Everyone is Laughing at Joey Gay

More than ever, people are laughing at SUNY Canton alumnus Joey Gay ’89. While in most professions that wouldn’t be a good thing, it’s perfect for the comedian and actor from Brooklyn whose career has exploded with his recent network appearance as a finalist on NBC’s Last Comic Standing 4.

Fellow alumni may remember Gay’s on-campus WATC radio show. Now, he’s behind the microphone at the most prestigious comedy clubs around the nation. You may have also spotted him on Showtime’s The Bad Boys of Comedy.

Gay is no stranger to screens big and small either, having appeared on Law & Order, Law & Order: Special Victims Unit, Deadline, and in films Close Strangers, Exit 8A, Times Modern, The Vibe, and The Play. He’s also making a documentary about the historic comedy clubs in New York City, which will feature interviews with Richard Lewis, Bret Butler, and Woody Allen.

Gay regularly appears at Caroline’s on Broadway, Comedy Village, Laugh Factory, and Catch a Rising Star, all in New York.

Last year, Gay partnered with two friends to buy the legendary Pips Comedy Club in Brooklyn. Pips is known for jump-starting the careers of Rodney Dangerfield, Andrew Dice Clay, David Brenner, and many others.

$18 Million Athletic Facility On the Way

Planning for the new $18 million, on-campus Athletic and Convocation Center is underway. Construction is expected to begin in the fall of 2007 with an anticipated opening as early as the fall of 2008. Funding for the facility was made possible when the New York State Senate and the Assembly issued overrides to the governor’s SUNY budget vetoes.

“The Athletic and Convocation Center will change the atmosphere of our campus,” said SUNY Canton President Joseph L. Kennedy. “The facility will bring significant benefits to the college, the community, and the North Country economy. It will be a wonderful addition to our campus, and its completion will play a major role in our transition from a two-year to four-year athletic program.”

President Kennedy, college officials, faculty, staff, State Senator James Wright, State Assemblyman Darrel Aubertine, Canton Mayor Robert Wells and numerous members of the college’s hockey alumni celebrated the start of the planning stages of the project this past summer with an “ice breaking” event.

The new facility will likely house SUNY Canton’s fitness center and provide increased space for activities such as concerts, graduation ceremonies, trade shows, and other events. Additionally, it will provide local communities with further options to host events for entertainment, state high school playoffs, and local sports tournaments.
Shortly after his college graduation, Ray Leonard recalls looking out the window from his father-in-law’s dinner table as a circle of flames erupted around the barn. It was during prohibition and just three days earlier they had allowed FBI agents to climb into the hay mow to get a bird’s eye view of the alcohol being smuggled across the St. Lawrence River.

A 1928 graduate, Leonard seems to remember events from 70, 80, even 90 years ago better than most people remember 2005.

Amazingly, SUNY Canton’s oldest known alumnus turned 100 this year, just like his alma mater. He celebrated his own personal centennial on July 12.

“I owe so much of what I’ve accomplished to SUNY Canton,” Leonard says with a smile. “The lessons I learned there have lasted a lifetime. Learning how to work with people and getting along with the public were the biggest benefits, even more than the classroom learning.”

The Natural Bridge native says he was remarkably shy prior to his three years at SUNY Canton, then known as the State School of Agriculture (SOA).

“My father drove me to Canton in our Model T,” states Leonard. “Director Van Whittemore greeted us personally, introduced me to some students, and helped set me up with housing.”

He particularly credits Whittemore and Dr. James Payson for their guidance. Leonard took several classes from Payson. More than 70 years later, he still speaks fondly of his mentor, “He did wonders for me. No one could ever do for me, educate me, as much as Dr. Payson.”

He also holds English Professor Lottie Southworth in high regard. Leonard says she was very strict, yet he still refers to her as “Aunt Lottie.”

Crippled at eight-years-old with polio, Leonard arrived at college with a limp. He recalled a fraternity brother of Zeta Alpha Phi (ZAP) gave up the lower bed of a three-tiered bunk so Leonard wouldn’t have to climb to the top. “They made me feel so at home right away,” he said.

Leonard eventually pledged and became a ZAP brother. Leonard said the ZAP house had a strict set of rules. Alcohol was forbidden due to the prohibition, and there was also a $1 fine if your bed was not made by 1 p.m.

Leonard was married on his twenty-fifth birthday in 1931 to a school teacher in nearby Pillar Point. He and his wife, Marian, gave birth to their only child, Eleanor, in 1935.

They never arrested anyone for the burning of his father-in-law’s barn, although he still suspects the alcohol smugglers exacted retribution for allowing FBI agents to view their operations. Leonard survived a few tough years surrounding the Great Depression, working various jobs like cutting wood for $1 a day and serving as a clerk for Montgomery Ward’s for $0.39 per hour.

In 1940, Leonard became the Postmaster General for the town of Dexter. He held the position for almost 30 years until retiring in 1969.

Leonard currently lives in Dexter with his daughter. He was honored as Dexter’s Citizen of the Year in 1989 at the age of 83. His wife passed away in 1995 at the age of 93.

Over the years, he has demonstrated remarkable resiliency. Last fall following a stroke, a heart attack, and a bout with pneumonia, Leonard was told by four doctors that he had just four days to live. Yet somehow, he managed to persevere. As he celebrated his one-hundredth birthday, Leonard demonstrated almost no signs of his health problems from last fall and has regained much of the weight he lost.

SUNY Canton salutes its Centennial Man. He is truly one of the most remarkable alumni in the history of the college. Just three years ago at the age of 97, Leonard drove his car from Dexter to Canton for Alumni Weekend. This year, SUNY Canton and Ray Leonard celebrate their 100th birthdays together.
It’s Out of Here...

This past summer, alumni gathered in Buffalo to watch the Triple–A Bisons play against the Rochester Red Wings. The event was hosted by Tom Woodside ’66 and his wife, Claire.

Among the SUNY Canton spectators were (l to r) Greg Snyder ’94, Henry Ryan ’53, Tina Watson, Jeremy Watson ’99, Scott Ventura ’93, Mary (Reynolds) Ventura ’93, Joe Ventura, Tom Occhino ’94, Vinny Occhino, Tom Woodside ’66, Rusty Hewitt ’77, Tom Ortner ’75, David Dengler ’80, Director of Development Julia Rose ’89, Claire Woodside, Joe Desotelle ’82, Michelle Desotelle, Brian Moag ’78, Director of Alumni Affairs Peggy Levato, Chuck Hermann, Bill Putney ’43, and Nancy Putney. Others who attended but missed the photo were: Rebecca (Hens) Formwalt ’80, Mike Formwalt, Kathy Ryan, and Chris Rose.

The Development Office would like to hold more family-friendly alumni events. If you have a suggestion, please forward it to Julia Rose ’89 at rosej@canton.edu or 1-800-811-6727.

Alumni Visit the Bronx and Watch the Bombers

An alumni gathering at Yankee Stadium this summer was a home run success. A group of about 20, including President and Dine Kennedy, enjoyed the game, food, and beverages from a suite down the third base line.

Mike Rydberg ’94 and Evaristo Cedeno ’97 reminisce while watching the game.

Stephanie Wolchok ’94, Jay Thomas ’96 and Tom Walsh ’96 enjoy the suite at Yankee Stadium.

Julie Marciano ’98, Ann Marie Sferra, and Jen (D’Ambrosio) Walsh ’97 overlooking the game.
While growing up on a farm in the North Country, Leon E. Bagley ’48 wrote a paper in high school about one day going to college and getting a $10,000-a-year job. His teacher told him both were impossible.

He and his family were tenant farmers and never owned their own home. As a youngster, he fantasized about a job using his mind instead of his hands and one day owning his own home.

Following high school, Bagley enlisted in the U.S. Navy 40th Construction Battalion during World War II and spent a tour of duty in the South Pacific. Upon returning home, he enrolled at Canton Agricultural and Technical Institute under the GI Bill and graduated with an engineering technology degree.

Shortly thereafter, he proved his high school teacher wrong when he began work for General Electric as a facilities engineer. He also fell in love and married Rachael McFerran from Edwards. Bagley was transferred several times, spending time mostly in Pennsylvania and Mississippi, but he always returned to the North Country for August fishing on the Grasse River and October deer hunting in Edwards. He retired after 35 years of service.

After returning to SUNY Canton for his thirty-fifth reunion in 1983, Bagley began to reconnect with his alma mater. His son, Timothy, enrolled that fall and graduated in 1985.

Leon was instrumental in the creation of his sister-in-law Alice Bagley’s scholarship in 1997. At the time, it was the largest in the history of the college. He and his wife established the Leon and Rachael Bagley Endowed Scholarship in 2002 to provide scholarships for graduates of Edwards-Knox and Madrid Waddington Central Schools. With GE matching funds, it was in excess of $220,000.

His grandson, Alexander, enrolled in the automotive curriculum in the fall of 2003 and graduated in 2005.

Leon Bagley passed away this May at the age of 84. He is survived by his wife, five children and five grandchildren. An additional $150,000 was given to the Bagley Scholarship at the time of his death.

Always giving back to the community, he coached and served on the board of directors for youth basketball and baseball for many years. He also served on the board of trustees at his church.

After three generations of successful graduates and a history of wonderful generosity, the Bagleys are a perfect example of the lifelong relationships that can form between alumni and their alma mater.

Leon Bagley lived out his dreams of a successful career, owning his own home, and raising a loving family. Through his generosity and that of his family, he now enables others to attend SUNY Canton and pursue their dreams.
Alum’s Goal – A Deep Breath

What’s the next great medical invention? It might be a device developed by a SUNY Canton alumnus for emphysema sufferers.

Watertown native Robert L. Barry ’83 founded Uptake Medical Corp. in Seattle in December 2004. The company is working to perfect a device to treat lungs damaged by the chronic and potentially fatal lung disease associated with smoking.

The product appears to have a promising future. Uptake Medical recently received $9 million from investors hoping to accelerate its research and development.

Although Barry is not a medical doctor, the engineering knowledge he acquired at SUNY Canton and Rochester Institute of Technology enables him to expertly develop, design, and produce a variety of medical equipment. Amazingly, he currently holds more than 20 U.S. patents.

“Looking back I can honestly say that Canton did a superb job of equipping me with the practical education and skill set that has allowed me to achieve my professional goals and dreams,” said Barry.

“To this day, I can remember Professor LaBella taking double-off for ridiculous answers. It seemed like cruel and unusual punishment at the time, but in retrospect it was a life lesson about the importance of doing it right and critical thinking.”

Uptake Medical is a ten-person company and Barry currently serves as the CEO. He has previously held various technical and managerial positions at Pfizer, Boston Scientific Corp., and Spiration, Inc.

Renzi Atrium Dedicated

Earlier this year, SUNY Canton named the atrium outside of Serendipity Cafe in honor of the Renzi Bros., Inc. The Watertown-based wholesale food distributors have made their company name synonymous with service, dedication, and commitment. The Renzis have also continually supported SUNY Canton and made a generous commitment to educating the next generation of SUNY Canton scholars. Michael and Roy Renzi established Renzi Bros., Inc. in 1977, selling fresh meats and frozen seafood. Following Roy Renzi’s retirement in 1999, Michael’s two sons, John and Jude, assumed the role of managing the daily business. Their sister, Mary Luisa Renzi ’89, also works at the company. Pictured are Michael Renzi and SUNY Canton President Joseph L. Kennedy.

Alumnus and Honorary Alumna Awarded

Frederick Liebi ’66 of Baldwinsville received the 2006 Distinguished Alumnus Award at SUNY Canton’s 2006 Commencement Ceremony. Liebi owns and operates FCL Management, Inc. He and his wife, Karen, set up the Liebi Endowed Scholarship to benefit current and future students. During the same ceremony, Blanche K. Woodcock received an Honorary Alumna Award for outstanding service and loyalty to the college. She, and her husband, Ronald L. Woodcock ’59, co-chair the SUNY Canton Centennial Campaign, which has raised nearly $8 million to date. “Blanche possesses all of the attributes we strive to instill in our students and graduates,” noted SUNY Canton President Joseph L. Kennedy.
After Canton

Flying High

The campus entrance is brighter and more vibrant thanks to United States Army Veteran Bernard “Ber-nie” Creighton Regan ’65 and his wife, Jane M. Regan. The Regan Flag Station honors North Country men and women who gave their lives defending American freedoms. On Aug. 30, the campus dedicated the Regan Flag Station, which sits at the entrance to the campus and proudly displays the United States, the New York State, and the SUNY Canton flags.

“I have always wanted to give something back to the North Country and the college,” Bernie said. “This donation also gave me the chance to honor the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces.”

The Regans are long-time benefactors of SUNY Canton. In the past, they established the Bernard C. Regan Family Endowed Scholarship to support students in the Air Conditioning Engineering Technology and Electrical Engineering Technology curriculums.

Bullet Can’t Keep Alum Down

The next time Police Officer Robert Fumiatti ’91 takes a family vacation, there may be a problem. Regardless of how empty his pockets are, he’s not likely to make it through the airport’s metal detector. Fumiatti will set off the alarms because he has a bullet lodged in his neck.

Fumiatti was a part of a covert drug task force with the goal of cleaning up high-crime areas in Fair Haven, Conn. During a drug raid in 2002, he was shot in the face. Fumiatti and his fellow officers were exiting a van to raid a supposedly vacant home. Moments later, he was being resuscitated by paramedics in an ambulance on his way to the hospital. “I still have a bullet in my neck and a pacemaker as a constant reminder of that day,” Fumiatti said.

He has battled back from his near-death experience and overcome partial paralysis, muscle atrophy, and nerve damage. After more than a year of intense physical therapy and what Fumiatti described as a painfully-slow recovery, he rejoined the New Haven Police force with the assistance of a police dog named Major. He has regained almost all of his mobility.

However, being shot leaves physical and emotional scars that take a long time to heal. Fumiatti has left the police force for a hiatus. He’s been taking time-off and spending time with his wife, Stacey, daughters Madelyn and Caitlin, and son, Vincent “Vinny.” Major, his canine partner, resides with them.

“I’ve lost so much time with my family,” Fumiatti said. “I really don’t want to lose any more.”

When Fumiatti returns to work, he will be working with the New Haven Firearms Unit.

Fumiatti has received numerous awards and commendations since his injury, including the Police Cross, a Medal of Honor, a Medal of Valor, an Honorary Purple Heart, and the New Haven Rotary Club’s Police Officer of the Year Award. He has also been nominated for The Presidential Medal of Valor.

Fumiatti fondly recalls his time at SUNY Canton and said he always knew he wanted to become a police officer. He noted the profound impact Head Coach Terry Martin had on his life. “When I first went away to college, I was very homesick,” he said. “Coach Martin showed me what courage, responsibility, and integrity were when I played for him. He’s a true gentleman.”

Fumiatti has been the subject of innumerable newspaper and television stories throughout Connecticut. His resiliency and fortitude have inspired many and has earned the respect of everyone that has heard of his ordeal. Now it seems there is only one thing that can slow him down, a metal detector.

The New Haven Register was among the numerous local and national media outlets to follow the story of Rob Fumiatti.
After Canton

SUNY Canton Grads Packaging Success

Hiring SUNY Canton graduates for the past ten years has really paid off for a national award-winning company in Brewerton.

Schneider Packaging Equipment Company, located just north of Syracuse, creates case packing and robotic palletizing solutions for manufacturing companies around the world. Schneider Packaging recently received Packaging Machinery Magazine’s “Packaging Line of the Year” for its work with Green Mountain Coffee. When looking for future employees, Schneider Packaging commonly looks to the Mechanical and Electrical Engineering programs at SUNY Canton.

“Some of the best technicians I have hired have come from SUNY Canton,” said John Sylvester ’83 Schneider’s service manager.

Additionally, successful SUNY Canton hires have an entrepreneurial streak and an ability to connect and communicate with customers. “Being able to communicate is a big requirement in this industry,” emphasized Rick Schneider, President of Schneider Packaging.

Twenty-foot, computer-controlled robotic arms are the most visible evidence of the high-tech knowledge in use at Schneider, but new systems are always being developed.

Sylvester joined Schneider in 1990 and returned to SUNY Canton to recruit in 1996. His two most recent hires joined Schneider Packaging in May. Tim Agnew ’06 and Chris Hoover ’06 seamlessly transitioned from the classroom to re-engineering a client’s packaging equipment.

Schneider Packaging’s growing pool of customers and the increasing demand for high-tech packaging solutions will bring John Sylvester happily back to his alma mater for quality-trained graduates for years to come.

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Hot & Cold Alums (right) - Woodcock and Armani Mechanical Contractors is the premier commercial heating, ventilation, air conditioning and plumbing contractor in Central New York and is home to several alumni. From left, President Denys Thompson, Project Manager James Gallagher ’80, CEO Robert McKenty ’69, Project Manager Paul Kenny ’75, and Vice President of Preconstruction Services Daniel Bruyere ’85.

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Hockey Reunion 2006

More than 200 alumni players returned to campus in July to celebrate 45 years of outstanding hockey, including 15 national NJCAA Ice Hockey Championships. Many former players vowed to return again when SUNY Canton plays its first game on campus once the new Athletic and Convocation Center is constructed. The new facility is expected to be ready for the 2008-09 season.

Dan Reasoner ’75 goes for the birdie with his hockey putter at Partridge Run Golf Course.

Jason Larry ’92, Dave Myers ’93, and Kyle Wesells ’93, rest between periods during one of three alumni games.

Jon Shellington ’76 and Bill Yount ’78.

Dick Layo ’76 addresses the guests and spectators at the college’s Athletic and Convocation Center Ice-Breaking Ceremony.

Teammates and coaches were happy to see Hockey House Mother Emma Rose, a huge fan of SUNY Canton. Pictured are back row (l to r) Mike O’Brien ’66, Former Head Coach Ronald “Obie” O’Brien, Don Clarke ’67, and Grant Nicholson ’70, front row, Richard Gerow and Bill Hall ’67.
Men’s Hockey Coach Pat Martin knows how to celebrate a big win. He dumps the Gatorade bucket on his teammates after an alumni match, reversing roles on the players who have drenched him in the past.

Bill Yount ‘78 and Fred Ellers ‘76 compare pictures of games past.

Dan Harder ‘78 and former Head Coach Terry Martin share photographs and memories at a gathering at the Hoot Owl.

John Bourbonnais ‘84, Mike Jones ‘84, Bob Flaro ‘84, Dean McIntosh ‘84, Mike Albano ‘83, Scott Clements ‘84, Ted Dancy ‘83, and Terry Gray ‘84 celebrate with their 1983 NJCAA championship trophy.

SUNY Canton held its tremendously successful Centennial Gala during the college’s Alumni Weekend in June. More than 400 people attended the event that raised $43,000 to establish an unrestricted scholarship endowment for the college. Marti King MacArthur, who is a two-time graduate of SUNY Canton, class of ’74 and class of ’78, was the chair of the Committee and the driving force behind the Gala. Among the wonderful items donated was a seven-night Royal Caribbean cruise donated by College Foundation Chair Joel M. Canino ’59 auctioned for $5,000.

Art Everywhere – Mary Anne Healey of Canton browses some of the artwork up for bid at the Centennial Auction.

Centennial Shopping – William Face ’66 peruses items at the Centennial Gala Auction.

Good Times – Anthony Bouchard ’63 and his wife, Jean, swap stories with Joel Canino ’59 (shown center) at the clam-bake. Beverages were provided by Matt Brewing Company, the makers of Saranac Beer.

Catching Up – Jay King ’51 enjoys a conversation with Professor Emeritus Richard W. Miller.
Alumni Weekend

Learning to Fly – Alums enjoyed a fly-fishing rod casting demonstration with Ray Rapczynski ’93, of Damon Rodworks, Potsdam. Pictured are Director of Development Julia Rose ’89, Frank White ’38, and Rapczynski enjoying a few practice casts.

Big Smiles - Lynne (Hargraves) ’83 and her husband, Kevin Kapell ’83, enjoy dinner and conversation at the Centennial Gala.

A Grand Occasion - Alumni, community members, and the on-campus population enjoyed wonderful food, auctions, and festivities at the Centennial Gala.

Reunion Kings – The King family stands out as one of the most dedicated and involved families in SUNY Canton history. Pictured with Vice President for Advancement David M. Gerlach ’83 are Marti King MacArthur, ’74 and ’78; Willie King and her husband, Professor Emeritus Harry King ’40; and Director of Alumni Affairs Peggy Sue Levato.

Over the Grasse - Natalie Towne ’81, glides across the Grasse River on the zip line.
Energizing Research: Richard F. Barlow ’06, of Norfolk, spent this past summer researching better ways to convert vegetable oil into fuel. The mix of used vegetable oil and diesel fuel will eventually be used by the college to help power its lawn care and snow removal equipment. The College Foundation funded Barlow’s research from an unrestricted scholarship donated by Alfred R. Place, who graduated in 1949 and dedicated the endowment on behalf of his wife, the late Mary Beswick.

Bill Putney ’43 watches a Buffalo Bisons game with fellow alum while enjoying a snack. Putney turned 80 years old this past April.

John A. Maybee ’50, Dunedin, FL, was employed by the State to work in the examination program. After 30 years, he retired and now spends the summer at Canada Lake and returns to Florida in October. He plays golf, bridge, travels and enjoys reading.

Donald A. Frenia ’53, Portsmouth, VA, is enjoying his retirement from General Motors by spending time with his grand- and great-grand-children, golfing twice a week, volunteering, and woodworking.

Patricia “Pat” (McMahon) Regan ’54, recently moved to Cape Vincent. After she and her husband lost their home and furnishings to Hurricane Wilma, Pat has decided that “Snow Melts” and the North Country looks “mighty good.” She would love to hear from friends. Her e-mail address is PnutReg@cs.com.

Clark P. and Vivian (Fulton) Tresise ’54, Colton, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 23, 2005.

Paul T. ’55 and Roberta (Hogan) Evans ’56, Potsdam, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 3, 2005.

Catheryn M. (Bowman) Hamilton ’55, Gouverneur, retired from the Office for the Aging in Canton. She has four children and seven grandchildren.

Hilda (Wimmer) Putnam ’55, Alexandria Bay, remains working in ladies wear retail after 49 years.

Arthur W. Rankin ’55, Chateaugay, has retired from the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and from the position of Malone Fair director. He is working with the 4-H Club and Knights of Columbus.

Charles Wm. Ferguson ’56, Holland, MI, has a B.S. from SUNY Oswego and an M.S. from Western Michigan University. He is a retired engineering consultant from Western Michigan Education Services.

Richard G. Young, Sr. ’56, Crownsville, MD, is working full-time at the National Security Agency. His wife, Wendy, is working full-time for a doctor in Annapolis, MD. His daughter, who is a marine captain, son-in-law, and granddaughters are stationed at Bangor Naval Base in Washington. He also has a son in Florida.

Nancy (Fulton) Tuttle ’58, in October 2005, moved back to Canton from Mesa, AZ. A small group of ’58 graduates from Canton ATI who live in the area get together once in a while to reminisce. She said she loved Arizona, but is glad to be back in Northern New York again.

John R. Quackenbush ’58, Sunset Beach, NC, is a retired consultant. He serves on four national safety code committees, two of which he chairs.


Laurel L. Finley ’61, and wife, Lorna, Spragueville, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 23, 2005.

Phyllis (Snyder) Shimmel ’61, Hannawa Falls, is a member and officer of the board of directors for St. Lawrence County NYSARC. She and her husband, Gordon, have two daughters and two grandchildren.

Madeline Martin ’61, Florida, is retired from teaching and now works two part-time jobs while enjoying her long-time interest in genealogy. While in Georgia recently, she visited Pi Nu sister, Mary Lou (Nesbit) Flenner ’61.

Patricia (Mooney) Johnson ’61, and her husband, retired dentist Dr. Robert Johnson, enjoy traveling and spending time with their five children and eight grandchildren.

DeAnne (Hogue) Jungkind ’61 and her husband Arnie ’60, enjoy traveling, playing in local bands and spending time with their two daughters and four grandchildren.

Janice (David) Scott ’61 and husband, Bob, have four children and nine grandchildren. Jan volunteers in the various classrooms of her grandchildren.

Jacqueline “Jaydee” (Robinson) MacDonald ’62, has left Mexico, NY, after 52 years, and moved to Nashua, NH. She has a grandson who will be three years old in October and a new grandson, born in March 2006. MacDonald is looking into going back to school. She attended a mini-reunion last fall with Linda Munson, Fran Newsom, and Carol Kingsbury. Jacqueline has connected with AXO sisters on the website and enjoys entertaining them with the way things were in “the good old days.” She would love to hear from former classmates.

Gary E. Simmons ’62, Dryden, is a retired supervisor of technical operations for New York State Electric and Gas. He has two daughters who both graduated from SUNY Oneonta, a son who served in the Air Force, a son who served in the Navy, and a son at SUNY Alfred.

These Pi Nu Epsilon sisters recently met for an afternoon of reminiscing. Among those attending were: Madeline Martin ’61, Phyllis Snyder Shimmel ’61, Patricia Mooney Johnson ’61, DeAnne Hogue Jungkind ’61. Barb Wilkin Hoolland ’61 had hoped to join in but was unable to attend.
David P. Irish, Sr. ’66, Colton, is retired and recently moved back to New York after working in Connecticut for 35 years.

Douglas N. Crocker ’67, Lewiston, retired from his job as the chief operator for the Niagara Falls Water Board in 2005 and has two children, Scott and Elizabeth.

Joseph A. Synowski ’68, Webster, retired from Xerox Corporation in July 2006 after 33 years of service. In 1971, he married Barbara Jerzak. They have three sons and five grandchildren.

Rosella (Todd) Valentine ’68, Leesburg, FL, is already thinking ahead to the year 2008. The class of ’68 was the first class to graduate from the new campus. Rosella would love to hear from any of her classmates from any of those years and encourages them to set aside the second weekend in June 2008 for their 50th Reunion. She said, “It’s never too early to plan for this kind of get-together.” E-mail joroval@wmconnect.com.

Richard D. Smith ’69, Carbondale, IL, is the President of Penn Alumni.

Melanie A. (Stump) Piekowicz ’70.

Marcy, had the opportunity to travel to Anchorage, Alaska, in July to visit

Paula Wilham ’70. The pair traveled to Denali for white water rafting and talks of “old times.”

John A. Trube ’71, Scottsviile, sold the John A. Trube Co., Inc., to Pittsburgh, PA-based McQuay Service Corp., and retired. John founded the company in 1981 to service large commercial and industrial air conditioning systems. John plans on spending time with his family, traveling, hunting, and fishing.

Jay N. Cuddy ’75, Ormond Beach, FL, is the police division chief for the city of Ormond Beach, FL, and is married with two children.

Cynthia A. (Ziemba) Meyers ’76, formerly of Knightdale, NC, recently moved to 504 Lemon Pepper Place, Wendell, NC 27591.

Timothy R. Cameron ’77, Massena, is newly married as of April 4, 2006. He is the director and founder of the HOPE line of St. Lawrence and Hamilton counties. The HOPE line is a non-crisis telephone support line for people dealing with mental health issues and concerns and for people needing reassurance and encouragement in their daily struggles in life. The HOPE line number is toll-free 1-888-853-9995.

Patricia M. (Stuhlmuller) Dooley ’77, Penfeld, recently accepted a position with Siemens Medical Solutions. Dooley works as a clinical sales specialist. She will cover most of New York State, and a small portion of Pennsylvania. She is also pursuing a master’s degree online in nursing.

George D. Niforos ’77, Ballston Spa, has been happily retired for 18 months after 31 years with General Dynamics Corporation Electric Boat Division. Niforos and wife, Kim, have been enjoying retirement by traveling, gardening, bicycling, and completing house projects.

Thomas W. Singleton ’77, has been living in Tampa, FL, for 26 years with his wife and their four children. His son is a sergeant in the Army, currently a recruiter in Tampa after serving in Iraq. His oldest daughter graduated from Florida State in 2005. Their two teenagers keep them young and busy. They enjoy the Florida beaches, the Buccaneers, and the Tampa Bay Lighting games. He has fond memories of his days at Canton including the old ZAP house, his fraternity brothers, and the AXO sisters.

Richard B. Guummer ’78, Thousand Oaks, CA, earned a B.S. in Industrial Engineering from Southern Illinois University in 1982 and is the engineering manager at Baxter Bioscience.

Linda (Fleischer) Houck ’78, New Hyde Park, is working as an RN at Northshore University Hospital in Manhasset. She and her husband, Jerry, have two children, Noah and Nina, ages 17 and 13. Houck fondly remembers her college years in the North Country.


Dave Bano ’79, Dublin, OH, is the Vice President of Claims for Nationwide Insurance. He and his wife, Margaret, have three children, Megan, Joe and Mike.

Jeffrey J. Demo ’79, Potsdam, and his wife celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on August 13, 2005.

William E. Donovan ’80, Fuquay Varina, NC, earned a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and is employed through BCP Caterpillar, Inc. Donovan spent 14 years in Oswego as an owner and operator of an auto repair shop and raced on the DIRT tracks of Central New York in the Sportsman division. He moved to North Carolina with his wife and two daughters to pursue a professional motorsports career.

Colonel Fergal I. Foley ’80, Hopewell Junction, graduated from the Army War College in July.

Vickie (Ferret) Moore ’80, Middle town, VA, was named the 2006 Home Care Employee of the Year by the Virginia Association for Home Care at their April meeting in Richmond.

She is currently working for a private company named Continuing Care as a home health nurse and supervisor. She received a B.S. in Nursing from SUNYIT, Utica, in 1990.

Diane P. (Todd) Wood ’80, Governor, is a Library Media Specialist at Indian River Central School District. Diane and her husband, David, have two sons.

Diane (Wrate) D’Ambrosio ’81, Queensbury, opened a Dollar Store in the Queensbury and Glens Falls area a few years ago which has kept her and her husband, John, very busy. Their oldest child starts her first year at Marist College this year studying Psychology and Education. They also have two sons and a daughter at home. D’Ambrosio would love to hear from old “Convent” friends as well as others, especially “Yogi” who she has lost touch with.

Neil A. Dorr ’81, Greensboro, NC, recently graduated from Pfeiffer University in Misenhemer, NC, with an M.S. of Health Administration on August 5, 2006. He is presently employed as a senior financial analyst with Moses Cone Health System and Eagle Physicians.

Paul G. Grundtisch ’81, East Aurora, is the owner and manager of Leisure Rinks. He has been married to his wife, Ann, for 21 years and has two daughters.

Rock Nadeau ’81, Freeport, ME, and wife, Monica, recently opened White Cedar Inn, a bed and breakfast.

Thomas L. Wolf ’81, is the managing partner of Mengel, Metzger, Barr & Co., a regional CPA firm, with offices in Rochester, Elmira, and Hornell. Tom will soon be celebrating his 17th wedding anniversary with his wife, Dawn. Tom and Dawn have two children, ages 14 and 11, and reside in North Carolina at Charlotte and is employed through BCP Caterpillar, Inc. Donovan spent 14 years in Oswego as an owner and operator of an auto repair shop and raced on the DIRT tracks of Central New York in the Sportsman division. He moved to North Carolina with his wife and two daughters to pursue a professional motorsports career.

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The college salutes Barrett Paving Materials, Inc., and the alumni who work there. Pictured are (1 to r) back row: Russ James ’76 and ’05, Matt Kielmeier ’02, Duane Rayburn ’89, Kevin Friedel ’97, front row, Brian MacCue ’00, Pat Dewey ’82, Kim Kielmeier ’99, Danny Verschneider ’86, Steve Riley ’88. Not pictured is Travis Sullivan ’03, who works for Barrett Paving Materials, Inc. at the Utica office.

After Canton
in Penfield. Tom says he would love to hear from old classmates. He can be reached via e-mail at twolf@rochester.rr.com.

David M. Bates ’82, Buffalo Grove, IL, is the Director of Operations at Crescent Cardboard Company in Wheeling, IL. He and his wife, Vicky, have a son, David, Jr., and a daughter, Savannah.

William T. “Bill” Cifaratella ’82, Syracuse, received an M.S. from LeMoyne College in May 2006.

Edward G. “Ted” Coffey, Jr. ’83, LaGrange Park, IL, married Elizabeth Healy in Sept. 2004, and they had their first child, Matthew, in Dec. 2005. Ted works for Edwards Classic and went to South Dakota’s Sturgis Bike Week. He traveled through Custer State Park, Mt. Rushmore, Spearfish Canyon, Crazy Horse Memorial, Peter Norbeck Scenic Highway Bypass, Lead, Deadwood, Big Horn Canyon, Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Park. He says “hi” to all Theta Gamma Brothers, Pi Nu Sisters, Weekie, Goldie, Steve Sager, and Don Kaul. Corey said it was good seeing Kim Marie Tyler at Oswego’s Harbortfest last July.

Peter B. Oscodal ’89, Cortland, in December 2005, he received his Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision from Syracuse University. He and his family will be relocating to York, PA, this fall. He recently took on a position as the York Center director of student services at Harrisburg Area Community College.

Todd D. Ploffe ’89, and his wife Stacie, Webster, had a son, Nicholas Todd, on April 4, 2006.

Michael J. Larson ’90, Manhattan, is an associate attorney at Nicotelli Hornig, Campise, and Sweeney. From 2000 to 2003, he was in the Army JAG Corps stationed at Fort Bragg, NC. He is currently in the Individual Readiness Reserves. He is enjoying life and plays softball, dodgeball, fishing and snowboarding.

Charles P. Washburn ’90, Raleigh, NC, has recently changed jobs, leaving the highway construction business to join the ranks of the office workforce as a project estimator. He currently works for Gerda Ameristeed as a rebal estimator. He is returning to Campbell University to obtain a B.S. degree in Applied Science with a minor in Business and Accounting.

Cheryl A. Ashline ’91, Chateaugay, is a supervising calculations clerk II at the Chateaugay Correctional Facility.

David H. Brown III, ’91, Charlotte, NC, is working in sales for Alliance Wholesale.

Robert J. Schattner ’86, Alpharetta, GA, is employed by Cisco, and is married with two sons.

Kathleen M. (Dyer) Mixon ’87, is working in Albuquerque, NM, as a partner in the law firm of Simone, Roberts & Weiss, P.C. She is also the owner of Desert Family Services which provides services to “at risk” youth and the disabled community. Kathleen is the mother of a 6 year-old boy.

Corey Jon Engler ’88, Brockport, recently purchased a 2006 Harley Davidson Road King Classic and went to South Dakota’s Sturgis Bike Week. He traveled through Custer State Park, Mt. Rushmore, Spearfish Canyon, Crazy Horse Memorial, Peter Norbeck Scenic Highway Bypass, Lead, Deadwood, Big Horn Canyon, Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Park. He says “hi” to all Theta Gamma Brothers, Pi Nu Sisters, Weekie, Goldie, Steve Sager, and Don Kaul. Corey said it was good seeing Kim Marie Tyler at Oswego’s Harbortfest last July.

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John P. Catalano ’92, Norco, CA, is a Sales Manager at Puente Hill GMC in Southern CA, John and his wife, Tamara, have a daughter and a son.

Richard E. Tyler ’92, Geneseo, is celebrating the birth of his daughter. Chelsie Jane Tyler was born July 3, 2006.

Tanya L. (Yuker) Hasseler ’93, Port Charlotte, FL, has a B.A. in Sociology from CUNY City College and is a staff member of the YWCA of Pinellas County.

Jason Larry ’92, and Greg Wells ’92, cross their commemorative hockey sticks after the ice breaking ceremony.
Alum Aces
Alaska Academy
Stacy Basham ’02, recently completed Law Enforcement Academy in Fairbanks, Alaska. She said the skills she learned from her SUNY Canton Criminal Investigation degree assisted her immensely. “I was able to help my classmates out in Forensic Photography, Crime Scene Investigation, Vehicle Accident Reconstruction, Homicide Investigation, and Interview and Interrogation techniques,” Basham said. Basham is shown standing in front of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline.

engineering technical supervisor at Qimonda in July 2006.

Jessica J. (Clifford) Berkman ’95, Potsdam, is an Account Executive at Time Warner Cable. Jessica and her husband, Rick, had their first child, Tyler Richard, on Nov. 1, 2005.

Ann Lamb-Chestnut ’95, Massena, earned a B.A. and an M.S. in Education from SUNY Potsdam. She is currently teaching at St. Mary’s School in Canton.

Leo James Hickey ’95, Keene, received the Daimler-Chrysler ASE Auto Tech of the Year Award.


Jonathan Dayton ’96, Lexington Park, MD, is employed as an Aerospace Engineer for the Navy and married Lena Dayton in 2001.

Timothy J. Maxson ’96, is living in Ithaca. After earning his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Clarkson in 1999, he went on to get his M.S. from Syracuse in 2002. He is currently working as a product engineer for Borg Warner Morse TEC. Tim married Becky Zehr in October 2002.

Jill A. (Quesnel) Mance ’96, is living in Queensbury, New York.

Michael R. Weber ’96, Cleveland, TN, is working for ZLB Plasma Services as a biomedical specialist. Mike spent three years after college in Japan while serving in the Air Force and graduated with his B.S. in Biology in May.

Ganean G. Gordon ’97, Brooklyn, is a senior accountant for New York Mercantile Exchange.

Peter D. Hochsprung ’97, Richmond, VA, is working as an instructional technology integrator. His son, Gavin Joseph, was born January 2, 2005.

Arlene A. Larrier ’00, Brooklyn, has a 1-year-old daughter, Aurora.

Jason J. Reiner ’00, Brookhaven, PA, earned a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering Technology from RIT and is working for Sunoco, Inc.

Mike Sergi ’00, Canton, just completed his first year as head coach of the Canton Northstars Lacrosse team, and played for the Italian National Team at the 2006 World Lacrosse Championships.

Somer D. (Mayer) Soper ’00, is a production manager at IBM in Fishkill. She was married in July. She and her husband just built a new home.

Alda Bonacchi, Jr. ’01, Oswego, is a Police Officer for the Oswego City Police Dept. and has been trained for SWAT by the FBI.

Douglas L. Randall, Jr. ’01, St. Petersburg, FL, is working as a supervisor at Cross Environmental in charge of HVAC Cleaning, Mold Remediation, and Asbestos Removal.

Donald Reynolds, Jr. ’01, Chazy, and his wife, Audrey, announced the birth of their daughter, Hailey Nicole, on July 7, 2006. His mother, Lynda (Shaw) Kinney ’87, is a proud grandmother.

Aaron W. Lauzon ’03, Fort Covington, is employed by the Akwesasne Boys and Girls Club as a technology director.

Scott M. Bouvia ’04, Plattsburgh, will be graduating from RIT and continuing his education to receive his M.S. in Structural Engineering.

Heather A. Brenno ’00, Ogdensburg, had a son, Mician Basil-Patrick Cross, on August 4, 2004.

Steve E.T. Micheaux ’04, Caledonia, earned a B.S. in Business Administration from Alfred University in 2006.

Bradley A. Decker ’05, Bombay, is currently working on his B.S. at SUNYIT, Utica.

Robin A. (Schreibweiss) Curtis ’05, Canton, is employed locally as an RN supervisor for United Helpers Nursing Home.

Marriages

Donna J. (Spicer) Boscoe ’86 & Joseph Boscoe, June 11, 2006

Samantha (Powers) Burke ’04 & Joseph Burke ’03, September 2, 2006

Benjamin C. Gratto ’01 & Julie A. Duvall, February 19, 2006

Sean P. O’Brien ’02 & Jill C. Morrow, August 20, 2005

Leslie (Taylor) Quesnel ’02, & Jeremy Quesnel ’01, June 18, 2005

Rosanna (St. Louis) Vincent ’03 & Arion Vincent ’00, June 3, 2006

Shawn S. Macaulay ’00 & Jan M. (Hardter) Macaulay, June 24, 2006

Paul Brownell ’01 & Sumer (Clark) Brownell, June 17, 2006

In Memory

John L. O’Brien ’33
William J. Jarvis ’37
Clisson E. Brown, Jr. ’40
Argie S. Decker ’40
Michael J. Bronchetti ’42
Helen M. Langford ’43
Marie H. Gilden Holland ’47
Leon E. Bagley ’48
Alexander A. Smith ’50
Ellen Marie Jones O’Neill ’51
Douglas R. McNairn ’57
Charles F. Nuffer ’57
Robert C. Crosbie ’58
Donald L. Woolf ’59
Michael J. Murphy ’70
James M. Kennedy ’72
Kathryn L. Hanno Mellnitz ’73
Duane W. Dively ’82
James S. Mundy ’94
Caroline A. Lambert Bregg ’96
Alan J. Savage ’97
Richard W. Lalone, Jr. ’04
Upcoming Alumni and Centennial Events

**Remington Junior Event**—
**November 11**
Young children of SUNY Canton grads and their parents are invited to come to this awe-inspiring event at Remington Art Museum.

**Florida (East Coast) Reunion**—
Coming in December

**Vermont Gathering**—
Coming in December
A visit to the Echo Aquarium in Burlington

**Ottawa Senators Game**—
Coming in December

**Florida (West Coast) Reunion**—
Coming in January

**Steel Bridge Junior Event**—
**Coming in February**
The children of SUNY Canton grads are invited to come to this Steel Bridge Team themed gathering.

**Washington D.C. Gathering**—
**Coming in April**

**Commencement 2007**—
**May 19**

**Alumni Weekend 2007**—
**June 8-10**

**All Greek Reunion**—
**Coming in June**

For more information on upcoming alumni events, call 800-811-6727 or email alumni@canton.edu.

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Win a Hybrid Car!
Tickets are still available for the Nov. 17 Toyota Prius raffle. The Prius was donated by TJ Toyota of Potsdam and the Cloce family to benefit the Canton College Foundation and the SUNY Canton Auto Club. Tickets are available for a $10 donation by contacting SUNY Canton College Advancement staff at 800-811-6727, or by emailing foundation@canton.edu. Pictured are Auto Club members with the Prius, at the TJ Toyota dealership in Potsdam.