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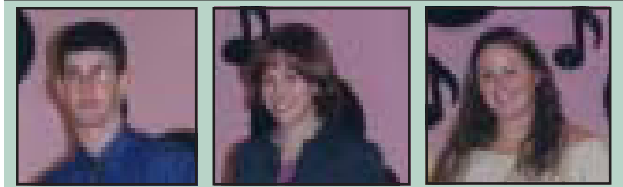
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Mustang Weekend Highlights

LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



Eric Curtis '05 Danielle George '05 Kristin Koehler '04

EDUCATIONAL FUND RAISING AWARD



President Cross is presented with a CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) Award which honors superior fund-raising programs. For the first time, MSC was named to the Circle of Excellence following a recommendation made by the Council for Aid to Education. Pictured to his left is Lawrence Baker, winner of the Distinguished Emerti Award. Mr. Baker has served Morrisville State College for over 40 years. His distinguished career ranges from the classroom to the boardroom, and literally every corner of campus echoes his honorable legacy.

CLASS OF '53 CELEBRATES GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY



Left to right: Gerald Stanton, Kenneth Stafford, Kenneth Brewster, Mike McLaren, Charles Nutting, Frederick Seidel

Morrisville State College and Nextel Partners Make History

SHANNON RICHARD, MARKETING MANAGER, MORRISVILLE AUXILIARY CORPORATION

Morrisville State College's small town values and cutting-edge technology have made it a national model; the college is believed to be the first in the nation to comprehensively replace all residence hall landlines with personal cell phones. This pioneering spirit generated widespread attention this fall – including coverage in the New York Times and USA Today – thanks to an innovative new partnership with leading wireless services provider Nextel Partners.

The initiative is part of a broader technology plan to create a completely wireless campus. The college is known as one of the most technologically advanced campuses in the country. It earned the distinction of being named "America's Most Wired College" two consecutive years after issuing students IBM laptop computers.

During Welcome Weekend in August, the Morrisville Auxiliary Corporation established a distribution hub in the Student Activities Center on the Morrisville State College campus and successfully dispersed more than 1,700 Nextel cell phones to some very excited resident students. "Distribution was more successful than anyone anticipated," remarked Glenn Gaslin, general manager of the Morrisville Auxiliary Corporation. "Students were thrilled with their personal Nextel cell phones, and parents were reassured knowing they could reach their son or daughter at any moment."

Each Motorola i30sx cell phone offers caller ID, unlimited incoming calls, call waiting and a digital phone book with room for up to 250 contacts. The favorite feature among students on campus is Nextel Direct ConnectSM, which functions like a long-range digital walkie-talkie and offers instant access at the touch of a button. Students have unlimited use of this feature throughout upstate New York at no additional cost.

Nextel Partners has worked diligently to provide Morrisville State College with phone options and services that are valuable to college students. Based in Kirkland, Wash., and an affiliate of Nextel Communications, the company has quickly established itself as a wireless industry leader due to its differentiated product and focus on customer satisfaction. "The range of services Nextel

Partners provides makes it a good fit for our college and our corporation," stated Gaslin. "We have been impressed with their commitment and enthusiasm." The partnership is a win-win according to John Chapple, Nextel Partners president, CEO and chairman of the board. "Demand for our differentiated product – especially our digital walkie-talkie feature that connects users at the touch of a button – doesn't stop with business," Chapple said. "Students today are more wired than ever before and among the most savvy technology users. It only makes sense to offer them what we believe is the best technology on the market."

According to Jean Boland, Morrisville State College assistant vice president for technology services, the partnership with Nextel Partners provides students with more options and benefits. The previous landline plan required students to share phones and offered only local and incoming calls. "Through our partnership with Nextel Partners and other efforts to arm students with the most up-to-date technology, our students are gaining a competitive edge, especially important in today's society where knowledge of the latest technology is critical," Boland said.

Jody Williams, manager of Morrisville's Nextel Authorized Service Center, said "Our authorized service center allows us to offer a blend of valuable services conveniently on campus. Our team is equipped to handle distribution, trouble shooting, technical issues and long-distance phone contracts, and provide the most comprehensive solution to any problem or situation." Since it's difficult for many students to travel off campus, the convenience of this express facility is valuable to students, faculty and staff. The Nextel Authorized Service Center offers service to Alumni, the Norwich campus and friends of Morrisville State College as well.

Craig Pozniak, a senior enrolled in the Electronic Marketing and Publishing program, loves having the Nextel Direct ConnectSM. "I think all the students enjoy having the walkie-talkie feature. You can find your friends for lunch or dinner, and when you go away on the weekend, your friends are only a button away."

Students are not the only ones on campus who are pleased with the technology. Phyllis Tucker, an assistant professor in the School of Business, is impressed with the opportunities Morrisville State College offers its students. "Upon entering the workforce our students will be at a distinct advantage," said Tucker. When asked if the phones were a problem in her class, she laughed, "No, I put it right in the syllabus: 'cell phones must be turned off during class.'" Similarly, when laptops were introduced, professors found it helpful to develop user guidelines. "It really isn't a problem," she adds. "Our students are responsible and genuinely embarrassed if their phone rings accidentally. It has not been an issue in my classroom at all."

A student from SUNY IT, Chris Flack agrees that the more students are exposed to technology, the more prepared they are to communicate and interact in a technology-driven society.

"They are at such an advantage," said Jessamyn Harter, a sophomore at a nearby college. "I wish desperately that I had the technology and resources that the students at Morrisville have."

U.S. Senator Hillary Clinton (D-NY) shared her support of the new program. "I want to congratulate Morrisville State College and Nextel Partners on this groundbreaking initiative. In our modern world, communication is key to success and achievement, especially for young people as they prepare for the future," Clinton stated. "Together they are leading the way in bringing new technology to the students at Morrisville State College and again putting New York at the forefront of the communications age."

"Our partnership with Nextel Partners will bring the college to the next level with respect to technology," added Morrisville State College President Raymond Cross. "Cellular technology has become an increasingly important part of the way our society communicates, and in recent years, colleges have watched more and more students favor cell phones over landline phones. We are proud to work with Nextel Partners to integrate this technology into our campus culture."



CARRYING ON OLD TRADITIONS AND BEGINNING NEW

JAMES W. WYCKOFF, '48, PRESIDENT
MORRISVILLE STATE ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

It was a very rewarding day at the State Fair when I volunteered for a four hour shift on Wednesday the 27th of August. We had 33 alumni sign our guest book. The farthest alum I greeted came from Chicago, IL! We had six inquiries from prospective students for visits to Morrisville Campus, which the Admissions staff accommodated nicely.

The photo above shows thirteen alumni and their guests who enjoyed our annual Finger Lakes Chapter dish-to-pass picnic at Sampson State Park last fall. On September 11, 2004, from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm, our annual dish-to-pass picnic will again be held. Maybe some more Morrisville alumni will come and enjoy?

I am wondering, are any alumni interested in forming a coffee circle to get to know Morrisville alumni in your area a little better? As President of the Alumni Board of Directors, I am willing to travel once a month. Maybe it could be formed, as my Combat Crew calls "Round Robin" in our crew letter; one month at Williamson, the next month Auburn, the next month Ovid and so forth. Do you have a favorite village diner that would sponsor us? Are you interested in bonding with area alumni? If so, please contact the Alumni/Development office or call me at (607) 869-2574. Thank you!

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Destination - Morrisville!

RAYMOND W. CROSS, PH.D., MORRISVILLE STATE COLLEGE PRESIDENT

In conversations with alumni, many of you have expressed your frustration at the lack of lodging near the college. You would like to visit for Mustang Weekend, commencement or other special events at the college, but find it inconvenient to stay 20 minutes away in Oneida or Canastota.

I am happy to announce a solution to that problem. Carey Development, LLC of Albany, N.Y., has committed to build an 80-room Holiday Inn Express immediately adjacent to campus, which will be located on South Street, south of the Automotive Performance Center.

Not only will a nationally recognized hotel chain benefit alumni seeking a place to stay, but it will afford opportunities for the college, village and surrounding area. Available and convenient lodging will bring more people to the college for special events (like Mustang Weekend and other reunions), conferences, athletic contests at the IcePlex and other venues, and more.

We hope that the construction of the hotel will spur more economic development in the village of Morrisville, encouraging more businesses to make the village their home.

Our students will also reap the benefits of the hotel. Our partnership with Carey Development will allow students in our hospitality programs access to a working facility in which to train and use as a laboratory.

We're very excited about the project, as it seems to be a win-win situation for everyone involved: the college, Carey Development and the surrounding area. We expect

to break ground for construction in the spring, and hope the project will be completed by Christmas.

I hope the Morrisville Holiday Inn Express makes it easier for you to spend time at the college. We have so many excellent reasons for you to visit!



Kim Asher '01 (left) and Sarah Markle '02 (right) give President Cross a horse-riding lesson at Canterbury Stables, Asher's 40-stall boarding and training equestrian facility in Cazenovia, NY. Special thanks to Asher and the many alumni who employ fellow graduates!

Vision Becomes Reality

JAMES A. HASTIE, VICE PRESIDENT OF INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

In a word, the year 2003 was incredible. How else could one describe the following developments?

- Our new friends at the Carey Development Group, LLC, of Albany, and the \$6,000,000+ they are investing, will soon make it possible for us to celebrate the groundbreaking of their new 80 room Holiday Inn Express as part of Morrisville State College's Hospitality and Resort Technology Center!
- The \$400,000 pledge from the Roger W. Follett Foundation, \$250,000 pledge from the Greater Norwich Foundation, and combined pledge of \$175,000 from the Otis Thompson Foundation and NBT Bank bring us within reach of our \$1,000,000 goal to equip Roger W. Follett Hall (the Norwich Campus' beautiful new building)!
- \$50,000 from KeyBank and \$178,000 from the USDA have helped make it possible for the Morrisville Auxiliary Corporation to transform the former Nelson Inn into Nelson Farms: a state-of-the-art ag-incubator which is quickly becoming one of the leading small scale food processing and distribution centers in the United States. A pending grant from the Governor's office will enable us to dress up the facade of the building and provide drivers on Route 20 with a retail outlet where our business students can sell Morrisville ice-cream, milk, and cheese!

- Our Equine Institute's national reputation has led to the construction of a third indoor riding arena to accommodate the explosion in enrollment!
- By teaming with Nextel Partners, Morrisville continues to be at the forefront of our ever-increasing mobile society (and was recognized for such in the NY Times)!
- Sheila Johnson, our first million-dollar donor and a successful entrepreneur sought by charitable and corporate executives around the globe, has joined the Morrisville College Foundation Board!
- And Megan Mary Fallon, the girl next door in my hometown of Cazenovia, NY, actually said yes when I asked her to be my wife: truly incredible!

With our Centennial Campaign fast approaching (brochure coming soon), it is especially important to remember what a tremendous impact your generous donations are having on our campus, our students, and the communities in which our graduates serve. If more than 7% of you would include us in your charitable giving, even at \$1.00 per week, the new architectural design studio, athletic stadium, methane digester, and so many other boardroom ideas would be possible, tomorrow.

Moreover, on behalf of the 438 students who received a scholarship or award last semester alone, thank you in advance for making a gift to the Morrisville College Foundation! Best wishes for the New Year!

\$800 Raised For \$25,000 Donald Babcock '59 (Auto Tech) Challenge!

"Morrisville, for me, was a great experience. Although I was a body and fender man, I also took courses in public speaking, business law and salesmanship that facilitated success in my entrepreneurial endeavors," stated Babcock. Don issued this challenge in order to support the administration's goal of increasing the percentage of alumni supporting the Morrisville College Foundation. If you haven't made a donation since graduation, we hope you will meet his challenge (up to \$25,000).

Yes, Don, I accept your challenge!

I understand that you will match dollar for dollar what I donate.

I have enclosed \$ _____ and challenge you to match it.

Together we will enhance opportunities for students at Morrisville State College!

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EOP Pre-College Summer Program Returns After 20 Year Absence

ERIN M. COLVIN, EOP COUNSELOR

Last summer, Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) students began studies early at Morrisville State College during a four-week Pre-College Summer Program (PCSP). PCSP gives students a sneak preview of the rigorous college curriculum before they begin a full course load. Sixty-six students braved the July heat to get a jump-start on their freshman year at Morrisville.

EOP, a coordination of supportive services designed to provide access to higher education, takes the approach to fulfilling SUNY's policy that "every student capable of completing a program of higher education shall have the opportunity to do so." Guided by this precept, the SUNY Office of Opportunity Programs offers educational opportunities through its 64 campuses. EOP provides academic, personal, career, transfer, and financial support to New York state residents with a high school diploma or its equivalent who show promise for mastering college-level work, but may otherwise not be admitted. The program serves students from a variety of circumstances that may present barriers to academic success.

PCSP promotes the development of a support network among students and academic staff, empowers students to examine their strengths and weaknesses, and emphasizes that it is all right to ask for help. A large component of the program acquaints pre-freshman with college life, and provides them with a successful start to the college environment. Highly structured and intensive activities center on academic course offerings that strengthen reading, writing, mathematics, communication skills, and computer technology. The SUNY Office of Opportunity Programs, Morrisville Auxiliary Corporation, Sheila Johnson Institute, and Morrisville State College funded the PCSP. The program covers all student costs for the summer study. "The success of our Pre-College Summer

Program stemmed from the financial support of the college. Dr. Ray Cross, our president, was supportive all along the way. Though funds were very limited, he made sure we had the funding base that would make our proposal acceptable. He saw the importance of such a program to incoming freshmen," said Dr. Shelly Williams, EOP Director. "However, it took the entire college community to make the effort a success. From maintenance staff up through the President's office, it was the cooperation of the entire college community that made it work."

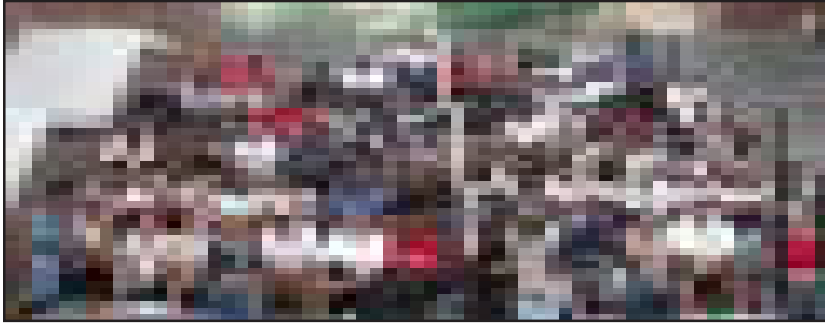
Students enrolled in four classes: mathematics, writing, computers, and the freshman experience course, with the intention of building academic skills and confidence.

In addition, a weekly series of workshops focused on the college adjustment process. A "Freshman Experience" course was designed to help facilitate students with transition from high school to college. EOP Counselors

Louisa Richards, Will Pryor, and Erin Colvin provided instruction for the course.

In addition to required academic classes, students had a full schedule of recreational and social activities. During the program, students became familiar with the campus, the community, and a wide range of resources. They were also introduced to performance expectations, workload, and behavioral strategies that are important aspects of college life and academic success. The students traveled off-campus and enjoyed some local activities, including trips to Verona Beach State Park, Six Flags at Darien Lake, and Glenwood Movieplex Cinema.

As the PCSP progressed, students formed bonds with each other, their peers, and professional staff. EOP staff especially became acquainted with students, and became a unique support network on a personal and academic level that will continue for their entire college experience.



Record Crowd Attends Alumni Hockey Game

EARL UTTER, HEAD HOCKEY COACH

Whether aided by weather or by the large number of returning alumni hockey players, the 7th annual Mustang Alumni Hockey Game saw more spectators in attendance than some regular season games. Alumni from three different decades laced up the boots for the crowd of approximately 700.

"I was shocked by the turn out of both alumni and fans," said Coach Earl Utter. "I love seeing the kids come back, and having so many people here to watch them play tells me that these players made an impact on a lot of people as students. I enjoy talking to the alumni players to see what they have accomplished since moving on from Morrisville."

Twenty-two players from past Mustang hockey teams attended the game including Steve Naranjo and Paul Novak, two players from the original MATC hockey teams of the 1970's. Paul, who attends many Mustang games, said, "I have a lot of fun coming to these alumni games. Even though most of the kids are younger than me, I love getting out here and skating with them." Steve, attending his first Alumni Hockey Game, said that he "had a blast playing with such good hockey players. This was really fun and I'm glad I came." Regarding the game, the Alumni Team was unable to defend their six-year winning streak as they lost to the Freshman Team 6-1. The alumni allowed a couple of early first period goals and were unable to recover the points.

The Alumni Hockey Game is a large draw to bring alumni back to Morrisville, but not the only reason they return. Alumni return to renew old friendships, relive fond memories and reconnect with their alma mater. *Former Mustang hockey players are urged to contact Coach Utter; he would love to hear from you and he invites you to participate in the Alumni Hockey Game. Reach him at (315) 684-6488 or e-mail utterel@morrisville.edu.*

\$15 Million "Campaign for Morrisville" Heating Up At The Norwich Campus

\$10 MILLION RAISED FORM SC DURING SILENT PHASE OF CAMPAIGN

With a record 56 inches of snowfall having already accumulated by the time this was written, and temperatures reaching 22 below zero, it might be hard to imagine how hot the \$15 million Campaign For Morrisville has become!

And yet, by the time Dr. Cross and the Morrisville College Foundation Board hosted the September 19, 2003 kick-off event for the Norwich Campus Legacy Campaign, the planned end to the quiet phase of the "Campaign For Morrisville," the 1998 Goal of raising \$10 million by 2008 had already been reached - five years ahead of schedule - with approximately \$700,000 of the \$10M coming from 7% of Morrisville State College's alumni over the previous five years (the rest coming from friends, corporations, and private foundations).

In January of 2004, Chancellor Robert L. King announced his \$3 Billion Challenge and asked the 64 SUNY colleges to raise another \$2 billion by 2011: giving Morrisville State College its 2011 Goal of \$15 million.

Thanks to Dr. Sheila Johnson's continued and unparalleled support, and incredibly generous gifts from the Roger W. Follett Foundation, Greater Norwich Foundation, Otis A. Thompson Foundation and NBT Bank, we are off to a fantastic start!

On the heels of Dr. Sheila Johnson's, and Morrisville State College's first million dollar gift, The Roger Follett Foundation, Inc. in Chenango County, has made a \$400,000 pledge to support the Morrisville State College Norwich Campus's Legacy Campaign over the next four years. In order to properly honor the memory of Roger W. Follett, the new Norwich Campus academic building has been named "Roger W. Follett Hall."

The Follett Foundation has supported many organizations in Chenango County in memory of Roger Follett, a humble dairy farmer and businessman from Norwich, who in life and after death has so benevolently assisted the needy, and rural and elderly residents of Chenango County. Many of his foundation's gifts have focused on health care and for nearly a decade, Follett Scholarships enable 10 to 12 nursing students to attend Morrisville State College each year.

Beginning in 2005, the Greater Norwich Foundation has committed \$250,000 over five years to see that the faculty and students within Roger W. Follett Hall benefit from leading-edge instructional technologies and laboratory equipment. For more than 20 years, students attending classes at Morrisville State College's Norwich Campus have been awarded Greater Norwich Foundation Scholarships. In order to honor this long-standing and important relationship, the lobby in Roger W. Follett Hall will be called the Greater Norwich Lobby.

Following a shared commitment made by the Otis A. Thompson Foundation and NBT Bank, the new library in Roger W. Follett Hall will forever honor the legacy of each.

Roger W. Follett Hall is a beautiful two-story building nearly four times the size of the current space and is being constructed on the Conkey Avenue side to the east of The Eaton Center's main building. A lighted walkway will connect the college to The Eaton Center, physically representing the Norwich Campus's commitment to integrate hands-on business experience with its curriculum and enhancing the college's collaboration with community businesses.

A very important part of the "Campaign For Morrisville" and the success of the Morrisville College Foundation's Norwich Campaign is due to Morrisville College Foundation board members William H. Smith, Jr., Pete Smith of Wachovia Securities, Richard Runyon of United Methodist Homes, and Norwich Campus dean, Dr. Edward Nichols.

The building is expected to be completed and functional by fall 2005. To learn more about naming opportunities made available by Follett Hall, the new Hospitality and Resort Technology Center, athletic stadium, equine center, auto-tech center, Nelson Farms, or our other projects making up the "Campaign For Morrisville," please contact James Hastie at (315) 684-6030.

Thanks to a competitive bid process, MSC Alumni/Development is proud to announce the production of a shorter, four-color version of the "Alumni News," to be published three times each year!

EDUCATION/ EMPLOYMENT PARTNERSHIP WITH NBT BANK

STACIE EDICK, COMMUNITY RELATIONS ASSISTANT

Morrisville State College's Norwich Campus and NBT Bank are teaming up to create an "Education/Employment Partnership" to help area residents meet their educational and career goals. In the process, these two institutions are demonstrating their commitment to provide quality financial and educational services and to support business, job, and economic development in Central New York. For its part, NBT Bank, one of the largest employers in Chenango County, is offering competitive employment and internship opportunities to qualified Morrisville students and alumni. Morrisville Campus and Norwich Campus students can apply for one of many internship opportunities NBT Bank offers in various areas of banking operations. Students interested in flexible, part-time employment while attending Morrisville State College may apply for positions at NBT Bank's corporate headquarters in Norwich. Opportunities are also available in the Bank's branch network which includes 44 NBT Bank and 26 Central National Bank offices in upstate New York and 40 Pennstar Bank locations in northeastern Pennsylvania. Graduates of Morrisville's bachelor or associate degree programs may apply for full-time employment at NBT Bank as positions become available in a variety of areas including Accounting, Human Resources, Information Processing, Sales and Service, and Risk Management. NBT Bank also offers a Retail Branch Trainee Program that prepares individuals for entry-level positions in branch management. NBT Bank employees interested in continuing their education have access to an attractive tuition reimbursement program.

"Internships and experiential learning opportunities, like those made possible by this partnership, are an important part of the Morrisville experience," Dr. Ted Nichols, Norwich Campus dean, said. "We are most grateful to NBT Bank for the opportunities this partnership creates for Morrisville students." If you own a business and would like to explore a relationship with MSC, please contact James Hastie at 1-800-IMA-GRAD.

CLASS OF 1942

Reba Leader (Home Economics) is busy in her retirement years with church activities, weaving rugs, and helping nursing home patients make quilts.

CLASS OF 1949

Gerald White (Electrical Technology) celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary with his wife Pearl in June 2003.

CLASS OF 1951

Carl E. Cardo (Horticulture) retired from his business in 1997 at which time his son Randy took over. He is now the third generation to run and own the business of Cardo Site Development, heavy construction. Carl keeps busy playing golf and enjoying his hobby of restoring antique tractors and trucks.

CLASS OF 1953

Daniel G. Murray (Food Technology) is a Stephen Minister, a Lay Eucharist Minister and a Convener in the International Order of St. Luke. He is also a graduate of the Christian Healing Ministry in Jacksonville, FL.

CLASS OF 1954

Richard B. Wells (Automotive Technology) works part-time as a ski instructor in Winter Park, Colorado.

CLASS OF 1955

Stanley Cajigas (Food Technology) is semi-retired and doing work at Rutgers University on Nutraceuticals.

CLASS OF 1956

Henry Charache (Animal Science-Dairy) and his wife have six grandchildren and another on the way. He is very grateful for his time at Morrisville as it showed him the value of education- they now have two PhDs in the family!

CLASS OF 1957

Joan Gennosa Boyce (Food Service) is enjoying retirement and travel. She would love to hear from her former classmates. She can be reached at: Boycejmarie@aol.com

Joyce "Webb" Vitulli (Food Service) is retired from teaching at BOCES in Yorktown, NY. She and her husband Anthony are living on the New Jersey shore. They have three sons and three grandchildren.

CLASS OF 1958

George Sheeky (Dairy Industry) has never forgotten the great times at Morrisville State College from playing baseball to visiting the Cherry Valley Inn. He recently moved to Arizona after living in New York State all his life. He has enjoyed having a wonderful family, three girls, running marathons, and being the oldest player on a hockey team. He would love to contact some of the guys from the class of '58.

CLASS OF 1959

John B. Dixon (Automotive Technology) has been retired from Eastman Kodak for eleven years. His wife Judy has been retired two years from nursing. They spend part of the winter in Florida and summers at Butterfield Lake.

CLASS OF 1960

Leonard Fetcho (Business) recently retired as president of Eco-Air Products in San Diego, CA. LPFetcho@aol.com

CLASS OF 1962

Henry Barlow (Electrical Technology) retired as a municipal building inspector in Dutchess County, NY. He is living in Sharon, CT.

CLASS OF 1964

Garry L. Gillespie (Marketing) is working as a controller for Instant Cash Inc. in Spartanburg, SC. He says he misses the Class of '64: Lyle Graves, Jackie, Mary- please e-mail. HIG6LG@aol.com

CLASS OF 1965

After graduation, **Gail Engell Flores**, **Allise Justras**, **Sandy Tubbs Lancer**, **Wendy Schaible** and **Kathy Jensen Allen** went to work in Washington, DC. Gail now lives in Tucson, AZ; Allise in Dallas, TX; Sandy in Rochester, NY; Wendy in Centreville, VA; and Kathy in Laurel, MD. They all reunited this past summer for the first time in approximately 15 years!

Janet Vrolyk Hamilton (Food Service) and her husband Richard have enjoyed traveling to Mexico and the Caribbean this year and are looking forward to a trip to Alaska this summer!

CLASS OF 1966

Thomas L. Jamison (Automotive Technology) taught at Alfred State College in the Automotive Trades program for 35 years. He retired in December 2002.

CLASS OF 1967

James Conway was recently named mortgage consultant by First Niagara Bank. He is responsible for developing, cultivating and maintaining business relationships with builders and other sources to generate government and construction mortgage loans.

CLASS OF 1969

William R. Ernisse (Business Administration) just welcomed his second grandchild, Zachary Jason Ernisse. Zachary joins Taylor Ann Ernisse.

Richard Krzal (Wood Products Technology) is an old tool collector specializing in levels. This past September he and his wife, Melissa Warren Krzal, went to England to attend an old tool auction and scour the flea markets.

Roger Morey (Natural Resources Conservation) was employee of the month for July 2003 at Hannay Reels in Westerlo, NY.

Daniel A. Poppek (Data Processing) became a member of the Pace Setters Club with First United American and just returned from a convention in Scottsdale, AZ with his wife **Diane '70** (Data Processing).

Joe Sutherland (Journalism) is a Senior Account Representative with Burness Communications of Bethesda, MD. He was a member of the first journalism class at Morrisville and began his career in 1972 with the *Evening News* (Gannett) in Newburgh, NY. He then came to Washington in 1975 where he served as Press Secretary to former Rep. Benjamin A. Gilman. From there, he joined General Dynamics Corporation as a media relations executive in the defense contractor's Washington Operations office. Sutherland did a 180-degree turn, career-wise, when he got laid off along with thousands in the Defense Industry after the fall of the Berlin Wall and the end of the Cold War. He joined Burness, which only worked in the philanthropic world. "It's good work - international and domestic health and health policy, global health, end-of-life issues. Good issues. Issues you can get your arms around and issues that get your heart beating." One of Sutherland's clients in the National Science & Technology Medals Foundation, and in November he was at The White House for the medals presentation to this year's Laureates by President Bush. Sutherland has also done work for the National Bioethics Advisory Commission, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, and the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center, based in Mexico. Sutherland attended University of Dayton in Ohio. He's been married for 30 years to Ann DeStefano, a television producer in Washington. They have one son, Stephen, a senior in high school; and a basset hound named Otis.

CLASS OF 1969

Sutherland was back in Morrisville for the journalism reunion in July 2003. "It was great to be back at the school that gave me a chance to succeed. It was a special time for those from the first class. It was a thrill to be with Jerry Leone again, the man who built the journalism program from the ground up." He's got this advice for his 1969 classmates: "Get ready for the 2007 reunion - don't miss it - and be prepared to hear all my stories . . . again."

Martha Kennedy-Lindley (Journalism), a media relations specialist for the U.S. Naval Reserve, spoke to Journalism majors at Morrisville State College this fall. She invited eight students from the CHIMES and one from WCVN to assist Armed Forces media relations professionals during



a recognition ceremony for Korean War veterans at the Landmark Theater in Syracuse. U.S. Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton presided over the ceremony, the last of more than 50 such events held nationwide to mark the 50th anniversary of the signing of the armistice that ended the Korean War. During the event, Senator Clinton fielded questions from CHIMES Editor-in-Chief and Managing Editor.

CLASS OF 1970

Diane Poppek (see Daniel Poppek, Class of 1969)

CLASS OF 1971

Diann Higgins (Nursing) is still at Hunterdon Cardiovascular Associates, working with a doctor who is also the mayor of Flemington, NJ. She and her husband Raymond have been married for 10 years and she enjoys her grandchildren, camping, and country dancing.

John Sturbin (Journalism) is the motorsports writer for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. He is native of Rome, NY where he was the sports editor of the Daily Sentinel before moving to Texas in October 1978.



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William F. Henry (Natural Resources Conservation) has been working for NYSDEC for the past seventeen years. He is a single parent with a son, and lives in Schoharie County.

CLASS OF 1973

Denyse Duquette LaBarbara (Food Administration) and her husband Angelo, as well as their three children: Aaron, age 20, Adam, age 17, and Angelie, age 13, are now living in Eagle, ID, as of August 1999.

Mark Krukar (Accounting) has accepted a position at Clearview Home and Leisure in Syracuse as a consultant. Previously, he was general manager of American Fireplace in Utica for over 25 years.

CLASS OF 1975

Ched Cummings (Food Service) recently celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary with his wife, Debbie. He is currently employed at Sysco Food Services of Syracuse.

Jerrilynn Chase Ingraham (Nursing) is an office nurse at Hamilton Orthopaedics and a clinical instructor at DCMO BOCES in Norwich, NY. Her son Chris has gone on for his PhD in Genetics at University of Rochester. Her son Jason started at Rensselaer in the fall for engineering physics/management and her daughter Kim is a senior in high school. Jerrilynn's husband Al is a contracting supervisor.

Ken Koziak (Liberal Arts) went to Australia in May 2003 to play in a rugby tournament.

Louis Marinelli Jr. (Wood Technology) wants to announce that he has two new additions to his family: Louis Nicholas Marinelli III and Amanda Elise Marinelli, both born on June 8, 2003.

Elissa Silvio (Nursing) is a nurse practitioner at the West Haven Connecticut Veterans Hospital, Blind Rehabilitation Unit. She is also a clinical instructor for Yale School of Nursing.

Gary Weldgen (Automotive Technology) has been a Mercedes Benz technician for 28 years and currently works at Holtz Mercedes Benz. Fellow alumni may wish to e-mail him at: gweldgen@rochester.rr.com

CLASS OF 1976

Jerry McEnery (Natural Resources Conservation) and his wife Sheila reside with their three children in Fairfield, CT. Jerry is a trial attorney with the firm Sinoway McEnery & Messey, which specializes in medical malpractice litigation. His oldest daughter is freshman at Georgetown University.

Dan Stachelski (Individual Studies), a certified industrial Hygienist and certified safety professional, is the US Department of Energy Safety Engineer at the West Valley Demonstration Project located in West Valley, NY. He recently received the DOE-Voluntary Protection Program Federal Champions Award. This award presented annually to one DOE professional, recognizes leadership and dedication to the advancement of safety excellence.

CLASS OF 1977

Brian Berman (Television/Electronics Technology) adopted a religious lifestyle after relocating back to Brooklyn, NY from Arizona, via California. He married Menucha Rochel in 2002 and they have a 6 month old boy named MoshaMeir.

Tom Geiss (Engineering Science) works at Carrier in Syracuse. He and his wife Debbie have two children, Tommy and Sarah.

Cindy Peryea (Equine Husbandry) welcomes contact from any of her old friends. E-mail: firedanse57@hotmail.com

CLASS OF 1978

Lois-Ann Berry (Design & Drafting) has been working as an inside-sales coordinator for a plastics distributor for 12 years. She became a widow in 2000; her husband James died of cancer. Her daughter Suzie started college this year and says she is experiencing Empty Nest Syndrome!

Anne Miller (Accounting) has been married for 17 years and she and her husband have their own computer business. Anne has also worked for Onondaga City for 14 years and her husband has worked for Chrysler for over 19 years.

Jeffrey Nash (Electronics) is currently a State Police Investigator assigned to the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force.

Teams Provide Second Family For Student Athletes

GREGORY CARROLL, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

Being on a team can be a tremendously powerful experience. The relationships established are sometimes even as strong as those in a family.

Recently, a young man on our football team shared with me that his mother had passed away earlier in the day at their home in Florida. We talked about the loss and the impact it will have on his family, particularly his brother who is still in high school. I assured him that I was available to help him in any way and suggested he needed to finalize travel arrangements so he could be with his family. He agreed, but what he really wanted to do was attend practice that day so he could be with the football team, his Morrisville family.

Membership on our teams at MSC carries certain responsibilities and expectations which are demanding and time-consuming. But the return on this investment can be great for those willing to make the sacrifice. The fact that this young man wanted to be with his team during a traumatic time speaks volumes about what one can get from the athletic experience.

We are fortunate at MSC to offer athletic experiences to many students; we sponsor 26 sports, including an indoor track team for select track and field athletes. The program serves more than 500 students who build friendships that last a lifetime. Our athletes learn leadership and take steps that will only enhance their marketability to future employers looking for team players.

As you will see from the fall sports wrap up article, we are having a wonderful year here. We have several All-Region athletes, many All-Conference honorees,

CLASS OF 1980

Christine (Gebauer) Gries (Horse Husbandry/Individual Studies) It has been a tough couple of years, but this year we have launched our own line of pet products – horse and dog!

Brian Jacobsen (Automotive Technology) is wondering where all the '80 & '81 guys and gals from first floor of Oneida ended up

Kathy Pitcher-Parker (Journalism) is married to Richard Parker and they have two children: Will and Becky. She would love to hear from old friends! E-mail: parkergazette@yahoo.com

Randy Rosen (Plastics Technology) says hello to everyone from third floor Onondaga Hall!

CLASS OF 1981

James Wunderlich is currently in the process of launching an independent record label to be called Orbital Sound. It will specialize in digital music recording and the promotion and distribution of a catalog both regionally and through the internet. He feels confident that the company's music production services would be useful to fellow alumni.

Joseph DeMarzio (Agricultural Science-Husbandry) graduated from Penn State University in 1984 with a BS in Business Management. He has been working for Lockheed Martin for 15 years and is married with five children.

and the third straight year, a member of our football team was named Defensive Player of the Year for the Northeast Conference! Terry Dow, our head football coach, was named Coach of the Year for the second consecutive year as well.

In conjunction with the campus's effort to promote civility on campus, the athletic department is working hard to make events enjoyable for spectators of all ages. My message to our students is that I should be able to sit next to them with my seven year old and five year old and not be embarrassed by what they might hear. People of all ages should be comfortable watching our teams play. Our student body has been responding tremendously.

Recently, we launched an ambitious effort to raise money through donations, our golf tournament and other initiatives to facilitate improvements. Through the generosity of alumni and local businesses we have been able to meet this goal. This effort was spearheaded by Oneida Savings Bank which donated new scoreboards for the baseball and softball fields. Last year they donated a new scoreboard for the STUAC Gymnasium. We have been able to purchase flag poles for Lemery Field, the baseball field and the softball field, chairs and a sound system for STUAC Gymnasium, a portable sound system for outdoor fields, and a sign denoting the 1980 National Championship Men's Soccer Team and Lemery Field. Efforts like these are only possible with the continued support of our dedicated alumni. We are excited about the future of MSC and the role intercollegiate athletics plays in that future. We hope you will continue to help us realize those dreams. I look forward to seeing you at a Mustang event in the future!

CLASS OF 1981

Robert Dolgin (Journalism) is surviving as a free-wheeling sports writer, his claim to fame is challenging NY Yankee Don Mattingly to one-on-one basketball. He reported on the 2000 Super Bowl (Giants vs. Ravens) for the Rensselaer Beacon. He wants to say hi to his old friends at Morrisville. He's working on a book and is still a big Yankees fan. He insists that he is still the last one to find out when it's raining!

John Jermyn recently retired from the FDNY, but continues to volunteer as an educator at the Fire Museum. He said it was great to see old friends, and meet new ones at his 25th reunion. He has fond memories of roasting Bert Hundredmark. It was also great to see how the college has expanded its curriculum and added new ones. John also noted that winter 2003 closely reminded him of his senior year at Morrisville and the "Endless Winter" of 1977. It brought back pleasant memories of the years past. In May 2002, John was a commencement speaker at SUNY Oneonta. He sends his best regards to all.

Daniel Langston (Design & Drafting) was recently promoted to vice president of Ronco Specialized Systems, Inc. in Columbia, SC. Ronco designs and installs major audio and video systems as well as healthcare facility nurse call and communication systems. He wants to know if anybody knows where DEMO is.

MSC Athletics Complete Fall Season On A High Note

BRANDY WILCOX '95,
SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

MSC athletics underwent some changes this fall. Men's soccer, under new direction by Tom Daviau, had its best season since 1999. The men went 12-5-1 overall, earning a #5 seed in the regional tournament. Matt Clapp (Chittenango, NY) earned post-season honors for the men, being selected to the NJCAA Region III Second Team. Women's soccer went 11-7-1 overall, earning a #7 seed in the regional tournament. Tina Kane (Leicester, NY) and Jill Overend (Cazenovia, NY) earned all-conference honors, and Elisabeth Lowe (Grahamsville, NY) earned all-region honors. Women's field hockey had one of the best seasons in MSC history, recording a 7-1 overall season and defeating opponents on average 3.5 to 0.5 points. Elizabeth McCollum (Newfane, NY) led Morrisville with eight goals in six games. Football went 7-4 overall and 4-1 in conference play, again winning the Northeast Football Conference championship. Two players were nominated for All-American honors, and nine earned all-conference honors, including Jamar Atkinson (Woodbridge, VA) who was named the 2003 NFC Defensive Player of the Year. Men's and women's cross country completed their season racing in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) National meet. Both the men's and women's teams finished 4th in the nation. Five MSC runners earned All-American honors, finishing in the top fifteen of the race. Shanti Crouch (Canastota, NY) and Nick Rizzon (Bradford, NY) were selected as NJCAA First Team All-Americans, finishing fifth and third in the nation; Robert Conley (Brewerton, NY) a NJCAA Second Team All-American selection, finishing ninth. Laura Byrnes (East Hampton, NY) and Priscilla Paluck, NJCAA Honorable Mention All-Americans, finished 12th and 15th respectively. Schedules, scores and game reports can be found at www.morrisville.edu/athletics. Come support the MSC Mustangs!

CLASS OF 1981

Jim Rhodes (Electrical Engineering Technology) Jim and his wife, Susan, have been in Colorado for ten years with their two children; Nichole 6 and Nathan 3. Jim is a Regional Manager for Intermec Technologies, a Seattle-based company specializing in barcode technology and RF communications. Susan is a stay-at-home mom. Favorite pastimes are skiing, hiking, mountain biking, playing golf and woodworking. Jim.rhodes@intermec.com

John Roberts (Auto Mechanics) has been employed with Terminix for 17 years. He resides in New Paltz, NY with his wife Roxanne, daughter Shelly, and son Kyle. Shelly is a freshman at Morrisville in the BT Resort and Recreation program. She also played on the Morrisville volleyball team.

CLASS OF 1982

Sophia C. Faughman (Dietetic Technician) is retired Southern Tier Dietetic Association Liaison for Dietetic Technicians. She is also National Nutrition Month Chair for 2003-2004.

Denise Miclo (Liberal Arts), in addition to her job as team leader/supervisor at an attorney's office, is working part-time as Madison Square Garden in Manhattan, Yankee Stadium, and Shea Stadium. She is in Local 176, the Usher and Ticket Taker Union, out of Queens, NY. She would love to hear from any alumni from 1980-82. E-mail: denisemiclo@yahoo.com

Jenifer (Woodall) Simpson (Secretarial Science) says "hello" to all Phi Sigma Beta sisters and would love to hear from Karen Sitar and anyone else from 80-82. Jenifer can be reached at jsimpson@fuccillo.com or jenterparadise@aol.com.

CLASS OF 1983

Lori-anne (Howe) Jones (Business Administration) has been married for 15 years to Carl Jones. They have a son Erik, age 12, and a daughter Abbey, age 8.

Margaret M. West (Business Administration) has been married for 13 years. She has one son, Jake, age 11, and a daughter, Mary, age 8. She works at Lee Memorial Hospital in Fulton, in the accounting department and is very happy! She says "Hi!" to her friends from the Class of 1983.

CLASS OF 1984

William Clark (Animal Husbandry-Dairy) got married in 1992 to Tracie Wilber and started the Wild-B Dairy in 1991. He was in Otisco, NY for 7+ years and says it is good to be home again in Navarino! He bought his grandfather's farm in 1999 and says his dreams really did come true! Stop by or e-mail me at WildB666@hotmail.com.

Judi Jakubowski (Natural Resources Conservation) is currently teaching high school science. After Morrisville, she went on to receive her BS from SUNY Oswego and an MSE from SUNY Cortland.

CLASS OF 1984

Connie (Potwin) Kreplin (Nursing) has been married for 15 years to Mark Kreplin, a mason plasterer and they have three children: Alyssa, 12, Daniel, 11, and Kevin, 8. She has also been a Mary Kay Beauty Consultant part-time for three years and recently became a jewelry distributor and demonstrator for Premier Designs High Fashion Jewelry.

Robert Witkowski '85 and Marianne (Bourdeau) Witkowski '84 (Liberal Arts) still reside in LeRoy, NY. They often reminisce of times in Morrisville. They would like to say "hi" to the 82-83 ladies soccer teams, 83-85 swim teams, and Kathy, Scotty, Kevin and all their old friends.

CLASS OF 1985

Stephen Nortz (Business Administration) has settled back in Virginia after traveling around the country for four years as a contract programmer.

Robert Witkowski (see Marianne Witkowski, Class of 1984)

CLASS OF 1986

Christine (Harper) Olney (Dietetics/Nutritional Care) is married to Paul W. Olney. She has a 14-year old stepdaughter and a two-year old daughter and is living in Westernville, NY. She says "Hi" to all her classmates and friends, and says thanks for two great years!

CLASS OF 1987

William Belitz (Restaurant Management) is a member of the Old Forge Fire Department and a member of the Central Adirondack Search and Rescue Team. He has been employed by Fastrac for almost two years. He has lost contact with Morrisville and would like to get back involved and to renew friendships with fellow classmates from 1985-87. Contact: Belitz197@firehousemail.com

Jeffrey May (Automotive Technology) says that although he loves sunny Southern California, he still has many, many found memories of his time at Morrisville, even the winters! The automotive tech program proved to give him a solid foundation to build a terrific career, and he says thank you. He noted that he will be donating to the Morrisville College Foundation in the near future and encourages others to do so. He would like to reconnect with his friends Sol, Oved and Alex and hopes that if they read this, they will email him. E-mail: jjmay1@yahoo.com

Tammy (Colvin) Mullen (Secretarial Science) and her husband had a son, Tyler David, on November 14, 2003.

Upcoming Alumni Events:

March 30-Washington, DC

SUNY Alumni Reception

May 7-Syracuse, NY

Night of Champions

July 16, 17 & 18-MSU

Summer Alumni Reunion

September 11-Romulus, NY

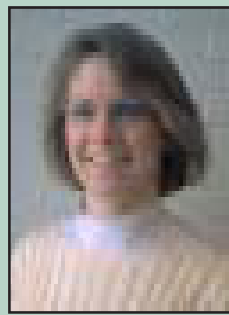
Finger Lakes Picnic

September 24 & 25-MSU

Mustang Weekend 2004

CLASS OF 1987

Amy Twiss who serves as SUNY Cortland's hazardous materials manager, was recently named safety specialist at



the college. She adds campus environmental safety to her list of official responsibilities with this promotion. She had previously performed the services on a

temporary basis. Twiss joined Cortland's Department of Environmental Health and Safety in September 2002 as hazardous materials manager. She also served as interim associate director for environmental health and safety from March 2003 to August 2003, when the associate director's position was filled. Since 2002, she has also served as an instructor with SUNY Cortland's Center for Continuing Education and Department of Environmental Health and Safety. She trains the campus and community on dealing with hazardous waste operations and emergency response, blood-borne pathogens, fire safety, biologic and chemical terrorism, and personal protective equipment. Twiss lives in Chittenango, NY with her husband Eric, and sons, Vincent and Aaron. A grown daughter, Genevieve, lives in England.

CLASS OF 1988

Andre R. Jeffries (Individual Studies) Hopes all graduates from Morrisville are doing well. May all the graduates from 1988, 1989 and 1990 remember our classmate Loris Taylor (Dunbar) who died in the World Trade Center on September 11th.

CLASS OF 1989

Edward Byrnes (Journalism) was named as a news manager by Syracuse University's Office of News Services. He will be responsible for promoting faculty, staff and student activities in the fields of natural sciences, information systems and technology, and the E.S. Bird Library. Previously, he was employed as director of public relations for the Conventual Franciscan Friars of the eastern US and Canada.

Kirsten White (Restaurant Management) is a registered dietitian at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse. She has two children: Hunter, who is 2 and a half and Emily, who is one year old.

CLASS OF 1990

Luis Diaz (Automotive Technology) and his wife recently purchased their first home in New Windsor, NY.

Warren Graham (Liberal Arts) received a BA in psychology from SUNY Old Westbury in 2003 and is pursuing a Master's Degree in social work.

CLASS OF 1992

Lori Ann Coughlin (Business) and her 1996 chestnut tovero gelding, Best Bee Alert, finished 11th on the American Paint Horse Association's Novice Amateur Top 20 list for 2002 with 140 qualifying points. Lori and "Archie" finished sixth on the 2002 APHA Honor Roll for Novice Amateur Western Pleasure and 10th on both the Senior Western Pleasure and Amateur Western Pleasure lists.

Melanie Jannery (Wood Products Technology) said that if you follow your dreams they will come true and that life is full of surprises- it's how you look at things that matters. Good luck to all you wood techies!

Karen (Dunham) Van Kuyk (Liberal Arts/Social Science) would love to hear from former classmates, old friends, and members of ADM and DLM. E-mail: mrs_kvkv@yahoo.com

CLASS OF 1993

Eve Varon Ryan (Agricultural Science) and **Elmer Ryan '94** (Mechanical Engineering Technology) married October 12, 2002. Elmer works as a laboratory supervisor at Special Metals in New Hartford, NY. Eve is a veterinarian at the Cat Care Center. The Cat Care Center was opened in May 2002 by Dr. Jennifer McAvoy of North Syracuse, NY. We apologize sincerely for the misprint in the last publication.

Dennis Twomey (Individual Studies) is a Peace Corps Volunteer in the former Soviet Republic of Moldova. He works for a community center in a small agricultural village that supports a thriving youth music program. The center is looking for newer equipment for this program. Alumni interested in donating used music equipment are asked to e-mail denmldva29@yahoo.com.

CLASS OF 1994

Joseph D'Aversa is looking to get in touch with old friends.

Jackie Ferreiro (Animal Science-Dairy) is an Independent Beauty Consultant with Mary Kay, the number one selling skin care and cosmetic company in the United States for the ninth year in a row. She has a website which allows people to order online, and she invites you to visit www.marykay.com/jackieferreiro or e-mail JackieFerreiro@marykay.com.

CLASS OF 1995

Jan V. Brath received a BS in Environmental Planning from SUNY Oneonta in 1998 and an MLA in Landscape Architecture from SUNY ESF in 2001.

Visit the *new and improved* MSC Alumni Web Site at www.morrisville.edu/alumni/

CLASS OF 1996

Nina Denny (Journalism) owns and operates her own music and entertainment PR Firm: Nina Denny Public Relations (<http://www.ninadenny.com>). If you are a serious musician and looking to take your talent to the next level, please contact Nina Denny Public Relations regarding their affordable press campaign packages. Nina is also launching her own online music magazine and is looking for great music writers to complete her staff. This is a non-paying job, however the perks are attending shows for free, keeping the CDs that you review, getting your name in print and Nina would also like to announce the birth of her daughter Paisley Bryg Forrest on March 1, 2003. This is her first child.

CLASS OF 1997

Mary (Ciffone) Baker (Liberal Arts) would like to announce the birth of her son, Cory Henry Baker, on June 28, 2002. She is trying to contact Kathy Stratton who graduated in 1997. Mary and Kathy played basketball for the Lady Mustangs together. Please e-mail her at mciffone@wcpss.net

Tracy Dreher (Individual Studies) announces the birth of Kimberly Frances Dreher, January 25, 2003. Looking forward to hearing from other classmates.

Mark Schmidt (Agricultural Business) and **Andrea (Sayles) Schmidt '98** (Equine Science) noted that they both ended up with more than an education from SUNY Morrisville! They were married on February 15, 2003. Mark is a partner in the family dairy barn and has worked for five years as a biological science plant technician for the USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Services. Andrea has worked for three years as a lab technician-receptionist for Empire Vision Center in Norwich.

Jeffrey Lisk (Wood Products Technology) currently works in Oswego, NY at a sawmill, managing the duties of a kiln operator. He spent three years after college kilndrying hardwood lumber in Cortland, NY. He married in October 2001 and has a stepson. He says hello to all his classmates!

CLASS OF 1998

Liz Coffey (Dietetic Technician) is a mentor for Diet Tech students and has accepted Morrisville students for three years now. They intern with her form one day a week for five weeks. She enjoys having the opportunity to give back to the college.

Andrea (Sayles) Schmidt (see **Mark Schmidt**, Class of 1997)

CLASS OF 1999

Brianne Furnari (Travel/Tourism) and her Morrisville sweetheart, Jim Nyahay, are planning to marry June 12, 2004. The couple has purchased their home in Rotterdam, NY.

CLASS OF 1999

Amanda-Lee Heckel (Equine Racing) retired from riding two years ago due to an injury. Currently she is director of operations for White GLove Transportation, managing the account for Polo Ralph Lauren Interior Design. She feels so blessed to love her second career as much as she loved her first. Amanda lives half the year in NYC and is looking forward to working the rest of the year in Beverly Hills in her new office. How life has changed!! She would love to hear from everybody.

Mandy Miller (Office Technology) got engaged on October 17 to Jeffrey Cornick of Glens Falls. A summer 2004 wedding is planned.

CLASS OF 2000

Michele Fuller graduated from Susquehanna University in May 2002. In January 2003, she started working for the PA Department of Environmental Protection in the storage tank program.

In Memoriam

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of the following:

Beryl Judson '26	Bonita Brown '69
Doris Beach '28	Roger Bennett '70
Edwin Rycraft '28	Roy Morgan '71
Charles Rienhardt '33	Nancy Halberg '73
Carl Bush '38	John Maynard Ault '75
Robert Hilts '39	Gail Vance '75
Clifford Johnson '40	Jeffrey Jay Glass '77
Gustave Kopp '41	John Makitalo '77
Jane Alvord '43	Geraro Moria '83
Dorothy Golas '46	Michael P. Wehner '83
Cynthia Powers '47	Linda Ann Puddington '84
Robert McLouth '48	Lauralee Smith '85
Marjory Hahn '50	Michael Turner '85
Barry Sherlock '61	Joseph Hall '88
James Matteson '63	Sgt. Thomas Robbins '96
Janet Tennant '67	Darren Leigh Masker '03
Dona Bottoms '69	

Alumni In Education Share Expertise With Future Teachers

BY MARY BROWN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, HUMANITIES

To provide professional support and advice to the growing teacher education initiative at Morrisville State College, alumni identified as current teachers were contacted last spring. They were asked to support the initiative by talking to current college classes, serving on an advisory board, acting as a mentor to our college students, providing professional advice to faculty, or assisting with our teaching-related website and materials. The response was overwhelming; many teacher-alumni offered to help with the effort to prepare Morrisville State students to become future teachers.

A Teacher-Alumni Advisory Board was formed and met for the first time on October 21, 2003. Members of the board, all Morrisville State alumni, are: Mary Maitland, Equine Science teacher at Madison-Oneida BOCES, Jeff Rasmussen, Fourth/Fifth Grade Reading and Math teacher at Oxford Academy and Middle School, Kevin Sharpe, Math teacher at Fabius-Pompey Middle/High School, Elizabeth Joerger, Second Grade teacher at Morrisville-Eaton Central School, Kelly Orth, English/Special Education teacher at Fowler High School in Syracuse, and Sheila Leamer, Family and Consumer Science and Health teacher at Chittenango Central School.

Professor Mary Brown, who is spearheading the campus teacher education initiative, shared with the board the efforts being made to help prepare students for teaching careers. She explained the high student interest and national teacher shortages that prompted the effort at Morrisville, the new courses being offered, the proposed Liberal Arts and Sciences/Teacher Education Transfer program being developed, the activities in the "Corridor to the Classroom" effort funded by the Sheila Johnson Institute, as well as the new teacher education website located at www.morrisville.edu/academics/liberal_arts/teachered. Board members discussed their role in the college's teacher education initiative and offered input about the efforts now in place. The board will meet again during the Spring 2004 semester.

Thank you to the alumni who offered to serve on this advisory board and to all others who offered to support this program in additional capacities. Any teacher-alumni willing to volunteer may contact Professor Brown at (315) 684-6160 or email brownmt@morrisville.edu.

Informal Alumni Gathering



Several alumni reunited in Syracuse, NY last fall. Following Happy Hour at Embassy Suites, the group enjoyed dinner and nightlife at Armory Square, then met again for breakfast the next morning.

Pictured (left to right): John & Trish '88 Den'Allo, Rick and Lori Allen '88, Tim '88 & Lisa Fiori, Mike '88 & Shannon Pusz, Christa and Scott '88 Campbell.

Others at the gathering included: Patricia (Stella) '87 & Mike Zingaro, Larry '88 & Yolunda Rouse, Kelly (Walker) '87 & Mark Miner, Mike and Andrea Rehour '89, Maureen (Finster) '88 & Mike Busky.

What's new with you?

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PLEASE ANNOUNCE IN THE NEXT ALUMNI NEWS:

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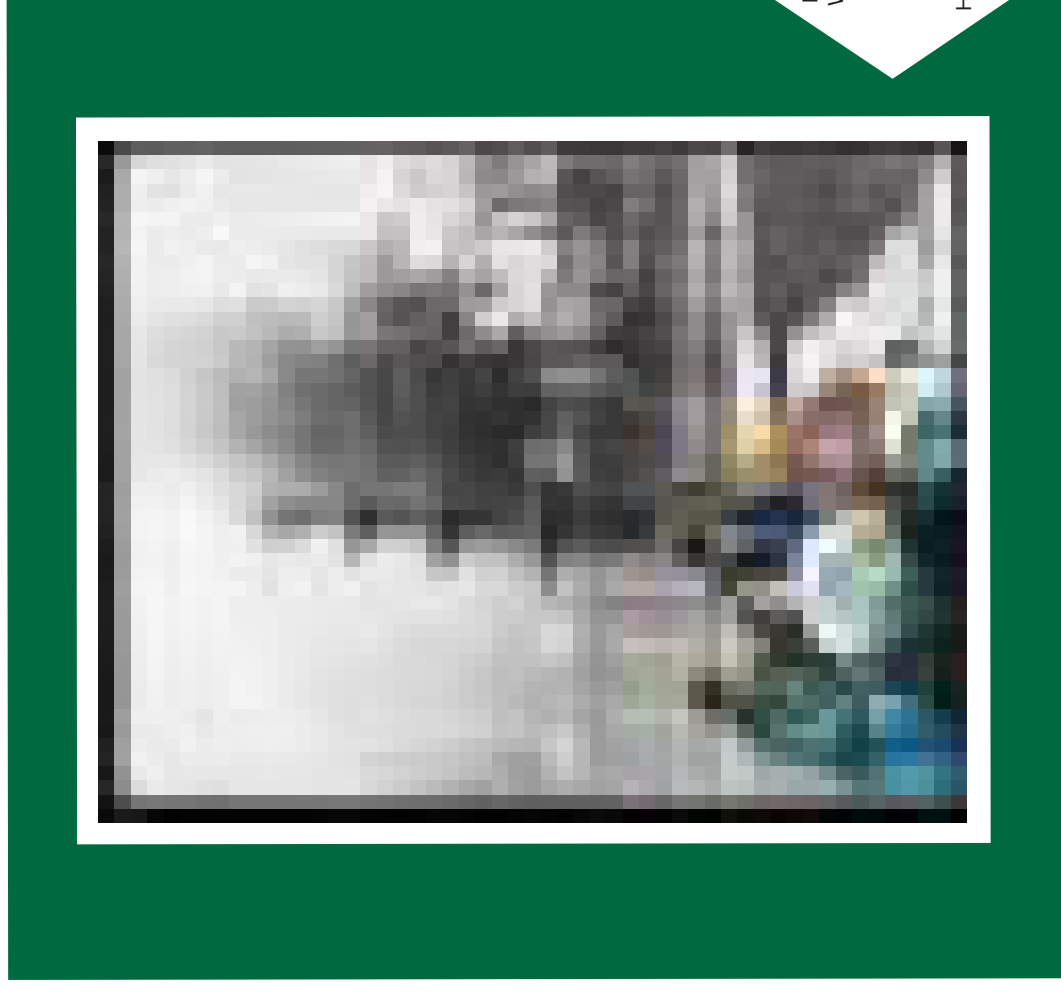
Honors/Awards/Further Education/Promotion/New Position: _____

Send this form to: Alumni/Development Office, Morrisville State College, P.O. Box 901, Morrisville, N.Y. 13108; fax to: 315-684-6121; or e-mail alumni@morrisville.edu.

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Morrisville State College Announces Centennial Campaign

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STATE COLLEGE

Another Look At The Donald G. Butcher Library

WILFRED DREW, ASSOCIATE LIBRARIAN

Today's college library is not what these include one of the most complete information from a variety of sources—skills most alumni remember. But then neither are collections of art work by Lee Brown Coye, they will use throughout their lives. For many most campuses. Thirty years ago, there were history of New York State and Madison County, alumni, memories of the library are bittersweet few co-ed dorms. No cash machines. No sound and image databases, and much more. reminders of thumbing through the Reader's computers. No cell phones. Like every other The library's online collections include back Guide, uncomfortable chairs, late-night coffee aspect of campus life, the library has evolved issues of newspapers and magazines, abstracts runs, and cramming. In contrast, using today's and scholarly journals, encyclopedias, and many Donald G. Butcher Library has never been

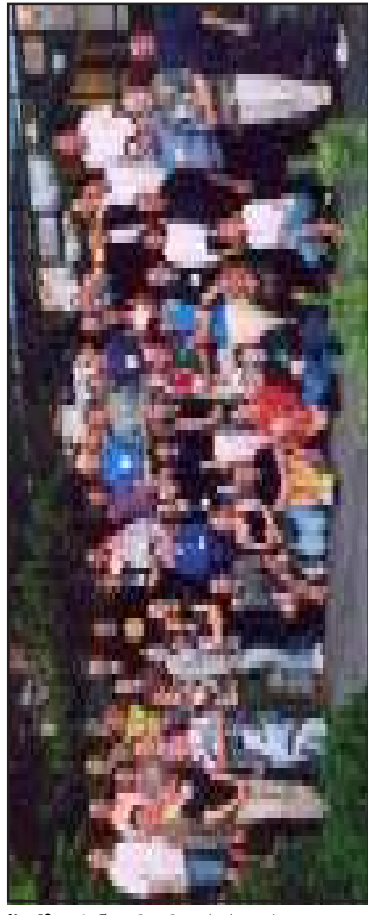
Today's students head to college specialized databases. These resources carry easier, faster, or more comfortable. In addition armed with a computer and modem, but unless price tags that most students and researchers to 24/7 Web access, there are areas for quiet they've connected with the library, they may could never afford. The library is about the only study and for group work, wireless access, not know what they're missing. What many place on campus where students are not expected assistance from capable librarians and staff, and don't realize is that today's college library offers to know the answers. Librarians are, in fact, the much more. Stop in and take another look at the best of both worlds; it has resources on- ultimate search engines. Librarians also plan and the Donald G. Butcher Library!

and offline. At the Donald G. Butcher Library, teach students how to find, evaluate, and use

Journalism Alumni Reconnect At Summer Alumni Reunion

BRIAN MCDOWELL, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, JOURNALISM

More than 120 alumni were in Cleland. Weekend events included numerous lab. A highlight of the weekend occurred on attendance July 18 through 20, 2003 as opportunities for class and individual reunion Saturday night in the STUAC Theater, where Morrisville State College welcomed back graduates and the crowd viewed a slide show looking back on the program's history since its inception in 1967. A performance by comedian and magician Rob Tarry '00 preceded the presentation. The next Journalism Reunion, marking the program's 40th anniversary, will take place during the Summer Alumni Reunion, scheduled for the



meetings and a department open house in the CHIMES and WCVI labs as well as the Photo third weekend in July 2007. Don't miss it! McDowell, Edward Conzola, and Gladys