index.html. Following is a story relating to saving the memories of trees that I thought might be of interest to some of you:

An Elm with a story to tell…memorabilia created from tree removed from grounds around Alumni House. See the story at: https://www.brockport.edu/daily_eagle/view_item.php?id=14735

[A special thanks to Jason Dauenhauer for expressing his concerns about the demise of some trees that led to this story.]

The College has recently created another award and wanted to make sure the emeriti and others on my distribution list were aware of it in case they might wish to submit a nomination. Following are the details:

“New Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Award Nominations Open

The EDI award recognizes faculty, staff, student and alumnus who have made outstanding contributions toward advancing the goals of The College at Brockport’s inclusive mission and purpose. The award honors and celebrates individuals who have demonstrated excellence through their efforts to create greater diversity, inclusivity and equitable opportunities within The College at Brockport and the communities we serve. Retirees who meet the requirements are eligible.

For more information click on the below link:
Award Page: https://www.brockport.edu/about/diversity/ediaward.html

Deadline: March 11, 2019”

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In closing, I have just learned that the beloved “fixer/fixture,” J. Scott Atkinson, who has legions of students who have benefitted from his service, will soon commence a new career, emeritus. Those of you who know him or have otherwise been fortunate to have known of his many
contributions are invited to a gathering to honor his service and wish him well in retirement. Details are:

“Scott Atkinson’s Retirement Party

Please join us in celebrating Scott Atkinson as he retires from the College after more than 32 years.
A reception will be held in the Main Lounge of the Seymour College Union on Friday, January 18 from 2:30-4 pm. Remarks will begin at 3:15 pm.

Donations towards a gift can be directed to Chaley Swift at 208 Dailey Hall.
contact: Chaley Swift: cswift@brockport.edu or x2137”

[I am sorry that I do not always catch these announcements because of my failure to follow my own advice about Daily Eagle reported above in the Ken O’Brien piece. However, I do plan to include a list of the names of those who have joined our group in the last year or so in a subsequent newsletter and will endeavor to do better in this regard thereafter. I find it difficult to believe that kids like Scott and Joe Balog, whose retirement party I missed reporting, are already eligible to retire. I remember Scott and Joe from back in the good “young” days before I started enjoying the good “old” days. Scott and Joe, we welcome you and wish you long, healthy and happy retirements.]

Carpe Diem,

Bud

January 14, 2019

Greetings,

I am sorry to be back in your mailbox again so soon, but I have sad news to report that is time-sensitive to those who knew John Leiter, retired member of the Grounds unit in the Facilities Department who served from 1970 to 1993. John was one of the first people I met shortly after I became Personnel Director in June of 1970. John was a good employee who had good skills and was always available for odd-hour assignments when needed. He was also a good source for enabling us to keep in touch with the workforce. I have fond memories of my encounters with John while he worked at the College.

Following is John’s obituary from the Rochester D&C. It includes a link to Walker Brothers Funeral Home where a photograph of John is available for those who wish to view it to refresh their memories.

“John R. Leiter

Hilton - Peacefully on January 10, 2019 at age 82. Survived by his wife of 59 years,
We send our condolences to John’s family and friends.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

January 20, 2019

Greetings,

Sad news is in abundance as we start working our way through 2019. While our full life-cycle on this planet has a beginning and end, it still leaves a void when people we have known for years and enjoyed working and playing with pass on. Today I regret that I have two such events to share.

Yesterday I learned that Emeritus Professor and Chair of Educational Administration Donald Nelson-Nasca died unexpectedly on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 after returning home from shopping with his dedicated partner and caregiver, Diane Wolcott. Don had been having some health issues the last couple of years but was looking forward to getting stronger by spring so that he could enjoy working with Diane to maintain their beautiful gardens. Although he had not fully recovered from mobility problems related to a recent hip replacement, with Diane’s loving support he enjoyed attending many events at the College and was looking forward to being at First Friday in February.

I have fond memories of working with Don when I first arrived at Brockport and thereafter, and I was pleased to spend time with him at College events after he began attending them several years ago. I first met Don in 1967 when I was working with Dick Alexander in the Financial Aid Office. Don was the head of the Research Office that, if memory serves me, handled both institutional research and grants at the time, and he provided some guidance for the preparation of applications for federal grants for student Educational Opportunity Loans and Grants programs. Later, after President Brown, Armand Burke, Dick and others created the Educational Opportunity Program in 1968, Don assisted Dick in securing a grant ($50,000, I believe) from
the Research Foundation to supplement the federal loans and grants for EOP students with exceptional needs. I ended up working closely with Don to get the checks for the students awarded these grants and managing the records. Don was always friendly and helpful as he, among others, mentored me when I was a novice. At the time he also mentored interns who served in his office on grants and a couple of them shared with me how much they learned from Don.

I also had the privilege of working with Don when he served as chair, first of the Educational Research Department, and later of the Educational Administration Department, after I became Director of Human Resources. He always was on top of his paperwork to ensure that HR/Payroll paperwork for members of his department was completed correctly and processed on time. Throughout his career at Brockport and beyond, Don was passionately dedicated to research, writing and teaching, I believe in that order. He was also a “jack of all trades,” willing to take on any role the College needed him to play from Campus School Instructor, to creator of the Educational Research Department, to Professor of Educational Administration and Chair. It was to be a devastating blow to Don when his Educational Research Department was retrenched and for a short period his future at Brockport was unknown. I was always amazed how Don stayed positive throughout that experience with the fate of the members of his department taking precedence. Fortunately for Don and the College, he was able to meet the qualifications for appointment to the Educational Administration Department in which he completed his career at Brockport, retiring in 1995.

While it is obvious that I respected Don’s work and enjoyed working with him, I must also note that I enjoyed playing with him. Don was one of the original NBA (Noontime Basketball Association) players back in the days when we would be lucky to have enough people show up to have a three-on-three game. In those days Don was an agile and astute, somewhat sneaky, player. We often guarded each other and sometimes I would think I had beaten him to the basket or to a rebound when suddenly the ball would end up in his hands. Even after Don retired, he would join us for a game whenever he happened to be on campus when we were playing. I believe he continued playing on campus and elsewhere into his 70s. Don was among about 30 former NBA players who enjoyed a reunion gathering at Bill Gray’s in Brockport on May 23, 2018.

Even during this difficult and busy time for Diane she was kind enough to share the following additional information about Don’s passions and accomplishments in this life, some of which I had slight knowledge but could not have articulated as eloquently as she. I am grateful to her to be able to share more of Don’s story as expressed in her words:

“In addition to his forty-nine-year career at Brockport, Don was President of NYS Gifted Association in the 80’s. Don professed his love and knowledge of gifted education throughout the US and Brazil. This interest led him to accept an invitation to serve as Clinical Professor in Residence in Brockport’s International Teaching Center at Escola American do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for 18 months at one point in his career. Don also offered related workshops throughout Rochester, NYS, and the country. And, during his brief retrenchment-caused hiatus from Brockport, he served as Head Master of Calisanctius, a school for gifted children in the Buffalo area.”
Don loved science and nature. This is seen in his early years teaching 8th grade science in the Campus School, his doctoral thesis via UB, development of hands on science programs for Instructor magazine, and dozens of published articles in journals and magazines.

Don's natural science love is seen in our 1910 renovated home in Penfield complete with an 1840's hand hewn barn. Don and I have five beautiful acres filled with apple trees, a vegetable garden, lush flower beds, a waterfall pond that Don built, dozens of trees, and manicured lawns.

Don is a Renaissance man reflected in his academia world, hobbies, and home. Besides basketball, Don played golf, tennis, skied (downhill, CX, water), swam, scuba dived, canoed, kayaked, ran, biked, and hiked. He backpacked and camped, sleeping in tents thru 2016.

The recurring naturalist is evident in Don's own oil paintings, selection of art work, music, furnishings, Remington sculptures, and Robert Bateman's and Andrew Wyeth's paintings. He was a carpenter and master wood worker reflected in home decor, a wrap-around porch, and tiered deck. Don also loved travel, musicals, and theater.

Contributions may be made to:

Donald Nelson-Nasca Scholarship for Undergraduate Research
Brockport College Foundation
350 New Campus Drive
Allen Administration Building 707
Brockport, NY 14420

or

The Undergraduate Student Research Award sponsored by Dr. Donald Nelson-Nasca
Fredonia College Foundation
272 College Avenue
Fredonia, NY 14063

And, as you might imagine, Don donated his body to the University of Rochester for medical research. ‘Like I said, Don loved research, right to the end!’

At this writing the plan is for a celebration of Don’s life from 2:00-7:00 pm, on Friday, June 14, 2019 at Don’s home in Penfield.

1661 Sweets Corners Road
Fairport, New York 14450
A Memorial Service is being planned to take place in Brockport on Saturday, June 15, 2019. Details to follow once arrangements are completed.

Don’s obituary will be published in the Rochester D&C on Sunday, January 27, 2019. A more extensive obituary with photos and an opportunity for posting condolences will be available soon at: https://falvofuneralhome.com/

In a recent conversation with Diane we were both reminded of Don’s expertise and activities relating to the Civil War. Don is in possession of a collection of letters his Civil War grandfather sent home which inspired him to “research” Civil War stories and collect other Civil War items, including artifacts and uniforms. In retirement he has immensely enjoyed sharing his knowledge and some of his collection with others by, for example, lecturing in uniform before students and organizations.

Sandy and I have fond memories of the days when Don’s children, the late Betsy, and son David, were among the group that we turned to for babysitters when our boys were young. Sadly, Betsy died much too young, but we were pleased to get to talk with David, who with his wife Gail lives in Brockport, at a picnic that Don and Diane hosted at their home for a group of Brockport and Fredonia college-related friends on August 30, 2015. The fond memories live on as we send our condolences to Diane, David and Gail and to the rest of Don’s family and his many friends.

We thank Don for his legacy that will continue to be reflected by the students, faculty and staff who benefited from the different roles he played in his lifetime. We are gifted to have known him and we will miss him!

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Thanks to a news feed received by the College and shared with me by John Sapienza, Director of Advancement Services, we learned of the December 31, 2018 death of Emeritus Associate Professor, Edmund Woods. Ed began his career at The College at Brockport in the Geography Department in September 1968 and was serving as Associate Professor when the department was retrenched in the early 70s. At that time there was an Office Technology position available at the Educational Opportunity Center in Rochester for which he was qualified. He applied for and was appointed to that position and very effectively served the EOC and its students in that capacity until he retired in 1996. I do not believe I knew Ed before I had to advise him during the retrenchment, but I really respected him for how he handled that situation even before he knew of the EOC vacancy. Ed was a mild-mannered gentleman. Even during the difficult transition, he was always calm and could share the slight smile that we came to enjoy further when he visited Human Resources over the years after his appointment at the EOC. It is sad to learn of his passing, but I am sure the many students he served cherish his memory and their work will contribute to his legacy.

Following is Ed’s obituary received from the news feed mentioned above:
“OBITUARY Edmund B. Woods November 4, 1930 – December 31, 2018 Edmund ("Ed") Woods passed away peacefully in Santa Clara, California after a lengthy illness. He is now reunited with his beloved wife Barbara Gullo Woods. Ed and Barbara were married for 59 years. Ed was born and raised in the Bay Area, attending St. Clare’s Elementary and Bellarmine College Prep, but moved out of state for college. Later he moved to Spencerport, New York where he and his wife lived for the last 50 years. Ed was a professor at The University of Rochester for many years and he also taught computer courses at the State University of New York, Brockport before fully retiring from teaching. After the passing of his wife he moved back to California to be closer to family. Ed was loved and respected. He had an amazing intellect and a wonderful sense of humor. He is survived by his sisters: Carmen Scholl (husband, Frank); Lucy Forest (husband, Bill); Nola Houston (husband, Brock); his sister-in-law MaryAnne Domenici; nieces and nephews; and great-nieces and great-nephews. Ed will be missed by family and friends. The family asks that, in lieu of flowers, please donate to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Disease in Edmund's name.”

Recent retiree Dale Hartnett, long-time adjunct professor in the Department of Communication and interim administrator of the Center for Excellence in Learning & Teaching sent me the following note regarding an upcoming anniversary that honors a unique program, its leadership, and its students. As one of the 12 inaugural students in the Washington Semester Program he kept abreast of its development and to this day says that “it was the most worthwhile semester of his entire undergraduate career.” That is not always the case for the first year of a program and it speaks directly to the commitment and expertise of all involved in introducing and maintaining this program. Here are Dale’s own words:

“This February marks the 50th anniversary of SUNY's Washington Semester Program, organized by The College at Brockport. Bill Andrews was a moving force behind the program which has served hundreds of SUNY students.

The first program, in spring, 1969 featured 12 students. Five were from Brockport, five hailed from Geneseo, and two were Cortland students. Students lived in the (very old) Dodge House Hotel, just a 10-minute walk from Capitol Hill. Class was held in the hotel’s basement meeting room or in whatever congressional or agency office the cohort visited throughout the semester. Mike Weaver from Brockport's Political Science Department moved his family to northern Virginia and spent the rest of his career (well over 28 years) and running an extremely successful and productive program which he had conceived of in 1963.”

For a brief history of the program, and to pay tribute to the work of Mike Weaver in initiating it, visit: https://www.brockport.edu/academics/washington/about.html

We congratulate Bill Andrews, Mike Weaver, other faculty and the students, including Dale, who made this program such a success and thank Dale for sharing his sentiments.
And, here is an invitation from President Heidi Macpherson for you to be part of another innovation program, a speaker series on “Building a Better Community.” Jamie Beers-Wilson from Advancement wishes to share the invitation as follows:

Building a Better Community Breakfast
*Building a Financial Institution for Rochester and Beyond*

Join President Heidi Macpherson and Keynote Speaker Tom Bonadio, Managing Partner and CEO, The Bonadio Group

Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 7:30 – 9 am
Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
161 Chestnut Street,
Rochester, NY 14604

Questions, call 585-395-2451

RSVP by February 6
Parking available in REOC lot on Court Street

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Thanks to Emeritus Richard Black for letting me know that the George Eastman Museum will be exhibiting a retrospective of Emeritus Professor Nathan Lyon’s photography beginning January 24th. For more information go to: https://www.eastman.org/events-today

Richard also noted that the New York Times website is already hosting a review of his work and a brief bio at:


and that the “images the editors selected are excellent examples of Nathan’s unique vision, in rich black & white and full color, some as recent as 2016. They are all remarkable to look at (even on a computer monitor).”

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Unfortunately, I must quickly end this newsletter. But I need to share the following time-sensitive and sad news. I just learned that Jean C. Talbot who worked in the College library died on January 16, 2019. I remember Jean, but not well. But I am sure some people on this distribution list knew her and worked with her so I could not end this newsletter without sharing her obituary as follows:
Jean C. Talbot
Brockport / Spencerport: Passed away suddenly on Wednesday, January 16, 2019. Predeceased by her parents Leon and Marjorie Gillette, brother David and daughter-in-law Natalie Talbot. She is survived by her loving husband of nearly 60 years David, son Michael, daughter Amy (Stephen) Harts, grandchildren Madeline, Gregory (Shannon), and Joshua Harts, sisters Arlene Harster, Nancy Speed and Laura Stevenson.

Jean worked as a registered nurse and later became a member of the library staff at Brockport State College. She also volunteered for a number of charitable causes. Jean will be fondly remembered as a loving wife and sister and beloved mother and grandmother.

Family will receive friends on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 from 4-7 PM at the Fowler Funeral Home Inc. 340 West Ave., Brockport where her Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday at 11 AM. As an expression of sympathy in lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to a charity of your choice.

We send our condolences to Jean’s family and friends.

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Just in time I received input that makes it possible to end this with good news. Although Mary Ann Giglio still needs a week or so before she is ready to welcome visitors, she is definitely on-the-mend and has been able to begin therapy. For sure, she appreciates cards very much! Mary Ann Giglio, 2500 East Avenue Apt. 7, Rochester, New York 14610. We send our best wishes that her rate of recovery increases exponentially.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

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January 22, 2019

Greetings,

Emeritus Associate Professor of Chemistry Kenneth Schlecht had a recent knee replacement and has been recuperating. He was pleased when he saw his surgeon recently and learned that his recovery was going well enough that he no longer needed physical therapy. Instead, he was told to “just start using the new knee more, but nothing too drastic.” So, he is taking 30-40 walks a day and slowly picking up his pace. And, he has returned to doing good to others by resuming working with Habitat with some limitations. Because his ladder and scaffolding work is on hold, he just cuts pieces of siding on the ground for those installing it on the house.

[We are glad Ken’s surgery was a success and that his recovery is going so well.]
For those interested in our veterans you can now find Roy Bubb’s preliminary story at: http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/BKPT_VETS.htm  Roy currently does not have access to some files he needs in order to add photos and content to his story but as soon as he does we will complete his page.

For the record, I have made a change to the copy of my last newsletter that will be added to the document containing a collection of my newsletters that is available at Digital Commons at: https://digitalcommons.brockport.edu/student_archpapers/46/ (FYL each April I add the newsletters from the past year to that searchable document). In Brazil, Don Nelson-Nasca served as Clinical Professor in Residence in Brockport’s International Teaching Center at Escola American do Rio de Janeiro, not as Superintendant of the American School as previously reported. Also, Don’s obituary where you can leave condolences and view a recent photo of him is now available at: https://falvofuneralhome.com/tribute/details/3521/Dr-Donald-Nelson-Nasca/candles.html#content-start

In further celebration of Mike Weaver and the Washington Semester Program, I am pleased to share Emeritus Professor of Political Science, Chair and Dean Bill Andrews’ enhancement of Dale Hartnett’s piece in my last newsletter:

“In light of the recent posts about the Washington Semester Program, your readers might like an account of its origins. In the middle 1960s, SUNY Central Office set up consortiums of State Colleges that were to engage in collaborative projects. Brockport, Geneseo, Cortland, and Oswego formed one consortium. Martin Fausold, a History professor at Geneseo, proposed that we run a Washington semester program. I was told that his college-student daughter wanted to spend a semester in Washington. When Mike Weaver learned of this, he was excited by the opportunity to be its director. Mike had not completed his Ph. D. and seemed unlikely to do so and was unlikely to do the kind of academic scholarship that I believed should be required of faculty. Therefore, I thought that he would be a more valuable asset to the department in Washington than on campus and encouraged him to get involved.

Mike and I drove to Cortland for a planning meeting about the project. We drove through a snowstorm in February in Mike's station wagon and arrived late. When we got there, Fausold, Henry Steck from Cortland, Bill Rogers, a political scientist who was a dean from Cortland and someone from Oswego whose name is fortunately lost because he was a real sour grape were there already. A pall of gloom hung over the room because the others had thrown cold water on Marty's proposal. When I learned that, I said, "Well, we will go ahead with Geneseo and try to find other schools to join us." At this point, Steck, who had been a graduate student colleague of mine at Cornell, said, "Well, okay, then, we will join in also." That's how the project got started. Steck remained a strong supporter of the program until his recent retirement.
The program succeeded--handsomely--because of 1) Mike's infectious enthusiasm and energy, 2) his creativity in inventing ways to make the program successful, and 3) his careful shepherding of the students, monitoring their internships to make sure they were fruitful, placing students carefully, and holding weekly meetings. When Mike retired, he was followed by an equally successful director. It remains today the oldest and best Washington semester program among the many that followed in its wake.”

Let no ill winds come your way while I enjoy warm sunny breezes for the next few weeks.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

February 8, 2019

Recently Sandy and I had occasion to be close enough to Virginia Beach, VA to go off route a bit to attend an adaptation of some of Bill Heyen’s Holocaust Poems for the stage. It was a very moving rendering by 5 excellent credentialed cast members. I hope the performance gets to other audiences besides those who were able to attend at the American Dream Theater in Virginia Beach. If it should happen to be performed again in an area close enough to you for you to attend, we’d highly recommend it to you. With Bill’s permission I share the following excerpts from an email we sent to him after attending the performance.

“As I indicated previously, the production cast did a great job! Actors had the task of staying in character while themselves being as emotionally impacted as the audience. It was difficult at the end to know whether or not to applaud their really good work because of the horrific content of your poetry. So, while there was an almost silent applause, the audience mostly just sat a few moments in silence as they were emotionally drained. The cast left the stage, but the audience was advised that they would return, along with a rabbi, to engage with the audience about the content, and their performance of, "Distant Survivors." The rabbi did not actually contribute much, but the actors shared their individual thoughts about the poetry, the crafting of the production, and their roles in it. All of the actors included in their responses that just memorizing the lines of poetry from the different poems was very difficult but that the challenge of staying in character, while themselves being so emotionally drained, was nearly overwhelming. They figuratively had to bury themselves in their roles to let the power of the poetry stay the course and only let their personal emotions show when the performance ended. Unfortunately, June Prager [Director and Adapter] had had to leave for NYC that morning so we did not get to give her your regards, but we did hang out a few minutes after the post-performance discussion and talked briefly with a couple of the actors. I hope I was not out-of-bounds, but I told them that we have been to several of your readings over the years and as often as you had read these poems, you, like them, were always emotionally drained from the readings. We are thankful that you shared the announcement of this production with us and glad we were able to attend.”
Here is an announcement Victoria Elsenheimer, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President for Advancement, would like to draw to your attention. In particular, she wants us to know that retirees who meet the requirements are eligible for this award, and that the award committee will welcome nominations for retirees and others from us.

“New: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Award Nominations Open

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For more information click on the below link:
Award Page: https://www.brockport.edu/about/diversity/ediaward.html
Deadline: March 15, 2019”

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Sometimes flashbacks and discoveries can brighten our days. Such is the case of an incident experienced recently by emeriti Norm Frisch. I’ll let his words speak for themselves:

“Something stopped me short as I was walking past the TV this morning. An old episode of Perry Mason was on and a young face therein looked familiar, but I thought ‘no, it's just someone who looks similar to Adam Lazarre’. Intrigued, I stopped to watch and the 1964 credits at the end ("The Case of the Ugly Duckling") confirmed it was him. Wow what a flashback that was!”

I responded that a few years ago I had heard about a similar flashback experience from, I believe, Sue Edmunds. After she told me about seeing Adam on an old Perry Mason show, I watched a couple of old shows hoping to see him but never did. But, I am sure the sharing of both Norm and Sue’s experiences will bring back fond memories for many on this distribution list. Thanks to Norm for sharing.

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And, Sandy and I had an interesting discovery at a recent visit with Jan Kandor. She had recently been in touch with Bob Suggs, who had been on the faculty of the Department of Counselor Education several years ago. I had fond memories of Bob, mostly because several years after I left Brockport, he and I shared a time slot at a national conference of the College and University Personnel Association in Rhode Island. We had to coordinate our presentations and it was a pleasure working with him. Jan mentioned to us that Bob’s son, James, lives in Florida and is a world-renowned trumpeter. We had been arms length of James at an intimate performance venue in St. Petersburg, Florida last year but had no idea of the connection. Before
we knew about this, we had purchased tickets for a performance next week at which James will be the featured guest. We look forward to hearing him play again as he is truly exceptional.

Chance discoveries of this sort are always fun, and we are thankful that we had the conversation with Jan that led to this one.

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Some time ago I shared a photograph I cherish that I had taken of Ray Duncan and Helen Hemmer at a College event a few years ago with them via email. They had their usual great smiles going so I was compelled to query or suggest what was going on. I came across Helen’s response recently and thought those of you who know Helen and the Duncans might enjoy it. With her permission to share, here is an excerpt from her note to me:

“Dear Bud--thank you for remembering you had this amusing photo and sent it on to me. I don't think Ray was actually hitting on me (and actually I'm too old for him) but when we do meet, we usually have a few good laughs, over some incident. He is as enchanting as he is remarkably knowledgeable. Many years ago, when Bill and I were camping at Cherry Creek Reservoir in Denver, CO to attend our son's wedding, we ran across Ray and Ute and boys also camping there. We got acquainted then, and just by chance had an extra plastic tablecloth we gave them for their unadorned picnic table. That started our friendship and opportunity from then on for Ray to mention it to whoever might be with me at that time. When I was working for the UUP as secretary, I also was able to audit a class of Ray's on US-Soviet Relations, which was as fascinating to attend as it was extensive in expanding my knowledge of that time and area. I tried to be prepared for I never knew when he might call on me. It's always such fun whenever and wherever we happen to meet, and am thankful for Ute's friendship, also.

Helen”

Helen’s note also reminded me of the anxiety I had years ago when I was taking a BASIC computer science course from Dennis Martin, a member of the Mathematics faculty, but, more important to me at the time, was the President of SPA/UUP. In the early days of unionization there were some conflicts between the administration and the Senate Professional Association that represented faculty and professional employees and later became UUP. I worked hard in the course because I feared seeing in the BEACON a report that it was no wonder that there were problems because they had an idiot running Personnel. My exchange with Helen also reminds us of her husband, Bill’s, great service. He was active in the union and, with its support, and the administration’s, he organized workshops on employee benefits for the membership. It included bringing representatives of the retirement program carriers, experts in estate planning, etc. to the campus once or twice each year. He was so highly respected for his integrity and commitment to both the College and the employees represented by UUP that he was a catalyst for the improvement of relations between the union and the administration as both sides learned how to work together in the early days of unionization. Similarly, Helen continues to be supportive of the College by her attendance at events, among other significant contributions.

I thank Helen for the email exchange that invoked so many memories.
The number of “reporters” that share information with me has diminished, but sometimes I hear from former employees who have inside information about current employees of the College and its retirees. Recently a former employee, now working at Cortland, advised me that Tom Rosia and Dona Hazen had been in a “joint-shop” for new hardware: Tom for a shoulder and Dona for a knee. We send them our best wishes for speedy recoveries.

One always-faithful reporter advised me that we have at least three emerita faculty wives who are journeying through their 100th year. They are Arline Stephany, Millie Giafagna, and Jill Rakov. We wish them well as they continue on their life’s path. Also, Ian and Rita Henderson recently had birthdays of slightly lesser scale, but they are continuing to move towards the 100 mark, and we wish them continued progress. Ian reports that Rita had to be hospitalized recently, but that the issue has been resolved and, as he reported, she went bowling recently. Nearly 20 years their junior, I would not attempt to do so. It used to be that I’d avoid bowling because of lack of skill-ability, but now, it is because of the combination of that lack with the lack of body-movement ability. The deterioration of muscle and joints provides a kinder excuse for my ego, so aging isn’t all that bad if you come at it from the right perspective. We send all of these recent celebrants our best wishes.

If you have not already done so, and are interested, please add the following Lifelong Learning Lectures to your calendar and let the sponsors know that you will be attending by registering. To register, go to the Alumni Engagement page on Brockport’s website then click on Be Informed followed by clicking on Lifelong Learning.

Thursday, February 21
6 – 7 pm • Liberal Arts Building, McCue Auditorium
Engage and dialogue with faculty experts on a variety of unique topics. Events are free of charge and all are invited to attend. Please register above.
“A Glimpse into Brockport’s Past: Higher Education in the 19th and early 20th Centuries”
Mr. Charlie Cowling, College Archivist and Special Collections Librarian

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Thursday, April 4
6 – 7 pm • Liberal Arts Building, Room 107
“Invasion of Lake Ontario – the Bad, the Good, and the Ugly”
Dr. Jacques Rinchard, Associate Professor of Environmental Science & Ecology

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Division of Advancement
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I drafted a newsletter with some news before leaving home and thought I had saved it on a thumb drive or on my laptop, but it is nowhere to be found. I apologize if I have left something out as I have tried to reconstruct that draft with new information that has come to my attention.
February 17, 2019

Greetings,

In the middle of the night recently it came to me that one of the items that was in the draft newsletter that I left home, and which was omitted from my last newsletter because my memory failed me, relates to a nice note I had received from Sanford (Sandy) Miller. In addition to thanking me for the newsletters, he shared that his daughter had participated in the Washington Semester program and shared some information about his sabbatical and about the success of one of the Washington Semester Program participants. Excerpts from his email follow:

“I am on sabbatical for the year and writing you from Valencia, Spain where I am visiting and working for 5-weeks with a mathematician from the Polytechnic University of Valencia. When I leave here it is on to work for a month at the Technion in Haifa, Israel and then a month at Babes-Bolyai University in Romania. Research continues to go well. Thanks for the interesting history of the Washington Semester. My daughter Heather participated in the program and it had a huge effect on her. She is still in Washington, owns one of the most important Lobbying firms and is a key political player in Washington. Google her name Heather Podesta or her firm Invariant Group ([http://invariantgr.com](http://invariantgr.com) )”

Thanks to Sandy for his feedback and sharing. Follow the link to Heather’s page and we can share the pride that Sandy and Jill have for their daughter’s success as it may have been influenced by one of Brockport’s academic programs.

Emeritus Herb Fink advised me on Friday, February 15th of the death of Edward VanDuzer, Emeritus Associate Professor of Business and former Association Professor of Geography. I was saddened to hear this as I have often wondered where Ed had disappeared to after he retired. I first met Ed in the early 1970s when the Geography Department was retrenched. He was more than unhappy about that event but, because he had a skill set that could be of value to the Business Department, he was able to continue his service to the College and finished his career there. At times he became an outspoken critic of administrative decisions as he became active in the faculty/professional staff union and served as its president for many years. He was passionate in that role but, while I disagreed with his position sometimes, I believe we both had confidence that we could work out problems together and I never questioned his integrity and confidentiality. On February 16, 2019, I added the following message to his memorial page at: [https://memorials.westfieldchapel.com/edward-van-duzer/3730407/service-details.php](https://memorials.westfieldchapel.com/edward-van-duzer/3730407/service-details.php) where you will find his obituary and a photograph of him.

“I send my condolences to Ed's family and friends. As Personnel Director at The College at Brockport when Ed was the President of UUP, I held him in highest esteem for his integrity and
commitment to the people he represented. We were able to solve many problems as a result of his efforts to ensure just solutions that were satisfactory to all parties; involved employees, management and the union. I have fond memories of working with him and I am sorry to learn of his death. Bud Meade"

Here is the obituary from the link referenced above:

“Edward F VanDuzer, 83, passed away on February 11, 2019. He was predeceased by his parents Howard C and Lillian (Doran) VanDuzer and daughter Barbara. He is survived by his brothers Howard (Faith) Van Duzer, Thomaston CT and Richard (Josephine) Van Duzer, Ft. Meyers FL. He is survived by his wife of 63 years Joan Barbour VanDuzer, children Jay (Christine) VanDuzer, Oklahoma City, OK, Dr. Timothy VanDuzer, Henderson, NV, Daniel (Theresa Jasen) VanDuzer, Spencerport, NY, Linnea (Brian) Briscoe, Greencastle IN, Nathan (Elizabeth) Van Duzer, Dover MA, Sarah (Scott) Sanchez, Farmington AR, Vermena (Jason) Lee, Collegeville, PA, 25 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Edward was born April 27, 1935 in Brooklyn, NY and lived in Connecticut where he met his wife at Teachers College of Conn. He earned his MA and PhD at the University of Iowa and an MBA at Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester NY. He taught geography and marketing for 38 years at the NY State College at Brockport NY. He served for 16 years as the Brockport Chapter President of the United University Professors. He served in many ministerial positions in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He enjoyed camping and took his family on many camping trips across the US and on one memorable trip to Calgary, Canada. He was a Scoutmaster for more than 10 years ensuring that his four sons earned their Eagle Scout awards. Five of his children served in the U.S. military.”

We send our condolences to Ed’s family and friends as we remember his good character and his good work at The College at Brockport.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

February 23, 2019

Greetings,

Some of you may remember Fletcher and Alice Garlock who were significant members of the Brockport Community who also had connections to the College that have led me to include the recent death of Alice in this newsletter.

Fletcher Garlock was the great-grandson of reaper manufacturer Dayton S. Morgan and grandson of cold storage innovator Gifford Morgan. Alice Garlock was the granddaughter of Alfred C.
Thompson, longtime village trustee and Brockport Normal School principal. It is believed that at least 2 of their 4 sons attended Campus School. Their support of the Alumni House in the 1980s and 1990s allowed for the restoration of the oldest building on campus.

Alice’s obituary can be viewed at: https://fowlerfuneralhomeinc.com/tribute/details/865/Alice-Garlock/obituary.html#tribute-start

We send our condolences to the family and friends of the Garlocks.

I received a couple more tributes to Edward VanDuzer that follow:

Sorry to hear about Ed VanDuzer. He was a terrific union president and always was an advocate for a better Brockport. We had our management labor relationship that sometimes became adversarial, but he was always a gentleman. He is probably sitting with God in heaven telling him how to better run the place. UUP and SUNY have lost a really first rate guy.
[Ed Kelly, Former Assistant to the President]

I am sad to hear about the passing of Ed VanDuzer. The Geography Dept. is where my career at Brockport started when I was 17 years old. It was a great office to work in with such supportive professors like Ed VanDuzer, Ed Woods, Ken Rumage, Jose Betancourt and Jim Newton.

Ed VanDuzer taught large classes of students in Introductory and Economic Geography. As you say, he adapted well with his teaching talents after the dept.’s retrenchment. He was extremely active with the Boy Scouts, loved to read Mad Magazine and encouraged learning by everyone at all levels. It was good to hear that his wife is still alive (I remember her having cancer in her younger years and beating it). Ed was an active union supporter with all the years he worked for UUP and its members. My condolences to his wife and family!
[Pat Coates]

Follow-up to stories about Adam LaZarre:

“If you care to share, Adam LaZarre also has a very small role in “Guys and Dolls” in 1955. The movie starred Frank Sinatra and Marlon Brandon.”
[Rosemary Gibson]

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“Bud, I too saw Adam LaZarre on Perry Mason, which is on twice a day. Years ago it was being rerun, and I watched it on a Friday. Monday morning I had to make a trip to the Allen Administration Building. Adam and I rode the elevator together. I told him I had enjoyed him on Perry Mason on Friday. He thanked me and we quietly continued our mini-trip upstairs. I see by the internet that he was on two episodes, The Case of the Ugly Duckling and The Losers. I do remember him playing a beach bum on one of them.”
It is always interesting, at least to me, to learn about some of the activities that fill the void for retirees after they leave the demands of employment. Barbara Dupre, a cherished Assistant Bursar for many years, recently thanked me for having her on my distribution list as it kept her informed about things at the College even though she admitted that she no longer knows many of the people mentioned. In passing she provided information about how she had turned a life-time-passion into a unique way of supplementing her retirement income. If interested, you can learn more at: www.ducrafts.etsy.com www.ducrafts.wordpress.com

[Barbra, thanks for the feedback and best wishes for the continuation of an active retirement.]

And, I am happy to report that Elaine Miller continues to be active in retirement and, although I am late in reporting, here is what she recently shared with me:

“The band that I play in, the Eastman Community Music School New Horizons Band, is being [was] conducted by Christopher Seaman next week [recently]. He always checks in with us when he is in town. He's delightfully funny. Our usual performances include gigs at schools in the RCSD, where we play, display the instruments for the students, and in general support their music programs through tutoring and financial contributions from our own volunteer donors.

And, I'm doing more presentations on political cartoons as social critique here and there, most recently at Oasis and soon at St. John's Meadows. Lots of material for political cartoonists to work with these days!
The Rochester Women's Giving Circle, to which she belongs, along with several other women associated with the College, has approached the $1,000,000 mark of grants awarded to programs whose purpose is helping women and girls to get the training, education, and experience to achieve economic independence.”

[I am sure Elaine will be happy to share information about the Rochester Women’s Giving Circle with anyone interested]

Elaine’s mention of the Rochester Women’s Giving Circle and its objective is a segue to another piece of information related tangentially to economic independence. Eric Meade, our son, has recently published a book entitled Reframing Poverty-New THINKING and FEELING About Humanity’s Greatest Challenge. The focus is on how personal experiences and emotions influence one’s understanding of poverty.

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And, for anyone interested, I have just learned that former Chancellor of SUNY Jerome Komisar has published his 4th novel, “Elijah, A Novel of 9/11.” I have read two of his novels: “Church of
the Hungary-An Alaskan Romance” and “The Last Believer” and enjoyed, in particular, his character development in each of them.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

February 25, 2019

Greetings,

I am pleased to have received a couple more tributes to Ed VanDuzer that I have permission to share:

“I would be remiss if I did not say how much Ed VanDuzer played a role in what was a very important part of my career at the College at Brockport in that he convinced me to become an officer and ultimately the President of UUP for a number of years, but most of all, he was a friend who opened the door for me to see just one more way I could work for and care about People. May He Rest From His Labors!”
[Gary Owens]

“I have been in Florida for the past three weeks and regret to say I missed your notice about the death of Ed VanDuzer. I surely had the distinct pleasure and privilege of working with and for him as secretary for the UUP for six years. I learned so much from him about the functions of collegiate and union relationships. He was always a patient leader, a devoted father and faithful follower of his beliefs. The tributes from former teachers and officials are surely right on target.”
[Helen Hemmer]

Thanks to Gary and Helen for sharing how Ed’s life impacted their lives.

In response to the newsletter containing information about the death of Alice Garlock, Larry Scoppa sent me an informational note. Larry possesses a wealth of knowledge about Brockport and its people as a result of growing up in Brockport followed by his experiences selling real estate to many College faculty and staff as the College transformed from a Teachers’ College to a College of Arts and Sciences. He and Frank Sacheli, together or alone, could probably write an entertaining book about Brockport by just telling “out of school” stories about their encounters with many of us. For now, here is his interesting contribution relating to the Garlocks:

“Fletcher and his wife [Alice] lived on South Street, just up from my mother and dad. One of my goals in life was to sell Plant B. Plant Manager, Mr. Hensley, called me to list
it for sale. I listed it and sold it to Fletcher one-hour later. Afterwards, Hensley said: ‘Richie (my middle name) what took you so long?’

Larry also reported that his father worked at Plant B for 44 years and his mother worked there for 37 years and that the construction of Plant B had changed High Street to a dead-end street. Thanks to Larry for sharing his memories triggered by Alice Garlock’s death.

And thanks to Library retiree Eileen O’Hara for alerting me to the February 21, 2019 death of Jan Wyand Bennem. Eileen shares that Jan worked at the Reserve Desk in the Library for 10 years or so, and then retired and that she was a unique lady, interested in social justice and politics. According to Eileen, Jan lived on State Street and rented rooms in her home to Brockport students. She connected with them and took an interest in their lives and interests. Jan’s obituary can be found at: https://fowlerfuneralhomeinc.com
We send our condolences to Jan’s family and friends.

Reminder from Eliza Pionessa, Advancement Office

“Kick off the semester with First Fridays! Join us for First Fridays, sponsored in March by The Center for Global Education and Engagement. Stop by for a St. Patrick's Day themed First Fridays at Alumni House, 142 Utica Street: March 1st from 3:30-5:30pm. Enjoy Irish food, music and fun. Be sure to wear your green!
If you're interested in hosting a First Friday, contact Jamie Beers at (585) 395-2380 or jbeers@brockport.edu
Questions? Eliza Pionessa, 395-5227 or epionessa@brockport.edu”

Carpe Diem,

Bud

March 1, 2019

Greetings,

Ray Samson, loyal alum (class of 1965), Past President of the Brockport Alumni Association, and past Regional Director for the NYS United Teachers in the Rochester region has interesting connections to the life of the late Ed VanDuzer from which he shares the tribute that follows:

“You and I have had several conversations regarding Ed VanDuzer and UUP, as well as your role in management in those days. I was very sad to read about Ed's passing. I was Regional Staff Director for the NYS United Teachers in the Rochester region from 1976-2002. Ed was my Economics professor in the early 1960's. I am a 1965 Brockport graduate. I always thought that Ed was extremely professional in representing his colleagues... his union members, as well being an excellent teacher. He believed in the
union and, as a result, he was a terrific advocate on behalf of his fellow professors. My relationship with Ed was special due to my being one of his students and, later in life, both of us working together on behalf of our fellow union members. I was very sad to learn of his passing. I miss his fervor, enthusiasm and advocacy. He became a true friend as we both worked to achieve our common goals.

Brockport has always been a special place for me.”

We thank Ray for sharing this tribute to his professor, and later colleague and friend, Ed VanDuzer, and also for his continuing contributions in support of his alma mater.

A recent issue of Westside News contained an article by Doug Hickerson with photos by Diane Hickerson about beloved Emeritus Professor (should be Emeritus Distinguished Professor, but that is another story) Bill Andrews. It begins as follows:

“Bill Andrews was apprehensive as he was about to address the fourth- and fifth-graders at Brockport’s Hill School. ‘I was nervous about talking to kids,’ he said in an interview later. ‘I had never talked to elementary school students.’

It was February 13. He was there to dedicate the 24 framed, historic maps which were hung in the school’s second floor hallway prior to 2015. The maps were from his private collection and were on indefinite loan at the request of then-principal, Sean Bruno. Bill came to dedicate the maps as a permanent gift to Hill School and he brought a few more to add to them.”

To read the whole article, go to:

Thanks to Bill for all he does for the Brockport community and to Doug and Diane for chronicling his story, and the stories of many others that have appeared in the Westside News over the years.

Karla Linn Merrifield sends greetings to her Brockport family from Northern China where she has just returned from an excursion to the Great Wall of China on Day 56 of her 108 all-day World Voyage on the Queen Mary 2.

"This entire voyage is hard to comprehend, much less time at the Great Wall that was, well, great. I walked only a mile of its 4000+ miles marveling that it was built stone by stone manually. Our tour guide explained that the Chinese also refer to it as “the Great Graveyard” to acknowledge the thousands of laborers who died in its construction. It was a great place to leave a few of Roger's ashes in the lovely Garden of Longevity near the gate of Huangyaguan where I entered the Wall. Somehow, I walked the garden all alone, not another soul in sight as I pondered the fact that the Chinese language has
more than 10,000 characters for the word "Longevity ". How can a poet possibly process that? Bill Heyen, maybe, but not me yet. Tomorrow is a day at sea as we make for Kitakyushu, Japan, where I will be visiting a famous fish market known as the source of the fugu sushi, the poisonous puffer fish that must be properly prepared so as not to kill its consumers. I will pass on that delicacy in order to live to see a Zen Buddhist shrine to leave my prayers for all my loved ones. For all the hedonism of exquisite cuisine and fine wine--and dancing in the nightclub every week or so--this has been a spiritual journey with 50+ poems of reflection to record my experiences. And somehow, I manage to swim almost daily and walk 3 to 4 miles. No weight gain so far, and I plan to keep it that way, despite cocktail hour and wine with dinner and more Godiva chocolates than I could possibly eat. I have baggies of them to bring home to Brockport to share. Cheers, mates. And hugs by the batchels. I am a lucky woman.”

[Karla]

Thanks to Karla for sharing her great adventure.

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Julie Schnell Halstead would like to share the following information about the Celebration of Life Service for her mother, Ann Schnell. I’ll let her words speak for themselves:

I wanted to share with you the details about Mom's service. We know it's a bit of a drive, but we'd be happy to share the day with those who can attend.

Celebration of Life Service for Ann Schnell
Date: Saturday, March 30th at 2:45 pm
Place: The Chapel at Chamber's Point - 1425 Philadelphia Avenue, Chambersburg, PA 17201

Following the service there will be a light meal for out-of-town friends and family, so we ask that anyone who'd like to attend to please contact us by March 9th so that we can let the caterer know how many to expect. You can reach us by email or phone:
hd.press@gmail.com or (703) 402-5693

If you would like, you may make a memorial contribution to honor Ann by donating as follows:

The Kempes Schnell History Scholarship
Address: The Brockport Foundation
350 New Campus Drive
The College at Brockport
Brockport, NY 14420

If writing a check, please make it out to the Brockport Foundation and write "Kempes Schnell History Scholarship" on the memo line.
Julie has shared a copy of a memorial composition with me. It is in jpg format and includes photos of her parents, information about Ann’s last days, information about lodging in the area, etc. While I cannot attach photos or documents to my newsletter distributions, I can, upon request, send a copy of this composition to you. If you would like a copy, send your request to me at: rmeade1@rochester.rr.com.

Thanks to Julie for sharing this information. We remain blessed by our memories of the time Ann and Kempes spent with us.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

March 3, 2019

I never envisioned that something that started as a periodic “Update” to retirees would evolve into a nearly full-time job but unfortunately the passage of time has created the passage of persons who still reside in the memories of those who remain on my distribution list. And, the feedback is that receiving this information is important to many of you. So, here I am dropping sad news into your mailbox again.

Sadly, we have learned of the passing of Professor and Dean Emeritus John Phillips Jr. on March 1, 2019. John was a beloved Professor and Dean during some great years of growth and development of the College and was a significant asset in the development of its health and social services curricula. John had a big personality and I have fond memories of seeing him at work, at church or elsewhere in the community because his greeting was always enthusiastic with his whole face, mouth, eyes, and maybe even ears, overtaken with a broad smile. For many years he was like a “mayor” at Connors’ Corner Coffee Shop in Brockport and continued in that role as it relocated a couple of times. He, along with the late Joe Kandor, the late Tom Nugent, former VP for Student Affairs Patrick Smith, and many others, were early morning regulars who argued their points of view on sports and the morning news while providing earthy critiques of the fare served by Wally Kempka before heading off to work. John’s involvement is a legend. Another story relates to John’s bushy eyebrows. He would not trim them or allow others to do so as he used them for identification purposes. He told me a couple of times about having to meet strangers for lunch meetings and how he would tell them how to recognize him by just looking for the guy with the bushiest eyebrows in the place.

There are many great stories about John from his time in the Brockport community. His death will invoke fond memories for all who were fortunate enough to know him during his presence among us.

Here is some additional information provided by his son John and his former wife Sarah:

“Bud,
Thank you for the note and sorry I have not responded sooner. Dad passed away last night near his childhood town of Highland with his wife holding his hand. His passing was peaceful.

He is fondly remembered by his wife, Judy Lukas, and his three children Valerie, Jennifer and John, sons-law and daughter-in-law Jim, Joe and Lesley and his three grandchildren Sydney, Misha and Sarafina.

I would appreciate it if you could pass along the above to the Brockport Community. While there will be a gathering for dad this week in Highland, we will be planning a celebration in the future about his incredible journey.

John C. Phillips III

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Dear Bud... I’m sending some sad news. John Phillips Jr. died Friday evening, March 1 of heart problems along with pneumonia. It has been a very challenging three months since he left Wisconsin to return to Highland, New York for his children. Thankfully John is at peace now, which he was so yearning for.

Funeral arrangements are for Monday, March 4 from 3-5 pm at Torsonne’s Funeral Home in Highland, NY. Basically, it is a quiet affair that is at John’s request. If anyone wishes to send condolences the following are addresses of his children:

1. John C. Phillips III
   149 Maple St.
   Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520-2323
   John.carmon.phillips@gmail.com

2. Jennifer Phillips
   812 Gradyhill Place
   Midlothian, VA 23114-3362
   Jcpboehman@yahoo.com

3. Valerie Phillips Stangel
   42 Stangel Drive
   Grahamsville, NY 12740
   Hhdsral@live.com

[Sarah Phillips]

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Here is John’s obituary from the Michael Torsone Memorial Funeral Home in Highland, NY.
John Phillips Jr. passed on March 1, 2019. Born April 15, 1933 to John & Sarafina Phillips in Highland, NY. He graduated from Highland High School. After high school he joined the Navy. He went on to The Ohio State University where he received his undergraduate and PHD. He is survived by his wife Judith A. Lukas, daughters Valerie R. Phillips-Stangel (James), Jennifer C. Phillips-Boehman (Joseph), son John C. Phillips III (Lesley); his grandchildren Sydney, Misha and Sarafina; and many wonderful nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Public calling hours will be between 3 and 5 pm on Monday, March 4th at the Michael Torsone Memorial Funeral Home, Inc., 38 Main St. Highland, NY 12528. For directions or to send the family an online condolence or sympathy card please visit our website at www.torsonememorial.com

We send condolences to John's family and friends with thanks for the memories, and we send special thanks to John III and Sarah for sharing information!

I recently received another tribute to Ann Schnell from Emeritus John Halsey that follows:

“Thank you again for your newsletter, which Val and I value. Even though we know only a small proportion of the people whose news you report, we are always pleased to hear about the Brockport community, which has meant so much to us. Your note from Julie Halstead is especially significant for us, because Kempes and Ann spent two years with us working on the Brockport London Program. Indeed, Julie was with them for the first year, taking (I think) her first college classes in Ealing. What lovely people, and as you say we are so fortunate to have spent time with them. They always took such an interest in our sons, and Tom and Will have fond memories of them as well.

Val and I visited Kemp and Ann in Chambersburg in 2008, and are so pleased that we did, because sadly Kemp became ill later that year. Julie and Rick joined us for that weekend, which made it even more special, and they have also visited us in London since.

I do write to Julie from time to time, but she has a lot to deal with, so if you can send us the memorial composition, I would be very grateful. But no heroic efforts!”
[John Halsey]

It is always nice to hear from John and Val and we thank them for sharing this tribute.

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BTW, Bruce Leslie will be going to Ann Schnell’s celebration of life and has offered to be a carrier for anything anyone in Brockport would like to send along with him. Contact him immediately at bleslie@brockport.edu if you choose to do so.
A few months ago, the American Political Science Association asked the College if someone would be able to write a nice memorial piece about the late Henry Bretton to include in an upcoming issue of the American Political Science Associations’ journal, “PS.” Brad Schreiber in Advancement received the request and asked me for input and we both agreed that emeriti Bill Andrews and Ray Duncan might be best able to do so. Both were contacted but Ray was in the midst of leaving town and only had time to contribute a few tributes that were later shared with Bill Andrews who did the heavy lifting for this project. Bill wrote a wonderful tribute to Henry Bretton that was published in the January 2019 issue of the PS journal. Purchasing the journals in print individually can be done through Cambridge University Press. Email them at: journals@cambridge.org in order to do so. We are looking into other possibilities for sharing the article without the need to purchase the journal.

And, sadly it has been learned that Constance Wendt Durfee died on February 27, 2019. I knew she had taught English at the College but not much more about her. From her obituary in the Rochester D&C at

https://obits.democratandchronicle.com/obituaries/democratandchronicle/obituary.aspx?n=constance-wendt-durfee&pid=191695265 I learned that Connie graduated from the U of R in Psychology and SUNY Brockport with an MS in English and that she loved her work and colleagues as a teacher of English at SUNY Brockport.

You will find more information at the link provided above. I regret not getting this information out earlier as her memorial was today.

We send our condolences to Connie’s family and friends.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

March 6, 2019

Greetings,

Striving to be a perfect human being is an impossible task. A few years ago, I was reminded of this in a statement included in a Christmas letter from emeritus Dick, and Donna Rae Evans. The message centered on the presumption that being good was good enough and that we humans should not beat ourselves up trying to be perfect. The message came to mind when I learned of the death of emeritus Director of Facilities, Francis (Frank) Hillman. Learning of Frank’s death also reminds me of a poem that begins something like, “His name is not on any monuments, no bridges bear his name,” continues with a listing of things we think are important, and ends with something like, “but I thank God he was my old man.” While from my experiences with Frank, I
believe his heart ached when he was not perfect in his own eyes, he was a good, good man to all who knew him and I am sure that Gail, Mark, and Wayne can say with love and pride that they are glad he was their “old man.”

Sadly Frank had to leave his family and friends on March 2, 2019 from a life in which he was dedicated to his church and his faith, hardly ever missing a week without attending mass even in his last years when it was difficult for him; was dedicated to his family, particularly to his wife Gloria who struggled with health issues for many of their years together; and was dedicated to his work, always striving to do his best, first as a maintenance supervisor and later as director. I got to know Frank best when he was Director of Facilities and I, along with emerita Tonya Satryb and others, worked with him to solve some difficult and sensitive personnel issues. Frank led by example, but on occasion a subordinate would not get the message and needed coaching. In these circumstances Frank’s “goodness” sometimes frustrated us and his immediate supervisors because he favored recognizing the worth of the subordinate over the subordinate’s particular infraction. I always enjoyed working with Frank on these issues because he brought balance to the table.

I would be remiss if I did not cite Frank’s role in preparing the College’s facilities to host the International Special Olympics (August 1979). The task was monumental, and Frank was a key player in preparing the facilities for the athletes, coaches, VIPs, celebrities, and other guests, and for managing them throughout the event to ensure the College’s success in bringing the games to Brockport. He performed yeoman services during this period and beyond to catch up on some maintenance that had been deferred when preparation for the Olympic games took precedence.

There are many stories I could tell about Frank from our time working together but an experience I cherish most is working with him to write the piece about his military service. A few years ago, I had the privilege of driving Frank to Bemis Point, NY to a luncheon gathering with former President, the late Al Brown and others. On the way we started talking about our experiences in the Marine Corps and he shared some of his WWII experiences. We had several follow-up meetings at his house to add to and review what I was able to piece together on that trip. While I know that Frank’s early years in Buffalo were formative for the development of a very good man, it is my belief that his WWII experiences added to the mold and strengthened the faith that guided his life. If you have not seen it, please pay tribute to Frank by scrolling to the link to his military story at: http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/BKPT_VETS.htm

Following is Frank’s obituary from the website of Fowler Funeral Home:

“Francis E. Hillman
Brockport: March 2, 2019, surrounded by his greatest joy, his family, at age 92. Frank is survived by his beloved wife of 69 years, Gloria Budnick Hillman; children Gail (James) Adams, Mark (Diane) Hillman and Wayne Hillman; grandchildren Christopher (Amber) Adams, Sara (Robert) Cornish and Aubrey Hillman; great-grandchildren Ryan and Evelyn Adams. Also survived by his brother George (Carol) Hillman, sister Shirley Blab, sister-in-law Joan Hillman, brother-in-law Louis (RoseMarie) Budnick, numerous nieces, nephews and large extended family, and many friends. Frank was preceded in death by his siblings and their spouses Gene (Shirley) Hillman, William Hillman, Mary (Joseph)
Chodora, June (Kenneth) Hartman, Lawrence (Bess) Hillman and brother-in-law Ernest Blab.

Born in Buffalo to William and Mary Hillman, Frank enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps after Pearl Harbor, proudly serving his nation in the Pacific and post-war Japan. A skilled tradesman in Buffalo before moving to Brockport in 1967, Frank devoted the latter part of his career to The College at Brockport, serving many years as its Director of Facilities & Planning. A more dedicated and conscientious public servant, or a kinder, more loving husband, father and grandfather could not be found.

No prior calling; his Funeral Mass will be held at 11 AM on Thursday March 7, 2019 at the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Brockport. Spring interment, Mt. Olivet Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the American Diabetes Association, Lollypop Farm, or Hildebrandt Hospice Care, 2652 Ridgeway Ave., Rochester, NY 14626.”

On several occasions I have mentioned how we often know so little about people with whom we worked for many years other than their jobs. I am blessed to have gotten to know Frank Hillman much better than most and that makes the death of this good, good human being hurt a little more than usual. I cherish a photo of the late Maury Kleiman, Frank, and me that we had someone take of us after we met for lunch a few months before Maury died. Frank always loved Maury, and also Al Brown, for the confidence they had in him that led to his promotion to Director of Facilities.

We send our condolences to Gloria, the rest of Frank’s family and to his many friends and thank Frank for his legacy.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

March 11, 2019

Greetings,

We cannot live forever but there are several members of the Brockport College family who have exceeded normal expectations in the duration of their time with us. Heidi Macpherson, John Halstead, Mike Andriatch, and others might postulate that the longevity can at least partially be the result of their great careers at Brockport College and the support they received while serving in the greater Brockport community. As I have prepared the Update/Newsletter these past 20 years, I have often thought how fortunate we all have been to have had the privilege of working in higher education where we can take great pride in supporting the preparation of others to have great careers and lives and to make great contributions to the greater good. And, indeed, the opportunities and “feel-goods” that we have had might arguably support the postulations that belonging to a supportive family of colleagues might be a factor in longevity. I was reminded of
these thoughts when I received word that one of a group of my mentors from my first days at Brockport, Richard “Dick” Elton, experienced a moving-up day recently at 101 ½ years old. While it is sad to say goodbye, there is joy in knowing that, according to his son Wally, he was pleased to have reached his goal of being the first in his family history to reach 100.

When I was appointed as Personnel Director in 1970, my office was surrounded by the offices of many of the greats from the past who were in important positions when Brockport State Teachers College began its transformation to a College of Arts and Sciences. At the time, Dick Elton was the Director of Continuing Education after having served as Chair of the Industrial Arts Department before it became one of the first departments eliminated in the transformation. Continuing Education was located around the corner from Personnel in the Northwest wing of Hartwell where the very beautiful Shirley Schuff assisted the handsome Dick Elton. Because of this combination, they might, at the time, have been the best-looking office on campus. But, on the occasions I met Dick Elton in his office or in the hallways of Hartwell Hall, he and the many others in close proximity, Raye Conrad, Harold Rakov, Jack Crandall, Gordon Allen, Ralph Gennarino, Millie Kiefer and Armand Burke, among others, gave me “atta boys” that encouraged this novice to continue to play a role in higher education. And, those “atta boys,” along with those received from my dear friends the late “Peg” Browne and Fran Moroney Whited, along with dear friend Jeanette D’Agostino Banker who continues to be my best reporter, inspired me to become concerned about keeping retirees in touch with the campus. So, this newsletter might be considered their gift to you from them. While I did not get to know Dick Elton really well because he left Brockport, with the support of the late President Albert Brown, for greener pastures, I enjoyed his support and was pleased to help prepare his veteran’s story, with the help of his son Wally, for the publication, “Honoring Faculty and Staff Veterans, The College at Brockport.” His veterans story can be found by scrolling to his name at:

http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/BKPT_VETS.htm and you can find other information related to Dick Elton, who was President of the Faculty Senate for 1963-64, and his contributions to the College at Brockport by searching on “Elton;” at:
https://digitalcommons.brockport.edu/student_archpapers/46/

Dick’s obituary has been sent to papers in Arizona, but Wally has shared a copy with me to include in this newsletter. It follows:

“ELTON, Richard D. ‘Dick’

Dick Elton, long-time resident of Sun City, has died at the age of 101. Dick, with his wife Elsie, moved to Sun City in 1971 when he was hired as a vice president at Glendale Community College after retiring from the State University of New York at Brockport. He is survived by his three children, Judith Elton of Peoria, AZ; Cynthia Elton of Oro Valley, AZ; and Wallace Elton of Saratoga Springs, NY, as well as his recent companion, Theda Vickers of Sun City. His wife Elsie died in 2000. Dick attended the State University of New York at Oswego. After serving in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific during WWII, he earned a master’s degree at Stanford University before taking a position on the faculty at SUNY Brockport. While there, he completed his doctorate in education at the University of Buffalo.
In 1950, he started a traveling camp for boys called Ranger Camps, one of the first of its kind. Each summer through 1966, the camp left New York State with a group of teenage boys from the Northeast for an eight-week trip to the West Coast and back, camping in national and state parks across the country. Many of the boys had been to Europe but had not seen their own country, which Dick believed was important. Ranger Camps also offered his family an opportunity to explore the West. It was during these trips that Dick first became interested in living in the Southwest.

While in Sun City, Dick was active as a volunteer. He served as president of his condominium board for 26 years and president of the Sun City Condominium Owners Association board for 6 years as well as on the Home Owners Association board and the Recreation Centers of Sun City board. He also gave numerous talks about his end-to-end hike on the 2,600-mile Pacific Crest Trail and other backpacking trips (4,000 miles total), his efforts to reach the highest point in each of the 48 states, and America’s national parks.

Dick was a full-body donor for the Banner Sun Health Research Institute. He loved to travel, and today various parts of his body are doing just that to help science and other individuals.

There will be no public service. The family sends heartfelt thanks to Larisa and Emil Mercea and the staff at Larisa Sweet Home 2 for their skilled and loving care and to Hospice of the West. Those so inclined may honor his life by donating to Banner Sun Health Research Institute through the Sun Health Foundation (https://sunhealthfoundation.org/donate-az-online/) or the Pacific Crest Trail Association (www.pcta.org).”

Dick was an important person to me in my career and in the history of what has become the College at Brockport, State University of New York. I am happy he made and exceeded his longevity goal and thankful for his support for and influence on me in my early years at Brockport.

We send our condolences to Wally, Judy and Cynthia (Peggy) and the rest of Dick’s family and friends and our best wishes as they celebrate his long and productive life.

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Following are excerpts from tributes to the late Frank Hillman that I have received from many of you:

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In my experience, Frank was nice guy ... more than that he was a good man. 
{Charles Clevenger}

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Thanks for the message about Frank Hillman. He was one of the nicest people I have ever met and so were Dr. Brown and Mr. Kleiman. They were 3 men I admired when I worked at the college. You need those people who care about their people.

[Judie Wade]

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Hi Bud. Your email about Frank Hillman sure captured the type of person that Frank was. I was so sad to read in the D&C that Frank Hillman had passed away. In my 38 years working at the College, Frank was by far one of my favorite people. He did not have a huge ego that needed to be satisfied. His satisfaction was found by knowing that he gave everything he could to the College and to his employees. As with any administrative position, he didn't always please everyone, but his actions profoundly exhibited his love for Brockport and his employees. I felt like he was a gentle father figure. As a matter of fact, his dedication and work ethic reminded me of my dad. He was a true gentleman. He made my day just by calling me or walking into my office - no matter what he had to say. I have run into him several times over the years since his retirement in Wegman’s, early on with his wife by his side. I don't think I have ever seen a man look at a woman with so much love like Frank did with Gloria. It was obvious that he was her rock. I hope his family can find peace in knowing what a wonderful man they were blessed with as a father, grandfather, sibling, etc.

[Dona Hazen]

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Thanks for your heartfelt remembrances; they brought back fond memories of the '79 Special Olympics for me, and how much it meant to the College. It was such an exciting time!

[Connie Walker]

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A wonderful obituary Bud! I wish I had known Frank.

[Sheila Myer]

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Dear Bud,

Although I did not know Frank Hillman, I have a sense of his humane qualities after reading your moving column about him. In fact, I read all of your columns--mostly about people I did not know during my years on the Brockport political science and public administration faculties (1970-1997).

My retirement years have been busy, productive, and happy. Following publication of my fifth book, Communities and Health Care: The Rochester, NY Experiment, in 2011, I have evaluated implementation by New York State of the Affordable Care Act (part of a national field research project), and this fall taught my first "formal" course, "Demystifying American Health Care,"
at RIT's Osher. It was a great pleasure to be back in the classroom! Otherwise, in addition to traveling widely with Peter Adelstein, my partner for 15 years since my husband Sandy's death, I have recently taken on the challenges of duplicate bridge. And, of course, like other retirees, I revel in the pleasures my children and grandchildren afford me!

With warm regards,

[Sarah Liebschutz]

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I'm sorry to see that about Frank Hillman. You're right, Bud. He certainly was a good man, and a pleasure to work with.

[Tonya Satryb]

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Bud, just a quick note to say that I completely agree with you regarding Frank Hillman. I really enjoyed chatting with him when he would come in to see Dr. Brown. I also remember how diligent he was in preparing for the Special Olympics. My son Randy has said many times that once you are a Marine you are always a Marine. {Both Frank and Al Brown were WWII Marines and probably shared many stories in their encounters. Bud}

[Dorie Sweeting]

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You can also find tributes to Frank from retirees Joani Martin and John Bush on Frank’s page on the Fowler Funeral Home website.

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I also have additional tributes to the late John Phillips to share:

Hi Bud and thanks for the news about the passing of John Phillips. He was the best “boss” I ever had and what I remember most about him is his laughter. I would like to share a story about him that demonstrates his remarkable ability to have a good laugh.

I was slated to go to a conference in Italy but could not make it. I asked John to go in my place and from all accounts he had a great time. During his absence, Joe Kandor was acting Dean. I wanted to have some fun so the night before John’s return, Shari and I and our Presidential award-winning student, messed up his office in a way that resembled a raucous party. We had popcorn spread everywhere, empty and half-full glasses of beverages (of all sorts) around the meeting table, a fake agenda which, among other things, included a discussion of John’s disabilities, and we even changed his door name plaque and located it over the men’s room in FOB. We made sure each agenda had fake notations like a meeting had actually taken place. John came in early the next day because he said he hadn’t adjusted to the time change. He
walked in, found our “tribute” to him, laughed so hard he walked back home and got his camera and returned so he could memorialize the event. He laughed about the event for weeks. He was such a good man! I will miss him and remember him so fondly.

[Larry Bassi]

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Dear Bud,

I confess that many events and people that mention in your periodic notes are unknown to me and do not coincide with the ten years that I spent on the Brockport faculty, but John Phillips I knew reasonably well and respected the contributions which he made to education. I do not receive this manner of information from any of the many other colleges and universities with which I have been affiliated over my years in higher education.

[Carl Ekstrom]

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Dick and I have often wondered where John [Philips] disappeared to and how he was doing. Now we have closure. Remembering the good times and many laughs with John and Sal, Andy and Pauline Brown. Special friends, special people!

[Barb & Dick Deming]

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With just a ten-second greeting or joke, John Phillips made us all glad to be part of the SUNY Brockport community. He was the very epitome of the supportive colleague.

[Steve Ullman]

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Announcements:

From Jason Dauenhauer, Director, Multigenerational Engagement and Professor of Social Work.

“The Seward Family Digital Archive at the University of Rochester is looking for volunteers in Brockport to transcribe letters from the William Henry Seward Papers Manuscript collection. William Henry Seward was a state senator (1831-1838), Governor of New York (1838-42), U. S. Senator (1849-60), and Secretary of State (1860-69) under Presidents Lincoln and Johnson. The Seward Papers offer first-hand accounts of the central issues of nineteenth-century life that helped shape American identity, including abolitionism, the Underground Railroad, religion, homeopathy, women's suffrage, and prison reform, as well as providing a window into decades of everyday life in a nineteenth-century family. Grant funding from the Gardiner Foundation is being used to continue and expand the collaboration with community volunteers. If you are an aficionado of 19th century American history and would welcome the opportunity of transcribing handwritten letters composed by members of the Seward family, I invite you to an
informational meeting taking place on Thursday, April 4th from 2-3pm at the Seymour Library, 161 East Ave, Brockport, NY.

For more information about this project, please contact Ms. Shellie Clark at clarkshellie@yahoo.com, or visit the Seward archives at the following link. https://sewardproject.org.”

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In a “small world encounter” email exchange with Emerita Jacquie Davis about having met a good friend of hers from her days at Wayne State in Detroit, I learned that the Dance Department recently had a 3-day 50th Dance Celebration that was highlighted by Elizabeth Streb and Garth Fagan Dance and included classes, talks, lunches and a big dinner. It is hard to believe that the Dance Department is 50 years old. We are thankful for the roles that people with roots at Wayne State, Jacque, Irma Pylyshenko, and Garth Fagan, played in its success, and for all the other faculty and staff who have made Dance at Brockport so great. Congratulations to all current and former faculty and staff of the Dance Department.

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Jamie Beers-Wilson from Advancement has advised me that there are only six copies of the book “Honoring Faculty and Staff Veterans-The College at Brockport” remaining. If anyone would like to obtain a copy, please contact her. While we are still collecting military service stories from current and former employees who were veterans, we do not believe there is enough demand to warrant printing a second edition. Instead, we may see if the publication could be posted in Digital Commons where it would be available and searchable to those who have an interest and it would be easy to add new stories with minimum costs. You can currently see the individual stories, including 5 that have been added since the first printing at:

http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/BKPT_VETS.htm and I am still working with Roy Bubb and the family of John Phillips and I expect to have their stories this spring.

We’d appreciate feedback from anyone who might actually desire to own a printed copy of a second edition to assist us with the print or post decision.

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David and Peggy Hale are happy to share information about a recent Mediterranean cruise. You can contact them directly if you would like to know more:

“Bon dia. We are just back from a Mediterranean cruise. Beginning in Barcelona, we stopped in Valencia, Cartagena, Malaga, Tangier, Gibraltar, and Portimao, ending with a short week in Lisbon. Small ship carried 85 passengers. Great food, better weather--80 one day--except in Gibraltar, where we had "English weather."

[David and Peggy Hale]

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And, here is an announcement of a new publication by Emeritus Professor and Poet in Residence, William Heyen:

“Announcing & for Review Consideration as Walt Whitman’s 200th birthday (May 31, 2019) nears:

Yawp: Heyen’s Whitman
a collection of poems & prose pieces by National Book Award Finalist William Heyen edited & introduced by Edwina Seaver & with a cover portrait of WW by Adam Sinesiou, available now via Amazon & other outlets or directly from:
‘Before Your Quiet Eyes Publishing’
439 Monroe Avenue
Rochester, NY 14607
(585) 563-7851
bfyque@aol.com

that has, in addition to the regular issue ($22), an issue of 200 copies in which the poet has handwritten a poem not in the regular issue ($30)

Orders & Queries Welcome”

It is always great to learn that retirees are continuing to work in their craft or otherwise keep engaged by sharing their talents and we thank Bill for sharing.

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I thank John and Linda Chrzan; Carl Ekstrom, Connie Walker, Steve Ullman, Dorie Sweeting, Barb and Dick Deming, Dale Hartnett, Earl Ingersoll, Dick Evans and Norm Frisch, among others, for their feedback about the newsletter in general.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

PS. Please remember to label the things you don’t wish to share when you write to me in response to a Newsletter.

March 25, 2019

Greetings,

Following are additional tributes to the lives of Dick Elton and Ed Van Duzer:

Shirley Schuff enhanced my knowledge about the contributions of Dick Elton with a reference to “Mornings with the Professors.” Here are excerpts from her note to me:
“Dick Elton was indeed a kind man, a great educator, a compassionate human being and a wonderful boss. My years in Continuing Education are filled with many happy memories. Dick Elton started the "Mornings With The Professors Program" 51 years ago and it is still going strong. Not many programs can boast those statistics. Back then it was held in the Morgan Manning House and many of the goodies served were made by Elsie Elton. My thoughts and prayers are with Wally, Peggy, and Judy. He was a great man and is still serving humanity. Bravo Dick Elton.”
[Shirley Schuff]

Herb Fink shared a tribute to Ed Van Duzer that he wrote for UUP’s BEACON:

“Ed Van Duzer, a vigorous leader of the Brockport UUP chapter, passed away on Feb. 11, at age 83. Ed was living in Arkansas with his wife, near his daughter Sarah. During the infamous retrenchments of 1983, Ed embarked on his first of 16 years as chapter President. He took a brief hiatus from 1991-1993 when he served as chapter vice president for academics. Ed was treasurer from 1979-1983, and vice president for membership from 1974-1979. In 2001, Ed received a great honor, the statewide UUP award, the Nina Mitchell Distinguished Service Award. Ed was a tiger as President in representing UUP members in all facets of their employment at the College. He was a wonderful asset in representing UUP in diverse Rochester unionist activity Ed earned his MA and Ph.D in geography from the U. of Iowa. When the Geography Dept. was retrenched in 1983, Ed retrained. He earned an MBA from RIT and continued his academic career at the College in the Business Administration Dept. Ed leaves behind 7 children, 25 grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren. Ed was a Scoutmaster. All four of his sons were Eagle Scouts. For many years, Ed was the leader of the Mormon community in Brockport. He was well known in the local interfaith community for his charitable work. There will be a memorial for Ed in Brockport on May 25,2019. At the Lodge in Sweden Town Park (off Redman Rd), time not yet set.”

[Herbert Fink, VP for Retirees]

Thanks to Shirley and Herb for sharing.

Announcements:

“First Friday Event on Friday, April 5, from 3:30-5:30 pm at the Alumni House
April 5, 2019 3:30 pm–5:30 pm
Please join us at the Alumni House the first Friday of April.

The COSAC Committee has been enthusiastically planning a First Friday Wine and Cheese Pairing. We are very excited about this event, which will be held on Friday, April 5, from 3:30-5:30 pm at the Alumni House. BASC will be providing a selection of meats
and cheeses. We are delighted to have an afternoon of jazz led by our very own Gian Carlo and Hanna PK!

In conjunction with this event, there will be a raffle to raise additional funds for the COSAC Scholarship. The prizes include 1) Overnight at Hampton Inn, Dinner at Piccolo Fazools Bistro, Movie Tickets to the Strand Theatre, Bowling and 2) Truly Pampered Spa Treatment worth $75. Ticket prices for the raffle are:
1 for $1
4 for $3
14 for $10
Tickets will be on sale from 11 am to 1:30 pm in the Seymour College Union Main Lounge on:
Thursday, April 4
Friday, April 5
And at the First Friday event, Friday, April 5, 3:30-5:30 pm, Alumni House

The COSAC committee would like to thank you for your support of the COSAC Scholarship. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.”
[COSAC]

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“We need your help to make Commencement special!
Calling all faculty, staff, and student athletes, clubs, and organizations! Join the celebration of student success and help make Commencement 2019 a memorable occasion for our graduates.

Commencement is our opportunity to celebrate student success. With your participation, our students and their families will have a wonderful Commencement experience!

Graduate Commencement is Friday, May 17, at 5 pm in the SERC Field House.
Undergraduate Commencements are Saturday, May 18, at 9:30 am and 2 pm in the SERC Field House.

How to Volunteer
We have a variety of important jobs that need to be filled by volunteers from the College community. Whether you like to work inside, outside, with students, or with their guests, we can find a job that’s a good match for you!
To browse job descriptions and sign up for one or more shifts, use the volunteer link below by Friday, May 10.

“Thank you” luncheon
As a small token of appreciation, a buffet-style lunch will be available on Saturday for all volunteers from 10:30am – 1 pm in the Tuttle South Gymnasium.
posted by kbodine [2019-03-19]
Link (See Sign Up to Volunteer:

- https://brockport.edu/academics/commencement/index.html

Contact:
Lynda.Sikorski@basc1.org or 395-5218, Office of Conferences and Events at 395-5648 or commencement@brockport.edu.”

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“Join us as we dedicate several campus spaces
Join President Heidi Macpherson and the Brockport Foundation to dedicate the following spaces on Friday, April 26:
John Scott Atkinson Carillon
10 am
Hartwell Hall, Lobby (Outside Dance Theater)

Stephen E. Nash ’69 Enrichment Room
11 am
Tuttle North, 2nd Floor

Raj Madan Café
2 pm
Drake Memorial Library, former Aerie Café

Questions?
Contact Eliza Pionessa
epionessa@brockport.edu or 395-2451”

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“‘Lifelong Learning Lecture: Fish Invasion in Lake Ontario – The Bad, the Good, and the Ugly’

Dr. Jacques Rinchard, associate professor of Environmental Science and Ecology, will discuss the impact of invasive species on human health and the Great Lakes economy as well as management methods to control these species.

During the past two centuries, more than 180 species have been introduced into the Great Lakes. Although some of these species never establish populations or are barely noticeable, a few have become invasive and have negatively impacted the Great Lakes ecosystem. These invasive species can also threaten human health and hurt the Great Lakes economy. During this presentation, Dr. Rinchard will discuss how sea lamprey, alewife, and round goby were introduced in the Great Lakes and how they have affected the Great Lakes fisheries. Management methods that have been developed to control these species will also be discussed.

Community members, faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend this free lecture from 6 to 7 pm on Thursday, April 4, in the Liberal Arts Building, McCue Auditorium.
For more information about the series and/or to register, visit the link below or contact the Division of Advancement at 395-2451.

Register here!”

DANCE/Strasser includes New Graduate and Undergraduate Choreography. Concert bears the fruit of a department founded by, and for, dancers 50 years ago!

Brockport, NY—The Department of Dance at The College at Brockport presents performances of DANCE/Strasser on Thursday, April 4, through Saturday, April 6, 2019, in the Rose L. Strasser Studio in Hartwell Hall on the Brockport campus. All performances begin at 7:30 pm. Ticket prices for all performances are $17/General, $12/Seniors, College at Brockport Alumni, Faculty and Staff and $9/Students and are available online at fineartstix.brockport.edu, by phone at (585) 395-2787 or at the Tower Fine Arts Center Box Office, 180 Holley Street, Brockport.

The department is making an effort to meet demand from the community to see their often sold-out dance concerts. They have instituted Community Previews, for which there will be 100 tickets available for $5 each (by the means listed above) for many of their performances. The Strasser preview will take place on Wednesday, April 3, at 7:30 pm. These showings will not qualify for required student attendance.

Artistic director and faculty member Mariah Maloney has curated a program of innovative work by up-and-coming choreographers within the dance department at the College. The evening brings forward choreography inspired by recent travel to Africa by senior Joyce Edwards and Irish step dance re-imagined by senior Sarah Baresh. Jenna Kelly, a junior, performs an ethereal solo with live accompaniment by Greg Woodsbie, while MFA candidate Maureen Gorman pushes the edge in a risk-based duet. The evening closes with a celebratory ensemble work created by senior Alicia McDonald. This concert is part of the dance department’s celebration of its 50th anniversary season. With such noted alumni as the always dynamic Elizabeth Streb and emeriti faculty such as the world- renown Garth Fagan, trail-blazing ideas are imparted on students, which makes for exciting choreography.

If interested, please add these activities to your calendar.

I was just about to distribute this newsletter when I learned in a conversation with Roy Bubb that for the first time since its creation in 1986, the Roy Bubb Award, which recognizes teachers who work with students preparing for careers as educators, was given to a Holley Central School teacher. As a graduate of Holley Central School, Roy was very pleased with the selection of a Holley teacher for his award. Following is a news release that appeared recently in the Orleans Hub at orleanshub.com.

“Christine Langelotti, a Holley second-grade teacher, is presented with a Soaring to New Heights Award by Brenda Swanger, president of the Holley Board of Education.
Langelotti was recognized this evening by the Holley school district for her recent award by Brockport State College.

She received the Roy Bubb Award for her support of student teachers. She has welcomed many students into her classroom over the years.

Brockport each year recognizes teachers who work with students in preparing for careers as educators.

Bubb, a Clarendon native, worked 25 years at Brockport, preparing future teachers. Prior to retiring in 1986 he established the Roy Bubb Award, which is administered by the Department of Education and Human Development.”

More information about Roy Bubb will be available at: http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/BKPT_VETS.htm after his Korean War era military service story is posted there by the end of May.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

April 15, 2019

Greetings,

I have no reportable bad news to share, and only a handful of items to include in this newsletter, so I am grateful. First, for those who remain interested in College events and activities, I remind you to check out the College’s website on a regular basis, especially this time of year when there is so much going on up until, and including, commencement. Just go to: https://www.brockport.edu/daily_eagle/ where I suggest you use the Campus News filter by checking the box for it, where at this time you’ll find: (1) notices of retirement receptions for Kad Lakshmanan, Bernie LoBracco, T. M. Rao (May 3rd) and Libby Caruso (May 10th) and (2) information about the Friday, April 26th dedications of campus spaces to honor the contributions of John Scott Atkinson, Ray Madan, and Stephen Nash, among other events and activities.

Again, for those interested, I direct your attention to the following link where you will find an informative blog by Jim Horn that charts some of the history of the College’s study-abroad program in Cuernavaca, Mexico:


It is a good read, supported by photographs, that pays tribute to those who were substantially involved in the creation of, and/or, the support of the program; including Donald Myers the first Director of International Education, former Director, the late John Perry, and Victor Rojas who
supported the program and gave yeoman service to it for many semesters and summers as Resident Director.

[Thanks to Jim for researching and writing this history of the program and sharing it. Sandy and I are also thankful to Jim for hosting us in Cuernavaca a few years ago where he also provided us with a cherished VIP-level tour of the school.]

UUP’s Winter/Spring 2019 publication of its statewide newsletter “The Active Retiree” had a nice tribute to the late Edward Van Duzer. While some of it would be repetitive, I have extracted the content that will be new to you”

“Edward VanDuzer, who was hailed by his former collegues as a man of principle, integrity and competence, died Feb. 11 in Arkansas, where he lived with his wife Joan. He was 83.

Van Duzer retired from SUNY Brockport in 2000 as an associate professor of business, after 38 years of teaching geography and marketing.

He earned the union’s highest honor, the Nina Mitchell Award for Distinguished Service.

VanDuzer’s fellow UUP members remember and appreciate his longstanding determination to serve the union, even if his actions often put him in precarious positions with SUNY administrators.

His colleagues recalled how, in 1983, VanDuzer fought for dozens of UUP members caught in a web of massive retrenchments as entire college departments were eliminated.

‘Ed has exemplified civic virtue in his service to the members of the Brockport chapter and to the union at large,’ wrote Brockport UUPer John Chasse in nominating VanDuzer for the Mitchell Award in 2001. ‘He has willingly served when it imposed personal costs and when it involved personal risk.’

During the infamous retrenchments of 1983, VanDuzer embarked on his first of 16 years as chapter president, from which he took a brief hiatus from 1991-1993 when he served as chapter vice president for academics. He was treasurer from 1979-1983 and was vice president for membership the five years prior.

VanDuzer is credited with helping to establish a campus labor/management committee for professional development and with creating an invoice/ledger system to track chapter finances. He also co-chaired two outplacement workshops for SUNY-wide retrenchees.

On the statewide level, VanDuzer from 1992-93 chaired the Membership Committee, and is a past member of the Legislation, Chapter Presidents and Negotiations committees. He served as editor of the chapter newsletter, as chapter VOTE/COPE coordinator and as a UUP delegate.
VanDuzer earned a Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in 1991.”

[Thanks to Herb Fink for sharing the copy of the UUP’s “The Active Retiree” from which this information was copied. It once more refreshes our fond memory that while at times Ed exasperated administrators with his tenacity, even they would have wanted him on their side in difficult times.]

The Greater Brockport Development Corporation’s Summer Serenades Committee added a couple of additional off-season concerts this year. Under the label “Cabin Fever,” they did not quite work because no one could get out of their cabins on the dates the two events were scheduled and they had to be delayed and relabeled “Spring Fever” for presentation a couple of weeks ago. Thanks to generous support, in summer 2019 the committee is again scheduling seven weeks of free concerts in July at 7pm and August at 6:30pm. The talents scheduled so far include Fat City (July 11), Brockport Big Band (July 18), 8 Days a Week (August 1), and Feedback (August 15). Keep an eye on the Suburban News for the final program for Summer Serenades. Additional donations to support the continuation of this program will gladly be accepted by committee members Bill Andrews, Terry Carbone, Jacquie Davis, Patty Kurtz, Josephine Matela, or Gary Skoog.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

April 15, 2019

Greetings,

Sorry to hit your inbox again but I have come upon a couple of things I missed sharing and I want to be prepared for a “clean slate” when I begin the next newsletter. So, here are a couple of add-ons:

First, here is an announcement of an event tomorrow evening that should be of interest to most of us on this distribution list.

“April 16, 2019 7:00 pm–8:30 pm

All are invited to attend ’Woody Guthrie: Hard Times and Hard Travelin,’ a live documentary featuring Will Kaufman in the McCue Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

‘Woody Guthrie: Hard Times and Hard Travelin' is a live documentary that sets the songs of Woody Guthrie in the context of the American 1930s.
Will Kaufman is a folk musician and professor of American Literature and Culture at the University of Central Lancashire. He is the author of three books on Woody Guthrie, including the recently published, ‘Mapping Woody Guthrie.’

Will is also a singer and multi-instrumentalist who has been presenting ‘live documentaries’ on Guthrie throughout North America and Europe. He has appeared at such major events as the Glastonbury Festival, the Bath International Music Festival, the Whitby Folk Festival, the Big Session, and the Piacenza Literature and Blues Festival in Italy. He has also performed at countless universities, civic theatres, trades clubs, folk clubs, and union halls.” [Daily Eagle]

[Note: Sandy and I recently thoroughly enjoyed a similar event with Marc Black who presented the history of popular music of the 50s and 60s via words and music. Our expectation is that Will Kaufman’s “Woody Guthrie: Hard Times and Hard Travelin” will be equally both informative and entertaining. That is a great combination and, as stated, it is FREE! Get your seat early as this event might be “sold out.”]

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I know that many of you enjoy hearing about the travels of others on this distribution list, especially when their travels include contact with people with Brockport connections. Dave and Peggy Hale recently visited their son Jonathan in Florida and were able to include a get together with Del and Jeanette Smith and Joan Kramer. Happily, they report that the Smiths and Joan are doing well.

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And, while I have your attention, here is a reminder from the Daily Eagle about the upcoming Bob Boozer Golden Eagle Open golf tournament on Friday, May 24th to add to your calendar:

“Enjoy a day on the course in support of Brockport student-athletes.

Join other golf lovers at this action-packed day in support of student-athletes. The $90 per-golfer package includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, a tournament gift, lunch and dinner, course beverages, and an awards program. All faculty and staff, community members, alumni, business partners, and friends of Brockport Athletics are invited.

Time: Registration at 11 am, shotgun start at noon, and Richard V. Mancuso post-tournament dinner at 5:30 pm
Cost: $90 per golfer / $360 per foursome
Location: Hickory Ridge Golf and Country Club (15816 Lynch Road, Holley, NY 14470)

Proceeds from this event, sponsored by Brockport Athletics, benefit student-athletes. Register online using the link below.”

http://alumni.brockport.edu/bbgeo2019

Carpe Diem,
Whoops! You’ll find the missing link at the end of this second edition.

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April 24, 2019

Greetings,

Good news is refreshing! So, I begin with three noteworthy examples relating to (1) the extraordinary award received by Distinguished Service Professor Lauren Lieberman, founder of The Camp Abilities, (2) the annual golf tournament that helps fund this extraordinary program, and, (3) how you can become “extraordinary” yourself by supporting The Camp Abilities event in Brockport this year.

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“Distinguished Service Professor Lauren Lieberman Named Fulbright Scholar
The Camp Abilities founder has received a Fulbright Global Scholar Award to extend the reach of her educational sports camp in Brazil, Ghana, and Ireland.” [Daily Eagle] Congratulations to Lauren for her receipt of this distinguished award and her work that led to it. For more information visit:
Camp Abilities annual fundraising lunch, golf tournament, and auction is on April 27th at Braemar Country Club. It is Camp Ability’s biggest fund raiser. If you cannot attend you can donate a basket, sponsor a hole for $50, or donate. For details visit: https://www.campabilities.org/golf--auction.html

The 24th consecutive year of Camp Abilities will run from June 30th through July 6th this year. Food donations, funds for various equipment (tents, discs for the new disc golf course), and to support our bowling night, and awards are welcome. Contact Lauren lieberm@brockport.edu if you can help with these or other needs as there are always other needs that develop during the week! [Camp Abilities needs to raise about $100,000 each year to make the camp successful the extraordinary support of donors is much appreciated.]

To learn more about The Camp Abilities event in Brockport this year, visit the following link where you can also view videos of participants enjoying and learning at this extraordinary camp. https://www.campabilities.org/

[And, more related news is that Camp Abilities’ 2nd year Graduate Assistant Kristi Lane has distinguished herself as “extraordinary” by winning (1) the College’s graduate student award, and (2) being the inaugural recipient of the College’s Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Award. Congratulations to Kristi!]

More good news for Jim Horn and me is that there was a significant uptick in the number of hits Jim received on his blog after the newsletter in which I reported that he had posted his history of the College’s International Studies Program. I am particularly pleased because, along with Jim’s, it highlights, and shares with those who chose to visit his blog, the extraordinary contributions of others I have held in high esteem, specifically, Victor Rojas and the late John Perry.

Quick reminder:

Join President Heidi Macpherson and the Brockport Foundation to dedicate the following spaces on Friday, April 26:

John Scott Atkinson Carillon
10 am
Hartwell Hall, Lobby (Outside Dance Theater)

Stephen E. Nash ’69 Enrichment Room
11 am
Tuttle North, 2nd Floor

Raj Madan Café
While I really hope you will use visits to the Daily Eagle and other Brockport website pages to keep up with events and activities, in the absence of the “worst news,” I am highlighting other good news in this newsletter as I am now preparing to consolidate all of the past year’s newsletters to add them to the document posted on Digital Commons where you can currently find searchable newsletters from August 13, 2001 through May 10, 2018.

Yet, I end this newsletter by sharing the announcement of an event that I believe is always an attraction for members of this distribution list. Here is an extract from a posting on the Fine Arts Calendar (which you should also visit frequently):

“Brockport Orchestra Joins Chorus for Season Finale
Vivaldi’s Gloria, and other glorious music, will be performed

It should happen more often: On Saturday, May 11, 2019, the Brockport College-Community Orchestra, conducted by Scott Horsington, will join the Brockport College-Community Orchestra, under the direction of Elizabeth Banner, for a concert in which both ensembles will perform Antonio Vivaldi’s Gloria. The concert will be held at 7:30 pm in the Tower Fine Arts Center Mainstage, 180 Holley Street, Brockport. Tickets are $17/General, $12/Senior Citizens, Brockport Alumni, Faculty and Staff, and $9/Students. They are available online at http://fineartstix.brockport.edu, by phone at (585) 395-2787, or in person at the Tower box office.

The Gloria being performed at the concert is one of two that Vivaldi wrote, which were both quite similar to each other. Even musicologists are not sure of the exact occasion for which Vivaldi wrote either Gloria or when precisely they were written, or when first performed. However, they both fell into 200 years of obscurity. Unveiled at a concert in 1939, the Gloria being taken on by the Brockport ensembles has become one of the most popular of all choral-orchestral works.”

Visit the College’s website and select the Events Calendar https://www.brockport.edu/about/college_calendar/ and/or the Daily Eagle https://www.brockport.edu/daily_eagle/ to see all the events and activities going on!

Carpe Diem,

Bud

April 30, 2019

Good news:
I recently learned that Mary Ann Giglio has recovered enough from the injuries sustained in an accident in January to return home. While she still is on the mend and not ready to be overwhelmed with visitors, I believe she would be pleased to welcome notes and “thinking of you” cards at: 2500 East Avenue, Apt 7W, Rochester, NY 14610

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Lucille Ribble sent me a note following distribution of the last newsletter. She sends us her regards and reports that all is well where she lives on Oak Island in North Carolina. She reports that “pleasant weather has finally arrived!” I suspect that the “pleasant” part is more regular there than here. Lu is a little ahead of me on the aging scale and reports that her daughter Denise retired in January and daughter Chalyce, probably known better to many of you as she worked as a waitress at Casey’s years ago, is doing well in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. While the years pass at an exponential rate as we add them on, notes from friends and associates from our past always bring back fond memories. Every time I need a calculator, more often now for even the simplest math, I am reminded of Bob Ribble, as the device of choice is the SHARP Scientific Calculator that Sandy had to purchase many years ago when she took his Educational Statistics course. It is an amazing hand held device and, to the best of my recollection, it is still operating on its original battery! I kinda wish I’d been “charged” in like manner. And, of course, Bob was an amazing teacher and colleague and it still makes me sad to recall that his battery ran out much too soon.

[Lu, best regards to you and your daughters and thank you for the memories.]

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The weather could not tarnish the glow on campus created by the well-attended naming-events, (John Scott Atkinson Carillon, Stephen E. Nash ’69 Enrichment Room and Raj Madan Café) that took place on campus on Friday, April 26. The memory of the experience and of these people, and their significant contributions, will live on, particularly for those who attended. Thanks to Scott, Stephen, and Raj for enriching the campus experience for all.

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The College is pleased to announce the 2019 Chancellor's Award winners. Please offer your congratulations to the following recipients:

Ms. Deborah Birkins, Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service
Dr. Melody Boyd, Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching
Dr. Denise Copelton, Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service
Ms. Mary Anne Donovan, Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching
Dr. Jennifer Haytock, Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities
Dr. Susan Lowey, Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching
Dr. Jennifer Ratcliff, Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching
Dr. Nathan Reff, Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching

All Chancellor's Award winners will be honored at the annual Employee Recognition Dinner on May 23.

The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service is still pending approval at SUNY and will be announced once received.

[You notice that your role should be diminishing when, to the best of your recollection, you only know one person on the list of recipients of the Chancellor’s Award. We congratulate all the winners.]

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Check out the Daily Eagle for other events, and for the details for those events listed here as reminders:

Retirement Celebrations:  
   May 3: T. M. Rao, Kad Lakshmanan, Bernie LoBracco  
   May 7: Mary Derleth  
   May 10: Libby Caruso, Susan Petersen

The last “First Friday” for the 2018-2019 academic year will be just “history” following the one scheduled at the Alumni House from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm Friday, May 3rd. Jamie L. Beers-Wilson, Director of Donor Relations and Stewardship, and the History Department, the sponsor of the event, invite you to join them and your colleagues and friends. Just ask yourself, how often do you get an invitation to make history with those who research and teach it, and then, become part of it!

Carpe Diem,

Bud

May 8, 2019

Greetings,

Richard Black just shared an event with me that might be of interest to some of you. Here is the information:

“Collector and author, Ben Perrone, has donated to the College, seven large, abstract paintings by the late NY artist Adele Cohen. These are impressive and imposing works of art, and a generous gift to the Brockport campus. The paintings have been installed in the three-story common area in Hartwell Hall, adjacent to the west entrance near Lathrop.
The Art Placement Committee will be hosting a reception there for Mr. Perone, Thursday, May 9th, from 9:30 – 10:30 am. It will be the first chance for the local community, including emeriti, to view the collection, and an opportunity to thank Mr. Perrone personally. He’ll be seeing the artwork in Hartwell for the first time, too.

The reception is free and open to the public.”

The May 5, 2019 issue of the Hamlin-Clarkson Herald contained a nice front-page column by Doug Hickerson about one of the many volunteer and philanthropic platforms from which the beloved Rosie Rich contributes to the welfare of others. The story is currently available on-line at: http://www.westsidenewsny.com/features/2019-05-06/volunteer-rosie-rich-dedicated-detailed-and-delighted-with-organizing/ for those of you who do not receive the Herald but it will relocate on the web when the next issue appears next Saturday. So, for ease of viewing, do it now if you are interested. Thanks to both Doug and Rosie for all that they do to enrich life in the greater Brockport community.

This might be a “believe it or not” invitation from Victoria Elsenheimer, on behalf of the Office of Alumni Engagement, but some people on this distribution list may be up for the challenge. Here is the invite:

“Dear faculty and staff,

This Friday, May 10th is your last chance to register for the J.P. Morgan Corporate Challenge on Tuesday, June 4, at 7 pm. Be part of the Brockport team for the 3.5-mile run–walk–roll, taking place in downtown Rochester. So far, almost 50 Bport faculty and staff are participating. If you join the fun, the College will cover $18 of your entry fee, bringing your cost down to just $20.

Be sure to register through Brockport to earn your discount as well as register for the race itself. You’ll receive two T-shirts: the official race shirt and the Bport team shirt.

We’re also hosting a J.P. Morgan Corporate Challenge Happy Hour five days before the race — Thursday, May 30, 5 – 7 pm at The Beer Market on Mount Hope Avenue in Rochester. Enjoy drinks and appetizers with fellow Brockport faculty, staff, and alumni race participants. Register online. Are you also a Brockport alum? Have a drink on us and receive a free wristband to sport your #BportPride during the race.

See you there!

Sincerely,

Office of Alumni Engagement”
Emeritus Gary Levine shared with me the passing of Peter Z. Adelstein; partner of emerita Sarah Liebschutz but I did not see it in time to share information about the funeral services that were held at the Sanctuary of Temple Beth El on Friday, May 3rd, or Shiva which was observed Friday, May 3rd from 3-6 pm and Saturday, May 4th from 7-9 pm. Memorial gifts have been designated to Temple Beth El. I regret this information not being timely and want to share our condolences with Sarah and thank Gary for bringing Peter’s passing to our attention. As you may recall, Sarah shared with us recently in a newsletter (March 11, 2019) that she had been enjoying traveling widely with Peter for the last 15 years. It is sad to learn that this particular joy has ended for her, and we wish her well as she readjusts for her future without him.

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I’ve recently had some neat discussions with emeritus Roy Bubb while working with him to complete his military service story. His story has now been uploaded to the veterans file located at http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/BKPT_VETS.htm. If you know Roy, you will be surprised to read his story about his being directed to take command of a tank division for training exercises one day. Among the other stories he shared with me, Roy surprised me when he told me that he had, for all practical purposes, been Acting President of the College at Brockport for two days in 1966. In the winter of 1966, there was a terrible blizzard that severely disrupted things in upstate New York. I remember it well, partly because I had an overnight guest in my resident assistant room at SUNY Geneseo who had been visiting his girl friend and could not leave because all roads were closed. Similarly, Albert W. Brown, the relatively new president at the time, was living off campus in Brockport and the roads were also closed here.

In those days the college union was in the basement of Lathrop. Because it was open in the evenings and was used to hold some student activities, the College provided housing in an apartment on the top floor for a member of the faculty/staff to monitor the activities and be available to take charge as necessary. Roy Bubb was serving in this capacity at the time of the blizzard. The blizzard was so bad that people were trapped in their dorms, the college union and elsewhere. Al Brown was able to communicate with Roy by phone and basically told Roy he was in charge, to do what had to be done, and to keep him posted. A local man was able to get on campus with a bulldozer and offered his services to Roy if the college would pay for his gas. Roy authorized it, and the man started clearing pathways between the dining halls, the dorms, the college union, etc. so that some food could be made available. The late Gene Young, who was the Director of Food Service at the time, lived only a couple of blocks from the campus and they were able to get him to the campus to take charge of providing some emergency rations for those who were trapped on campus. So, again, like with his tank command assignment, Roy was placed unexpectedly in a command role. And, as the stories go, he learned a lot, performed well and had his leadership performance appreciated by those who assigned him these roles. It was a pleasure working with Roy to produce an account of his military service and to hear some of his Brockport College stories.

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Social Work Professor and Director of Multigenerational Engagement, Jason Dauenhauer, loves seeing us “engage” in lifelong learning. While I hope you are starting to follow the news on
Brockport’s website, I do want to point out how pleased Jason was with the result of emerita Jill Campbell’s recent lifelong learning experience. Like Jason, I think you’ll enjoy viewing Jill partaking of her recent experience learning how to keep her head below water at: https://www.brockport.edu/news/stories/jill_campbell.html

Thanks to Jason for sharing, and to Jill for making us think big about what we might still be able to accomplish!

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And, in closing, here is another invitation from the family of the late Edward F. VanDuzer:

“You are invited to a celebration of Edward F. VanDuzer’s good life in this world that lasted from April 27, 1935 to February 11, 2019. The open-house event will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 pm on Saturday, May 25, 2019 at The Lodge at Sweden Town Park, 4761 Redman Road, Brockport, NY 14420.”

We hope many former colleagues and friends in the Brockport community will attend to honor Ed and his significant contributions at the college and in our community.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

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May 14, 2019

Greetings,

An extract from a May 9, 2019 email received from Ralph Jordan’s daughter Mary, via his email account, shared the following sad news:

“I wanted to let you know that Ralph Jordan passed away peacefully in his sleep on Easter morning, April 21, 2019 in South Pasadena, FL. We held a memorial mass and a celebration of his life at The Fountains where he was living. At a later date, his cremains will be placed next to his wife’s cremains at Arlington National Cemetery as they both served in WWII.”

In a subsequent exchange of emails, I confirmed my recollection that Ralph and his wife, the late Zerith (Zeddy) Jordan, were avid bridge players who will be fondly remembered by those they played with over the years. Mary shared with me that her dad had organized several bridge groups after moving from Winston Salem, NC to The Fountains in South Pasadena, Florida where he continued to play several times a week and to love that game! “As a veteran of WWII, Ralph was involved in a Veterans’ Club at The Fountains (his senior living home). He was very proud to have served his country and he was appreciative to be recognized and flown up to Washington, DC a few years back with other Veterans when living in Winston Salem.”
You can learn more about Ralph, and about Zeddy’s military service by searching on “Jordan” after downloading the file available at:

https://digitalcommons.brockport.edu/student_archpapers/46 /

and about Ralph’s military service by scrolling to his name at:

http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/BKPT_VETS.htm

My most recent contact with Ralph was when putting together information about his military service that you will find at the link above. Beyond that, I have many fond memories of Ralph during his years at Brockport. Of them, one haunting, and not so fond, memory with Ralph stands out to this day. It relates to an experience with a “Clark Street Rabbit,” a story I shared with Mary in our email exchanges as follows:

“I don’t know if you were in the group that was playing in the front yard at your home on Clark Street in Brockport when an unfortunate event occurred for your dad and me. I was driving east on Clark Street one evening and hit a rabbit that was running across the street into the open field across from your house. The rabbit was in a fit of dying; doing uncontrolled thrashing and flips in the field. I stopped the car in front of your dad, who was in the front yard, and your dad and I quickly decided that the rabbit should be relieved of its suffering but, since I was the one who had hit the rabbit, I was the “chosen.” Your dad retrieved a hoe and a shovel from the garage and handed them to me. I have always felt bad to have had to do that undesirable chore, and to have it witnessed by the young people playing in your front yard. The only thing that relieved me over time is that both your dad and I agreed that it was the right decision.”

For those interested, I found on the internet a promotional piece for The Fountains, Ralph’s last residence, that includes a recent photo of him. I share it not to promote it, but only to share his comments about that living situation and the photo:


If you choose to visit this site, make sure you click on the “click here” that takes you to the full interview with Ralph about his take, as of May 2018, about living in a residential facility.

Those of us who knew Ralph and/or Zeddy were blessed by their friendship and are thankful for the good that they did when they were amongst us. We send condolences to Ralph’s family and friends as they mourn their loss and celebrate his life.

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Carrie Putnam’s column in Sunday’s D&C featured an article about the work of Charles and Mary Edwards in saving and restoring the Clarkson Academy, “an historic Greek Revival building that was built in 1853 and used as a school until 1956.” The restoration took 10 years and during that time, emeritus Chuck, and Mary, dedicated themselves to both the project and to leadership of the Clarkson Historical Society. While we thank and praise them for their work,
we also reflect on how fortunate we are to live in a community where so many volunteers enrich our lives.

Joe Makarewicz, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Department of Environmental Science and Ecology, and Jose Maliekal, Dean of The School of Arts and Science, are pleased to share the following information with us:

“The College at Brockport is honored to be hosting the 62nd Annual Conference on Great Lakes Research from June 10-14, 2019. The conference will feature four days of scientific sessions focusing on the theme of “Large Lakes Research: Connecting People and Ideas.” Over 800 participants from around the world are expected to participate in workshops, panel discussions, and the 10 concurrent sessions on lake limnology, fisheries biology, water quality, toxicology, toxic algal blooms, etc. Dr. James Haynes is the Conference Site Chair while Dr. Joseph Makarewicz is the Program Chair. Drs. Michael Chislock, Courtney McDaniel, Jacques Rinchard, and Rachel Schultz, faculty from the Department of Environmental Science and Ecology, and Jose Maliekal, the Dean of The School of Arts and Science, are members of the Site and Program Committees.”

This is a significant conference that will allow the College to showcase itself on a large stage and that is worthy news. However, there is a cost of participation. It is not cheap. $150 per day includes coffee break and lunch, and entertainment by Bill Hullfish with his group at the barbecue on Wednesday night of the four-day conference. It is not anticipated that large numbers of people on this distribution list will attend. This is more about just sharing the hosting of this significant conference, but for those interested, here is the link for registering: http://iaglr.org/iaglr2019/registration/

Thanks to Jose and Joe for sharing.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

May 16, 2019

Greetings,

In my last newsletter I forgot to mention a couple of things I thought might be of interest to people on this distribution list. Today is the beginning of “A Village of Brockport Signature Event,” the Low Bridge, High Water Canal Opening Festival. The details follow:

Thursday, May 16, 2019
Dedication Walk: 3pm Walk begins with Historical Markers:
Meet up at the corner of State & Park
Walk ends at Stoneyard Brewery: Ribbon Cutting & Tour, 85 Clinton Street
“Lift Bridges on the Erie Canal”
by Greg Johnson, PE, PMP, Waterway Structures Engineer
7pm at Morgan Manning House, 151 Main St
Light refreshments will be served

Friday, May 17, 2019
Stoneyard Brewery Big Tent Event, 26 Clinton St
5-6pm VIP Presale $20 Ticket Access, 6-10pm $20 General Admission
Local Craft Beverages, Live Music, Local Food

For more information, visit: http://bit.ly/2019LBHW

Proceeds to benefit:
Brockport Community Rowing Club and Camp Abilities Brockport

Saturday, May 18, 2019
Festivities at The Welcome Center
11am-3pm, Water Street Canal Opening Ceremony and Awards, Dusty Road
Learn to Row Sign-ups, Kayak Rentals
Free Pizza Picnic, Bert’s Box Fitness mini workouts
Welcome Center Open House 11-3pm, and much more!

At a recent event at Alumni House I noticed a nice wall display of photos of Raye and Beatrice Conrad for whom the front parlor is named. If you have not visited the Alumni House since it was installed, or failed to make it to that room when you did, take a minute to view it the next time you visit and pay honor to these dedicated educators and public servants associated with The College at Brockport’s recent past. And, think of them when you pass the Raye Conrad Welcome Center that was named to honor Raye’s service. Thanks to their son, Robert “Bob” Conrad, an alum of the Campus School whose other significant contributions have enhanced the Brockport experience, for making this permanent display available to visitors to the Alumni House.

And, changes in Spectrum’s delivery of email seemed to prevent me from including the link to the Brockport veterans’ page when I was preparing the last newsletter. After struggling with it to provide a link to Ralph Jordan’s military service story, I gave up. I hope it will work this time so that those who would like to do so can pay tribute to him by visiting his military service page.

http://www.acs.brockport.edu/~rmeade/Jordan_Ralph_war_story.pdf

There are, of course, many events and activities going on this time of year, including undergraduate and graduate commencements this weekend, and golf tournaments to follow next
week, and you are encouraged to view the Daily Eagle to find the events that might be of interest to you.

Carpe Diem,

Bud

May 20, 2019

Greetings,

On Thursday, April 8, 1971 the following article appeared on page 4 of an unidentified local newspaper in Brockport (likely the Brockport Post, but possibly the Stylus). In light of the recently reported death of Darwin Palmier, I thought it might be appropriate to share the article that introduced him as a new Professor, and Dean of the Faculty of Human Services, just prior to the commencement of his Brockport career on September 1, 1971. Darwin was filled with hope and promise as he began his work at Brockport and it only took him from September 1971 until May 16, 1974 to have the Program in Human Environments and Services Planning that he authored approved by the Faculty Senate and the President. If you are interested, you can also find a copy of the proposal that was submitted and approved at:


And, here is the newspaper article mentioned above:

“Michigan Prof
Dean of New
College Faculty

Darwin Palmiere, who is now at the University of Michigan, will become the first dean of the newly created Faculty of Human Services at the State University of New York College at Brockport, September 1st.

Palmiere, who is a native of Rochester, is currently chairman of the master's degree program in medical care administration and area wide planning, at Michigan's School of Public Health. He is also an associate professor of medical care organization at Michigan.

Brockport's Faculty of Human Services, which was established this year, now offers undergraduate programs in the Department of Nursing and the Department of Health Science. By next fall, according to Palmiere, the new Department of Social Work expects to start offering undergraduate work. A graduate program in urban and regional planning of human services, which will include courses, from several departments, and a graduate program in social work are being developed.
The Faculty of Human Services is one of seven faculties at Brockport. The others are: Education; Fine Arts; Humanities; Physical Education and Recreation; Science and Mathematics; and Social Sciences.

Palmiere, who graduated from Charlotte High School in Rochester in 1945, received a bachelor's degree in sociology from Antioch College in 1950; a master-of-arts degree in social casework from the University of Chicago in 1951, and a master-of- public-health degree in statistics and medical care administration from the University of Michigan in 1958. In 1969 he completed course requirements for a Ph.D. degree at the Florence Heller School for Graduate Studies in Social Welfare at Brandeis University.

From 1951 to 1955 he was a family casework counselor in Cincinnati. From 1955 until 1960 Palmiere was executive secretary of the Health Division of the Community Welfare Council in Dayton. He became an assistant, professor and research associate at the University of Michigan in 1961.

Palmiere has also been a consultant to the federal Office of Economic Opportunity on the development of comprehensive neighborhood health centers and has served as a demonstration grant review consultant to the National Center for Health Services Research and Development.

In accepting the Brockport post, Palmiere commented that the College at Brockport offers a unique opportunity for the development of imaginative programs of undergraduate and graduate education for human services professions.

He feels that many human problems can no longer be adequately dealt with as categorically defined health or social problems. Our knowledge of the behavior of people increasingly shows, the interaction of physical, emotional and social factors.

In addition, he said: "the systems of health and social services together with the system of education in the U.S. are rapidly becoming a single system of human services. Yet professional education programs tend to treat them as if they were independent fields of services."

A goal of Brockport's Faculty of Human Services will be creation of a curriculum “which will allow students to select courses of study which will incorporate elements common to several professions, and still provide adequate preparation for professional, practice in an existing profession," Palmiere said.

He added that "Brockport now has the depth of educational programs in the social and natural sciences and, in the field of education from which to launch this new phase of expansion.” The Rochester region also offers; an adequate scope and variety of human services resources and needs."

Palmiere is married and the father of four children. His (parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Palmiere, live at 38 Stonewood Ave. Rochester.”
Darwin continued to serve the College as Professor and/or Dean until he retired in 1989.

I have fond memories of working with Darwin on personnel issues in his Division while he served as Dean. Darwin was a soft spoken, gentle, gentleman who always had a smile with which to greet you, no matter what the circumstances. In all communications I ever had with him he always was charitable to everyone involved in a situation and an excellent mentor by-example for those who were studying to become human service professionals. To our knowledge, he continued in his efforts to improve the human condition via consulting and service on boards in retirement until we lost track of him a few years ago. Darwin was a key player in the development of human service programs in the early years of Brockport’s transition from a Teachers’ College to a College of Arts and Sciences. His legacy is the continuation of many, if not all, of these programs; maybe in slightly different forms or housed in a different organizational structure and we thank him for his role and accomplishments as we mourn his death and celebrate all that he did in his lifetime to try to make this world a kinder and better place. Following is his obituary from the Rochester D&C:

“Darwin Palmiere

Rochester - Passed away on May 14, 2019 at the age of 91. Darwin "Rocky" Palmiere spent 92 years of his life, May 16, 1927 to May 14, 2019, nurturing 3 separate families, with loving wives Shirley, then Liz, then Sharon. His life was filled with relatives and wonderful friends. He is survived by 10 children (Palmiere, Hunt, Sykes-Zitkovic, Lenhard, Kreckman) and many who considered him a kind and generous grandfather.

Born in Rochester, NY, he worked in his family's grocery store, ‘Dad’s’ at 38 Stonewood Ave. Later he dedicated his life to public health care and in 1971 he became the Dean of Human Services at SUNY Brockport. After retirement, Darwin maintained the Charlotte High School archives.

Visitation at New Comer Funeral Home, 2636 Ridgeway Ave., Rochester NY 14626 on Friday, May 24, 4 - 7 p.m.
Memorial Service at 10 a.m. Saturday May 25 at Pearce Church, 4322 Buffalo Road. North Chili.
Published in Rochester Democrat and Chronicle on May 19, 2019”

You may leave a memory by visiting New Comer Funeral Home’s website.

[We send our condolences to Darwin’s family and friends and thank him for his exemplary life.]

In response to the notice of the death of Ralph Jordan, emerita Pat Baker has provided the following tribute:

“I felt badly on hearing of Ralph Jordan’s passing on, although I realized he was getting up there in age. In fact, Betsy Balzano and I had discussed this recently. I did miss him a
lot over the years. Although able to keep up to some extent with his life, to my regret I was never able to connect with him directly. Thanks so much for sending that interview which showed he had not changed one iota over the years. Ralph was always a modest, very nurturing and wise soul with acres of common sense, humor and integrity.

In fact, I thought of him as the (then) Curriculum and Instruction Department’s residential counselor. I know he helped several persons with personal and professional crises by lending an empathetic ear and offering excellent advice. Of course, his main job for many years was graduate director. Although I believe it mainly our department which had over 1000 grad students, he seemed to be de facto college grad director working with other grad departments. (I’m sure Jeanette would know more details.) Regardless, I got the mantle of departmental director, his desk sign (which I may still possess) and great advice when he retired.

On a personal note, the Jordan’s were long time members of a Gourmet group resulting from Bill Elwell rather pointedly remarking at some College event that he was “disappointed” that as a new hire (1970), he had yet to be invited to anyone’s home. I responded that Roy and I had recently discussed that same topic. Bill and I, besides social studies education, found we shared a common interest in cooking and sought out others who shared our interest. Carol and Mo Beers became the 4th long time members of the group. The well-traveled Carol and Zeddy both added greatly to our knowledge of international cuisines. I particularly remember one dinner at the Jordan’s when I distinguished myself by setting my hair afire on a candle wall sconce. I believe it was Ralph who noticed and prevented a potentially serious event. The meal was also notable for champion bread baker Zeddy’s bread.

My generation is now experiencing the inroads caused by the passage of time. The good thing is we have some great memories; the sad thing is the real thing is gone forever.

Pat Baker (‘69)”

[Thanks to Pat for sharing her tribute to Ralph.]

Carpe Diem,

Bud

CONCLUSION

I have found that I somehow failed to save some of the Updates that were distributed during the period from April 2001 until May 22, 2017. If I can locate those that are missing, I will refresh this document, including any on-line versions.
I would like to close with some writeups I did that were posted on the emeriti website, and which I may have shared via email or other means before the period when I started saving the Updates. Except for Donald Tower, whom I did not know, these people, among many others mentioned throughout my Updates, were all significant to me as I began my career at Brockport and led me to follow in their footsteps. Following are the writeups for Armand Burke, Raye H. Conrad, John C. Crandall, Harold L. Rakov, and Donald M. Tower.

“Armand Burke, 84, English Professor Emeritus, died June 10, 1983 after a long illness.

From 1947 until his retirement in 1983 Armand served the College as professor of English literature and composition, administrator, and member or head of every major College committee, including chairmanship of the first Faculty Senate and of a concert-lecture series for 12 years. He created the time-shortened degree program, known as the Alternate College and now as Delta College. The Alternate College received awards and commendations for its innovative approach to higher education, including the Theodore Mitau Award for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities in 1979.

Burke also took great interest in developing the arts in the curriculum. As chairman of the Arts Committee he brought famed pianist Van Cliburn to the College. Burke, a member of the Professional Golfers Association, coached SUNY Brockport’s varsity golf team from 1951-1959. He also was the resident professional at the Wellsville Country Club for many years.” [Brockport Statements, September 14, 1998]

Besides being an excellent professor and a patron of the arts Dr. Burke also served in many administrative posts during his career at the College. He was Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (1967-68), Dean for Undergraduate Academic Affairs (1968-70), Vice President for Instruction and Curriculum (1970-72), and Provost of the Time-Shortened Degree Program (1972-76).

Throughout his career, Dr. Burke provided excellent service that was marked with a level of integrity and dignity that commanded the respect and admiration of his students and colleagues. His sensitivity to societal needs and the needs of students led him to playing a key role in the establishment of the Educational Opportunity Program and the Rochester Educational Opportunity Center in addition to the creation of the Alternate College.

As to his golf expertise I will relate one story. One afternoon in the late 1960s Dick Alexander and I were just finishing playing the front-nine at Brockport County Club. As we approached the 10th tee we found Armand with his wife June. Armand informed us that June was not playing and was just along for the walk and he invited us to join them. Well, Dick and I were lucky to be able to hit the ball and hope it went in the right direction and we did not want to infringe upon Armand’s enjoyment of the game--but he insisted. Then, after a couple of bad holes on our parts, Armand began coaching us and we immediately started seeing improvements in our game. This went on for a couple of holes and Dick and I were really getting excited about the results of Armand’s coaching when June said to Armand, something like: “Armand, they probably would just like to play the game and not have you telling them how to do it”. After that Armand did not
offer one more tip and our games quickly receded back to their normal level—a great disappointment for the two of us.

Armand Burke was an excellent professor and a visionary administrative leader during his career at Brockport. His students and colleagues were challenged by his example and current students and staff continue to benefit from his contributions.

Armand, thanks for your teaching, your vision and your leadership…

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Raye H. Conrad

The teaching profession lost a great friend and advocate with the passing of Raye H. Conrad in August 1986.

“Raye Conrad was an ardent apostle of education, a strikingly effective and eloquent spokesman for the critical importance of public education in our society, an inspiring recruiter of your people into the teaching profession, a tireless campaigner for gaining widespread recognition of teachers as professionals, a vigorous proponent of higher standards for teacher certification, and a masterful, multi-talented teacher himself.” [statement made by the late Dr. John C. Crandall, Professor Emeritus, as quoted in the Raye H. Conrad Welcome Center dedication program in July, 2002]

“Raye H. Conrad joined the faculty in 1945 as a professor of psychology in the General Education program. He served as coordinator of field services, dean of students, director of elementary and secondary education, and dean for certification programs. He initiated Brockport’s Migrant Education Program for teachers and received state-wide recognition for his leadership roles in the New York State Parent Teachers Association. A frequent guest speaker, Dr. Conrad was highly respected as a leader in education. He was a beloved teacher and friend.

A 1937 graduate of Buffalo State College, Dr. Conrad received his master’s degree in 1942 from Niagara University and his doctorate from Penn State in 1952. After retiring from SUNY Brockport in 1973, he spent much of the next 13 years traveling with his wife, the late Beatrice Conrad, a retired College nurse.

The Conrad Room in Alumni House is named in memory of Raye and Beatrice Conrad. The Beatrice Conrad Lecture in Nursing is offered by the Department of Nursing each year… [from the program for the ceremony dedicating the Raye H. Conrad Welcome Center in 2002]. And it goes without saying that The Raye H. Conrad Welcome Center is named after gifted educator Raye H. Conrad.

In 1955, the SAGA Yearbook was dedicated to this professional educator and he responded with the following challenging note to the Class of 1955:
Strive to be more than a good teacher. Aim to become the “Ideal Teacher.” Develop your “aptitude for vicariousness: understand how your subject appears to the young child looking at it for the first time.

Continue for the rest of your life to add to your “spiritual and cultural fortune.” Recognize that your present accumulated wealth in spirit and culture is but a bare margin for beginning teaching.

Develop the power to “invigorate learning with life.” Live, continue to live, and bring to the classroom and the dry stuff of curriculum and textbook the vibrancy of real life experiences.

Lastly, be possessed of a “Willingness to be forgotten.” Serve all the children of all the people and expect nothing in return. In so doing, you indicate your understanding of the significance of the teacher in America. In so doing you indicate achievement of the highest goal—the mature mind!

[Dr. Raye H. Conrad]

Dr. Conrad, you may be willing to be so, but you are not forgotten!

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John C. Crandall, Vice President and Professor of History Emeritus died July 3, 1995.

Jack served many roles during his employment at SUNY Brockport from 1948 - 1985. Besides teaching social science and history, he served as director of international education, director of the Peace Corps/College Degree Program, associate dean of the faculty of the school of social sciences, vice president for educational services and vice president for instruction and curriculum, among others. His voluntary service to the College included numerous committees, boards, and speaking engagements as master of ceremonies and keynote speaker. Many emeriti will remember his role as master of ceremonies at the first 2 or 3 College-Wide Recognition Dinners starting about 1977. One of Jack's hobbies was alliteration and for the honored guests he used this style to personally write all the statements describing their contributions as employees at Brockport. His generally uplifting speaking style, coupled with his mastery of alliteration, was both awesome and entertaining.

The family created the Jack Crandall Scholarship Endowment Fund at SUNY Brockport in his memory and memorial contributions will be eternally welcomed.

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“Harold L. Rakov, an inspiring teacher, administrator and friend to many at the College for 36 years died March 9 of 1985 after a five-month illness.
‘He cared...he made a difference in the lives of those that he touched,’ the late Raye H. Conrad, professor emeritus of education, said in his eulogy at a service for Dr. Rakov, March 11, 1985 in the Newman Oratory.

He began his long career at Brockport in 1949 as an instructor in the social sciences department where he taught political science. He eventually rose to full professor of political science and served as department chairman.

Dr. Conrad said that he had the ability to take a dry subject from the pages of a book and ‘make it dance’ for his students. Dr. Rakov not only taught the subject, but he practiced it for many years as an active participant in the Democratic Party. In 1958, he was the party’s candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives. In the early 1970s, the county Democrats put his name forward for the then new post of County Manager. He was unsuccessful because of the solid Republican majorities in the Congressional district and the county.

Dr. Rakov held several administrative posts at the College. He was Coordinator of Field Services, Dean of Students, Vice President for Student Affairs and served for a period as Director of Admissions.

‘Brockport students loved Harold Rakov,’ Dr. Conrad said. It was based on his caring attitude, he continued, which extended from encouraging the discouraged to spurring of the laggards. He set a campus tradition with his annual holiday time reading in the residence halls of ‘How the Grinch Stole Christmas.’ [Brockport Statements – March 18, 1985]

I have many fond memories of Dr. Rakov. In 1970 when I moved to Personnel that office was in the front (east) corridor in Hartwell. Dr. Rakov’s office—I believe he was Graduate and Continuing Education Dean at the time—his office was around the corner on the north side. I remember how supportive and encouraging he was to me in my new role at the College. Dr. Rakov was a hallway whistler and you could always tell where he was when he was out of his office. I was a lousy whistler but I truly enjoyed trying to whistle the same tune as I turned into the hallway where he was whistling. He always smiled and had a kind word for me. I often pondered that it was interesting that no one noticed when people yelled bad words across the campus but a whistler caused raised eyebrows. I also remember that Dr. Rakov was totally unpretentious. Once after a change of offices he ended up without any furniture except a chair. His files, of which there were many, were stacked neatly along the walls of his office. Amazingly if he needed something he knew exactly its placement in one of the stacks. It was also amazing that it was "business as usual"—no complaints about the lack of planning or furnishings—just the continuation of excellent service to the College and its students.

I remember seeing him on the 7th floor of the Allen Building in the fall of 1984 after he had just finished a game of handball/racquetball and was there for a meeting. In an exchange about his sport and my lunch hour basketball adventures he made the statement that he just hadn’t had his normal energy lately and had scheduled a doctor’s appointment.
to see if there was anything wrong. I still remember how drained of energy I felt when I later heard about the report the doctor gave him— that he had cancer in an advanced stage-- and how sad I felt when he left us within a few months.

But, Dr. Harold L. Rakov lives on in the memories of everyone who knew him during his journey in this world.

In recognition of his impact on SUNY Brockport staff and students and in this world, Rakov Student Services Building was named after him and a scholarship was established in his name. Contributions to the Harold Rakov Scholarship Fund at the Brockport Foundation will always be welcome.

Dr. Rakov, thanks for the memories…

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Donald M. Tower, who became president of State University College at Brockport when it had 325 students and left when it had 2,039, died yesterday (August 11, 1977). He was 79.

It was Brockport State Teachers College when Mr. Tower took office in 1944. Under his 20-year administration, it expanded in both area and programs. There were 37 faculty members in 1944 and 213 in 1964.

Mr. Tower retired at age 66, after he received a one-year extension instead of leaving at the customary age 65. But his career didn't stop then. He taught part-time in St. John Fisher College's education department through the 1970-71 school year.

"Education -- reading books, teaching -- that was his whole life," said the Rev. Charles Lavery, St. John Fisher president.

Father Lavery, who knew Mr. Tower for almost 20 years, said he was an idealistic educator who placed much value in the liberal arts and the humanities. "The word excellence really meant something to him."

Mr. Tower, a Dundee native, was a New York educator for more than 50 years. He held three education degrees from Albany State Teachers College and New York University. His jobs in education included those of high school English teacher (at Olean), junior high principal (at Binghamton) and school superintendent (for Rye Neck schools, Mamaroneck). He was director of training at Oswego State Teachers College before coming to Brockport.

"He was mild-mannered, loved the students," Father Lavery said. "He used to invite them home for dinner, things like that."

Mr. Tower died after a long illness in Wesley Nursing Home, Saratoga Springs. He is survived by his wife, Helen.
I hope the messages and tributes contained in this document will bring back fond memories to all who read it.

Carpe diem,

Bud