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How do we measure success? What do we value in a person whom we have identified as successful? Is it position? Power? How much money one makes? How many people she or he manages?

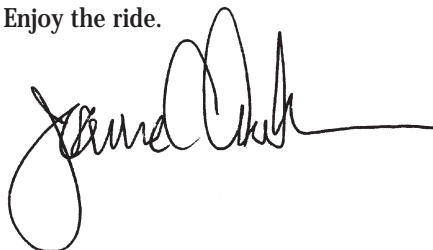
In this issue, you will meet two members of the NCC family whose success is measured in miles per hour. But before I tell you who they are, let your mind drift back to your first years behind the wheel.....

.....you're taking a curve a bit too fast and you hear your mother's voice coming from the depths of the back seat: "Slow down! Who do you think you are, Mario Andretti?" You've been there, remember? The Andretti name is strongly associated with racing and with success. And we are proud to be including among the NCC family a member of the Andretti family —

Michael Andretti. You'll read about Michael's exciting — and dangerous — racing career on the Indy circuit and learn about his close ties to family and his memories of NCC.

In this edition, you will also meet another racer — a young woman who is a current student here. Kristy Morone has been racing since she was 5 years old. Her story is incredible; she was the 1998 Featured Driver in Stock Car Racing Magazine, the 1998 Miller Motorsports "Ladies in Racing: Featured Driver," along with being a business management major at Northampton Community College.

Writer Jim Johnson '89 brings their thrills and spills to life in this edition. Enjoy the ride.




About the cover:

The eyes of racers Michael Andretti and Kristy Morone are always fixed on the finish line. And they both got their start at Northampton Community College.



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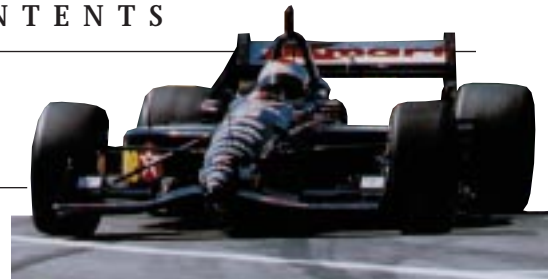
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**“ACADEMIC PASSPORT”
MAKES IT EASIER
FOR STUDENTS
TO TRANSFER**

Students who complete an associate in arts or science degree at NCC — or at any of the other community colleges in Pennsylvania — no longer have to worry about which of their credits will transfer to East Stroudsburg, Kutztown or other state universities.

An “Academic Passport Program” recently approved by the state universities ensures that students who complete associate degrees with at least a 2.0 grade point average will be granted admission to any university in the state system, although not necessarily to a specific program. It also guarantees that except in unusual circumstances (such as a change in major or coursework in highly technical fields), all of their credits will be accepted — even if the university does not offer the specific course being transferred.

“This will help hundreds of community college graduates who go on to state universities each year,” says Dr. Arthur L. Scott, vice president and provost. Scott co-chaired the state-wide committee that facilitated adoption of the agreement.

**“STAR” GRANT
BRIGHTENS THE
FUTURE OF STUDENTS
WITH DISABILITIES**

Proud of its history as a pioneer in working with students with disabilities, NCC has been awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation for technological tools that will make it easier for individuals with special needs to function more independently.

In a new computer lab scheduled to open next fall, students who are blind or visually impaired or those who have learning disabilities that hamper their ability to process information in printed form will be able to receive that information with the help of technology. A similar program will enable them to “hear” information posted on the Internet.

Students with physical disabilities that prevent them from using a keyboard will gain the power to operate a computer using voice commands and to dictate papers or test answers with the help of voice recognition software.

Known as the “Star Grant,” the gift is the largest of 42 awards made by the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation this year. The 32-year old foundation receives, manages and distributes the philanthropy of individuals, families and businesses and organizations committed to improving the quality of life in the local area.



**NATIONAL TV
AUDIENCE GETS VIEW
OF NCC STUDENTS,
GRADS, STAFF**

Academy Award-winner Lee Grant directed the widely acclaimed documentary, “Confronting the Crisis: Child Care in America,” a production created by the Lifetime Television network. Hosted by actress and mother Kyra Sedgwick, the show chronicles the challenges families face in finding quality care for their children. It documents the need for more day care programs like those found at NCC and after school care programs like those offered by the Bethlehem Area School District.

Several NCC students, graduates and staff members were interviewed for the national show, including early childhood education majors Jessica Breisinger, Melissa Brunstetter, Kristie Hilliard, and Chrissy Griffenkrantz; alumna Chris Thomas '88, who directs the after-school program at Farmersville Elementary School in Bethlehem; and Kathy Roberti, NCC coordinator of child care services.

“The Lifetime documentary was intended to spark a dialogue about the need for better child care, and it has done that,” remarks Rebecca L. Gorton, professor of early childhood education. “It’s an

issue we care about deeply. We were honored to be part of the program.”

Special audiences were able to preview the show before it aired on Lifetime Television in April. Screening events were hosted at NCC, in Los Angeles,



and at the White House.

VHS copies of the show may be borrowed through the College’s library.

**NEW SITE REACHES
BARTONSVILLE
RESIDENTS**

To further meet the educational and training needs of residents along the Route 611 corridor in the Tannersville-Bartonsville area of Monroe County, the College has leased space in the Fountain Court mini-mall in Bartonsville. There, NCC will be providing literacy and adult education for nearly 1,000 students.

**STUDENTS GRILL
LOCAL MEDIA
AT NCC WORKSHOP**

There was no shortage of questions when NCC's journalism students and 96 guests from high school newspapers had a chance to grill the media professionals who determine what we read over our morning cup of coffee.

Elaine Kramer, managing editor of *The Morning Call*, and Frank Keegan and Martin Till, editor and publisher of *The Express Times* respectively, didn't duck a single query in the two-hour session arranged by Gerald J. Brahm, assistant professor of journalism.

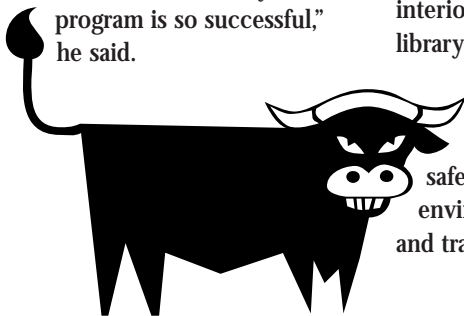
"This career will suck the life out of you and kick you in the face for your trouble," Keegan warned, "but it is something else. You can make a difference." Till revealed how a reporter not much older than the present high school students dug up information that helped a Connecticut town get a major corporation to spend millions of dollars to clean up a site contaminated with industrial waste. Kramer explained the key role a student intern and a recent college graduate played in covering the explosion at a chemical plant that shook the Lehigh Valley and claimed five lives earlier this year.

Brahm plans to make the workshops an annual event. "Journalism at NCC is new and it has its eye on the future," he told the students.

BEHR 

**WEST COAST FIRM
CHOOSES NCC
FOR NATIONAL
TRAINING TEAM**

When the California-based Behr Process Corporation decided to build a 250,000 square-foot manufacturing facility and warehouse in Fogelsville as the base for distribution of its paints, stains, and varnishes throughout the Northeast, the Manufacturing Resource Center recommended they talk with three organizations who might be able to meet their training needs. Company officials were so impressed with NCC's capabilities that the College was asked not only to provide customized job training for new employees, but also to do leadership training for Behr's National Sales Training Team and for operations managers from the company's other plants. "Northampton is a great teaching facility for corporate adult education programs," says David Evans, national training director at Behr. "It is very apparent by their 'do whatever it takes' attitude, why their program is so successful," he said.



**NO BEARS HERE —
ONLY BULLS**

Linda Arra is bullish on the job outlook for students graduating from NCC this spring. "Based on our contacts with employers and the number of job postings we are processing, it should be a very good year," the director of career and worklife services predicts.

Last year's grads fared well too. By November, 93 percent were employed or continuing their education, up slightly from the previous year. "The economy is strong," Arra says, "but our students always seem to do well." The placement rate has topped 90 percent for the past 21 years. Opportunities vary from field to field. Last year many of NCC's career programs boasted a 100 percent placement rate. They were: architectural technology, automotive technology, advertising design, chemical technology, computer information technology, electronics, emergency services technology, funeral service education, hotel/restaurant management, interior design, library technical assistant, licensed practical nursing, safety, health & environmental technology, and travel/tourism.

If he had to do it all over again, Harry Douglas would do it all over again. However, at age 82, the last surviving original member of The Deep River Boys has decided to call it a career. In one of the final performances of a 60+ year run, Douglas sent chills down the spines of the standing-room-only crowd that filled Lipkin Theatre for this year's Doo-Wop Concert. Sets by The Willows, the Solitaires, and Things to Come also delighted the crowd.



**NEW LEADERSHIP
IN COMMUNITY
EDUCATION,
BUSINESS-ALLIED
HEALTH AREAS**

The Community Education division and Business, Technology & Allied Health both have new leadership. In January, Dr. Paul E. Pierpoint, dean of business, technology and allied health at NCC since 1990, accepted a new challenge as dean of community education when David Borofsky relocated to Colorado.

A national search for a new dean of business, technology

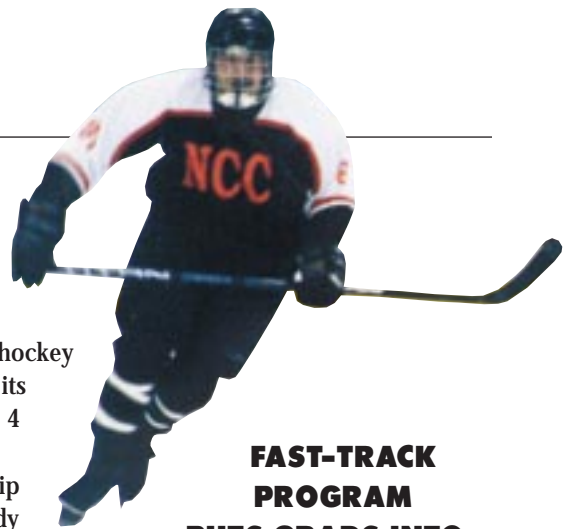


and allied health attracted a strong field of candidates. From among them, the search committee selected Dr. Catherine Chew, dean of business, science and technology at Dallas County Community College in Texas.

Known as a leader in the educational reform movement, Chew has written two books on School-to-Work and directed a Tech Prep program recognized by the American Association of Community Colleges as one of the most effective in the country. She has spearheaded initiatives promoting the innovative use of instructional technology.

**NEW TEAM
HITS THE ICE**

NCC's new ice hockey team finished its rookie season with 4 wins and 6 losses under the leadership of player-coach Andy Durie. As they gain experience, the team expects to become even more competitive in this fast-paced and fast-growing sport. Home games are played at the Lehigh Valley Ice Arena in Whitehall.



**FAST-TRACK
PROGRAM
PUTS GRADS INTO
WORKFORCE**

Advances in technology have created growing demand for computer specialists. Locally and nationally employers cannot find enough employees to meet their needs. NCC has instituted a "fast-track" program that will enable students to earn an associate degree in computer electronics by going to school full-time during the fall and winter and part-time for two summers. Beginning this fall the College will offer a degree program in computer electronics to prepare graduates for entry-level positions as computer technicians, LAN technicians, computer field service technicians, and technical sales consultants. The degree — or a certificate — can also be completed through part-time evening study.

**FOUR NAMED TO
ALL-STATE ACADEMIC TEAM**

The All-State Academic Team Program was initiated in 1994 as an outgrowth of the National Academic All-American Team for Two-Year Colleges inaugurated by the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. This year, four students from Northampton were nominated for their superior grades and dedication to the community.

Peggy M. Moser first started college in 1978, but decided to start a family before she could complete her schooling. By the time she enrolled at NCC in 1994, she was a disabled single parent. Peggy graduated in December 1998 and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa honorary society. Peggy served as Editor-in-Chief of the student newspaper, and was the winner of the ACT 101 Project Aware Award, and the Sylvia Maurer Scholarship. She has enrolled at Cedar Crest College.

Amy G. Sandt graduated in May. She was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and is also listed in Who's Who among American Junior

College Students. She served as president of the Christian Outreach Club and was a member of the intercollegiate volleyball team. Amy plans to enroll at a four-year institution this fall.

Kathleen M. Domalewski raised two sons and spent 25 years in the workforce before deciding to enroll at Northampton's Monroe Campus. She received a nursing degree in May. Kathleen is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and has tutored students from Peru, India, and China throughout her program. She also conducted in-service classes for staff and residents at an assisted living facility. Kathleen's plans are to teach nursing at an area vocational technical school.

John M. Johnson spent years working in various mechanical trades and spent five years substitute teaching. He then decided to enroll at Northampton Community College. John graduated in May with an associate's degree in Computer Aided Design. He was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and will enroll at Penn State University in the fall. He plans to earn a bachelor's degree.

HITTING THE BOOKS OR HITTING THE BOTTLE?

BY HEIDI BRIGHT BUTLER

While alcohol abuse is certainly not a new phenomenon on college campuses, a 1997 study conducted by the Harvard School of Public Health produced sobering statistics: 43 percent of college students reported that they had engaged in binge drinking in the preceding two weeks.

Binge drinking is defined as having five or more drinks in a row for men or four or more for women. A 12-ounce bottle of beer counts as one drink. So does a wine cooler, a 4-ounce glass of wine or a shot of liquor.

It is a practice that sends thousands of college students to the hospital each year. And some to their graves.

In a survey conducted by NCC's Counseling Office last fall, 37.5 percent of NCC students said they had engaged in binge drinking at least once in the two weeks before they completed the questionnaire.

"Binge drinking tends to be slightly less of a problem at community colleges than at other types of institutions because we do not have fraternities and sororities, and because many of our students work and have less free time than other students," says Carolyn Brady, director of counseling and support services at NCC. "But it is still a serious issue."

"STUDENTS' HEAVY EPISODIC ALCOHOL USE, OR BINGE DRINKING, IS BY FAR THE SINGLE MOST SERIOUS PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM CONFRONTING AMERICAN COLLEGES."

— Henry Wechsler,
director of College Alcohol Studies, Harvard School of Public Health, Department of Health and Social Behavior

Irresponsible use of alcohol affects not only the drinker, but other students as well. Classmates end up "babysitting" friends who have had too much to drink, cleaning up after them when they get sick, breaking up fights, losing sleep, and, perhaps most stressful of all — worrying about whether or not to take them to the emergency room when they pass out.

The Core Alcohol and Drug Survey, administered through Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, shows a relationship between excessive use of alcohol, date rape and unprotected sex. Eleven percent of the NCC students queried last fall said they had been taken advantage of sexually while under the influence.

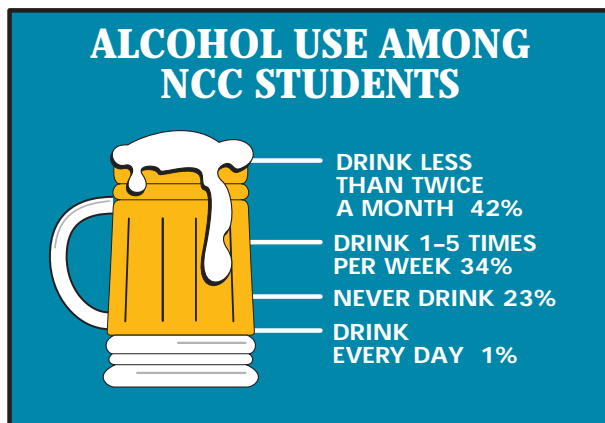
A majority of the students who participated in the survey said they would prefer not to have alcohol available at social events because it "reduces enjoyment" and "often leads to negative situations."

"It just causes trouble between

people," says Joe Longenbach, a 1997 Freedom High School graduate majoring in general studies at NCC.

Longenbach spent his freshman year at East Stroudsburg University. There, one of his classmates had to be rushed to the hospital — he had alcohol poisoning from an initiation party for the freshman lacrosse team. "He missed the whole semester," Longenbach remembers.

Like many of the NCC students



Source: Core Drug & Alcohol Survey Fall, 1998



involved in the alcohol survey, Longenbach began drinking in high school. So did his friend, Leonard Alabovitz, who lives in the College's residence hall.

"This is a non-alcoholic campus, so I don't drink here, but my best friend is at Lafayette. I go to parties there. For the most part, people know their limits," Alabovitz observes. "High school kids say 'Oh, we're drinking to get trashed,' but college is more laid back. The idea is to go out and meet people. You drink while you're talking or playing cards."

Alabovitz and Longenbach contend that the students who get in trouble with alcohol in college are often those who felt left out in high school. "They're the ones who brag about being drunk every night," they say.

Their friend Bethany Chomitzky is among the 23 percent of NCC students who choose not to drink. "What's the point of having no control over your body and waking up and feeling like crap all day?" she asks. She says she feels no pressure to drink even though her friends do. "I think I've earned a lot of respect by saying that I don't drink," she muses. "I have a lot of guy friends, and people think that I'd be a drinker. When I tell them I'm not, I think they're surprised, but they respect it," she adds.

The Core Alcohol and Drug Survey shows that students often overestimate the amount of drinking that their classmates do.

In the survey conducted at NCC, 31 percent of the students guessed that "the average student" at Northampton uses alcohol three times a week. In reality, less than 10 percent of their classmates reported drinking that often.

Given the misperceptions that persist about alcohol consumption — and the potentially lethal consequences — last fall Northampton established an Alcohol and Drug Task Force to plan and promote activities that do not involve drinking; expand alcohol training and education for students and staff in the residence halls; review and recommend changes in existing alcohol policies; and develop programs or support mechanisms for students whose lives are negatively affected by alcohol.

Brady chairs the Task Force and is pleased with its early efforts. In the first year, visually provocative posters and strong-opinioned lecturers have focused attention to the unpleasant aftereffects of binge drinking. Alcohol policies have been more strictly enforced, and students who appear to have drinking problems have been referred to trained alcohol and drug counselors.

"There's also a whole lot more fun going on," Brady reports, pointing to all the non-alcoholic programs that have been planned and implemented by residence hall director Laurie Ann Tomsho. Those activities include game nights, video nights, music jams, swing dancing and athletic events on campus, as well as

STUDENTS' EXPERIENCES WITH DRINKING

Due to drinking or drug use, 28% had done something they later regretted

- 27% reported that they had gotten into arguments or fights
- 26% had been criticized by someone they knew
- 24% had driven a car while under the influence
- 24% had suffered memory loss
- 19% indicated that they had performed poorly on tests or important projects
- 13% had missed one or more classes
- 10% said they had been in trouble with the police or college authorities
- 9% had been hurt or injured

SOURCE: CORE Drug & Alcohol Survey Fall, 1998

outings to the movies, concerts, ice skating and roller skating rinks, and even to events in Philadelphia. Most have been well attended.

These initiatives will be expanded next year thanks to a grant Brady received from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. "That funding will enable us to get more people from the community involved," she says.

In the meantime, Alabovitz, Longenbach and Chomitzky have their own solution. They and their friends get together every Thursday night to go out to dinner, go to a movie, go bowling or just to hang out.

"It's our version of 'Thirsty Thursday,' they say, referring to drinking parties promoted by fraternities and bars to encourage students to get an early start on the weekend. And he adds that they always welcome — and encourage — more students to join them.

"WHEN WE EXAMINED CHANGES AT THE 116 INDIVIDUAL COLLEGES WE FOUND THAT A MAJORITY OF COLLEGES EXHIBITED DECREASES IN BINGE DRINKING RATES, EVEN THOUGH THE DECREASES WERE RELATIVELY SMALL."

— Henry Wechsler

THE COMPETITIVE SPIRIT THRIVES AS A FAMILY TRADITION

ANDRETTI LEGEND GROWS

BY JAMES L. JOHNSON '89

*M*ichael Andretti gobbles asphalt hotter than the Florida sun. The pit crew clocks his Formula One: 180, 190, 200 - 205 - 280 miles per hour!

While mid-January shivers the Northeast, Nazareth's famous son has gone South to test his 1999 Newman/Haas Racing Ford Swift for the spring season opener of the CART FedEx Championship Series.

Most of us think we're cruising when we push the pedal ten miles past the limit on the Lehigh Valley's Route 22. But even if your Taurus — or maybe your Lexus — was capable of Andretti's speeds, breaking those barriers is something better left to the pros. "It's another dimension," Andretti says about the high-end revolutions. "It's really another world. For the first few laps you feel that speed, but then you settle into it and your mind reaches another level. You're so focused down the track that time seems to slow down. Everything around you and behind you

is a blur, but everything out ahead comes at you in a slow motion. And of course, what's ahead is what's important — you never look back."

Michael Andretti has been looking ahead all of his life. That may be a reflection of the values instilled in him by his parents. His father, racing legend Mario Andretti, believes you need "to pick yourself up and brush yourself off every day. Life is not always fair, but it is manageable. It is a matter of attitude and confidence," Michael Andretti recalls. Perhaps it is just those principles that informed Michael, even as he was building a successful racing career, of the importance of education. In any case, he made a choice to attend college and he came to NCC.

"I was racing while I was in college," he says. "It was tough doing both at the same time. I'd have a race in



Phoenix, then I would have to fly back here for classes. But it was worth it. I learned a lot that helps me in my everyday life. I've never forgotten the experience." What he learned from the textbooks, he put together with life experience and forged for himself a solid success.

But a driver doesn't begin a racing career doing triple-digit speeds. Like anything else, in or out of a classroom, it's a process of learning. "It's like playing football," says Andretti. "You don't start out in the NFL. It's a gradual thing — you've got to do your time. Same thing with racing. You've got to learn your way up to the speeds of a Formula One." Born in 1962, Michael Andretti has been making his racing bones since he was ten years old. He began learning speed in 1972, racing go-karts. Until 1979, he won 50 of the 75 races he entered in that category.

Then at age 17, Andretti competed in and

won his first pro-celebrity race at Watkins Glen, taking the checkered flag and sending Formula One World Champion Keke Rosberg to finish second. In 1981 he drove to his first professional Formula Ford championship, earning the Northeast division title with six victories. By 1987 he was breathing down the exhaust pipes of such luminaries as Bobby Rahal, standing as runner-up to that driver in the PPG Champ Car World Series.

But 1989 was an historic year. "That was the first year I teamed with my father," says Andretti. "I also won at Toronto and the Michigan 500, scored poles (starting position in the racing field) at Detroit and Cleveland and finished third in the PPG Cup standings." Andretti's races and championships would fill a seven-page printout. There is one year, however, that stands apart from all the others.

IN 1989, HE TEAMED WITH HIS FATHER, MARIO ANDRETTI.

"1991, the PPG championship. First ever all-Andretti victory podium," he says with a broad smile. "It was the first time four family members raced together in the same series — my dad, my brother, Jeff and my cousin, John. And not only did I clinch the PPG championship, win the Marlboro Challenge and lead every lap, I got to finish on the podium with my dad. That meant so much to me. It was such a happy time."

Andretti has had plenty of happy times. He's also had his share of bruises and crashes along the way. But the danger of the track is something he takes in stride — the "No Fear" of the true professional. Yet, danger can come off the track as well; you might say, out of the blue.

"It was just before the Pocono 500," says Andretti. "1985. The worst experience of my life. We were in a helicopter, coming in over an apple

Michael designed his helmet with inspiration from his father. His young son Marco wears the same helmet in go-kart races.



“ WE WERE IN A HELICOPTER, COMING IN OVER AN APPLE ORCHARD. 50 FEET UP THE PILOT FLEW INTO A HIGH-TENSION WIRE. SHEARED OFF THE TOP ROTOR. ”

orchard. 50 feet up the pilot flew into a high-tension wire. Sheared off the top rotor. The only thing that saved us was that we landed on top of an apple tree, which helped to break our fall. The pilot broke some bones in his back, but no one was killed. I thought we were gone. I've never been that scared on the track.”

His trophy wins speak well to his steel-tipped nerves, not to mention those honed down driving skills and the sheer grit he uses to fight his way to first at the finish line. But much as he loves dueling engines, there is one thing Andretti dislikes about his job. “I've got a real soft spot for my kids,” he says. “Now, I get to see the world. A lot of exotic places. Mostly airports, hotels and racetracks, but still, it is exciting. The continuous travel takes me away from my children though. And I love my family — my son, Marco, my daughter, Marissa and Leslie, my wife. Being away bothers me.”

It is no surprise that Andretti is a family man. He comes from a close-knit family. His father, Mario, had already left a deep mark on the racing world by the time Michael was born. But the Andretti family values were strong enough to shield the children from what could have been a burning spotlight of fame. “I was always proud of dad,” says the younger Andretti. “He’s always been my racing hero. But when I was a kid, I never looked at him like he was famous. Dad tried real hard to keep our childhood as normal as possible. He did a good job.”

And now young Marco has joined the racing scene. Like his father, he will first conquer the world of go-karts. And his armor will bear the Andretti “crest.” “The overall design of the helmet I use is from my father,” says Andretti. “I kept that, but when I went to Formula One I wanted to include more identification with the United States, so I added the U.S. flag on the sides. Now my son Marco wears the same helmet. He’s carrying on the Andretti name. He’s bringing our look to go-karts.”

So the child of the famous father becomes the famous



“I was racing while I was in college. It was tough doing both at the same time. I’d have a race in Phoenix, then I would have to fly back here for classes. But it was worth it.”

— Michael Andretti

father. But what is handed down in this family, along with the values and the guiding principles, is far more than the particular look of a helmeted driver. What is passed from father to child is nothing less than the American competitive spirit, alive in a tradition that long ago earned its place in racing lore as the Andretti Legend.

SINCE AGE 5, SHE HAS HAD RACING IN HER BLOOD

DOWN THUNDER ROAD

The night air shakes with screams from the bleachers. Under a white bank of floodlights the quarter midget whines into its turns, a heavy smell of gas and summer heat rising from the asphalt. The driver is Kristy Morone. She is 5 years old. And she is afraid. She grips hard on the wheel of the tiny car, wide eyes beneath her helmet dart from side to side as she struggles to push down the fear.

And then it happens. A startling crunch, a jolt and the sudden swerve of the car. A young driver, trying to bully his way to the checkered flag. Intimidation tactics. But then something else happens. All fear drains from the child and she is filled instead with a fighter's determination. It is a determination that will stay strong in her through the next 14 years of racing.

"I was four and a half when they first put me in that car," says the NCC Business Management major. "I cried for the whole first half of the season. But when that kid hit me, it really made me angry and I just pushed ahead and never looked back and I won that race. I guess racing's been in my blood ever since."

That high-powered fuel in her veins has racked up quite a résumé for someone who just turned 19 last September. Her 1/4-midget stats list over 200 wins. She has a career total of 10 heat wins. And in 1996, the year she graduated to

the D/A Mods (dirt asphalt modified stock cars), Kristy was voted Most Popular D/A Driver, and was the first female to win a D/A Modified Feature race. "That feature win was the last race of the season," she says. "What a rush — I was so thrilled. I haven't repeated a win like that. Not yet!"

Kristy was also the 1998 Featured Driver in Stock Car Racing Magazine, and the 1998 Miller Motorsports "Ladies in Racing" Featured Driver on Autograph

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Alley. "That was so cool," she says. "It was the biggest racing convention on the East Coast. Name drivers like Patty Moise, who drives a NASCAR Bush car, were there. And Bunny Burkett, a funny-car dragster racer. Our races are on Blue Ridge Cable, but this was broadcast on ABC. It was the big-time and there I was

with these famous women drivers, signing autographs non-stop for like three and a half hours, for thousands of fans. It was just about the best day ever."

Without those fans, of course, there wouldn't be much point to showing up for a race. Kristy appreciates their support. "It's especially great, as a woman racer, that I know fans care about what we're doing out there," she says. "You know, we're not like hooter girls lying on cars in bathing suits. We're down in the cars, in these really hot fire suits, actually doing something that not too many people are doing. The fans respect that. You can feel it."

Fans will also let you know when they don't have respect. "Fans are usually extremely loyal to the drivers they like," says Kristy. "You touch their driver — they aren't going to like you very much. They can get pretty rowdy. As loud and happy as they can cheer, they can boo and hiss and gesture at you with just as much energy."

With several crashes notched into her career, Kristy has seen the sport's tough side. But her resolve to beat the pack to the finish line hasn't flagged since that first scrape 14 years ago.

"I've been knocked into the wall at 90 miles an hour," she says. "I've injured my shoulder, my neck bone, my collar bone — put my arm in a sling. But I was back the next week. And really, that's racing —

it's a vicious sport." Kristy is so accepting of racing's hard knocks that it seems her greatest difficulty is when she is not able to race.

When ovarian surgery sidelined her last July, she spent some time recuperating in the stands. That was agonizing. But it wasn't her wounds that bothered her. "I just sat there and watched," she says. "My boyfriend's brother, who also races, drove my car for me. I appreciated him doing that, but it was crazy seeing your car out there and you're not in it." Then, in mid-August, a rookie clipped her back

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end and caused an accident that prematurely ended her season. "The crash blew up the battery," she says. "It took out the whole left side of the car. I was bummed. You just never know when those things are going to happen." As brutal as racing may sound, however, Kristy makes clear that all the precautions that can be taken are taken. Safety is always of prime importance.

"We wear a five-point racing belt," she says. "Two come across the shoulders, two across the waist and one comes up between the legs. We also wear fire-

proof suits and fire shoes that look like cadet boots. I have a neck brace, a helmet and thick gloves. The cars are safe, it's just that, sometimes things happen. Even NASCAR pros like Dale Earnhardt and Jeff Gordon have had crashes." And then she adds with a laugh, "It just seems to happen to me more often. But hey, you've got to love it. I'm not talented in dance or singing or tap — but I am talented in racing. I'll probably finish school, get married and I'll still be doing this."

There is no doubt that she is serious about racing. Even her choice of major is geared to the sport. "I want to use my degree in management to stay involved in racing," says Kristy, who was recently elected president of the Tau Gamma chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society. "Maybe public relations or marketing." Kristy was accepted into the Marketing program at Drexel University, which would have included an internship at the NASCAR track in Charlotte. "I gave that up," she says, "to stay here and race at Mahoning (Mahoning Valley Speedway in Lehighton). I can do my two

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years here and then we'll see."

Racing is already a business for her, complete with home office and a Morone Racing homepage on the World Wide Web. "I love computers," she says. "I created and maintain my own Web page." You can learn more about Kristy and/or email her by hitting her site at <http://hometown.aol.com/MORONE77/index.html>. "Remember," she adds, smiling. "If you'd like to see your name painted on a stock — we're always looking for sponsors."

And would she move up to NASCAR if she could? "All the drivers I know consider themselves professionals, even at the D/A Mod level," Kristy says. "We're there to race, to perform for the fans. Mahoning is checking into getting sanctioned for NASCAR right now. Would I want to race in that category? What do you think?"



ACCOUNTING

- ◆ **1976 Bruce Palmer** of Buckno Lisicky and Company, P.C., C.P.A., is a Northampton Community College Foundation Board Director and has recently become a Northampton Community College Board of Trustees member.
- ◆ **1987 Susie Shook's** accounting talents have promoted her to staff accountant in the Accounting Department at NCC.
- ◆ **1991 Curtis Alan Kemmerer and Shelly Lynn Cory '91** were joined in marriage on November 14, 1998. Curtis is a graduate of Shippensburg University and is employed by the Merchants National Bank in Bangor. Shelly Lynn received her office administration-legal degree from Northampton Community College and works for the Molnar Law Offices in Wind Gap.
- ◆ **Pete Einfalt and Mary Alice Ferraro** were married on June 2, 1995. Their daughter, Erika, was born on October 9, 1998. Mary Alice received a bachelor of science degree in accounting from the Pennsylvania State University in 1989 and is employed at Air Products & Chemicals as a financial analyst. Pete graduated from Allentown College of St. Francis de Sales in 1997 with a B.S. in finance and accounting. He is working as a financial planner. Mary Alice and Pete make their home in Nazareth.

ADVERTISING DESIGN

- ◆ **1993 Donald F. McGowan, Jr.** received his bachelor's degree in graphic design at the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut in December 1996. He is currently a graphic designer for a division of Grey Advertising at J. Brown LMC Group in Stamford, Connecticut.

ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGY

- ◆ **1973 Donald A. Keller** received a bachelor of science degree in Civil Engineering from Lafayette College in

1986. He is the President of Keller Consulting Engineers, Inc. in Nazareth. Donald is also a Nazareth School Board Member and a Director on the Northampton Community College Alumni Association Board.



A CALL TO SERVE

The call is a gradual thing, filled with hard questions and hard choices. "The Lord moves slowly, on His time," says **Father Victor Finelli '83**, assistant pastor of SS. Simon & Jude Catholic Church in Bethlehem. "There was never a solid moment when I knew. I've never known anyone that's happened to. The purpose of eight years in the seminary is to decide if this life is for you. And even after you're ordained, the calling continues throughout the priesthood. Like anyone, we keep growing."

"A parish priest can be defined in a lot of ways," says Father Finelli. "Certainly one of them is administration. You need to keep the parish afloat — pay the bills, make sure pipes aren't breaking, you flip a switch and the lights go on. My degree in business administration from Northampton serves me well in those areas."

It is not merely ledgers and leaking pipes he tends to, but rather a house of worship he maintains for the faithful. "We have 1,600 families in our parish. We are responsible for ministering to their spiritual needs. Being a Catholic priest is different from other Christian ministries in that our whole life centers one hundred percent around our parish. They *are* the family, they are the number one priority."

A common misconception of the priesthood is that it somehow buffers its clergy from the world at large. Since his ordination in 1989, Father Finelli, who holds two master's degrees, in divinity and in theology, has understood the fallacy of that myth. "My friends tease me that I only work a day and a half a week," he says. "The truth is that our workday often begins at 5 a.m. and goes straight through to 8 or 9 o'clock at night. Any priest worth his weight adapts to the needs of the parish, and that means being accessible." In addition to celebrating Mass each day, and performing baptisms and weddings and the like, priests share in the everyday joys of their parish families. And in the sorrows.

It is especially in tending to his people that Father Finelli feels the deepening of his calling. "We deal with a lot of emotional issues," he says. "When someone is dying, the priest's words matter as much as his presence. Comforting words are not drawn from a textbook, they are born in the soul. And the ability to say the right thing at the right moment comes with maturity — from time and from grace."

— *James L. Johnson '89*

BANKING

◆ **1990 Frederick R. Curcio, Sr.** was promoted to vice president of Merchants National Bank, Bangor. Fred has worked for Merchants National Bank for 37 years, most recently as an assistant vice president and trust officer. He is also a member of the Economic Development Corporation of Bangor, board member and vice president of the Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce, treasurer of the borough of Bangor, chairman of the Bangor Planning Commission and a Northampton Community College Alumni Association Board Director.

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE

◆ **Carl Mancino** is the President of Imperial Coiffures Ltd. and Kids Kuts in Palmer Township. He is also the owner of the Inn at Heyer's Mill Bed & Breakfast. Carl is a Board Director of the Northampton Community College Alumni Association.

BIOLOGY

◆ **1998 Jennifer Gwen Steckel** and Michael Frank Hunsicker exchanged wedding vows on June 6, 1998. Jennifer is employed as a quality control laboratory technician for Lehigh Valley Dairies.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

◆ **1971 Barry Hagenbuch** is the owner and operator of a successful business. Emily's Ice Cream has delighted many a palate in and around the Nazareth area.
 ◆ **1977 Victor Unks** is employed by Capital Blue Cross in the Customer Service Division.
 ◆ **1991 Cecelia Walton** has recently changed jobs. She is employed by the City of Bethlehem in the Financial Services Department. Cecelia is a Board Director of the Northampton Community College Alumni Association.

◆ **Robert Sean Rawson** and Melissa Sue Guthrie were united in marriage on July 18, 1998. Robert is employed by Altra Sports/Majestic Athletic.
 ◆ **1993 Jeffrey C. Baines** and Angel L. Cole were married on August 8, 1998 in Bloomsburg. Jeffrey works for Fleet Bank in Newark, Delaware, where he and Angel reside.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

◆ **1998 Dawn Dzienis** has been promoted to secretary in Northampton Community College's Adjunct and Distance Learning Office.

COMPUTER INFORMATION

◆ **1997 Robin Johnson** is a programmer/business support analyst in the Computer Services Department at NCC.
 ◆ **1998 Jose Jimenez** has joined the Northampton Community College family as a computer client support specialist in the Computer Services Department.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

◆ **1993 Simon Boddie** will begin 14 weeks of training at the Gerald M. Monahan, Sr. Police Academy in Allentown. He will then be assigned to patrol duty in the City of Bethlehem. Simon received his bachelor of science degree in criminal justice from West Chester University in 1995.
 ◆ **Mark German** will begin 14 weeks of training at the Gerald M. Monahan, Sr. Police Academy in Allentown. He will then be assigned to patrol duty in the City of Bethlehem. Mark is a 1995 graduate of Alvernia College with a degree in criminal justice.

CULINARY ARTS

◆ **1995 James Nickolaus Nimas** and Stacy Lynn Rashlich exchanged wedding vows in St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church,

Whitehall, on August 1, 1998. James is a food service director at Northampton Village Personal Care Home.

◆ **1997 Brandon Robert Bartholomew** and **Pamela Sue Jessup** were married on September 26, 1998 in West Side Moravian Church, Bethlehem. Brandon is working for Blockbuster. Pamela Sue received her education at Northampton Community College in dental hygiene. She is employed by Harry Snyder, D.D.S. and Harry Shleifer, D.D.S.

DENTAL ASSISTING

◆ **1995 Jessica Marie Hummel** and Keith William Burke exchanged vows on October 3, 1998 in Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church, Allentown. Jessica is employed as a dental assistant for Dr. Michael F. Lentz.
 ◆ **Stephanie Donna Butler** and James Richard Steele held their wedding ceremony on May 30, 1998. Stephanie is employed by Drs. Durigan and Wasno, DMD.

DENTAL HYGIENE

◆ **1978 Jean Marie Balliet** and the Rev. Todd Douglas Fennell exchanged wedding vows in an October 24, 1998 ceremony in Milford. Jean Marie is a dental hygienist for Dr. Gary Bennicoff in Easton.

DESIGN TECH/CAD

◆ **1990 Mark L. Mahovich, Jr.** and **Barbara E. Hook** were married on November 28, 1998. Mark is a Penn State University graduate and works as a mechanical engineer at Synergis Technologies. Barbara is a graduate of Empire Beauty School and is employed at Easton Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Center.



A PRACTICE OF CARING

A grumpy kitten

frowns from the wall of Thoreau Veterinary Hospital's examination room. His non-verbal message 'Don't tell

me what kind of day to have!,' makes it plain that he's in no mood for cuddles. With soaked fur standing on end from head to tail, his larger-than-life-size photo is a smile for pet owners. Patients, of course, may be less than concerned with amusements. But they've got nothing to fear. They are in the capable and caring hands of **Dr. Elizabeth Burke '73**, hard-working owner of the hospital.

"We recently celebrated our 10th year," says Burke. "The practice is solid. In fact, we're moving to Palmer Township (from the present location on Northampton Street in Easton) sometime this year." Still the only full-time veterinarian at the hospital, the doctor spends a good deal of her time spaying or neutering and performing other elective surgeries. But in a day's work she sees a whole gamut of illnesses: from stomach upset to tumors to diabetes. "Almost any disease a human can get, a dog or cat can get," Burke

says. "That's why we emphasize yearly exams — to catch problems right away."

Burke is proud of the hospital's reputation. That status is reflected in its AAHA (American Animal Hospital Association) certification, an honor she and her staff have earned since 1992. "To gain accreditation," she explains, "means vets from the Association check periodically to make sure our practice is up to date, that everything is sterile, that our records are all in order. Being approved isn't required by law yet, but it shows you've gone the extra mile."

To practice veterinary medicine is something Burke has wanted since she was 9 years old. She accomplished her goal, doing both her undergraduate and graduate studies at Cornell University, New York. "I began at Cornell as a full junior, thanks to Northampton," she says. "All of my credits transferred completely. I'm also proud to say that I was the very first Cornell graduate from NCC."

One way Burke gives back to the College is in commitment, serving on Northampton's Alumni Board of Directors and on the Veterinary Technology Advisory Board. "The Vet Tech program is a great resource for vets to hire," says Burke. "Trained techs are really vet nurses and they are the right hands of veterinarians."

— *James L. Johnson '89*

EARLY CHILDHOOD

- ◆ **1992 Jennifer Lee Duckworth** married Joseph Russell Zingales, Jr. at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on December 12, 1998. Jennifer Lee is an East Stroudsburg University graduate and is employed by Palmer Moravian Day School and Sylvan Learning Center.
- ◆ **1993 Cynthia L. Keifer** and Joseph M. Jancsarics were married on September 12, 1998 in Faith Lutheran Church, Forks Township. Cynthia is employed as an assistant teacher at Colonial Northampton Intermediate Unit No. 20.

◆ 1996 Raylin Marie Sterner

exchanged wedding vows with Joel Lee Fehr in Holy Family Catholic Church, Nazareth on September 26, 1998. Raylin Marie is employed as a nanny for Drs. Louis and Angela Tencza of Nazareth.

◆ **1997 Tina M. Marshall** and Jeffrey S. Mulitsch had a June 6, 1998 wedding ceremony in Grace United Methodist Church, Pen Argyl. Tina works at St. John's Lutheran Day Care Center and lives with Jeffrey in Pen Argyl.

◆ **1998 Katie Fick** has completed her early childhood studies and is employed by the Northampton Community College Child Development Center.

EDUCATION

- ◆ **1975 Nancy Clark** is employed by the Lehigh Area School District. She specializes in the Title I Reading program.
- ◆ **1984 Rose Marie Mazza-Bauer** works for Educational Opportunities Centers, Inc. as an educational planner.
- ◆ **1991 Lila Metz** received a B.S. in elementary education with an early childhood concentration and in 1995 she obtained her master's degree in special education. Both degrees were awarded by East Stroudsburg University.

ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY

- ◆ **1972 Kenneth A. Fogel** has accepted a new position as Northeast Regional Sales Manager for Xycom Automation. Kenneth lives in Bethlehem with his wife, Ann, a homemaker, and their 13-year-old son who will be attending high school next year.
- ◆ **1976 Ismael Rivera** has definitely placed quite a few footsteps forward in life beyond his NCC's days. Izzie completed his fifth marathon in Las Vegas, Nevada on February 7.

ENGINEERING

- ◆ **1995 Jessica Libricz** graduated from Drexel University, Philadelphia, in 1998, with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. She is currently employed as a mechanical engineer at Air Products and Chemicals.

FASHION MERCHANDISING

- ◆ **1986 Carla Penetar** became the bride of Michael Madden in an August 29, 1998 ceremony in St. Lawrence Catholic Church, North Catasauqua. Carla is a travel consultant at Mittl Travel.

FIRE TECHNOLOGY

- ◆ **1977 Firefighter Richard Zimmerman** took another step up the ladder of success during ceremonies in the City of Bethlehem. He was promoted to lieutenant. Richard is a 1979 graduate of Jersey City State College with a bachelor's degree in fire safety administration.
- ◆ **1981 Captain David C. Ruhf** was recently promoted to assistant chief in ceremonies administered by Mayor Don Cunningham in the City of Bethlehem's Fire Department.

FUNERAL SERVICE

- ◆ **1992 Scott Raab** is employed at the Heintzelman Funeral Home in Hellertown. He serves on the Northampton Community College Alumni Association as a Board Director.
- ◆ **1994 Guy Joseph Walton and Michelle Marie Disidore '97** were married on October 17, 1998 in St. Vincent de Paul Roman Catholic Church. Guy is a graduate of Moravian College and is employed by Higgins Home for Funerals in Watchung, New Jersey. Michelle works for the Garefino Funeral Home in Lambertville, NJ.

GENERAL EDUCATION

- ◆ **1975 Denise McCall** has accepted the position of Board Director on the Northampton Community College Foundation Board. She is co-owner of Britech with her husband Brian McCall '74.
- ◆ **1985 Debi Julia** works for Heller Seasonings as quality control manager. She is also a Board Director of the Northampton Community College Alumni Association.
- ◆ **1987 Paul Pascoe** received a B.A. in industrial organizational psychology at Moravian College in 1989.

GENERAL STUDIES

- ◆ **1975 Paul Jean Plaza** is the owner of an architectural firm in Allentown. He also serves on the Northampton Community College Alumni Association Board.
- ◆ **1977 Susan Blalock's** educational pursuits continued at Barch, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York. Susan works as a project manager for the architectural firm of Wallace & Watson Associates and is an Alumni Association Board Director.

- ◆ **1992 Tammy Lynn Gaugler** married Richard Joseph Philippi on October 24, 1998 in Salem Lutheran Church in Bethlehem. Tammy Lynn works as a pharmacy technician at Muhlenberg Hospital.
- ◆ **JoAnn Dischinat** continued her studies at nearby Lehigh Carbon Community College. Today, she is the owner and manager of G&J's Pit Stop in Lower Nazareth. JoAnn is a Board Director for the Northampton Community College Alumni Association. She is also the recipient, along with her husband Greg, of a Northampton Community College 1997 Community Fabric Award.

INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT

- ◆ **1987 Myrna Rivera** continued her studies at Cedar Crest College. She received a master of science degree in health administration and is a Certified Employee Benefits Specialist. Myrna is employed as Manager of the Benefits Services Center for Bethlehem Steel Corporation and serves as a Board Director of the Northampton Community College Alumni Association.

INTERIOR DESIGN

- ◆ **1993 Rebecca A. Ramich** was named account executive for AliveNET Communications. In her new post, Rebecca will provide support for AliveNET clients as well as develop new business. She is currently continuing her education at Reading Area Community College.

LIBERAL ARTS

- ◆ **1993 Rose Mary Brailo and Kris Kirchofer** were united in marriage in an outdoor ceremony on September 12, 1998 at the Inn at Heyer's Mill in

FAMILY ALBUM

“The boys have a full view of the College from their bedroom window,” says **Eileen Evans Colahan '72**. “The kids grew up there. They rode their bikes there, played soccer and baseball, Rollerbladed, played tennis. And it was a lot easier to use the College’s library than the public library in town.”

But just because the College is easy peddling distance isn’t the reason her son, Trevor, chose to enroll at Northampton. Nor was it because his father, **Paul '72**, was also a graduate of the College and an early two-term Alumni Association president. It wasn’t even because both of his parents were involved in campus life when they were students and remain loyal alumni of the College even today. Trevor chose Northampton for his own reasons.

“I was accepted at Drexel University,” says Trevor. “I went down there and checked it out. But I guess I didn’t feel like the city right away. I figured I’d get my foundation at NCC. Besides, I wanted to focus on my classes. I didn’t want to worry about my studies and also worry about adjusting to the city.” A major in Engineering, Trevor seems to have made the right choice. He came out of his first semester with a 3.75 (out of 4.0) grade point average.

Still, the transition from Notre Dame High School to the College was an adjustment for him. “Coming from a small school,” he says, “you pretty much travel with the same people. It’s like you go to choir and you know everyone in choir. You go to band, hey, they’re all in the band too. Here I’m meeting new people all the time.”

Just the opposite of his parents. Eileen and Paul’s social



circle at Northampton was more like their son’s earlier school days than his current NCC experience. “This was a small campus in the early ‘70s,” says Paul, who holds a bachelor’s degree in business administration from the University of Dayton. “Everybody pitched in and took ownership — it was our college, in the true sense of the word. Everybody hung out together too. Everywhere

you went, you were with friends.”

“Paul and I met at Northampton,” says Eileen, who has a business degree in economics from Lehigh University, as well as an M.B.A. in management and marketing from Wilkes University.

Over the years the chemistry has remained strong between the Colahans and the College. Paul has returned to campus nearly every semester since graduating Dayton, to keep current in his field. So far, he’s earned two specialized diplomas in mechanical systems in HVAC and in electrical systems for the PLC.

NCC seems to be a tradition in the Colahan family. Both of Paul’s brothers, Denis and Kevin, are graduates of Northampton. And both of his sisters, Eileen and Maureen, attended classes at the College as well. Even Paul’s father, after his retirement, took classes. “My dad put five computer classes under his belt,” says Paul, “before he even owned a computer.” And will their other son, Ryan, attend Northampton? “We never pushed Trevor,” says Eileen. “Both of the boys know how much we love the College. We certainly won’t push Ryan. But we know it will be there for him when he’s ready to decide.” — *James L. Johnson '89*

Nazareth. Rose Mary graduated from Allentown College of St. Francis De Sales and is employed as a manager for Payless Shoes.

◆ **1996 Cecile Laurent-Atthalin** graduated from the New School in New York City. She now spends her days in

Metepec, Mexico teaching English to young students.

◆ **1996 Tracy Hixson** earned her bachelor of arts degree in recreation and leisure services management from East Stroudsburg University in December 1998.

MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTION

◆ **1996 Andrea Graber** exchanged wedding vows with James Bird in St. Paul’s United Church of Christ, Indianland. Andrea is employed by the Visiting Nurse’s Association of Monroe County.

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NURSING REGISTERED

- ◆ **1977 Lynne Edwards** received her bachelor of arts degree in economics from Lycoming College in 1994. She resides in Collegeville with her husband.
- ◆ **1978 Nancy Crane-Roberts** has received a Doctor of Nursing Science Degree from Widener University in August 1998. Nancy is currently Director of Health Services at Cedar Crest College.
- ◆ **1988 Lori Ann Tomaino** and Thomas Allen Billiard were united in marriage on August 2, 1998 in Packer Memorial Church, Lehigh University, Bethlehem. Lori Ann is a registered nurse in the open heart unit at St. Luke's Hospital, Bethlehem.

PURCHASING

- ◆ **1989 Sandie Przywara Hartman, C.P.M.** and her husband Paul are the very proud parents of their daughter, Amanda Marie, born on October 30, 1998 and their son, Christopher Everett, born on March 6, 1997.

RADIO/TV

- ◆ **1990 Mark D. Ferraro** graduated from Penn State in 1994. He works for Capitol Blue Cross in Harrisburg as a programmer.
- ◆ **1996 Brian Samuel Prest** and Nerissa Marie Taguba exchanged their wedding vows on September 19, 1998 in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Easton.

THAT THING YOU DO

Donna Langston '87 points out the window, toward Green Pond Road.

"Water would collect at the edge there," she says. "And in the winter, when it froze, we'd ice skate. In summertime, my best girlfriend and I would ride our bikes the whole length of the road." Langston remembers childhood days when the road that runs between Northampton's campus was no more than a lazy farm lane.

"Our house was just across the road, about where Country Meadows is now," she says. "This whole campus was pastureland for a dairy farm. And it was my playground. Who knew I would come back to it to graduate from college?" Langston actually came back to her home turf for learning at two very different points in her life. "After high school I went to Penn State, the Schuylkill campus, for a year. But then I left and I really wasn't sure what I wanted. So, in 1967 I came back to my "playground" to learn how." But, though she easily learned enough to land a full-time job, she left school before completing her degree.

It wasn't until Langston began work at the Martin Guitar Company that she drew the first true lines on the map of her career. "I started work at Martin as a floater," she says. "It was interesting because I got to know different departments. Then one day the head of data processing asked me if I wanted to learn programming. I spent the next five years programming and I knew computers would always be my niche."

Then another "niche," that of at-home mom to two children, took her out of the workforce for nearly ten years. By the time she was ready to come back, the PC revolution was in full swing. "The programming I had done," remembers Langston, "used the old key-punch cards fed into giant computers. A lot had happened since I left my job. I knew my skills needed upgrading." So, in 1983, she once again came "home" to learn. This time, the place of her past taught her the future.

Today, with a degree in Computer Information Science, Langston is the Information Systems Manager for United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley. When it comes to computers, she is the meaning of the word multi-task. "As IS manager," says Langston, "I maintain 40 PCs and two servers. And I also do training, keep the fundraising database, troubleshoot, work the helpdesk — anything having to do with computers comes through me." Langston is an office of one, and that spells "busy" on anyone's spellchecker. But she has no complaints. "I seem to be blessed with an ability to understand it all," she says, grinning. "It really is my thing and I love it."

— James L. Johnson '89



Brian is a graduate of the Allentown Police Academy and is a sales representative for WFMZ-TV in Allentown.

- ◆ **1996 Jesse Reno's** work days are spent as a duplicating operator in the Central Duplicating Office at NCC.
- ◆ **Eric Van Nest** and Corinna Graner became husband and wife in the spring of 1998. They are very happy about becoming parents to their son, Alexander.

RADIOGRAPHY

- ◆ **1993 Susanne Flounders** was united in marriage with Glenn Allan on October 17, 1998 on the Island of Tortola in the British Virgin Islands with their family and friends as witnesses. Susanne works at St. Luke's Hospital as a radiographer.

SECRETARIAL SCIENCE

- ◆ **1972 Sandra Vulcano** works for the Pennsylvania Department of Vital Records as a registrar. She currently serves on the Northampton Community College Alumni Association Board as a director.
- ◆ **1975 Debbie Birkas** is employed as an administrative assistant for the Vice President of Institutional Advancement at NCC.
- ◆ **1979 Renee Panuccio** attained a word processing certificate in 1984. She works as an athletic/physical education assistant at Northampton Community College. Renee became an Alumni Association Board member in 1998.
- ◆ **1982 Jean Belinski**, a Bethlehem Catholic High School alumna, has been honored and inducted into the school's first Distinguished Alumnus Wall of Fame on February 5. Jean is a Northampton Community College Alumni Association Board Director.

- ◆ **1987 Tamara Tucker** graduated from Moravian College with a bachelor of arts degree in organizational communications. Tamara is employed at Northampton Community College as the assistant to the President and the secretary to the Board of Trustees.
- ◆ **1989 Kelly Anne Knoble and Todd D. Saeva '91** were married on July 4, 1998. Todd is also a Northampton Community College graduate in the business administration program. He is a part-time student at East Stroudsburg University.

TRAVEL/TOURISM

- ◆ **1996 Allyson Marie Wilkin and Alfred J. Strouse, Jr.** were married on August 22, 1998 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bath. Allyson Marie is employed by AAA Lehigh Valley in Allentown.

WORD PROCESSING

- ◆ **1992 Jamie Lynn Calandra** exchanged wedding vows with Keith Brian Tracy in a ceremony on August 8, 1998 in Borhek Chapel at Moravian College. Jamie Lynn is employed by Scotty's Fashions Cutting Inc.

I N M E M O R I A M

- ◆ **Jeff Baylor** Jeff, an adjunct professor, taught English courses at the College, beginning in 1992.
- ◆ **Edward A. Gilbert** Edward, a mechanical designer and free-lance artist, was a student at NCC from 1972-1976.
- ◆ **Sandra Bright Lockhart** Sandra was long-time member of the Project Aware Community Advisory Board, where she served as secretary.
- ◆ **Joseph D. Mattina** Joseph was an adjunct faculty member, teaching real estate courses from 1979 until the mid-'80s.
- ◆ **Kenneth Gottlieb Miller** Kenneth, a 1969 data processing graduate, died Dec. 26, 1997.
- ◆ **Anthony Mondello, Sr.** Anthony, a business management student, and his son, Paul, died February 19 in an explo-

- sion at Concept Sciences in Hanover Township. He was given honorary alumnus status at NCC's Awards Convocation in April.
- ◆ **Joseph Risbon** Joseph, a former trustee at the College, having served from 1988-1994, died Feb. 7. He was honored by the College for his educational leadership in the community and for helping to establish the Career Education Cooperative.
- ◆ **Michael Schreier** Michael was director of financial aid from 1986 until 1993. He was the first staff member to sing the College's alma mater.
- ◆ **Evelyn P. Schollhammer** A registered nurse, Evelyn was a graduate of the College's nursing program. She received a practical nursing certificate in 1981, a general education degree in 1985, and a registered nursing degree in 1987. Evelyn died March 16.

BRICK WALKWAY

On any given day, you can find hundreds of alumni just outside Alumni Hall on Northampton's North Campus. Yes, the Hampton Winds Restaurant is a great reason to visit, but these alumni are there day-in and day-out because they are part of the Alumni Brick Walkway. For just \$100, your name and class



year can be permanently inscribed in the walkway and you can feel good about supporting Alumni Hall — a collection of classrooms, conference rooms and a gourmet, student-run restaurant.

For more information on the Alumni Brick Walkway, please contact the Alumni Office at 610-861-5088.

BUDDY TEACHER PROGRAM

A new alumni-student partnership is forming at Northampton — the NCC Buddy Teacher Program.

This informal program gives education students an opportunity to collaborate with the College's teaching alumni. The teacher-student partnerships contribute to personal reflection for the teacher as a practicing professional and for the learner as a student of teaching.

Education students are matched with an alumni teacher. Both students and teachers are given one another's name and phone numbers and the rest is left to them. Buddy teachers communicate with the students according to the students' needs. They support and encourage the students in their education, lending an ear for student reflection and sharing ideas and perspectives. Buddy teachers help students connect text material and class discussion with real life experiences and they invite and arrange for students to visit their school for course-related or career-planning field observations.

To find out more about becoming a Buddy Teacher, please contact Kelley Kissiah, associate professor of education, at 610-861-5380.

MONROE COUNTY ALUMNI CHAPTER

Northampton's Monroe County Campus just celebrated its 10th anniversary and the Alumni Association has voted that the time is now to form an alumni chapter in Monroe County. If you have completed 15 credits or more at any NCC campus and are interested in helping to shape this new organization, please call the Alumni Office at 610-861-5088 or Dr. Matthew Connell at the Monroe Campus at 570-620-9221.



The NCC Alumni Association held its second annual Casino Night on April 23. Alumni and friends enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and desserts prepared by Northampton's Culinary Arts Department and gambling for "counterfeit" dollars. With their winnings, attendees bid on approximately 100 prizes including a Martin Backpacker Guitar. Proceeds from the event support the event-site — Alumni Hall.

E-MAIL DIRECTORY

Do you have an e-mail address? If so, why not list it on Northampton's Home Page? It's a great way to stay in touch with friends, faculty and the Alumni Office. Just e-mail Jim Johnson at jlj@mail.nrhm.cc.pa.us to have your address posted.

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World-Class Leadership in Support of NCC Education

As Hap and Marcia talked about their children and about where they are in their lives right now, two things became clear: they care about family and they care about education.

BY JOANNE C. ANDERSON

There is a warmth you feel when you enter their home.

The colors are rich and earthy — dusty rose, early-spring green, high-noon yellow. Floral print pillows from England, tossed carefully on the sofa, create a garden feel inside. One feels welcome nestling into the soft, comfortable arm chair.

This is the home of the Wagners — Hap and Marcia — a grand old home built by Bethlehem Steel executives in West Bethlehem. Natural light streams through the high windows on the first floor. Oriental rugs add rich color to the open sitting room. Our gracious hostess takes us on a small tour.

“I have a bit of the West in my soul,” she remarks, leading us through the large white kitchen into an informal eating area tucked around the back of the house. Chairs covered in English chintz surround the table. They are old chairs, Marcia says, bought at a second-hand store long ago and recovered several times since. We find treasures placed throughout the house — brought back from their years of travel. And photos; lots of family photos.

H.A. “Hap” Wagner is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Air

Products and Chemicals, Inc., a leading international supplier of industrial gases and related equipment and specialty and intermediate chemicals. Air Products is headquartered in the Lehigh Valley and employs 17,000 employees working at operations in over 30 countries. Hap started his career at Air Products in Applied Research and Development in 1963. Sales at that time were \$100 million. Today sales total nearly \$5 billion to more than 100 countries around the world.

Around 1963, Air Products was just beginning to expand and develop its field program and Hap spent nine months in what he calls “career activity.”

“There was a lot of opportunity for growth in the field program. I asked the company to send me into the field.” And their 36-year journey with Air Products began.

“After graduating from Harvard Business School, Hap’s job brought us to the Lehigh Valley for nine months, then to Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Southern California, England, Belgium... taking our four children around with us. When we moved to England, our oldest was 13 and the youngest was 3,” Marcia says.

The Wagners met while they were both students at Stanford University.

“Marcia graduated with a history degree and a minor in music





and art,” he says, “and I was in the five-year mechanical engineering program. I graduated in 1958. Our daughter Sandy was born while we were at Stanford.”

The family then moved to Tuscon, where Hap entered the Air Force. Their second daughter Kristi was born there.

“I then went back to business school. I was fortunate to be accepted to Harvard Business School. So we moved to Boston, where Tracey was born. So we had three kids to raise while I was in business school,” he remembers with a smile.

Framed photographs of their children and grandchildren are placed around the room. Hap smiles broadly when asked about his children.

“Erik, our youngest, was born in Cleveland and grew up in Europe. With Air Products, I had the chance to go to London for five years and then to Brussels,” he says.

Hap continues to share information about each of their children, starting with the oldest, Sandra, a Berkeley graduate who lives in the Palo Alto, California area with her husband and two sons. She coaches her son’s basketball team and volunteers at school. Kristi, who enrolled in dental school at age 36, is a single parent who is now completing post-graduate work in orthodontics. Tracey, who attended the University of Colorado and has also gone back to school at age 36, is studying to become a physical therapist. She lives in Santa Monica. And Erik is in real estate in Weehocken, New Jersey, where he lives with his wife and two daughters. He and his wife graduated from Tulane University. They married at Oxford University where she spent a year studying.

The Wagners support many educational endeavors by giving their support and time to those they believe can gain from it. Hap is a member of the Lehigh University Board of Trustees, the Discovery Center, the Star Program, and the Eisenhower Exchange Partnership, a multinational program chaired by former President George Bush. Closer to home, the Wagner’s generosity is making a difference in the lives of three young women (see related story).

Established at Northampton as the Marcia and Hap Wagner

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Scholarship, each year one student is selected to receive a scholarship which provides full tuition for two years and covers some of the cost of textbooks.

“We give money for buildings at large universities,” Marcia comments, “and we wanted to do something more personal. We wanted to help students who have potential and could use our support.” Each year, the Wagners participate in the selection of the scholars and spend time throughout the years getting to know them personally.

“We have strong feelings about Northampton Community College and what it offers to the community,” Hap continues. “The College is very much in tune with community needs. I’ve been impressed with the quality and focus of programs and the leadership there — it’s very high quality.”

The Wagners have been connected to Northampton Community College for some time. Marcia has taken painting classes at NCC and their daughter Kristi completed some of her science courses at Northampton in preparation for dental school.

They first learned about the College through Hap’s work at Air Products.

“NCC’s reputation made me aware of its existence. I met Bob Kopecek and several other NCC staff people at business events,” Hap says. “Bob Kopecek is a tremendous leader and I wanted to get involved.”

In addition to supporting scholarships for students, the Wagners attend many of the NCC special events offered throughout the year.

“Being involved with Northampton Community College is not only exciting but is a rewarding experience for me. It’s a real pleasure to be a part of it,” Marcia says.

It’s clear that the Wagners enjoy spending time with students and offering support in any way they can. They truly care about helping young people fulfill their dreams.

When asked for some parting words for students, Hap quickly replied: “Set your sights high — remember that most of life’s pleasures are in the journey, not in the end accomplishments.”



Wagner Scholarships Change Lives

In May, hundreds of grads crossed the NCC commencement stage. Three of those students would not have made that culminating trek if it had not been for the Wagners. All three are grateful for their scholarship, and all are exceptional people who will make their benefactors proud.

Waleyia Dukes was one student giving silent thanks to the Wagner's generosity. Waleyia, a 1986 graduate of Pocono Mountain High School, worked 10 years in accounting before deciding on a career change. "I've always found the law fascinating," says Waleyia. "My degree at Northampton is in criminal justice. My plan is to get my bachelor's degree, then continue on to law school and eventually become a corporate attorney."



Waleyia is a safe bet to reach her goal. She is a hard worker who, throughout her NCC career, has maintained a full-time job. "I'm so grateful for the Wagner scholarship. It's hard to pay for school. I really don't think I would have been able to continue if it hadn't been for the scholarship. As it is, I've been accepted at Cedar Crest College."

Another deserving student who crossed the May stage was Elsie Gomez. Elsie, a 1998 Freedom High School grad, was not picking up her associate's degree just yet. But the ceremony marked a milestone nonetheless.

"I'm part way there," says Elsie. "I've got my specialized diploma in medical transcription. Now I'll continue on to my associate's in office administration."

"After NCC I plan to work full-time in the medical field," she says. "I want to earn money for school and gain more medical knowledge. My goal is to establish a center for children in Africa." That admirable goal may be some time in coming for Elsie. But make no mistake, this is not some whimsical dream, this is a true goal and Elsie has a concrete plan to reach it.

"This is something I've wanted to do since I can remember," she says. "My plan is to visit Africa several times to get the feel of the place, to understand it and to know it. I plan to raise the money before establishing the center."

"When I got the Wagner scholarship," she says, "I was shocked. I was expecting that I would have to work after high school before I could go to college. I just couldn't believe it when they announced my name. That people can do something so incredibly nice — I have no words to express how I felt."

Inga Williams is an August graduate, but was entitled to celebrate her degree with the rest of her class in May. If not for the Wagner Scholarship though, it would have taken Inga a lot longer to cross the commencement stage. "I doubt that I could have



gone to school full-time," she says. "That scholarship allowed me to focus on my future without worrying about paying

for my tuition. Or even for my books."

Northampton seems to be the College of choice for the women in the Williams' family. "My mom attended NCC in the '70s," Inga recalls. "Not too many years ago my grandmother came here and earned a certificate in computers. There's a lot to like about this College. It's got a real friendly atmosphere. I'm going to miss it."



Inga's favorite class is psychology. "I love the interaction between students," she says. "I'm a liberal arts major, but I'll major in psychology when I transfer to Kutztown [University] in the fall." Like the other winners of the Wagner scholarship, Inga has her goals firmly in place.

"I want my master's in psychology from Temple University," she says. "Eventually, I'd like to get my doctorate and establish a private practice." Inga is aware of the social ills facing our world and is determined to help correct them. "I want to reach children," she says. "It's important to reach children first, when they have a clear perspective."

Being named as the recipient of the Wagner scholarship was heady stuff for Inga. "It certainly made me feel good about myself," she says. "If I could give other students advice it would be: one — be involved in your community. And two — after high school go straight to college. Someone will be there to help you. The Wagners were there for me."

Dream Machines: Real Vehicles for Success

BY THOMAS R. SANTANASTO

*I*t's a gorgeous spring afternoon. A massive eruption of wildflowers has splattered the roadside with brilliant color. The warm sun is gleaming. The sky is blue, polka-dotted with puffy white clouds, and the bubbling serenade of the cascading spring run-off fills the air. In the midst of all this you're cruising along the winding Pocono back roads in your shining red Dodge Viper with the fragrant wind whistling through your hair.

Earlier this morning, you put your brand new Black Beauty, a '98 Chevy Corvette, through its paces going to and from a weekly soccer match. This evening, after changing into dinner attire, you and that special someone will slip into your new Oldsmobile Intrigue and steal away for a memorable night on the town.

You don't have to be an incurable "motorhead" to fantasize about owning one of these sleek machines. And even the most avid car enthusiast might only dream of owning all three. But imagine not only seeing these three automotive beauties, but dozens more passenger cars, vans, and trucks under one roof. That place is the Automotive Technology Department at Northampton Community College.

NCC has had the good fortune of being the recipient of over 100 new vehicles since 1990 — all donated by Daimler Chrysler Corporation and General Motors through the cooperative work-training programs established by the automakers. Daimler Chrysler Corporation distributed only six Dodge Vipers to the top schools within its program — and NCC was on the list.

The GM program, known as the Automotive Service Educational Program (ASEP), was established in 1972 when the Chevrolet Division began diverting damaged cars and trucks that were previously scrapped to schools for training purposes. In addition to the cars damaged in transit or by floods, the program now includes engineering test and pilot line vehicles not suitable for sale.

"The Olds (Intrigue) is a brand new model. It was reportedly in a flood," said Donald K. Bray. Bray is director of the auto-

motive technology department and is currently serving a term as president of the International Association of General Motors Automotive Service Educational Programs, the organization that represents the 62 ASEP schools across North America.

Chrysler Corporation created a similar program in 1984, known as the Chrysler Dealer Apprenticeship Program (CAP) at 36 schools. Both programs combine a college-level technical education with hands-on internships at corporate dealerships.

Students who choose to take part in either of these programs are sponsored by an area dealership and will have a job waiting for them upon graduation from the program.

The donated vehicles may be used for classroom instruction

only and may not be licensed, titled or driven on any road. All donated cars and parts must either be redonated to another school or destroyed. As a result, the College has given over 50 cars to local high schools and vocational-technical schools to date.

Bray points out, "They [GM and Daimler Chrysler] not only donate these vehicles, but they also supply state-of-the-art tools, high-tech diagnostic equipment, instructional materials, and the latest reference manuals used by technicians in their dealerships." The manufacturers need technicians who are familiar with their latest advances. These new vehicles serve that purpose.

NCC's automotive facilities are top notch and fully equipped to an extent that would be prohibited by cost if not for the manufacturers' contributions. A brand new engine — still in its packing crate — waits in one room; and in another, a roomful of transmissions. Another classroom is lined with brake systems, one with electrical systems, and another with various parts. Then, of course, there's the classroom that houses the Viper.

The main service bay is clean and roomy and holds many of the newest arrivals: the Corvette, the Intrigue, a '98 Chevy Blazer, a '95 Chrysler Minivan and even a '98 tow truck cab and chassis, minus the rollback. Parked nearby is a \$100,000 motor home — a donation from the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association and Chevrolet Motor Division.



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The Heritage Society was established in 1990 by the Northampton Community College Foundation to recognize those individuals who have provided for the future of Northampton Community College through wills and bequests, charitable remainder trusts, charitable lead trusts, and/or life insurance policies. We invite your participation and comments.

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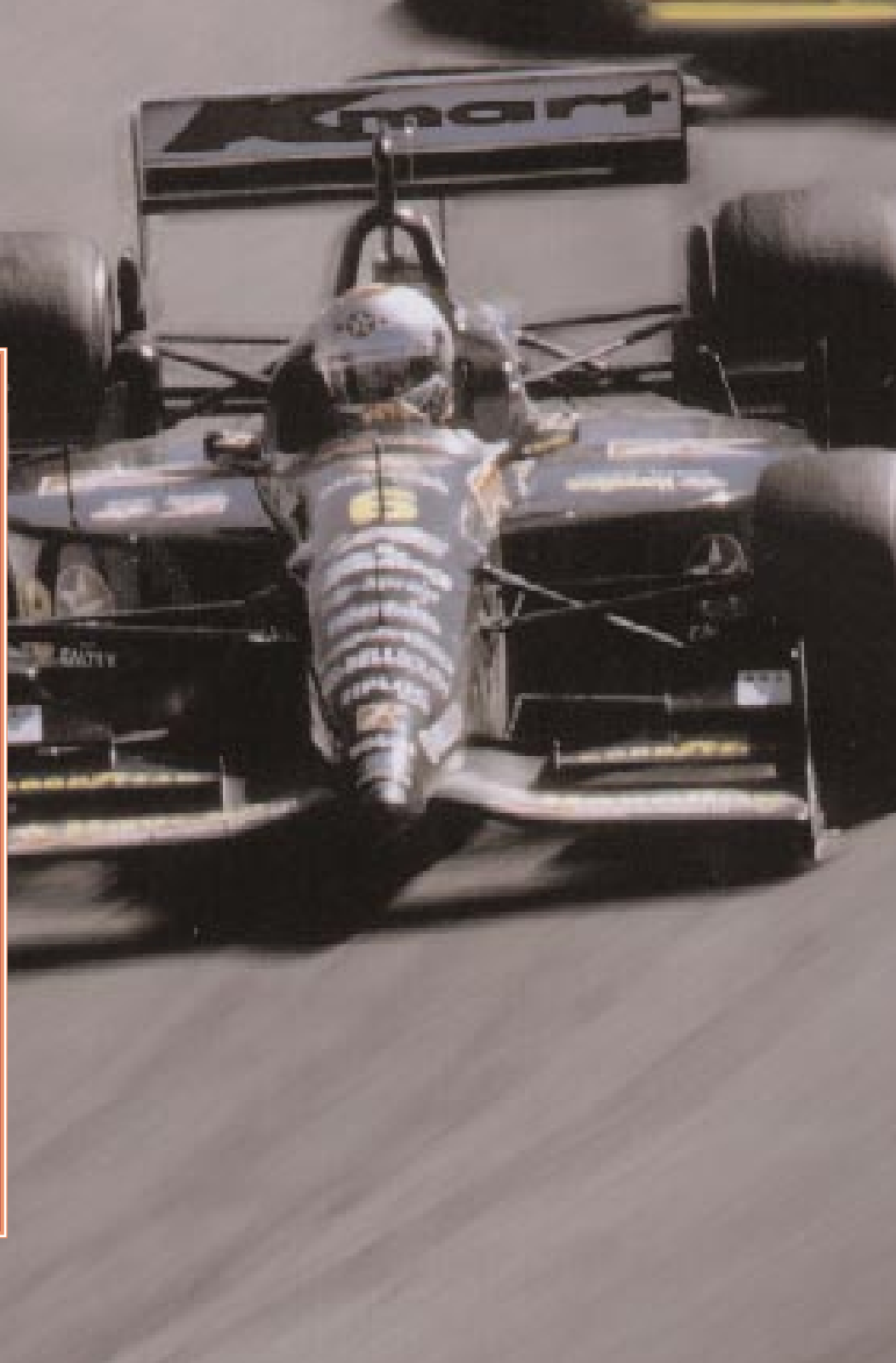
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-Michael Andretti

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