Galen Pavone ’69 had given up all hopes of ever seeing his class ring again after it was stolen from his Western Michigan University dorm room in 1970.

After completing his associate degree in Business Administration at SUNY Canton and his bachelor’s in Kalamazoo, Mich., he went on for a master’s at SUNY Plattsburgh. During his master’s studies and beyond, Pavone taught at the only other school he has a ring from, Plattsburgh High School (PHS).

Last fall, back in Kalamazoo, Deana Kelmer contacted SUNY Canton about a ring her father had found in 1980, as seen in the fall edition of After Canton. The ring she described was solid gold with a sapphire stone, an engraved “Northmen” logo on the side, and the initials G.P.

Kelmer tracked down Pavone at his Morrisonville home with help from Assistant Director of Alumni Relations Elizabeth Irvine ’02.

“I was really surprised to get that call,” Pavone said. “Once it was taken, I figured it was gone forever. I’d forgotten that it had even been stolen.”

Kelmer mailed the ring back to Pavone without seeking a reward.

Her father, Gene “Gilligan” Riefel is an avid treasure hunter and artisan. He unearthed Pavone’s ring behind Waldo Stadium at Western Michigan. He’d always considered it one of his best finds. “I held onto that ring, thinking how beautiful it was,” Riefel said. “I always figured I was never broke if I had that ring.”

He said he had almost brought it to a local pawn shop, deciding he was ready to sell it.

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Student Makes Big Hit on Letterman

A SUNY Canton Criminal Investigation major began her 15 minutes of fame during 10 minutes on “The Late Show with David Letterman.”

Erin L. Ganoe visited New York City with her fiancé, Gregory T. Bronson, and ended up outside of the Hello Deli with a crowd of people during a taping of the “Fun with Rupert” portion of The Late Show.

“It was all kind of crazy,” Erin L. Ganoe of Colton said. “I was really nervous. Everybody said I did fine, but I know how I am when I’m nervous.”

She was then selected to identify an object under Rupert Jee’s clothes, as part of Letterman’s weekly hi-jinks with the Broadway Deli owner. The show aired on the same date as Senator Hillary Clinton’s presidential campaign announcement. “Rupert was wearing a red pantsuit, because he was supposed to be dressed like Hillary Clinton,” Ganoe pointed out.

Ganoe recalled thinking the concealed item may have been a sub, as she curiously poked and prodded the object disguised by a layer of clothes. Jee had tucked a veal shank into his clothing, something Ganoe couldn’t identify. “It felt soft and squishy,” she said.

There are no losers on “Fun with Rupert.” Ganoe and her fiancé walked away with a meat platter that they didn’t eat and t-shirts for their good humor.

According to The Late Show with David Letterman website, the “Fun with Rupert” segments are a series of sociological experiments. Letterman described their pranks as “Something we shouldn’t be doing in New York City.”

The segments typically feature Rupert in disguise on the streets of Manhattan annoying people, causing trouble, and carrying out Letterman’s jokes on unwary New Yorkers.

ERIN GANOE

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37-Year Mystery Solved (continued)

Something stayed his hand, twice. “Both times I told myself that I really wanted to return it someday,” he said.

As his daughter prepared to mail the ring back to its rightful owner, something again gave Riefel pause. “He told me not to send it yet,” Kelmer said. “Then, in two days-time, he made a little box to ship it in.”

Riefel said, “I kind of wanted to do something more with it. It felt really good to be able to do that for Mr. Pavone after all this time.”

Now Pavone has a custom-made box to store the ring that holds so many great memories. Memories like traveling on buses from the dorms on the new campus to classes on the old campus. Memories including playing pick-up hockey games at Appleton Arena with his friends. “It was such a nurturing environment,” he said.

Pavone has retired from PHS and is operating his own contracting business. He and his wife Sharon have one daughter, Sara, who is a doctor of oriental medicine in Denver, Colo.

Riefel works at Checker Motors, the makers of the quintessential New York City taxi cab. He also builds wonderfully unique birdhouses from found objects. His daughter sells them through the ebay store “Archaic Creations.”

Thanks to a treasure hunter and his web-savvy daughter, Pavone can once again hold his ring and reflect on his many positive memories of SUNY Canton.

Dixon Traces Success Back to SUNY Canton

Industrial Technology major Drand Dixon ‘95 was initially hired as a draftsman by Corning Incorporated in Canton while he was still an undergraduate.

“I was able to immediately apply what I was learning in school, combined with real life, on-the-job experience as a draftsman,” Dixon explained.

His drafting assignments increased over time to include work on the Space Shuttle and the Space Station window designs for NASA and various other specialty products for the government.

In 1995, he was promoted and transferred to the Corning Asahi Video Products Plant in State College, Pa., as an equipment engineer. He helped develop and manufacture glass panels for clients such as Philips, Sony, Toshiba, Samsung, and Mitsubishi.

More promotions and new assignments saw Dixon tackle even more challenging roles such as design engineer, safety coordinator, quality control specialist, and logistic planner.

In 2003, he and his family moved to McDonough,, Ga., just outside of Atlanta, for a job as project manager and team leader contracted with the Federal Government. His duties consist of managing over $100 million in projects for the military and other government agencies.

Dixon, who is now taking courses towards a master’s degree, recently visited with Alumni at an alumni gathering in Atlanta.

“I credit my career beginning to what I was able to learn and apply at SUNY Canton,” he said.
DaimlerChrysler Donates PT Cruiser

Automotive Technology students now have a PT Cruiser to hone their skills, courtesy of DaimlerChrysler.

Automotive Technology Instructional Support Associate Dennis Tuper worked with DaimlerChrysler Training Center Supervisor Dean Magnuson of Henrietta to arrange the donation of the 2003 vehicle. Tuper recently designed a transmission holder to use during company trainings.

“We designed and constructed 26 transmission holding fixtures for all of the DaimlerChrysler training centers in the United States,” Tuper said. “As a thank you, Dean gave us the PT Cruiser as an in-kind donation.”

Tuper said students helped him create the transmission fixtures as part of a problem-solving exercise. The assignment also helped enforce the importance of meeting deadlines.

The automobile will be used as a learning tool. Faculty members will use the test vehicle to create problem-solving exercises, which the students will have to diagnose and repair. Most often, students will be looking for electrical problems with the car.

Magnuson also presented Tuper with a Mopar coat and two framed letters of appreciation for creating the transmission parts. “Dennis really went the extra mile,” Magnuson said.

In the past, DaimlerChrysler has donated a High Output Cummins Turbo Diesel engine. DaimlerChrysler often works with the college to offer professional training sessions for North Country car dealerships and technicians.

A Shocking Donation from 1981 Alumnus

One of SUNY Canton’s patient training simulators will live another day thanks to defibrillators donated by 1981 Alumnus Russell Lawrence III, and his wife, Sharon.

The Lawrencees, who own and operate R.B. Lawrence Ambulance Service, donated two Hewlett Packard Monitor defibrillators so the class could practice their life-saving techniques, according to Assistant Professor of Nursing Mary Ann Caswell. “The defibrillators are extremely effective learning tools in class,” she said.

Caswell’s second-year Nursing students have employed the devices during training sessions, utilizing one of the college’s state-of-the-art Laerdal SimMan Universal Patient Simulators. A typical training session is as close to real medical practice as possible, without working with a human patient.

IN-KIND AUTO DONATION – Shown are (l to r) DaimlerChrysler Training Center Supervisor Dean Magnuson of Henrietta and Automotive Technology Instructional Support Associate Dennis Tuper with the newly donated PT Cruiser.

IN-KIND SHOCKING DONATION – Pictured are (l to r) back row, Rod Cota ’78, Operations Supervisor for R.B. Lawrence Ambulance Service, Kyle Thurston of Lawrence’s, Deb Skogen, Georgine Scott, Lawrence’s Office Manager, front row, Patricia Oppong, Douglas Duprey, Leslie Dardaris, and Michelle Mann.
After Canton

Annual Fund Gifts

• Most often made during the college’s annual Phonathon
• Provide scholarships and financial aid to students in need, and help bridge the gap between tuition and the actual costs of attending college
• Support faculty and staff educational grants
• Are the most common method of giving

Don’t Forget the Pizza Rolls

The college’s colorful history always comes to life when talking to those who lived it. Eric Paulding ’84 not only shares his memories, but also donates to the Annual Fund.

He said he gives so that others can have the same positive experiences and opportunities that he enjoyed. “I feel that I have been blessed in many ways and I enjoy being able to give back,” Paulding said.

The unrestricted gifts received through the Annual Fund Appeal, a mail-based campaign or through Phonathon are a vital part of the college’s ability to support a variety of endeavors such as Foundation scholarships, campus enhancement awards, and equipment upgrades.

Paulding, who now works as a software engineer for Equifax in Alpharetta, Ga., was an Electrical Engineering Technology major. “I went to another school after Canton; however, Canton is where I had my favorite professor, Wayne Ratowski,” Paulding recalled. “He had a way of challenging and motivating me like no one else.”

Like many alumni, he has vivid recollections about the college and the North Country. He said, “I really enjoyed the small town environment, intramural sports, and let’s not forget pizza rolls!”

Crafts on Cape Cod

Don Craft ’57 married his wife, Dottie, just one week before he started college.

Now, more than 50 years later they will be holding a clam bake for SUNY Canton alumni in Cape Cod this summer.

Craft and his wife lived in the “Vets-ville” housing on the old campus, which was constructed to house veterans attending college after returning from World War II. Both said the buildings didn’t hold much warmth during North Country winters. Luckily, the cold winter months didn’t chill the Crafts’ warm spot for the college. Don and his wife donate to the college’s Annual Fund through Phonathon.

Phonathon is held once a semester and links current students with alumni.

The students call each graduate with hopes of updating current file information, discussing current campus happenings, and asking for contributions.

Don was a marketing executive for General Electric during his first career. After retiring, he entered the real estate business. Don and Dottie travel back to the college from their residence in Cape Cod every five years for Alumni Weekend.

The Crafts also have a Greek connection to the college. Don is a former president of Alpha Theta Gamma fraternity and Dottie regularly attended Pi Nu meetings.

The Crafts’ continuing contributions and recollections of Canton warm Phonathon callers’ hearts, even when it’s 30 below in Canton.

Hello, this is Nina…

Nina Forgette ’07 of Putnam Station was one of the voices you may have heard during Phonathon. The college recruits students to converse with alumni and ask for contributions for the Annual Fund. In many cases, the conversations between past and present students strengthen both the callers’ and the donors’ bond to the college.

Eric Paulding ’84 hiking in South Central Mexico.
Accounting Professor Danny Fay and his wife, Professor Emerita Linda Fay, have a combined total of more than 70 years of service to SUNY Canton. And yet, they keep on giving.

“Everyone asks me why I haven’t retired yet,” said Danny, who began his career at the college in 1968. “I just enjoy going to class, seeing students succeed, and also watching them become successful graduates.

“Fays Two

The most rewarding aspect is having alumni return and tell you how successful they are.”

Linda and Danny are among the high percentage of faculty, staff, and administrators who give back to the college through donations to the College Foundation. They have established the George and Eileen Fay Endowed Scholarship and the Linda Lahey Fay Nursing Award.

“We just want to give students the opportunity to improve their lives,” Danny said.

Linda started her career at the college in 1972, the same year she and Danny were married. She worked in the nursing program for 31 years, including three years as the program director after she had retired from teaching.

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Because of Bobbi…

It’s been nice that our vacation and summer schedules have coincided over the years, so we can spend time with each other and our three children,” said Linda, now a grandmother of two. “Canton has been a wonderful place to work and raise our family.”

There aren’t too many alumni that don’t know at least one of the Fays. Hundreds have benefited from their guidance and dedication. Many more will continue to benefit thanks to their generous donations.

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Lobbying for Students

Providing future students the opportunity to work with updated equipment and the latest technologies is a priority for John Halford, Sr. ’49, one of the college’s most dedicated donors, and SUNY Canton College Foundation board member.

Halford has established two unitrust gifts, both of which yield an annual interest rate. He and his wife receive quarterly payments throughout their lives. “Establishing a charitable remainder trust was a wonderful way to ensure an income for my wife, Nelta, and me.”

Halford established his first unitrust in 1999 and became the college’s first member of the Legacy Society. The income from the trust supports eight scholarships for students who may not have otherwise been able to attend college.

“Our second trust will create an equipment endowment for the HVAC and Alternative and Renewable Energy Applications curricula and provide future SUNY Canton students hands-on experience with the newest technologies.”

The Faculty Office Building lobby was named in honor of Halford in 2005 to commemorate his continued generosity. A plaque recognizing his commitment to higher education is prominently displayed where hundreds of students pass each day.

Meeting Scholars

David Frary ’70 & ’72 speaks with Ryan Simpson, a David A. Frary and Family Scholarship recipient, during last fall’s Scholarship Luncheon. Frary is the owner of Phillips Memorial, Inc., located in Massena and Waddington and the Fay G. Mann Funeral Home located in Madrid. He is a member of the Mortuary Science curriculum advisory committee and a member of the SUNY Canton College Foundation Board.

Established in 1995, the Frary scholarship is awarded annually to a returning student from St. Lawrence County who is enrolled in a business curriculum.

Co-Chairing the Future

Ronald L. ’59 and Blanche K. ’06 Woodcock are among those alumni who give back to SUNY Canton in a variety of ways. The Woodcocks are currently co-chairs of the most successful fundraising campaign in the history of the college, the Centennial Campaign.

Along the way, they’ve proven that they’re not afraid to do some of the dirty work…literally.

The Woodcocks assisted staff members in sprucing up the new Alumni House. Ron handled some of the landscaping, while Blanche assisted with the interior design.

The Woodcocks established the Woodcock Family Scholarship in 1990 and have created a Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT). Woodcock Family Scholarships are awarded annually to four students.

“Our strongest interest is in helping young people gain their education,” Ron said. “We originally had SUNY Canton in our will, but felt a CRT would allow us to give now and receive an annual income from our gift. You don’t have to wait until you pass to give.”

Ron has also served as a director on the Foundation Board for 20 years.
’97 Alumnus Honors the Memory of Four Classmates

When Tom Walsh ’97 started considering a gift back to his alma mater, he was quickly drawn to the memories of four friends who were tragically killed in an automobile accident while attending SUNY Canton. So he decided to design his gift in a way that would honor his former classmates.

“I wanted to do something that would affect the entire student body,” Walsh said. “My friends were killed in a drunk driving incident and I wanted to do something that would lessen the chances of a tragedy like that happening again.”

Walsh has made a $10,000 gift to start an alcohol education program in memory of Joel Lynde, Matt Richards, Dave Palmisano, and Steve Keenan.

“It will be used for bringing in outside speakers for alcohol education and the prevention of drunk driving,” Walsh explained. “When I attended SUNY Canton, there were programs on drinking and driving that made a big impact on me. I want to make sure students continue to be educated in that manner.”

Walsh graduated twice from SUNY Canton. He holds degrees in Construction Engineering as well as Construction Management. He is now the Executive Vice President of the Chicago-based, construction consulting company Burnham Nationwide. He runs their offices in New York City. His wife, Jennifer (D’Ambrosio) Walsh is also a 1997 graduate.

“The school helped make me who I am today, and I wanted to give back,” he added.


Walsh is also working with the Alumni Office to plan the 30th reunion of Delta Kappa Sigma Fraternity during this year’s Alumni Weekend. For more information about the reunion, or to make a donation to this endowment, please contact Alumni Director Peggy Levato at 800-811-6727 or alumni@canton.edu.

Passing the Torch

Within ten years of graduating, HVAC major Tom Woodside ’66 formed his own company called TP Woodside in Western New York. Since then the company has been involved with the construction of a countless number of buildings in the Greater Buffalo area.

Throughout the years, Tom has hired numerous SUNY Canton graduates. Now he’s in the process of selling his business to three of his employees, one of whom is Greg Snyder, class of ’94, who has worked for Tom since he graduated.

In 1991, Tom and his wife, Claire, established the Woodside Family Scholarship for students in the Air Conditioning Engineering Technology curriculum. “The Woodside Family Scholarship was originally established to recognize the importance and value of SUNY Canton to our many family alumni,” said Tom. “It is the hope that our small gift, combined with others, will open the door to the rewarding life and business opportunities that a Canton education can provide.”

Tom, who is originally from Heuvelton, was a Sigma Delta Phi fraternity member while attending college. He stays in touch with other alumni and frequently attends alumni gatherings and events.

Endowment Donations

• Examples include outright gifts of assets or funds
• Invested to yield a steady, reliable source of income in perpetuity
• Often used to create scholarships, provide equipment, or implement long-range plans such as facility upgrades
• Can provide immediate assistance to deserving students and programs
• Are tax deductible and are sometimes matched by employers
It’s Official: Four-Year Athletics

Four-year athletics are coming to SUNY Canton. The SUNY Canton Athletic Department has been accepted for membership to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). A four-year athletic program will begin in Fall 2007. The move will include adding men’s and women’s cross country and eventually women’s hockey.

SUNY Canton has adopted Kangaroos as its new logo and nickname. It immediately replaces the Northstars, which had supplanted Northmen in 1995.

SUNY Canton began the process of finding a new logo and nickname last fall as part of its transition into a four-
Adopts Kangaroos

year athletic program. The college contracted Studio Simon, a nationally acclaimed graphic design and marketing company, to develop a new identity. The college was looking for something unique. Kangaroos was selected following an exhaustive study with input from faculty, staff, students, college administrators, and alumni.

Reasons for Roos

- They’re always moving forward. They can’t move backwards.
- They’re athletic, agile, and strong.
- They’re fiercely competitive, aggressive and, at times, downright nasty.
- They adapt and overcome adverse conditions.
- They reflect SUNY Canton’s global approach to education.
- Marketing: our target demographic of 16-25 year-olds love the Roos.

Roos Reactions

Whether you like it, love it, or loathe it, the new Kangaroos nickname has generated a remarkable amount of discussion. Here is a sampling of the type of emails we’ve received:

- Whoever chose Kangaroos must be absolutely nuts. There aren’t any Kangaroos in the North Country. Can you send me a t-shirt?
- I’m not crazy about the name, but the logo is really cool. Can you send me a t-shirt?
- I love the new nickname and logo. That’s a nasty looking kangaroo. Can you send me a t-shirt?
Class Notes:

Thank you to all of the alumni who updated us on their lives for this edition of Class Notes. Please be sure to be included in our next After Canton by e-mailing us at alumni@canton.edu.

1937 – 70th Reunion June 8-10

Genevieve M. (Kavanaugh) Fisher ’37, Adams, fondly remembers her ball teammates. She looks forward to Ed ’82 and Theresa ’83 (Deering) Curtis; James ’49 and Gene Deer; Steve ’73 and Linda Gribnau; Andy Seaton ’79.

1957 – 50th Reunion June 8-10

Louis Harmin ’57, Crystal River, FL, lives with his wife Evelyn. They are looking forward to their 50th reunion in June and hope that members of the Hotel graduating class can join them.

1962 – 45th Reunion June 8-10

Tom Ouellette ’62 has been retired since 1992. He spends his summers in Shelburne, VT, and winters in Bonita Springs, FL. He is interested in hearing from his college friends.

Joyce E. (Naramore) Manney ’64, Vanceboro, NC, is now the Executive Director of the Vanceboro North Carolina Christian Help Center.

Ann R. (Mitchell) MacAdam ’65, Sacramento, CA, retired in 2005 after working as a State of California Budget Analyst for 35 years. She has been busy with her 14-month-old granddaughter. She also volunteers as her church’s organist. “Life is full and wonderful,” she said.

Joseph E. Reddy ’65, Utica, retired after 40 years at Utica National Insurance Company and he and his wife, Barb, have been “Snow – Birding” in Benson, AZ. “The weather is great, and so is the golf course,” he said. “We are just a short ride from Tombstone and the growing mecca of Tucson.”

Norman Lampert ’68, Norcross, GA, graduated Summa Cum Laude at Lowell Tech, and then received his master’s degree at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He retired in 2004 after serving more than 30 years at Bell Labs. He has more than 50 telecommunications patents pending and has been working for a large private Japanese company for the past 3 years. He lived in Japan for 2 years and now lives in Pennsylvania, but travels often to Europe, Hangzhou, and China. His email is norm11777@yahoo.com.

Rosella (Todd) Valentine ’68, Leesburg, FL, is happily retired. She recently attended the Central Florida SUNY Canton Alumni gathering and is looking forward to traveling to Canton for the May meeting of the SUNY Canton College Foundation. Rosella would love to hear from her classmates from the 1967-69 class years. Her email is joroval@wmconnect.com.

Alexander T. Sleeman ’69, Fairport, recently was assigned to the NCAA Inspectorate for his grandchildren and is working on a new hot rod. “My wife and I recently celebrated 32 years of marriage,” he said. “An old college buddy recently contacted me and we are looking forward to getting together. I would really enjoy hearing from more people from school.”

Debi L. (Grose) Amadon ’76, Fairport, has been married to Robert Amadon ’75 for 29 years. They have a daughter, April, and son, Jeff. Debi is a Children’s Room Aide and Storyteller at the Fairport Public Library. Bob works at SenDak as a Quality Engineer. They enjoy walking, biking, and being involved with church activities.

William “Bill” U. Blodgett ’76, Grayson, GA, is now a lieutenant and the assistant director of the Gwinnett County Police Training Center.

Cindy L. (Cady) Baker ’77, Hamilton, recently built an energy star house on seven acres of property with two streams and a small pond.

Marcy J. (Demick) Lilly ’77, Burch River, WV, and her husband, Jim, recently celebrated their 25th anniversary. She is raising exotic and domestic animals on High Lonesome Ranch (www.highlonesomeranch.com) and loves every minute of it. She has three children: Brandon (21), Bethany (19), and Mariann (17).

John S. Lylak, Jr. ’77, Rochester, recently moved to a nice country home on 20 acres of land in Webster.

Linda F. (Fleischer) Houck ’78, New Hyde Park, has been working as a reg-
PROTECTING ATLANTA - The Gwinnett County Police Department employs three 1976 graduates. Pictured (l to r) are Charles Walters, currently the Chief of Police, Patrick Hart, a Sergeant for the Department, and Lt. William Blodgett, the Assistant Training Director of the Academy. The Gwinnett County Police Department covers over 450 square miles and employees over 900 people.

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1982 – 25th Reunion June 8-10

Mariani (Lenihan) Cassara ‘82, Westhampton, has three children, Conor (10), Olivia (7), and Aidan (4).

Mike P. D’Acquisto ’83, Rochester, works as a purchasing clerk at Spencerport Central School District. She has been married to her husband, Grant, for 22 years and has two stepdaughters and two grandsons. Her email is lkramb@hotmail.com.

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DALLAS DUO – On a below freezing night, a group of students cut a United States map in half and tossed darts at the southern and more climatically appealing regions. Linda (Carroll) Parker ‘80 threw the dart nearest Dallas, TX. After graduation, Parker, Jeffrey Place ‘80, and 15 other alumni relocated to the Lone Star State. Pictured (l to r) are Place, who was president of the Nursing Club, and Parker, who was vice president of the Nursing Club.

istica nurse at Northshore University Hospital in Long Island for 28 years. She recently received her board certification in medical-surgical nursing. She still remembers how “hit the books” and study. She also thanked the college for her great memories.

Michael R. Griffin ’80, North Lawrence, owns Griffin’s Hoof Care and will be celebrating his 24th year in business this year. His son, Garth, will be a freshman in the SUNY Canton Criminal Investigation program this fall.

Linda A. (Maley) Kramb ’81, Rochester, works as a purchasing clerk at Spencerport Central School District. She has been married to her husband, Grant, for 22 years and has two stepdaughters and two grandsons. Her email is lkramb@hotmail.com.

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Mariani (Lenihan) Cassara ‘82, Westhampton, has three children, Conor (10), Olivia (7), and Aidan (4).

Mike P. D’Acquisto ’83, Rochester, works as a purchasing clerk at Spencerport Central School District. She has been married to her husband, Grant, for 22 years and has two stepdaughters and two grandsons. Her email is lkramb@hotmail.com.

Bryan R. Mallette ’87, Canton, recently moved back to Canton with his wife, Marcell, son, Spencer (14), and daughter, Madison (10). He is the general manager at Community Broadcasters, LLC in Ogdensburg. His wife is the director of donor relations at St. Lawrence University.

Bryan D. Campbell ’88, Cicero, married Laurie Ann in 2005. They celebrated the birth of their first child, Bryson, December 22, 2006. Bryan has been teaching for 10 years at the Pennwells Learning Center, an alternative education school program in the Phoenix School District. He was named Central New York Teacher of the Year in 2003. His email is Bcampbell@phoenix.k12.ny.us or pupsducks@twcny.rr.com.

Steven D. Masterpolo ’89, Glastonbury, CT, was recently promoted to representative training manager with Pfizer. He and his family relocated to Bethel, CT. He also just started his Master of Business Administration at Norwich University.

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PATHS CROSS IN OHIO - Joe Robillard ’80 and Jim Golden ’63 met up in Ohio at Proctor & Gamble. Robillard has worked there for 26 years, most recently in Product Packaging, and Golden works on the Pampers line. Robillard owns part of the patent on the Crest Whitestrips packaging.

their second child, Nicholas, born April 4, 2006. Todd also received the 2006 Marriott General Manager of the Year Award.

Sandra N. (Holmes) Walker ’89, Lisbon, and her husband, David, have a daughter, Amanda, and son, Matthew. The siblings also have a new sister, Megan, born November 6, 2006.

Carl J. Barney ’89 and Beth A. (Chambers) Barney ’90, Madrid, welcomed two daughters into their family on December 15, 2006. They now have two sons and two daughters.

1991-93 – 15th Reunion June 8-10

Jacky L. (Gardinier) Toombs ‘91, Minna, and her husband, Peter, have two sons, Briar and Gabriel. She works at Lafayette Healthcare Associates/Chittenango Medical and

GEORGIA ON THE MIND - Alumni representing the last five decades recently gathered in Atlanta to reminisce about their time at college. Pictured are (l to r): William Blodgett ’76; Charles Walters ’76; Gary ‘78 and Kimberly Goulden; Drand Dixon ’03; Patrick Hart ’76; Development Officer Tobi Newcombe; Eric Paulding ’84; Glenn ’65 and Carol Faucher; David Gaucher ’91; Roslyn (Schwartz) Winston ’69; and Assistant Director of Alumni Relations Beth Irvine ’02.

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Wellness as an LPN. Her email is jtoombs1123@earthlink.net.

Jane C. Hopke '92, Middletown, CT, started a new job in November as an Auditor for National Government Services.

Richard C. Williams '93, Bradford, is a controller and chief financial officer for Founders Pavilion, Inc. He gradu

William E. Atkinson '96, Williston, VT, was recently appointed by the Governor of Vermont to serve as a mechanical engineering representative for the State Professional Engineering Board.

1997 – 10th Reunion
June 8-10

Lucca A. Richards '97, San Antonio, TX, is an immigration enforcement agent for the Department of Homeland Security.

Scott P. Thompson '98, Liverpool, married Kylie Ribillard '99 in 2003. They celebrated the birth of their daughter, Cameron, in August 2006. Scott is currently a field service representative at Trane Company.

Sara J. Young '99, Gloucester, MA, was recently hired as the executive director and marketing director of seARTS, a coalition dedicated to boosting the arts on Cape Ann, MA.

Sharon E. Questel '01, Gloucester, MA, was recently hired as the executive representative at T rane Company.

Julie M. (Croff) O'Brien '02, Water
town, had a daughter in 2002 and was married in February, 2005. Julie is currently an occup

cational therapist assistant and is thinking about continuing her education. She hopes all is well with her alumni graduates. “We occupational therapists put the “fun” back into function!” she said.

Daniel S. Denney '04, Trumansburg, is an RN psychiatric evaulator at Cayuga Medical Center.

Gabrielle C. LaTray '05, Croghan, joined Carthage Area Hospital in June ‘05. She is in the process of buying a home in Watertown with her fiancé and his three children, ages 13 months, 7 and 9. She became a certified EMT and works part-time at the Carthage Area Rescue Squad.

Donald E. McCormick III '05, Massena, is married and has a 2-year-old son. He is working for Verizon Wireless and owns his own web-based business.

Bridget C. Whalen-Nevin '06, Morrisstown, became a grandmother to Bella Colleen Whalen on November 29, 2006.

Vicky Ashley '07, Canton, earned a Bachelor's Degree in Technology Management from SUNY Canton. She and her family welcomed Matthew Donald Delosh, born June 1, 2006.

Milestone Anniversaries

Donald Gilson '40 & Edna L. (Lawrence) Gilson – 65th Anniversary

Clinton S. Thompson '40 & Sarah A. (Yandeau) Thompson '46 – 60th Anniversary

Robert C. Davis '56 & Ellen S. (Wilson) Davis '56 – 50th Anniversary

Alice (Lockhart) LeRoy '56 & William T. LeRoy – 50th Anniversary

Michael A. Pistolese '54 & Mary F. (Carlisle) Pistolese – 50th Anniversary

Dennis W. Manchester '71 & Donna K. (Lobdell) Manchester – 35th Anniversary

Valerie M. (Ferget) Bristol '81 & Thomas J. Bristol – 25th Anniversary

ENDOWMENT DONATION – Bob and Nancy Noble of Rutland, VT, recently increased the Robert A. Noble, Sr. Scholarship endowment as part of the Centennial Campaign.
Hundreds Mourn Fumiatti’s Passing


Fumiatti’s unrelenting determination was an inspiration to many. He was shot in the face in 2002 while working as part of a drug task force. His eventual return to the police force made statewide and even national news. He overcame partial paralysis, muscle atrophy, and nerve damage. He still had a bullet in his neck and a pacemaker after the injury.

Among his survivors are his wife, Stacey, two daughters, Madelyn and Caitlyn, his son, Vincent (Vinny), his father, Marshal Vincent (Vin), brother Michael, and his police canine partner, Major.

Fumiatti’s story was featured in SUNY Canton’s After Canton publication last fall.

Despite the numerous health problems associated with being shot, doctors said Fumiatti’s death was not attributed to his injuries.

He had recently corresponded with former SUNY Canton Hockey Coach Terry Martin and credited the coach with helping him come of age during his time at the college.

Fumiatti received numerous medals and accolades 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.

More than 1,000 family members, friends, police, and community members lined the streets to say goodbye to the fallen officer, father, and friend.

Fredrick J. Bates ’71
George H. Kelley, Jr. ’71
David M. Sullivan ’72
Wyona J. (Merritt) Tharrett ’72
James M. Kennedy ’74
Bruce J. Shearn ’74
Gerry Connell ’75
Gene C. Knight ’76
Sherry K. (Remington) Sanchez ’77
Donna J. (Williams) Prior ’83
Marilyn Rishe ’85
Richard J. Johnson ’86
Robert Fumiatti ’91
Jason C. Terpstra ’03

A SUNY Canton couple recently launched a monthly publication focusing on entertainment news and events throughout the North Country. Fourth Coast Entertainment was created by Michael ’02 and Courtney (Schroeder) Scriminger ’00. Photo courtesy of William Moore and The Watertown Daily Times.

Making an in-kind donation and assisting students can be as easy as opening your door. Current students are interning at businesses around the nation. If you have a spare room where a student could stay during an internship, please contact the Alumni/Development Office (800-811-6727 or alumni@canton.edu).
**Alum Writes Sci-Fi Novel**

An underground civilization of Martians is waging war against potential invaders in a new book by Rick Hitchcock ‘74.

Hitchcock was contemplating NASA's probes on Mars when he speculated that there could be an entire race of people living below the red planet's surface. Hitchcock has turned his musings into his first published science fiction novel, *Commonality*, through Sense of Wonder Press. It is his fourth book overall.

Hitchcock said *Commonality* readers will be returned to the roots of science fiction with his new and completely original story. His unique literary voice has created an interesting page turner, even to readers who are indifferent to the genre.

Hitchcock is an Alpha Theta Gamma fraternity brother who grew up in Massena and now lives in Austin, Texas. He contacted the college after he recognized a classmate in a recent edition of *After Canton*. He also visited with Development Associate Colleen Baker during her travels in the Lone Star State.

Find it online! Hitchcock's 285-page trade paperback is available through Amazon.com, or borders.com. You can also check out his website, www.rthitchcock.com.

**Alumni Bring Upgrades to Campus**

Two alumni helped make SUNY Canton’s connection to the Internet faster than ever before.

The college contracted with the Plattsburgh-based Westelcom to make the upgrades possible by utilizing high-speed fiber optic cables installed by the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC).

“Randy Trombly, Westelcom’s Vice President of Sales and Business Development, and Tom Sauter, DANC’s Deputy Executive Director, were involved in this project,” said Director of Information Services Mary Holland. “Coincidentally, both graduated from SUNY Canton in 1981.”

Holland said that bandwidth has increased almost eight times what it was prior to the upgrades. “We are providing ample headroom for growth needed to support SUNY Canton’s online programs and video conferencing,” Holland said.

According to Trombly, Westelcom was formed to provide phone systems to businesses in the North Country. In 1996, the company became an Internet service provider. In the year following, they expanded into the networking business, offering high-end network support.

In 2001, they had over 30,000 internet subscribers. “We have positioned ourselves to be a one-stop shop for area homes and businesses,” noted Trombly.

Trombly, who majored in Mechanical Engineering Technology, said he didn’t cross paths with Sauter in college very often, but was excited to work with him on this project.

Sauter is a long-time supporter of the college and has served on the SUNY Canton Foundation board and is a current College Council member.

The Development Authority of the North Country is a New York State public benefit corporation, created in 1985. It finances and operates infrastructure and community development projects in Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence Counties.

“The Development Authority of the North Country operates the Open Access Telecom Network, providing wholesale circuits to a variety of voice, video, and data service providers,” Sauter said. “One of the locations we put on the network is SUNY Canton. We’re extremely pleased that Westelcom is using the Open Access Telecom Network to support SUNY Canton’s Internet upgrade.”

**MORE BOOKS** - The college is looking for copies of fiction, non-fiction, pictorial, or textbooks for the alumni house library. If you'd like to donate a book, contact the SUNY Canton College Foundation, email foundation@canton.edu.
Naming Opportunities

- Include buildings, locker rooms, walkways, areas on campus, displays, etc…
- Provide a wonderful way to memorialize a loved one, a faculty member, a coach, or a classmate
- Currently exist at the alumni house and a variety of levels in the new athletic and convocation facilities

Is It Your Turn?

Throughout this publication, we’ve given examples of the variety of giving opportunities available to alumni and friends. Is it your turn?

We ask that you consider a gift to the College Foundation. While each type may offer different tax or estate-planning advantages, the greatest benefit of any gift is the positive impact it has on our students.

Checks

The most common form of giving, tax deductible cash gifts, are as easy to make as writing a check to the SUNY Canton College Foundation. Every dollar you give outright to SUNY Canton is tax-deductible, and cash gifts are vital, since they are immediately available to assist deserving students or programs.

You can send a check by mail to:
SUNY Canton
34 Cornell Drive
Canton, NY 13617

For more information, please call 315-386-7127 or 1-800-811-6727 or email foundation@canton.edu.

Online

Make your gift instantly and securely using a credit card online. Go to www.canton.edu/alumni and click on the Pledge/Give button near the top of the page.

Contact the Office

Call 315-386-7127 or 1-800-811-6727 to make your pledge or gift. Speak with a member of the Alumni and Development Office.

The College Foundation

The Foundation is responsible for raising funds in support of programs and initiatives on campus for students, faculty, and staff.

The nationwide trend of declining state support for public education has forced college foundations to fill the student funding gap. The future of our college depends upon the Foundation’s ability to compensate for the funding we no longer realize through New York State.
Upcoming Alumni Events

Alumni Visits –
May
• Raleigh, NC
• San Diego & San Francisco, CA
• Old Saybrook, CT, with Mike Collins ’90
June
• Syracuse
• South Carolina
July
• Philadelphia, PA
• Savannah, GA
• Pensacola, FL

Yankees Game –
May 5
Watch the Yankees take on the Seattle Mariners with Tom Walsh ’97.

Steel Bridge Team Tailgate Party –
May 25 in Northridge, CA
Support the Steel Bridge Team as they compete against other colleges from across the nation, pending qualification.

Alumni Weekend 2007 –
June 8-10

All Greek Reunion –
July 21 in Syracuse

Chicago Cubs Rooftop Party –
Coming in July
Baseball at its finest in Chicago, IL.

St. Lawrence County Alumni Gathering and Business Owners BBQ –
Coming in July

Rochester Alumni Gathering –
August 4

A Day at the Races in Saratoga –
August 11

Cape Cod Clambake –
Coming in August
Visit with Don Craft ’57 and his wife, Dottie in Cape Cod, MA.

Scholarship Luncheon –
September 28

Family Weekend –
September 28-30

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

Team Races to Second
Students from the Motorsports Performance and Repair Club recently placed second in the open class drag races in Lisbon. Scott Sharpe raced with the Polaris XC800 with help from his accomplished crew of SUNY Canton students Bradd Fox ’07 of Brockport, Shawn Maher ’07 of Homer, John Matheson ’07 of Depeyster, and Brandon Bixler ’07 of Mexico. The team is coached by Instructional Support Assistant Neil Haney.

Guys, Dolls, & Murder
Cocktails – Dinner – Murder & Mystery
June 9th / Alumni Weekend
Dress in 1920-30’s fashions for the evening.
Sort out the clues and solve the murder.