

*“It is impossible to identify the typical student enrolled here. We have accepted students who were valedictorians of their high school and students who were thrown out of high school. We’ve accepted young and old, rich and poor, from all racial backgrounds. We have students who are the first in their family to have gone beyond high school. Others come from poor or disadvantaged backgrounds, making college away from home an impossible dream. Others come to the college after a life crisis such as a job loss, starting over after a break-up of a family or a career, or recovering from illness. But no matter who our students are, this college has given them the opportunity to obtain the education they need to help achieve their goals.”*

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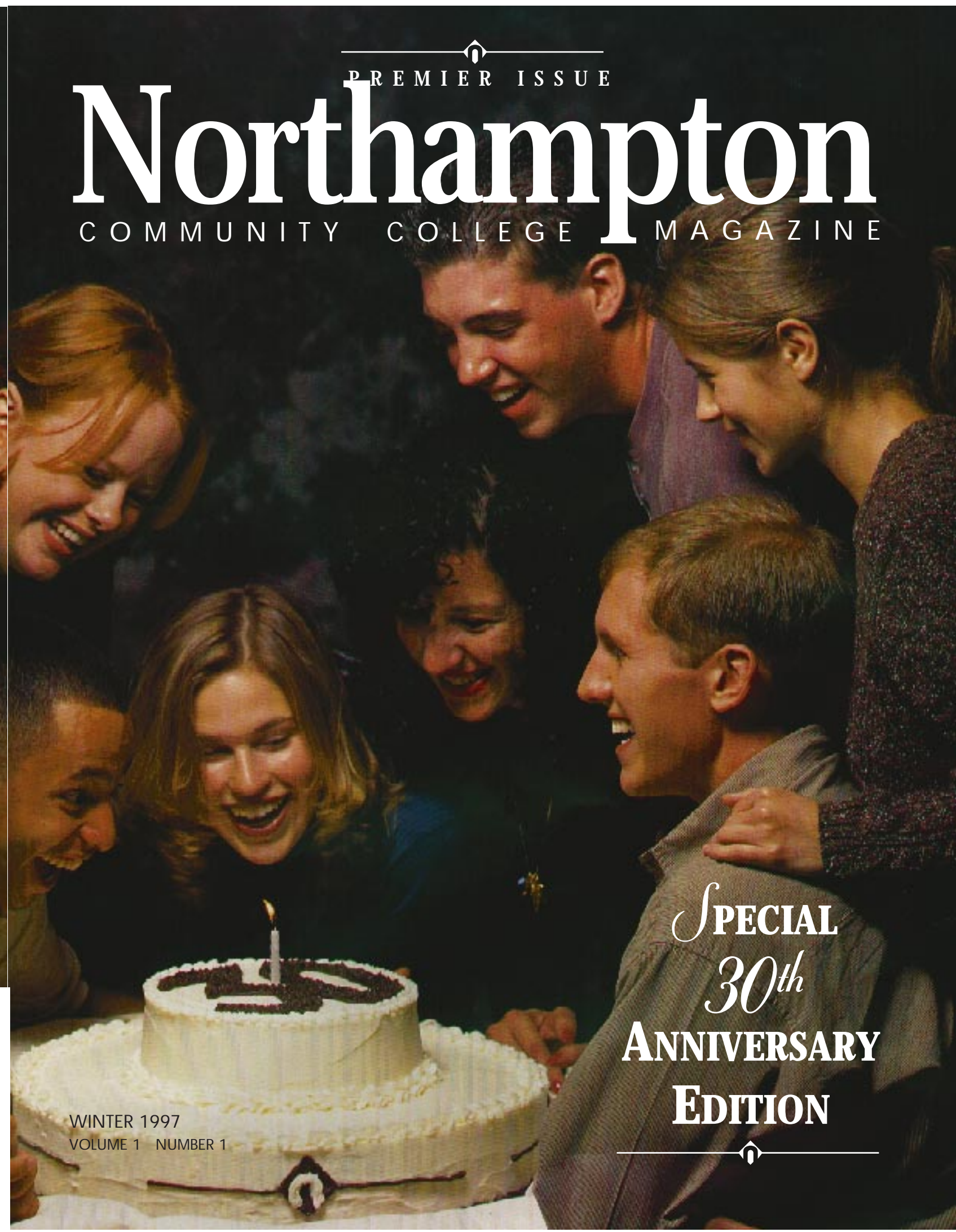
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Turning thirty. It's a time when you've really hit your stride. When you feel you've "grown up;" you've come into your own. Turning thirty somehow gives us permission to tally our achievements and to recognize our accomplishments. Turning thirty is also a time to look forward with new vigor and to set our sights on new milestones. At Northampton Community College, we did this that. The anniversary celebration began last fall with a Love-In, complete with bell bottoms and lava lamps and speeches. A few of NCC's first graduates returned to campus to share their memories of the late 1960s when the campus was young and when they were part of a very special, new, and exciting learning adventure. They were joined by faculty members such as Earl Page, Ron DiStefano, and others who had taught them in the '60s and are still teaching here today. The celebration culminated in an Academy Awards-style spectacular in late October, when the College honored community leaders and College founders in black-tie fashion. It is most appropriate that the premier issue of *Northampton Community College Magazine* celebrate the 30th anniversary by recognizing the College's accomplishments and the community's — our community's — achievements.

We hope you enjoy this premier issue, and we look forward to your comments and suggestions.

*Joanne C. Anderson*     *Heidi Bright Butler*



On the cover: NCC students and alumni gather around an anniversary cake created by Chef Duncan Howden, associate professor of culinary arts. Shown on the front cover (clockwise from upper left) are: Jennifer Frankenfield, John Jimenez, Michael Coyle, Helen Seymour, Nathaniel Miller, Jody Oliver Piagesi, and Jennifer Pangburn. Appearing on the back cover (clockwise from upper left) are Barry Clauser, Eric Ramirez, Jennifer Kramer, Laszlo Onody and Ryan Creazzo. Cover Photo: John Sterling Ruth



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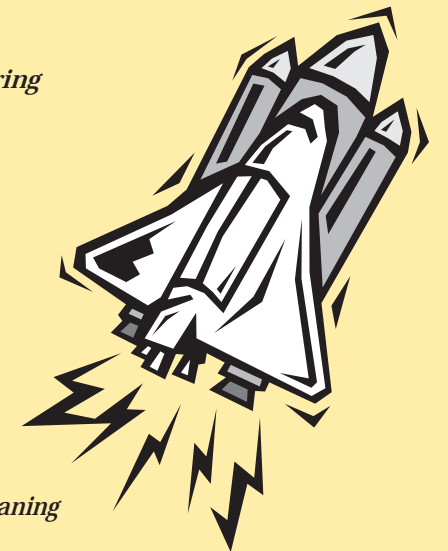
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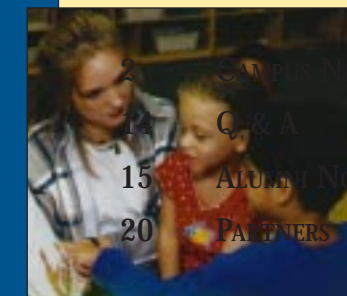
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# LOVE-IN



It was billed as a "Love-In" and it was. More than 100 students, faculty, staff and alumni rallied on October 3 to commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of the day classes began at NCC. Transported back in time by the music of the sixties, they listened as Professor of History and Sociology Earl Page explained how the country got from Camelot to Kent State and how his own odyssey brought him to NCC — a place where teaching was valued — after he concluded that education rather than revolution held the key to molding a changed society.

Winning a lava lamp for best sixties outfits were Ron and Pat DeStefano of the Chemistry Department and the library staff, respectively, shown below flanking student Sue Frey who claimed a Grateful Dead t-shirt for her get up. Honorable mention went to student Darlene Leibensperger and her son Tim (shown at right) who threatened to protest the judges' decision.

Among the early graduates participating in the festivities in contemporary attire were (l-r, front row: Lester Onody '69, Marie Matyas '70, Joan Matyas Miller '72, Nancy Castelletti '72, and Jeanette Eckert; second row: Donald Seifert '70, Tom Dentith '72, Bill Bauer '71, and Ernest Barbarics '69.) Speaking on behalf of the group, Onody drew chuckles when he reminisced about the College's humble beginnings. The outpost of modular classrooms stuck in the middle of a cornfield resembled a pretzel when viewed from Route 22, he said. He also recalled that during summer sessions the sweat on students' brows came not from the difficulty of the tests, but from the lack of air-conditioning. He pointed out that his wife Bonnie graduated from NCC in 1994 and that his son Lester is a member of the Class of 1998. "My education here helped me achieve my career and family goals," he proclaimed in a voice filled with emotion. "I am very proud to be a member of the first class who helped to establish the educational standards and the future of this institution." ♦



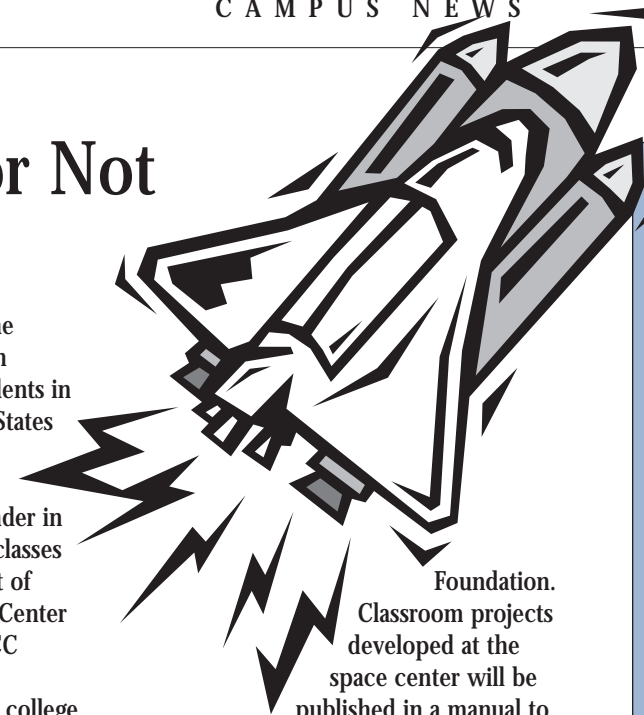
## To Launch or Not to Launch?



That is the question college students in the United States and Canada soon might have to ponder in their math classes as the result of work done at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida this past summer by NCC Professor Dennis Ebersole.

Ebersole and nineteen other college instructors met with NASA scientists and engineers to develop classroom projects that will make the study of mathematics more meaningful to students and will inspire them to pursue careers in the mathematical sciences. "It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience," Ebersole said. "We received VIP tours of the Kennedy Space Center facilities, seeing the node for the space station before many of the scientists who had worked on its design had seen it."

The work at Kennedy Space Center is part of an ongoing initiative sponsored by NASA and the American Mathematics Association of Two-Year Colleges, with partial funding from the National Science



Foundation. Classroom projects developed at the space center will be published in a manual to be distributed to the 3,000 members of the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges. Another 2,000 copies will be made available to high school and four-year college instructors who request a copy.

"All the classroom projects model real problems faced by scientists and engineers at the space center," said Ebersole, who co-wrote exercises involving wind speed and direction and shuttle launches. "Having such class-tested materials available, along with faculty guides that describe how to use the materials in class, has the potential to improve learning and to increase the students' ability to model and solve real-world problems." ♦

## Formula For Success

A facility that opened this fall is helping NCC address a problem common to many college campuses — students unprepared to do college-level mathematics.

"It's a serious situation," reports Chris Wetzel, who oversees the new Math Lab in the College Center. "Part of the reason is that students are not being prepared in high school and part of the problem is that older students experience anxiety about math."

NCC's new lab includes thirty-five personal computers and a flexible, interactive software program called Mediated Learning that allows students to work at their own pace. Faculty members provide supplemental instruction and individualized assistance.

Other colleges that have tried the software report a 15 percent increase in the pass rate for students enrolled in remedial math courses such as elementary and intermediate algebra. "We're hoping to see similar gains," Wetzel says. ♦

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## Making the ABC's Easier

Barbara Nonnemacher of Bethlehem, a graduate of Liberty High School, became the first NCC student to participate in the America Reads Challenge, a nationwide program designed to help assure that every American child can read well and independently by the end of third grade.

As part of an off-campus work-study assignment with Community Services for Children, Inc., Nonnemacher began working with children three to five years old at the child care center of St. Mark's Church in Easton this past summer. She reads stories and engages the children in related activities.

"Reading is something I want the children to appreciate for the rest of their lives," says Nonnemacher, who is enrolled in NCC's Early Childhood Education program. "I love the work, especially the way the children show their appreciation. They enjoy the idea of someone spending time with them."

More NCC students joined the initiative in the fall. After completing a series of training sessions offered by the College and by the Colonial Northampton Intermediate Unit, they are assisting teachers in five different child care centers in Northampton and Monroe counties. ♦



## Cohen Lecturer Rides Crest of Cyberwave

Electronic Hollywood.

As a master's degree candidate at New York University, Levy completed her thesis requirement by creating an electronic magazine, called *Cyber Rag*. The magazine had graphics, stories, poems and other clickable links, much like today's World Wide Web, but on disk. She decided to see if there was a market for her invention.

"I tried to sell it in bookstores, which I thought made perfect sense because it was something people were going to read," she explained, but she had a hard time convincing anyone to carry it. She ended up giving out ten disks for free as a tryout.

It paid off. "The store called back and asked if they could get more disks." Soon, the magazine was in eight bookstores.

Major publications, such as the *Los Angeles Times* and *Newsweek*, caught wind of Levy's creation and wrote features on her. She loved the exposure, and began selling more and more copies. One day she got news that changed her life.

"Billy Idol bought one of my magazines," Levy said. "He wanted me to do one for his new album...I didn't even like Billy Idol, but I thought it could be worse — it could be Journey or something." ♦

Levy developed a disk of material that was included in Idol's 1993 disc, "Cyberpunk." From there offers came rolling in. Levy's credits now include projects for Aerosmith, IBM, Viacom, and Samsung. In addition, she served as the creative director for the on-line magazine *Word*, and published *Ambulance*, an electronic novel. The Web Site, [www.hellhole.com](http://www.hellhole.com), provides links to her work, past and present.

"This field is just great, and it's not that expensive to learn. There's a lot of money to be made out there," she told the audience.

Levy said she loves learning new technology, "because you never know how far it can go." She added that cyberpublishing is open to men and women equally.

"It seems that people who have an idea and a goal from the start always seem to do better," she said. "They pick up on things more quickly, and learn what they need to do to make that goal happen."

And coincidentally, says the former Valley Girl, some of the best people for the job are easy to pick out in a crowd.

"They're the ones with the funky hair, the creative ones," Levy said with a laugh. "You know, the ones who are a little 'out there.'" ♦

Jaime Levy is the first to admit that she got where she is today because of a man.

While a student at San Francisco State University, Levy saw a guy she just had to meet. A friend told her he worked at the computer lab, so she headed over, figuring she could feign interest in the electronic beasts, and perhaps get a phone number out of the deal.

She soon fell in love.

But not with the guy.

"Pretty soon I liked computers more than him," Levy said with a chuckle.

That was nearly ten years ago. The 31 year-old Hollywood, California, native has since taken the electronic publishing world by storm, constantly pushing the limits of technology to entertain computer users.

Levy, this year's Cohen Lecturer, told a packed audience how her interest in computers became a flourishing career that led to the creation of her new company,

## Card Catalog Gone, But Not Forgotten

The card catalog has been laid to rest. At funeral services held on October 13, Sarah Jubinski, dean of the Learning Resource Center, observed "For some this is a happy occasion. For others it is a sad occasion." Jubinski and her staff were decked out in black. So were the wooden drawers, piled high with lilies.

The card catalog has been replaced by a computerized database that allows seekers of knowledge to find resource materials by title, author, or subject matter. The database is accessible not only from terminals in the library, but also from home and office computers. (Check it out at <http://accesspa.brodart.com>. When the Pennsylvania map appears, click on Northampton County, select "College Libraries," and then choose "Learning Resources Center.")

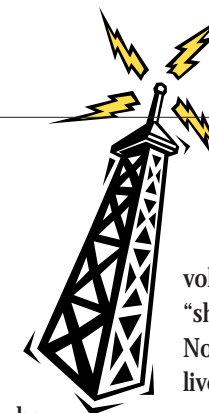
"Technology has and will transform learning and the Learning Center," proclaimed NCC President Robert Kopecek, "thanking those who had helped the College to meet the terms of a \$500,000

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challenge grant which is funding improvements to the library, an endowed faculty chair in the humanities, and a public lecture series in the humanities.

While paying her respects to "the dear departed card catalog," Preacher Rebecca Dean (otherwise known as associate professor of communications), praised the coming of the automated information system, noting "Now we can seek wisdom and knowledge in the wee hours when the spirit moves us." Dr. James Von Shilling, the English professor who wrote the grant, spoke lovingly not only of the new technology, but also of the books, videos, and CD-ROMs that the grant will enable the College to acquire.

Guests grieving the loss of the card catalog were invited to take a card home in remembrance of an old friend. Dr. Paul Pierpoint, dean of business, technology, and allied health, won dinner for two at Hampton Winds for coming closest to guessing the total number of cards in the drawers, though his guess was low by 88,000 cards. The correct number was 251,960. May they rest in peace. ♦



## Telling It Like It Is

If you're a high school student or an adult considering further education, NCC students, faculty, staff, and alumni have some advice for you: Make the choice that will make the difference in your life.

The word is out — in the newspapers, on the radio, on billboards, on ESPN, USA, and even on MTV.

Instead of using models or paid spokespeople, NCC's new promotional campaign features thirty-five students, faculty, and alumni who describe the difference Northampton Community College has made in their lives.

In ads for the business and technology programs, Dina Manaway reflects, "If it weren't for the fact that I went to NCC, I wouldn't be plant manager at Victaulic today."

Chris Martin, CEO of Martin Guitar Company, sneaks in a playful turn of phrase when he reports that "NCC was instrumental to my success."

Current students are equally enthusiastic. Accounting major Brett Hutchinson notes, "I transferred from another college because NCC

was a better fit for me." Radio/TV student Kate McShane calls NCC "The perfect school for me."

The College's director of marketing and publications,

Joanne Anderson, is pleased with public reaction to the campaign and grateful to all who

volunteered their time to "share their stories of how Northampton changed their lives." ♦

## Bumper Crop of New Ambassadors for 1997-1998



**Mike Jurasits:** Jurasits graduated from Nazareth High School and participated in the Camp Neidig Leadership Camp. His intended field major is engineering.

**Kyleen Opdycke:**

Because of their outstanding academic records, involvement in high school activities, and/or commitment to community service, thirteen graduates of area high schools have been named Presidential Ambassadors at NCC. **Jason Cloutier:** Cloutier was an honor roll student at Northampton High School where he was active in the chorus and the band. An accounting major, he hopes to pursue a career in the FBI.

**Rachel Hall:** Hall is the first Presidential Ambassador from Monroe County. Home-schooled, she is an accomplished equestrian and flautist, considering a major in social work.

**Laurie Host:** A graduate of Liberty High School, Host was a member of the band and the National Honor Society. Majoring in biological science, she plans to continue her education to become a cytotechnologist.

Opdycke also graduated from Nazareth High School where she was a member of the swim team. She has been accepted into NCC's dental hygiene program.

**Anna Macdonald:** Macdonald was a member of the honor society and the string ensemble at Nazareth High School. She plans to major in liberal arts and may continue her studies in occupational therapy.

**Amy Myer:** Also a member of the honor society, Myer graduated from Easton High School where she sang in the choir, played soccer and was a member of the bandfront. She is enrolled in the early childhood education program at NCC.

**Justine L. Lockard:** A graduate of Saucon Valley High School, Lockard, too, was a member of the National Honor Society. She is looking forward to a career as a dental hygienist.

**Heather Statler:** Statler was an honor student at Wilson High

School. Her extracurricular activities include volunteer work at the Miller Memorial Blood Center and Easton Hospital. A nursing major at NCC, she plans to become a pediatric nurse practitioner.

**Ray G. Tchoulakian:** Tchoulakian received a Presidential Education Award at Freedom High School where he was active in the yearbook, the German Club and Pen & Ink. He is enrolled in the radio/TV program at NCC.

**Robert Seip:** A graduate of Nazareth High School, Seip enjoyed baseball and football. He is majoring in electronics technology and plans to transfer to Embry-Riddle University after completing his associate's degree.

**Danette Szakaly:** Szakaly was captain of the twirling squad at Freedom High School. She too plans to continue her education after graduating from NCC with the goal of becoming an elementary school teacher.

**Tammy Wunderly:** A criminal justice major at NCC, Wunderly is a graduate of Easton High School where she was active in SADD, the government and politics club, Teen Summit, and the honor society. ♦



# THE BIG 3-0

*Northampton Community College is full of surprises.*

One is that it doesn't celebrate its past. It's not that people aren't proud of what was. They are just too busy focusing on what is and what could be to stop and reminisce about how it came to be.

At thirty, this is a college that hasn't settled yet. It is a college that probably never will. As you will see throughout this magazine, Northampton is a college on the move. A college for people on the move. A college for a community on the move.

And this is how it all began....

## 1966-1967

◆ The State Board of Education approves plans for a community college in Northampton County.

◆ The first board of trustees begins meeting in the Pomfret Club in downtown Easton. Chaired by veteran educator Dr. Glenn J. Christensen, provost and vice president of Lehigh University, the Board includes some of the area's most successful businessmen.

◆ The search for a site begins. After surveying a dozen possible locations, the Board buys 160 acres of farmland in Bethlehem Township.

◆ While some trustees look for a campus, others look for a president. They harness the energy of Dr. Richard C. Richardson, Jr., a thirty-three year-old dean from Forest Park Community College in St. Louis, who has distinguished himself in a Kellogg Foundation program aimed at developing leadership for community colleges.

◆ There is no time to celebrate. Classes are scheduled to begin in less than nine months. There is a faculty to hire, a curriculum to design, buildings to construct, and books and furniture to order.

◆ Even before opening day, the College responds to requests to provide a review course for students sitting for the CPA exam. This becomes the first of thousands of non-credit courses the College offers to adults for personal enrichment or for professional development.

◆ With eight modular classrooms installed on the north side of Green Pond Road, credit classes begin on October 2. Four-hundred-and-fifty students are expected. Eight hundred show up. True

to the community college's "open door" policy, no one is turned away.

## 1967-68

◆ Enrollment surges to 1442.

◆ Registered nursing joins the roster of career and transfer programs, marking the beginning of an era in which NCC would train many of the RNs, LPNs, radiologic technicians, and dental hygienists who staff area hospitals, doctors' and dentists' offices.

◆ Determined to create an exceptional institution, local business leaders establish one of the country's first foundations devoted to raising money for scholarships and enhancements to the academic program.

## 1968-69

◆ Look out world! The first students complete their degrees. Because the portable classrooms aren't large enough to accommodate seventy-one graduates and their proud families and friends, commencement is held up the road at what was then Moravian Seminary for Girls, now Moravian Academy's Upper School.

## 1969-70

◆ The College earns full accreditation from the Middle States Association in near-record time and quickly breaks ground for five permanent buildings as enrollment jumps to 2468.

◆ The heat is on for community colleges to serve the public good by providing training for firefighters. Fire engines become a common sight on campus. In years to come, NCC would also offer continuing education for emergency medical personnel.

◆ Open wide: Working under the supervision of licensed dentists and hygienists, dental hygiene students begin providing teeth cleaning, fluoride treatments and oral hygiene examinations at nominal charge in the college dental clinic.

## 1970-71

◆ Students get an unexpected day off — not for snow, but for wind — when gusts knock out an electrical transformer and threaten to relocate the modular classrooms to Bangor or beyond.

◆ Construction begins on three more permanent (and wind-resistant!) buildings on the South Campus.

◆ Project Aware gets its start when Northampton becomes one of four community colleges in Pennsylvania to receive an Equal Opportunity Grant to encourage outreach to disadvantaged students.

## 1971-72

◆ First students graduate from the Architectural Technology Program. Meanwhile, across Green Pond Road, an architectural wonder known as a "mega-structure" has begun to take shape.

## 1972-73

◆ Students can't wait to make the new College Center and adjacent towers their own, moving in before the construction workers move out. By January, the buildings now





known as Founders Hall, Keystone Hall, and the Kiva are also ready for occupancy. While administrative offices and some classes remain in "the barracks," the South Campus is where the action is with its centers for the arts and technology, learning resource center, theatre, gym, and cafeteria.

**1973-74**

- ◆ College expands child care services to include a Child Development Center where children and future teachers from NCC's early childhood education program learn together.
- ◆ Business data processing students use their skills developing class schedules for sponsoring school districts.
- ◆ In cooperation with the area's vo-tech schools, NCC begins to offer an automotive technology program.

- ◆ NCC initiates the College at Home Program to make education accessible for shift workers, the homebound, people whose jobs involve out-of-town travel, residents of correctional institutions, and citizens serving in the armed forces.

**1974-75**

- ◆ Northampton boasts the highest graduation rate of any community college in Pennsylvania.
- ◆ Efforts intensify to make the campus a friendlier and more accessible place for people with disabilities.

**1975-76**

- ◆ Faculty votes to unionize as a chapter of the American Federation of Teachers.

**1976-77**

- ◆ Northampton becomes one of only two institutions in Pennsylvania to offer a degree program in funeral service.

- ◆ Career choices expand with the introduction of majors in radio/TV and radiologic technology.

- ◆ After leading Northampton to the achievement of most of the goals set forth in its ten-year plan, Richard C. Richardson, Jr., announces he will resign at the end of the academic year.

**1977-78**

- ◆ Dr. Robert J. Kopecek is selected as the College's second president from a field of 140 candidates.

- ◆ Spring Expo makes its debut as a way to introduce the community to the wide variety of resources the College offers.

- ◆ Planning begins for the establishment of off-campus centers to serve areas where distance limits access to the College's programs.

- ◆ Nan Kozul sets school scoring record in women's hoops by tallying forty points against LCCC.

**1978-79**

- ◆ With generous support from the Pennsylvania funeral directors, Commonwealth Hall opens, providing state-of-the-art labs for funeral service education and radiologic technology.

- ◆ Construction begins on an addition to Keystone Hall.

- ◆ The College reaches out to new and aspiring citizens by starting an English as a Second Language Program.

- ◆ First computer lab opens for student use.

**1979-80**

- ◆ College takes the lead in founding the Northampton County Development Corporation to stimulate the development of new jobs by helping existing businesses expand and by bringing new businesses into the area.

**1980-81**

- ◆ College pledges to expand programs for residents of Monroe County.

- ◆ Thirteen students and an instructor travel to New Mexico and three other western states for the College's first field study course.

- ◆ Television represents another frontier. Eleven students enroll in the College's first television course.

- ◆ Students enjoy first Christmas social.

**1983-84**

- ◆ Transfer program introduced in computer science.

**1984-85**

- ◆ Travel and tourism proves popular as new major.
- ◆ First-time pass rates on state board or licensure exams again exceed national averages in nursing, dental hygiene and funeral service education.
- ◆ \$3 million+ in state and federal grants sets new record.

- ◆ Students and community residents find new Work/Life Center helpful as they contemplate changes in their careers and personal lives.

- ◆ Board invests \$3,200,000 in renovations to South Campus and addition of thirteen more classrooms.

- ◆ Executive-in-Residence Program begins to bring outstanding business leaders to campus each year.

**1986-87**

- ◆ Northampton becomes the first community college in Pennsylvania to offer on-campus

student housing when the college Foundation underwrites construction of twelve apartments.

- ◆ NCC helps to meet needs of the health care industry by providing training for staff at Easton Hospital.

**1987-88**

- ◆ Car dealers and service station operators fuel addition to Commonwealth Hall for expansion of Automotive Technology Program.

- ◆ Foundation sets out to establish endowment with boost from federal challenge grant program.
- ◆ Hat trick: men's and women's basketball teams and women's softball team win state championships.

**1988-89**

- ◆ Chrysler and General Motors choose Northampton as partner in educational programs that combine classroom learning with on-the-job experience at participating dealerships.

- ◆ The state of Virginia selects the National Training Center for Microelectronics to train Virginia industries in advanced electronics manufacturing technologies.

**1989-90**

- ◆ Northampton opens a center the Farr Building in downtown Bethlehem for the convenience of city residents.

- ◆ New residence hall adds to the diversity of the student body on the Bethlehem Township campus by enabling more out-of-county, out-of-state, and foreign students to take advantage of programs unavailable in their communities.

- ◆ Professor of Mathematics Dennis Ebersole receives the first of many Eisenhower grants to help elementary and secondary school teachers improve mathematics instruction.

- ◆ Eight sponsoring school districts and the College unanimously extend sponsorship agreement until 2026.

- ◆ Enrollment tops 21,000.

- ◆ Board approves plan to replace original buildings on the North Campus.

**1990-91**

- ◆ Criminal justice and computer aided design join growing list of majors.

- ◆ NCC embarks on first international exchange program as students from China and Russia come to campus to master English and to learn about American culture and business, and a faculty member travels to Tianjin University of Commerce in China to share expertise in restaurant management.

- ◆ Binney & Smith contributes \$250,000 to develop innovative training program which becomes national model for teachers of young children.



**1991-92**

- ◆ In association with Air Products & Chemicals, Inc., NCC introduces two-year degree program in chemical technology.

- ◆ 93 percent of career program graduates find employment in their field or in another field of their choice.

- ◆ Graduates of transfer programs continue their education at thirty-eight different colleges and universities.

- ◆ After a "Demolition Day" in which alumni and staff join in knocking down a wall of one of the old buildings on the North Campus, construction of a new Conference & Training Center begins.

- ◆ Ground is also broken for Communications Hall to provide modern studios for the Radio and TV Program and the Art Department.

**1992-93**

- ◆ NCC begins working with area high schools to strengthen students' preparation for college and careers through the Tech Prep Program.

- ◆ Monroe Center opens in Tannersville.

**1994-95**

- ◆ Community leaders and representatives from business and industry participate in the dedication of Technology Hall, a state-of-the-art training and research facility on the North Campus.

- ◆ Adjacent wing housing meeting and seminar rooms, and the student-operated gourmet restaurant is named Alumni Hall after Alumni Association pledges \$300,000 towards the cost of the building.

- ◆ Options expand for students with introduction of associate degree programs in fine arts, social work, and safety, health and environmental technology.

- ◆ Students and faculty make the world their classroom as they travel to Paris, later hosting a return visit for students and faculty from the Lycee Jean Lurcat.

- ◆ Here at home, close to two thousand

students enroll in the adult literacy classes the College offers in churches, neighborhood centers, workplaces, and shelters.

**1995-96**

- ◆ Use of interactive computer software improves students' success in math and accounting classes.

- ◆ Person-to-person and computerized tutorial programs prove popular in new Learning Center.

- ◆ The American Competitiveness Institute selects NCC's National Center for Microelectronics and Penn State as lead partners in a project aimed at improving the competitiveness of the electronics industry nationwide.

- ◆ Among all the organizations involved in economic development in Northampton County, local manufacturers rank NCC #1 in visibility and effectiveness.

**1996-97**

- ◆ Say cheese! NCC becomes first college in the region to offer a specialized diploma in the new field of filmless imaging.

- ◆ A state-of-the-art videoconferencing facility enables NCC to share courses with other colleges.

- ◆ A new residence hall opens, making room for 110 more students to live on the Bethlehem Township campus.

- ◆ Deja vu: Modular classrooms help accommodate growth in Monroe.

**1997-98**

- ◆ NCC celebrates its thirtieth birthday and eagerly looks ahead to the challenges and opportunities of the new millennium. ◆



**CELEBRATING COMMUNITY**

**COMMUNITY FABRIC AWARDS**



OCTOBER 25, 1997

*Weaving.* Some say it's a lost art. That certainly wasn't the case on Saturday evening, October 25, when more than 300 neighbors and friends helped NCC celebrate its 30th anniversary by saluting individuals and organizations who have made the community we serve a better place to live.

Trumpeters from Freedom High School announced the guests' arrival as they climbed the steps to Northampton Hall, chatted over cocktails, and took their seats in the Lipkin Theatre, where the winners were introduced and their stories told in testimonials and videos that spoke of unselfish commitment, unwavering vision, unlimited energy, and untrackable hours spent weaving the community fabric.

Following the presentation, guests dined on the dishes the stars enjoyed at the Governor's Ball preceding the Academy Awards. The meal was prepared and served by The Wood Company and students enrolled in NCC's culinary arts and restaurant management programs.

Mark your calendars now for the next Community Fabric Awards presentation which will be held on October 26, 2002, in conjunction with the thirty-fifth anniversary of the College's founding.

Like this one, it is sure to be a night to remember. ♦

**Honorary Chairs:**  
The Honorable  
Jeanette Reibman  
John Howell

**Committee Co-Chairs:**  
Scott Fainor  
Robert Wood

**Masters of Ceremonies:**  
Christian Martin IV  
David Shaffer



▶ *Mike Gausling, president & CEO of STC Technologies, was all smiles as he accepted a New Horizons Award for his company.*



◀ *Volunteer Award winners Lanny Fowler and John Updegrove.*

*Ready for prime time: NCC alumni Chris Martin (left), chairman and CEO of Martin Guitars, and David Shaffer, co-president of Just Born, Inc., served as masters of ceremonies.*



◀ *NCC student Stacy Miller with Dream Weavers Priscilla Payne Hurd and Lee Butz (at left) and Ed Donley and his wife Inez (below).* ▼



AWARD WINNERS



**Large Companies**

Air Products & Chemicals, Inc.  
Bethlehem Steel Corporation  
Just Born, Inc.

**Smaller Companies**

Deiter Brothers Fuel Co., Inc.  
Henry S. Lehr, Inc.  
Metz, Inc.

**New Horizons (young companies)**

Ambassador Bank  
G&J's Pit Stop, Inc.  
STC Technologies, Inc.

**Volunteers**

Marlene "Lanny" Fowler  
Father Daniel Gambet, OSFS  
Dr. John H. Updegrove

**Non-Profit Organizations**

Boys & Girls Clubs of Allentown, Bethlehem & Easton  
Hispanic American Organization, Inc.  
ProJeCt of Easton

**Dream Weavers**

Lee Butz  
Edward Donley  
Priscilla Payne Hurd

**Sponsors:**

Easton Hospital  
Lehigh Valley Hospital & Health Network  
Muhlenberg Hospital Center  
First Union Bank  
Pocono Produce  
R&R Provision  
The Wood Company  
Summit Bank  
Cohen, Feeley & Ortwein  
The Palmeri Motorcoach Corporation



## A Tale of Two Students

**B** Y  
 I was the worst of students. I was the best of students. This somewhat mangled paraphrase of Charles Dickens' immortal words neatly summarizes my near thirty-year relationship with Northampton Community College. For my tale is truly one of two students and two colleges — both of us reaching for new heights as we approach the twenty-first century.

My association with NCC began in the fall of 1968 following a lackluster high school career. I was an immature, unfocused seventeen-year old. Northampton was an infant institution entering its second year of existence. Resembling that shadow box that we've all made in wood shop, the College consisted of a wooden framed entanglement of barracks-type structures rising up from the newly harvested cornfields that surrounded the campus. No one had yet fully discerned the full potential of either of our futures.

The opening chapter of my college saga was a dismal failure. I readily discovered that although NCC was open to anyone who sought the opportunity to attend, remaining and succeeding depended upon the student's willingness to work hard and desire to excel. Unfortunately I was severely lacking in both departments.

I became the proverbial '60s dropout, leaving NCC with an astounding 0.91 GPA and traveling around the country as a jazz-rock musician for several years before eventually settling down to a "real" job with Bethlehem Steel Corporation in 1973. By then I had matured and become responsible. It took little time to establish myself as a hard-working, dependable employee and to rise through the ranks. I believed that I would work at "The Steel" until I was old enough to retire.

The ample income the company provided enabled me to become heavily involved in volunteer work. Though it would be untrue to say that I found no satisfaction in my paid employment, it was becoming quite clear that it was my volunteer activities that not only gave real meaning to my life, but also tapped into my greatest potential. Since it appeared as though no amount of experience would allow me to turn these talents toward a new career without a diploma to validate my abilities, when my position with

Bethlehem began to look tenuous, I began to think about returning to NCC.

This chapter would begin with a new setting and a new cast of characters, especially the central character — me. I was now a mature forty-year old who had proven himself in the workplace, taking on many challenges and succeeding far more often than failing. In 1991, when I finally summoned up the courage to walk into the admissions office and inquire about enrolling once again, I strolled across a much different campus than the one I had previously roamed. I was amazed at how the College had grown. I was made to feel welcome and encouraged to give it a try once again.

I began by taking the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) test and successfully gained my first three credits in English based on my previous knowledge and experience. Still working an unpredictable shift rotation, I decided to try Introduction to Psychology through the College at Home Program. That choice gave me an opportunity to attempt college-level course work at my own pace without conflicting with my work schedule. It was also less stressful than having to perform in a classroom setting twenty-one years after my last credit course. Tom Frangicetto, my instructor, provided a clear and concise study guide and was readily accessible day and night to assist with any difficulties or questions. The success that I enjoyed in completing that course gave me the confidence to continue despite the specter of my previous college experience looming in the back of my mind.

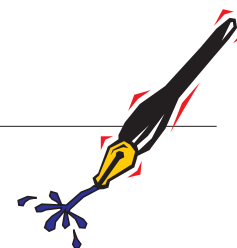
When Bethlehem announced a modernization program, I received a promotion and substantial raise. I was forced to postpone my studies but eventually resumed my course work in the fall of 1994. For several semesters I carried six credits, often while working in excess of sixty hours a week. With each successive triumph I was challenged by my professors to reach higher goals.

In November of 1995, my job was eliminated as steel



The College has great expectations for Dickens' devotee Tom Santanasto.

(A Tale of Two Students continued...)



making ended in Bethlehem. I registered as a full-time student the very next semester.

During my college career I have enjoyed writing for *The Commuter*, NCC's fine student newspaper. I have had the good fortune to file an exclusive eyewitness account of the final cast at Bethlehem's Basic Oxygen Furnace (BOF) and to interview former New York Governor Mario Cuomo. Advisor Jim Von Schilling has allowed me a free hand in establishing a commentary column.

With a GPA of 4.0 going into my last thirteen credits, if all goes well I'll graduate in May. I have been mentored to success in endeavors both on campus and off. Through the encouragement and assistance of a whole cadre of professors I have twice won first place honors for writing at the BEACON Conference for scholars at two-year colleges. I was also named to the Pennsylvania All-Academic Team for 1997.

In addition to gaining a superior education at NCC, I count myself very fortunate to have developed friendships with many members of the faculty, administration, and staff. NCC has given me a second chance at an education, a career, and opened a whole new world that might have otherwise been financially beyond my reach.

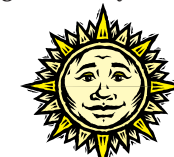
As I've grown over the past thirty years, so has NCC. As both of us approach the twenty-first century, we will each embark on new projects. In fact, I hope that some day I'll return to join the faculty at NCC and open chapter three of our continuing saga. ♦

## WIN A DINNER FOR TWO!

Is your heart beginning to race? Are your palms getting sweaty? Has your mind suddenly gone blank? Relax. If you flunk this quiz, you will not have to give back your diploma. Ace it, and you could win dinner for two at Hampton Winds, the world-class restaurant run by NCC's culinary arts students.

In case of a tie, the grand prize winner will be determined by the luck of the draw. All others will receive commemorative pencils and a copy of the answer key. It's too late to cram. Just take a deep breath, and start circling the letters of your educated guesses.

- What was the original name proposed for the community college located in Northampton County?
  - Northampton County Area Community College
  - Northampton Community College
  - Jeanette Reibman Community College
  - Governor George Wolf Community College
  - Greater Lehigh Valley Community College
- Who first dubbed the college "NAKKAK"?
  - A preschooler in the Child Development Center
  - The first president of Student Senate
  - A faculty spouse
  - An advertising agency
  - A radio announcer
- How much did students from Northampton County pay in tuition the first semester?
  - \$10/credit
  - \$14/credit
  - \$20/credit
  - \$24/credit
  - \$28/credit
- Rounded to the nearest thousand, how many students have taken courses at the College since 1967?
  - 50,000
  - 80,000
  - 100,000
  - 115,000
  - 155,000
- Which of these programs has the largest number of graduates?
  - Automotive Technology
  - Computer Information Systems
  - Criminal Justice
  - Nursing
  - Office Administration
- In which field has an NCC graduate won a Pulitzer Prize?
  - Drama
  - Poetry
  - International Reporting
  - Spot News Photography
  - Editorial
- Which two NCC sports teams have captured the most state championships?
  - Men's and women's basketball
  - Golf and baseball
  - Baseball and softball
  - Tennis and volleyball
  - Baseball and women's basketball
- How many employees of area companies receive training from NCC's Center for Business & Industry each year?
  - 500
  - 1000
  - 2500
  - 5000
  - 14,000
- How many students in grades K-12 participate in NCC's youth programs each year?
  - 250
  - 500
  - 1000
  - 1500
  - 2500
- What courses are most popular with adults over the age of 54?
  - Speakers Series
  - Computer Workshops
  - Museum Trips
  - Golf
  - Bridge
- NCC is the only community college in the state to offer career programs in:
  - Electronics Technology
  - Interior Design
  - Library Technical Assistant
  - Funeral Service Education
  - All of the above
- Who wrote NCC's alma mater?
  - Earl Page
  - Cecille Laurent
  - Bruce Springsteen
  - Mario Acerra
  - Mrs. Kopecek



**Bonus Points:**  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Public Information Office, Northampton Community College, 3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18020. Entries must be received by January 20 to qualify for prizes.**



# Q & A

*Every once in awhile we all need to pause and take stock — not just of where we've been, but of where we're headed. Here's what a few members of the NCC family had to say when asked...*

## “HOW WILL YOU CHANGE IN 30 YEARS?”



### Ann L. Knerr '81

Accountant with Lehigh Valley Physicians Group, thirty-seven years old.

“I will go after things I want to do. I won't hold myself back. I have the confidence now.”



### Dr. Ken Kochey

Charter member of the faculty, sixty years old.

“I'm going to play more golf and tennis. I'll sit back and read more. I'll certainly be retired and doing more traveling. I want to watch the Monroe campus grow. I will be involved with the College in some way forever.”



### Tom Tenges

Vice president of Woodring-Roberts Corporation; vice chair of the NCC Foundation, ageless.

“Well, I guess my primary goal is to still be active, both physically and intellectually, and involved in a twenty-first century world, whatever it may be like. I hope to be giving back to our society more than I am taking.”

### Jenn Smith

Early childhood education major, twenty-two years old.

“Advocating for the poor, especially regarding education and how important it is to begin educating children as young as possible — beginning in infancy.”



### Kevin Young

Funeral service education major, eighteen years old.

“Owning my own funeral home — be married with kids — and be able to pass on my business to my kids.”



### Dr. Sharon Gavin Levy

Assistant professor of English, mid-forties.

“I hope I will have accomplished goals that I have. One goal is to raise my nine-year-old daughter. To see her continue to grow and mature. To be the kind of parent to give her the confidence to be all that she aspires to be. To do the serious writing that I've put off for the last ten years. I hope to have more fun and take more time with the people who are important to me, doing the things that are fun for me. To continue to be a giver in life and a contributor to life.”

## Making Their Mark

### Accounting

◆ **1973** David Sysko is supervisor/CPA at Nou & Company, Inc. David has a bachelor's degree from Bloomsburg State University.

◆ **1989** Laura McGill (Fischbeck) is a business administrator for the East Stroudsburg Area School District. Laura has a bachelor's degree from Allentown College.

◆ **1991** Thomas Louie is currently employed as accountant II by AMP Incorporated. Thomas has a bachelor's degree from Bloomsburg University.

### Architectural Technology

◆ **1985** Tammy Kane is a teacher in the Douglas County School District in Gardnerville, NV. Tammy has a bachelor's degree from Arizona State University.

### Biology

◆ **1991** Amy Kelleman graduated from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in May, 1997. Dr. Kelleman will be a resident in Internal Medicine at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem. She also recently announced her engagement to Dr. William J. Gould.

### Biological Science

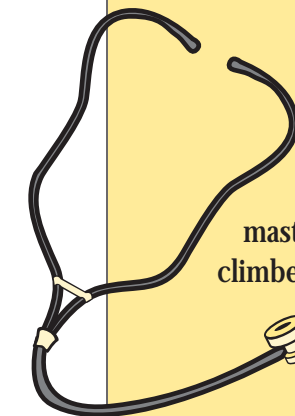
◆ **1992** Gregory Wacik is pursuing a master's degree in environmental biology from Hood College. He is an ecologist with the US Army Corps of Engineers. Gregory earned his bachelor's in wildlife and fisheries from Penn State.

### Business Administration

◆ **1988** Daniel Corrado is an underwriting manager for Philco Insurance Co. in Eagan, MN. Dan has a bachelor's degree from Temple University.

### PROFILE

## Getting an Early Jump on a Late Start



“I got the feeling from a number of the big schools that they thought I was just too old to become a doctor,” Mike Gosnell recalls. At the time, Gosnell had already earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Drexel and a master's in management science from Lehigh. He had climbed the corporate ladder to become vice president of engineering.

“I'd always thought that when I retired I'd go into veterinary practice,” he says. “Circumstances were such that I figured I'd do it a little bit early.” Finding other schools didn't view mid-fifties as early, Gosnell came to NCC to take the biology courses he needed.

He ultimately was accepted to Ross University, a fully sanctioned school in the West Indies. He went on to prove his clinical skills at Mississippi State University and came back to the Lehigh Valley as Dr. Gosnell.

With all of the colleges he's attended, where did Dr. Gosnell send his son? Northampton Community College. Paul took two years pre-engineering at NCC. When he enrolled at Virginia Tech, his friends questioned whether he could cut it. “He answered them by graduating summa cum laude,” his father says proudly. ◆

With the academic doors tough to open, Gosnell came to NCC for the biology courses in pre-veterinary medicine he needed.

◆ PROFILE ◆

## Tails of the Amazon

“Its tail hung out one side of the river and the head on the other,” Pamela Stergios '94 recalls. “Whatever it was, you could tell it was huge.” It was quite a sight for a fourteen-year-old girl, but not unusual on the Amazon River.

She has two degrees from Northampton: one in biology and one in chemistry; and a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Carnegie Mellon.

When she was a high school junior, Stergios took a two-month expedition down the Amazon in a dug-out canoe. “My father is a botanist in Venezuela,” she explains. “He’s taken a number of trips to

collect plant species at different parts of the river. I’ve gone on a few of them to help catalog and record the coordinates.”

Given her family background, it’s not surprising that science is a central element in Stergios’ life. She has two degrees from Northampton: one in biology and one in chemistry, as well as a bachelor’s degree in chemistry from Carnegie Mellon.

Today Stergios is a chemist at Specialty Minerals Research Center in Bethlehem, where she tests the components of paper in an effort to improve the quality and range of paper products.

Where will the twenty-first century find her? “I’m searching a number of graduate schools right now,” Stergios says. “I want to go on for my Ph.D.” ◆



### Business Management

◆ **1991** Keith Serfass is a cleanroom decon associate with Diamonex, an optical lens company in Allentown.

### Chemistry and Biology

◆ **1993** Pamela Stergios holds two degrees from Northampton: biology and chemistry. She also has her bachelor’s degree in chemistry from Carnegie Mellon University. Pamela is lab assistant at Specialty Minerals Inc.

### Culinary Arts

◆ **1994** Stefan Andre Skweir is a cook in the United States Navy. Stefan is currently stationed in Virginia Beach, VA.

### Data Processing

◆ **1981** William Jones, Jr. is a programmer/analyst for Lehigh University. William has a bachelor’s degree from Lehigh University.  
◆ **1987** Debra Bruch is data entry clerk with National RX Services, a pharmaceutical company in Duncannon, PA.

### Dental Assisting

◆ **1995** Denise Schiffert works as office manager at QCMP of Fogelsville. She is a Sunday school teacher in her spare time.

### Dental Hygiene

◆ **1984** Terri Rushatz is dental hygienist for Dr. Glen Hisel in Clovis, NM. Terri is also a jazzercise instructor in her spare time.

◆ **1986** Susan Phillips (Heffner) is dental hygienist for Drs. Wolfe & Blackburn in Shartlesville, PA.

◆ **1987** Lisa Kurilla (Rennick) is employed as dental hygienist for Dr. H. Bruce Fellow & Associates in Port Carbon, PA.

◆ **1991** Amy Cziraky (Evans) and her husband Mark live in Delaware. The couple’s baby girl, Emily Kate, celebrated her first birthday in March.

◆ **1993** Wendy Sensenig (Bittner) is a registered dental hygienist for Dr. Harold Fired in Bernville, PA.

### Early Childhood Education

◆ **1975** Evelyn Baxeavane and her husband, Dr. Matt Connell, NCC associate dean, recently had their third child, Gabriel Paul.

◆ **1982** Eileen Lazarchak (Jacoby) is a pre-school teacher at Creative Kids Club in Bethlehem.

### Education

◆ **1975** Daniel Radogna is supervisor of special education in the Pleasant Valley School District. Dan has a bachelor’s degree from East Stroudsburg University and a master’s from Lehigh University.

◆ **1991** James Wielgus is a patrolman/sex crimes investigator with the East Stroudsburg Police Department. James has two bachelor’s degrees from Indiana University.

### Education, Liberal Arts

◆ **1986** Kathryn McCalicher (Longley) has two degrees from Northampton. Married in October '96, Kathryn is service secretary/warranty clerk for Savage Hyundai, Inc.

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## Going the Extra Mile

In pre-dawn just-out-of-bed mornings, Pat Broscius '85 repeated an alphabetic mantra on her daily five-mile run. She used the drill both to pace off the distance and to learn American sign language. “Then I went back to the community college and took two courses in it,” she explains.

“I have been able to use signing a couple of times in my job.” One of three full-time assistant district attorneys in Northampton County, Broscius’ specializes in helping victims of child abuse. “In two of my cases the victims were deaf children,” she reports. “I was able to establish a rapport with them through signing.”

At any given time Broscius handles forty to fifty cases including many involving drugs, burglary, robbery, and assault. “I wish I could focus just on kids,” she says. “They need someone with genuine concern for them.”

Broscius remembers telling her English 101 professor at Northampton that she wanted to go to law school. “I was in my late twenties then. I thought I’d be a granny by the time I made it, but I was determined. A good part of my drive was hoping that I could someday work against child abuse.”

She hasn’t slowed down since. ◆

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**Electronics**

◆ **1979** Hans Mijocevic is director, mobilization operations and training with the U.S. Army. Hans has his bachelor's and master's degrees from Central Michigan University. He also has a second master's degree in strategic studies and policy from the Naval War College in Newport, RI.

**Engineering**

◆ **1989** Todd Sylvainus is currently an electrical engineer with Borden. Todd has a bachelor's degree from Northeastern University.  
◆ **1993** Gregg Eagan is chemical production manager with Niacet Corporation in Hamburg, NY. Gregg has a

bachelor's degree from the State University of New York.

**Fashion Merchandising**

◆ **1993** Michele Kneller is an assistant manager with B. Moss Moray, Inc. in Fishkill, NY. Michele has a bachelor's degree from Centenary College.

**Fire Technology**

◆ **1988** Scott Kubic is a fire fighter with the City of Bethlehem Fire Department.

**Funeral Services**

◆ **1992** Scott Kaufman owns Kaufman Funeral Home in Williamsport. Scott has a bachelor's degree from Lock Haven University.

**General Education**

◆ **1983** Roger Ross Williams is a freelance producer for NBC News, VIACOM and ABC News. Roger has a bachelor's degree from New York University.  
◆ **1995** Brian Allen is a pharmacy tech at Lehigh Valley Hospital. Brian has a bachelor's degree from East Stroudsburg University.

**Liberal Arts**

◆ **1978** Jody Oliver Piagesi has a bachelor's degree in journalism/ public relations from Temple University. She and her husband Greg '83, general education, have one child, Nicco. Piagesi is marketing coordinator/mid-Atlantic region for Omnipoint Communications Services.  
◆ **1984** Nancy Rutman is senior copy editor for *Men's Health* magazine at Rodale Press. Nancy has a bachelor's degree in English from Moravian College.  
◆ **1991** Brenda Rundle is head of Tactus Music Institute. Rundle started piano at age thirty to realize her dream of becoming a classical pianist. She's begun a national concert/lecture tour through which she hopes to encourage others in the pursuit of their dreams.  
◆ **1993** Laurie Hahn is travel consultant with AAA of Northampton County. Laurie has a bachelor's degree in art history from Moravian College.  
◆ **1993** Jason Schossler is editor for four

litigation reporters at Andrew Publications, a legal publisher. Jason has a bachelor's degree from Kutztown University.  
◆ **1993** Frances Mammana is a model for art classes at Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. Frances has a B.F.A. from the University of the Arts.

from the University of Kansas. He is assistant professor of medical psychology at Duke University Medical Center. Michael credits his alma mater with starting him on the "road to a wonderful career."  
◆ **1992** Mary Wozniak is part-time charge nurse at Gracedale County Home and part-time RN assessment coordinator at Blough Nursing Home. Mary holds her certification in Gerontological Nursing from American Nurses Credentialing Center.

**Office Administration**

◆ **1991** Joanne Haldaman (Stofanak) is a project specialist with Keystone Health Plan Central in Northampton.  
◆ **1996** Susie Marques is a wire operator at Janney Montgomery Scott.

**Secretarial Science**

◆ **1980** Heather McFadden is a realtor associate with Coldwell Banker Heritage Real Estate.

**Radio/TV**

◆ **1991** M. David Snyder is CEO of Freelance Animator in Allentown. He is also pursuing a degree at the Art Institute of Philadelphia.

**Travel/Tourism**

◆ **1992** Jennifer Peterson is a media planner for Grey Advertising. Jennifer has a bachelor's degree from Kutztown University.

"NCC  
is one of the best  
places to trust your  
life with. There is warmth  
here, a solid relationship  
between student and faculty, and,  
most importantly, there are  
unlimited opportunities  
to be the best you  
can be."  
Pauline Rice  
Awards Ceremony  
April 1996

**Library Assistant**

◆ **1978** Scherlene Schatz is interlibrary loan and reserve services librarian at Muhlenberg College's Trexler Library. She completed her master's degree last year from Syracuse University through a distance education program by transmitting completed assignments via computer. Scherlene has a bachelor's degree from Muhlenberg College.

**Nursing**

◆ **1979** Kevin Bendzlowicz is a nurse/staffing coordinator at Muhlenberg Hospital. Kevin has been a regular volunteer at Bethlehem's Musikfest since the festival began.  
◆ **1985** Michael Babyak has a doctorate



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**Wall Street Whirl**

At 7 a.m. Ed Schultheis '76 powers up seven computers on his desk to bone up on the latest in high finance.



He keeps one eye on the monitors throughout the day as the phone lines burn with clients buying and selling stocks and securities.

"My mom still thinks I stroll out for two-hour lunches," Schultheis chuckles. "I don't think I've been out for lunch thirty times in fifteen years. I eat at the trading desk and work right through."

Schultheis is used to the pace. After completing an associate's degree in business management at NCC and an economics degree at Lehigh, his first job was handling New York City's pension fund. "I was responsible for two-and-a-half-billion dollars in securities," he says. "It made me feel good to be entrusted with that kind of money."

Now, as vice president of equity finance with Lehman Brothers, it's routine for Schultheis to manage billions of dollars. "I recharge on weekends," Schultheis continues. "I do that by getting out of the city to my farm in Reading."

Actually there are two farms. He leases acreage on one to a dairy farmer. The other is his to putter on — doing repairs, fixing the barn roof, painting, even feeding stray cats who tidy up the rodents.

"What a contrast," he observes. "When I was with Merrill Lynch, we had about six-hundred people on one open floor." Then on weekends, bam, I'm on my own farm where there are maybe six people per square mile."

But Schultheis wouldn't trade his gotta-be-done right now type of job. "It's really a lot of fun," he says. ◆

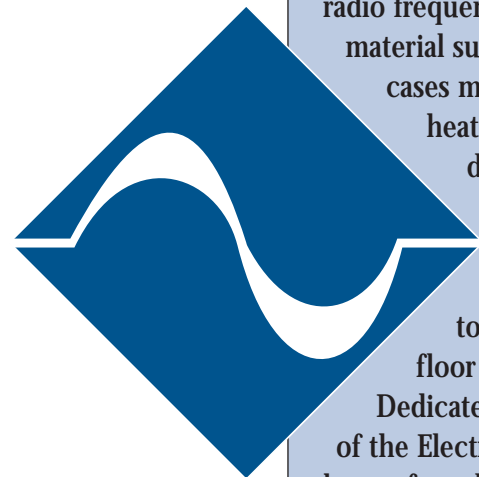
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knew  
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Northampton that  
I wanted to  
work on  
Wall  
Street."

AND YOU?  
Your fans at NCC would love to know what you are doing. Send news to the Alumni Office via snail mail (3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020) or email (ddf@mail.nrhmc.pa.us).



## ETAC Energizes Industry

A new dielectric heating and processing laboratory located in Technology Hall provides a setting in which manufacturing firms can get an objective measure of whether radio frequency energy and/or microwave energy can help them improve efficiency in their curing and drying processes. Shown here is a vertical radio frequency dryer used to dry granular and particulate material such as plastic pellets or coffee beans. In many cases microwave and radio frequency systems dry or heat material faster than conventional heating and drying methods because they transfer energy directly into the material rather than conducting heat from the surface of the product inward. Such systems are also attractive to industry because they tend to take up less floor space than conventional equipment. Dedicated on November 12, the testing lab is part of the Electrotechnology Applications Center (ETAC), born of a collaboration between NCC and PP&L with support from the Electric Power Research Institute and Pennsylvania's Ben Franklin Partnership. ♦



BY MADELEINE MATHIAS

The role of the community college in the United States — and in our own community — is one that cannot be ignored. About 56 percent of all adult Americans have, at one time or another, been enrolled in a community college, according to figures from the National Center for Educational Statistics.

Locally, 155,702 people have taken courses at Northampton Community College since it opened in 1967. More than 16,000 have earned degrees, certificates and specialized diplomas. Almost 14,000 employees from over 500 companies and non-profit organizations have received training each year through NCC's Center for Business and Industry.

And there is more! Firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and others get on-going training at NCC, helping them to keep up to date on information and practices in fields critical to the well-being of the community.

In addition, almost two thousand adults learn to read in literacy courses at NCC each year, and the College has become one of the major providers of English as a Second Language for adults who have immigrated here.

During the past thirty years, Northampton has continuously added courses to help educate and provide job training for prisoners, shiftworkers, school-age children, adults over fifty-five, and people working to succeed despite a variety of disabilities.

At NCC, the door has always been open wide for all who want to grow intellectually and to those who seek specialized skills in order to improve their standard of living.

As significant as NCC's contributions have been, it has been a struggle for the College to keep classes affordable. Under state guidelines, NCC has had to balance a budget on contributions from the state, the students, and eight sponsoring school districts.

Through the years, as more and more students enrolled, the various school boards — faced with their own burgeoning financial needs — began to question how much they could spend to send students to the community college. President Robert Kopecek and his staff have whittled away at the budget to keep costs as much in line as possible and to convince sponsoring districts that NCC is a worthwhile investment.

NCC's leaders have also gone to the state legislature, seeking a fairer allocation of funds for community colleges that are educating and training people at less than half the cost of other public colleges and less than one-tenth of the cost of many private institutions.

Now Northampton County has been asked to help by providing revenue to help relieve some of the financial burden

on the students and on the sponsoring school districts.

Robert Oliphant, executive director at Californians for Community College Equity, wrote in a *Christian Science Monitor* article that a tax dollar spent at an open access, low-cost California community college actually produces four times as much economic benefit as a tax dollar spent at the University of California at Berkeley.

Tuition and fees at NCC run less than \$2200 per year for students from Northampton County. Many students who enrolled at four-year institutions are paying \$20,000 to \$30,000 a year. It is no wonder that three out of ten college freshmen surveyed in a recent poll cite costs as a major factor in their school choice. It is clear that costs remain a prime barrier for access to higher education. That is why it is imperative that the role of the community college be understood not only by students, but also by their parents, their employers, and by elected officials.

The visionaries who launched the College in a farm field left a foundation that must keep growing. The College's first president, Dr. Richard C. Richardson, capsulized the importance of community colleges when he noted: "Overall we have returned to the community considerable value for its investment."

Richardson referred not only to prudent decisions for land purchases and construction, but also to the thousands of people who leave the community college with an associate degree, a certificate, and/or special skills that will enable them to face a complicated world much better than those relying only on a high school education.

NCC's current president, Dr. Robert Kopecek, summed up in the 1978 annual report what is needed to keep the community college a viable link in higher education: "What we are and what we must continue to become is tied directly to the needs, wants, and desires of people in our service area. We are dependent upon their good will and prosperity. Our fate is directly tied to theirs."

Let us hope they are listening! ♦

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