Honoring Mrs. Sergi

If you attended college in Canton anytime after the mid 60’s, you likely knew Maria Sergi, known affectionately to thousands as “Mama” Sergi.

Sergi’s Pizzeria opened on Main Street in 1966, and Mrs. Sergi warmly welcomed a countless number of students and community members to the restaurant throughout the years.

When the Sergi family began considering a way to honor Mrs. Sergi, who passed away in 2006, they wanted to do something to appropriately reflect her personality, lifestyle, and values. That’s when the idea of a gift to the SUNY Canton Early Childhood program began to form.

The College now plans to unveil the Maria Sergi Early Childhood Teacher Center in Cook Hall following a pledge of $100,000 from the Sergi family in Maria’s honor. Now her name will be forever linked to the place on campus where students go to become Early Childhood professionals.

“She would like this,” said Sam Sergi, Maria’s husband. “For our family and for

What was Growing in the Greenhouse?

Several decades ago, the College featured a greenhouse on campus. In the 30’s and 40’s, Henry and Macy Davis worked there for more than a dozen years.

In 2006, Henry was asked, “What was growing in the greenhouse?”

He paused before responding.

At face value,

the answer was simple. But perhaps his brief hesitation served to alert those around him that there was much more growing in the greenhouse than just flowers, plants, and vegetables.

Henry started working in the greenhouse as a newlywed with Macy. Their love for each other grew there as well as their love for SUNY Canton. The College was also the place where, in the winter of 1941, he began taking evening classes, which served as preparation for World War II and eventually led to his career in electrical construction.

As I write this in the winter of 2006, Henry Davis is alive and well at the age of 95. He is vibrant, humorous, and an engaging conversationalist. He’s the type of guy that makes time fly when you’re around him. I imagine many of his co-workers throughout the years appreciated his wit and storytelling skills.

As you read this, it saddens me to inform you that Henry has passed away. Humble throughout his life, he requested that we not tell his story until he was gone. My hope is that this article collects dust for many years before being published.

What was growing in the greenhouse? Lifelong bonds, loyalty, love, careers, opportunities, and oh yeah, some plants, vegetables, and flowers.

Henry understood that we wanted to tell everyone that would listen about the modest college gardener who quietly did his job, served in World War II, worked in electrical construction for 27 years, and

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An Ugly Stat Revealed

Despite remarkable progress in almost every facet of measurable success, there is one statistic that neither the College nor the Foundation is pleased to reveal. Only eight percent of alumni currently give back. While that percentage actually represents a steady increase over the past few years, it is still below comparable institution standards and well below the Foundation’s goals.

“We don’t want to continue experiencing a slow, steady climb,” said Vice President for Advancement David M. Gerlach. “We want to experience a dramatic jump, and quite honestly, I think we’re ready to make that jump.”

Gerlach’s enthusiasm is buoyed by a recent report from an independent research firm revealing a high level of both alumni and student satisfaction. And daily meetings with alumni by Gerlach and Alumni and Development staff members reveal a similar eagerness to make a change.

The percentage of alumni who give has increased in the last three years from five percent to six percent to last year’s eight percent. The Foundation’s assets have reached an all-time high of over $14 million, and last year SUNY Canton ranked 13th among 32 comparable SUNY schools in total annual giving. Yet despite many of those positive numbers, the low percentage still looms large.

Gerlach and his staff offer a quick and easy solution through this edition of After Canton. “Give now. Give any amount,” suggests Gerlach. “Use the envelope in this After Canton and mail in whatever you feel comfortable with, even if it’s just $20.”

Honoring Mrs. Sergi continued

but other children as well,” said Lisa (Sergi) Vecchio ’87, who is now a mother of three. “We viewed this as a way to honor my mother and support the College in their efforts to educate and train the people who would be taking care of children.”

“The Sergi’s gift is extremely generous and will greatly impact our Early Childhood program and its students,” said Early Childhood Program Director Maureen Maiocco. “This is a wonderful tribute to Mrs. Sergi.”

“The College has played a big role in the life of our family,” said Pat Sergi, who also has three children of his own. “It’s not only where we all went to school, it’s also been a big part of the success of our family business and the community we love.”

The Sergi’s have always been active in the community. They quietly donate their time, support groups, and often provide pizza for fundraising efforts.

“Our parents taught us well so we could be fully involved in this great community,” said Frank Sergi, who recently became engaged. “In fact, we are very fortunate that we live in the North Country and are surrounded by so many great people.”

Mike returned to his alma mater in 2006 and has been working in the athletic department ever since.

“This is a nice way to have our mother’s name and our family’s name on campus,” Mike said. “I’m happy that it’s going to be affiliated with children and students.”

Community members and alumni can help the Sergi Family reach their $100,000 goal. The second annual Maria Sergi Walk/Run is slated for July 26 in Canton and there are other upcoming opportunities to become involved.

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Maresca Challenge Exceeds $200,000

The Maresca Family Challenge has generated a remarkable response and has now raised more than $208,000 for nursing student scholarships. “At some point in everyone’s life, they will need the assistance of a nurse,” Development Officer Marti King MacArthur pointed out. “The importance of quality nursing is being recognized with each and every donation to this challenge. We’ve received significant donations from companies, organizations, foundations, and individuals who want to make sure we continue to educate and train exceptional nursing students.”

Most recently, the College has received gifts toward the Maresca Endowment from the Kinney Drugs Foundation, Donna ’84 and Dr. Jeffrey Doyle, and Professor Emerita Margaret Vining. Dr. Doyle is an anesthesiologist at Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center. The Challenge was created with a $100,000 pledge by Dr. Michael and Barbara Maresca in May 2007 and has received $25,000 donations from the Massena Memorial Hospital Foundation and Canton-Potsdam Hospital. The Maresca Family also donated four $1,000 scholarships to nursing students for the 2007-2008 academic year.

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We are thankful to Henry and Macy Davis for making sure that SUNY Canton’s future will continue to grow. What they cultivated in the greenhouse will be reaped by generations to come.

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Fun Fact: Dave is looking forward to his 25th reunion this summer. Dave’s two favorite SUNY Canton students include his wife Lisa (McIntosh) ’83 & ’06 and his son Josh ’11.

Greenhouse continued

decided to leave $250,000 to the College that gave him his start.

He also knew he didn’t want any of the attention surrounding it. So Henry politely requested that we keep his gift a secret.

His wife Macy started working in the greenhouse in 1932. Jobs were tough to come by in those days of the Great Depression, but after marrying Henry in the summer of 1934, she was able to help him get a job in the greenhouse.

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He made $14 a week. She made $11 a week. And their combined salaries enabled them to live, in Henry’s words, “high on the hog” in Morley, particularly in comparison to so many others that were struggling at the time. He also fondly recalls a five bushel bonus of potatoes one fall.

Henry’s tenure at the greenhouse was interrupted for two and a half years to serve in the Navy during World War II. He fought in four different locations overseas, including the fierce Battle of the Bulge in Belgium in 1944 where nearly 80,000 Americans were killed, maimed, or captured. Like so many veterans, he didn’t speak much of that time.

The greenhouse eventually closed in 1949 because of complaints from local businesses that they had to compete with its output of produce and flowers. That led Henry to begin his electrical construction career.


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Heffering '51 Begins Bridge to Success Campaign

There is a symbolism to the bridges that allow students to travel over the Grasse River to and from SUNY Canton's beautiful campus. That symbolism is not lost on Alumnus R. Peter Heffering '51, who has started the Bridge to Success Campaign with a pledge of $165,000 over the next five years, including $115,000 to get the first year off the ground.

"I had been looking for a unique and impactful way to contribute to SUNY Canton," said Heffering. "Like so many other alumni, Canton gave me the basics that I needed to build a successful career."

The Bridge to Success Campaign has a specific goal in mind and that is to allow potential students to enter and stay in school when all of their other financial aid options, like scholarships and loans, have been exhausted.

"The $500 to $1,000 per student from the Bridge Fund will get these students started or allow them to continue to pursue their education," said Associate Director of Advancement Julie Parkman. "There is a real need for this funding, and we are so appreciative of Peter for recognizing the dramatic influence this fund will have."

Within the next several years, Heffering and the SUNY Canton Foundation are hoping the Bridge to Success Campaign will grow to more than $1 million with the help of fellow alumni and friends. That would allow for $50,000 per year to be available for students to walk across the bridge and make a better life for themselves, their families, and their communities.

Heffering is the owner and CEO of Hanover Hill Agri Consultants, Inc., in Port Perry, Ontario. He has previously been recognized by the College with the 2003 Distinguished Alumnus Award and a 2004 SUNY Honorary Doctorate Degree.

"I am grateful that Canton was there when I needed it and for the education I received from professors like Evan Dana," said Heffering. "I feel an obligation to help today's students and ensure that they have the same opportunity to obtain their dreams as we did. It is more imperative than ever that we, as alumni, realize that we can make a difference."

Heffering invites all alumni to cross the bridge together by investing a small amount in our youth today, so that they may create a better future for all of us.

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Fun Fact: Julie and her husband operate a small farm just outside of Canton.

Calling All Alumni

If 20% of our 27,000 alumni pledged $40 a year for the next 5 years, it would generate an endowment of more than $1 million.

In 1979, the state supported 78% of students’ expenses. Now it’s less than 30%.

Erica Amis of the Bronx helps the SUNY Canton Foundation during Phonathon.

Additional reasons why Peter Heffering started the Bridge to Success Fund:

• Education loans for students are not as readily available as they used to be.
• At least 85 percent of students need financial aid.
• There are not enough scholarships available to meet students’ needs.

For more information, visit our website at: www.canton.edu/foundation
From Canton to California

Stuart Welch ’83 has been riding a train of success that started at his apartment above the Hoot Owl in Canton.

He’s gone from studying data processing at college to becoming a private eye and creating a highly-successful security company, while maintaining an active role with youth in his community.

“It’s been an amazing ride,” Welch said. “After graduation, I moved to California and became a police officer. Then I opened my own business in 1993.”

Welch is the CEO of the Antioch, Ca.-based PeaceKeepers Security agency and has been featured on the cover of Success magazine.

The company provides security solutions, including uniformed guards, security camera installations, vehicle patrols, and private investigations, mostly by former police officers.

Lasting Relationships

Welch fondly recalls retired Intramural Director Eugene “Gino” Grobelny ’68, who to this day influences his life. “He kept me employed at the gym and used to beat me 21 to 2 in racquetball while wearing a weight vest,” Welch recalled.

Welch said Grobelny’s influence helped him to become actively involved with youth in his own life. Welch teaches part time, coaches youth basketball, and is a youth pastor at his church.

Memories of Canton

“We didn’t need an alarm clock when we lived above the Hoot Owl,” Welch said. “That morning train would come by and we’d know it was time to get up.”

Welch made it downstairs at the old train station a time or two as well. “I’d never experienced that side of life before,” he said, recalling parties at the Hoot Owl with a heartfelt chuckle. “Those were great times with great people.”

His Family

Welch and his wife Paula have two daughters, Chevelta, 19, and Chelsey, 16, and one son, Cayman, 10.

Mantras for Success:

“Mantra is always right,” Welch said. “Make them remember you.”

Welch is actively involved in many of the day-to-day tasks at PeaceKeepers in addition to being the managing director of the entire company. He refers to and is inspired by the management teachings of John Maxwell, who authored The 360-Degree Leader.

Giving Back

Welch recently met with SUNY Canton development associates at a college gathering in California.

“I give to SUNY Canton because the College gave so much to me,” Welch said.

Young Alum Recovers from Shooting

Criminal Investigation Alumnus John Madjerick ’06 wasn’t planning on growing a “mountain-man” beard, but the courageous Shreveport, Louisiana, police officer didn’t have a choice.

On Jan. 29, Madjerick was investigating a string of burglaries using a “knock and talk” approach with six other police officers. The investigation led to a brief chase that ended with a suspect pulling a compact Glock handgun and shooting Madjerick on the left side of his face.

“I don’t remember being shot, I only remember a huge vibration,” he recalled. “The next thing I remember was waking up in an MRI machine.”

The shooting happened less than a month after he proposed to his College girlfriend, Krista Walters ’06, who is the former student government president.

Both Walters and Madjerick hail from Philadelphia (New York).

Walters said her fiancé was making a remarkable recovery. “He has a hole we call a dimple in his cheek, and they had to make an incision from his chin to his ear to put his jaw back together,” she said. “But overall, his scars don’t look that bad.”

Surgeons repaired his broken jaw with a steel plate and nine screws. When the bullet exited, it fractured his C2 vertebrae, so he was bound in a neck brace.

“He had this mountain man beard going on, because he couldn’t shave,” Walters said.

Doctors estimated that it would take at least three months for Madjerick to recover. He recently said he was feeling “about 75 percent” and only taking Tylenol for the pain.

Perhaps the most inspiring part of his recovery has been his attitude. Madjerick wants to go back to work as soon as possible.

“I’m actually glad it happened to me and not someone else,” Madjerick said. “I know that I’m going to be fine with it.”

Madjerick secured his current employment from his senior Criminal Investigation internship with the Shreveport Police Department. Walters is working towards her master’s degree at Louisiana State University in Shreveport.

CELEBRITY STATUS – After recovering from a line-of-duty shooting, John Madjerick ’06 was invited to drop the puck at a Bossier-Shreveport Mudbugs hockey game.

NOTE: Madjerick’s alleged shooter fled the scene, but was later apprehended in Houston. He has pleaded not guilty to the charge of attempted first-degree murder of a police officer.
Devoted to Devising Devices

The career accomplishments of a 1976 alumnus can be found in hospitals and doctor’s offices around the world. And while he may not have a household name, he has positively affected millions of households worldwide.

With 10 medical device patents and a 2000 national award from Vice President Al Gore, the career of Fred Schweitzer has been quite remarkable.

The Electrical Engineering Technology major has spent the past 30 years in the medical device industry. In 2004, he was recognized by a prestigious trade publication, Medical Device & Diagnostic Industry (MD&DI), as one of the top 100 notable people in the industry.

“Recognition like this is not something you anticipate, but something you are honored to receive,” said Schweitzer. “A long career can have some high and low points, and something like this helps make it seem more worthwhile.”

After a 22-year career with Kendall/Tyco Healthcare, Schweitzer has spent the past nine years with Welch Allyn, Inc. in Skaneateles Falls, N.Y. He has held senior level positions in both Research and Development and Quality and Regulatory Affairs and is currently their Vice President of Special Operational Projects.

Welch Allyn is a privately-held, internationally-recognized manufacturer of innovative medical diagnostic equipment and therapeutic devices, cardiac defibrillators, patient monitoring systems, and miniature precision lamps. The company focuses on frontline caregivers—doctors’ offices, hospital emergency rooms, clinics, and skilled nursing facilities.

Schweitzer has also previously worked closely with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as an industry representative assisting with the rollout of regulations for design controls and the development of the quality system inspection technique (QSIT) currently used by FDA Investigators.

Schweitzer, who also earned a bachelor’s degree in Professional Studies/Business Administration in 1989, lives in Cicero with his wife Julie of 27 years. Their youngest daughter Kimberly is a junior at Seton Hall University in New Jersey and is a starting pitcher for the Pirates Division I softball team. Their oldest daughter Christie Folsom is now a business instructor at Bryant and Stratton College in Syracuse.

Vice President Gore’s Hammer Award recognized people and companies that developed and initiated programs that put customers first, empowered employees, and achieved results Americans care about.

Throughout his career, Schweitzer’s product and business development efforts have generated well over $200 million in annual sales.

“I can sincerely say that my years at SUNY Canton truly provided me with practical knowledge and skills that enabled me to make immediate contributions when I entered the workplace,” Schweitzer added. “This allowed me to gain recognition early in my career and certainly helped me achieve many of my goals.”

An Air Conditioning King

Several alumni are joining with the Alumni/Development Office to spearhead a campaign to honor Professor Emeritus Harry King ’40. The goal is to raise $100,000 to secure the naming opportunity for the Air Conditioning Laboratory and conduct a dedication ceremony on June 14 during Alumni Weekend.

King founded the heating and air conditioning program in 1946. His foresight and dedication initiated hundreds of successful careers for students.

Please consider joining fellow alumni in supporting this effort to honor one of SUNY Canton’s most influential professors.

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Fun Fact: Jeremiah has played lacrosse with Mike Sergi ’00 for better than 8 years, and both of his parents are alumni (Kim [Kourofsky] ’76, Carl ’82).

Meet: PEGGY LEVATO Director of Alumni/Development 315-379-3871 levatop@canton.edu

Fun Fact: Peggy started at SUNY Canton 10 years ago as a Chaney employee. She has traveled all over the country to meet fellow alumni.
Undertaking a Family Tradition

SUNY Canton has a remarkably high number of students and alumni whose parents or siblings also attended the College. That holds true for the Wilsey family, who graduated three mortuary science majors in three different decades.

Jack Wilsey ’76 was the first to attend SUNY Canton while preparing to join his father, Harold, in the family business at Seamon-Wilsey Funeral Home in Saugerties. He was followed by his brother Mark ’81, who owns the E.B. Gormley Funeral Home in Phoenicia, and then by his son Eric ’05.

“My grandfather was also a New York State licensed funeral director in Columbia County,” Jack said. “There is a tremendous personal satisfaction in knowing that the family business will be passed down to a fourth generation. My brother and I are very happy that Eric decided to join the business.”

Jack is the current president of the Ulster, Dutchess, and Putnam County Funeral Directors’ Association and is a highly active member of the Kiwanis Club in Saugerties.

Wilsey Memories

All of the Wilseys grew up with the incoming automotive student ship Endowment. Each year an $25,000 Leland Blevins Scholar-ship Endowment. Each year an $25,000 Leland Blevins Scholar-

Blevins Family Endows Future Scholars

The Blevins Brothers name is well known throughout the North Country for their family's four successful car dealerships. Now the Blevins want to make sure that their father's name is well known to future students of the SUNY Canton Automotive Technology program.

Paul, Dave ’72, Duane, Lynn ’79, John, and their three sisters, and mother have created the $25,000 Leland Blevins Scholarship Endowment. Each year an incoming automotive student will be awarded a scholarship in Leland's name.

“Dad gave us our start in the automotive business, so it made sense for us to honor him by presenting others with an opportunity to enter the industry,” said Dave.

Leland started the first Blevins dealership in Potsdam in 1969. He sold it to sons Paul and Duane in 1980. Dave and Lynn started the Ogdensburg Blevins Brothers in 1983. Blevins Ford in Gouverneur was added in 1990, and Team Blevins of Gouverneur was unveiled in 2006. The Potsdam dealership is run by Paul’s son John. The Blevins also run the RV Center in Potsdam and Blevins Route 11 Sales in Malone.

The four Blevins brothers have three sisters: Sherry, Connie, and Beth. They are a true North Country family with six of the seven siblings residing locally. Their father, Leland, passed away last spring at the age of 81.

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“I know Mom (Rita Blevins) is pleased that we've created this scholarship in Dad's name,” Lynn said. “Over the years, our businesses have benefited greatly from the hands-on training the College has provided our employees. I know all of the dealerships in the area appreciate the fact that it's done here locally.”

Lynn’s daughter Leanne ’09 is a Nursing major, as is Duane’s daughter Colleen ’08.

Granson Mike ’99 also attended SUNY Canton. Like his father Dave, he was an Engineering Science major. Mike played hockey during Head Coach Terry Martin’s final two years. The team went 55-4-3 in those seasons. Mike went on to play two more years and get his bachelor’s degree at Penn State. He is now the sales manager for Team Blevins in Gouverneur.

Giving Back

“SUNY Canton holds a place in my heart,” Jack said. “I know that my donations help the College's continual expansion and development.”

Jack met with development officers recently and proudly gave them a tour of a hockey rink constructed in Saugerties through his involvement with the Kiwanis Club.

Meet:

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Fun Fact: John played hockey for the North-stars and is an Alpha Theta Gamma brother.

WONDERFUL WILSEYS – Pictured are (l to r) Mark Wilsey ’81, Harold Wilsey, Eric Wilsey ’05 and Jack Wilsey ’76.

BLEVINS DONATION – Pictured are (l to r) Alumni/Development Associate Elizabeth Irvine ’02, Mike Blevins ’99, Dave Blevins ’72, Development Officer John Wilson Jr. ’00, and Lynn Blevins ’79.
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Your thoughts. Your memories. Your Canton.

CHriS MorriSey ’94
(Air conditioning engineering technology)
President, Morrissey Mechanical
Favorite quote - “to change is to Survive.”
Favorite professors - Dr. Arthur hurlbut and Marty clarke-Stone.
When i think of SUNY Canton - “i think of ‘Arriving as a boy and leaving as a man.’ i have told that to Dr. kennedy too.”
Hobbies - Morrissey owns and drives a stock car and is a bass guitar player in a band in Raleigh, N.C.
In college - “i was president of Delta Kappa Sigma fraternity in 1994. i miss socializing in the Greek community at school events.”
Why I give - “Friendships and life experiences compelled me to start a scholarship in memory of my biggest mentor in life, Joel Lynde.”
Morrissey is pictured with his wife Melissa and daughter Casady.

HEATHER (RUSAW) FAZIO ’93
(Individual Studies)
Owner, Document Bandit Consulting and IT Consultant for New York State’s Bureau of IT through Rockefeller College/SUNY Albany
Favorite quote - “Consistency is the last refuge of the unimaginative.” - Oscar Wilde
Best recent book - The Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follett
Favorite Professor - Christopher Nouryeh professor of Humanities.
Most useful thing learned from SUNY Canton - “I learned about personal responsibility and being accountable for your actions.”
Why I give - “i give to SUNY Canton because the years i spent there were some of the best of my life. Everyday i’m reminded of my time there in some way, and i want to make sure that others have the chance to experience SUNY canton as i did.”

JIM HEALY ’65
(Electrical Technology)
Retired Senior Programmer and Project Manager with IBM
Favorite professors - Richard W. Miller, Peter Nevaldine, Bill Viertel, and John Ouderkirk.
Most useful thing learned from SUNY Canton - “Bring very high standards to every effort and undertaking.”
Accomplishments - “After retirement, we sold our homestead, bought a boat, and went on a year-round cruise.” Jim and his wife Peg cruised America’s Great loop in 2007 traveling from Florida to the St. lawrence river and back down the Mississippi River.
When I think of college I think of - “Classmates, teachers I respected, the "old" campus, and living in Vetsville.”
Family Ties - Four of Jim’s five children attended SUNY Canton: Catherine ’84, James ’86, Paul ’89, and Patrick ’92. Peggy’s father Wesley William Rose graduated in 1949, and her mother Emma Rose worked at the College.

DR. DAN BENARDOT ’68
(Restaurant Management)
Georgia State University Associate Professor of Nutrition; Associate Professor of Kinesiology and Health; Graduate Program Director; Co-Director, Laboratory for Elite Athlete Performance
After graduation - “i earned my PhD in Nutrition and Health Planning from Cornell University in 1980.”
Favorite quote - “For every complex problem there is an answer that is clear, simple, and wrong.” - H. L. Mencken.
Most useful thing learned from SUNY Canton - “How to work successfully together with people of different backgrounds.”
When I think of college I think of - “The perfect combination of hard work, intellectual stimulation, and FUN!”
Why I give - “SUNY Canton makes a significant difference in the lives of its students. It successfully takes neophytes and turns them into productive individuals in a relatively short time.”

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(Air Conditioning Engineering Technology)
President, Morrissey Mechanical
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JENNIFER McDONALD
Physical Therapist, Assistant Professor
Doctorate of Physical Therapy, Simmons College 2006

Best recent book - Nineteen Minutes by Jodi Picoult.

What is something that you really want to do in the next 5 years? “Run another marathon.”

When I think of college - “In the 80’s, you could get Ben and Jerry’s factory seconds pints for 99 cents apiece at their shop in Burlington.” (Jen received her bachelor’s degree at UVM.)

Why I give - “Giving back is important to me. I like knowing that I can help support SUNY Canton in providing quality education and experiences for our students.”

KATHY LIMOGES ’80 and RENE CAMP-BELL
(Secretarial Science)
Kathy is a Secretary II and Renee is a Secretary in the School of Business and Public Service.
Awards -
Kathy: 2006 Employee of the Year award.
RENE: Women’s Concerns Club Woman of the Year 2003-04.
Favorite professor -
KATHY: Don Leonard.
RENE: All of the professors in the School of Business and Public Service!
Why I give - RENE: “I donated to the Nell Tooley Scholarship Fund; he was the father of my co-worker and close friend Kathy Limoges.”

KATHY WYCKOFF ’77
(Nursing)
Former Nurse Practitioner at Planned Parenthood of Northern New York
Community involvement - Hospice Board of Directors, Canton Unitarian Universalist Church Council
Hobbies - Quilting
Best recent book - Animal, Vegetable, Miracle by Barbara Kingsolver

Why I give - “I give so that others will have access to the same opportunities that I had. My Nursing education prepared me for a demanding, productive, and rewarding career. I appreciated the professionalism and generosity of the nursing faculty and administrators at SUNY Canton.”

DAVID LEE ’71
(Construction Engineering Technology)
President and Owner of David Lee & Company

SUNY Canton memories - Surveying the campus and the cold winters.
“My background from SUNY Canton and SUNY ESF was an excellent foundation for success. It is not necessarily what you learn (technical knowledge), it is more what you learn how to learn and how to problem solve.”

Business philosophy - “Make sure that what you do, you do well.”

Top achievement - “Having built a business that has become well known and well respected. This has allowed me to use the widest range of my abilities.”

Favorite professor - “Tom Dalton was a great instructor with a good sense of humor.”

Why I give - “You have to remember where you came from.”

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WALTER HAIG ’89 & ’90
(Civil Engineering Technology)
Director of Professional Services, Bentley Systems Incorporated

Favorite professor - Jack Phillips
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What you miss the most - Delta Kappa Sigma

JENNY McDONALD
Physical Therapist, Assistant Professor
Doctorate of Physical Therapy, Simmons College 2006

Best recent book - Nineteen Minutes by Jodi Picoult.

What is something that you really want to do in the next 5 years? “Run another marathon.”

When I think of college - “In the 80’s, you could get Ben and Jerry’s factory seconds pints for 99 cents apiece at their shop in Burlington.” (Jen received her bachelor’s degree at UVM.)

Why I give - “Giving back is important to me. I like knowing that I can help support SUNY Canton in providing quality education and experiences for our students.”

KATHY LIMOGES ’80 and RENE CAMP-BELL
(Secretarial Science)
Kathy is a Secretary II and Renee is a Secretary in the School of Business and Public Service.
Awards -
Kathy: 2006 Employee of the Year award.
RENE: Women’s Concerns Club Woman of the Year 2003-04.
Favorite professor -
KATHY: Don Leonard.
RENE: All of the professors in the School of Business and Public Service!
Why I give - RENE: “I donated to the Nell Tooley Scholarship Fund; he was the father of my co-worker and close friend Kathy Limoges.”

KATHY WYCKOFF ’77
(Nursing)
Former Nurse Practitioner at Planned Parenthood of Northern New York
Community involvement - Hospice Board of Directors, Canton Unitarian Universalist Church Council
Hobbies - Quilting
Best recent book - Animal, Vegetable, Miracle by Barbara Kingsolver

Why I give - “I give so that others will have access to the same opportunities that I had. My Nursing education prepared me for a demanding, productive, and rewarding career. I appreciated the professionalism and generosity of the nursing faculty and administrators at SUNY Canton.”

DAVID LEE ’71
(Construction Engineering Technology)
President and Owner of David Lee & Company

SUNY Canton memories - Surveying the campus and the cold winters.
“My background from SUNY Canton and SUNY ESF was an excellent foundation for success. It is not necessarily what you learn (technical knowledge), it is more what you learn how to learn and how to problem solve.”

Business philosophy - “Make sure that what you do, you do well.”

Top achievement - “Having built a business that has become well known and well respected. This has allowed me to use the widest range of my abilities.”

Favorite professor - “Tom Dalton was a great instructor with a good sense of humor.”

Why I give - “You have to remember where you came from.”

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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.

SOA (1906-1941)
Alice M. (Frank) McGovern '38, Redmond, WA, will be turning 91 in May. She’s hoping to attend her 70th reunion. She attended the 2003 reunion and said she was amazed at the growth of the College.

ATI (1941-1965)
Frances (Rood) Latham '42, Palm Harbor, FL, married Richard A. Latham '42 after graduation. Dick went on to earn his Electrical Engineering degree from Clarkson, and Frances earned a teaching degree.

Clarence A. Hansen '43, Madison, SD, retired in 1985 after 38 years of government service with the Department of Agriculture Rural Electrification Administration, the Department of the Army, and military service.

Constance Reed '43, Oneonta, worked at Rome Cable and did a tour of duty in the Navy. She went on to study at Syracuse University and earned an education degree from Columbia University.

Duane Oakleaf '48, Lady Lake, FL, retired from IBM after 34 years of service. He is amazed at how much SUNY Canton has grown. He said, “I wish I could return to visit again, however, my health probably won’t allow me to do so.”

David Patten '49, North Lawrence, retired from General Motors in Massena in 1986.


Valery Taylor '51, Baldwinsville, wished to say hello to the classes of ’50 and ’51. She asks, “Are we all going to make our 60th year reunion?”

Burton Mackenzie '52, New Smyrna Beach, FL, received a bachelor’s in Chemistry from Ohio State University in 1960. He retired in 1994 as a Technical Director at Lawrence Technology, Lawrence, KS.

June (Prichard) Litchfield '53, Brevard, NC, graduated from Temple University in 1976 and worked with the Bucks County, PA, Children and Youth Unit until her retirement in 1994. She said her degree in Food Service-Nutrition contributed greatly to her family's health.

Peter Morkovin '54, Syracuse, is the President of Morkovin Agency in Dewitt.

Joseph E. Penkala '54, Boston, MA, graduated from SUNY-ESF from the Paper Technology program in 1959.

Patricia A. (Nutting) Regan '54, Cape Vincent, is hoping to see everyone at Alumni Weekend this summer. She will be attending the Genealogy Lecture at Watertown on June 9 and would love to get in contact with others from the Class of ’54 in preparation for the 55th Reunion in 2009. Contact Regan at PO Box 729, Cape Vincent 13618 or email: PnutReg@cs.com.

Lionel Demers '55, Avon, OH, retired in 2000 and spends his time between homes in Ohio and Florida.

Albert F. Puttlitz ’56, Jericho, VT, received his PhD from Michigan Technological Service and is the Vice President of Education with IEEE Components, Packaging and Manufacturing Society.

Robert S. Harris '57, Montgomery, retired from NCR (a retail and financial technology company) after 43 years of service.

1958 – 50th Reunion Reminder

David T. Hall '58, Kisimmee, FL, officially retired from Disney World, but still works part time.

Warren E. Lizette ’59, Ogden, UT, resettled in Southern California and attended UCLA after college. He retired in 1992 from the Aerospace Division of Lear Siegler, Inc.

Hannah Albertson '60, Rochester, retired after working 37 years at Rochester General Hospital in the Dietary Department.

Lee R. Brooks '60, Brighton, MI, retired after a 40-year career that began after graduation at Bailey Meter Company and ended at Fisher Control. He said he received great training at ATI and was well prepared for his working life.

Robert C. Cunningham '60, Marion, NJ, went onto the University of Georgia to get a bachelor’s degree. He has been married for 39 years and has three sons and three grandchildren.

Frank Fiello '62, Syracuse, recently retired from his post as Principal of Franklin Magnet School.

Dr. Diana J. Collins ’63, Bedford, NH, switched from Accounting to Psychology. She has her doctorate in Psychology and more than 30 years of private practice. She is looking forward to retirement. “Hello AXO sisters!” she said.

Marcia (McGill-Sharpstene) Morris ‘63, Maiden, NC, retired in June 2007 after working 15 years with North Carolina School Food Service and 18 years with Sysco Corp.

John R. Callan '64, Batavia, has been retired from General Motors Engineering for almost 6 years following 37 years of service.

Kenneth Vondell '64, Chateaugay, retired from Suburban Propane in 2005.

Willard A. West '64, Castle Hayne, NC, spent 5 years with Rite Aid, 12 years with Kroger, and 14 years with an independent grocery store on an island off the coast of North Carolina.

ATC (1965-1987)
Albert A. Cordwell ’65, Daytona Beach, FL, retired after 30 years in careers with General Electric and Lockheed Martin.

Mike Moriarity '65, Henrietta, retired and moved into a new home that he designed.

Eugene A. Williams ’65, Clifton Park, retired in August 2004 after more than 38 years with the New York State Department of Tax and Finance. He would like to hear from ZAP brothers from 1964 to 1966 classes.

Kenneth R. LaBuff ’66, Plano, TX, retired after 33 years with EDS, a business and technology solutions company.

Alfonse S. Przybylowicz ’66, Alcove, said Canton ATC was an early catalyst in his life. He retired 10 years ago and is living in a log home surrounded by 82 acres of land. He enjoys recreational fishing, cooking, road trips, cruising, fishing, and making crafts. He gets lots of exercise with his grandchildren, Abigail and Cameron.

Irene (Gabor) Sarraino ’66, Avon Lake, OH, is an Administrative Assistant of 30 years at Avon Lake City Schools. Her husband passed away in 2007.

Gerald G. Stewart ’66, Peru, retired from his career as an aviation com-
Denise (Guimond) Bopp ’69, Kissimmee, FL, retired in 2000 after 32 years at Xerox Corporation. She is now an Ace Certified Personal Trainer and Fitness Instructor in Florida.

Linda H. Albrecht ’70, Russell, retired from Clarkson University in 2005 after 25 years as a Research Administrator. She and her husband Alfred spend their winters in Goodyear, AZ.

Marc V. Mero ’70, Rouses Point, retired in 2007 after 36 years with Wyeth Pharmaceuticals. He has two children and five grandchildren. He still ice skates and rollerblades, but the love of his life is his Harley-Davidson. Last year he rode to Canton for the ATG reunion. He said it was great to see Professor Emeritus Richard W. Miller again and he loved to reminisce at the campus. Contact Mero at mmero@twcny.rr.com.

Larry K. Hudnall ’71, Russellville, AR, went back into the Marine Corps for 10 years after Canton. He has worked for Carrier Corp. and held several positions with Ford, Lincoln, and Mercury dealerships. He is married with two children and two grandchildren.

Linda M. (Bolda) Pekarsky ’71, Manlius, earned her bachelor of science in Nursing from Dr. Youville in 1973 and her master’s in Health Services Management from the New York State University, New York City. She and her husband have two daughters and a son. “I’d like to thank SUNY Canton’s professors for teaching me to be a good nurse and patient advocate,” she said.

Judy (Fairchild) Voss ’73, New Smyrna Beach, FL, received a bachelor of science in Nursing from California State University in 1980. She is certified in Hospice and Palliative Care Nursing and also in Thanatology. She is the President of E-O-L Publishing Corporation and author of three books on end-of-life care.

Thomas E. Forbes ’74, Watertown, retired from the Watertown City Fire Department this year with the rank of Battalion Chief.

Amy Jo (Gore) Weil ’76, Potsdam, has switched careers and began working at the SUNY Potsdam day care center this year. She would love to hear from classmates and friends from ATC.

Toni L. (Abare) Trautman ’77, Lancaster, PA, is the Branch Manager of WYETH Pharmaceuticals. He has retired in 2007 after 36 years with Wyeth Pharmaceuticals. He has two children and five grandchildren. He still ice skates and rollerblades, but the love of his life is his Harley-Davidson. Last year he rode to Canton for the ATG reunion. He said it was great to see Professor Emeritus Richard W. Miller again and he loved to reminisce at the campus. Contact Mero at mmero@twcny.rr.com.

Kevin M. Wells ’80 (Criminal Justice) was elected St. Lawrence County Sheriff in November 2007. Wells is currently working on the new $33 million County Jail project.

Contemporary Personnel in York, PA, and recently became a grandmother.

Judith A. LaDuc ’78, Saranac Lake, is working at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst as the Associate Biological Safety Officer of Environmental Health and Safety. “It’s a great job, and there’s something new everyday!” she said.

Neil A. Dorr ’81, Greensboro, NC, was promoted to Reimbursement Manager-Physician Practices at the Regional Cancer Center at Moses Cone Health System.

Susan E. (Randall) Segreti ’81, Liverpool, is working at the Veterans Administration in the Intensive Care Unit at the Crouse School of Nursing and will be receiving her master’s from SUNY Upstate Medical in May. She will be starting her doctoral studies at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. “SUNY Canton gave me an excellent start,” she said.

Susan E. (Watson) Voelkers ’81, Yorktown, VA, will graduate in May 2008 from Thomas Nelson Community College, Hampton, VA, with a legal assistant certification and plans to pursue her paralegal degree. She started working for a local attorney with a private practice in January.

William S. Wadsworth ’81, Geneseo, was elected as Town Supervisor.

John R. Brown ’82, Rochester, recently co-founded The Premier Partners, a recruitment and employment solutions company based in Rochester, NY. In addition, John is President of Brown Recruiting Group, Inc. He earned his bachelor’s in Business Administration at RIT. John can be reached at johnbrown@thepremierpartners.com.

Eileen M. (Knipper) Ganley ’82, Niskayuna, recently accepted a position for a Supreme Court Judge in Albany. She previously worked for Gov. Pataki.


Theresa L. (Deering) Curtis ’83, South Burlington, VT, recently changed jobs and is working with a veterinary surgeon in a new specialty hospital.

Carola (Oehmsen) Vivian ’83, George, IA, is mourning the loss of her husband, John Joseph Vivian. She said her son plans to continue his education and football career in the fall at Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge. She partially owns and operates her family business, Oehmsen Midwest, and is working in a rewarding career at a local nursing home.
Dietrich '83 teaches riding at her beautiful Davjen Farm in Nassau.

Mark C. Benedetto '84. Liverpool, graduated from LeMoyne College with a bachelor's in Business Management.

Michael A. Noble '85, Canton, was recently elected to serve as Chair- man of the St. Lawrence County Workforce Investment Board, which oversees the operation of the One-Stop Career Center.

SUNY Canton (1987-Present)

John F. Paddock '88, Simsbury, CT, married Cheryl Sousa in 1997. They have two daughters, Katelyn and Jenna. Paddock served 14 years in the Navy Reserve.

Andrea J. Scott '91, Saratoga Springs, left C&S Wholesale Grocers after 7 years as the Transportation Supervisor to join the family business, D.C. Scott, Inc., in 2002.

Daniel R. Dennis '91, Ephrata, PA, recently adopted a son, Joshua Daniel, born Nov. 5, 2007. Dan has been an estimator for a commercial contractor for the past 5 years and thoroughly enjoys his job.

Jacky L. (Gardinier) Toombs '91, Minoa, has one daughter, Gabriel Ryan, 3, and one son, Briar Robert, 5. She is working for NurseCore as an LPN.

Michael R. Rose '94, Oswego, married Rebecca L. Hill in 1996. They have a daughter, Rachel, 6.

Cassandra L. (Bendley) LaRock '96, Ogdensburg, has been teaching in the Ogdensburg City School District as a Special Education Teacher for 8 years. Cassandra and her husband, Daren, recently built a new house in Lisbon. They have two children, Jackson, 5, and Benjamin, 4. They enjoy snowmobiling, four-wheeling, and playing outside with the boys.

James E. Planty '99, Lakeland, FL, and his wife will be celebrating their 25th anniversary. They have been living in Central Florida since the summer of 2000.

Joseph R. Lawrence '02, Marietta, received a master's degree in Soil Science from Cornell University in January and started a new job as Agronomist for Lewis County Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Patrick C. Sullivan '02, Portland, ME, recently moved to Charlotte, NC, near his friend and hockey teammate Matthew E. Telfer '01.

Kelli J. (Duncan) Lawrence '03, Marietta, started a new job as a Veterinary Technician with Countryside Veterinary Clinic in Carthage.

Steve M. Smutz '03, Slattington, PA, was recently promoted to Sales Manager at Martin Sprocket and Gear. He has two sons, Michael and Travis.

Aaron J. Hoff '05, Oneida, will be graduating from RIT in May 2008 with a BS in Mechanical Engineering Technology. He will start working for Toyota Motor Engineering and Manufacturing. He recalled good times at Dillon M. Bogart’s ‘05 wedding where he met up with David M. Cortright ‘05.

Valerie Harrington '07, Massena, is a member of the St. Lawrence Area Poets (SLAP). They hold readings at the Fields Coffee House in Potsdam and The Blackbird Cafe and the Partridge Cafe in Canton. She credits Associate Professor Cindy Daniels for developing her passion for writing.

HEAD OF THE CLASS – Scott R. Wickham '91 is a Business Teacher and Department Chair at Saugerties Central School District.

ISLAND WEDDING – Eric A. Paulding '84 married Debbie (Way) on October 20, 2007, on a St. Thomas beach in the Virgin Islands.

MARRIAGES

Kris Allen Murdock '86 & Shelly A. (Smith) Murdock, September 15, 2007

Larraine A. (Ralston) Farella '88 & Joseph S. Farella, October 6, 2007

Becky Sue (Abare-Ehrig) Thomas '89 & Shane C. Thomas, August 18, 2007

Jason Paul Cole '92 & Kristie Lee (Desgrosiellier) Cole, August 18, 2007

Chad W. Green '94 & '99 & Catherine A. (Peets) Green, October 6, 2007

Shari L. (Pinkerton) Kampnich '95 & Augustus J. Kampnich, September 15, 2007

Katherine A. (McDonald) Szczesny (Attended in ‘97 -’99) & Brian J. Szczesny, June 30, 2007

Liza M. (Bennett) Aldous '98 & Daniel L. Aldous, June 30, 2007


Beth L. (Gardner) Borelli '00 & Gregory J. Borelli, October 13, 2007

Shelby L. (Moore) Ploof '00 & Daniel Ploof, October 20, 2007

Jason Amell '02 & Tracy (Southwick) Amell, September 22, 2007

Sharon M. (Powers) Evans '02 & Thomas J. Evans, August 11, 2007

Joshua P. Tupia '02 & Lindsay K. (Pelkey) Tupia, September 29, 2007


Jennifer M. (Jones) Fleury '03 & Matthew Fleury, May 5, 2007

Kyle J. Tyo '03 & Allisja J. (Bump) Tyo '03, August 18, 2007

Lucas J. Manning '04 & Sarah B. (Rounds) Manning, September 1, 2007

Corey R. Page '04 & Janelle M.
Adam L. Wood ’04 is working with Aristeo Rigging and Erectors on the wind turbines at Chateaugay and Ellenburg.

(Milestone Anniversaries)

Gerald M. O’Brien ’39 & Catherine (Doud) O’Brien – 50th Anniversary
Joseph E. Parisan ’57 & Constance J. Parisan ’57 – 50th Anniversary
Larry A. Rocker ’57 & Jennettie L. (LaVare) Rocker – 50th Anniversary
Phillip H. Scott ’62 & Rose (Mosher) Scott – 40th Anniversary

IN MEMORY
Macy E. Davis, Friend
Bessie D. (Durham) Gokey, Friend
Emma M. McMasters, Friend
Donald R. Smith, Friend
Agnus White, Friend
Glenn E. Wright, Former Vice President of Administrative Services
Frank W. Young, Friend
Ray Leonard ’28
Wilda G. (Neil) Hutchinson ’31
Dorothy R. (Rutherford) Wilson ’35
Louise (Gates) Devoy ’36
Edward Zahler ’36
E. Lyle Richardson ’37
Mary R. (Beaman) Judd '38
G. Elmer Drummond ’39
Katherine P. (Phelps) Reddick ’39
Doris A. (Jenkins) Martin ’41
Tomasina G. (O’Connor) Eggimann ’46
Marie (Rodee) Zeh ’46
Martha (Cooke) Courtenay ’48
William A. Walldruff ’48
Clela W. (Whitmore) Estes ’49
Margaret F. (Phillip) Schnitterg ’49
Darwin Gensel Sr. ’50
John Maybee ’50
Bernard M. Donovan ’51
Eugene A. Fuller ’51
Byron J. Short ’51
Carlton E. Kellogg ’53
Kermit W. Dyke ’56
Donald B. Grow ’56
James V. Thompson ’57
Joseph L. Leger ’60
Albert W. Smith ’62
Gary N. Otman ’64
Michael C. Sharlow ’65
Lawrence J. “Mac” McCormick ’66
Joyce Y. (LaClair) Marlowe ’69
Phillip S. Barbour ’70
Robert Wilfred Drake (Attended in ’70 & ’71)
Patricia M. (McCaffrey) Casper ’72
Jon D. Frary ’72
Frederick C. Phelps ’72
Kenneth Woods, Jr. ’72
Avis (Brown) McGuiness ’73
Yvonne A. (Swem) Bulger ’77
Peter Silver ’77
Dennis W. Dye ’78
Michael L. Rotundo ’78
Clayton “Tex” Matthys ’79
Russell N. O’Coin ’79
Jean M. (McCargar) Putnam ’79
Costas J. Anagnostopoulos ’86
Edmund J. Barr ’87
Michael A. Black ’87
Helen (Gordon) Cardinell ’89
Roger B. Holquist ’89
Christopher J. Baldon ’91
Richard B. Bedford, Jr. ’91
Randy Delosh ’93
Chad R. Martin ’93
Catherine A. (Cherris) Colon ’95
Franklin T. Barr, Sr. ’96
Dwain A. Stevens ’97
Michael W. Gagnon ’05
Justin M. Farrell ’08

Fantastic Flanagans
Tina Flanagan ’03 and Tod work at SUNY Canton, donate to the Foundation, and take classes as well. Tina is a Calculations Clerk 2 in the Business Office and is taking courses toward her bachelor’s degree in Technology Management. Tod is a Senior Groundsworker and is taking courses part time toward his associate degree in Business Administration.

Why we give:
Tod: “I wanted to help students in the athletic programs.”
Tina: “I was given a scholarship while attending SUNY Canton, and it helped me greatly. I want to be able to do the same for others.”

Our Remarkable Friend
Our oldest known alumnus Ray Leonard ’28 passed away in January at the age of 101. We’ll always fondly remember Ray as a remarkable and humble person. We’re indebted to him for allowing us to celebrate his 100th birthday with him in his hometown of Dexter. He had an incredibly sharp mind for any age, and he was a joy to visit with. His memories of College icons such as Lottie Southworth and Dr. Payson helped better connect us to the long and storied history of our school.

After Canton
Social Networks: Making Connections

SUNY Canton has unveiled two online social networks to help further link today’s web-savvy students, prospective students, and alumni with the College.

“Similar to social network sites like Facebook, MySpace, and LinkedIn, we’ve decided to create our own SUNY Canton specific social networking sites,” said SUNY Canton President Joseph L. Kennedy. “This is one of the primary ways young people meet and communicate. We want to utilize the technologies that students are using to help ease their transition into college life or help our alumni reconnect with their alma mater.”

The College constructed “Be a Roo” for admitted students who plan on attending SUNY Canton in Fall 2008 and “MyCanton” for current students and alumni. Both are user-controlled and self-modifiable networking gateways that allow users to select friends, create a photo gallery, stream music, and communicate via message board or “wall” posts.

MyCanton will also help create connections between current students and alumni at the College. Alumni can mentor students, find out about current happenings on campus, lend insight into post-graduate career opportunities, or even make a job offer to a qualified senior.

Alumni & current students who want to join “MyCanton”
webmaster@canton.edu

Admitted students who want to join “Be a Roo”
superroo@canton.edu

Residence Renovations

New 52” plasma TVs, foosball tables, ping-pong tables, re-felted pool tables, air hockey, and more were part of the recent overhaul in residence halls.

“Every night the game rooms are full of students watching TV, socializing, and playing pool,” said Director of Residence Life Courtney Battista.

Convenient Additions

Each residence now has its own mini store. Students can get snacks and other staples of college life without having to step outdoors.

New vibrant paint schemes and poster-sized photos of campus activities have also added to the new atmosphere.

“The students frequently tell us how much they appreciate the changes,” Battista added.

Alumni Feedback

The highly-respected research company Carnegie Communications recently performed an extensive analysis and assessment of several aspects of SUNY Canton.

Among their informative and developmental findings were:

• More than 80 percent of alumni have recommended the College to a prospective student.
• Alumni stay connected with the College via After Canton, email updates, and the web site.
• Alumni feel particularly connected to their former professors and their individual programs.

“I loved working with teachers who were real professionals, not just educators,” one surveyed alumnus said.

Specific comments from alumni on what they most liked about the College included:

• The availability of the staff, professors, and advisors.
• The accommodating professors, relatively small classrooms, affordability, and treatment of students.
Steel Bridge Team Sweeps Regionals

The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Student Steel Bridge Team has won the Upstate New York ASCE Student Conference again!

The competition was held at the United States Military Academy at West Point. “This was the first year that ASCE offered a conference title and we won it,” said Andrew Durrin, ASCE Steel Bridge Captain and SUNY Canton Civil Engineering Technology student from Plattsburgh.

The students won first place in the Steel Bridge competition, the West Point Bridge Designer Contest, and the mystery competition, which led them to accumulate the points necessary to take home the conference title and an impressive number of trophies.

“The competition is getting better all the time,” pointed out Robert Blickwedhl, ASCE Chapter advisor and Civil Engineering Technology faculty member. “We still have a lot of work to do before the National Student Steel Bridge Competition.”

SUNY Canton has won the competition 12 times in the last 14 years, according to ASCE Advisor Paul Hitchman, an Instructional Support Associate in the Civil Engineering Technology department.

The students faced fierce competition from universities and colleges including SUNY Buffalo, Clarkson, University of Quebec Ecole de Technologie Superieure in Montreal, Rochester Institute of Technology, SUNYIT, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and Cornell.

The SUNY Canton team departs for the University of Florida on May 21 to compete in the 2008 national competition. Alumni are invited to attend the event along with Development Officers who will be traveling with the team. To help the team cover their expenses, contact the SUNY Canton Foundation 315-386-7527.

Sweet Georgia Gatherings

(l to r) Obermayer, Cindy Mayette Youlton ’77, and Elizabeth F. Irvine ’02.

Form Your Group

There are SUNY Canton alumni all over the country. You may be surprised how many live near you. Let the Alumni/Development Office help you form a group in your area for an enjoyable gathering. It’s easy, fun, and rewarding.

For more information:
ELIZABETH F. IRVINE ’02
Alumni/Development Associate
315-386-7669
irvine10@canton.edu

Fun Fact: One of the primary contacts for SUNY Canton Alumni. Send her your updated contact information to make sure that we can stay in touch. While you are at it, tell her what you’ve been up to!

Meet

KELLY (HEISE) OBERMAYER ’79
Southeast Regional Director of Alumni Affairs
800-811-6727
obermayerk@canton.edu

Fun Fact: Kelly works from her home in South Carolina. In February, Obermayer met with alumni and friends in Atlanta, Georgia.

(l to r) back row, Cindy Spicer, Elizabeth F. Irvine ’02, Debra C. (Fowler) Steen ’78, Obermayer, front row, James W. Spicer ’56, James Steen ’78.

(l to r) back row, Carlos A. James ’67 and his wife Renee, Minor Carter, Obermayer, Ralyn (Schwartz) Winston ’69, Eric A. Paulding ’84, and Elizabeth F. Irvine ’02, front row, Jane (Majercik) O’Shea ’75, Peggy (Cherrier) Speegle ’68, Debbie Paulding, and Brenda M. Thompson ’73.
Alumni Weekend 2008

Friday, June 13

11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Half-Century Luncheon
Honoring the Class of 1958

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Afternoon Tea with Mrs. Kennedy

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
Beer and Soda Tasting

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
3rd Annual Clambake & Chicken Barbecue

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Live music with Fred and the Eds

Saturday, June 14

9:30 am - 11:00 am
SUNY Canton Fear Factor: Canton’s Ropes Course

10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Antique Car Show

10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Pit Crew Challenge

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Meet and Greet - Nursing Alumni

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Canino School of Engineering Technology Barbecue

10:00 pm
Dorm Social: Music, Refreshments & Games

Sunday, June 15

8:30 am - 10:00 am
Farewell Breakfast

Special Reunions
Class of 1958
Class of 1983
Automotive Technology
Electrical Engineering Technology
Hac’Kers
Nursing