Alumni Reunion Weekend
October 12-14, 2007

HIGHLIGHTS:

Lantern Society Induction
Congratulations to the Class of 1957 as they celebrate their 50th year reunion by being inducted into the Lantern Society!

Class Events
Nostalgia and news among classmates

Networking Events
Luncheons, dinners, breakfasts and receptions

Departmental Gatherings
Art Education, Asian Studies, Biology, Business, Media and First World and more

Campus Tours
Additions to campus including the Athletic and Wellness Center and the newly-renovated van den Berg Hall (with its clock tower and chimes!)

Arts Events
Concerts, theatre productions and museum exhibits

Mid-Hudson Region
Fall in the Mid-Hudson Region includes visits to the Mohonk Preserve, Ashokan Field Campus, the Hudson Valley Rail Trail, apple orchards, wineries and so much more!

Photo albums of reunion events will be available online (www.newpaltz.edu/alumni/reunion).

Want to find fellow classmates, fraternity brothers, sorority sisters, teammates, club members, or simply a long lost friend? We can help! Contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at 1-877-HAWK-001 (option #1), alumni@newpaltz.edu, or visit us on the Web at www.newpaltz.edu/alumni.
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Key for Major Abbreviations:

Acctg.: Accounting
Afr. Stud.: African Studies
Anthro.: Anthropology
Art Ed.: Art Education
Art Hist.: Art History
Asian Stud.: Asian Studies
Biol.: Biology
Black Stud.: Black Studies
Bus.: Business
Bus. Admin.: Business Administration
Chem.: Chemistry
Comm.: Communication and Media
Comm. Dis.: Communication Disorders
Comp. Sci.: Computer Science
Ed.: Education
Ed. Admin.: Educational Administration
Ed. Studies: Educational Studies
Elec. Eng.: Electrical Engineering
Elem. Ed.: Elementary Education
Engl.: English
Fin.: Finance
For. Lang.: Foreign Languages
Geog: Geography
Geol.: Geology
Hist.: History
Hum. Ed.: Humanistic Education
Inst. Res.: Instructional Resources
Inter. Des.: Intermedia Design
Journ.: Journalism
Lat. Am. Stud.: Latin American Studies
Ling.: Linguistics
Med. Man.: Media Management
Mgmt.: Management
Music Hist.: Music History
Org. Comm.: Organizational Communication
Paint.: Painting
Phil.: Philosophy
Photo.: Photography
Pol. Sci.: Political Science
Print.: Printmaking
Psych.: Psychology
Pub. Rel.: Public Relations
Sculp.: Sculpture
Sec. Ed.: Secondary Education
Spec. Ed.: Special Education
Speech Comm.: Sp. Communication
Soc.: Sociology
Soc. Stud.: Social Studies
Thtr. Man.: Theatre Management
Vis. Arts: Visual Arts
Wom. Stud.: Women’s Studies

Cover photo: “Gertrude’s Nose,” Minnewaska State Park, G. Steve Jordan
Jaimi DeFeo '07 (Geog.) was awarded a National Geographic Society internship in Washington, D.C. for the spring 2007 semester. Her internship is in the digital media division. The internship program accommodates 22 students throughout the year at society headquarters in Washington, D.C. DeFeo was selected through a highly competitive process involving college juniors, seniors, and graduate students nationwide.

Amy Lipson '07 (Vis. Arts) was selected by the British Council USA to participate in its prestigious Student Ambassador Program and help spread the word about the many and varied educational opportunities available to those who study in the United Kingdom. Selection was based on advisor recommendations and a demonstrated enthusiasm for the overseas study experience. The 2006-07 student ambassadors hail from 57 different colleges and their studies range from international relations and business to engineering and graphic design.

Your New Paltz Connection

Did you participate in an internship program when you were at New Paltz?

Did any faculty or staff members play an important role in your professional development?

Do you recruit and/or hire New Paltz interns and graduates now that you’re an alum?

What are your memories?

What special faculty-student connections did you make at New Paltz?

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Reunion 2006 Photo Album

President Steven Poskanzer visits with retired faculty O. Lincoln Igou (Music, Emeritus) and Fred Bunt (Ed., Emeritus) at the 5th Annual Alumni, Faculty, Staff Luncheon on Friday, Oct. 20.

Mary Lown ’46 (Ed.), from Kingston, N.Y., attended the Class of 1946 Afternoon Tea in the 1907 Room in Old Main. Mary is a frequent visitor to campus and continues to play an active role in the life of the institution.

Class of 1946 Afternoon Tea attendees.

Art Education Adventures

Margaret Johnson (Art Ed.) and honoree Connie Noelle ’69 (Art Ed.) chat with fellow Art Education alumni and faculty at the Art Education Reception, Awards Ceremony and Henna Painting Workshop.

Above: Margaret Johnson (Art Ed.) and honoree Connie Noelle ’69 (Art Ed.) chat with fellow Art Education alumni and faculty at the Art Education Reception, Awards Ceremony and Henna Painting Workshop. Right: Themina Kader (Art Ed.) shows Henna Painting Workshop attendees the correct application of the henna. Below: A finished Henna hand.
Eileen Bastien, director of donor relations, visits with Joe Owens (Athletics, Emeritus). Owens led a survival seminar titled “Adding Years to Your Life and Life to Your Years.”

Asian Studies Celebrates 40 Years at New Paltz

The Lion Dance goes back over a thousand years. The lions represent joy and happiness, and they traditionally “dance” from village to village throughout China during the Chinese New Year celebration. Our dancers hailed from Columbia University in New York City to help celebrate 40 years of Asian Studies at New Paltz.

Asian Studies alumni and faculty visit at the All-Class and Campus Luncheon on Saturday, Oct. 21 to share stories of their days at New Paltz. From front left: Marilyn Smith ’83 (Contract), Ronnie Eisenberg, Andrew Eisenberg ’83 (Asian Stud.), two Columbia University students who performed the Lion Dance, Nancy (Xiaoning) Ding ’04 (Acctg., current MBA student), Mao Li (current Accounting student), Blanca (Chiachi) Pai (current MBA student), Aiyi Chen (current MBA student), and Nicole (Ningman) Cang (current MBA student)
First World Alumni celebrate the African American/African, Caribbean, and Latino Legacies in the Northeast

First World Alumni Christopher Jones ’05 (Black Stud.) and Wilalberto de los Santos ’05 (Comm./Black Stud.).

Gordon Jackson ’93 (Pol. Sci.) enjoys lunch and a few smiles with his son.


Alumni, faculty, and staff of the Biology Department visited for the first time during Reunion Weekend at the Biology Reunion Luncheon in Jacobson Faculty Tower. The department is looking forward to hosting another luncheon as part of this year’s reunion on Friday, Oct. 12.

Vincent Coq ’00; Prof. Emeritus Arnold Nemerofsky; Prof. Jennifer Waldo; and Prof. Maureen Morrow.

Prof. Hon Ho; Prof. Emeritus Seldon Spencer; Carol Strong; and Prof. Emeritus Heinz Meng.
The Class of 1956 celebrated 50 years since their graduation from New Paltz—a landmark year! Class members received a Lantern Society medallion and were inducted into the Lantern Society on Friday, Oct. 21.

Class of 1956 alumnae visit at the College Terrace before their class dinner.

The Class of 1956 poses at sunset at the College Terrace for their class photo—notice the spectacular view of the ridge!

Tickling the ivories at the Class of 1956 Dinner.

CALL FOR MEMORABILIA AND PHOTOS

We’re looking for New Paltz memorabilia and photos! If you have an old beanie, sweater, images (digital or film) or other mementos of campus life that you are willing to share for future alumni reunions and displays, please send to:

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Although space will not permit us to print the names of all 5,000 contributors to the Foundation between July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006, we would like to especially recognize our largest contributors. You may view the complete honor roll of donors online (and add your gift to this year’s total!) at www.newpaltz.edu/foundation/annual.cfm.

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Nancy (Hahn) ’64 & David Moore
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Gifts to New Paltz’s endowment become the fund’s principal, which is invested and never spent. Each year, the Foundation returns a portion of the income earned to the endowment’s principal as a hedge against inflation and for growth of the endowment. The remaining earned income is used for the purpose specified by the donor.

Endowments are used to secure the future and growth of New Paltz by providing support for the faculty, students and academic programs in perpetuity. Gifts to New Paltz’s endowment are a permanent investment in the College’s future and a catalyst that can move us forward.
## SUNY New Paltz Foundation - Year Ending June 30, 2006
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#### Assets

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<td>Artwork, paintings &amp; antiques</td>
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#### Liabilities & Net Assets

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<td>Permanently Restricted</td>
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<td><strong>Total Net Assets</strong></td>
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#### Statement of Financial Activities

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<td>Contributions &amp; gifts</td>
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<td>Non-cash contributions</td>
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<td>Investment return</td>
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<td>Special events, net of expenses of $57,614</td>
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<td>$34,629</td>
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<td>Royalty Income</td>
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<td>Other Income</td>
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<td><strong>Total revenue &amp; support</strong></td>
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<td>$729,802</td>
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<td>Program</td>
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<td>Management &amp; general</td>
<td>$376,348</td>
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<td>Fundraising</td>
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<td><strong>Excess of revenue &amp; support over expenses</strong></td>
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<td>$729,802</td>
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<td>Change in Net Assets</td>
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<td><strong>Net Assets - End of Year</strong></td>
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Your support for New Paltz through a bequest also entitles you to membership in the Tower Society, a distinguished group of New Paltz alumni and friends. As a Tower Society member you will receive (with your permission) special recognition on campus, and in the online annual report each year, as well as invitations to special events throughout the year.

If you have included New Paltz in your estate plans, please let us know—we would be pleased to welcome you as a new Tower Society member.

For questions about these or other types of estate or planned gifts, please contact Sally Cross, director of development at CrossS@newpaltz.edu or (845) 257-3238.
A
s a recent graduate, I can still remember the classes I took as part of the teacher preparation program in the Old Main Building. I would walk the halls daydreaming of what it must have been like 100 years ago. Layers of paint, architectural details and exposed plumbing all pieces of evidence waking in me the sense of history and the realization that so many others have passed through these halls, sat in the same lecture rooms and graduated from these steps as teachers. Never could I imagine that this living history would cross my path. That is, until last August.

Allison Taub '04 (Art Ed.), my twin sister, and I received this very opportunity on a trip to Queensbury, N.Y. Assisting with our former New Paltz assistant coach, Julie Clark, at her field hockey camp, we learned that her paternal grandmother, Edythe Elizabeth (Coots) Clark '27 (Ed.) had not only graduated from the New Paltz Normal School 79 years earlier, she was also a nearby resident in Queensbury. I realized the opportunity we faced. When would we again have the chance to interview a former student who had walked those halls when its paint was fresh, architecture considered modern and plumbing one of the finer things in life at the time? Allison and I visited Edythe in her Queensbury assisted-living facility. At 100 years and four months old, she sure was a spitfire, sharing memories and laughs as our interview took shape.

Photo courtesy Lisa Taub

Allison '04 and Lisa '04 Taub with Edythe (Coots) Clark '27
Edythe was born in Brooklyn on April 21, 1906. As a child she moved many times due to her father’s job of “flipping farms.” He would overtake farms across the Hudson Valley and after renovating the property, sell it for a profit—at least that was the plan! Selling meant Edythe would be moving again, more than 20 times before she left for college. When asked what drew her to New Paltz, her zestful personality lit up the room: “I was at Cortland studying physical education and I had to take swimming and couldn’t swim. So I left.” Edythe then transferred to New Paltz where she practiced elementary education while being closer to her boyfriend, Willis Clark, whom she married in August 1929. Edythe’s mother actually talked to her about becoming a teacher, which led to her decision to pursue education.

Though she “did not recognize anything” upon returning back to New Paltz some 75 years later, Edythe’s memories still run vividly in her mind. At the time Old Main was known as the Normal School and was the only building where she attended classes. She rented a room in an old stone building on Main Street across from the school library, now Elting Public Library. There she roomed with sisters from Long Island, just like my twin and I. Edythe also had a job for the two years she attended New Paltz. As she detailed her duties, Edythe called herself a “one-fingered typist that they were stuck with.” That “they” she refers to is Helen Hasbrouck, a direct descendent of the original New Paltz settlers, and her real estate business.

A fond memory for Edythe was when Willis would visit, taking her to Newburgh for picnics and to see movies during their courtship. Hobbies included renting boats on the Wallkill River and participating in track on “play days.” Edythe also remembers New Paltz as being “a very small town with not many ways to get to it.” Its most prominent features in her mind were the railroad station (now La Stazione restaurant), the Hasbrouck House and the Elting Public Library (being the college’s only library). “There was no place to live on campus,” she remarked. “We had to rent a room in a house and walk wherever we went.”

Upon graduating from the Normal School, Edythe got her first job teaching all grades in a white (not red) one-room schoolhouse in Walden, N.Y. She remarked how there was no heat and they had to keep a fire burning to keep warm, as well as having to use an outhouse. While in Walden she rented a room from the headmaster and was paid $1,000. She considered herself lucky the following year when she only taught four younger grades in Limerock, N.Y. She continued to teach for a few more years prior to World War II, before giving birth to Edmund (Julie’s father) in 1931 and Carlyle “Crash” in 1936. During the war Mrs. Clark worked at the Breakshoe as a chemist’s assistant and is still wondering after all these years how she didn’t “blow something up.” During the 1949 school year, Edythe substituted in the Ramapo School District, where she was asked to teach full time the following school year. After spending 17 years in the Ramapo schools, Edythe and her husband retired to Florida in June 1966. It was not until she was 95 years old that she moved back to New York.

At a little over 100 years young, Edythe Clark is a living legend. Full of humor and quick comebacks, she most definitely still has the New Paltz spirit. Now whenever I visit New Paltz and walk the halls of Old Main, I will have a voice and a story to put with the layered paint and an appreciation for the plumbing pipes. Thank you, Mrs. Clark, for sharing your tale with two fellow alumnae.
It was the fall of 1954 and I was in front of Delta Kappa house, trying to get my ’39 Ford started. There was a trick to it, but it required two people—one person had to fuss under the hood with the carburetor while another stepped on the starter from behind the steering wheel. I had the hood up and was looking around for a fraternity brother to bound out of the house, when who should appear, walking along the sidewalk, but Jean Rowley—one of the prettiest girls in the college. She agreed to get behind the wheel. The car started and I drove her a couple of hundred yards to the dorms.

We dated, got pinned and eventually engaged in our senior year. We interviewed for teaching jobs together and settled on positions in West Babylon on Long Island. The superintendent who hired us was taken with Jean—she must have been in his office for a half an hour—I could hear them laughing. Meanwhile, I was in and out in minutes, but was hired as part of the package.

We stayed in West Babylon for our entire careers. Jean took time off to raise our three children, Christine, Tom and Jane, who are all in the education profession. I put in 34 years as a high school art teacher and central office administrator. Jean eventually went back to the elementary classroom and retired a few years after me. Our 50th wedding anniversary will be this summer and I’d like to surprise her with this story!

—Joe Bucci ’56 (Ed.)

I taught from graduation in 1937 for two years at a rural school (and was so glad at that time to have employment) with eight grades. I went on to teach at 4-Mile Point for two years in the Coxsackie School District and one and a half years in Greenville in Greene County before marrying in 1941. I returned to teaching occasionally, raised two children and sold real estate insurance. My wonderful husband died in September 2005. My sister also attended New Paltz and was a member of the Arethusa Sorority.

—Emma F. (Sherman) Bush ’37 (Ed.)
Mel Lang ’53 has taken a Delta Kappa tour to visit with his fraternity brothers several times, although not annually. The Delta Kappa guys stay in touch and see one another whenever convenient. Following are some photos from the “Mel Lang 2006 Delta Kappa Fraternity (New Paltz) Tour” in June 2006.

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Timothy Clifford ’82 (Engl.) is a teacher in New York City. His book, titled “The Middle School Writing Toolkit: Differentiated Instruction Across the Contact Areas,” was recently published by Maupin House Inc.

Zoli Rozen ’03 (Engl.) authored “A Consequence of Ordinary” last year. The book tells the story of three men who find themselves lost in the new world order, carved from the very passive-aggressive nature that has taken over America’s twenty-something crowd. Micaella Winter ’99 (Art Ed.) illustrated the cover. For more information, visit www.zolirozen.com.

Chris Dahl ’96g (Engl.) recently published a book that chronicles his experiences in public education titled “Except Education,” which is available through www.bosonbooks.com.

William Thom ’67 (Black Studies) is the principal author of a book on railroad history, “The New York Connecting Railroad: Long Island’s Other Railroad,” which was published in 2006 by the Long Island Sunrise Trail Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society. Thom continues to teach on a part-time basis at the Joint Military Intelligence College in Washington, D.C.

Lynn Johnston ’86 (Comm.) is happy to announce the publication of her first full-length poetry collection, “Angel’s Dance: A Collection of Uplifting and Inspirational Poetry.” Johnston’s collection, which is published by iUniverse Inc., soothes the spirit and uplifts the soul with more than 40 poems on love, friendship, children, faith and fantasy. For more information, visit lynncjohnston.com.

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Bridgewater, Va., artist Robert “Bob” Bersson ’72g (Art Ed.) displayed “Landsapes Across Time and Place,” based on several cross-country road trips, last fall at Eastern Mennonite University. Bersson is professor emeritus of art and art history at James Madison University. For more information visit www.emu.edu/news/index.php/1185.

Although Roslyn Fassett ’88g (Art Ed.) lives in Pine Island, N.Y., she is a self-described “roamer,” having traveled through Africa, Peru, Belize, Mexico, Honduras and Guatemala. She now teaches at SUNY Purchase College and has had numerous one-person exhibits. For more information, visit rfassett@warwick.net.

Maria Lazo ’96 (Sculp.) took part in an exhibit at the Acuapulco Grill in Kingston, N.Y., featuring paintings from her Celtic mythology series.
A secondary school visual arts teacher for 38 years, Don Kachmor ’68 (Art Ed.) now focuses on his art full time. Several of his original wildlife portraits are in the collections of the National Park Service at Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks in Wyoming and Denali National Park in Alaska.

Kenneth C. MacBain ’86 (Metals) developed an interest in crafts many years ago, including a desire to create sculptural forms that are more relevant to the human experience. The forms that he works with are intended to be bold and unconventional without sacrificing the functional aspects of the piece. For more information, contact MacBain at kmacbain@gmail.com.

David Licata ’05 (Sculpt./Art Ed.) has shown his work at the Pearl Fine Arts Gallery in Stone Ridge, N.Y. and the Snyderman Gallery in Philadelphia, Pa. Recently, he has been collaborating with fiber artist Deborah Muhl. For more information, visit www.glassartists.org/licata or deborahmuhl.com under the collaborative section in the gallery.

The photography of New Paltz resident Jack Murphy ’74 (Photo.) was exhibited in the show “Around the Neighborhood: A Walk in Kingston’s Rondout District” at Donskoj & Company last fall. For more information, contact Murphy at quikclik@hvi.net.
**Artist’s Corner**

**Peter Smith '65g** (Art Ed.) served on the Visual Arts faculty at Purdue University in Indiana and then chaired the Art Education program at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. He spent the fall of 2000 as a Senior Fulbright Research Scholar at De Montfort University in the United Kingdom and published a book, “The History of Art Education,” in 1996.

"Louisiana Swamp," oil on panel, 2006

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**Steve Solomon '67** (Sec. Ed.), a native of Sheepshead Bay in Brooklyn, N.Y., brought his show, “My Mother’s Italian, My Father’s Jewish & I’m in Therapy!” home to the Little Shubert Theater on 42nd Street in New York City earlier this year. For more information, visit www.italianjewishtherapy.com

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**Cynthia Winika '64** (Art Ed.) forages for her art supplies in the woods, gathering mushrooms and bracket fungi (polyspores) for her creations. Her latest show featured results of her fungal explorations last fall in Manhattan. Winika has exhibited and taught around the world. For more information, contact Winika at sisu9338@hotmail.com.

"Crowded Parchment & Other Polypores," birch panel, 2006
Looking for an old New Paltz friend? Looking for new New Paltz friends? Start by looking and listing here. Alumni of New Paltz live all over the world, and here is your opportunity to connect with them. The following are alumni and campus faculty/staff who have agreed to serve as a contact in their region or for their department. Contact them to learn more about connecting with your fellow alumni and with the college!

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Calling all Thetas
Janice Oehler ’66 (Elem. Ed.) is the secretary of the Theta Phi Alumnae Association and is trying to connect with sisters who they may have lost touch with over the years. If you are not currently receiving the Theta newsletter and would like to be put on their mailing list, please contact Janice at 65 Sprucewood Boulevard, Central Islip, N.Y. 11722 or by e-mail at joehler@optonline.net.

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Janet (Schwartzman) Weisenfreund ’66 (Elem. Ed.) began her 30th year of teaching in 2006 and has spent time having children and volunteering.

Esther R. Dyer ’68 (Sec. Ed.) was named president and CEO of National Medical Fellowships, Inc. in New York in September 2006. She owns Art Egg Studios in New Orleans, which is a converted warehouse dedicated to rebuilding the city in a cultural and environmentally sustainable way.

William Haskins ’69 (Sp. Comm.) teamed up with colleagues from China and Argentina to address the issue of free speech around the world. Haskins, a professor of speech communication at McKendree College, co-authored “Freedom of Speech in Collectivist Cultures,” which appeared in the International Journal of Diversity in Organisations, Communities and Nations.

Joseph Krausz ’71 has been named to head the Clemson University Department of Pesticide Regulation. The department is South Carolina’s enforcement and investigative authority for pesticide use and misuse.

Jean Doyle ’73 (Art Ed.) assumed the executive director position of the Arts Alliance of Haverstraw in Haverstraw, N.Y.

David Clegg ’74 was appointed to the Ulster County Board of Health. Clegg is a member of the Rip Van Winkle Boy Scout Council board and Family of Woodstock and is president of the St. James United Methodist Church Board of Trustees. He is a past president of the boards of the Darmstadt Homeless Shelter and Mid-Hudson Legal Services.

Kingston Charles Holcomb ’74 (Soc./Black Stud.) is the founder and director of Certified Counseling Associates, Inc. and a renowned social worker for Baltimore City Public School System providing clinical services for students with learning disabilities.

Barbara Murphy ’74 (Engl.) was one of the Four Finger Lakes Community College employees to be honored with the State University of New York Chancellor’s Award for Excellence for 2006. This is considered the highest honor award presented by the SUNY system. Murphy is an associate professor of developmental studies and has been at FLCC since 1990.

Denis Simon ’74 (Asian Stud./Pol. Sci.), provost and chief academic officer of the Levin Graduate Institute, received the prestigious Friendship Award from Zhang Wenyue, governor of Liaoning Province in Northeast China.

Robert Dell ’75g (Fine Arts) of The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art in New York City has been awarded a 2006 Lindbergh Grant for his project titled, “Harvesting and Re-circulating Surplus Heat to Warm the Soil of Small Urban Gardens in New York to Accelerate Plant Growth and Extend the Growing Season.”

Stephen Finkle ’75 (Geog.), director of Kingston’s (N.Y.) Economic Development Agency, won the 2006 state-wide developer of the year award from the state Economic Development Council.

Jan Pamela Greene ’76 (Biol.) had some truly wonderful teachers in biology, chemistry and English/French literature while at New Paltz. She is currently a physician and still with her great “Paddy.”

Glen Cohoon ’77 (Ed.) is on Daystar TV as an international bilingual prayer partner on Direct TV channel 369 and Dish channel 263.

Peter Dubitsky ’77 (Geog.) was elected chair of the New York State Board for Acupuncture, which advises the NYS Department of Education on the requirements and responsibilities of the licensing and practice of the acupuncture profession, professional discipline and public protection.

Beth Rubin ’77 (Soc.) is the new director of research for the Belk College of Business at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte. Rubin joined Belk College in 2002 and is a professor of management.

Paul Abrams ’78g (Paint.) was added to the list of fine artists at The Davis Gallery of Art...
Class Notes

in Genoa, Nev. Abrams worked as a nationally published illustrator for more than 25 years before returning to painting in 1996.

William Petkanas '78 (Comm.) is a professor of communication and department chair at Western Connecticut State University in Danbury, Conn. He says, “New Paltz still rocks.”

Ann DeMarle '79 (Fine Arts) is founding director of the Electronic Game and Interactive Development program and chair of the Emergent Media Center at Champlain College. In 2004, DeMarle established a bachelor’s degree in EGID. She was named Distinguished Educator by Apple Computer in 2004 and awarded the Dr. Roger H. Perry Endowed Chair in 2006.

Elise Gold '79 (Psych.), '92g (Hum. Ed.) is a recipient of the 2006-2007 Rita Paprin Memorial Fellowship through Adelphi University. The award recognizes her work in the advancement of service and support for people with dual diagnosis of a developmental disability and mental illness.

Bruce Kazan '79 (Bus.) is owner of the Main Course Restaurant (www.maincourserestaurant.com) in New Paltz, established in 1990. The restaurant provides contemporary American cuisine, emphasizing wholesome cooking using natural, organic and free-range ingredients which come as much as possible from area farms.

Susan Beaudoin '80 (Pol. Sci.) has served as the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Higher Education Programs in the Office of Postsecondary Education for the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C. since January 2006.


Karin Schlenker '80 (German) recently moved from Tennessee to Michigan to assume a position as lecturer at Michigan Technological University. Schlenker was also a finalist in a short story competition sponsored by Scribes Valley Publishing. Her story, “What Could Have Been,” was published in their 2005 anthology.

Karima Zaki '80 (Pol. Sci.) is the general manager for Hilton San Francisco. Most recently, she was the area vice president for Hilton Hotels in Los Angeles before moving to San Francisco.

Rebel Chiaradia '81 (Geol.) has been named senior environmental compliance advisor for Triunvirate Environmental, Inc. in Somerville, Mass.

Patricia DeLessio '81g (Ed.) is a professor in the department of English and humanities at Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. DeLessio is celebrating 25 years with DCC and was honored at an awards recognition ceremony for her dedication to the school.

Greg Fischer '81 (Bus. Admin.) and his partner, Ashley Clark, gave birth to their second child, Anna Lee Fischer, on Jan. 8, 2007. Anna was born at home at a healthy 8 lbs. and 20 inches. Greg still keeps busy in his strategic planning and support systems business, and by giving public testimony as The Children’s Lobbyist via Americans for Legal Reform and other groups.

Ellen Zabriskie '82 (Comm.) is co-hosting the “Waking Up With The Wolf” radio show in Albany, N.Y. for www.pyx106.com. She has taught radio at SUNY New Paltz and The New School in New York City.

Patricia (Holland) Koyon '92g (Ed.) and her husband Joseph celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on June 11, 2006. The soloist and organist who performed at their wedding also performed at their 25th anniversary celebration.

Timothy Decker '83g (Hum. Ed.) is the director of programs and activities at Dutchess Community College South in Wappingers Falls, N.Y. Decker is celebrating 25 years with DCC South and was honored at a recognition ceremony for his dedication to the school.

John McGowan '83 (Anthro.) is an actor and educator in the Philadelphia area. He received an Artistic Achievement award from the City of Union City, N.J., for his continuing efforts to help the city celebrate the Martin Luther King Jr. Day. McGowan recently completed a national commercial for Liberty Medical and is auditioning for feature film roles.

Jeffrey Feller '84 (Soc.) retired from his social work position at Fountain House in 2001 and received a liver transplant in March 2005. Today, Feller studies acting at H.B. Studio in New York City and also works as a photo assistant with Pan American Press at Yankee Stadium.

Joseph Gordon '78cas (Ed. Admin.) retired from the Hyde Park Central School District in Hyde Park, N.Y. as director of guidance after 36 years in education, 22 of which were spent as a school administrator.

Chris Brown '85 (Bus. Admin.) is director of development and a teacher at St. John’s Lutheran School and Church. Brown is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, St. John’s University Community Business Development Advisory Board and the Kiwanis Club of Corona-East Elmhurst.

Jeannette Konior '85, '93g (Ed.) had two books for new teachers republished: “Survival Skills For The New Elementary Teacher” and “Survival Skills For The New Substitute Teacher.”

Bernie Rizzo '85 (Engl.) has lived in California for the last nine years. He lived in Bouton Hall his freshman year and then off campus in one of the local apartment complexes. He encourages former classmates to reach out to him.

Bret Sigillo '86 (Comp. Sci.) founded and serves as president and CEO of Saand.com, a provider of vacation home rentals in the Caribbean, Latin America and Hawaii. He owns a home on the island of Eleuthera in the Bahamas (www.seadreams1.com), which led him down his new career path. An avid New Jersey wreck diver, he also serves as president of the North Atlantic Trident’s Scuba Club (www.seadreams1.com/trident.html).

Roberta “Robi” Josephson '87, '90g (Engl.) teamed up with Mohonk Preserve naturalist/historian Robert “Bob” Larsen to write a history book about the northern Shawangunk Mountains. The book will be published by Black Dome Press, a publishing house in Hensonville, N.Y. that specializes in New York State histories and guidebooks (www.blackdomepress.com).

Roslyn (Cooper) McGrath '89, '93g (Art Ed., Paint.) recently published “Creative Wisdom Cards,” a set of 33 guidance cards
for which she created both the text and artwork. Samples can be viewed online at www.intuitivelearningcreations.com. She is married to Kevin McGrath and lives in Marquette, Mich., along the beautiful shores of Lake Superior.

Rosemary (Hacker) Parisi '89 (Engl.), her husband Enzo and their daughter Jessica, are pleased to announce the arrival of Christopher Enzo on June 27, 2006. Jessica is very happy being a big sister.

Dina LaPolt '90 (Music), an entertainment lawyer, was recently honored as one of POWER UP’s annual “10 Amazing Gay Women in Showbiz” and was at Fordham University in New York City to talk about legal and practical aspects of the new recording industry.

Vidal Lopez '90 (Soc.), '03g (Hum. Ed.) was appointed assistant director of facilities for Residence Life at SUNY New Paltz. Lopez began working at New Paltz in 1998 as complex director for Shango/College Hall and was promoted to area coordinator for judicial in 2004.

Marybeth Veith '90 (Soc.), '99g (Spec. Ed.), a fourth-grade teacher at Harry L. Edson Elementary School in Kingston, N.Y., was nominated by one of her former students for inclusion in “Who’s Who Among American Teachers.”

Joseph Byrne '91 (Math) and Tamara Adamson were married on Sept. 24, 2006 at the Short Hills Hilton in New Jersey.

Darren Hernandez '91 (Pol. Sci.) is engaged to Sarah Vesecky, a trial attorney with the Children’s Law Center of Los Angeles. A July wedding in Pasadena, Calif., is planned.

Andrew Raia '91 (Pol. Sci.) was elected to a third term in the legislature of New York State representing Suffolk County.

Laurel Smith '91 is engaged to Daniel Figueroa and plans a June 2008 wedding.

Marilyn De Poto '92 (Comm.) lives on Long Island and works as an associate producer for ADM Productions, a corporate communications production company in Port Washington (www.admpro.com).

Stephen Friscia '92 (Bus. Admin.) was hired by Bear Sterns Asset Management Inc. as a managing director for the fundamental small cap value team. Friscia worked for Palisades Capital Management and Evergreen Investment Management prior to joining BKF Capital Group.

Arthur Goon '92g (Ed. Admin.) was named founding dean of University College at the University of New Haven in Connecticut. Goon worked in the Admissions Office at New Paltz as a transfer advisor and was also coach of the men’s soccer team.

Anthony Howard '92 (Journ.) was named president of the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce in Virginia, which has more than 1,300 members.

Alice Kenly '92 (Wom. Stud.) is a licensed massage therapist and assisted in teaching the Lymph Drainage Therapy I workshop offered by The Upledger Institute Inc. in New York City.

Nathan Mungin, III '92 (Bus. Admin.) was named executive director for the Martin Luther King Jr. Multi-Purpose Center. The center is devoted to providing community, health, educational and a variety of other outreach and service programs for youth.

Nicole (Quill) Weinstein '92 (Comm.) served as managing editor of the Register-Star newspaper in Hudson, N.Y., before assuming her current position as senior public information specialist with the New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities.

Mark Boyland '93 (Comm.) is an associate broker for Keller Williams New York Realty. Boyland was elected president of the Westchester-Putnam Multiple Listing Service Inc., having previously served as treasurer.

Jennifer (Wengrow) Mills '93 (Med. Man.) was named senior account executive at HRP Television in New York, N.Y.

Joel Venables '93 will be both competing in and coaching rugby at the Empire State Games in Rochester at the end of July. Since 1989, Venables has played, coached and helped organize both amateur and professional rugby leagues in both the south and northeast United States and works full time as a freelance carpenter.


David Gillikin '94 (Geol.) obtained his Ph.D. in Geochemistry from the Free University of Brussels in 2005. His dissertation dealt with global climate change proxies. After working for a short while at SUNY New Paltz as an adjunct in geology, he is now a visiting professor in the geology department at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
Denise Heal '94 (Sec. Ed.) was engaged to Christian Rich on Dec. 23. Heal is a Spanish teacher at both St. Peter and Paul School and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School. Rich is a financial officer at HSBC. They are planning a summer 2008 wedding.

Jason Viarengo '94 (Theatre) was appointed development associate for the Cooper Company, a production and artists representation group. Biarengo will be developing projects for the Broadway stage.

Nancy Winternight '94g (Hum. Ed.) received a grant from the Marymount Institute for the Education of Women and Girls to examine classroom gender bias and work with fifth-grade students to strengthen their voices through expressive arts at Stevens Elementary School in Ballston Lake.

Sander Nagar '95 (Theatre) is the director and founder of the Webster Shakespeare Festival. A former English teacher and theater director at Bishop Kearney High School, Nagar is currently a technical theater manager for the Greece School District and has also been a performer.

Jacob Rieper '95 (Comp. Sci.) is the legislative director of the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association.

Eric Roth '95 (Music) was named executive director for the Huguenot Historical Society in New Paltz. Roth has been the Society Archivist/Librarian since 1997, where he has worked to preserve library and manuscript collections and make them available to the public.

Lisa Blume-Hartwell '96, '00g (Acctg.) and Edward Hartwell are the proud new parents of Juliana Rae Hartwell, born Jan. 18, 2007 in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Michael Craver '97 (Elem. Ed.) was named the new principal at the Mendham Township Elementary School.

Paul Weir '97g (Spec. Ed.), '04cas (Ed. Admin.) was selected to participate in the 2006 Fulbright Principals Seminar in Germany last fall. Weir is the assistant principal at Arlington High School in LaGrangeville, N.Y.

Renford Beckford '98 (Comm.) is manager for distribution services for ABC Television Network in New York City, and oversees and coordinates satellite distribution to ABC affiliate stations.

Adam Peek '98 (Elem. Ed.) is an agent with ERA Team IV Homes in their LaGrange, N.Y. office and was recognized as top listing agent last September.

Trish Yuditsky '98 (Bus. Admin.) married Jason Stephenson on Sept. 4, 2006, at the Botanical Gardens in Niagara Falls, Canada.

Melissa Bohan '99 (Psych.) married Brent Hallenbeck on Nov. 4, 2006, in Providence, R.I.

Jessie (Berner) Call '99 (Biol.) and her husband John are happy to announce the birth of their son, Darren Joseph, on Sept. 21, 2006, weighing in at 7 lbs., 9oz.

Tony Camaj '99 (Engl.) began coaching at Van Wyck Middle School in the Wappingers School District while he was still in college. Six years ago, he began teaching English to 10th- and 11th-graders at Our Lady of Lourdes High School in Poughkeepsie and is still coaching. He is working on a collection of short stories in which kids strengthen their morals through sports.

Jennifer (Cassaro) Colucci '99 (Ed.) and her husband Chris welcomed a baby girl on Sept. 24, 2006.

Allison Fiorio '99 (Comm.) joined the law offices of Charny, Charny & Karpousis in Mount Laurel, N.J., as an associate in the firm’s expanding divorce and family law group. Fiorio has been admitted to the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Bar Associations.

Kimberly Kissner-Taylor '99 (Biol.) was honored by the Middlesboro Business and Professional Women’s Club and was named Woman of the Day for Oct. 21, 2007. Kissner-Taylor joined the Taylor Family Chiropractic during last year’s summer session, Maria Alfaro '07g (Ceramics), Mikhail Benson '08g (Ceramics), Nicole Borek '07 (Art Ed.), Courtney Clark ‘08 (Vis. Arts/Ceramics) and Andrew Latini '07 (Art Ed.) built a soft brick soda kiln under the direction of ceramics technician Graham Yeager. The skills developed through the process included electrical wiring, metal work and carpentry. The students also gained experience in researching and designing their own kilns.
office in 2004 and has been pursuing her goal of bringing health and wellness to the community.

Jessica Pierce ’99 (Journ.) took first place in the newspaper feature writing category in this year’s New York State Associated Press awards contest for her story “Colin’s War,” which profiled a young drug addict.

Annamarie Sairrino ’99 (Hist.) is happy to announce her engagement to Ryan Bailey. A 2008 wedding is planned.

Corinne Cody ’00 (Acctg.) joined the staff at Judelson, Giordano & Siegel as a CPA and will work with accounting, auditing and tax services.

Stacy (Ginsberg) ’00 (Comm.) and John ’00 (Elec. Eng.) Farrugia are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Debra Yarden Isabel Farrugia on July 29, 2006. Benjamin Zachary, age 2, is a very proud big brother!

Naomi Gabay ’00 (Comm.) was engaged to Andrew Schwab (Syracuse University, Class of 2003) on July 14, 2006, while vacationing in Burlington, V.T. They are planning a wedding for June 2007 and currently live in Hoboken, N.J.

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If only you could order up an extreme makeover on your housemate! The new reality-in-relationships series from HGTV, “Under One Roof,” brings a life coach and a designer together to help couples and roommates get creative at mixing design styles under one roof. In August 2006, Elizabeth (Grady) Kane ’98 (Elem. Ed.) and her husband John tackled their living room in Cortlandt, N.Y. The production coordinator for the show was fellow alum Matt Geller ’03 (Bus./Thtr. Man.). Geller left for Philadelphia in late 2006 for five months to work as an associate producer for a new show on the Food Network starring Marc Summers (of “Double Dare” and “Unwrapped”).

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Jason Bryden ’01 (Pub. Rel.) was named assistant sports information director at Washington College in Chestertown, Md. A member of Division III, Washington College is in the Centennial Conference.

Sabrina Burrows ’01 (Elem. Ed.) was engaged on Aug. 19, 2006, to Jason Blumkin. He proposed to her at the Ritz-Carlton, Battery Park City and the wedding will be in August 2007 in Plainview, NY. Burrows obtained her master’s degree in Literacy Education from City University of New York (CUNY) Queens College in 2005.

Sandra Calderon Garza ’01 (Theatre) is completing a Ph.D. in performance studies at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

Luba Goldin ’01 (Biol.) is in graduate school pursuing her Ph.D. in biomedical sciences and is happily married.


Jayme Peterson ’01 (Sec. Ed.) married Gantt Miller IV on July 6, 2006, at Edgewood Tahoe.

Shana (Bender) ’02 (Art Ed.) and Michael ’05 Circe (Elem. Ed.) welcomed their first child, Noah Raymond, on Aug. 18, 2006.

Heidi Lowe ’02 (Metals) taught a Link-n-Link Chain class at the Rehoboth Art League in Delaware this spring. Lowe recently moved back to Rehoboth Beach and opened a contemporary jewelry gallery featuring her work as well as the work of many other international jewelry artists.

Jennifer (Jones) McKenna ’02 (Comm. Dis.) and her husband Matthew announce the birth of Kaleigh Faith on July 26, 2005. They live in Monterey, Calif., where Matthew attends the Naval Postgraduate School.

Jason Puckett ’02 (Acctg.) was hired by Vanacore, DeBenedictus, DiGiovanni & Weddell, an accounting and business development consulting firm, as junior accountant. The firm has offices in Newburgh and Wappingers Falls, N.Y.

Gordon Tepper ’02 (Comm.) was named public relations coordinator of Marcum & Kliegman LLP.
Carol Curtin ’03 (Engl.) announces her engagement to Bryan Gulotta. An October 2007 wedding is planned.

Tenesha Lynch ’03 (Black Stud.) was appointed assistant director of residence life for conduct and operations at Saint Peter’s College in Jersey City, N.J.

Alexander Marrero ’03 (Music Hist.) is pursuing a master’s degree in music education at Columbia University in New York City. To receive a free electronic copy of his latest score and recording of the musical composition, please contact Marrero at arm2116@columbia.edu.

Amanda Carr ’03 (Art Hist.) married Nathan Mushrush on Oct. 8, 2005, during an outdoor ceremony at J.E. Reeves Mansion in Dover, Ohio.

Kirsten Rowe ’03 (Psych.) was promoted to senior research analyst in the Office of Institutional Research and Planning at SUNY New Paltz.

Adam Svoboda ’03 (Bus.) married Melissa Forte on June 24, 2006, in West Hempstead, N.Y.

Ekaterina “Kate” Waage ’03g (Bus.) was appointed marketing director of the Poughkeepsie Galleria in January 2007.

Heather (Bush) Benedict ’04 (Acctg.) married Wesley Benedict on May 6, 2006.


Ian Merkel ’04 (Geol.) completed his master’s degree in geology from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo. and is now working for Phelps-Dodge at their copper mine in Morenci, Ariz. Merkel just received a $500 academic award and first place in the Colorado Scientific Society’s scientific competition for his work in minerals as indicators of geologic processes.

Rogelio Soliva, Jr. ’04 (Elem. Ed.) and Kelly Schufa were married July 30, 2006.

Shannon Versace ’04 (Acctg.) joined the accounting firm of Sedore & Company in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., as a senior accountant after working for another local accounting firm for the past two years.

Laura Bair ’05g (Ed. Admin.) was one of six area teachers to receive the 2006 Dean’s Award for Excellence in Teaching Award from SUNY New Paltz. Bair will receive an honorary appointment as an adjunct clinical professor with New Paltz’s School of Education and was also recognized at the Mid-Hudson School Study Council’s Award for Excellence Dinner in October.

Erin Dauchy ’05 (Biol.) is working on a second degree at Cornell University and was the recipient of the 2007-2008 Thomas J. Bardos Science Education Award for Undergraduate Students.

James Fallarino ’05 (Soc.) was promoted to program manager of the Youth Services Department at Long Island Gay and Lesbian Youth.

James Ferguson ’05 (Comm.) graduated a semester early in December 2005 and interned at Clear Channel Radio of the Hudson Valley and Clear Channel Tri-State in Sussex, N.J., under another New Paltz alum, Josh Reed ’01 (Comm.). Ferguson now heads the Station Relations department at SoftWave Media Exchange (www.swmx.com) and has been there since April 2006.

Tracy McNally ’05g (Bus.) was named executive director of the Greene County Chamber of Commerce. She will be responsible for boosting the organization through membership development and creation of new products and services.

Christopher Princiotta ’05 (Fin.) spent four months after graduation working at a bank, then decided to change directions. In January he joined the New York Fire Department’s Engine Company 290 in Brooklyn. Princiotta says he wanted to do something rewarding and helpful for the community.

Michael Vasiliauskas ’05 (Photo.) and Jennifer Tokash ’05 (Vis. Arts) were married on Nov. 11, 2006, in Las Vegas, Nev.

Megan Cotter ’06 (Psych.) graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

“New Paltz Newsmakers” in a panel discussion about the impact of the November elections on New York and the country. Pictured with President Steven Poskanzer (3rd from left) are panelists (from left) New York State Assemblyman Andrew Raia ’91 (Pol. Sci.), New York City Councilmember Robert Jackson ’74 (Soc.), Yonkers City Council Majority Leader Patricia McDow ’75 (Elem. Ed./Comm.), Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Distinguished Teaching Professor Gerald Benjamin, and former State Senator (and current College Councilmember) Robert DiCarlo ’79 (Pol. Sci.).
Andrew French, Jr. ’06g (Elem. Ed.) announces his engagement to Andrea Kutchma. A June 2007 wedding is planned.

Carie Gonzales ’06g (Comm. Dis.) presented a paper, “Bridging Domains: Speech Perception and Reading,” last November at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association’s annual convention in Miami, Fla.

Daniel Wheeler ’06 (Geol.) received the Outstanding Geology Senior Award from SUNY New Paltz and was accepted to SUNY Binghamton with a teaching assistantship. Wheeler was also awarded an internship at the United States Geological Survey for next summer.

Faculty/Staff Authors


Lee Cahn (Comm.) published a textbook titled “Conflict Management Through Communication” (Allyn & Bacon), co-written by Ruth Anna Abigail of Azusa Pacific University in Azusa, Calif.


Laura Dull (Sec. Ed.) published “Disciplined Development: Teachers and Reform in Ghana” (Lexington Books, 2006). In the book, Dull explores the complexities and contradictions of education in a country both skeptical of U.S. and World Bank policies and fearful of rejecting them.


Howard Good (Journ.) published “Inside the Board Room: Reflections of a Former School Board Member” (Rowman & Littlefield Education, 2006). Good draws on his experience on the Highland School Board to examine such educational issues as civic education and the decline of reading and writing skills. Good also authored “Mid-Education in Schools: Beyond the Slogans and Double-Talk,” published by Rowman & Littlefield Education.


Faculty/Staff Notes

Elisabeth Anderson-Ivantzova (Engl., Emerita) was the subject of the book “Elisabeth Anderson-Ivantzova: A Bolshoi Ballerina Abroad” (Xlibris.com) by Lawrence Sullivan. It traces her training at the Bolshoi.

Several members of the college’s first men’s soccer team from 1958 returned to campus on Oct. 13, 2006, to reunite with each other and meet current head coach Stuart Robinson and the 2006 team. The 1958 team is planning to reconvene in 2008 to celebrate 50 years of men’s soccer at New Paltz. For more information, please contact the Athletics Department at (845) 257-3910 or robinsos@newpaltz.edu.
Theatre School in Moscow, her career in the Bolshoi Company, her departure from Russia after the Revolution and her subsequent professional career.

Yoav Kaddar (Theatre) taught and restaged his dance “Kalimando” with a cast of 25 dancers at the 12th Annual Snowy Range Dance Festival held at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyo.

Stephen Kitsakos (Theatre) and Gregory Allen’s musical “Invisible Fences” took the stage at the Westminster Arts Center in Bloomfield, N.J., in early 2007.

Corinne Nyquist (Library) was part of a three-member team that traveled to South Africa in August to arrange for a work, study and home stay university credit program. The International Partnership for Service Learning, which sent the team, has programs in 14 countries, but none in Africa.

Robert Piluso (For. Lang., Emeritus) was elevated to Commander in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem by Cardinal Edward Egan at a ceremony on Sept. 30, 2006, during Mass at Saint Patrick’s Cathedral in New York City.

Jack Wade (Theatre) was the lighting designer for the New York premiere of “The Good German” by David Wilse. Other lighting designs by Wade have included productions of “Circumference of a Squirrel,” “The Drawer Boy,” “Proof” and “Tally’s Folly.”

Corrections

Pamela Bertini ’98 (Comm.) was incorrectly listed in the last issue of the Observer as working for a video production company as a production designer.

We incorrectly listed Breda Mannix McMahon’s ’56 (Ed.) name as Brenda in the last issue of the Observer.

We can’t improve on your memories of Scudder or Deyo or Bliss, but we can offer some comforts of our own for your next visit to New Paltz. Stay with us during your next campus visit or vacation getaway and we’ll be pleased to contribute 10% of your bill to SUNY New Paltz.

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Phil Livingston (Inst. Res.)
Robert Thornton (Engl.)
Florence Triolo (Payroll)
Hans W. Weber (German)

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1910-1919
Ruth M. Brown ’17

1920-1929
Evelyn Owen ’20
Charlotte M. West ’25
Lucille F. Kruger ’29
Isabel R. Moeslein ’29
Pearl H. Wright ’29

1930-1939
Sylvia Kessler ’30
Frances E. Swart ’30
Edna T. Kelley ’31
Clare Adgate ’32
Teresa M. Abbruzzese ’33
Lois M. Steele ’33
Blanche S. Burch ’34
Elting Harp ’34
Margaret Melville ’35
Carol Davis ’36
Mildred S. Kelly ’36
Nathan Tantzman ’36
Cora Wagner ’36
Mary Kinser ’37
Kathleen Muncey ’37
Marion C. Smauder ’37
Margaret E. Forster ’38
Theresa Martilotta ’38
Eunice Still ’38
Emily B. Belle ’39
Jane Perkins ’39
Emma Simmons ’39

1940-1949
Elmer S. Baird ’40
Ruth E. Sinisgalli ’40
Muriel H. Thibault ’40
Mary Wesson ’41
Dorothea S. Goodwin ’42
Annie C. Hasbrouck ’42
Russell Keefe ’42

1950-1959
Phyllis E. Singleton ’44
Mary S. Bargisen ’45
Helen B. Burggraaf ’46
Norma Laivo ’46
Elinor Levy ’46
Barbara F. Marsten ’46
George W. Maybury ’46
Rosemary N. Abernethy ’47
Nancy W. Neish ’49

1960-1969
Catherine Wiedemann ’62
Robert Eusner ’63
Robert E. McDonald ’63
June A. Cheshire ’64
Muriel A. Finneran ’64
Mary Nickles ’64
Mary Davis ’66
Gail N. Murphy ’66
Anna A. Petrov ’66
Gaile Schram ’66
Eugenia Allen ’67
Richard H. Bernstein ’67
Isabelle L. Buck ’67
Raymond F. Butler ’67
Thomas Carbol ’67
Lena M. Crews ’67
Richard W. Evers ’67
Loretta P. Lynch ’67
Bruce K. Markin ’67
Richard D. Miller ’67
Peter Reich ’67
Barry Shulman ’67
Betty A. Smalley ’67
Delbert C. Thomas ’67
Stephanie M. Tiron ’67
Michael A. Townsend ’67
Thomas E. Tuchman ’67
Maryann E. Yagi ’67
Ernest Pettine ’68
Daphne G. Coburn ’69

1970-1979
June M. Finkle ’70
Monroe W. Jones ’71
Barbara Algaze ’72
Robert J. Barogin ’72
Jane Bayard ’72
Gary N. Blumenthal ’72
John Brancato ’72
James Digiovanni ’72
Carolyn Gardner ’72
Leonard Goldman ’72
John R. Jones ’72
Donald J. Langan ’72
Joyce M. Maresca ’72
Patricia J. McGuinness ’72
Edward Miller ’72
Eileen R. Schlauch ’72
Louise Albert ’73
Barbara Ann Bury ’73
Dennis O’Keefe ’73

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Jacques J. Sutton ’80
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Michael Minutoli ’81
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Sequana A. Evans ’06
Tiffany Georges-Ballerini ’06

Cheryl D. Muir ’74
Omar O. Egal ’76
Chris M. Gargour ’76
Shelley L. Gottheim ’76
Erla L. Heyer ’76
Philip Marinoff ’76
Arthur M. McCluskey ’76
Mark W. Lee ’77
Deborah E. Schaeffer ’77
Douglas B. Maloney ’78
Anthony L. Francello ’79

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A Legacy Lived – Mildred Resnick

The college and local community lost a cherished friend. Mildred Resnick who with her husband Louis, was a longtime benefactor of New Paltz and many other institutions in the region—passed away on Jan. 8, 2007, at age 90. Mildred was a remarkable woman: strong, smart, and singularly committed to the health of this region. Together with Louis, they formed a team whose beneficent influence shaped almost every significant educational, health and cultural institution in Ellenville, Ulster County and the greater Hudson Valley. New Paltz owes the Resnicks the very existence of the Resnick Engineering Program, the Resnick Engineering Building and the Resnick Institute for the Study of Modern Jewish Life. However, Mildred and Lou’s most enduring legacy is the education provided to hundreds of students who have and are attending New Paltz on Resnick scholarships.

Dennis O’Keefe ’73 (Physics) worked in a number of positions in the circulation department at the Sojourner Truth Library from 1983 until his death on Aug. 28, 2006. He was well known for his keen interest in the histories of the college and community, as well as his longtime commitment as a local volunteer firefighter. Dennis was an integral part of the library, as well as the campus and community. Friends and colleagues honored him by dedicating his favorite bench, by the front doors of the library, in his memory at a ceremony held on May 10, 2007, Dennis’ birthday.

Lillian M. Campbell ’59 (Ed.), alumna and spouse of former New Paltz faculty member, Loren D. Campbell, passed away Aug. 9, 2005. Campbell was active with the faculty wives and also taught at the college part-time before starting a family. During her career with the New Paltz public school system, Campbell supervised several student teachers from the campus and was a mentor to many more. Her commitment to New Paltz and the education of our youth will be sorely missed.
Did any of your family members (aunts, uncles, parents, siblings, grandparents, etc.) also attend New Paltz? The office of Alumni Affairs is beginning the New Paltz Generations Program and wants to recognize your family’s commitment to its alma mater. All Generations Alumni are asked to sign up now for your special Generations Package, which includes a free T-shirt, vehicle static cling, and lanyard key chain.

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