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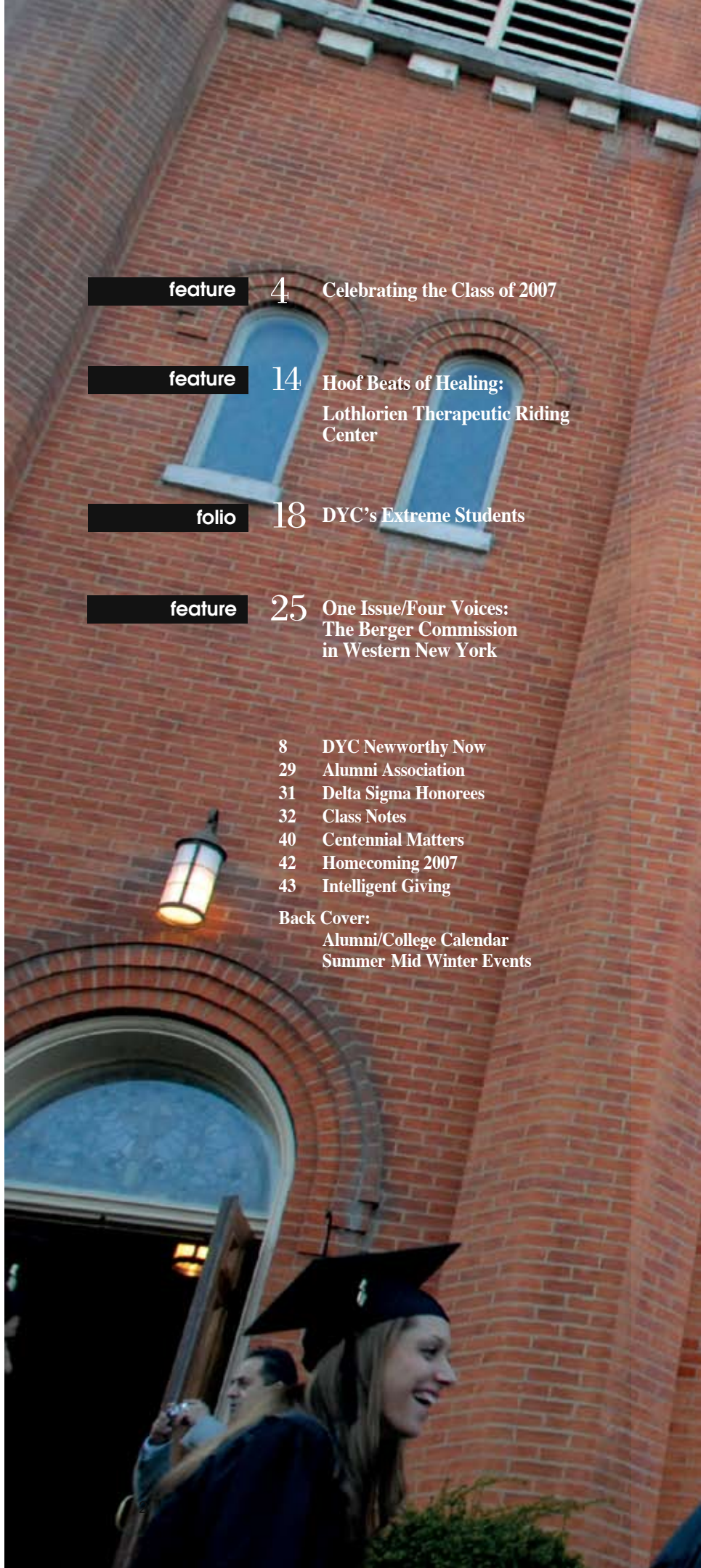
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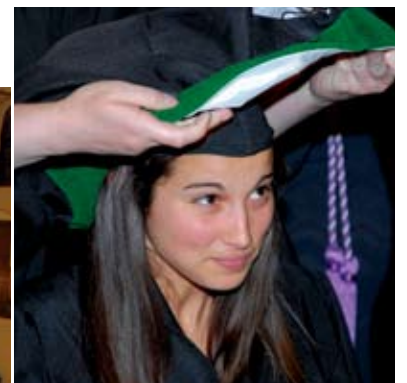
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Celebrating the Class of 2007





Honorands Robert E. Rich, Jr. and Mindy Rich with Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, president

To the strains of Charpentier's "Te Deum," a record number of D'Youville students processed down the aisles of Kleinhans Music Hall on Saturday, May 19, for the College's 99th Commencement exercises.

An unprecedented seven hundred thirty-three students were awarded bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees.

In her remarks, Sister Denise A. Roche, president of the College, said, "D'Youville is proud not only of the number of graduates this year, but of their quality and commitment to service. Also, this year it is exciting to have the first graduates to receive doctoral degrees. We can expect to have these graduates make significant and transforming accomplishments during their lifetimes. They are well prepared to meet the challenges they will face."





Honorary degrees were awarded to Robert E. Rich, Jr., chairman of Rich Products Corporation, one of Buffalo's Fortune 500 companies, and the president and CEO of the Bison, Wichita and Jamestown minor-league baseball teams, and to his wife Mindy Rich, vice chair of the corporation. Mrs. Rich is also the president of Rich Entertainment Group, which oversees baseball interests, entertainment and a travel agency.



In their joint remarks, the couple provided the graduates with powerful, practical advice. The first was to get a job that is a step along the way: *It gets you launched.* The second was to be passionate about what you do: *Don't hesitate to take a discounted job to get hired.* The third was especially important advice: *Never stop learning. College taught you to learn.* Finally: *Success is about doing something.*





Following the ceremony, graduates spilled out onto the lawn of Kleinhans Music Hall to be met with warm hugs and joyous greetings from family, spouses, children and friends.





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Leading Critic of Student Testing Speaks at D'Youville

An insider's look at education and what is wrong with it was offered on March 31 when Dr. William Cala spoke on "Many Children Left Behind: How and Why the Federal and State Governments are Harming Children and Destroying Public Education." The Issues in Education Seminar, sponsored by D'Youville College's Doctoral Programs in Education, was held on campus.

Cala, retired superintendent of the Fairport Central School District in Fairport, N.Y., is a vocal critic of New York state's testing policy and is a leader in the fight to hold the New York State Education Department accountable for the consequences of high-stakes testing. He supports the idea of a national diploma based on demonstrated proficiency, not test scores.

The Fairport District covers grades K through 12 with an enrollment of approximately 7,200 students and more than 1,100 professional and support staff members.

Cala has been published nationally and has been a guest essayist in major newspapers. He has decried the dangers of relying on standardized exams to determine school ratings and student promotion. "The gap in performance between large urban centers and other public schools has widened. ... Staff development no longer addresses teacher improvement, but rather test scoring

and alignment of curricula to the test," he said in a *Washington Post* article. "And nationally, good teachers are fleeing the profession and students are dropping out of school."

He has fought against a "one-size-fits-all" diploma and feels flexibility in testing treats children of various backgrounds fairly. Despite petitions and countless letters, the New York Commissioner of Education and the Board of Regents have ignored this concept.

"As the new state requirements are implemented, it has become increasingly clear that if no child is to be left behind, it is imperative that we provide a meaningful educational experience for those whose strengths lie in areas not defined by the narrow state guidelines and not measured only on pen-and-pencil tests. It is critical that all students have access to a diploma that is rigorous and meaningful, that embodies enough flexibility to allow for the differences among children," he said.

In 2004, Dr. Cala was honored by Phi Delta Kappa International, which presented him with the Presidential Award for Exceptional Education Leadership. He also received the George Eastman Award for Courage and Leadership in Public Policy. The National Underground Railroad Center named him and his wife Joanne, Freedom Heroes.



DYC Establishes Two Programs in Greece

D'Youville College has entered into an agreement with Trinity International School of Tourism Management based in Crete, Greece, that will establish a study abroad program for students enrolled at both institutions through a five-year, two-degree program in dietetics and international business.

The international business program at DYC will allow Trinity students to complete their hospitality and tourism management studies and expand their international focus through D'Youville's graduate program in IB.

Students in the dual-degree dietetics and IB programs will earn a bachelor's and a master's degree and attend both Trinity and D'Youville. The study abroad program will have students studying at the respective institutions for one or two semesters and is scheduled to start in spring 2008.

Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, president of D'Youville College, traveled to Crete with a delegation from the College to work out details of the programs and sign the agreement. Nikos Skoulas, president of Trinity, was the signatory for his institution.

"The study abroad opportunity will open new doors to our students in dietetics and international business and give them first-hand experience in today's world economy," she said. "Studying and touring Crete and the other historical areas of Greece will be a wonderful learning experience. It will also bring diversity to D'Youville by bringing students from that part of the world to our campus."

Trinity, situated on Greece's largest island, is an English-speaking institution with an international focus on education to meet the needs of the hospitality and tourism industry. The school offers bachelor and associate degrees as well as diploma programs in three areas: hospitality and tourism management; convention, events and exhibition management; and food, beverage and culinary management.

The dietetics program reflects a growing demand in Europe for university-level, research-based professional education in food science and nutrition, according to Skoulas. It will allow some specifically qualified students of Trinity's to pursue graduate education in this highly specialized field within D'Youville's accredited dietetics program and, after completing the two-degree program, to take the licensing examination of the American Dietetic Association.



White Coat and Pinning Highlight PA Ceremony

The D'Youville College physician assistant department held its annual White Coat and Pinning Ceremony on May 9 in the College Center. Approximately 60 students participated in the ceremony.

Students, faculty and guests heard Audrey Smith, president of the Western New York Physician Assistant Association, and a D'Youville graduate, speak.

The donning of the white coat signifies the student's transition from a traditional physician assistant student to a student intern in the field. These students are in their third year of D'Youville's five-year program.

The white coat ceremony originated at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons where it involves a formal robing of incoming medical students. Today

numerous medical and health care schools hold the ceremony signifying the student's entrance into the medical field.

"The graduating students' pinning indicates they are making the transition from intern to qualified physician assistant professional and will graduate at commencement in May," according to Maureen F. Finney, chair of the program at D'Youville. "It is a way to formally recognize student achievement at the conclusion of their physician assistant education."

Pinning dates back to the 1880s and signifies the integrity and tradition of badges worn by the healers and crusaders of care.

Approximately sixty percent of the students in D'Youville's program, which began in 1993, already hold a degree in another field.

Nursing Department Developments



Teddy Bear Clinics Teach Children About Health

In late March, twenty D'Youville College nursing students held their annual Teddy Bear Clinic at West Side Community Services and the Northwest Buffalo Community Center for children ages six to twelve.

The clinic used the children's teddy bears to teach them about health, bicycle safety, dental and hand hygiene, the importance of being active and of taking their bears or dolls for a "well bear visit" at a Teddy Bear Clinic. Children saw what it is like as their furry friends received vaccinations and had a physical. Bears with scratches, tears or holes had their "boo-boos" patched by the student nurses.

"As nursing students, we understand the importance of educating the public about their health. By holding Teddy Bear Clinics we are enabling little ones to learn aspects of health early. Bringing their teddy bear or doll to the mock clinic enables them to learn why vaccinations are important and, hopefully, it makes visiting the doctor not an intimidating or scary experience," says Lorene Keem, Student Nursing Association president.

"These clinics allow the children to understand how their bodies work, what nutrients are and their importance, and why germs affect us, all while taking their best furry friend for a 'well bear visit'."

Over one hundred children were served at the annual event.

DYC Receives Federal Nursing Workforce Diversity Grant

In June 2007, D'Youville College received notice from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that its Nursing Workforce Diversity Program application has been selected for funding for three years. The grant, in part, sustains and expands the Touch Lives-Be a Nurse program that was initiated under a previously awarded grant from the John R. Oishei Foundation.

The purpose of the Nursing Workforce Diversity Program is to provide federal funding for projects to increase nursing education opportunities for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, including racial and ethnic minorities underrepresented among registered nurses, through pre-entry and retention programming.

The goals are to increase the number of minority individuals who choose nursing as a career path, to develop and implement educational environments and provide support services which address the needs of high school students preparing for nursing school and of undergraduate BSN students from educationally and/or economically disadvantaged backgrounds, and to offer scholarships to eligible minority nursing students to help defray the cost of college education.

The pre-entry preparation component is designed to ensure academic success through enrichment activities and academic interventions designed to prepare students from disadvantaged backgrounds to increase their competitiveness for entry into and graduation from the D'Youville College nursing program. The target population will be high school students residing in and/or attending public schools in Buffalo's West Side neighborhoods, particularly Grover Cleveland High School. Each year, twenty-five 10th, 11th and 12th grade low-income, underrepresented students will be recruited.

The retention component will help academically and economically disadvantaged students, especially those from underrepresented populations, successfully complete the

BSN program at D'Youville. Twenty-five undergraduate BSN students will be selected annually to participate in this project. The program simultaneously will address academic improvement, student retention, postsecondary enrollment and postsecondary persistence. To achieve this end, participants will receive on-going services, e.g., tutoring, mentors, study groups, counseling and financial support.

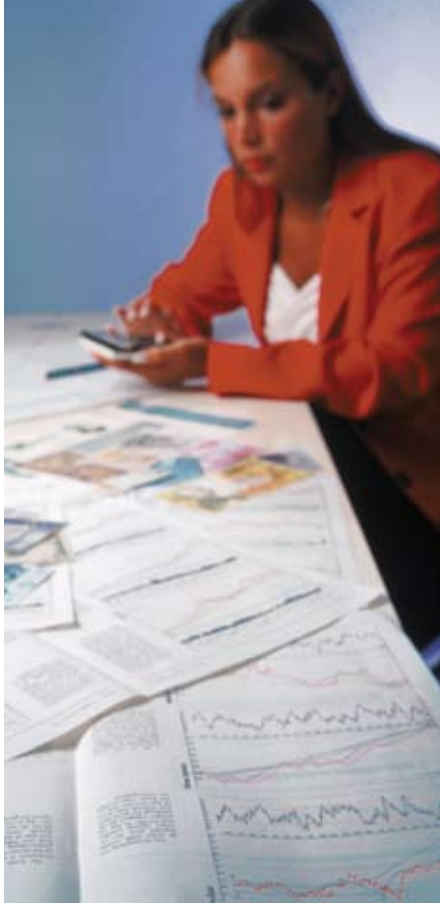
Perry Grant Prepares Minority Students for Nursing

The Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo has awarded a \$23,555 grant to D'Youville College to develop and implement a summer pre-college program for academically disadvantaged minority students who wish to enter the College's nursing program. The funds were made available through the generosity of the J. Warren Perry and Charles Donald Perry Memorial Trust held by the foundation.

The five-week program will be developed this fall and offered in the summer of 2008. Approximately 15 students will attend the first program. It will help reduce the attrition rate of minority students in the undergraduate nursing program, according to Gabrielle Jazwiecki, director of grants development at D'Youville. "We plan to expand our chemistry preparatory summer program and emphasize biology and mathematics, which are challenging to these students. Also included will be skills to adjust to the demands of college life, such as time management, conceptualization, social integration, the setting priorities and stress management," she said. "To our knowledge, this type of program is not offered at any other college/university with a bachelor's degree program in nursing."

Erie County currently has a shortage of approximately 1,000 nurses and the diversity of the nurse workforce is less than that of the general population, according to a report issued by U.S. Senator Charles Schumer.

"Many of the minority applicants to our nursing program are first-generation college students from low-income families and are poorly prepared in basic study skills, conceptualization and writing techniques. This program will provide the additional coursework and expertise needed to bridge the academic gap," Jazwiecki said.



SIFE Team Ranks in Top 12 in Nation

The D'Youville Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team competed at the SIFE national competition in Dallas, Texas, in May and finished in the top 12 in the nation as second runner-up. Over 950 colleges in the United States participate in SIFE programs.

D'Youville students gave several presentations on community projects the team had done this year and had a standing-room-only audience each time. NYC SIFE president Greg Ayers and SIFE faculty advisor Michael Smith had a chief officer from Best Buy approach them to say, "The work you have done is amazing, considering you do not have the same funding as the large schools. We could see that you put your hearts into all of your projects and the impact on your community can be seen through the way you presented today. You truly do a great service to your community and you should be very proud and please, please, keep up the good work!"

D'Youville students were offered interviews, made business contacts and gained national attention at the SIFE jobs fair in Dallas. Over 50 major companies were present for recruiting purposes.

Congratulations to all the NYC SIFE presenters: Greg Ayers, vice president Vincent Dunston Sr., vice president Magdalena Komoriko, secretary Jenny Carpenter, Barbara Veres and Dale Martin. The presentation was run by SIFE member Monique Skinner.



Athletics Department Developments

Many NYC Student-Athletes Honored

D'Youville College student-athletes were honored at the North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC), regional and national levels, during the winter months.

Women's basketball player Heather Russell received Player of the Week honors by the NEAC for the week ending February 11th. Russell also received Upstate New York Player of the Week by the Eastern College Athletic Conference, marking the first time a Lady Spartan basketball player has received regional honors.

Men's volleyball player Clinton Gilliland was honored as Division III National Player of the Week for the week ending January 28th. It was the seventh time a Spartan men's volleyball player has won national weekly honors.

Men's volleyball players receiving conference Player of the Week honors were Chris Flierl, John Kofmehl, John Colosi and Alex Sikorski.

New Men's Soccer Coach Joins NYC Staff

Director of athletics Brian Cavanaugh is pleased to announce the hiring of Matthew McCormick as the new men's soccer coach. Having played for various clubs throughout northeastern Pennsylvania through the national junior college level, Matt has been an active coach from youth level up to collegiate ranks.

Matt last served as co-head coach for the Kingston (Pa.) Strike U-19 Girls' Program (2005-07), and as the training and skills coordinator for the Mountaintop Boys' travel team (2005-06).

In 2005, Matt was an assistant coach at Kings College (Wilkes-Barre, Pa.), taking part in one of the premier NCAA Division III soccer conferences in the country. He also holds coaching certification from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

Two Lady Spartans End Season with Mention

Women's basketball players Heather Russell and Rachel Placito received honorable mention from the North Eastern Athletic Conference when the conference released its season-end awards.

Faculty Accomplishments: Awards/Publications/Presentations

Penelope J. Klein Receives Multiple Awards



Penelope J. Klein, PT, Ed.D., professor of physical therapy at D'Youville, researcher and clinical expert in the area of adapted *taiji qigong*, has produced a training DVD titled, "Chi for You, Two or More," which demonstrates two mind/body exercise routines for home practice. The quality of the DVD has been recognized in two film competitions: the 2007 Accolade Award, honorable mention, and the 2007 Aegis Award, finalist.

Serving the needs of those who are frail, elderly or have physical challenges, and who are least served by existing fitness regimens, Dr. Klein offers instruction in easy-to-follow mind/body exercises. These exercises are derived from the Chinese arts of taiji and qigong, adapted for safe practice by those who have limited mobility or activity tolerance or clinical pathology such

as arthritis, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis and heart or pulmonary disease.

Klein is currently conducting research assessing the utility of taiji qigong instruction for caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's disease as a means of stress relief. The idea to produce the DVD arose from student demands to provide some form of home-practice instruction for caregivers who are so overwhelmed with care demands that they cannot attend community classes.

Klein has presented this research on therapeutic applications of taiji qigong at several professional conferences, including 2005 World Parkinson's Congress, 2006 National Association of Activity Professional, 2007 Joint National Coalition on Aging and American Society on Aging Conference, and

also the Festival of International Conferences on Caregiving, Disability, Aging and Technology (FICCDAT) Conference, Toronto, Canada.

Dr. Klein also was honored at D'Youville's commencement with the AAUP Faculty of the Year Award and she was this year's recipient of the J. Warren Perry Faculty of the Year Award.

Edward Weiss Receives Dietetics Award

Edward H. Weiss, Ph.D., associate professor of dietetics at D'Youville, received the New York State Dietetic Association's Excellence in Legislative Advocacy Award for 2007 at the association's seventy-seventh annual meeting and exhibition in Syracuse, N.Y., in May.

He was nominated by the association for his "commitment and dedication in the field of dietetics and his support and involvement in legislative issues at the district and state levels."

Weiss encouraged and coordinated D'Youville dietetics students and colleagues to attend public policy workshops and to visit Albany and Washington, D.C., to meet with local legislators in support of the state association's licensure bill.

Weiss was cited for his time, effort and hard work and for taking a leadership role within the dietetics profession.

D'Youville Faculty Publications & Presentations

DR. JOAN BRADY

Dr. Joan Brady of the nursing faculty presented a paper at the NACNS National Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah: "Embracing Complexity: School-based Mental Health Services."

Faculty Accomplishments: Awards/Publications/Presentations

BONNIE FOX GARRITY & MAUREEN FINNEY

Bonnie Fox Garrity and Maureen F. Finney published in the May/June '07 edition of "Assessment Update": "Progress, Trends and Practices in Higher Education."

Their paper dealt with the advantages of a cross-disciplinary approach and made the point that such an approach between two fundamentally different disciplines is important inasmuch as it allows both authors to bring different perspectives to the topic area and have their assumptions challenged, making for a richer analysis of the material.

Both Fox Garrity and Finney also were part of a four-person team that published "Breast and cervical cancer screening patterns of non-Hispanic whites, African-Americans, and Hispanics attending inner-city family practice centers." Their study appeared in the journal, "Ethnicity and Disease."

DR. ROBERT GAMBLE

Dr. Robert Gamble presented a paper at a SUNY-Geneseo conference on faculty-student partnerships in teaching and learning. His paper was "Action Research: Collaboration Between Graduate Faculty and Teacher Candidates."

DR. ELIZABETH DIENER

Dr. Elizabeth Diener was the guest speaker at Buffalo State College lecturing on pediatric injury statistics and prevention strategies. She also spoke to the WNY American Association of Occupational Nurses on creating safety culture in the workplace.

DEBRA LUCAS

Debra Lucas, head reference librarian in the Montante Family Library at D'Youville, presented at the Association of College and Research Libraries Western New York and Ontario Chapter Conference: Blend and Blur. This presentation outlined the collaborative efforts of the education department and Debra

in redesigning the library instruction program offered to education graduates and certificate students.

Ms. Lucas also was successful in obtaining a grant from the New York State Education Department to fund the purchase of library books.

DR. OLGA KARMAN

Dr. Olga Karman has given several readings of excerpts from her recently published autobiography, *Scatter My Ashes over Havana*. She has presented along the east coast from Miami to New Hampshire.

RORY J. SZWED

Rory J. Szwed of resident life presented at several leadership development workshops for college students at the University at Buffalo and Westminster College in Pennsylvania. He has also collaborated with Patrick Marino of Canisius College on a presentation for the Small College Consortia: "Harnessing the power of facebook.com: A Guide for Utilizing the Facebook in Student Affairs."

DR. ROBERT WATERHOUSE

Dr. Robert Waterhouse of the humanities faculty recently directed two stage versions of classics for the New Phoenix Theatre on the Park (*Metamorphoses* and *Gilgamesh*), as well as one for The Kavinoky Theatre (*Glass Menagerie*). *Gilgamesh*, an inter-disciplinary production, involved a student who wrote an original script for this production, basing her work on four translations of the ancient original works.

DR. MARTA WERNER

Dr. Marta Werner, an English professor, has just published *Ordinary Mysteries: The Common Journal of Nathaniel and Sophia Hawthorne*. She also co-chaired the Society for Textual Scholarships 2007 conference at NYU. Dr. Werner was the keynote speaker at Amherst College on Emily Dickinson; at the University of Birmingham, England, on Dickinson and digital research in the humanities; and at De Montfort University, Leicester, England on Helen Keller and poetic collaboration. She chairs the JoAnn Boydston Essay Prize awarded by the Association for Documentary Editing. ■



feature



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hoof beats of healing: LOTHLORIEN THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER

Lothlorien Therapeutic Riding Center is nestled into several picturesque acres in rural East Aurora, N.Y. Almost any time of day, from March until November, the place is alive with activity as instructors, volunteers and, of course, some very special horses challenge and inspire children and adults to achieve their highest potential.

Established in 1983 by Debbie Winters and Sarah Daly, Lothlorien had its small, humble beginnings in a backyard. The founders were J.R.R. Tolkien fans and took from *The Lord of the Rings* the name Lothlorien, which means “the land of flowering dreams.” It is the land with all the waterfalls, flowers and, well... dreams of paradise. As word spread, numbers grew and interest continued to soar, a generous grant from the Wendt Foundation and Lutheran Charities made it possible in 1986 for the program to purchase a horse farm and relocate to its current address on Reiter Road.

Since its inception, Lothlorien’s mission has been to provide high quality therapeutic riding opportunities for individuals of all ages and disabilities. As a North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (NARHA) premier accredited center, Lothlorien must abide by strict mandates for safety, equipment requirements, policies and procedures. Riding instructors must complete a certification course and are required to update this annually through continuing education. Before volunteers are able to work with riders, they must take an orientation class. Lothlorien is the longest standing accredited center in Western New York, and the value of its



*Sarah P. Pictor, PT, DPT, PCS
Clinical Assistant Professor,
Physical Therapy*

Photos, below:

Exploring the basic premise of hippotherapy, DYC physical therapy students practice riding hands-free, facing backwards and even supine, in order to feel the healing rhythms of a horse’s walking movements.



accreditation is recognized nationally. If families have been involved with a NARHA center elsewhere in the United States, they will often look for a NARHA center when they move to WNY for assurance of the quality and safety of the program.

The social, emotional and recreational benefits of therapeutic horseback riding for individuals with disabilities may not always be obvious. For some people it seems ludicrous to place an individual with physical or emotional problems on a 1200-pound animal! For the child or adult who is unable to walk, the horse provides wonderful freedom of movement, and a rider experiences an improvement in self-image, self-esteem and self-expression. Imagine a child or adult who uses a wheelchair to maneuver through the day. The world is above him, with many people literally *looking down* on him. Now picture this person out of a wheelchair and up on a horse! Who needs two legs when he can have four? Now who's looking down on whom?

For many riders, this activity they can do with peers, siblings and even parents. For others, pride is taken in doing an activity that their peers are not doing. The environment of riding and being around horses offers a plethora of sensations: New sights, sounds, smells and movement challenges will often lift the attention and enthusiasm level of everyone involved. At Lothlorien, gentle, trained and well-mannered horses serve as equine motivators, providing a unique relationship that helps individuals with emotional disabilities to learn patience and connect with the world. The gentle, rhythmic movement of a horse can be calming and relaxing, while the stretch to straddle the horse's barrel can be beneficial to tight muscles. The movement of the horse challenges strength and balance at every step. As individuals work to improve riding skills, their bodies are getting exercise in a fun environment. This is easily observed by all the smiling that occurs on horseback.

D'Youville College and Lothlorien have a rich history of collaboration. Starting in the 1990s, Lothlorien became the site for student projects in the disciplines of education, physical and occupational therapy, exploring the emotional and physical benefits of therapeutic riding and hippotherapy.

The concept of *hippotherapy* (HPOT) comes from the Greek word *hippos* for horse and, translated literally, means treatment with the help of the horse. Hippotherapy is a multi-disciplinary specialty using the unique, three-dimensional movement of the horse as a strategy to treat individuals who have neuron-motor dysfunction. These persons may be individuals with cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, Down syndrome, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease or many other conditions. The



movement of the horse's pelvis while walking mimics human pelvic movement during walking; therefore, the forces generated demand the patient to respond to and accommodate the challenges of equine movement. Hippotherapy is provided by licensed occupational therapists (OT), physical therapists (PT) and speech language pathologists (SLP), and, as any specialty dictates, implementation requires special training. The objective of HPOT is to improve patient function in day-to-day life, off the horse. The movement of the horse is the "equipment" used to meet this objective. The intention is not to learn how to ride or to control the horse. It is a one-on-one treatment session by an OT, PT or SLP. With hippotherapy, habilitation and rehabilitation goals are addressed.

In contrast, while the term therapeutic riding (TR) contains the word therapeutic, the approach is not "therapy," nor are medical/rehabilitative objectives considered. Another way to look at the definition is to identify it as adaptive or recreational riding for those with disability. When families are involved in a therapeutic riding program, it differs from a typical, public riding stable in that adaptive equipment is available and the personnel have training to address the special needs of the riders. In therapeutic (adaptive) riding, the goal is to learn how to ride the horse for recreation or sport. The sessions can be in a group and are conducted by riding instructors. If benefits other than riding skills are realized, they are secondary.

The articulation of the differences between therapeutic riding and hippotherapy has enhanced the collaboration between D'Youville and Lothlorien through the offering of a course that is not available at other colleges or universities. From 1998 to the present, Sarah Pictor, assistant clinical professor in the physical therapy department at DYU, has offered a one-credit elective course. While it began as "Introduction to Therapeutic Riding," it has transitioned into "Introduction to Hippotherapy" for PT and OT students, as well as for clinicians in the community. Dr. Pictor has had PT students from as far away as Clarkson and Vermont universities attend this course. The Lothlorien site provides the awesome experience of activities on horseback.

Additionally, students volunteer their time to be side-walkers ("spotters" for rider safety) and horse leaders during riding lessons. Those who want to work in the field of special education also have found the value of volunteer work, interacting with the children and their families. Since the mid-nineties, Lothlorien has participated in over 15 studies or projects by masters' students. These case studies have always been met with enthusiasm by the participants, parents and caregivers. To have Lothlorien virtually in D'Youville's backyard has proven to be a wonderful bonus to students who need a site for research and who want to give back to the community. ■



Photos, left to right:

Hal happily greets his horse before a therapeutic (adaptive) riding lesson.

At Lothlorien, therapeutic riding is a multi generational passion.

An adult rider incorporates games into his lesson as a means of increasing his riding skills.

Little Kelly gives a big hug to Stoney at the end of class as a thank you for a good riding lesson.

Photo, top right:

Every year, Lothlorien provides a horse show to display students' newly acquired skills. This little boy proudly sports a ribbon almost as big as he is.







STUDENTS

Bright. Driven. Inspired. Laser-focused.

Sometimes switching their areas of study midway in order to define and direct each of their unique career paths, these five extreme students are among the flag bearers of D'Youville's current young professionals.

PT '07 PA '10

Actively involved on the D'Youville College campus for the past four years with an expected graduation date of 2007, a petite young lady, Rachel Placito, has decided that she must change her career path. Changes like this are difficult and uncomfortable. She always thought that things should happen as she envisioned them; and when things went off track, there was something terribly wrong.

Making the decision to switch majors was a terrific challenge for this student. However, she took the challenge and applied to the physician assistant program with graduation postponed until 2010.

Initially, Rachel was drawn to the physical therapy program through a series of circumstances that occurred in her formative years. After she had experienced the curriculum and some of the clinical aspects of her physical therapy studies, she became increasingly uncomfortable and aware that this was not where she wanted to be or should be. The more knowledge she acquired about the physician assistant program, the greater was her determination to switch majors.

She is truly passionate about interacting with patients. She sees herself as being there when the patient needs her. She said that she has learned that "many times the physician will send the PA out in the middle of the night." She continued, "Some patients prefer seeing the physician assistant rather than the physician."

If her determination and persistence on the soccer field or the basketball court carries over to

the practice of her profession, she will be an excellent practitioner in her field. She was able to crack the NEAC Division III women's basketball stats list and led the NYC women's basketball team to a fifteen-win season. She was also among the leaders of the North Eastern Athletic Conference, twelfth in scoring, seventh in assists and sixth in three-point baskets per game and was named most valuable player of the year. With her teammate, she was named Female Athlete of the Year.

In spite of the demands on her time with a full schedule of practice for her sports participation, Rachel has found time to be involved in campus activities. She has been a Student Association senator for four years and a member of the athletics committee. She has volunteered for many events sponsored by Campus Ministry and has visited the elderly at Mary Agnes Manor, especially to help break the monotony of those residents who have no visitors.



Rachel Placito

PT '07 DPT '10

"I credit much of what I have done to my family," remarked Andrew. While his parents gave him tremendous support, they made sure that his accomplishments were his own. Their only requirement was that he tried his best. On report card day, his mother always had a cake ready. If it was a good report, it was a celebration; if it was less than expected, it was a consolation cake.

During high school his major activities were his studies, volleyball and scouting. He worked his way through the scout badges to the rank of Eagle Scout. In that journey he had the opportunity to shadow a member of the medical profession. This whetted his appetite for some phase of that field.

What brought this young man from Pittsburgh to the small private college in Buffalo? He credits his strong academic success and his volleyball career with bringing him to D'Youville. He found here an atmosphere in which he felt sure he could be "his own man" and that, through his efforts, he could make a difference.

As a freshman he quickly joined many clubs and made the most of every opportunity. But his efforts at leadership were rebuffed. So he stepped back and figured out why he had failed, doubled his efforts at learning what leadership takes and learning the responsibilities. Consequently, he got that position in the Student Association that he wanted and held it for three years. He served as resident council president for two years. He also secured a position of resident assistant. All of these involvements he found quite rewarding but his real passion derived from his community volunteer work.

He said, "As things often happen, I was led to my pursuits by chance." He noted an ad for a counselor at a New York camp. This fitted his desires perfectly, borrowing from his scouting experience and working with children; this was a great experience. Camp Amerikids is a resident camp for children infected or affected with HIV/AIDS. Through this experience he became aware of the continuing problems of this disease in our country. Returning to campus for the fall semester, he organized a week of AIDS awareness. The culmination of that project was involving the campus community in a huge human ribbon on the College's lawn.

Among his other involvements were volunteering at Summit Academy, where he worked with autistic children, and visiting the residents of Mary Agnes Manor and those seniors who reside at other homes in the Buffalo area. He was keenly aware of the loneliness of many elderly residents who had no visitors. He noted that these experiences were extremely rewarding. For his work he was honored at a D'Youville reception as "having the most hours of volunteerism recorded on campus for the academic year." He said that his experience has instilled a commitment to volunteerism and community service.

Andrew graduated with a bachelor's degree in health service and will continue his studies at D'Youville to earn a doctorate in physical therapy. He plans to use his expertise to work in pediatric physical therapy because he enjoys working with children and said, "There is a real need for compassionate therapists to work with disabled children."

Andrew Belden



BSN '07

With this young woman's history one would expect her to be majoring in drama and theatre with plans to head for Broadway. But Amanda Popiolkowski is shooting for the stars on a different sort of stage and with a different kind of backdrop.

She graduated from Mount Mercy Academy where she was involved in several student productions there as well as in community productions playing Marion the Librarian in "The Music Man" and Glenda in "The Wizard of Oz." She has performed at the Amherst Community Theatre and at the Lancaster Opera House.

She was also active in debate and oratory during her Mount Mercy years. Theatre is something of a tradition for her family: Her mother is the artistic director of Theater of Youth (TOY), and her dad is a sound designer and composer.

Upon her arrival at D'Youville, she quickly became involved in the Student Association. She was named vice president of that organization and was chair of the issues committee. She also worked as a resident assistant in Marguerite Hall.

She always wanted to be a nurse from the time she was a small child. She has enjoyed all her clinical experiences but especially was taken with caring for ill children in pediatrics and oncology.

Her plan is to earn a master's degree as a clinical nurse specialist and become a school nurse educator, not to put band aides on the children's fingers or send sick kids home but to educate them about eating properly. It disturbs her to see children becoming obese as a result of eating all the wrong foods and then becoming diabetic. Many school age children are hyperactive from consuming too much sugar. She said, "I believe that school nurses are able to have an impact on children at a young age. They can help change life styles and help to direct them along a path to having healthy lifestyles as adults." She envisions herself as becoming involved in the school lunch program, in gym classes and health education so that, together with others, a strong global message of healthy

diet, regular exercise and making better choices is communicated to the students. However, educating the children alone is not enough. Parents must be educated, too.

She would develop an after-school program for the students and their families to discuss the importance of healthy diets and exercise and possibly include an exercise program in which parents and children would participate together.

"One of the most riveting aspects of nursing that I have learned at D'Youville is the responsibility to enlighten the community, and I believe being a grammar school nurse will allow me to share my knowledge with many and through it, have an impact on many lives for the better."

Amanda has worked at Roswell Park Cancer Institute as a nurse's aide and has begun working at Buffalo Women and Children's Hospital this summer.



Amanda Popiolkowski

BS '07

An intense young man who has a very clear vision of his future, Lamin Trawally is a graduating senior who has earned a degree in biology. He came to D'Youville from Gambia, a tiny country almost on the west coast of Africa but completely surrounded by former French colonies. Gambia itself had strong colonial ties to Britain; therefore, many young people opt to go to England to earn degrees.

However, Lamin chose D'Youville while a senior in high school, a religious affiliated school. Researching college Web sites, he discovered this small college in Buffalo and the possibility of securing an instant scholarship was very appealing to him. He applied, was accepted and received the scholarship.

D'Youville College has proved to be a superb choice for this young man. He said, "I have been happy at D'Youville. There is a family atmosphere here which makes me feel truly welcome. D'Youville provides everything I wished for in a college."

A fine student, he has submerged himself in the life of the College both academically and socially. Under the guidance of Dr. Marion Oliveri and Dr. Mary Hurley, he has accomplished interesting projects in his biology class. This past April, he and other members of his class presented abstracts for the Experimental Biology Society in Chicago, which were well received.

He has worked as a lab assistant; he works as a resident assistant in the residence apartments; he played on the soccer team for three years.

Following graduation, Lamin plans to study in a master's in biology program in fall 2007 and then go on to medical school. Being the astute young man that he is, he has researched medical schools where he would like to pursue his medical degree. He said that he preferred a warmer climate than Buffalo provides. His specialty will be internal medicine. He feels strongly about returning to Gambia to practice his profession since there is an extreme dearth of doctors. The shortage is acute: The ratio of doctors to patients is 1/20,000. There are clinics where patients can get care but they are staffed mainly by nurses. The staff doctors in the hospitals are generally from Egypt and Cuba; they work only two or three years and then return to their native countries. There is little continuity of care given and no chance of a relationship developing between patients and a primary care physician. In rural areas, there is virtually no medical care except for occasional visits by a midwife, which is the profession of Lamin's father.

With his determination and thoughtfulness, it would seem that Lamin Trawally will make an excellent physician and will serve well the people of his native Gambia.

Lamin Trawally



BS '05 PA '07

Having already earned a degree in biology in 2005, Lindsay Olsen walked across the stage of Kleinhan's Music Hall to receive a second bachelor's degree in 2007. This time she received a degree as a physician assistant. She decided to pursue the second degree because she sees the career as one in which she is solely responsible for the care of a patient. She also enjoys the interaction with the physicians that this role requires.

Lindsay is one who clearly understands what being a responsible person requires.

Even as a high school student at Dunkirk High she was involved and in charge of the situation. She was president of the student council, cheerleader and member of the diving team. In addition, she took dance, piano and flute lessons. She was also an altar server at her parish in Dunkirk.



Lindsay Olsen

Throughout her five years at D'Youville, while maintaining Dean's List status, she worked several different jobs to meet her financial responsibilities. She was a Sabres Girl doing promotional appearances for the Buffalo team. She was a Buffalo Bandit cheerleader for two years. Currently, she works in a restaurant. This, however, was in addition to being an active participant in campus activities. She was president of Lambda Sigma, the sophomore honor society; she served as treasurer of the resident council; she was a member of the Campus Ministry club; and she was a member of the biology club.

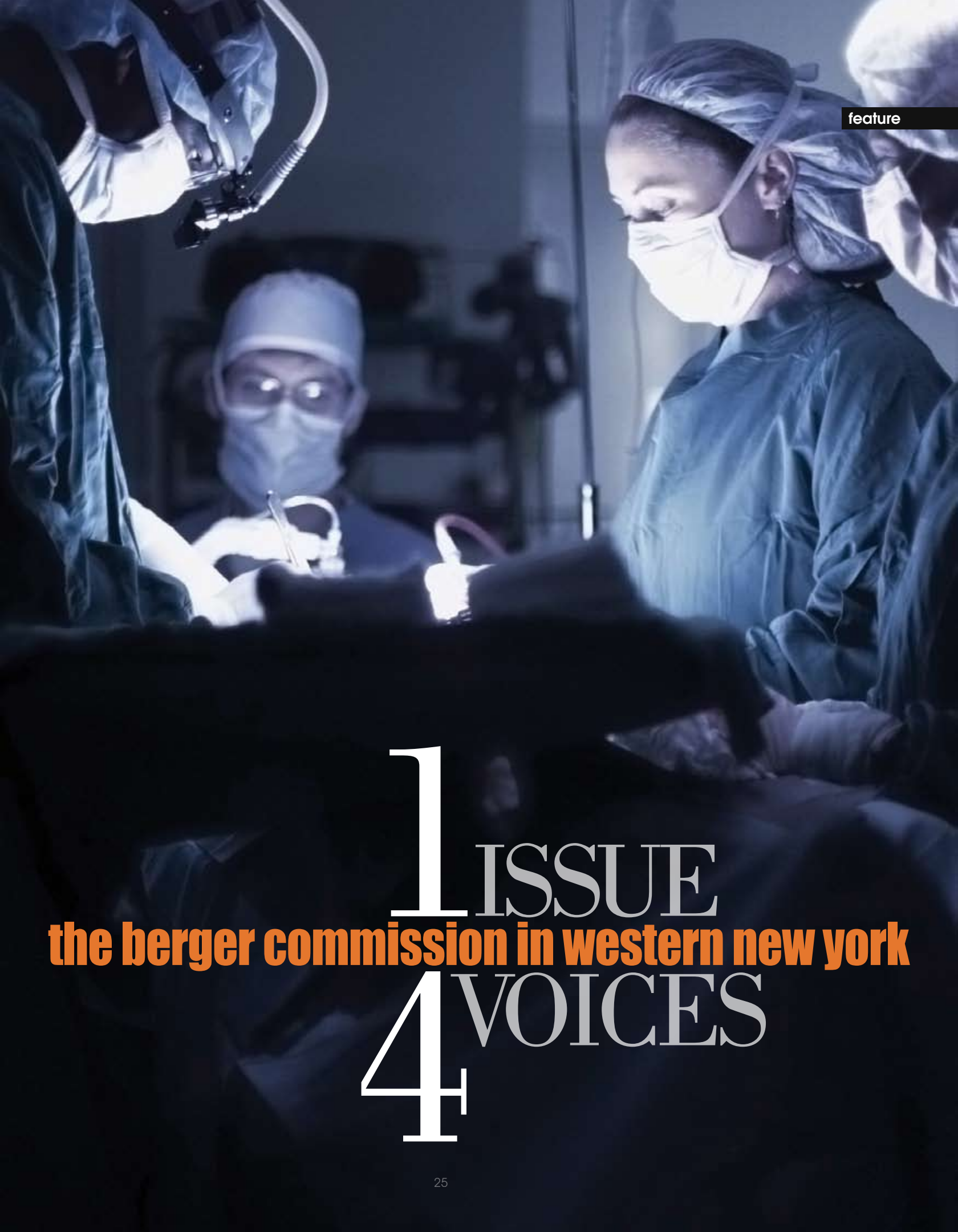
In her spare time, she did phoning for the Loyalty Fund. Because of her diligence, dedication and sense of responsibility, she became a phonathon supervisor. To ensure that the D'Youville swimming pool would be available, she worked as a lifeguard. Clearly her D'Youville years have been action packed with many and varied involvements.

Not content with merely being heavily involved in campus activities, Lindsay moved out into the community to deliver for Meals on Wheels. She worked for Habitat for Humanity and made Jared Boxes to raise money for the children who are cancer patients at Roswell Park Institute.

Lindsay's opting to attend D'Youville was continuing a tradition begun when her mother

Cheryl Zboch Olsen enrolled in the nursing program in 1969 and then graduated in 1973. Lindsay's aunt, Bonnie Zboch Schneider graduated in 1965; Bonnie's daughter, Kimberly Schneider Lynch, graduated in 1989. And so the family tradition continued when Lindsay began the matriculation process as a freshman in 2002.

Lindsay Olsen came to D'Youville imbued with a strong work ethic and a keen awareness of her reason for coming. It is no wonder that she has had an excellent experience at D'Youville and that as she presents herself to the community in her professional role she will do credit to herself, her family, the College and the profession she represents. ■



feature

1 ISSUE the berger commission in western new york 4 VOICES

The Commission on Health Care Facilities in the 21st Century, commonly referred to as the Berger Commission, released its long-awaited findings in December 2006. In Western New York, the panel recommended closure of two hospitals, merger of two systems and transformation of service lines at others. Although a number of constituencies object to the plan, Western New Yorkers must brace for change. Thoughtful reflection on the commission's recommendations is offered by four persons, three from the D'Youville nursing faculty and one D'Youville staffer, a consumer of health care services.

1 Judith M. Stanley, DHSc End-of-Life Care Specialist

The American health care system is in a state of crisis. Health care costs, as well as the number of uninsured American citizens, continue to climb. With over 45 million uninsured, our attempts at ensuring access to high-quality, cost-effective health care for all citizens have failed. Changes to our system must be made.

The largest proportion of health care dollars is spent on hospital care; therefore, the Berger Commission has focused on the utilization of acute care facilities across New York state. Their findings support that one half of New York hospital beds stay empty and that hospital stays are longer in New York than other states. It is argued that many empty beds puts pressure on hospitals to increase the number of admissions and to lengthen stays.

The Commission's recommendation to close, merge or restructure 57 hospitals across the state of New York is a step toward controlling rising costs by enhancing the shift in care from hospitals to ambulatory and extended-care settings. Health care increasingly is being delivered outside the walls of hospitals, in community-based outpatient settings such as patients' homes, urgent-care facilities and rehabilitation settings.

Access to health care means having available, affordable, quality personal health care services. In addition to care when one is acutely ill, access to care integrates health promotion and disease prevention services. An individual may reside next to a hospital yet have limited access to care. Lack of health insurance and poverty are two factors that most affect access to care.

Health insurance is associated with better health. Yet, the U.S. is the only health care system in the developed world that does not provide universal access to health care for all its citizens. Health People 2010, a set of national health objectives, highlights the importance of expanding community-based primary health care principally by increasing the proportion of persons with health insurance.

While the Commission's recommendations cannot ensure quality, access and value in the delivery of health services to New Yorkers, these recommendations are encouraging dialogue and mandating a move toward much-needed change.



2 Edith Racinowski DYC Staffer & Consumer of Health Care Services

After two days without hearing from her 24-year-old daughter Jessica, Edie Racinowski became concerned and drove over to her apartment. She found Jessica lifeless and unresponsive. Immediately she dialed 911 and her daughter was transported to DeGraff Hospital, just moments away from her home.

She arrived in such a state that Edie was told to prepare for the worst: the hospital staff gave her little chance of survival. Her daughter was in a diabetic coma with double pneumonia and, according to hospital staff, must have been this way for days. Doctors and nurses worked on her feverishly trying to stabilize the young girl and to give her a chance to live. Edie was told her daughter was only minutes away from dying and had she not found her or had DeGraff not been so close to her, she most likely would have not survived an ambulance ride to another hospital.

Jessica remained in DeGraff's ICU for over two weeks, receiving unstinting care and caring. The doctors said they and the nurses prayed for her daily. Eventually she made a full recovery.

DeGraff is one of the area hospitals slated for closure. Many residents who live near area hospitals do not even know where the next closest hospital may be. "Some things you take for granted will always be there when you need them," Edie commented "Had DeGraff Hospital not been there, neither would my daughter be here today."

Edie's daughter has a chronic condition that requires her to see a doctor regularly. Her endocrinologist is at Millard Fillmore Gates, yet another hospital name on the pending list of hospitals to close. Specialists are chosen for a reason: skill, accessible location, empathetic understanding. Should this hospital close, where will Jessica's doctor go? Will he stay in the area or will he leave? Reports indicate that even at the mention of possible closings doctors are packing up and leaving before they are forced out. Will Edie's daughter now have to go through the entire process of finding a new doctor and will the new doctor accept her insurance, Healthy New York? (Many doctors still do not accept Healthy New York insurance.)

Persons with chronic conditions are in need of their area hospitals. Some cannot afford to travel to another area and oftentimes they do not know



where to go. What about those who walk to a hospital for treatment? Who will be responsible to get them to and from appointments if they have no family or other means? These questions are all considerations that our health care administrators, those on the health care boards and all those on the committees assessing our area needs must keep in mind. A hospital is much more than a building that takes in emergency patients who travel by ambulance. A hospital in some cases becomes the doctor's office for persons in chronic care situations and many a particular hospital might be the only hope for others.

Edie reflects and asks, "We were lucky—and blessed—this time; but will those hospitals be there for us, and other seriously ill persons, in the future?"

Denise Dunford, RN, MS, FNP-c Emergency Care & Family Nurse Practitioner

If fully implemented, how will the Berger Commission's plan affect access, quality and cost for individuals in WNY? Western New York has one of the highest rates of heart disease and stroke in the nation. It is true that our population is shrinking but the number of older residents is growing and this subset is at highest risk of suffering from heart disease and stroke.

In recent memory, several area hospitals have closed, merged or been redesigned, leaving patients without access to vital services. Do the names Deaconess, Lafayette, Doctors', Sheehan, Our Lady of Victory and Columbus ring a bell? Perhaps members of the Berger Commission have heard of the shortage of registered nurses? Where and when will the increasing number of nursing students be trained to address this crisis when additional facilities are closed? It is shortsighted to think of hospitals only in terms of excess bed capacity. Closure of buildings restricts access to primary care services in outpatient clinics, X-ray and lab facilities and physical and occupational therapy departments, to name a few. Even when facilities are designated as future outpatient centers, lack of primary care services during periods of construction is inevitable. Those who are least able to navigate the complex maze of alternate primary care choices are left overwhelmed and without services, including medication refills.

Mergers that consolidate services also limit choice and competition – two factors that drive prices down and result in cost savings. If you're the

only game in town, everyone must play according to your rules. There is no incentive to innovate or improve the status quo, leaving quality to suffer. Closing of health care facilities limits access, plain and simple. Concrete plans for enhancing quality of care and controlling health care expenditures must be presented to the public before anyone buys into Berger's pipedream.

Joan M. Brady, BS, MS, DNS Psychiatry & Community Health Specialist

Nothing is ever so simple as it seems. This article began as a piece about the impact of hospital downsizing in rural Western New York. I decided to contact former Lt. Governor and newly appointed chair of Governor Spitzer's Committee on Fiscal Efficiency, Stanley Lundine, to gain insight on the matter. Lundine noted that the plan will have a huge impact on rural areas. In developing the scheme for statewide allocation of health care resources, the Berger Commission's assumption that all communities have the same problems and strengths produced an unsound plan.¹ The rescue workforce in rural communities, for example, is heavily comprised of volunteers whose capacity for extended absences for the purposes of transport is extremely limited. Furthermore, the cost and time associated with maintaining certification is becoming increasingly prohibitive for volunteers to manager in their personal or family budgets.

Here is where I started to stray. I decided that it would be a good idea to understand the process that led to the December 6, 2006, announcement about hospital reconfiguration. It rapidly became interesting....

In April 2005, Governor Pataki established, through legislative channels, a bipartisan work group, the Berger Commission, whose charge it was to 'rightsize' the health care system in New York. It holds full authority to act outside the boundaries of existing agencies charged with oversight of health care resources.² The Berger report cites dire concern that "our state's health care system is broken and in need of fundamental repair" and lists nine weaknesses. The first three concern the fiscal health of hospitals and nursing homes. The fourth item notes that hospital lengths of stay in New York still exceed the national average.^{3,4}

Not everyone is convinced that the overall picture of the health care



system is as grim as suggested in the Berger report. A report by the New York Health Plan Association indicates that in recent years, 62% of New York hospitals have shown profits, while 37% have reported either budget neutrality or losses.² Moreover, not everyone is convinced that closing hospitals and nursing homes will result in decreased health care spending. Some even postulate that we can expect health care costs to rise subsequent to health care restructuring.⁵

Researchers for Boston University School of Public Health note that excess bed capacity is not the most important contributor to high health care costs in New York state. Furthermore, their analysis of past efforts to cut costs by decreasing beds shows that hospitals that tend to be closed are typically those whose costs are lower than the surviving hospitals. Finally, fewer hospital and nursing home beds will create increased demand, one of the market conditions associated with rising costs, according to this model.²

I promised that things are not simple....

Interestingly, a federal project, The Federal-State Health Reform Partnership (FSHRP) seems to be closely linked to the closure of New York hospital beds. The FSHRP is a collaborative demonstration project that provides financial incentives to New York state for implementing health care reforms. In order for New York to receive \$1.5 billion over a period of five years, the state must demonstrate decreased Medicaid spending on three parameters: spending decrements derived from moving designated groups into managed care, spending cuts achieved by decreasing the number of Medicaid hospital discharges and accruals from increased Medicaid fraud recoveries.⁶ Of particular import is the formula that is used to determine whether or not the state is achieving these milestones. Ultimately, closing hospitals becomes an attractive alternative in order to meet the federal requirements to cut Medicaid spending.

And now things become downright complicated....

The plan for hospital restructuring has been critiqued and pronounced problematic because it unfairly places the burden of decreased access on vulnerable populations. The New York Lawyers for the Public Interest describe the Berger Commission as undemocratic and its study process as closed to stakeholder scrutiny and feedback. Furthermore, they suggest that the commission's recommendations are in direct conflict with federal law, which prohibits discrimination in health care.

Have you ever tugged at a loose thread and found yourself missing a button on your coat? Well, my story has unraveled. It is not so much about rural

Western New York; it turns out, it is about how complex our society is. It is about the criss-crossing components and the unanticipated effects of decisions that are made at local, state and federal levels. The restructuring plan promulgated by the Berger Commission is law. It is being challenged in courts across the state. In the meantime, Lundine, who also happens to be executive director of the Chautauqua County Health Network, is working to implement the plan, fully aware that unanticipated effects can be opportunities for productive and meaningful change.

Ours is a complex and dynamic society. The problems we face are particularly challenging because it is impossible to change one element of society without having an effect—possibly undesirable; rarely, if ever, predictable—on all other aspects of the day-to-day functioning of its people and institutions. The solutions we generate are all too often complicated, one-size-fits-all packages that target theoretically isolated elements of our society. We need to become better at understanding the interconnected elements comprising the problems we are attempting to solve. We need to recognize that our health care system is a system which is an element in a larger system. Reframed in that context, things may be simpler.

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New Alumni Board Takes Shape

At the May meeting of the Alumni Association board of directors, three officers and eight new members were elected to guide the organization in 2007-2008.

Chosen for leadership positions for 2007 through 2010 were president Thomas M. DeLuca '76, vice-president Rose Grierson St. Pierre '83, and treasurer Claudia T. Krawczyk '90. Corresponding secretary Sarah Hilborn Pawlak '98 and recording secretary Roberta Rozek Evans '62 will continue in their positions through 2009.

Having a love for D'Youville and an interest in staying connected and giving back to the College, the newest board members bring a wealth of experience as teachers, students, health care providers and volunteers in several areas of the community.

Elected to terms that run from 2007 to 2010 were the following: Genevieve McNeil Dobmeier '52, returning for a second membership on the board, Mary Carol Kelleher Herwood '52, Carmelina Manta Misercola '53, Angeline Brucklier Padula '55, '78, Michele A. Cook, MD, '75, Josephine Glorioso Palumbo '84, Nathan E. Phillips '85 and Bertram (Hank) Morgan '05.

Continuing board members include the following: Susan Jablonski Fiden '69, Nancy A. Vanderlinde '69, Eileen Hanley Noworyta '78, Karen Rogers Ziemianski '83, Bridget Lynch Herod '84, Patricia Kelly Losito '85, Michelle D. Swygert '98, Courtney Charleson-Smith '99, Carol A. Milazzo '00, Julie Brancato Marinaccio '04 and Theresa DiLuca Vallone '04.

Student Association president Austin Houlding and student representative, Samantha Miller, along with ex officio members Ryan R. Miller '05, coordinator, alumni activities and Patricia Marino Smyton '65, director, alumni relations, complete the board's membership.

Each year, the board members chair and invite other alums to participate in various events. Fund-raising efforts support the Sister Mary Charlotte Barton Alumni Kinship Scholarships and the Alumni Endowed Scholarship.

The by-laws state: "The purpose of the association shall be to promote fellowship among the alumni and to assist in advancing the best interests of D'Youville College."



Thomas J. DeLuca '76, incoming president of the Alumni Association, presents Dolores Gaeta Prezyna '70, outgoing president, with thank you gifts as Sister Denise Roche looks on (in the foreground).

Alumni/Graduate Champagne Luncheon is Celebrated

As one of commencement week's traditions, the second annual Alumni/Graduate Champagne Luncheon was held on Thursday, May 17. The class of 2007 was warmly welcomed into the ranks of the over 14,000-member Alumni Association.

As the soon-to-be-alums entered the red- and white-decorated Porterview Room in the College Center, they were greeted by Timothy G. Brennan, vice president for institutional advancement and Patricia Lyons Van Dyke '52, director of major and planned giving and editor of *D'Mensions*. Nancy A. Vanderlinde '69, Michelle D. Swygert '98, Carol A. Milazzo '00, Julie A. Marinaccio '04, and Theresa DiLuca Vallone '04, members of the Alumni Association board of directors, welcomed the guests and presented to each graduate a small memento



Several 2007 graduates are family members of our alums. Recognized at the luncheon as part of the continuing D'Youville legacy were (left to right, sitting), Cheryl Zboch Olsen '73, Ada Correa-Miller '05, Marsha Tesnow Glose '78, Ann Zientek Moran '79, (standing) Lindsay Olsen '05, '07, Michael Miller '07, Kara Glose '07, and Sarah Moran '07. Lindsay's aunt, Bonnie Zboch Schneider '65, (not photographed) also was able to attend the event.

and a packet containing information about alumni office services and events. Several alumni faculty and alumni staff members were on hand to visit and share a brief time with the graduating students before the hectic weekend activities began.

Patricia Marino Smyton '65, director of alumni relations, raised a glass of champagne in a toast to the years of hard work, the accomplishments and the future of the class of 2007. Ryan R. Miller '05, coordinator of alumni activities, invited the newest alums to stay connected and to become involved with alumni events. Sister Denise Roche, GNSH, encouraged the students and reminded them that their excellent education at D'Youville has prepared them to become caring individuals and competent professionals (*shown at center above*).

Christopher Hefka, recipient of the 2007 Lee Conroy Higgins Award, offered the invocation, and the benediction was given by Lorraine Lepere, recipient of the 2007 D'Youville Medal.

Gala Spring Luncheon Honors Retiring Board Members

The sun sparkled on the blue water of the Niagara River outside the windows of Harry's Harbour Place Grille as alums, family members and friends gathered for the annual Spring Luncheon on June 9th. Several alums were honored.

Sister Helen O'Hara, GNSH '52, Anne G. O'Connor '53, and Sister Sheila Stone, GNSH '69 were inducted into Delta Sigma, the Marguerite d'Youville Honor Society. Established in 1984 by the D'Youville board of trustees and the board of directors of the Alumni Association, Delta Sigma membership recognizes the concrete expression of D'Youville's mission in the lives of the recipients. These are individuals who, by their generous devotion to the ideals of St. Marguerite d'Youville, have enriched the quality of life within our society.

Thomas J. DeLuca '76 was introduced as the new president of the Alumni Association and incoming board members who were present—Genevieve McNeil Dobmeier '52, M. Carol Kelleher Herwood '52, Carmelina Manta Misercola '53, Angeline Brucklier Padula '55, and Dr. Michele Cook '75—were welcomed.

Guests were pleased to hear Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, president, give an update on the College as well as plans for centennial events in 2008. Although many alums expressed appreciation for the education received at D'Youville, Sister Denise thanked our graduates for taking what they learned to the community and world. "There is a ripple effect in place: Even what seems to be an insignificant kindness can touch many people and encourage them to help others as well," Sister commented.

Roberta Rozek Evans '62, luncheon chair and master of ceremonies,



Louise Balling '60, vice-president Jean M. Knopinski '48, Alumni Association president Dolores Gaeta Prezyna '70, Jane A. Bigelow '67, and former treasurer Martha Fildes Falzarano '77, and B. Jean Harrington Duggan '48 (who is missing from the photo) were congratulated and thanked for their years of service, which, when combined, total 34.

thanked the committee - Louise Balling '60, Cynthia Wierzbza DeLuca '75, B. Jean Harrington Duggan '48, Susan Jablonski Fiden '69, Jean M. Knopinski '48, Julie Brancato Marinaccio '04 and Carol A. Milazzo '00 - for planning the event. After the luncheon ended, several alums enjoyed the beautiful weather and view on the restaurant's deck overlooking the river while discussing plans for future alumni gatherings.

DELTA SIGMA

Marguerite d'Youville Honor Society

Sister Helen O'Hara, GNSH '52

After her graduation from D'Youville, Sister Helen O'Hara taught in a junior high school, often sharing her love of music by producing several annual programs. At age 50, a time in life when many of us start to plan seriously how we will enjoy our retirement years, she chose to change careers, to return to school and to give service to others in a new way.

The next segment of her life found Sister Helen taking a city bus to the East Side of Buffalo to work at Neighborhood House, a day-care center for adults with mental disabilities. She spent her days giving assistance and encouragement as an occupational therapist and activities leader, drawing on the interests, knowledge and skills acquired through her teaching years.

When she retired, she found other ways to give of herself. Kevin Guest House, the first hospital-related hospitality facility in the nation, recently honored her with its Heart of Hearts Award recognizing her countless hours of service supporting and embracing the House's mission of providing safe, comfortable and affordable lodging for patients and their families. As a receptionist there during fourteen years as a volunteer, she assisted people from all over the world who came to Roswell Park and other local hospitals for treatment.

Today, a resident of Madonna Hall, she believes that living on a college campus and sharing in the spirit and activities of present-day students energizes her. She serves as a Eucharistic minister at neighboring Holy Angels Church and with her quiet and calm demeanor brings communion and comfort to the sick and elderly residents of Grace Manor and nearby Mary Agnes Manor.

Sister Helen's life choices can serve as an inspiration for us and for the youth and the elderly who have been blessed to live in the community around her.

Anne G. O'Connor '53

Concern and support for others are the hallmarks of Anne G. O'Connor's life. Notable for her kindness and gentle manner, she is a friend to many.

Anne can be counted on as the connecting link between her schools, Holy Angels Academy and D'Youville College, and her classmates, encouraging them to participate with her when she attends reunions and luncheons and makes calls during phonathons. A long-term breast cancer survivor, she belongs to the Hope Chest Rowers Dragon Boat Team, a support and exercise group dedicated to promoting the search for a cure for breast cancer.

In her parish, St. Peter and Paul in Williamsville, she sings in the choir, is a Eucharistic minister and is a counselor and resource person for women who have breast health issues.

She is welcomed throughout the community as an outstanding volunteer. Many a friend and acquaintance have been surprised to be shown to a seat by Anne at Kleinhans Music Hall, Shea's, the UB Center for the Performing Arts, The Irish Classical and The Kavinoky Theatres. She donates her time to Meals-on-Wheels with the Amherst senior citizens. She has participated in the Ride for Roswell and greets patients at that hospital's information desk.

Even her leisure time activities benefit others. She enjoys playing cards and joined the Clarence Concert Bridge Group, a social organization that raises money for the Clarence Orchestra. Her enthusiasm for skiing, figure skating and other sports led her to be one of the valued volunteers at the Empire State Games, Skate America and the World University Games.

Personal, parish, cultural...diverse associations where Anne has made a positive difference in the community where she lives and in the lives she touches.

Sister Sheila Stone, GNSH '69

If St. Marguerite d'Youville were alive today, where would we find her? Whose needs would she try to meet and whom would she serve?

As a follower of the foundress of the Grey Nuns, Sister Sheila Stone has ministered to those in need in several cities. Drawing on her education in clinical psychology, she has served as director of a parish-based counseling service helping at-risk youths and families living in the inner city of Philadelphia. On the East Side of Buffalo, she provided counseling as a preventative service to families reported for the abuse and /or neglect of children. Knowing that spiritual guidance and counseling can take effect only after physical needs are met, she included material assistance to those in her ministry through a food pantry and a thrift shop.

On a larger scale, Sister Sheila has been active in raising awareness of the connection between spirituality and ecology through Earth Heart. She initiated this group that is concerned with preserving the earth for future generations. She has been a member of the steering committee for Western New York Earth Day, a celebration that provides information and inspires the community to protect and enhance the environment. A part of the Western New York Peace Center, she also has served with the peace and justice committee of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious.

Sister Sheila's volunteer service continues to have an impact on the lives of many people. She is and has been a member of the board of trustees of Holy Angels Academy and D'Youville, giving guidance for the education of young women and college students. As part of the Grey Nuns leadership council, she is helping to plan for the future of her Order as its numbers decline.

St. Marguerite d'Youville continues to meet the needs of others through the life and service of Sister Sheila Stone. ■

classNOTES

D'Youville hosted its first-ever Young Alumni Networking Happy Hour on April 20 at the Bada Bing Bar & Grill in downtown Buffalo. A group of fifteen cheered on the Buffalo Sabres to their victory over the New York Islanders in the NHL playoffs. Plans are under way for monthly gatherings to meet, relax and catch up with past classmates in the area.

*Below, l to r:
Alice Miller '04, Michelle Swygert '98 and Dawn Griner '04*

*Far below, l to r:
Bridget Urlacher '06, Jennifer Toth '06, Jennifer Lepere, Lauren Feola '06, Mike Cole and Tony Spina, assistant vice president for student affairs and director of student activities*



2006

A resident of Webster, N.Y., **Kristen E. Partridge** is a physician assistant with ViaHealth Rochester General Hospital.

2004

Each year, D'Youville's faculty members are selected for departmental awards by its colleagues. They are recognized for their hard work, dedication and commitment to the college and our students. Alumni board member **Theresa DiLuca Vallone MS/HSA**, a clinical coordinator and assistant professor, was chosen to receive this honor by the occupational therapy department.

2002

Frank S. Ginnetti is a physical therapist at Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

Jennifer Scheuer Lykling is a physical therapist at Bloomington (Ind.) Hospital Children's Therapy Clinic.

2001

Jeffrey S. Ziblut is the director of rehabilitation at Five Star Rehabilitation and Wellness. He lives in Lighthouse Point, Fla.

2000

Annemarie Franczyk, MS, Ed.D., a reporter for *Business First* and one of NYC's first health policy doctoral graduates, gave the student address at Commencement 2007.

Rachel Leone Marx received her Ph.D. in education and human resource studies at Colorado State University in May of 2007.

Joseph Molea is an occupational therapist with Legacy Healthcare. He and his wife, **Jennifer Angiel Molea '01**, have three children and live in Depew, N.Y.

Anish and Michelle Kellner Patel live in Chantilly, Va. She is a physician assistant with Children's Hospital in Washington, D.C.

1999

Married to Michael P. Callahan, Jr. in 2005, **Kate Remelt Callahan** is the publications coordinator with Infusion Nurses Society. She lives in Norwood, Mass.

A resident of New Stanton, Pa., physical therapist **Michael Shevchik** is a lead therapist with Excelsa Health Systems.

1997

Joseph Dorini, an occupational therapist, has moved to Las Vegas, Nev.

An executive vice-president for operations at Blue Cross/Blue Shield WNY, **Cheryl Howe** was selected recently to receive a 2007 Athena Award. This recognition honors an individual who has attained and personifies the highest level of professional excellence, demonstrates support for the goals of professional women and provides assistance on their behalf. The presentation took place at a luncheon benefiting the WNY Women's Fund, a collaborative effort between the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County and the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo. This group funds initiatives which benefit women and girls. Cheryl, who holds a master of science in health services administration from D'Youville, is active on many

community boards including the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra and the Foundation for Healthy Living.

1987

Matthew Shriver is the vice president of finance for YMCA Buffalo Niagara. He lives in Alden, N.Y.

1984

A regional tech specialist with Cardinal Health, **Ralph Agostino** attended Ohio State Law School, and worked as a legal aid attorney for ten years. He and his wife Amy live in Dublin, Ohio, and have three daughters, Christina, Elizabeth and Adrianna.

Drew Cerza, "The Wing King," was featured on the Food Channel's "Throwdown with Bobby Flay." The program featured a chicken wing recipe contest staged at the Anchor Bar in Buffalo.

1982

Now living in Germantown, Md., **Jennifer Berg** is a neonatal nurse practitioner at Georgetown University Hospital.

1979

A captain in the Navy Nurse Corps, **Helen Johnson Pearlman** is the commanding officer at the US Naval Hospital in Sigonella, Sicily.

1976

Diane Osterman Reboy, a legal nurse consultant with the Cohen & Lombardo, PC law firm, has been promoted to fellow by the American Board of Forensic Nursing. In March, she was a



Members of the Class of 1957 enjoyed a festive and celebratory gathering in the president's board room following D'Youville's ninety-ninth commencement ceremonies.

D'Mensions editor, Patricia Lyons Van Dyke '52, joined the festivities (far right).



Gathering for a fourth annual weekend at Maryanne Shanahan's beautiful Hawthorn Inn in Camden, Maine, classmates from 1965 enjoyed friendship, favorite foods, memories, much laughter, enthusiastic singing and continuing connections with DYC.

*L to r, front row:
Diane Hafner Redding '65, '80, '94,
Patricia Marino Smyton,
Maria Cosgrove Shea
and Patricia D. Zorn*

*L to r, back row:
Mary Ann Kavanaugh Brodeur,
Sister Cecelia Cosgrove, GNSH,
Mary Jane MacKinnon McCool,
Monica Cosgrove Lazarus,
Sheila A. Kelly,
Gail MacKenzie Michalak,
Sarah Januale Treanor
and Maryanne Shanahan*

co-speaker at the National Business Institute's Interpreting Medical Information: Finding the Clues for Your Case panel in Batavia, N.Y.

1973

In a recent *Buffalo News* Sunday profile article titled "Nurse Finds Humor Helps," **Karen Adragna Walsh**, a registered nurse from Hamburg, was featured. In a dozen years, Karen and her husband Frank, an insurance fraud investigator, moved eight times due to his work. She stated that she feels as though she has worked "in just about every hospital across New York state—from Buffalo to Long Island. Every time I moved and applied for a new job, I had to deal with the new-kid-on-the-block syndrome. Walking into a new operating room wasn't the easiest. I had to prove my expertise each and every time, because surgeons can — and will — cut you up into tiny pieces. It's my belief that the operating room staff wear masks because they don't like to see new faces," she quipped.

Currently an operating room nurse at Millard Fillmore Surgery Center in Amherst, N.Y., she found that while living the life of the corporate nomad, the only thing that kept her sane was humor. She decided to chronicle the stressful foibles of finding new friends, shopping malls, dentists, schools, and other everyday irritations by writing "Good Crazy Essays of a Mad Housewife," which she is introducing to audiences at readings at venues around the Buffalo area. She is donating a portion of the proceeds of her publication to the domestic violence office. "As a nurse, healing is the main goal, and I believe in the healing power of humor that we all need."

Regina O'Loughlin Muscarella is a junior high school English teacher in the Victor (N.Y.) Central School district.

1969

After retirement, **Julie Liberatore Adinolfi** and her husband Joe missed their roots so they returned to the Medina, N.Y., area and now reside in Shelby. They lived in Florida for twenty years and the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina for six years. They are the parents of six sons and have seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

1965

Lowell and Chelmsford, Mass., natives **Maryanne Shanahan** and **Mary Jane Cryan** are in the business of making their classmates and guests feel the warmth and welcome of their new hometowns. Maryanne is the innkeeper at the Hawthorn Inn in Camden, Maine.

Mary Jane considers herself the exclusive hostess and tour guide for the members of the class of '65 and their spouses who visit Vetralla, Italy. www.elegantetruria.com. Among those who have shared her hospitality are **Catherine Fontana McSweeney**, **Mary Jane MacKinnon McCool**, **Marilyn Martiny Kuschel**, **Veronica Shannon Wingen**, and **Catherine Woeppel Sheedy**.

1963

Dr. Kathleen Moisiejewicz, assistant professor of clinical nursing at Louisiana State University Health Science Center School of Nursing, was the guest speaker at a community colloquium on "Ethical Dilemmas in Times of Disaster," held in the

College Center and sponsored by the department of health services administration in April.

She shared her personal experiences and stories from New Orleans and from those who were there during the hurricane disaster. Ethical dilemmas faced by health care workers during a disaster were the topics of discussion.

A teacher for over 24 years, primarily in community health nursing, she is the current graduate and nursing leader faculty counselor for Epsilon Nu Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing and the vice president of the New Orleans District Nurses Association. Kathy holds advanced degrees: a master of science in community health nursing from the University at Buffalo and a Ph.D. in educational administration and leadership from the University of New Orleans.

1947

When they were students at D'Youville 64 years ago, several members of this class formed a club. They have continued getting together trying to meet monthly at a restaurant chosen each time by the group. **Kathryn Bunce Crowe, Margaret Dougherty Daley, Arlene Martin Foss, Geraldine Nowacki Specyal, and Geraldine Looze.** They are delighted to share memories and many laughs!

births

Kevin Patrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Tipton (Tracey A. Armstrong '97) joins big brother Seth William.

Siobhan, daughter of alumni board member Courtney Charleson-Smith, MS '99 and her husband Dwayne

Devyn Corrine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Sheehan (Michael Szematowicz '01) and younger sister of 2 ½ year old Ryann Michael

condolences

Margaret Webster Gauchat Bauer '44 on the death of her daughter, Kathryn Gauchat Jamberdino '69

Mary Ann Meloch Urbanski '53 on the deaths of her husband Richard and brother, Rev. Msgr. Chester Meloch

Jane Cempura Voss '60 on the death of her mother Jane

Theresa Regan Ray '64 on the death of her mother Elsie

Marilyn Babcock Samosky '65 on the death of her mother Irene

M. Colleen Fennie Merrick '65 on the death of her father James

Doris Kutlina Heaney '70 on the death of her father Joseph

Geraldine Vastola Yagnow '74 on the death of her husband Robert

Laurene Woodworth Nickel '79 on the death of her father Grant

Bridget Smith Bethea '98 on the death of her mother Shirley

Dr. Mary Eder Hurley '03 on the death of her mother Virginia

The family of former faculty member Ruth M. Seitz



Kathryn Coyne Janz '70 and her husband James enjoy dancing with the stars at a glamorous fundraiser in San Francisco, Calif.



*L to r:
Lynn O'Connell Brennan '68,
Julie Werth Stagliano '65,
her sister, Paula Werth Reitz '68,
and Margaret Roche Wietig '68
enjoyed a gorgeous day!*

*Family and friends gathered at
the wedding of Adam Reitz in
Rochester, N.Y.*

ARLENE REDMOND '31

Arlene Redmond '31 (April 7, 2007) died at her home in Lowell, Mass. Arlene graduated from Immaculate Conception Grammar School and Immaculate Conception High School before she matriculated at D'Youville College. For many years she was an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Public Welfare. In addition to her employment in social services, she served on the boards of directors of Community Teamwork, Family Services, Human Services Corporation, Model Cities Health and Welfare committees and The Salvation Army. She also volunteered with the Whistler House and the Salvation Army Christmas charities. She was a member of several groups in Lowell among them: the Holy Rosary Sodality of her parish, Immaculate Conception, The Lowell College Club, The Catholic Club, The Lowell Art Association, Saints Medical Center's Ladies Auxiliary and the Friends of the Pollard Memorial Library. Arlene is survived by a nephew, Peter J. Redmond, and a niece, Karen Redmond-MacIntosh, and two grand-nephews.

MARION A. WINKLER '37

Marion A. Winkler '37 (May 15, 2007) died after a long illness. She was predeceased by her parents, F. X. and Ella C. Winkler and also her sister, Dolores Healy, and brothers Francis X., Norbert J. and Howard A. For many years Marion taught in area public schools.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Saints Peter and Paul Church in Hamburg, N.Y.

AGNES MARIE KAPPEN '40

Agnes Marie Kappen '40 (January 31, 2007) died in Cary, N.C. After graduation from D'Youville, Agnes worked for Western Electric Buffalo Works Company. In her retirement she was as busy as during her professional career, dedicating herself to improving services for Cary senior citizens. During the eighties, she served on the board of directors for the non-profit Resources for Seniors. Later, she served as president of the board of directors for the Cary Senior Center, Inc. She worked with an advisory committee together with the Town of Cary to bring public transportation to isolated seniors who do not drive. This effort culminated with the C-Tran system providing door-to-door transportation for those in need.

Agnes is survived by her brothers, John C. and Lawrence J. Carroll, and many nieces and nephews. Two brothers, Frederick C. and Robert A. Kappen, predeceased her. She mourned the death of her dear friend, Ruth I. Clark.

Her funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Cary on February 9, 2007.

MARY BUDIMIROVICH KORACH '40

Mary Budimirovich Korach '40 (April 25, 2007) died in Mercy Hospital at the age of 90. A

lifelong resident of Lackawanna, she taught math to decades of Lackawanna high school students there. She was respected by her colleagues and beloved by her students. She was the wife of the late Steven; mother of Steven M., George M. and Nicholas; the grandmother of Jill Schenk, Michael, Nicholas D. II, Samuel S. and Alexander M. Korach, and great-grandmother of Eva K. Korach. She also was the sister of Mildred Speers, Sylvia, Helene Russo, the late Ann Gray, Mitch, Bernard, Lawrence and Draga Posster. She was an active member of St. Ilija Circle of Serbian Sisters, Lackawanna Retired Teachers Association, Matthew Glab Post Ladies Auxiliary, Lackawanna Garden Club, Serb National Federation and Women Interested in Cystic Health.

She was buried from St. Stephen's Serbian Orthodox Church.

MAUREEN P. HUTCHINSON '45

Maureen P. Hutchinson '45 (April 25, 2007) died at her home in Amherst, N.Y., under the care of hospice. Maureen was born in Milford, Mass. She came to Buffalo to attend high school at Holy Angels Academy. After her graduation from D'Youville, she was a faculty member at Grover Cleveland High School for two years before being employed by American General Insurance Co. where, in the course of her employment, she became head underwriter. Her retirement was as full as her working years.

She served as a member of the D'Youville Alumni Association board, was a Eucharistic minister and lector at Christ the King Church. Maureen became a Third Order Dominican Nun of the Perpetual Rosary and, as a volunteer for the Dominican community, she was the public face of that group. One of her adopted nieces, Mori Cottrell Green of Vienna, Va., said, "She was the maiden aunt everybody should have. She took us to the theatre and introduced us to the arts."

Her Mass of Christian Burial was offered on May 12th at her parish church, Christ the King.

BETTY RAE LEONARD PARKOT '46

Betty Rae Leonard Parkot '46 (March 17, 2007) taught for many years at Christ the King School and in the Sweet Home School District. She is survived by her three sons, Sean, Paul and Brian, and was grandma to Dawn, Bradley, Michael, Brian, Patrick, Kelly, Shannon, Kevin and Brigid.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered at Christ the King Church on March 22, 2007.

MARY ELIZABETH (BETTY) CURRY WHALEN '47

Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Curry Whalen '47 (January 3, 2007) died at Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, N.Y. Betty taught adult education in Norwood and Potsdam, N.Y., until 1980. She then moved to Syracuse where she was the executive secretary

for Merchants Bank. She retired in 1988. She attended Immaculate Heart Academy in Watertown and the Watertown School of Commerce before matriculating at D'Youville College. She was married to Harry R. Whalen in 1947. Betty served on the St. Lawrence County board of education. She was a member of the Altar and Rosary Society, was a Girl Scout leader and was very active in the Catholic Daughters of America.

She is survived by four sons, Harry R. (Carol) of Lyons, Colo., James P. of Sasebo, Japan, Richard A. (Marsha) of Mavy, La., and Michael A. (Lorraine) of Hardin, Texas; five daughters, Maureen E. Book of Liverpool, Kathleen (Allen Eagles) of Ogdensburg, Mary Ellen (Thomas Stock) of Springfield, Mass., and Margaret Anne (Larry Perez) of Amite, La. She is also survived by her sister, Collista (Jean) Barta of Dansville, brother Walter, eleven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren survive her.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Andrew's Church on January 6, 2007.

PATRICIA DONOVAN JACOBI '49

Patricia Donovan Jacobi '49 (April 4, 2007) died at Gilmore Lodge in Fort Erie after a long illness. She is survived by her husband of forty years, Donald J. Jacobi, and stepdaughters, Mary Claire Knapp, Anne M. White and Margaret Zak. She was the sister of Marita Pinkel, Elizabeth

Giblin and the late Thomas M. Donovan Jr. She was the loving grandmother of Aileen and Margaret Knapp, Dan, Michael and Kevin Zak.

Pat received a master's degree in social work from the University at Buffalo and for many years worked for Catholic Charities and Child and Family Services. On her retirement, she became an active volunteer of the Catholic Women's League at St. George's Church in Crystal Beach, Ont., Canada.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. George's Catholic Church in Crystal Beach on Tuesday, April 10.

DOROTHY ODZIEMIEC MAZUR '54

Dorothy Odziemiec Mazur '54 (May 22, 2007) was the wife of the late Honorable Alois C. Mazur and the mother of Martin, Christopher (M.D.), Paul, Marysia Delmont, Margaret Stark and Amy Griggs. She was the devoted grandmother to Andrew, Christina, Matthew, Sarah, Anna, Ryan, Rachel, Rebecca, Thomas, Lauren, Andrew, Julia, Christopher, Katherine and Madeline. Dorothy was the sister of the late Stanley, Maryann Borchlewicz and Alois. Dorothy was a member of the Quota Club of Amherst.

Her funeral Mass was celebrated at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church on May 26.

ELIZABETH M. TROGLAUER BRENDDEL '56

Elizabeth M. Troglauer Brendel

'56 (March 20, 2007) died after a lengthy illness. She was the wife of Paul H. Brendel. Betty was the beloved mother of Susanne (Mark) Fraunfelder and the devoted grandmother of Daniel, Deborah, Thomas and Colleen. She is also survived by several great-grandchildren; her sister, Ann Perose, and her brother, Thomas Fravel. She was pre-deceased by a son Daniel and brothers and sisters; Francis, Theodore and Jack and Margaret Caffrey.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church in East Aurora on March 25.

BARBARA A. HOFFMAN '63

Barbara A. Hoffman '63 (April 29, 2007) died at Mercy Hospital in Scranton, Pa. She was born in Rochester, the daughter of the late Joseph and Lucy Voelkl Hoffman. An English professor, she was on the faculty of Marywood University for 39 years. After nearly four decades of service and unwavering enthusiasm for her students, Barbara was nominated by the university for the prestigious council for its advancement and support of education professor of the year award. She planned to retire from Marywood at the end of the 2006-2007 year. She was a loving and dedicated sister to Sister Marie Susanne Hoffman of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Rochester. She will be sorely missed by her students and colleagues at Marywood.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on May 2, 2007, in the Marian

Chapel at Loughran Hall on the campus of Marywood University.

DOROTHY CASEY DEMPSEY '67

Dorothy Casey Dempsey '67 (November 29, 2006) died at the Community Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany, N.Y. Dorothy graduated from D'Youville with a degree in nursing. Throughout her career she worked in both public health and psychiatry. She developed the initial psychiatric curriculum for St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Syracuse. For many years her passion for cooking led her to establish her own catering business. Her love of travel took the Dempseys throughout both the United States and Europe. An active volunteer, Dorothy worked for the PT's during her sons' school years. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Michael F. Dempsey, and her sons John and Michael. Also surviving are grandchildren John Jr. and Brooke.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Albany.

MARY (KIM) HURTEAU ANYANGO '73

Mary (Kim) Hurteau Anyango '73 (March 31, 2007) died at Bassett Healthcare, Cooperstown, N.Y. Kim graduated from St. Mary's Academy, Ogdensburg, before she entered D'Youville in 1969. When she graduated in 1973, she worked at the Buffalo VA Medical Center. Following that employment, she joined

obituaries

the Peace Corps in 1975 and worked in Kenya, East Africa, as a nurse instructor. There she met and married her husband, Paul Anyango. She later worked in the Nairobi Hospital intensive care unit in Kenya until 1981. Returning to the United States, she worked at Hepburn Hospital in Ogdensburg, St. Luke's Memorial Hospital in New Hartford and Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown. Her most recent employment was with Herkimer County Public Health as a supervising nurse.

Kim is survived by her husband Paul and her children, Charles of Ilion, Mallory of New Hartford, Justin and Isaac and her grandchildren. She also leaves her parents, Douglas and Doris Hurteau of Ogdensburg and her sisters, Marta Fitzpatrick and Mallory Hurteau; and her five brothers, Doug, Marc, Matt, Jan and Andrew.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Mary's Cathedral on April 4, 2007.

KATHLEEN ROSE CLEARY '74
Kathleen Rose Cleary '74 (May 9, 2007) died at her home after a long battle with cancer. After graduation in 1974, Kathleen relocated to San Francisco where she was employed by Stat Nursing, Inc. She subsequently became the sole owner of the business providing supplemental nursing staff to Bay Area hospitals, doctors' offices and home health care. She was well known for her entrepreneurial spirit and for setting and maintaining the highest standards of care in the

profession. She is survived by her husband, Charles Duck, and her children, Ryan and Chelsea.

A memorial service celebrating Katie's life was held on May 15 at St. Sebastian Church in Kentfield, Calif.

TIMOTHY J. BOVE '86

Timothy J. Bove '86 (January 5, 2007) Tim graduated with a bachelor of nursing degree. He was the son of Shirley and the late Ray Bove. He is survived by his wife Nancy and his loving daughters, Rachel L., Rebekah L. and Ruth L. He was the brother of Ray G. (Theresa).

The funeral service was celebrated on January 9, 2007, at F.E. Brown Funeral Home in Orchard Park, N.Y.

BARBARA ANN KELLAM '97

Barbara Ann Kellam '97 (March 31, 2007) died at her home. Barbara graduated from Lafayette High School in 1955. After graduation she worked at Weed and Co. and Kelly Brothers Architectural Hardware for 40 years. Barbara was an avid learner and in later life earned a degree in psychology at D'Youville in 1997. A celebration of her life and ministry was held on April 5 at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Fort Erie, Ont., Canada.

sympathies

Kathryn Gauchat Jamberdino '69

Dorothy Silk (Milanoski)
Kozlowski '77

Full obituaries will be provided when more information becomes available.



If you know of anyone who is interested in pursuing a college degree, our admissions staff is ready to help. Simply complete and mail the inquiry form below and we will do the rest. D'Youville's program offerings are available to qualified high school seniors, returning adults, current college students or college graduates.

DYC Alumni Referral Form

Name of student

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Program of interest

E-mail address

Referred by & class year

Return this completed form to:
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Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, Ph.D.
President of D'Youville College

requests the pleasure of your company at the

Justice Michael F. Dillon Presidential Honors Scholarship Reception

honoring the program scholars and
the 2007 Community Service Award recipient:

The BISON Scholarship Fund

Co-founded by Paul Bauer, Thomas Beecher, Jr. and
Christopher Jacobs, this privately funded scholarship
program enables economically disadvantaged children to
attend a private school of their choice. Now in its thirteenth year,
as many as twelve hundred students per year attend
sixty-three different, private and parochial grammar schools
in the greater Buffalo area.

The twenty-third annual gala reception will be hosted at the
D'Youville College Center, Blue Lounge,
corner of Porter and Fargo avenues

Wednesday, October 24, 2007
Reception: 6 - 8:30 p.m.

With live music

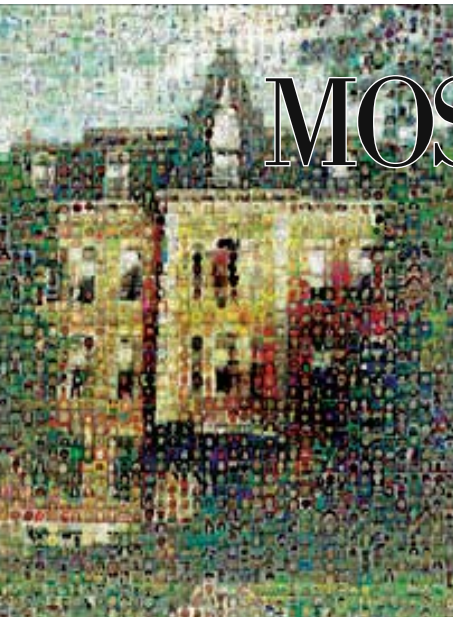
Donation: \$100 per person

Valet parking provided

To order your tickets or for more information, call 716.829.7805
The favor of your reply by October 12

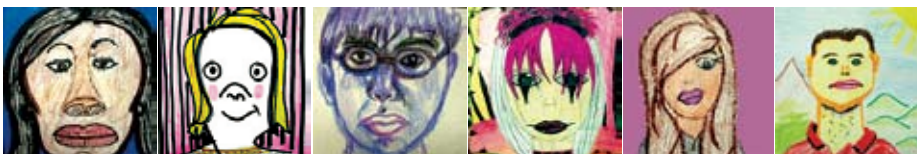
Proceeds to benefit the
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faces of dyc MOSAIC



The Faces of D'Youville project will be made from self-portraits drawn by alumni, students, faculty, staff, families and friends of the College. Up close, the drawn faces can be seen individually, but from a distance they will blend together to form the familiar Koessler Administration Building. Once completed, the mosaic will be prominently displayed in the College Center and also will be available for purchase as a matted print and/or note cards.

Just create your face. Have fun. Be creative. Use a mirror for realism or just wing it. It doesn't have to look exactly like you. It can be an abstract, a caricature, a stick figure: anything goes. Suspend



judgment on your skills and just create: you can do this, really. It is about participating, not about being perfect. Please, no photos.

The form can be downloaded at www.dyc.edu/welcome/centennial.asp. To receive a paper copy of the form by mail, contact Kelly Biehls at 716.829.7805 or e-mail, biehls@dyc.edu.

Available only through October 2007.

JUST IN TIME: Exciting News from the Alumni Office

D'Youville will soon launch an online Alumni Community where graduates will be able to stay in touch with fellow graduates as well as keep up to date on current events taking place at the College. Additional features of the community include:

- event information and registration
- the ability to join groups based on class year, major or interest
- submissions of professional, education and personal updates to the class notes
- and more to come!

Membership is FREE to all alumni. This site will be secure to protect your personal information. We will be up and running in time for all centennial events. Watch for more information in the fall edition of *D'Mensions*.

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centennial is almost here...

Our celebration is coming faster than you think. All alumni are welcome to attend these landmark events as well as informal and regular campus events scheduled during 2007-2009. Watch for updates on our Web site, www.dyc.edu.

2007

December 12, 2007

Opening Ceremony and Kick off at the President's Holiday Party

2008

January 30, 2008

Ecumenical Service A sacred celebration

January 2008 April 2009

Fireside Chats with current and past faculty in their areas of expertise

April 4, 2008

Dedication of the St. Marguerite d'Youville statue with a reception to follow

May 17, 2008

One Hundredth Commencement, Kleinhans Music Hall

Mid Summer

Alumni/Community Family Picnic

September 20, 2008

Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral

Reception and Dinner/Homecoming Event at Hyatt Regency Hotel

October 2008

DYC Around the World

Celebrate for two weeks with D'Youvillians at home and abroad during the month of October

2008-2009

Community Service Project: 100² (10,000 hours of community service)

2009

April 5, 2009

Formal Alumni Tea

April May 2009

Closing Event

homecoming weekend 2007

Sept.
Friday
and
Saturday

28 & 29

Join us for the last Homecoming in our first 100 years!

Friday, September 28th

- Cocktail Party
- The Kavinoky Theatre production: *Hank Williams: Lost Highway*
- Young Alumni Networking & Happy Hour at Root Five Waterfront in Hamburg, N.Y.

Saturday, September 29th

- Fall Back to D Youville: Young Alumni Picnic & Bar B Que at Prospect Park
- Transitions Workshop with Fran Schmidt, director of career services at Montante Family Library, fourth floor
- Informal Luncheon
- Campus Tours
- Mass in Sacred Heart Chapel
- Cocktail Reception in the College Center, Blue Lounge
- Candlelight Dinner – members of the anniversary classes ending in 2 or 7 will be recognized; **all classes are welcome**

Invitations will be mailed to the anniversary classes. The reservation form will be on the alumni calendar Web site.

Need more information?

Call the alumni office, 716.829.7808; e mail, smytonpm@dyc.edu; or check for updates by visiting us at www.dyc.edu.

8th

Annual
Charlene
D. Page
Memorial
5K Run

Saturday, September 29

Race & Post Race Party

Walkers are welcome and follow the same route as the runners.

HOW TO REGISTER:

By computer:
[http://www.dyc.edu/
alumni/calendar.asp](http://www.dyc.edu/alumni/calendar.asp)
(or brennant@dyc.edu)

By telephone:
Please contact
Tim Brennan at
716.829.7801

INTELLIGENT GIVING



a celebration in the making

Looking back over the years, does it seem that D'Youville has always been doing something for your benefit? Perhaps it's now time for you to reciprocate. Better yet, it may be time to enter into a mutually beneficial relationship: a working, lifetime partnership between you and your alma mater.

Gift annuities are exactly that! When such a gift is made to D'Youville, the College holds the principal, investing and growing these funds for the shared benefit of both the institution and you, the donor. Both parties benefit from the expertise of D'Youville's fund managers. Additionally, a special designated reserve fund guarantees a highly attractive rate of return for your lifetime, higher than most conventional financial instruments.

The annuity provides a generous income, based on your age, for you and, if you choose, a second beneficiary. Your choice: payouts may be made annually or semi annually. Furthermore, because your annuity is a charitable gift, a substantial portion of it is tax deductible, as well as a portion of the annual income.

An annuity can be a powerful, working partnership between you and the College and is especially appealing to older alums in their post career years.

A recent, significant gift annuity received by the College is the first such gift made in celebration of DYU's centennial. Both the donor and the College are celebrants here. This is frosting on the birthday cake. And D'Youville gets to blow out the candles!

D'Youville adheres to the guidelines of the American Council of Gift Annuities. We provide you with a customized illustration based on your age and the amount you wish to contribute, so that you will know exactly what your income will be. We invite you to have your financial advisor review these materials.

Annuities may be funded with equities or cash.

To receive your customized illustration, please contact the director of major and planned giving, Patricia Van Dyke, 716.829.7802 or vandykep@dyc.edu.

occasions & dates

MARK THESE EVENTS ON YOUR CALENDAR

ALUMNI/COLLEGE CALENDAR ■ SUMMER EARLY WINTER

AUGUST

Entertainment Book Sale

SEPTEMBER

- 13 Alumni Association Board Meeting*
- 22 Donor Mass & Reception
- 26 Buffalo Nite on Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C.
- 28 29 Homecoming Weekend 2007

OCTOBER

- Holiday Wreath Sale
- 4 Alumni Association Board Meeting*
- 24 Hon. Michael F. Dillon Presidential Scholarship Reception
- 27 Physician Assistant Alumni/Student Event

NOVEMBER

- 1 Alumni Association Board Meeting*

DECEMBER

- 2 Family Sunday
- 6 Alumni Association Board Meeting*
- 12 President's Holiday Party & Centennial Opening Event

JANUARY

- 30 Centennial Ecumenical Service, Holy Angels Church

*On the date of each board meeting, a Mass for living and deceased alumni is offered in the Sacred Heart Chapel at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

To check reservation forms and to gather the most up-to-date information about alumni activities, check the Web site, www.dyc.edu/alumni/calendar.asp. You may also call the alumni office, 716.829.7808, or e-mail, smytonpm@dyc.edu.



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