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YOUR THOUGHTS MATTER ON REDESIGN

With this issue of the State University of New York at New Paltz's alumni magazine, Observer, we have applied a redesign to the covers and the pages within to give you, our alumni, a better magazine overall. This issue's redesign deals primarily with the aesthetics of the publication... layout and design, typography and imagery. Additionally, and even more importantly, we are in the process of "upgrading" the content of the publication. But we need your help with this.

We are listening to you.
What do you want from your alumni publication? What kind of articles would you like to see/read within these pages? Let's get to the point: What is important to you? We are asking you, our alum, for your feedback, your input, your opinions, your letters, your information, your photos and, essentially, your involvement in this publication which connects you, and every New Paltz alum, to the College and each other.

We are asking you to make this a publication we can all be proud of as we attempt to raise it to a new standard.

With your help we can all observe a change for the better.

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MUSIC PROFESSOR HONORED WITH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

As the capstone of a rich and vibrant career spanning thirty years, Dr. Mary Boyle (Music) was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Music Therapy Association (AMTA) at their annual conference in November, 2010 in Cleveland, Ohio.

At a retirement reception on campus in her honor, Boyle also learned that the College has formed the Dr. Mary Boyle Scholarship. The scholarship will be presented each year to an outstanding music therapy student selected by Boyle in consultation with the music faculty.

A faculty member at New Paltz since 1981, Boyle retired on December 22, 2010 from her positions of full professor and director of the Music Therapy Program. Her exemplary service at New Paltz has included chair of the Music Department, head of the Music Therapy Graduate Program, and chair of the New Paltz Institutional Review Board. She has developed a licensure qualifying graduate music therapy program and received the State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1990.
RAY SUAREZ
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LESSONS FROM ADVERSITY: THE MEDIA'S PERSPECTIVE IN A POST-9/11 WORLD

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2011, 7:30 PM
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2011 marks the ten-year anniversary of 9/11. Mr. Suarez will cover perspectives on the role of the media when disaster strikes and how 9/11 changed the culture with a focus on media, reporting and the like. A critically-acclaimed author, Suarez is the writer of The Old Neighborhood: What We Lost in the Great Suburban Migration: 1966-1999 and The Holy Vote: The Politics of Faith in America, which in 2007 won a Latino Book Award for Best Religion Book.

Sponsors: Peter & Helena Bienstock/Shawangunk Valley Conservancy, Campus Auxiliary Services, Institute for Disaster Mental Health at SUNY New Paltz, M&T Bank, and Ulster Savings Bank.

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SEEN AND HEARD

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION DEAN RETIRES AFTER 37 YEARS

Dean Robert Michael retired from New Paltz in December, 2010, after more than 37 years as an educator and well-known leader in the preparation of teachers for the region and the state. Michael has served as the dean of the School of Education since 1998. As dean, he led the School through a successful national accreditation process, oversaw the design of the Old Main Building renovation, increased external funding, established greater linkages with local school districts and increased opportunities for students from diverse backgrounds to enter teacher education.

“Dean Michael served as an exemplary role model in terms of his commitment to excellence in teaching, research and service that addressed the real-life issues that affect students, teachers, and schools,” said Dr. Spencer Salend (Educational Studies, Special Education), a colleague of Michael’s since 1981. “In giving back to the community, no one has had a greater impact on the preparation of teachers in the Mid-Hudson Region than Bob Michael.”

Endowed scholarship named in dean’s honor

In honor of his years of service to the College and students, the School of Education Scholar Award Endowment is being named after Michael. Originally established in 2006 by the School of Education Advisory Council to assist students with the cost of textbooks, the award is open to a full-time junior or senior undergraduate student who has been accepted into the School of Education.

KIPLINGER’S NAMES NEW PALTZ ONE OF NATION’S BEST VALUES IN QUALITY PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION

The State University of New York at New Paltz is ranked among the top 100 best values in the nation for public four-year institutions that deliver a stellar education at an affordable price, according to Kiplinger’s Personal Finance magazine’s annual rankings.

New Paltz ranked 36th, climbing from 78th on the Kiplinger’s list two years ago and 53rd on last year’s list. “Our climb in the Kiplinger’s ranking parallels the continuing increases in our graduation and retention rates, reported in other recent news,” said Interim President Donald Christian. “We are honored by the rankings and recognition. But we are most proud of the underlying student success, which is at the core of the mission and purpose of the College.”

“Despite rising tuition costs, there are still many first-rate institutions providing outstanding academics at an affordable price,” said Janet Bodnar, editor of Kiplinger’s. “Schools like these on the Kiplinger 100 list prove graduates can enter the workforce with a great education—and without a huge cloud of debt.”

The annual public school rankings appeared in Kiplinger’s February 2011 issue and online at www.kiplinger.com/tools/colleges. New Paltz, along with 10 other SUNY campuses, made Kiplinger’s top 100 list.

"The number of SUNY campuses on the list is really quite remarkable and stands out from other states," said Christian. "This reflects the high caliber and low cost of higher education opportunities available within SUNY for New York residents."
The New Paltz statement, released by Interim President Donald Christian on December 7, reports that the College contributes $338 million to the Hudson Valley economy annually and generates 3,331 jobs in the region.

The College is the third-largest employer in Ulster County with 1,738 employees and a $67.5 million payroll, of which 92% is paid in the Hudson Valley, and 99% stays in New York State, Christian said. In addition, the College employs almost 1,800 student workers.

Direct spending by the College, its employees, students, and visitors circulates through the local economy, supporting and enriching local business and industry. Federally-developed formulae were used to account for the indirect spending or multiplier effect ($153.2 million).

Annually, the College contributes about $400 million and almost 4,000 jobs to the New York economy.

Paying it forward through campus community volunteerism and service

In the past year, 79% of the College’s personnel volunteered their time for 100 hours on average. This translated into 140,000 hours of volunteerism.

“That’s the equivalent of 70 full-time volunteers working year round for the good of our communities,” Christian said. “New Paltz is proud to have a committed workforce that embraces the values of volunteerism and community service,” Christian said.

According to the SUNY System Strategic Plan 2010, 97% of all New Yorkers live within 20 miles of a SUNY campus and these campuses and their communities are the anchors of the state’s economic revitalization. “We’re excited about the role that New Paltz plays in the Hudson Valley economy and the region’s future,” Christian said.

The study was prepared by staff in the Office of Institutional Research and Planning and the Center for Research, Regional Education and Outreach (CRREO).

More detailed information is available at www.newpaltz.edu/makinganimpact.

SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher hailed the recent release of the New Paltz Economic Impact Statement as a model program for the SUNY system during her presentation to the Ulster County Chamber breakfast on December 15. Campuses across the SUNY system are being encouraged to develop economic impact studies of their own similar to that of New Paltz.

by the Office of Institutional Research and Planning, the Center for Research, Regional Education and Outreach (CRREO), and Russell LaValle

“The College is an Economic Anchor That is a Source of Stability in Our Economy Through All Sorts of Economic Travails – and That Warrants Strong and Continued Public Support.”

—Donald Christian, Interim President

3,331 Hudson Valley jobs
3,981 New York State jobs

(map shows employee salary percentages by county; only counties with .5% or greater are shown in blue)
The Atrium at the Student Union

A NEXUS OF FORM MEETS FUNCTION, INSIGHT MEETS INNOVATION, SCHOLARSHIP MEETS SYNTHESIS.

by Kirsten Hali Wilson

The word is out—it’s a nice place to linger.
Taking on the role of the campus “living room,” the new Atrium has quickly ramped up to be one of the most popular hangouts on the campus. Day and night, students are found on all levels of the Atrium, using it to its full potential – whether getting answers to questions at the HQ information desk, tapping away at the many touch screen computers in two kiosks, relaxing in the lounge areas, grabbing a bite to eat, playing pool, browsing the bookstore, curled up in an Egg chair with their laptops and iPods or cramming for exams in the second story scholar’s loft.

The ambience and energy of the Atrium as The Place for the College community to be, to do, and be seen is the unique embodiment of the intangible and unmistakable package of qualities that define New Paltz. It is totally new to the campus, yet feels like a home away from home. While a large space overall, there are still plenty of cozy spots like the Scholar’s Perch on the second level.

Off-campus students now also have a space to congregate, with lockers for stowing gear between classes and a home base around which to plan their days on campus. Sometimes a place can be all things to all people.
The Atrium represents many things to many people. Which is exactly why it works so well on the New Paltz campus. Emblematic of what makes New Paltz, New Paltz, the building stands as a bridge—across architectural styles on campus, between the man-made world and the natural, and between all the competing while congruous uses it was designed to accommodate.

Innovative thinking was the keystone to the Atrium addition. Without it, and the disparate voices of the campus pushing, pulling and molding its inception, it would not be the unique symbol of the New Paltz campus community.

Critics of the project, including students, questioned the need for and cost of the Atrium. Most people are not aware that the project was made possible through a special state appropriation of $10 million which was secured by State Assembly Member Kevin Cahill ’77 (Political Science) and State Senator John Bonacic, who recognized the pressing need to upgrade the building.

Additionally, Campus Auxiliary Services contributed $1.7 million for the food court renovations and furnishings; and Validis Resources contributed $387,600 towards the new bookstore space; the State University Construction Fund and SUNY New Paltz contributed the balance of funds for the project.

Now that the building is in full use, students and skeptics alike have been won over by the space.
I LIKE IT – A LOT. IT'S SOMETHING NEW OUT OF ALL THE BUILDINGS. IT'S PRETTY AND IT'S SOMETHING I CAN SHOW MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHEN THEY VISIT ME. I KNOW THAT THEY ARE REDOING A LOT OF THE OTHER BUILDINGS. IF IT'S JUST AS GOOD AS THIS ONE, I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE IT.—Nicole Rivera ’14 (undeclared)
Alumni Weekend 2010

While enjoying the camaraderie and nostalgia during the 2010 alumni reunion weekend, reunion also offered an opportunity for classmates and professors to gather to celebrate everything there is to love about New Paltz.

by Samantha Thomson '10 and Erin Parciasepe '11

Observer reporters Samantha Thomson '10 and Erin Parciasepe '11 (Education/English) had an opportunity to speak with returning alumni to get a sense of how things have changed, and yet are still the same, at New Paltz.

Sadie (Stellefson) Penzato '66 (Art Education) began her studies at the College at the age of 31. “At the time, there were only a handful of mature-aged students, and an even smaller number of mature-aged female students,” said Penzato. A resident of the area since she was four, and author of the book and subsequent stage production “Growing Up Sicilian and Female” (1991), Penzato said, “College allows you to see the world with different eyes. I could not compare the college experience from then to what it is now.” Penzato continued, “the opportunities are there for the taking and the (college) experience helps you to grow up.”

“I’m amazed at the changes – beautiful changes,” marveled Joakim Chaoussoglou ’61 (Science Education). Chaoussoglou remembered a caring, inviting body of faculty and advisers that made him and his peers feel welcomed and accepted during their time at school. “They invited us into their homes; we were like their children. We felt loved and cared for.”
“WHEN I WAS HERE THE COLLEGE UNION BUILDING (NOW CALLED COLLEGE HALL) HAD JUST OPENED AND THERE WAS VERY LITTLE HOUSING ON CAMPUS.”

—Tony Fay, ’55
"DUE TO THE DRAMATIC CHANGE IN MY FAMILY’S INCOME IN THE PAST YEAR, WE HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING TO MEET OUR CURRENT EXPENSES. IT IS WITH THE HELP OF THE COUNCIL’S GENEROUS SUPPORT THAT I AM ABLE TO CONTINUE ATTENDING SUNY NEW PALTZ."—EMERGENCY STUDENT AID FUND SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

NEW PALTZ EMERGENCY STUDENT AID FUND SUPPORTS STUDENTS IN FINANCIAL CRISIS

College Council Chairman Kenneth J. Abt initiated the Emergency Student Aid Fund after consulting with campus leaders and Stephanie Samuel ’10 (English) then the Student Association President and student representative on the College Council. Samuel suggested that there was a need for just such a fund.

Thanks to generous donations from members of the College Council, faculty and one alumnus, the fund assisted eight such students in its first year with scholarships of $500 and $1,000 each. Each student was on the brink of dropping out of New Paltz after their financial situation was worsened by the parent’s job loss.

“Certainly the fact that we assisted eight students who might not have been able to continue their schooling at New Paltz otherwise has motivated me to give again this year so that we can assist more students,” Council Chair Abt said. The College Council is a group of local civic leaders appointed by the governor, and are responsible for giving guidance and support to the College President.

Those interested in donating should contact Sally Cross in the Development Office.
Ruth DeRoberts ’20 taught for many years in Yonkers public schools. Devoted to her students, in her will she gave back to future generations through a generous bequest establishing a New Paltz scholarship endowment in her and her husband’s names. This year’s recipients tell the story of the power of Ruth’s gift:

Jessica Gentile ’14 followed her brother Joseph ’09 to New Paltz. “School was always my top priority…I plan on majoring in childhood education in order to achieve my dream of being a teacher. This dream however, would be unattainable without this scholarship…I am now able to pursue my goal at the college I dreamed of going to. I would like to say thank you, from the bottom of my heart, because without this scholarship, I would not have the opportunity to attend SUNY New Paltz.”

Samuel Jacob ’14 notes that “biology and math are my favorite subjects and pursuing a career in the field of medicine has been my goal ever since I was a young boy. Over the years, this dream has only strengthened and I can thankfully say that your generosity will be an integral part in achieving my goal. By awarding me the Ruth and Raymond DeRoberts Memorial Scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden, allowing me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning. Your generosity has helped inspire me to help others and give back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me.”

Jack Smolen, an avid amateur astronomer, constructed an observatory on his Hurley property, and over the years, hosted many groups of students to watch the night skies. His widow, Muriel Smolen, used her will to share her husband’s enthusiasm with future generations.

The Muriel and Jack Smolen Observatory on the New Paltz campus, dedicated last Spring, is attracting interest from students as well as members of the local community. More than 150 people of all ages attended the Observatory’s first observation of “International Observe the Moon Night” in September.

For information about the Observatory’s public programs, and to sign up to receive notices about events at the Observatory, visit www.newpaltz.edu/observatory.

- Did You Know?
  Smolen Observatory houses a 14-inch Celestron Schmidt Reflecting telescope on a Paramount mount. The observatory also has two smaller 8-inch Dobsonian telescopes and Mr. Smolen’s 10-inch telescope.
Paul Yeaple ’97 (Sociology) is a man committed to his community. Owner of Poppy’s Burgers and Fries, Yeaple opened his restaurant with the intent to buy and live locally, as well as inspire optimism and activism in his customers and the surrounding community.

by Erin Parciasepe ’11

Yeaple has expressed definite interest in opening more Poppy’s restaurants, and he has considered cities like Poughkeepsie and New Paltz for possible future locations. “Poppy’s is the 21st century McDonalds,” Yeaple claims, explaining that his restaurant brings not only quality food to the community, but it also keeps business local. Poppy’s is entirely organic, and the beef for his burgers come from local farms around the Hudson Valley.

“When you eat at Poppy’s, you’re being an activist,” Yeaple states. He firmly believes in supporting the local people, businesses, and resources the area has to provide. Yeaple gushes about his excitement at walking down the street and actually knowing the people who pass. He advocates for an active community, and urges people to get off the computer, out of their basement, and into the world right outside their front door.

In his own life, Yeaple has worked to stay focused on his goals and always be open to new things and the constant change that is happening around him. Looking back on his accomplishments, he urges students today to do what they love.

“When I started my own business, I had to break all my bad habits.” Yeaple warns that students must be responsible for themselves and know that they’ll have to work hard, but that in the end, if it’s truly what they love, it will all be worth it.

“You can control your life, so do it.”

After spending many years in New York City, first as an investment banker, and later as a student at the Institute of Culinary Education, Yeaple decided to plant his roots in his hometown of Beacon – a place he says has radically changed for the better since his childhood.

With Yeaple’s recent success on the Food Network’s popular program “Chopped,” Poppy’s has experienced notable growth in customers and fans, which means more activists for local and delicious food (see Class Notes, p. 27).

After graduating from New Paltz in 1997, Yeaple was quick to find an investment banking job in the economic explosion of the 1990s. “It was a good time to be hired,” he says. In later years, however, Yeaple realized his career to be unfulfilling and found himself surrounded by “soulless freaks” driven by money. In an effort to return to his childhood passion for cooking, Yeaple retired from banking, enrolled in culinary school, and was on his way to establishing his own restaurant.

From a child soaking in television cooking shows, to the proud owner of a flourishing burger joint, food has played a major role in Yeaple’s life. Even during his years at New Paltz in the TKE fraternity, Yeaple was honing his cooking skills and using food to bring friends together and cultivate good times for all involved. He cooked huge feasts for the holidays, and during events like Sunfest, Yeaple was the barbeque king.
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Looking for new New Paltz friends? Start 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. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer, please contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at 1.877.HAWK.001 (option #1) or alumni@newpaltz.edu

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Tracy Soren ’08 (Journalism), Megan Falley ’10 (English), Brian Omni Dillon ’05 (English), Eden Connelly ’07 (English) and Naomi Lore ’08 (Anthropology) are included in the poetry anthology, “Static and Other Lungless Things”.

RESTLESS GIANT: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF JEAN ABERBACH AND HILL AND RANGE SONGS BY BARBARA “BAR” BISZICK-LOCKWOOD ’80 (MUSIC)

An in-depth look at the career of Jean Aberbach, legendary founder of Hill and Range Songs. Published by U. of Illinois Press, “Restless Giant” is a fascinating account of the life and times of Jean Aberbach, the elusive music publishing legend who, with his brother Julian, built one of music history’s most powerful popular music publishing companies: Hill and Range Songs. Biszick-Lockwood also brings new, intriguing material to the story of Elvis Presley, who shared ownership with the Aberbachs in two music publishing companies throughout his entire career. Bar Biszick-Lockwood founded Music Access, Inc., the first national service bureau for music clips, and she helped establish the nonprofit World Music Institute. She lives in Redmond, WA., where she works as a program manager at Microsoft.

MY NAME IS NEW ORLEANS: 40 YEARS OF POETRY AND OTHER JAZZ BY ARTHUR PFISTER ’87 (ENGLISH)

Pfister, aka Professor Arturo, reads his work in a voice that ranges from stately to street smart—proclaiming, preaching, testifying, celebrating. This is poetry you can dance to, poetry that makes you want to raise your own voice and join in. Pfister has been a fixture on the local poetry scene for decades, issuing a chapbook here and there, composing commissioned poems for special occasions. Now, his work receives the treatment it deserves, with a four-decade retrospective, “My Name Is New Orleans: 40 Years of Poetry & Other Jazz” (Margaret Media), from Mary Gehman’s Donaldsonville publishing company. The book includes an audio-CD (Merrittorious Action, ISBN 9780982455104), in which Pfister reads six poems from the book.
EXPLORING WINE: THE CULINARY INSTITUTE OF AMERICA’S GUIDE TO WINES OF THE WORLD, COMPLETELY REVISED 3RD EDITION BY STEVEN KOLPAN ’71, PHILOSOPHY), BRIAN H. SMITH & MICHAEL A. WEISS

The essential wine reference for food and wine aficionados, students, and professionals. Steven Kolpan ’71 (Philosophy) is a co-author of this guide, an 800-page full-color book of wines of the world. This invaluable guide thoroughly demystifies wine, from the basics to the expanded food and wine pairing section. In addition, the book includes easy-to-use and informative charts, tables, and maps, as well as beautiful full-color photographs. Steven is professor and chair of wine studies at The Culinary Institute of America. Steven was named Educator of the Year in 2008 by the European Wine Council. Last June, Steven was honorary co-chairman (with well-known wine educator, author, and New Paltz alum Kevin Zraly ’71 (Elementary Education) of Wine+Art, a benefit for the Samuel Dorsky Museum at New Paltz.

DECIPHERING CODES: FRAUD & ABUSE FOR CODERS AND CODING INSIGHTS FOR HEALTHCARE LAWYERS BY ROBERT A. PELAIA ’85 (SPEECH COMMUNICATION) & RHONDA BUCKHOLTZ

Robert A. Pelaia ’85 (Speech Communication), J.D., senior university counsel for health affairs, University of Florida College of Medicine-Jacksonville, is the co-project leader of this manual, which is designed to help coders and attorneys understand and navigate healthcare coding and the law. The manual discusses the nuances of coding, why proper coding is vital for healthcare facilities and professionals, and the legal implications of improper coding. Mr. Pelaia is certified as a Health Care Law Specialist by the Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education; he has been a certified Professional Coder since 1999 and is a member of the AAPC 2009-2011 National Advisory Board.

AFRICAN WARS: A DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE PERSPECTIVE BY WILLIAM G. THOM ’67 (GEOGRAPHY)

"I have never read anything quite like it: it is original in that it provides historical accounts from the perspective of the military and what an American analyst would consider important events in African wars. Comparable books would not have access to the kind of data or information provided therein; hence it is a unique advancement of the literature on African wars..."
—Erin Baines, Liu Institute for Global Issues, University of British Columbia

BYRON AND THE RHETORIC OF ITALIAN NATIONALISM (PALGRAVE-MACMILLAN PUBLISHERS)

Arnold A. Schmidt ’87, ’90g, (English), has published his first book. Making extensive use of untranslated texts, Schmidt’s book analyzes the incorporation of Byron’s life and works into Italian political discourse during the Risorgimento, unification and the two world wars. Schmidt, a professor of English at California State University Stanislaus, has articles on Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Byron, and Arthur Hugh Clough, to name a few. He has also appeared in such venues as the Byron Journal, Journal of Anglo-Italian Studies, Nineteenth-Century Contexts, as well as in the anthologies "Fictions of the Sea and Beyond the Roots: The Evolution of Conrad’s Ideology & Art."
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In its eighth year, the Celebrating New Paltz Gala brought together college and community supporters for an elegant event at Mohonk Mountain House. This year’s Gala raised a record $51,000. Since the event began, over $335,000 has been raised for a scholarship endowment for students from Ulster, Dutchess, Orange and Sullivan counties attending the College. This year’s honoree,emerita faculty (Music) and community volunteer Barbara Hardgrave, wowed the gathering with a short musical performance.

(left) Gala attendees gather in the Parlor at the renowned Mohonk Mountain House which sits high above the town of New Paltz nestled in the beautiful Shawangunk Ridge. (below) 2010 Gala Honoree Barbara Hardgrave.
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—M. E. HATHAWAY

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Parker Theatre

Vocal Jazz Ensemble Concert
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SUNY Ulster-Guimby Theater

Student Voice Recital: The Joy of Singing
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MUSEUM
The Illustrious Mr. X: Museum Collection as Character Study - Part II. January 26 – July 17

Thoughts of Home: Photographs from the Center for Photography at Woodstock Permanent Collection
January 26 – March 18

From Huguenot to Microwave: New and Recent Works by Marco Maggi.
February 12 – April 14, 2011
Reception February 11

The Upstate New York Olympics: Tim Davis
March 30, 2011 – July 17
Reception April 8

Thick and Thin: Ken Landauer and Julianne Swartz
April 9 – October 23
Reception April 8

MUSIC
Madera Vox
March 8 at 8 p.m.
McKenna Theatre
www.maderavox.org.

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March 15 at 8 p.m.
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March 3-13
New Play Festival
April 8-10

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Directed by Jack Wade
April 28-May 8

CAMPUS EVENTS
Distinguished Speaker Series: Ray Suarez
Athletic and Wellness Center, April 7th

Institute for Disaster Mental Health Conference: LESSONS FROM ADVERSITY: STRENGTHENING PREPAREDNESS WITH REFLECTIONS FROM 9/11
April 7-8

Doug Sheppard Classic:
SUNY New Paltz Scholarship Golf Tournament
Wiltwyck Golf Course
Kingston, NY
June 13
WORLD-CLASS ACCLAIM FOR NEW PALTZ MFA STUDENT

MFA candidate Keith Hoyt (Sculpture), was awarded the International Sculpture Center’s 2010 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award. Senior BFA student Elizabeth Torrey (Sculpture) received an Honorable Mention in the competition as well. The sculpture students were nominated and mentored by sculpture faculty, Emily Puthoff and Steven Bradford.

This year’s program attracted a record number of nominees from university sculpture programs in North America and abroad. From a pool of 445 nominees from 176 schools, the jury selected 20 winners and 15 honorable mentions. This annual award was founded in 1994 to recognize young sculptors and encourage their continued commitment to the field of sculpture, as well as to recognize the award winners’ faculty sponsors and their institutions.

The 20 award recipients participated in Grounds For Sculpture’s Fall/Winter Exhibition in Hamilton, N.J. which ran through January 2, 2011.

FACULTY/STAFF NOTES: GERALD BENJAMIN

“LAWS ARE LIKE SAUSAGES. “IT IS BETTER NOT TO SEE THEM BEING MADE.”—OTTO VON BISMARCK

Gerald Benjamin, Distinguished Professor of Political Science at the State University of New York at New Paltz, former dean of New Paltz’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, who now heads the New Paltz’s Center for Research, Regional Education and Outreach (CRREO), co-authored the recently released book, “Tales from the Sausage Factory: Making Laws in New York State,” with former Democratic state assemblyman Daniel Feldman.

Even among sausage factories, New York State’s legislature is notoriously dysfunctional, but as “Tales from the Sausage Factory” reminds us, this was not always the case.

The book focuses on four major battles over public safety policy in the 1980s and 1990s—organized crime control, the Rockefeller drug laws, sex offender notification, and gun control. Not afraid to name names along the way, Feldman and Benjamin show how politics works in New York State and how major public policy questions are decided, as well as how New York’s legislature might rise above its present dysfunction to recover the professionalism it once had. At a time when frustration with state government is at an all-time high, “Tales from the Sausage Factory” is a much-needed reminder of what we can—and should—expect from our state legislators.

A New York Times review noted: “…an unusual collaboration between Daniel L. Feldman, a Democrat who represented southern Brooklyn in the Assembly from 1981 through 1998, and Gerald Benjamin, a Republican and a political scientist … Both are pragmatists, preaching that the perfect is the enemy of the good.”
Anthony Tronto and son Tony are a father-and-son team at Charles Rutenberg Realty, one of the nation’s fastest-growing agencies with more than 900 agents on Long Island, Queens and Westchester. Prior to joining Charles Rutenberg Realty, they were both at Keller Williams. They have also worked at ERA Realty and have more than 60 years of combined Real Estate Agency experience between them.

Hon. Richard Roberg (Econ./Ed.), ’72cas (Bus. Admin.) (l), Town Justice of Coxsackie, Greene County at the 101st Annual Meeting of the New York State Magistrate’s Association held at the Villa Roma Conference Center in Sullivan County.

Hon. Richard Roberg (Econ./Ed.), ’72cas (Bus. Admin.), was elected Magistrate of the Year. This award recognizes a judge for contributions to the judiciary and their community. The New York State Magistrates Association is an organization of approximately 3,300 sitting and retired town and village justices. Judge Roberg has been a justice in the Town of Coxsackie for 30 years. He has been president of the Greene County Magistrates Association, served on the executive board of the NYS Magistrates for 15 years, and in the association’s 2009 centennial meeting held at Lake Placid, the position of president.

David Null (Pol. Sci.) was awarded the Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. Award for leadership and the Grover Loening Award for Aerospace Knowledge from the Civil Air Patrol, the United States Air Force Auxiliary. Major Null, who has a PhD from CUNY, a JD from UNLV and an LLM from London, retired as a professor from California State Polytechnic University after 9/11 to work in emergency services. He is also a member of Disaster Medical Assistance Team CA-2 of the National Disaster Medical System.

Susan P. Curnan (Elem. Ed.) spoke at Val-Kill Stone Cottage, an Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site, about her experience growing up with Eleanor Roosevelt, on July 17, 2010. Curnan will share personal stories about growing up at Val-Kill in the 1950s and 60s and those early influences that shaped her life, reflecting on the Val-Kill spirit of freedom, curiosity and determination.
this way will allow us to share our stories and recreate a vibrant and reflective space today. This look back at history will jumpstart a conversation about our lives today and how they have been, or could be, influenced and inspired by Eleanor Roosevelt.

Karen (Herzfeld) Liebman (Art Hist.) is the new director of the Syosset Public Library. Liebman began her library career as a part-time children's librarian and then went full-time. She headed the children's department and rose to assistant director. She hopes to continue to provide a welcoming and friendly library for the Syosset and Woodbury communities and implement a few improvements throughout the next few years.

Kenneth Oliver (Anthro.) is a partner at Finkelstein & Partners, LLP and has been named, for the fourth consecutive year, to the Upstate Super Lawyer list. Oliver received his law degree from the University of Vermont.

'74 Denis Simon (Asian Stud./Pol. Sci.), an international affairs professor and administrator with extensive experience in Chinese business practices, was selected as the vice provost for international affairs at the University of Oregon. Prior to joining University of Oregon, Simon was a founding faculty member of the School of International Affairs at Penn State University.

'76 Nancy Langmeyer (Art Hist.) launched a new brand identity and Web site, www.thewritewords.info, in celebration of her 15 years in business as a marketing communications consultant and freelance writer. Langmeyer started her career working for several advertising agencies in Boston. Moving to the corporate side as a marketing communications manager, her work received several industry awards. Langmeyer started her own consulting business in 1995 as a full service direct marketing virtual agency, and then in 2002 began focusing solely on freelance writing. Working with mainly high-tech corporations, she interviews people from all over the world and writes up case studies, bylined articles, and more.

'78 Peter Hepburn (Pol. Sci.) is happy to report his retirement from the San Diego Fire Department (911 Dispatcher) in September 2010. He now works as a caregiver with two clients in his home. In his spare time he writes in all genres and his work can be found in a few small journals and anthologies. Peter welcomes notes from any friends who still remember him. His main memory is of the steep library fine he paid... it was $50.

Kevin Spiegel (Psych.), CEO of Methodist Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., had a visit by vice-chair and professor of cardiac surgery at Columbia University Hospital, Dr. Mehmet Oz, who is also a featured health expert on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" and host of the "Dr. Oz Show." Spiegel stated Dr. Oz's message of community and personal health was invaluable for all the physicians and local leaders.

'79 Victoria Hochman (Engl.) has been appointed to the position of director of marketing and public relations at Hudson Valley Hospital Center. Hochman will oversee the hospital's marketing and public relations efforts, including community awareness and internal communications. Prior to joining HVHC, Hochman served as communications director for Westchester County and deputy communications director before that. During her 11-year tenure with Westchester County, she helped to shape policy in county government and promote its services. Prior to that her work as a journalist and editor at Newsday, earned her a Pulitzer Prize for her work on news coverage of the crash of Flight TWA 800 over Long

Chinese alumni reunion
A group of Chinese students who graduated from New Paltz between 1988 through 1992 gathered in western New Jersey in September, 2010. Most of them have not seen each other for almost 20 years but everyone enjoyed sharing their memories, both happy and sad, from their time at New Paltz. Everyone wished time would stop so they could catch up on all their experiences from the past twenty years – but it must wait for their next reunion in 2011, for which plans are already well under way.

Back row, left to right: Ben Roun, Jack Wang, Xiaofeng Lin, Weikang Chen, Karl Liu, Henry Xie, Warren Chi, Alan Lin, Jason Chen, Paul Ho, Allan Zheng, Xiuping Lu (all master's in computer science). First row, left to right: Cathy Wuestefeld (Undergraduate in Accounting), Charlene Huang, Chennan Hung, Ping Wang, Helen Yang (master's in Education), Qing Qian (all master's in computer science except indicated).
Island in 1996. She also worked for many years as a reporter and editor for The Journal News, as well as other local publications.

**'80 Barbara (Biszick) Lockwood (Music)** pursued graduate work in American Music at New York University, leaving to help establish the World Music Institute in the mid-1980s, where she managed hundreds of concerts and tours. She left in 1990 to found Music Access, the first national music clip service, counting Spin, Sassy, Vibe, Wired, and the Rock ’n Roll Hall of Fame among her clients. Lockwood was featured on CNN’s Business Week and nominated for InfoText’s Golden Phone award for Most Innovative Application of 1992. Her book "Restless Giant: The Life and Times of Jean Aberbach and Hill and Range Songs" was published by University of Illinois Press in February 2010, with special thanks to Dr. Mary Jane Corry, professor emeritus (Music).

During the 90s she shifted into the technology field becoming certified in software quality assurance, computer security and information systems audit. Lockwood was chief security architect on the first IEEE software process standard to include security activities. She lives with her husband, Bryan, in Redmond, Wash., where she works as a program manager for the product activation division of Microsoft.


**'82 Laura Lynch (Art Ed.)** has been appointed director of education for the Nassau County Museum of Art (NCMA). Lynch brings extensive experience in art education and administration to her new responsibilities at NCMA and will oversee all public educational programming for adults, children and school groups and all aspects of the museum’s educational outreach to the community. For 10 years she served Queens Museum of Art (QMA) in a variety of roles, including and most recently as the senior manager of school, youth and family programs.

**'83 Steven Tyrell (Sp. Comm.), ’89g (Ed. Admin.)** vice president for student affairs at Alfred State College, presented "The Use of Managerial Control in Interactions with Others" at the New York State College Student Personnel Association annual conference. Tyrell is a regular speaker on the politics of everyday work for staff in middle management in higher education. In May, he spoke with the mid-level managers in the Division of Student Affairs at Monroe Community College on how managerial control impacts the ability for managers to effectively function on teams. Tyrell has conducted research in mid-level managerial issues for the past decade. He was the recipient of the Leadership Chair Award from ACPA’s Commission on Administrative Leadership 2007 for the research his team completed on mid-level managerial competencies in student affairs. He is co-author, along with Dr. Charlie Fey, of a monograph on the future of student affairs as a profession, which addresses the politics of everyday work in managerial life as well as the role senior student affairs officers can play in politics at the state level.

**'84 Jeffrey Feller (Soc.)** joined Chelton Loft, a mental health clubhouse advisory board. He has worked on an independent film "Trapped Angels," where he played a landlord, and is in...
rehearsal for "Shadow of a Gunman," a play to be performed at 36th Street Playhouse. Feller became an advocate for donor awareness with the New York Organ Donor Network (NYODN), and recently spoke before the New York City Council at a breakfast sponsored by the Department of Health.

86 Horst Graefe ‘86cas (Ed. Admin.) was appointed by the Greater Southern Tier (GST) BOCES Board of Education as the new district superintendent. Graefe began his BOCES career in 1994 as the assistant superintendent for administrative services of Schuyler-Chemung-Tioga (SCT) BOCES. Before his employment with BOCES, Graefe spent five years with the Valley Central School District in Montgomery, first as the director of pupil personnel services and then as the assistant superintendent for pupil services and personnel. He has also worked as a director of special education and a school psychologist, in addition to serving as an adjunct professor at Elmira College and Mount Saint Mary College.

Charles Lewton-Brain (Metal) is an internationally-known jeweler and educator, who invented the fold-forming process of working with copper and other sheet material. Lewton-Brain is frequently showcased in contemporary jewelry books, and has a reputation for being generous with his body of practical knowledge.

Sherrill Murray-Lazarus (7-12 Span.), ‘91cas (Ed. Admin.) was appointed principal of Peekskill High School. Murray-Lazarus was principal of Roy C. Ketcham Senior High School from 2003 to 2009, its assistant principal from 1996 to 1998, and the district’s coordinator of social studies and second language from 1998 to 2003. Prior to that, she taught Spanish and English as a second language for the Newburgh School District. Sherrill speaks several languages, including Italian, Latin and Hebrew and is working toward her doctorate in educational administration through an online program with North Central University.

Nadine Robbins (Graphic Des.), had an opening at Coldwell Banker in Kingston, that was part of the Arts Along the Hudson, First Saturday Gallery and Studio Tour. A showing will also be featured in Stone Ridge from Aug. 1 through Sept. 31. Visit nadinerobbinsportraits.com or email dino@nadinerobbinsportraits.com.

87 Carl Bell (Acctg.) was sworn in as Mount Vernon's new police commissioner. Bell ended a 20-year career with the Drug Enforcement Administration, where he was most recently a staff coordinator in the DEA's Office of Financial Operations. In 2004 Bell led a team of DEA agents during an enforcement action in Mount Vernon that led to the dismantling of a violent drug organization.

Thomas Frank (Comp. Sci.) is the director of operations at SouthTech Solutions, Inc. and brings 20 years of technology industry experience to SouthTech. Frank will be tasked to enhance client services through business process standardization and efficiency improvements and will oversee all aspects of the operations end of SouthTech's business. Frank spent 14 years working at Arthur Andersen Technology, primarily in software development and systems architecture and then went to Jackson Hewitt, where he had executive responsibility for their IT infrastructure and internal systems for several years.

Pedro Gonzalez (Soc.) joined Global-Foundries as Global University Relations Manager. He will create and execute the university recruitment strategy for this new hi-tech company out of the Malta, location. Previously, Gonzalez was with Siemens Management Consulting in New York City.

Gene Ventriglia ‘67 has been chosen to lead the New Paltz men’s soccer program. Ventriglia was a highly-decorated men’s soccer player during his undergraduate years at New Paltz, helping lead the team to an NCAA regional championship in 1965. His 36 goals during the 1965 season are believed to be a single-season program record, though no official record book exists for the men’s soccer program. A three-time All-American, he was named the Soccer Magazine Player of the Year as a senior and went on to represent the United States at the 1967 Pan American Games and the 1968 Olympic Games. Ventriglia was a member of the charter class of the New Paltz Athletics Hall of Fame in 1982.

Richard Coffey (7-12 SS: Interdisciplinary), deputy supervisor of the Town of Poughkeepsie and former Dutchess County legislator, is a trustee on the Dutchess Community College board. His trustee term will expire in 2017; he is also a teacher at Poughkeepsie Middle School.

John Jurasek (Sec. Ed./Math) was ordained a permanent deacon for the Archdiocese of New York by Archbishop Dolan on June 19, 2010 at Saint Patrick’s Cathedral in New York City. Jurasek is a full-time high school teacher of mathematics in New Jersey and will also be performing his diaconal duties at Saint Catharine’s Church in Blauvelt. He is married and has one son.

U.S. Army Lt. Col. Maximo Moore (Biol.) recently returned from his third combat tour to assume command of 4-17 Infantry Battalion (Stryker) at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Patricia (Quintana) Steffens (7-12: French) retired after 31 years as a teacher and is among eight teachers receiving the 2010 Dean’s Award from the School of Education at SUNY New Paltz. She was a Spanish and French teacher at Highland High School, grades 7-12. Teachers who receive this award are recommended by area school administrators and selected by a committee of education faculty and professionals. This award recognizes teachers who have made a significant impact on students’ lives, learning and the school environment. As recipients of this award, each teacher will receive an honorary appointment as an adjunct clinical professor with the School of Education at New Paltz.

William Richmond (Pol. Sci.) is senior project manager at Behan Communications and has been appointed by the Prospect Child & Family Center as a new board member. Richmond has served on the board of the Adirondack-Saratoga chapter of the Red Cross, was a volunteer for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and is currently a volunteer counselor for Parent to Parent of New York State.

Elizabeth Cooper (Journ.) is teaching English at a private school in Cheonan, Korea, for a year. She has a master's degree in journalism from Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. Cooper has worked as a copy editor at daily and weekly newspapers in New York, New Jersey and West Virginia for the last 13 years.

David P. Gillikin (Geol.) received a PhD in biogeochemistry from the Free University of Brussels in 2005. He was a visiting assistant professor in the Geology Department at Vassar College for the past fouryears and has just moved up to Union College in Schenectady where he is now an assistant professor of Geology. David is married and has a two-year-old son.

Maureen Kroning (Nursing) was appointed to the tenure-track position of Instructor of Nursing at Rockland Community College. Since 2008, Kroning has been a full-time Lecturer at RCC teaching Nursing Fundamentals and Introduction to Pharmacology. She is also nursing supervisor at Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern and recently authored the book "Fundamental Nursing Skills Made Simple," (Kendall Hunt, 2010). Kroning is working toward a doctorate in education.

Kathleen Murphy (Hist.) is the new executive director of the Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse of Dutchess
County. Murphy will be responsible for supervising all center programs, fundraising and fiscal administration for the child advocacy center. Murphy has been involved with numerous other community causes and is the co-chairwoman of the Ryan White Hudson Valley HIV CARE Network.

Amy Berkowitz (Comm.) recently published a young adult novel about a swimmer who becomes disabled and trains for the Paralympics. The book was published by Sisu Books. Berkowitz is a columnist for The Times Herald-Record and has worked for that newspaper for 13 years. For more information, visit www.sisubooks.com http://www.sisubooks.com/down.html.

Mathew Swerdloff (Elem. Ed.), '01cas (Ed. Admin.) is currently in his seventh year in the role of director of Instructional Technology at the Hendrick Hudson School District in Montrose. Mathew worked as an elementary teacher for seven years before pursuing his administration degree at New Paltz and moving into technology administration in the K-12 sector. Swerdloff recently received the award of 2010 Outstanding Technology Leader from the New York State Association of Computers in Education (NYSCATE) and was honored in November 2010 at the annual NYSCATE conference. He is currently enrolled as a doctoral student at Western Connecticut State University in Danbury, and hopes to assume a position of district-wide leadership upon receipt of his EdD. Married to New Paltz alumna Elise Gold '79 (Psych.), '92mps (Hum. Ed.) in 1995, the couple have two children in the New Paltz schools and love living in Gardiner, at the foot of the ‘Gunks.

Beth Howard (Psych.) was named Social Worker of the Year by HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley, which includes Kingston Hospital, Benedictine Hospital, Margaretville Hospital, Mountainside Residential Care Center and Woodland Pond. Howard is a licensed Master Social Worker, has volunteered for Americorps, and spent a year in Africa for a grassroots nonprofit organization.

Paul Yeaple (Soc.) was a recent winner on "Chopped," the Food Network reality-based cooking series, where in each episode, four chefs compete. The show is divided into three rounds: Appetizer, Entrée and Dessert. In each round, the chefs are given a basket containing between three and five ingredients, and the dish each competitor prepares must contain each of those ingredients. Yeaple went against other chefs, including a Morimoto sous chef to win. (See Alumni Profile on p. 12)

Peri (Brooks) Schwabrow (Elem. Ed./Geog.) earned an advanced certificate of study in school building leadership from the College of Saint Rose in Albany. Peri currently teaches second grade in Sharon Springs.

Jennifer Lyons (Psych./Soc.) received her doctorate in physical therapy from SUNY Downstate Medical Center in May 2010. Lyons has successfully passed the 2010 New York State Physical Therapy licensing exam.

Jessica Diaz (Vis. Arts) embraced her passion for baking and launched Let Them Eat Cupcakes, a home-based business with a commercial kitchen. She wholesales her cupcakes to Zuzu Leaf and Bean in Beacon and also at farmer’s markets, while selling directly to consumers for special events. For more information visit eatcupcakes76.blogspot.com or email eatcupcakes76@yahoo.com.

Alan Petersen (Biol.) was promoted to crime scene analyst II at the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. He has masters’ degrees in forensic sciences from George Washington University and criminal justice from John Jay College of Criminal Justice and a bachelor’s degree in sociology from the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth. While living in Orange County, New York, he worked as a medical examiner’s investigator for the Orange County Medical Examiner’s Office and taught a crime scene investigation course at SUNY Orange. Currently, he attends the College of Southern Nevada pursuing a degree in photography and a certificate in arson investigation.

Alicia (Cruz) Tenny (Soc.), '03g (Acctg.) was named chief financial officer for Camphill Village, USA, a nonprofit community for adults with developmental disabilities, and will provide leadership for the finance department. Previously, she led the accounting department and managed the finances of The Children's Home of Poughkeepsie and served as finance director for the Dutchess County Association for Senior Citizens.

William Kane (Mrktg.) completed 18 months at Stanford University in Palo Alto, CA, in a China global study program. Kane has traveled to Beijing and Tokyo and met former classmates.

Alexander Marrero (Music) was hired as a piano instructor at Joanne’s Dance Studio. Marrero completed his bachelor of science degree in music history from New Paltz. He has also taken classes in music history through the Juilliard School of Music. He earned his master of arts degree in music education through Teachers College of Columbia University, and he has received an initial teaching certificate from New York State.

Ralph Pelosi, III (Fin.) graduated in June 2010 from the New England School for Financial Studies at Babson College in Wellesley, Mass. Pelosi is currently employed at Sterling National Bank in New York City as a senior commercial credit analyst in commercial and industrial lending.

Jennifer Varrone (Mngmnt/Mrktg) received her master’s of arts in business education from the University of Central Florida in December 2009. Varrone began her teaching career in Hawaii at Waialua High in 2005 and in 2007 began teaching...
the Principles of Entrepreneurship at The Villages High School in The Villages, Fl., where she is also the girl's varsity volleyball coach.

David Bernsley '04cas (Ed. Admin.) became principal of the Monroe-Woodbury High School, which he graduated from in 1987. Bernsley's educational career includes teaching at Harry S. Truman High School in the Bronx and at North Rockland High School in Thiells, serving as assistant principal at Washingtonville High School, and for the past five years he was principal at Wallkill High School. Bernsley lived in Israel and played professional basketball for the Israeli National Team, where the team won the 1997 European Championship.

Aria (McKeon) Jimenez (Child. Ed.) and Ramon Jimenez '06 (Fin.) were married on Aug. 15, 2009 at the Pumpelly House Estate in Owsego. They met in 2002 while attending New Paltz at Bliss Hall. Aria would also like to honor and remember her late best friend and classmate, Lauren Amber Monforte '04 (Visual Arts Ed.) during her birthday month. Lauren was an incredible artist and gifted teacher who obtained her undergraduate and graduate degrees from New Paltz. She is greatly missed by her friends, family, and students.

Jessica Pasko (Journ.) is a general assignment reporter for the Troy Record, an upstate New York daily, with a circulation of just 15,500. She entered the master’s program at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism in fall 2010.

Richard Turner (Hist.) is a special education teacher at the Anderson Center for Autism.

Concetta A. Denisi (Mngmnt.) has completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Jenna Hecker (Engl.) was named an American Library Association Emerging Leader for 2011. Jenna currently works as a technology and reference librarian in Norwood, Mass.

Cassandra Lee Walker (Theatre) appeared in the film "Don't Go in the Woods," a musical/slasher in which youths, facing the usual social pressures with which that age group must contend, are 'expressing themselves under duress' as they are picked off by an unknown killer during a band retreat in the forest. Previously, Walker had been a regular extra on "Law and Order: Criminal Intent."

Thomas Akacki (Pol. Sci.) received his juris doctorate from Syracuse University College of Law in May 2010. He also earned a certificate of study from the Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism at Syracuse University. While at New Paltz, Akacki was a starting defenseman for the men’s lacrosse team and is a brother of Kappa Delta Phi National Fraternity Alpha Gamma Chapter. Akacki belongs to Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society and Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity International and recently signed an affirmative letter of intent and is slated to attend the 184th JAOBC and be commissioned into the Judge Advocate General’s Corps of the U.S. Army.

Ross Trapani (Acctg.) achieved his CPA certification and is a member of D’Arcangelo & Co.'s Millbrook office. Trapani specializes in tax and accounting services for small businesses and individual income tax preparation. He is also involved in auditing of nonprofit and SEC clients and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Selina Griffith (Nursing) is CEO of Travel Portabot, an online retail business selling travel-size toiletries and related items packaged to meet Transportation Security Administration regulations. Griffith worked with New York State Small Business Development Center at Stony Brook Advisor Susan Nastro, as they bridged their academic and business goals, for the Stony Brook University students participating in the 2010 "Dare to Risk Entrepreneurship" (DARE) competition. Financial prizes were awarded to two Stony Brook student teams that submitted the most promising and persuasively developed business ideas in the DARE competition.

Elizabeth Newton (Hist.) received an "Outstanding Student" recognition from the New Paltz History and Foreign Language departments, as well as from the College’s Honors Program. Newton earned at 3.91 cumulative GPA in her double majors of French and History and her Honors Program thesis, on post-war French treatment of accused collaborators, was based on research largely from French language documents. Newton studied in France twice, once in Paris in 2007 and Besancon in 2008 and was president of the New Paltz French Club in 2009. In December 2008, Newton traveled to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where she spent her winter break as a volunteer at Layla House, a program that receives and places orphaned children with American families. This fall, Newton will return to France to teach English to French secondary school students, through a French government-sponsored program, in a suburb of Paris.
James Stamboni (Paint.) had several paintings on display at the Mount Kisco Public Library. Stamboni’s work was done on aluminum, brass and copper and the motive behind it has been to portray peoples’ beliefs. Some of his work includes portrayals of Odin, a Nordic god, Greed god Dionysus and Little Red Riding Hood.

Kevin Milkovich ’10 (Child Sp. Ed./Lit. Ed.) has entered his second season as an assistant coach for the New Paltz swimming programs in 2010-11. Milkovich will be responsible for recruiting swimmers from Sections 1, 2, 4 and 9 in New York, in addition to his on-deck duties of coaching the IMers, and developing a weightlifting program. As a four-year member of the Harwick College men’s swimming team he currently holds the program record in the 500 freestyle (4:39.87).

Claudine Gruver ’99, Gina Marotta ’99 and the 1981-82 men’s swimming team all were enshrined in the State University of New York at New Paltz Athletics Hall of Fame on Friday, Oct. 15, 2010 in Student Union Building room 100, entering as the Class of 2010.

With the motto of “Four for Four,” the 1981-2 Hawks swim team set out to capture their fourth conference title in as many years to celebrate the team’s four seniors. That season, the Hawks sent nine swimmers to the NCAA Division III Swimming & Division Championships and left an indelible mark on the history of both the program and the department of athletics.

Ron Domanski ’78 (Art Education), right top, proved to be one of the greatest players in the history of the men’s basketball program up to that point, becoming just the third player to reach the 1,000-point plateau, while never receiving a grade lower than a “B” during his undergraduate years. Domanski just retired from a successful career as a high school art teacher.

Claudine Gruver ’99 (Biology), right middle, spent her senior season (1998-99) competing for the Hawks’ women’s swimming team. She had one of the single greatest campaigns in the history of New Paltz Athletics, setting 18 program records, eight State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) records and six Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) records. During the 1999 NCAA Division III Swimming & Diving Championships, Gruver earned three All-America honors, which included runner-up finishes in the 100 and 200 backstroke events. Gruver currently serves as a cardiothoracic surgeon physician assistant at the Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx.

Gina Marotta’s ’99 (contract), right bottom, myriad accomplishments included three career program records, three All-SUNYAC honors and two ECAC/Reebok Softball All-Star Team accolades. Her post-collegiate athletic experiences included her winning a gold medal in the 2001 Empire State Games and playing semipro softball.
Alan Schmidt ’60 (Art Education), a recently retired New York City firefighter who served in the Bronx for 22 years, spoke about the importance of the freedom college allows students. “College is a time when you can be the most liberal version of yourself – there is a lot of freedom. Picking something that you enjoy and keeping your nose in the books allows for that freedom to continue after you have graduated from college.”

Tony Fay ’55 (Elementary Education) reflected on how the New Paltz campus has developed: “When I was here the College Union Building (now called College Hall) had just opened and there was very little housing on campus. There were eight girls to a room in the Women’s Hall and the Men’s Hall had a capacity of approximately 30 students. Every hour I wasn’t in class, studying or a part of an organization such as Student Council where I was appointed Treasurer and later Senior Class President, I was working – and that kept me out of trouble.”

It was a busy time for all, with the demands of work and study. However, throughout their four years of college, one thing remained consistent. “There was a real sense of family and community,” said Louise DeLuca ’75 (Elementary Education/Psychology). DeLuca attended Alumni Reunion Weekend with her daughter Audrey. “The college experience was a learning experience, as well as a formal education.”

DeLuca shared those learning experiences with Pamela Fuchs Kellman ’75 (Elementary Education), her lifelong best friend whom she met during orientation week their freshman year. Despite different career paths, growing families and travel distance, DeLuca and Kellman can still share a laugh and a common smile when they reflect on a lifetime of memories that started at New Paltz. “The town is such a welcoming, relaxed and safe environment. We enjoyed our time here,” said Kellman.

Barbara Lichtman ’70 (Elementary Education) and Carol Fuhrman ’70 (Art History) both look back on their days as students as times when they learned to figure out how to get things done.

“We were feisty; we stuck up for our rights,” Lichtman recalled. With her recent work as a union representative, Lichtman attributes her success in this field to her days at New Paltz when she and Fuhrman staged food strikes, organized tours for prospective students, and became involved in Student Council.

“I mean, we loved it . . . We wanted people to love coming here.”

In spite of all the turmoil of the era, Lichtman said, “You know what? We had good fun, but we stayed sane in what became a very insane kind of turbulent time.”

New Paltz may have grown more populated and busy over the years, but the feel is still New Paltz.

“P&G’s is still a hit with the kids; some things never change. And the townspeople have always been very welcoming,” said Kellman.

New Paltz’s evolution includes ongoing renovations and construction, the most recent being the opening of the Atrium addition to the Student Union in fall 2010.

“The improvements to campus reflect a commitment to the future success of the College,” said Jeannie Henriques ’08 (Accounting), who has returned to New Paltz to complete her master’s in speech pathology.

“The on-campus atmosphere and the interest the faculty invested in our success as students and in our later lives make the college experience such a positive one. There is a sense of community and support in and out of the classroom,” said Henriques, who is actively involved in campus life, playing for the New Paltz Women’s Rugby team.

The Alumni Heritage Luncheon honored Heritage Award Winners Rosemarie Mainberger McBride ’60, ’68g (Education) and Karl and Roberta Budman retired education faculty – whose dedication embodies the spirit of New Paltz.

At the Lantern Society Dinner, which reprised moving up day ceremonies, the Class of ’60 celebrated reaching their 50-year mark, and the All Class Luncheon brought everyone together to celebrate everything that makes
New Paltz “New Paltz.”

Interim President Donald Christian thanked the attendees for the memories that they have shared with New Paltz and the generosity that they have shown the college community. “We have sincere gratitude for your resources and your renewed vigor for the College,” said Christian.

Vaughan Morse ’60 (Early Childhood Education) said that in addition to reconnecting with classmates, reunion classes pull together for another reason: making a difference for future students of New Paltz. “My degree has allowed me to do so much. I traveled and worked extensively throughout Europe for six years and then taught for 35 years,” Morse said. “And while I was here at New Paltz, I had a lot of fun and I treasure those memories. It is great to be able to offer something back to the college and the students.”

“New Paltz is a place of community, friends, my sorority, choir groups, natural beauty, and academia for me,” said Morse, “and I’m not sure much has changed.”

“It is always nice to return to New Paltz,” said Joan Moriello ’60 (Elementary Education). “It is important that students treasure what they have here. It is unique.”

Looking back, these alumni talked about how grateful they feel for having the opportunity to spend some of their most formative years at New Paltz. Many, including Chaoussoglou ’10, have brought their own families here to experience the beauty and warmth that New Paltz has to offer.

“My daughter (Rebecca Chaoussoglou ’10) just got a graduate degree from here, so we came back and I took her around to show her my old stomping grounds.”

Moreover, while many things have changed at New Paltz, one thing that has not is the heavy urging of returning alumni to current students – study hard!

“Study hard, study hard, study hard,” urged Chaoussoglou. “It pays – it pays in the long run. I know you don’t like to hear it now, but enjoy this part of your life, because life flies by very, very fast.”

Watch your mailbox for registration and more information!

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HIGHLIGHTS
Lantern Society Induction
Congratulations to the Class of 1961 as they celebrate their 50th year reunion by being inducted into the Lantern Society

Class Events
Nostalgia and news among classmates

Networking and Departmental Gatherings
Luncheons, dinners and receptions

Campus Tours
Lots of construction and additions to the campus

Arts Events
Concerts, museum exhibits and other events

Mid-Hudson Region
Mohonk Preserve, the Hudson Valley Rail Trail, apple orchards, wineries and so much more

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

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IN MEMORIUM

PROFESSOR EMERITUS
ALEX MARTIN

Professor Emeritus Alex Martin (Painting) died on Nov. 1, after a brief illness. Martin was a longtime faculty member in the Art Department who retired in 1996 after 31 years of service. One of his landscape paintings is on display in the Office of the President in the Haggerty Administration Building, and a reproduction of that painting has been on display in the Welcome Center in Haggerty since its opening.

The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the SUNY New Paltz Foundation to establish an Alex Martin scholarship fund for painting students. Contact Sally Cross at crosss@newpaltz.edu or (845) 257-3238. Sympathy messages may be left for Professor Martin’s family on the online guest book at www.asimas.com/ASIMAS/copeland/service_schedule.jsp?domain_id=241&deceased_id=234856.

1920-1929
Kenneth Miller ’29

1930-1939
Ambrose Boyd ’30
Dorothy (Miningham) Griffin ’31
Dorothy (Vollmer) Jones ’31
C. Jeanette (Robinson) Watts ’31
Elsie (Forshaw) Caiazza ’32
Elizabeth (Wood) Herzog ’33
Daphne (Rose) McColl ’33
Martha (Csellar) Reed ’34
Ruth King ’35
Katherine (Bowne) Kortright ’35
Emma (Sherman) Bush ’37
Mary (Tubbs) Decker ’37
Glady’s (Place) Dubois ’37
Helen (Bender) Hussey ’38
Barbara (Bossert) Komancheck ’38
Thomas Lahey ’38
Mary (Lyden) Renner ’38
Adelle (Allen) Arva ’39
Alfred Enlund ’39
Ruth (Fisher) Roland ’39

1940-1949
Ruth (Loomis) Dever ’40
Claire (Loneran) Fox ’40
Myrtle (Lordn) Grogan ’40
Mildred (Barrington) McCaffrey ’40
Louise (Searight) Symansky ’43
Betty Kuhn ’45
Charlotte (Ellis) Stevens ’46
Domenica Raciti ’48
Norma (Domnitz) Rosenbluth ’48
Carolyn Skidmore ’48
Shirley (Harcourt) Fowler ’49
Elinor (Briefs) Marsland ’49
John Ross ’49

1950-1959
Jeanette (Heyer) Burpee ’50
Elizabeth (Mousseau) Fite ’50
Barbara (Brackley) Dean ’52
Shirley (Barrett) Lewis ’52
Wendel Marsh ’54
Dorothy (Barnard) Thompson ’53
Naomi Reichbach ’55
Lenita (Deming) Bofinger ’56
Evelyn (Crawford) Gluckman ’58
Madeline (Wendling) Powell ’59

1960-1969
Elaine Kaiserling ’60
Louis Martone ’60
Concetta Stano ’60
Martin Traugot ’60
Judy (Spivack) Wardlaw ’60
Elaine (Goetz) Kuck ’61
Bruce Clarke ’62
Diana (Dent) Stigbert ’62
Robert Stein ’63
Pola Yolles ’63
Patricia Addesso ’65
George Dolecal ’65
Aldo Argiro ’66
Robert Samoville ’66
Jerry Williams ’66
Elizabeth (Lane) Flemming ’67
Eugene Blaisdell ’68
Malcolm Hopper ’69

1970-1979
Sylvia (Freiman) Appelbaum ’71
William America ’72
Ira Streitfeld ’72
Paul Toscano ’72
Jerry Jerolimo ’73
Harvey Schubert ’73
Jerome Ames ’74
Carol Edic ’74
Christine Peterson ’74
Melanee Fishwick ’75
Dolores Leopold ’75
James Nizza ’75
Josephine (Kralovich) Zwoboda ’75
Charles Barone ’76
Joyce Smith ’77
Paul Mollica ’78
Rose Gilberti ’79
Nicholas Pagiavlas ’79

1980-1989
John Hosker, 80’s
Eugene Gallagher ’80
Barbara Janoff ’80
Alison Kellagher ’81
Pamela Minzloff ’82
Lorna Saul ’83
Roxanne (Garfinkel) Lennon ’84
Craig Satcher ’85
Robert Taylor ’85
Frances Fabish ’87
Elizabeth McDougald ’87
Wayne Burton ’88

1990-1999
Ed Bael ’90
Erika Sperber ’90
Robert Armond ’91
Catherine (Wagner) Prusinski ’91
Sabrina Furer ’92
Seth Lyon ’92
Harry Stephenson ’94
Hoiling Tsang ’96
Joseph Santulli ’98

2000-2010
James Ryo Kiyan ’06
Vernell McClinton ’08
William Cohen ’09
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