Kaplan/Newsweek Names New Paltz a “Hot School”

by Kristin Charles-Scaringi

SUNY New Paltz was selected as the “Hottest Small State School” in the nation by the 2008 Kaplan/Newsweek “How to Get into College” Guide. As one of the “25 Hottest Schools in America,” SUNY New Paltz has been recognized for its academic excellence and its unique appeal to students seeking entry into the top schools in the country.


Another contributing factor to the college’s selection was based on admission statistics. L. David Eaton, vice president of enrollment management, said he is not surprised, noting that New Paltz has experienced a 40 percent spike in freshman applications since 2000. “What makes us unique and attractive to prospective students is an engaging atmosphere, an extraordinary array of academic programs, and a location that is stunning in its natural beauty, in a college town that is a ‘hot’ destination for visitors in its own right,” Eaton said.

Jason Palmer, a contributing editor for the guide, said many first-generation college students credited SUNY New Paltz’s diverse student body with making people of different backgrounds feel at home. Of the first-year students reporting their ethnicity, 27 percent come from traditionally underrepresented groups.

“It’s an attractive option for students from all over the state,” said Palmer. “Students we spoke to appreciate the fact that New Paltz has a small town environment, yet is still close enough to New York City that they can get away for an evening or a weekend.”

Students also spoke highly of the new 57,000-square-foot Athletic and Wellness Center that opened in 2006.

New Paltz was also recently ranked 7th among the best public universities and 38th among public and private universities in the North that offer bachelor’s and master’s degree programs, according to the U.S. News & World Report’s rankings for America’s Best Colleges 2008.

Alicia Mejias chose SUNY New Paltz because it was just 90 minutes from her family in Brooklyn, didn’t cost too much and had a step team. Her only concern was she’d be one of the few Hispanics on the rural campus of 6,400 undergrads. That worry was allayed by a rush of festivities that included Jam Asia, Carribash and Latino Week. “Since I was the first in my family to attend college,” she says, “I didn’t know what to expect,” She concluded New Paltz was a place “where anyone should be able to grow.” More first-generation students are enrolling.

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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
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Acting Out

by Kristin Charles-Scaringi

CAST

MICHAEL GLADIS, SUNY New Paltz alumnus (Class of 1999) now acting in the television show, “Mad Men,” about the men and women working in a fictional advertising agency in 1960s New York City.

Michael Gladis ’99 (Theatre) has just finished laughing into a microphone.

It's been a full day for Gladis. An audition for an independent movie and one for a World War II movie by Spike Lee. A session in the recording studio to chuckle on command and provide additional dialogue for his regular gig. And it’s only 3 o’clock in the afternoon.

Welcome to the hectic life of a working actor. Welcome to Michael Gladis’s world.

Gladis has spent the majority of 2007 working on a television set. Gladis has played the reoccurring role of Paul Kinsey on the television show, “Mad Men.” The show, which had its debut on the AMC (American Movie Classics) channel in July, was renewed for a second season. In January, the show received a Golden Globe Award for Best Television Series – Drama.

The days tend to be unpredictable when you’re an actor living and working in Los Angeles. When the workday never begins at the same time, a person learns to adjust. Gladis has learned how to handle the role just fine.

Depending on what scenes need to be shot on a particular day, Gladis arrives on set any time between 5 a.m. and 1 p.m. ready for hair and make-up or sometimes to shoot a scene a few hours earlier than anticipated. Gladis says an episode of the hit television show takes seven days to film. For him, that’s seven days of being ready for anything.

Gladis prepared for his real-life role as an actor by studying and working hard. From his days as a theater student learning the basics to the years of being a struggling actor practicing his craft, Gladis looks at every experience as one that will teach him more and more about being an actor. It was at New Paltz that Gladis first learned how to love learning about being an actor.

In the late 1990s Gladis spent a lot of time on stage as a student in the theatre arts department at New Paltz. He set out to build on his craft and credits his college years with providing him the opportunity to devote three years to focus on becoming an actor.

“I loved my time at New Paltz,” he says. “That’s where I learned the foundations of my craft.”

He constructed a program that reflected an acting conservatory and performed in such plays as “Angels in America” and “Sweeney Todd.” Coursework in voice, tap dancing, ballet and modern dance combined with sociology, statistics, German, Russian and Eastern philosophy classes to provide him with a cross-disciplinary program that he says broadened his mind.

The study of acting was not limited to the classroom. Gladis soon found other students who wanted to put together their own production. Gladis and about 10 other students in the theatre arts program wrote and directed a production about the American dream, called “The American Project.”

Following his graduation in 1999, Gladis spent the summer in the Mid-Hudson area working with the New Paltz Summer Repertory Theatre. He then set out for New York City to find work as an actor. Within a few months of his arrival, he landed two roles that would be instrumental in his future success. After playing the role of Mercutio in a national tour of “Romeo and Juliet,” Gladis earned rave reviews as Baal in Bertolt Brecht’s play of the same name.

He says his performance in “Baal” earned him not only the recognition of the theater industry, but of Hollywood as...
well. Gladis soon found himself on a submarine in Halifax, Nova Scotia, where he filmed a movie with Harrison Ford. “K-19: The Widowmaker” was not a box office success, but it was an amazing experience for Gladis nonetheless.

“To be recognized by the industry with a role in a major motion picture was pretty exciting for a kid fresh to the city,” he says.

After the movie wrapped, Gladis returned to New York to resume the life of a working actor. He says he spent many years performing in plays for little or no money and worked a number of odd jobs. His early success was bittersweet. Gladis says he got a taste of what the life of a successful actor could be like and then reality set in. Life became a series of auditions.

It was on an audition in early 2007 that Gladis came across a script about the men and women of a fictional advertising agency in 1960s New York City. While Gladis has appeared on such television shows as “Law and Order: Criminal Intent,” “Third Watch” and “Guiding Light,” his role on “Mad Men” marks his first reoccurring television role.

To prepare for the role, Gladis read a lot about advertising and the aesthetics of the age, but says it’s being on the set that makes it the easiest for him to travel back to the 1960s and get into character.

“The thing I love so much about the show is that the cast, sets, hair, props and writing is such that I don’t really have to alter my contemporary mode,” he said.

The cast and crew completed filming their first season of “Mad Men” in late August 2007, at which time Gladis returned to his home in New York City to celebrate his 30th birthday and see family and friends. He moved to Los Angeles to begin filming the second season of “Mad Men” in February.

He’s overjoyed to be spending more time in the world of Paul Kinsey.

“I love the show and the people with whom I am working,” Gladis says.

And he has a lot in common with the character he plays on TV. On “Mad Men,” Paul Kinsey is an advertising copywriter working his way up the corporate ladder at the fictional Sterling Cooper Advertising Agency in 1960s American advertising.

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The advertising men of the Sterling Cooper Advertising Agency from AMC’s original drama series MAD MEN (Left to right): Rich Sommer, Vincent Kartheiser, Aaron Staton, Michael Gladis
New York City. Gladis, who’s originally from Farmington, Conn., also began working his way up – in the acting world – in New York City.

He admits working on a television show is completely different from being on the stage.

“You spend so much time with a play – through numerous performances – that living with the words allows the material to sink in so deeply. On a television set you have to be very quick on your feet,” he said.

It’s been eight years since he took an acting class or walked the stage at New Paltz, but he still believes acting is about growing and learning more with each performance.

“An actor’s craft is like a muscle,” he says, “it grows stronger with each performance.”

Ed Carroll ’85 (Comm.), president, Rainbow Entertainment Services, and chair of the Communications and Media Dept. Advisory Board, spent a day on campus last fall. Rainbow Entertainment Services’ entertainment network holdings include AMC, of which “Mad Men” was its first dramatic series. Newsweek hailed the show as “Television’s best new drama.”
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Donor Highlight: The Power of Giving Back

Alumnus Everton H. Henriques ’78 ‘83g (Chem.) knows first-hand the power of giving, especially in support of scholarships. “I was an older (24-year-old) New Paltz student with great financial need but did not qualify for financial aid under the normal criteria … I worked and barely made enough to survive, yet it was too much to qualify for need-based aid. However, at one of my lowest points, through the help of a few generous people, a private organization, the George Washington Carver Foundation, awarded me my first scholarship. It was very modest yet it helped tremendously. I understand and appreciate what was done for me and, therefore, I want to give back so that others can benefit in the way I benefited.”

Henriques, inspired by the support he received as a student, gives back in many ways. He currently serves as the chairman of the SUNY New Paltz Foundation, the College’s fundraising arm, and for many years he has given generously to, and raised funds for, New Paltz scholarship endowments that he himself founded, including these:

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- Dr. Jim Campion Memorial Scholarship
- Ronald F. and Flona J. Henriques Memorial Scholarship
- Matilda Cox Memorial Scholarship
- Linda A. and Thomas P. Stokes Memorial Scholarship

It is fair to say that many, many New Paltz students owe their educational success in part to his efforts. A tireless ambassador for the College, Henriques, who co-founded Panasonic Plasma Display Laboratory of America, lives in Highland, NY with his wife and fellow alum, Jeannie Irvine ’78 (Math). Their daughter Jeannie Henriques will join the ranks of New Paltz alumni in May 2008 with a degree in accounting.
Ken Pasternak '77 (Sec. Ed., Hist.) has earned a name for himself in the financial industry. It was at New Paltz that the business mogul learned the professional skills that would one day lead him to the financial capital of the world, Wall Street.

“My personal journey took me from 12 Gage Hall to 12 Wall Street (the private entrance to the New York Stock Exchange),” he says. Pasternak, who graduated from New Paltz with a degree in secondary education and a concentration in social studies, arrived on Wall Street confident and ready for the competitive world of business.

“I graduated from New Paltz with a competitive skill set worth millions,” says Pasternak.

At Spear, Leeds and Kellogg, a specialist firm on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), Pasternak created a training program for new company traders and worked his way up to director of trading for the company in 1988. Pasternak went on to become chairman, chief executive officer and co-founder of Knight Capital, a Fortune 1000 company in Manhattan, in 1995. The company, whose NYSE ticker is NITE, had a market value of more than $5 billion dollars in 1999. Later that year, Pasternak received the Ernst and Young National Entrepreneur Championship Award.

Pasternak represented the financial industry in 2001 and 2002 by serving on the National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotations (NASDAQ) Board of Directors and the NASD Inc. Board of Directors. Also in 2002, Pasternak founded a small private investment fund, known in the business as a hedge fund, Chestnut Ridge Capital. Since 2004, Pasternak has served as chairman and co-founder of International Medical Resources.

As he advanced in his own career, Pasternak never forgot where his journey began. In 2007, the Pasternak Family Foundation provided the $100,000 lead gift to the School of Business for a fully functioning trading room and state-of-the-art multimedia library, which will serve as a resource for business students learning about capital markets. The School of Business, which was established 24 years after he graduated, dedicated the Kenneth D. Pasternak Trading Room in van den Berg Hall on Oct. 19, 2007. Pasternak’s involvement with the College extends beyond the School of Business. He joined the SUNY New Paltz Foundation board in 2006 and also returns to campus periodically to speak with students and share the secrets of his success.
True Love Engraved in New Paltz

By Lee Conell '09 (Eng.)

A sprained ankle may not seem to have much to do with love, but for Lou '60, '69g, '79cas (Ed.) and Grace (Morante) Mosconi '69 (Ed.), it was the key to a life-long romance.

In September 1956, Grace, then 17, decided to attend the Mohonk Hike for freshman orientation. She expected to see spectacular scenery. However, she ended up being most impressed by another freshman who was on the hike, Lou, a 21-year-old who had just left the Army.

“What a handsome guy!” Grace kept thinking. Desperate to get Lou to notice her, she pretended to sprain her ankle. The act worked: Lou was completely fooled. “I offered to carry her, to carry anything she was holding,” he says. “It drizzled that day, and I shared my zip-up sweatshirt with her so we wouldn’t get wet.” Grace and Lou spent the rest of the trip talking, scrambling together through the Lemon Squeeze (the infamous crevice on Mohonk Mountain), and sharing their peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for lunch.

Before they returned to the buses that would bring them back to campus, Lou asked Grace if she would spend the evening with him at the Log Rail Inn, a restaurant in New Paltz that had great fried chicken and a juke box. They could have dinner and maybe do a little dancing. Grace readily agreed. Then Lou remembered Grace’s injury.

“But what about your ankle?” he asked.

“Oh, it’ll be all right!” Grace assured him. Later that night, she showed up to the date in six-inch heels.

They got “pinned” six months after they met and married in 1958. Lou graduated with a bachelor’s in education in 1960. Grace took classes on and off after she became a mother, and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in speech pathology in 1969, the same year Lou graduated from New Paltz with his master’s in secondary education. “We graduated together with our three children cheering us on,” said Grace.

They chose New Paltz as the place to raise their children, Deborah, Louis and Stephanie. They have called New Paltz home since their college days. Lou taught social studies and economics to junior high school and high school students for 34 years. Grace worked for 25 years as a speech therapist for children with communication disorders at Dutchess County Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES). The two still adore the town and the surrounding area, and often go downhill skiing together. For their 50th anniversary this March, they had a romantic dinner at the Mohonk Mountain House, near the site where they first met.
Both my wife, Dorothy (Kirch) Dever, and I graduated from New Paltz in 1943. She was Arethusa and I was a Delphic. I left college in my senior year to enter the U.S.M.C., where I served for more than three years. After being awarded lieutenant’s bars, Dottie and I married. She taught first grade on Long Island while I went off to battle in the Pacific. Following the conflict we lived on Long Island … she was a mother who raised four boys and a girl, and I was a teacher for seven years and then school principal in Valley Stream for 26 years until retirement in 1979. For the past 14 years we have lived in Brewster, N.Y., in a house one of our sons built for our leisure years. We now have 13 grandchildren and 4 greats, plus five still-married “kids”— quite a crowd that tries to gather together once or twice annually.

—Bob Dever ’43 (Ed.)

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Barbara Bruce '64 has published eight books. Bruce has worked extensively with adults and caregivers of adults in terms of maintaining brain fitness and function. Her latest publication, “Mental Aerobics — 75 Ways to Keep Your Brain Fit,” is available for viewing on her Web site, www.bbruce.com.


Rebecca Gallagher '98g (Photo.) published “Exploring Motion Graphics” (Thomson Delmar Learning, 2007). The book shows how to apply the design elements of color, typography, movement and sound to a range of digital media.

Jason Gehlert ’98 (Comm. Media) has published his newest book, “The Woodsman.” Gehlert has also written the horror series “Quiver” and “Quiver 2: Full Cycle,” and has been featured in several news articles, radio interviews and book signings around the Hudson Valley. For more information, visit www.jasongehlert.com.


James K. Magee ’93 (Hist.) published a suspense/thriller, titled “To Serve & Protect” (Keene Publishing, 2007). His first novel is cast in Magee’s hometown of Goshen, N.Y., and centers around the police chief and his search for a killer.

Phil Nero ’72 (Engl.) has published two books in the past year. The first is “Twice Upon a Time” (Community Press, 2007), a novel set in and around a state teachers’ college that resembles New Paltz and includes many recognizable landmarks. For more information, visit www.communitypresshome.com. The second is a golf instructional book, “The Original Baseball Golf Swing Method” (Singing River Publications, 2007), in which the author teaches players to tap into the natural swinging and throwing motions used in baseball in order to develop a natural, athletic golf swing. The web site for that book is www.baseballgolfnow.com.


New Paltz Professor and alumnus Jamie Bennett ’73, is an internationally recognized metalsmith, and one of the most important enamellists today, whose painterly innovations have greatly expanded the field of fired enamel into a medium for contemporary expression. Bennett’s work is the subject of a first-ever retrospective at the Fuller Craft Museum in Brockton, Mass, through May 4, 2008. *Edge of the Sublime: Enamels by Jamie Bennett* explores Bennett’s creative use and development of a variety of enameling and metalworking techniques to produce highly color-saturated imagery on signature brooches, necklaces and pendants.

*Edge of the Sublime: Enamels by Jamie Bennett* provides an overview of the artist’s productive career in making jewelry, enameled wall reliefs and other works on paper painted in oil and encaustic. The exhibition highlights significant examples from each of the major series of works produced by the artist, such as the Pattern series from the 1970s, Coloratura series from the early 1980s, Jurjani series from the mid 1990s and Floriligia series from the early 2000s. Included are over 100 ornaments, 20 paintings, enameled wall reliefs, drawings, sketches and notebooks. The drawings and accompanying text inform viewers of Bennett’s artistic practices, revealing both the artist’s working processes and his conceptual development.

Bennett’s work is included in the collections of over twenty museums around the world including The Victoria and Albert Museum, London; The Philadelphia Museum of Art; Musée de Arts décoratifs, Paris; Museum of Arts & Design, New York; and the Renwick Gallery, National Museum of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

After its debut at Fuller Craft Museum, *Edge of the Sublime: Enamels by Jamie Bennett* will travel to museums nationwide, including New Paltz’s Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art this fall.
Kristine Zanno-Kratky '92 (Painting) has shown her work in various galleries and businesses across the country. Now residing in Utah, she recently illustrated a children’s book, “The Fall Ball.” See her work at The Morning Brew Café in High Falls, N.Y., or on the Web at kristinezanno.com.

SUNY New Paltz graduate student E. Odin Cathcart has been selected as one of three winners of Best of Show as part of the 2007 Best of SUNY Student Art Exhibition held at the New York State Museum in Albany. In addition to this honor, Cathcart was invited to exhibit in the prestigious Albany Governor’s Exhibition. Cathcart’s painting, Intransigence, was the selected piece for the Best of SUNY. Cathcart is finishing his final semester at New Paltz as a graduate painting major.

Helen (Kolikow) Garber '77 (Theatre) has exhibited her photography in galleries from coast to coast, including in the Samuel Dorsky Museum on the SUNY New Paltz campus.
Jenine Mayring ’94 (Theatre) held her world premiere of “From Silence to Sound” at the Palm Beach International Film Festival in 2007. The film, produced by Brooklyn Girl Productions, tells the story of the first man in Oklahoma to receive a bilateral (double) cochlear implant. For more information and to view the trailer, visit www.brooklyngirlproductions.com.

Sara Joki ’05 (Vocal Performance), who captivated the audience at the 2005 New Paltz Commencement as she sang the National Anthem, announces her solo CD Ya’ale, released in December 2007. Sara Joki lives in Jerusalem and is known by her Hebrew name, Shaina Ettel. Ya’ale is available at www.ShainaEttel.com and www.CDBaby.com

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Peter Jacobs ’60 (Vis. Arts Ed.) was honored as the Higher Education Art Educator of the Year by the Colorado Art Education Association for the 2006-2007 school year. This award is presented to an individual who demonstrates teaching excellence, service to the profession and exceptional contributions to the community. A professor of Art and Native American Studies at Colorado State University, Jacobs also presented a retrospective exhibition of his artwork in the Cufman Art Gallery in the Lory Student Center on the CSU campus. Jacobs also had an exhibit, “My Life, My Art: So Far...” on display at the Cufman Gallery on the Colorado State University campus from Nov. 2-Dec. 14, 2007.

Allen Young ’64 (Biol.), curator emeritus of zoology at the Milwaukee Public Museum, published an expanded second edition of his book, “The Chocolate Tree” (University Press of Florida). He continues with cocoa research in Costa Rica, which is funded by a federal appropriation through the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Jane Frydman ’66 (Elem. Ed.) teaches math courses including statistics and probability, logic, set theory, algebra and geometry at South University in West Palm Beach, Fla. She lives with her husband in Palm Beach and recently became a grandmother for the first time.

Gary Maasch ’66 was inducted into the SUNY New Paltz Athletics Hall of Fame in Oct. 2007 for soccer and baseball.

Gail (Dawson) Smith ’66 (Elem. Ed.) was inducted into the SUNY New Paltz Athletics Hall of Fame in Oct. 2007 for field hockey and tennis.

Borys Wolosenko ’66 (Biol.), ’68g (Ed.) completed a three-year project producing a feature film titled “Payback Always Comes Around,” a crime motion picture.

Ann Gilchrist ’67 wrote a book titled “Footsteps Across Cement: A History of the Township of Rosendale.” The cement industry employed 5,000 workers and annually produced four million barrels of cement. Renowned for its strength, Rosendale cement was used in the construction of the Brooklyn Bridge, the Statue of Liberty and the Washington Monument. The local cement producers shut down in 1970 due to the development of cheaper Portland cement.

Barbara Becker Simon ’69 (Vis. Arts) was awarded second place in the 2007 Saul Bell Design Award Competition for jewelry design. Both the designer and her jewelry piece were honored in Las Vegas in June 2007. The winning piece can be viewed online at www.saulbellaward.com.

Karen (Krause) Brody ’71 (Sec. Ed.) has been elected to the SUNY New Paltz Foundation board of directors. She joins fellow alumni Everton Henriques ’78, ’83g (Chem.), Richard Bengloff ’75 (Pol. Sci.), Norman Blashka ’75 (Econ.), Barbara Geider ’71 (Pol. Sci.), Karen (Krause) Brody ’71 (Sec. Ed.), and Wendell Van Lare ’67 (Sec. Ed.) as well as members of the regional business community to further the Foundation’s mission to raise funds in support of SUNY New Paltz.

In 2006, almost 40 years after his death, the remains of Heinz Ahlmeyer ’66, were recovered in Vietnam. Ahlmeyer was killed in action on May 10, 1967, less than one year after graduating from New Paltz. On May 7, 2007, the Pearl River Post Office Building in Pearl River, N.Y., was dedicated as the Heinz Ahlmeyer Jr. Post Office Building. Several alumni and campus staff were in attendance, as well as family and friends.

Steve Allen ’73 lives in Juno Beach, Fla., where he owns a commercial real estate and development company that does business throughout the South. He is now divorced and has two great boys: Kyle, who attends George Washington University, and Jake, who is a junior at Suncoast High School. When not working, he enjoys being out on the gulf stream on his boat, Sea Monster.
Steven Brody ’73 (Psych.) has been named to the board of trustees at Southern Vermont College. Brody is a fellow of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and a member of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, American Dental Association and Connecticut Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons.

Mel Eiden ’73 (Pol. Sci.) and Linda Cohen-Schofield ’71 (Engl.) announce the marriage of their daughter, Sarah Jade Eiden, to Richard Smith. The newlyweds live in Denver, Colo., where Sarah is an assistant principal at Green Mt. High School in Lakewood and Rick is a geological engineer in Boulder.

Kathy Neubart Rosenthal ’73 (Pol. Sci.) is a partner in the law firm of Rosenthal & Markowitz LLP and an adjunct professor of law at Pace University in White Plains, N.Y. She is a four-time winner of the Adjunct Professor the Year Award.

Peter DeMartis ’74 (Soc.) joined the Hudson Valley Technology Development Center in Fishkill, N.Y., a not-for-profit economic development organization that serves as a business and technology resource center, as a sales team member.

Barbara Liesenbein ’74 (Art Hist.) was honored by Dutchess Community College as a member of its professional and teaching staff where she has served as director of the library for 25 years.

Stuart Rosenthal ’74 (Pol. Sci.) was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Dealer Counsel. He is currently vice president and general counsel of the Greater New York Automobile Dealers Association in Whitestone, Queens and resides in Westchester with his wife, Kathy.


Andrew Roth ’76 (Econ.) was appointed president of the Kiwanis Club of Glendale, Calif.

Joanne (Ranaldo) St. Peter ’76 (Soc. Stud.) was named principal at Smith School in West Hartford, Conn.

Cheryl (Preiser) Leopold ’77g (Elem. Ed.) was awarded the 2007 SUNY New Paltz Dean’s Award for Excellence in Teaching and was honored at a ceremony on Sept. 18, 2007. Leopold has been an English teacher for the last 37 years in the Wallkill Central School District in Wallkill, N.Y.

Marc L. Rubinstein ’77 (Theatre) has a Web site on his work with Pig Light Show of Fillmore East fame, which included pictures, videos and descriptions. Those who were at New Paltz from 1973 to 1977, when he attended, or from 1988 to 1990, when he taught, may remember the concerts and demonstrations recorded. The site has attracted new and old light artists and fans from around the world. Visit at www.piglightshow.com.

Gerald Seligman ’77 (English) is living in Berlin, Germany, and was named director of WOMEX (www.womex.com), an international music development project. He no longer has red hair.

Steven Riback ’78 cas (Ed. Admin.) took a break from retirement last fall to temporarily lead Fieldstone School in Thiells, N.Y. while they searched for a new principal. Riback has been both a middle school principal and a long-serving high school assistant principal.

Thomas Whitaker ’78 (Elem. Ed.) was inducted into the SUNY New Paltz Athletics Hall of Fame for baseball on Oct. 12, 2007.

Francine (Ambrogio) Gurtler ’79 (Spec. Ed.) was appointed as a speech pathologist at the New Canaan Public Schools West School in New Canaan, Conn.

Lynn Herbert-Payne ’79 (Econ.) was awarded a master’s degree in counselor education from Kean University. Herbert-Payne lives in New Jersey with her husband, Alan, and children Lindsay, 14, Sara, 12, and Alan Jr. (Buddy), 10.

Tomás Morales ’75 (Elem. Ed.) believes that public institutions of higher learning can transform lives. He has seen it happen in his own life. The New Paltz alumnus began his tenure as the third president of the College of Staten Island, a senior college within the City University of New York (CUNY) system, in August 2007.

In addition to earning his bachelor’s degree from New Paltz, Morales worked at the college for more than 15 years as counselor, and then director, of the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP); assistant vice president for student affairs; and assistant dean of the School of Education.

“My New Paltz not only provided me with my baccalaureate experience, but my professional experience as well,” he says.

Morales eventually earned his graduate and doctoral degrees from the University of Albany before heading out west to accept a senior administrative position within the California State University System.

Morales remembers connecting with a number of faculty and staff members at New Paltz when he was a student and says he is in contact with many of his mentors and former colleagues. The proud alumnus recently reconnected with a group of alumni from the EOP at New Paltz, who are now working in Staten Island.
Stuart Schnur '80 (Econ.) has been written up in Strathmore’s “Who’s Who” in 2005-2006 for his demonstration in leadership and achievement in his industry. He is also a member of both the Florida and the National Associations of Real Estate Brokers and continues to school individuals in the mortgage industry. He and his wife have two grown children and twin grandchildren whom they adore. Rhonda (McDaniel) Tirfagnehu '80 (Econ.) and her family moved from Westchester County, N.Y. to Palm Coast, Fl. Rhonda is employed by Stewart Marchman Center as a Healthy Start supervisor and has three children in college.

Charles Davis '82 covered his first college football game as a Fox Sports analyst - Boise State’s overtime win over Oklahoma in the 2007 Fiesta Bowl, 43-42. A week later, in January 2007, Davis called the Bowling Championship Series Bowl game featuring Ohio State University and University of Florida.

Gary Fitzgerald '82 (Music) relocated to North Carolina from New York and is still writing and publishing music, which can be heard at www.fitzmusic.com and www.editorschoicemusic.com. Fitzgerald often reminisces with his music partner, Jimmy Capuano '81 (Music), about those great days at New Paltz. “We had a lot of fun” he said.

Michelle D. Kwasney '82 (Art Ed.) has taught art in public schools in both New York and Massachusetts for 25 years. She is also a published author whose novels include “Baby Blue” (Henry Holt, 2004) and “ITCH” coming out in spring 2008. For more information, visit www.michelledkwasney.com.

Rich Klein '83 (Journ.) is the former city editor of The Legislative Gazette and is living and working in New York City and in Bethel, N.Y. His company, Riverside Public Relations LLC, just celebrated its fifth anniversary.

John E. McGowan '83 (Ed.) received two awards from the city of Union City, N.J. The first was for Artistic Achievement as related to his efforts in helping the city celebrate the Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration. The second was from the 33rd Legislative District of the State of N.J. Both awards were granted under the stage name of J. Emerson McGowan. For more information, visit mrjmcgowan@hotmail.com.

Barbara Esmark '84 (Paint.) is owner/director of beGallery in High Falls, N.Y. She has featured the work of several alumni, including Judith Hoyt '80 (Print.) and Leslie Roitman '78 (Art). For more information on current exhibits, visit www.begallery.com.

Jeffrey Feller '84 (Soc.) celebrated his second anniversary on March 10, 2007 as a liver transplant recipient. Feller is an active volunteer with a national support and education organization, Transplant Recipient International Organization (TRIO), Manhattan Chapter. He is taking classes at a studio in New York City and is a photo support intern at both Yankee and Shea stadiums.

Flaurie (Dessources) '86 (Span.) and Douglas Martin '86 (Sec. Ed.) met at Capen Hall while both were attending New Paltz and were married in 1987. They have two children, Zach and Jade, and have relocated to Tampa, Fl. Flaurie is a stay-at-home mom while Doug is a banker.

Erin (Shaw) Contrady '88, '98 (Journ./Music) was selected for “Who’s Who of American Women 2007.” She is a cantor at St. Joseph’s Church in Kingston, N.Y. and has been involved in the New York State School Music Association, the Ulster County Music Educators Association, All-County Choral Festivals, Odyssey of the Mind, local youth sports and scouting.

Maureen “Moe” Doebbler '91 (Psych.) publishing company, Marquis Media Group, published the second edition of an Elementary Education Teacher Exam study guide. Their newest publication is a biography of a man who saves nine people’s lives in six separate instances.

Deborah Sarcka-Wenner '91, '95g (Elem. Ed.) works for the New Jersey Department of Children and Families, N.J., Child Welfare Training Academy, where she trains new case workers and managers for the Division of Youth and Families. She also works part-time for SUNY Orange in Middletown, N.Y., as an assistant professor of reading, study and basic writing skills in the English and Foreign Language department.

Jonnie Wesley-Krueger '91g (Hum. Ed.) was honored by the Mental Health Association in Orange County at their 49th annual meeting with the prestigious Silver Bell Award for her work organizing and garnering social, educational and healthcare resources, especially through her efforts on behalf of victims of sexual assault.
Alice Kenly '92 (Wom. Stud.) is a licensed massage therapist and has successfully completed the basic lymphedema/complex decongestive physiotherapy certification program through the Upledger Institute Inc. The certification signifies advanced skill in the application of complex decongestive physiotherapy in the treatment of lymphedema. Kenly is licensed by the State of New York.

Scot Beckerman '93g, '96cas (Ed. Admin.) was appointed principal at Bernards High School. Beckerman has served as principal of Rhinecliff, N.Y. High School, assistant principal of Dwight Morrow High School in Englewood, and recently completed his seven-year tenure as assistant principal at Northern Valley Regional High School in Demarest.

Elizabeth Fasolino '93 (Art Hist.) joined the staff of The East Hampton Star on Long Island as the arts editor. She is grateful to all her former professors at SUNY New Paltz for sharing their enthusiasm and knowledge with her, especially professors William Rhoads and Jaimee Uhlenbrock '63 for their encouragement and patience.

Darryl Imperati '93g (Sec. Ed.), '98cas (Ed. Admin.) was appointed principal at Woodmont High School after serving as principal of Valley Central High School in Montgomery, N.Y., for four years. The new position offers Imperati a chance to work in an international baccalaureate program.

Trista (Levy) Polo '93 (Comm.) has a thriving business providing teaching, training and coaching to those interested in additional income streams and a successful residential real estate practice. She is a member of the Junior League of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and an associate artist with Half Moon Theatre.

Judith Sigunick '93g (Sculp.) has a studio located in Cragsmoor, N.Y., and has also organized an art exhibition of local artists in a room at the Hunt Memorial Building in Ellenville, N.Y.

John Wai '93 (Acctg.) joined Liquid Realty Partners as a fund controller and will be responsible for accounting, taxation, reporting and related activities. Previous positions included senior auditor at PriceWaterhouse Coopers, LLP, manager of financial planning and analysis at Orcon Corporation and corporate controller at Securify, Inc.

Anne Cardinale '94, '99g (Nursing) was named director of the Ulster County Office for the Aging. Cardinale has worked since 2001 as a senior care coordinator for Benedictine Hospital, where she founded the BeneCare club wellness program.

Martin Dosh '94 (Engl.) stopped penning the short stories that were once his forte in favor of composing electronic music. Dosh also plays drums in the studio and live, triggering sounds from assorted high-tech gear while simultaneously pounding on his kit.

Nancy Gilman '94 (Comm.) was awarded a doctor of audiology degree from the School of Audiology at the Pennsylvania College of Optometry in Elkins Park, Pa. Gilman is a regional sales manager for Sonic Innovation, a major hearing aid manufacturer.

Denise Heal '94 (Sec. Ed.) married Christian Rich on July 6, 2007 in Hamburg, N.Y. Denise and Chris celebrated with friends and family at the Buffalo Yacht Club and spent their honeymoon in the Riviera Maya, Mexico. Chris is a reservist and is serving in the Middle East.

Neil Pade '94 (Geol.) was appointed Canton’s new director of planning and community development. Pade served as the economic development coordinator in Vernon, Conn. from 2004 to 2006 before he was appointed town planner.

Jennifer Rutheny '94 (Vis. Arts Ed.) is a Croton-on-Hudson jewelry designer who opened her own workshop and gallery called Rutheny’s Brook Street Gallery. Paintings, pottery, hand-made clothing and art glass fill the walls and shelves of the gallery, which also hosts art exhibitions, classes, performances and holiday sales.

Dwayne Williams '94 (Pol. Sci.) joined the law firm Sobo & Sobo LLP as an associate. Prior to his current position, Williams was an associate at the law office of Alan Lewis in Newburgh, N.Y., and also at the law office of Antoinette L. Williams in Scarsdale, N.Y.

Kimberly Mundell '95 (Sec. Ed.), '02g (Hum. Ed.) is an English teacher at Webutuck High School in Amenia, N.Y. She married George Christodoulou on June 16, 2007, in Falls Village, Conn.

Melissa (Hawker) Romano '95 (Sec. Ed.) has taught English at Central Islip High School on Long Island for the past 11 years. She has been married to Michael Romano for almost eight years and they have two little boys: Aidan Joseph, born May 20, 2003 and Anthony James, born April 27, 2007.

John Stemberg '95 (Hist.) married Sandra Vass on Nov. 4, 2006.

Christine (Vega) Sullivan '95 (Biol.) is happy to announce a recent career change to broker/
realtor at York Simpson Underwood Realty in Raleigh, N.C.

David Wilcock ’95 (Psych.) is a professional lecturer, filmmaker and researcher of ancient civilizations, consciousness science and new paradigms of matter and energy. His upcoming Hollywood film, “CONVERGENCE,” unveils his proof that all life on Earth is united in a field of consciousness, which affects our minds in fascinating ways.

Robert Barlow ’96, ’00g (Elem. Ed.), a fifth-grade teacher at Pine Tree Elementary School in Monroe, N.Y., appeared on the game show “Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?” Barlow stated “Winning that much money was a distant dream, but a dream I was able to make come true.”

Maria Lazo ’96 (Sculp.), along with her sister, Carmen, has founded Turn of the Century Renaissance, an organization which connects artists with businesses who provide exhibition space free of charge. Most of the spaces where TCR works are displayed are within the Roundout neighborhood of Kingston, N.Y.

Patricia Sullivan ’96 (Metals) launched her own interactive design studio, P.S. Creative, Inc., offering Web, flash and print services to create a distinctive brand identity for clients. Sullivan is creative director of the agency, based in Mount Laurel, N.J. For more information, visit www.pscreativeinc.com.

Jacqueline (Smith) Domin ’97 (Journ.) had several stories spotlighting the Albany area published in US Airways magazine, which featured the city in its April 2007 issue.

Rohyn (Hansen) Harple ’97 (Comm.) and her husband, Doug, joyfully announce the adoption of their daughter, Ella Hieu Ra, born in South Korea on Feb. 12, 2007.

Russell Pistachio ’97g (Metals) pledged to donate $2,000 each semester for a graduate-level scholarship in the Metals Program. Jessica Stevens ’08g was the first recipient of the Russell Pistachio Scholarship (Metalsmithing).

Heather Arnold ’98 (Wom. Stud.) married Mark McDonald on Sept. 23, 2006 at Harkness in Waterford, Conn. They are living in Mansfield, Conn., and working at the University of Connecticut.

Adam Lauricella ’98 (Theatre) is the owner of Grecland Tattoo in Wappingers Falls, N.Y. “As tattooing has grown, more skilled artists have become tattooers, some people traditionally educated in (fields not related to tattooing) painting or drawing or graphic arts,” he said.


Jessica Pierce ’99 (Journ.) received four awards in the 2006/2007 New York State Associated Press writing contest. She took home two first-place awards in the categories of continuing coverage and sportswriting, a second place award for depth-in-reporting and a third-place award for beat reporting. She works at the Daily Messenger newspaper in Canandaigua, N.Y. and lives in Wayne County with her husband and their son, Maxwell.

Rita Weber-McKee ’99cas (Ed. Admin.) was honored by Dutchess Community College as a member of their professional and teaching staff. Weber-McKee has been the director of academic services and testing for 25 years.

Vanessa (Huntington) Boyd ’00 (Elem. Ed.) and husband Michael ’03 (Journ.) welcomed their second child, Emily Faye, last Dec. 17, 2006. Emily has an older brother, Andrew Michael, who is 3.

Naomi Gabay-Schwab ’00 (Comm.) married Andrew Schwab (Syracuse ’03) on June 24, 2007, in Livingston, N.J. They honeymooned in Greece and now reside in Hoboken, N.J. Gabay-Schwab is employed by Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia as a supervising producer of Sirius Satellite Radio.


Jasmine Sanchez ’00 (Bus. Adm.) was inducted into the SUNY New Paltz Athletics Hall of Fame for basketball on Oct. 12, 2007.

James Cawley ’01 (Art Hist.) was hired and quickly promoted to an account executive position with the New York Red Bulls of Major League Soccer. Cawley is also a graduate of the Game Face Sports Executive Academy located in Portland, Ore.

Natalie Morales Jimenez ’01 (Psych.) received a master’s degree in counseling from the Alliance Graduate School of Counseling in Nyack, N.Y.

Kirsten Vogt Kinsmith ’01g (Sec. Ed.) was inducted in the Midlakes Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2007 and was honored on Oct. 6. She works as director of math at Greenfield High School in Greenfield, Mass.

Cathy Varunok ’01 (Hum. Ed.) is recipient of the 2007 Yoplait Champion Award for her educational, fundraising and advocacy work on behalf of women with breast cancer. Varunok, an occupational therapist and co-founder of the local nonprofit organization Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation, received her award in March 2007 at a ceremony in Washington, D.C.
Tammy Cilione '02 (Journ.) was promoted to vice president of communications at the Poughkeepsie Area Chamber of Commerce. Cilione came to the chamber from the Poughkeepsie Journal, where she was a business reporter.

Kyra Greweling '02 was named president of marketing and sales for Wholly Wholesome in Chester, N.J. Greweling also graduated from the Culinary Institute of America with an emphasis on Pastry and Baking and has started her own restaurant.


Hilary Niederhauser '02 (Biol.) graduated from SUNY College of Optometry on June 4, 2006, as a doctor of optometry. In August 2006, she began working for Lenscrafters in White Plains and West Nyack, N.Y.

Nicole Saieva '02cas (Ed. Admin.) was appointed principal at Nyack Middle School. Saieva was hired as a science teacher in 1996 after two years working in New York City, then appointed assistant principal at Nyack Middle School from 2002 to 2003 and at Nyack High School from 2003 to 2007.


Peter A. DiBernardi '03cas (Ed. Admin.) was appointed principal at West Haverstraw Elementary School. DiBernardi was hired as a third-grade teacher at West Haverstraw in 1998 and held that position until 2005, when he moved to Stony Point Elementary School as an assistant principal.

Andrew Hackmack '03 (Journ.) was named the new editor of the Valley Stream Herald, part of a chain of a dozen community newspapers on Long Island. Hackmack had been with the Southern Ulster Times since the paper was born in December 2003, with his previous position being assistant editor.

Alexander Marrero '03 (Music) completed courses during the summer of 2007 involving special education, curriculum theory and critical thinking. He is working toward a master’s degree in music education through the Teachers College at Columbia University.

Amanda (Carr) Mushrush '03 (Art Hist.) and her husband Nathan are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Aiden Drake, on March 29, 2007. Aiden weighed in at 8 lbs., 2 oz. and 22 inches long.

Dr. Mohini Patel '03 (Biol.) was married to Dr. Sumit Pravinkumar Shah on Sept. 1, 2007. Pandit Balasubramanayam Dixit, a Hindu priest, officiated at the Holiday Inn in Albany, N.Y.

Victoria Schaub '03 (Sec. Ed.) and Brian Curry '04 (Vis. Arts) were married on July 7, 2007. Schaub received a master’s in history from Brooklyn College and is working towards her second master’s in special education. Curry is a project manager for a design firm.

Eryn Daves '04 (Elem. Ed.) and Edward Kaplan '03 (Acctg.) were wed in a beautiful ceremony in Cortlandt Manor, N.Y., on Sept. 18, 2005.

Mary Furey '04, '07g (Nursing) was awarded the McGee Faculty Scholarship for Graduate Nursing Education. The full-tuition-plus-stipend state scholarship is earmarked for future nursing faculty and is managed by the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation.


Jason Letts '04 (Soc.) and Mitchell Monsour '04 (Soc.) assisted Brian Obach and Eve Waltermaurer, both professors of sociology at SUNY New Paltz, in publishing a paper, “Cross-Course Collaboration in Undergraduate Sociology Programs,” in the April issue of Teaching Sociology.

Erin Schoebel '04 (Psych.) was inducted into the Marist College Chapter of Psi Chi, the National Honor Society of Psychology. Schoebel is a graduate student in the psychology department at Marist College.

Roxann Waters '04 (Mngmnt.) and Matthew Woods '04 (Fin.) were married on June 15, 2007, in Wappingers Falls, N.Y. They live in Stamford, Conn.

Adam Bernard '05 (Comm.) was promoted to producer of the daily radio show, “The Morning Drive,” on Sirius NASCAR Radio on Sirius Satellite Radio.

Ashley Dilworth '05 (Elem. Ed.) was a teacher aide at Garden City Middle School for the 2006-2007 school year and was a substitute teacher there in the spring of 2006.

James Fallarino '05 (Soc.) was promoted to the position of director of youth services at Long Island Gay and Lesbian Youth in Bay Shore, N.Y.


Owen Harvey '05g (Paint.) had an exhibition, “Fugitive Geometry” displayed at the Everett & Treadwell Building in Kingston, N.Y., from Nov. 9 through Dec. 29, 2007. Harvey’s new work comprises drawings and paintings, which examine seriality and fragmentation. A geometric vocabulary is explored on wooden surfaces alongside traditional approaches.

Jessica Pasko '05 (Journ.) has worked for the Associated Press in their Albany, N.Y. bureau since she graduated. She published an article in ARTnews magazine, one of the most widely read fine arts publications in the country.

Pamela Smalley '05 (Ceramics) and Douglas Peltzman '05 (Ceramics) want to share the joy of their recent marriage that took place on the shore in New Haven, Conn. on Aug. 18, 2007.

Nicole Baker '06 (Hum. Ed.) was named program coordinator for the Rockland Family Shelter’s Teen Dating Violence Prevention program. Baker became involved with the program when she was a junior at North Rockland High School.

Matthew Elkin '06g (Elem. Ed.) was hired at Duzine Elementary School in New Paltz, N.Y., as a second-grade teacher. Elkin has been working for a variety of schools and organizations in the area with students of all ages and all types of background.

Emily Hallock '07 (Asian Stud./Pol. Sci.), a Croton-on-Hudson native and a student in the political science department, was awarded a four-year fellowship package at UCLA to study political theory. The fellowship includes an $18,000 stipend plus fees and nonresident tuition during the first year. Each subsequent year, Hallock will have a paid teaching assistant position in the Political Science department. Hallock eventually plans to teach at the college level.
academic and behavioral needs. He also works as a disc jockey for a weekly radio program on WVKR in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Claire Lipton ’06 (Psych.) presented her research, “Exploring Women’s Diverse Experiences of Sexual Objectification,” at the 32nd Annual Association for Women in Psychology Conference in San Francisco, Calif., in March 2007.

Nathan Norman ’06 (Engl.) wrote and narrated the documentary film “Walking High,” one of 11 films included in the 2007 DVD, “Best of the 168 Film Festival.” The festival is part of the Burbank-based 168-hour Film Project in which participants are given one week’s worth of time to produce a film from script to screen. Norman has also written a fantasy novel, “Untold.” published by Xulon Press.

Jaime Slonim ’06 (Psych.) earned her master’s degree in educational psychology and is pursuing certification in school psychology.

Lauren Guido ’07 (Marketing/Mngmt.) received the 2007-2008 Human Resources Leader of Tomorrow Scholarship. The $700 scholarship was established in 2006 by the Mid-Hudson Human Resources Association to recognize and encourage New Paltz students who are interested in pursuing a career in the field of human resources.

Michael Roth ’07cas (Ed. Admin.) was appointed as interim principal of the North Rockland, N.Y., Willow Grove Middle School. Roth has been an educator for 26 years, 24 of them for North Rockland. He also finished his work on his educational administration certificate, making him eligible for a vice principal or principal position in New York.

Faculty/Staff Notes

John Edward Cogswell ’84 (Art/Metals) was inducted into the National Metalsmiths Hall of Fame in January 2007.

Phyllis Freeman (Psychology) was named to the 2007 Edition of Who’s Who of American Women for her work and teaching with the Institute for Disaster Mental Health. She has been appointed as a part-time visiting lecturer in the department of Behavioral Sciences and Community Health in the School of Public Health, New York Medical College, Valhalla, N.Y.

David Gee (Educational Administration) received a Distinguished Service Award from the American Association of School Administrators and was honored at the association’s national conference in New Orleans.


Howard Good (Comm.), journalism professor at SUNY New Paltz, published his twelfth book, titled “Mis-Education in Schools: Beyond the Slogans and Double-Talk,” published by Rowman & Littlefield Education. Using both research and personal anecdotes, Good tackles what he believes are the key problems facing American high schools and then suggests solutions.

Daniel Jelski has been named dean of the School of Science and Engineering. Jelski succeeded John Harrington, who retired in Sept. 2007, after serving as the school’s inaugural dean for six years. Jelski brings to New Paltz 20 years of science-related higher education experience, both as a professor and administrator. Most recently, Jelski worked at the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Ind., where he was professor of chemistry and department head for seven years. He also taught at SUNY Fredonia, was a research associate at SUNY Buffalo and a Fulbright Scholar at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda, Africa.

Ronald Knapp (Geology, Emeritus) received the 2007 Henry Glassie Award at the national meeting of the Vernacular Architecture Form in Savannah, Ga. Named Distinguished Professor by SUNY in 1998, Knapp is internationally known for his pioneering achievements in the study of cultural and historical geography. He has published more than a dozen books on Chinese architecture, symbolism and the history of China’s frontiers. The Henry Glassie Award, named for the renowned architecture scholar and folklorist, recognizes special achievements in and contributions to the field of vernacular architecture studies.

Wayne Lempka (Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art) and Beth Wilson (Art History) were co-curators of the 2007 Kingston Sculpture Biennial, an exhibition sponsored by the city of Kingston, NY and the Arts Society of Kingston (ASK).

Corinne Nyquist (Library) was named to the 2007 edition of Who’s Who in America. She joined SUNY New Paltz administrators, two other current faculty members, and three emeriti faculty whose biographical information and professional accomplishments are included in this work.

Jonathan Raskin (Psychology) has been selected by the American Psychological Association’s Division of Humanistic Psychology as the 2007 winner of the Carmi Harari Early Career Award.

George Schnell (Geography, Emeritus) received a Distinguished Teacher Award from the New Paltz Alumni Association. The award recognizes singular accomplishments that exceed normal expectations in a chosen occupation. Schnell, a New Paltz faculty member from 1962 to 1999, was the founding chairman of the Geography Department.

Paul Walley retired from his position as the campus minister for the Student Christian Center in June 2007. As leader of the campus’s ecumenical campus ministry since Sept. 1971, Pastor Paul opened his home on Plattekill Avenue to students as a gathering place. Pastor Paul served as the campus advisor for Habitat for Humanity, where he and hundreds of students helped build houses for Newburgh residents. Though he is now retired (or retired as he calls it) Pastor Paul hasn’t slowed down. He continues to serve as minister at St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church in West Camp and will be spending time in Cape Cod.

Corrections

The following corrections were submitted for the Spring 2007 issue of the Observer magazine:

Audrey Rutley ’55 was incorrectly listed as having passed away. Audrey is in fact very much alive.

A photo of Dorothy Sherman was incorrectly placed by the submission from Emma (Sherman) Bush ’37 in the Campus Memories section. The correct photo is seen here.

Emma (Sherman) Bush ’37

Elisabeth Anderson-Ivantzova was incorrectly listed as an English emerita professor in the Faculty/Staff Notes section, when in fact Lawrence Sullivan was the English emerita professor who wrote a book about Anderson-Ivantzova’s life as a ballerina.
In Memoriam

1920-1929
Mildred Lane ‘20
Louise Couch ‘28
Helen M. (Taylor) Lewis ‘29

1930-1939
Katherine L. Murray ‘31
Mary Powell ‘31
Marguerite Marconette ‘33
Regina (Delit) Newman ‘34
Evelyn B. (Birdsall) Franz ‘35
Elizabeth B. (Brennan) Donnaruma ‘36
Edna Hahn ‘36
Eva E. (Lund) Utter ‘36
Julia May (Dilworth) Campbell ‘37
Richard Perkins ‘37
Elma S. (Smith) Dunn ‘38
Roper Fuller Larsen ‘38
John C. Meagher ‘38
John E. Whalen ‘38
Anna M. (Baumgarten) Riegel ‘39
Gladys H. (Houghton) Wells ‘39

1940-1949
Anna S. (Supple) Cramer ‘43
Ethel C. (Caston) Dewitt ‘43
Elizabeth L. (Norwesh) Prusas ‘43
Adele S. (Schwartz) Clampett ‘45
Isabel E. Nugent ‘45
Cecilia M. (McDermott) Barcelo ‘46
Anna M. (Moser) Marshalek ‘46
Rose (Erhardt) Austin ‘48
Robert J. Cooke ‘49
Marilyn P. (Pereira) Walker ‘49

1950-1959
Rose (Smilkstein) Avnet ‘51
Daniel L. Vezzani ‘51
Patricia A. (Hamigan) Gwynn ‘52
Richard A. King ‘52
Helen (Fisher) Marks ‘53
John E. Glennon ‘54
Theresa G. (Telesca) Romeo ‘54
Virginia L. (Kirkham) Muller ‘55
Ruth G. West ‘56
Harold L. Arneson ‘57
Mary A. (Wickman) Feldweg ‘57
Hank J. Muller ‘57
Rosemarie Thomson ‘58

1960-1969
Betty L. (Insley) Burnham ‘60
Carmen M. (Maldonado) Hostetler ‘60
Isabel B. (Blasi) Catucci ‘61
Saul S. Dicker ‘62
Brita (Ohberg) Reed ‘62
Velma S. (Salley) Decker ‘64
Matilda A. Gocek ‘64
Elizabeth L. Lunsford ‘64
Martin J. Penzer ‘65
George Schmersal ‘65
Stephen J. Feron ‘67
Clara H. (Gerow) Johnson ‘67
Margaret M. Lyon ‘68
John H. Herzog ‘69
Lois Mason ‘69
John Francis silica ‘69

1970-1979
Peter A. Thompson ‘70
Charles L. Fisher ‘71
Sue S. (Schilling) Quinn ‘71
Deborah L. (Sonnett) Stocker ‘71
Joel Bernstein ‘72
Barbara B. Casana ‘72
Gary A. Layman ‘72
Ronald F. Papepolein ‘72
Linda R. (Crow) Needham ‘73
Anita R. Taylor ‘74
Eric C. Colen ‘75
Wokie O. David ‘75
Joseph C. Keating ‘75
Karoline Kleinman ‘75
Joyce A. Mahoney ‘75
Chet M. Halperin ‘76
David P. Salerno ‘76
Robert H. Smyth ‘78
Christopher R. Cortright ‘79
Gary S. Seymour ‘79

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In Memoriam

Doug Sheppard, a former professor, coach and administrator at New Paltz, died on Jan. 22, 2008. He was 85.

In addition to teaching physical education at the college, Sheppard served as director of the physical education department and director of athletics for 10 years. He coached a number of sports at New Paltz - cross country, tennis and men’s basketball.

Sheppard was best known, however, as the coach of the Hawks’ golf team, a position he held for 32 years. “He taught hundreds of people how to play golf,” said Alan Dunefsky ’69, a former student and member of the New Paltz golf team.

“Those of us who were fortunate to play on his team became part of a big family who knew and admired Doug.” Dunefsky, who has worked at the college for many years as director of intramurals and a coach, is now special projects coordinator in the Office of Development. He said he has kept in close contact with Sheppard and his wife, Audrey. Dunefsky also said the two men would often meet and have lunch with other retired coaches at P&Gs in New Paltz.

Stuart Robinson, director of the Athletic Department, said that the man he and many others called “Shep” was a familiar face around campus even after his retirement in 1994. Robinson said Sheppard and his wife lived near the campus and were frequent visitors. The two would come and walk the indoor track at the Athletic and Wellness Center, which opened in 2006. Robinson said Sheppard loved the new center and thought it was just what the Athletic Department and the college needed. He also said Sheppard was the only retired staff member who regularly attended the Athletic Department’s annual banquet, an event that Sheppard used to host. Robinson considered the former coach’s appearances at the event “a great compliment.”

“One of the best things I remember about Doug and Audrey was that through being at New Paltz and working at New Paltz, the students became their children and family,” said Robinson.

Contributions to the SUNY New Paltz Foundation in Sheppard’s memory will be used to dedicate a bench on campus to Sheppard, and the annual scholarship golf tournament has been renamed the “Doug Sheppard Classic” in his memory.
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