NU has 10 million reasons to thank Golisano

The skies over Niagara University on Oct. 8 were filled mostly with clouds; the mood on the ground was anything but that.

As a matter of fact, it was downright sunny on the steps of the Castellani Art Museum when the Rev. Joseph L. Levesque, C.M., president of Niagara University, announced that Rochester, N.Y., businessman and philanthropist B. Thomas Golisano committed $10 million to support construction of a new science building that will radically alter the teaching and research environment at the university.

Golisano, the Paychex founder and owner of the Buffalo Sabres, joined Father Levesque; Robert Dwyer, chairman of Niagara’s board of trustees; and Don Bielecki, vice president for institutional advancement at NU, on the dais to announce the largest gift in Niagara’s 152-year history.

Father Levesque said the gift, which will be applied to the university’s $80 million capital campaign, “The Promise of Niagara,” pushed the amount raised to date past the $50 million mark. Partial funding for the new interdisciplinary sciences center, estimated to cost $25 million, is included in the campaign.

“I am delighted to announce that this unprecedented act of generosity will forever be acknowledged in the name of the building, which will be called the B. Thomas Golisano Center for Integrated Sciences,” Father Levesque said. “Clearly, the support you are providing for the science building is an expression of great confidence in the direction our program is taking. But your gift also represents a major investment in the future of Western New York, a future that Niagara University will help to shape, with your assistance, through the contributions of our students and through the research that will take place here.”

Father Levesque said the new state-of-the-art facility will allow the university to prepare students for work in the region’s emerging biotech industry and for advanced studies at research universities. He spoke before an enthusiastic crowd that attended the press conference, which was held adjacent to the site of the new science building.

Golisano said the university’s comprehensive plans for advancing science education convinced him to designate the science building for his first major gift in the Buffalo/Niagara area.

“I commend your thoughtful attention and careful plans to ‘radically alter science instruction at NU’ and better prepare our future young scientists through this innovative and integrated science curriculum,” he said.

With members of the board of trustees, students, faculty and staff expressing their delight, Golisano presented Father Levesque with the first of five annual installments of $2 million.

Golisano: building will help prepare future scientists

NU’s plans call for construction of a 44,000-square-foot science center to replace DePaul Hall, a facility that has housed the university’s science programs since 1961. The new two-story science center will provide more space and flexibility for today’s integrated learning environment and interdisciplinary approach to the sciences. Biology, chemistry, physics, bioinformatics and computational chemistry students and faculty will all have access to advanced instrumentation either as individuals or as members of a study team. At the same time, the center will permit greater collaboration with NU’s partners in other educational, clinical and industrial settings.

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**Jack Ampuja**, executive director of the supply chain center in the College of Business Administration, spoke at numerous conferences in the last month, including the Contract Packaging Annual Conference in Chicago; the Supply Chain Operations Private Exposition West Annual Conference in Las Vegas; and the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals Annual Conference in Denver. The latter had 2,800 attendees from 42 countries.

**Benjamin Norris**, a senior math education major under the advisement of **Dr. Marlo Brown**, assistant professor of mathematics, presented a paper at the Seaway Section of the Mathematical Association of America in Siena, N.Y., on Oct. 17-18. The paper was entitled: “Do Graphing Calculators Help Students Perform Better on the New York Mathematics A’ Regents?” Norris looked at a study to determine how dependent high school students are on the calculator.

**Harry Gong**, director of admissions, has been selected to serve on the National Association for College Admission Counseling’s National College Fair Committee. The three-year committee term deals with operations, recommendations, policies and oversight of all of NACAC’s national fairs across the country.

**Dr. Shannon Hodges**, associate professor of education, has been recognized for outstanding teaching while serving as a visiting scholar at the University of Notre Dame Australia in the fall of 2007. The university is located in Freemantle, south of the city of Perth. Hodges’ teaching evaluations for the three courses he taught in Australia were among the highest at the university. The evaluations are akin to making the dean’s list for students.

**Dr. Zongqing Zhou**, associate professor in the College of Hospitality and Tourism Management, is the principal co-author of the paper entitled, “Using Data Envelopment Analysis to Evaluate Efficiency: An Exploratory Study of the Chinese Hotel Industry.” The paper is scheduled to be published in the Journal of Quality Assurance in Hospitality and Tourism.

It is the first paper to be published applying data envelopment analysis to the Chinese hotel industry. The journal is a highly regarded refereed publication in the field of hotel and tourism research.


**David Schoen given outstanding committee member award**

David Schoen, director of libraries at Niagara University, has been awarded the 2008 Outstanding Committee Member Award by the Western New York Library Resources Council for his dedicated committee work. The award was presented to Schoen by Toniiann Scime, library director, Amherst Museum and president of the WNYLRC board of trustees at WNYLRC’s 42nd Annual Meeting of the Membership on Oct. 22.

Schoen has been instrumental in moving forward WNYLRC regional initiatives and whose expertise and experience have contributed greatly to the success of the library council. Schoen is a stellar representative for Niagara University and a great asset to this region’s library community.

WNYLRC presents these awards to recognize excellence in librarianship and service to patrons as well as one award to recognize individuals or an organization outside the library profession who have advocated for increased funding for libraries or assisted in the collaboration between libraries and local businesses or organizations.

The Western New York Library Resources Council is a not-for-profit consortium serving 83 member libraries and library systems in Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Geneseo, Niagara and Orleans counties. WNYLRC provides easy access to library holdings located in Western New York through WNYLibraries.org, digitized historical content on WNYLegacy.org, and 24/7 reference service through AskUS247.org.

**YWCA honors NU student at 2008 awards dinner**

Carrie Morrison, a Niagara freshman, was honored by the Niagara chapter of the YWCA with its Youth Award for 2008 at its annual awards dinner, titled “A Tribute to Women,” on Sept. 30. Morrison is also a volunteer at the Western New York Peace Center and a Relay for Life participant.

Niagara University has a number of connections to the YWCA: Nancy McGlen, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, is co-president of the board of directors; Barbara Iannarelli, associate professor of education, also serves on the board.

Christine O’Hara, director of annual giving, and Lee Morgan, ’87, wife of Howard Morgan, director of advancement services, were among the nominees for two awards.

**ALUMNI HONORED AT DEAN’S AWARDS**

—Maureen Kelly, ‘78, received the Nursing Alumni Council’s Leadership Award at the annual Dean’s Awards ceremony during Alumni Weekend, Oct. 10–12. Kelly, the vice president and chief nursing officer at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, was presented the honor by Barb Traver, Class of 1969.
Over the last five years, NU faculty and students, supported by the university’s Academic Center for Integrated Sciences, have partnered with researchers in the Buffalo Medical Complex, the State University at Buffalo, Roswell Park Cancer Institute and the Heart Center of Niagara in collaborative research projects focused on finding solutions to important health and community problems.

The Rev. Joseph L. Levesque, C.M., NU’s president, said the university intends to begin the project as soon as additional funding is in place, with the expectation that it will be completed by the fall of 2011. The current capital campaign is seeking to raise $16.5 million toward the total cost of the $25 million science center.

Father Levesque said Golisano’s gift has provided “tremendous impetus” toward achieving the campaign goal, adding, “Our hope and prayer is that your incredible generosity will inspire others to support us in our quest to fulfill The Promise of Niagara.”

A native of Irondequoit, a suburb of Rochester, Golisano founded Paychex Inc. in 1971 and currently serves as chairman of the board. He was president and chief executive officer of the company until October 2004.

Headquartered in Rochester, Paychex provides payroll, human resources, and benefit-outsourcing services for small- to medium-sized businesses. The company has more than 100 offices and serves about 572,000 payroll clients nationwide.

Golisano has consistently been recognized for his entrepreneurial, civic and philanthropic achievements and endeavors. Since the late 1990s, his personal philanthropy has totaled more than $100 million. Most has been directed at educational institutions, hospitals and organizations in the Rochester area. He also founded the B. Thomas Golisano Foundation, which awards grants to organizations dedicated to providing opportunities and support for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.
Let your voice be heard!

Have you noticed the new landscaping around the shrine of St. Joseph on the south end of campus, or the new t-shirts on sale for each college in the campus bookstore? What about the more easily-read font size on the drop-down menu list on my NU? These are just a few of the suggestions that have been made and acted upon through the NU employee suggestion box that opened in August.

The suggestion box is easy to access and easy to use. Just log onto my NU, move down the menu options on the left-hand side of the page, and click on “Suggestion Box.” The site allows you to easily read updates on some of the suggestions that have been made and to make new suggestions of your own.

All suggestions come to the president’s office, from which they are assigned to appropriate department heads for response. The response goes back to the person who made the suggestion and a sample of questions and responses are posted on the site.

If you have an idea that could improve our campus, make better use of our resources or better support our students and employees, send it in to the suggestion box.

Senate Update

The NU Academic Senate met on Sept. 15 and Oct. 20. In addition to receiving reports from standing committees, the September meeting featured a special discussion on the reauthorization of the federal Higher Education Act. The reauthorization act was passed last summer after several years of intense debate and discussion. A summary of new provisions was circulated to the Senate, and is attached to the minutes of the meeting, which are available under the academic senate section on myNU.

The Rev. Joseph Levesque, C.M., Niagara University president and honorary chair of the Senate, opened the meeting on Oct. 20 with comments and observations on his vision for the future of NU. In other Senate business, the formation of a task force to develop and recommend a model for a credit-bearing freshman symposium was announced. For more information on the task force, contact senate chair Dr. Bonnie Rose at brose@niagara.edu, or ext. 8360.

The Senate approved modifications in degree requirements for majors in Spanish and French, and a new policy on attendance accommodations for students with disabilities. For specific advice or further information, contact Diane Stoelting, coordinator of disability services at ds@niagara.edu or ext. 8076.

Also at the October meeting, Liz Broomfield, project team leader and associate director of records and operations in the records office, gave a presentation on the degree audit project that is now under way. In essence, the project will migrate NU’s current system of “curriculum cards” into a computer-based system that is user friendly for faculty, advisers and students. Currently, pilot projects are under way in criminal justice, accounting, education and hospitality. For more information on the degree audit project, contact Liz Broomfield at eab@niagara.edu or ext 8726.

Getting to know NU: Dan LaNasa

Dan LaNasa really knows how to cook and Niagara students see it everyday. The university’s chef manager for retail dining, LaNasa has a passion for working with food and being in the kitchen, which translates into terrific menu items for everyone.

The native of the LaSalle section of Niagara Falls arrived on Monteagle Ridge in July, just in time to start working in the renovated lower level of the Gallagher Center.

On Campus: What do you enjoy most about cooking for the students?

Dan LaNasa: The possibilities are endless; you can really do anything with any type of food. What we are trying to do for students, especially in the Gallagher Center, is present more upscale foods, like focaccia breads and Portobello mushrooms.

OC: What have you seen since the renovations to the food service area were completed?

DL: The deli, where we present our upscale sandwiches and salads, has really taken off. The presentation, I think, has really drawn people to this area.

OC: With the holidays just around the corner, what special menu items can patrons look forward to?

DL: At Western New York Classics, we are going to start doing carved, hot ham dinners with roasted sweet potatoes and a vegetable. In November, you can expect an early Thanksgiving dinner, with turkey breast, mashed potatoes and gravy. We’ll also have a baked potato bar as we enter the colder months.

OC: What advice would you give to those that are looking to be their own “chefs” at home?

DL: Don’t be afraid to try things! You are at home, so work on something that you have never tried before. There are so many cooking ideas on the Internet for people to print out and try.

OC: What do you like to cook when you are at home with your family?

DL: My wife does the cooking at home, but I really love to grill. I’ll stand out there in a foot of snow and grill a steak or chicken.

OC: OK, so what’s a good food to grill in the dead of winter?

DL: You could throw a marinated turkey or chicken breast on the grill. You could even try a small Cornish hen. There are a ton of techniques and as long as you are willing to stand outside in the elements, you can cook just about anything.
Brother Augustine’s collected poems to be published

The collected poetry of Brother Augustine Towey, C.M., is being published for the first time by Arthur McAllister Publishers of Harpswell, Maine. The volume, entitled “The Poem You Asked For and Other Poems,” is due out Nov. 3. It contains almost the entire body of his previous work, plus several new poems.

Towey, director emeritus of Niagara University Theatre, which he founded some 45 years ago, has authored six other volumes of his poetry. “The Poem You Asked For and Other Poems” includes an essay by Towey in which he writes of his development as a poet.

One critic who praised his work said, “If we had to name a living poet writing in English today whom Auden and Eliot, David Jones and Robert Lowell would take seriously, Augustine’s place is as assured as that of his contemporaries, Mary Oliver and Eric Pankey.”

Towey, well known for his work in professional and educational theater, came to Niagara University in September of 1964, teaching classes in English literature and speech. Among them was a course in contemporary literature that was devoted mainly to contemporary poetry, a subject he loves. Eventually, he became involved with the Niagara University Players, and from a few early theater courses the current theater program came into existence.


In 1996, he recorded a CD of his poetry, “Waiting for Snow in Lewiston: An Evening of Poetry,” with actors Vincent O’Neill and Josephine Hogan joining him in reading his work. Plans are under way for a second CD incorporating more of his work to be released in the spring of 2009.

“The Poem You Asked For and Other Poems” may be preordered by e-mailing Orders@amcpub.com and writing “Towey” in the subject line. Instructions will be e-mailed to those who place an order.

Local businesses support NU’s phon-a-thon

By Jaclyn Rossi, graduate assistant in the Office of Annual Giving

The Office of Annual Giving would like to thank some very special businesses who graciously donated gift certificates to support students during Niagara’s fall 2008 phon-a-thon. Students worked diligently calling alumni, family and friends during a three-week campaign. These hardworking students raised a grand total of $192,000! Gifts received through the phon-a-thon directly support the instructional mission of our students. The gifts were all gratefully received by students working the phon-a-thon.

The Office of Annual Giving would like to express gratitude to the following businesses for their generosity and support: Dairy Queen on Military Rd; Frontier Lanes; Honey’s Restaurant; La Hacienda; Maximum Tan; St. Angelo’s restaurant; Total Tan; Wal-Mart; and Wendy’s Restaurants. Their gifts have truly gone a long way and mean so much to our students at Niagara University. We are all looking forward to the upcoming campaign this spring!

Time for your close-up!

A photographer from Lauren Studios will be on campus from 9 a.m. – noon, and again from 1 to 5 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 17 and 18. During these times, photos will be taken of deans, faculty, administration, and staff for the 2008-2009 Niagaran yearbook. Photos will be taken Under the Taps in the lower level of Gallagher Center. Group photos will be taken of each office or department, as well as individual shots for university officials. Those needing individual photos are asked to inform the photographer upon arrival. Contact Ellen Batrouny in the campus activities office at ext. 8510 to sign up for a convenient time. Offices are asked to bring something for the photo that represents their group or department.
Warm Lake Estate to host wine days for NU

Warm Lake Estate Vineyard and Winery will host two wine days exclusively for Niagara University faculty and staff on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 28 and 29. Tours of the facility and wine tastings will be held at 1, 3, and 4 p.m. on both days.

Taste up to 10 different barrels from Warm Lake Estate’s 2007 vintage year with the assistance of their wine guide. Expand your tasting ability and discover the many nuances of Warm Lake Estate’s world-class Pinot Noir (red wine). Make sure to have your NU ID to receive 10 percent off all wine purchases. Please mention that you are a staff or faculty member from Niagara University when making your reservations.

Warm Lake Estate Vineyard and Winery is located at 3868 Lower Mountain Road, Lockport. Call Guy Rivers Jr. at 731-5900 for more information. The maximum number of individuals allowed per tour is 12.

The Vineyard and Winery has also been added to NU’s Preferred Merchant Program. Niagara employees will receive 10 percent off when showing their ID cards.

November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month

By Lori A. Soos, RN, BSN, director of health services

In an effort to raise awareness about lung cancer and how to prevent it, November has been designated as National Lung Cancer Awareness Month. According to the American Cancer Society, lung cancer is the leading cause of death in both men and women, with 87 percent of all lung cancer cases involving tobacco use. The best way to prevent lung cancer is not to smoke. If you do, think seriously about quitting. Smoking-related disease isn’t something that happens to other people. It affects those we love, as well as ourselves.

Nov. 20, 2008, has been designated the Great American Smokeout, an event sponsored by the ACS to help people quit smoking. If you’re a smoker planning to quit, join the thousands of others across the nation who plan to use Nov. 20 as the day they make smoking history. If you don’t smoke, encourage a friend or loved one to quit.

Pam Wright, a substance abuse counselor at Sentara Williamsburg Community Hospital, has collected and created smoking cessation tips for years. She offers some of them as the annual Great American Smokeout approaches.

- Switch brands to one you dislike.
- Stop buying cartons. Buy one pack at a time only after you are out.
- Progressively remove and discard cigarettes from each new pack.
- Smoke half cigarettes to satisfy nicotine addiction. Second half is just habit.
- Stand up when you smoke.
- Smoke only outside, no matter how bad the weather or the hour of the day.
- Don’t smoke in your car. Thoroughly clean it inside and keep it clean by not smoking.
- Ask a friend or relative to stop with you.
- Tell everyone you know that you are quitting. Ask for their support.
- Postpone your first cigarette of the day as long as possible.
- Don’t empty your ashtrays. Let them remind you of how much you smoke.
- Leave home with no cigarettes. Try to avoid buying more.
- Ask for nonsmoking tables in restaurants.
- Avoid smoking after a meal. Take a walk instead.
- Calculate the cost of smoking. A pack a day is about $3.40. That’s almost $24 a week, $95 a month, and $1,200 per year. What else could you do with that money?

Dramatic changes happen to your body within minutes of quitting cigarettes. After reading these, you are bound to try!

- After 20 minutes, blood pressure and heart rate drop.
- After 24 hours, the risk of heart attack is reduced.
- After one month, breathing is easier.
- After three months, lung function is increased by 30 percent.
- After one year, the risk of coronary heart disease is half that of a smoker.
- After 10 years, the lung cancer death rate is similar to nonsmokers.
- After 15 years, the risk of coronary heart disease is that of a nonsmoker.

Smoking cessation represents the single most important step that smokers can take to enhance the length and quality of their lives. Isn’t it time to give it a try?

DISCUSSING “METAMORPHOSIS” — Steven Vaughan, artist-in-residence in NU Theatre, spoke to students in Dr. Janet Gane’s English class to discuss the reader’s theater events for Franz Kafka’s “Metamorphosis.” Vaughan explained what the production’s goal is and what the director and actors do in their roles to further the story and idea behind Kafka’s work.
Compensation

By R.E. Pfeil, HR director

When we hear the word compensation, we normally think of our salary or wages. However, compensation also includes the benefit package provided by an employer. Benefits were once referred to as “fringe benefits” because the costs were insignificant. Today that is no longer accurate. Benefit costs are approximately 40 percent of salary and the cost continues to increase every year.

We are very fortunate to enjoy a very attractive benefit package at Niagara University. Included in our benefit package is medical insurance, which is viewed as the most important benefit by most employees. Last year the university changed to experience rating from community rating to reduce the rate of increase of our monthly premiums. Currently the monthly premiums are $346.37 for single coverage and $883.25 for family coverage. As you can see, this is a significant expense. We are currently working with Independent Health to reduce the rate increase they proposed. Some employers have received increases from 20 – 25 percent. We are attempting to reduce the increase and maintain the level of coverage our employees have come to expect. Currently employees contribute 0 percent or 5 percent of the premium, depending upon their salary. To keep this in proper perspective, in Western New York the average employee contribution ranges from 20 percent to 25 percent of the monthly premium. Additionally, some employers make a practice of limiting their contribution and requiring employees to pay for all increases in premium. We are very fortunate to have the coverage and contribution levels currently enjoyed. It is in all of our best interest to be informed consumers and take measures to avoid unnecessary medical claims.

This month we will be having our annual open enrollment. I want to share with you some of the benefit improvements. The cafeteria benefit amount has been increased for all hourly (nonexempt) employees to $315. This is the same benefit amount enjoyed by administrators and professionals. With the additional funds, employees will be better able to pay for needed benefits.

The life insurance coverage will be the same for all benefited employees. The choices will be $20,000 or $40,000, or it may be declined entirely. Additionally, all hourly (nonexempt) employees will enjoy the same dependant life insurance choices previously available only to administrators.

At a recent benefit focus group meeting, medical insurance was regarded as the most important benefit. There was a consensus that dental coverage, although an important benefit, should be revisited. I am pleased to say that due to positive nonfaculty claim experience, a reduction in the monthly premium for nonfaculty employees is currently being considered.

It became clear at a benefit focus group that short-term disability and long-term disability insurance are also regarded as very important. This year the university changed the claim procedure for employees so there would be no delay in receiving an STD benefit. The employee receives his or her STD/salary continuation directly from the university and the university waits for reimbursement from the insurance company. This prevents the long waiting periods for payments often experienced by employees. As mentioned previously, the same LTD options are available to both hourly employees and administrators. For added income protection, if not already enrolled, one might consider enrolling in LTD with the additional cafeteria dollars.

It is hard to believe that I have been at the university for almost a year. I have been very fortunate to observe first hand, the concern demonstrated for all employees and the sincere efforts made to ensure a caring and concerned university community based on the Vincentian mission. I hope that everyone comes to understand this as I have, and appreciates this special community that we all enjoy.

NU welcomes

Anthony Alaimo, Meade Hall cook; Jacqueline Difonzo, secretary in the biology, chemistry and psychology departments; Jennifer Ebbole, operations technician in the admissions office; Andrew Houle, Web developer in the information technology office; Brian Rock, multimedia production specialist in the information technology office; Joshua Sciba, assistant women’s hockey coach; Sheritta Ward, admissions counselor; Nicole Karyus, secretary in the College of Education’s Ontario program; and Michael Domagala, applications analyst in the facilities office.

Employee of the Month: Michael Lavin

Michael Lavin, part-time reference librarian in Niagara University’s library, has been named employee of the month for October 2008. A native of Buffalo, Lavin has been an employee since September 2004. Lavin can be counted on to provide excellent reference service at the library, according to a Buffalo State College student who visited Niagara’s library recently and was appreciative of Lavin’s help. “Michael was so wonderful to me,” the nomination said. “I couldn’t believe all of the help he had given, especially considering that I am not a student at Niagara.”

Another nomination noted that Lavin’s “commitment to providing excellent customer service is always a priority with him.”

Lavin currently resides in Amherst with his wife and son.

NU mourns


Let’s talk turkey

By Jennifer Diez, head chef, Meade Hall

Autumn has been glorious, and with all the wonderful fall colors, local, fresh, seasonal fruits and vegetables, I will be sad to see my favorite season go! The apples are still abundant, there is cider galore, and squash can be made into so many delicious dishes! (Yes, it really can, believe it or not.) Here are a few tips to make the most of your fall cooking!

• When thawing a turkey, remember it is recommended to thaw it in the refrigerator. You should plan on a thawing time of 24 hours for every 5 pounds. For example, if your turkey is 20 pounds, it would need to thaw for four days in the fridge. Cold water thawing is okay, it takes less time, but definitely requires more attention. Also, be sure you are using a plastic cutting board to rest old Tom on instead of a wooden one — it makes for easier cleaning and the chances of a visit from “Sam and Ella” are certainly less likely. Remember to wash your hands with hot, soapy water (as well as anything that has come in contact with the uncooked poultry such as knives, countertops, cutting boards or even little Jimmy, who is just so curious; does he have to touch EVERYTHING?!?!

• Spiced cider is delicious and so easy! Just cut a cheese cloth into several (six to eight) 3-inch squares. Place your whole spices (like cinnamon sticks, cloves and nutmeg) in the center of the cloth and tie into a bag with butcher’s twine. You will get all the delicious flavor of the spices without having to strain and skim your fall drink! (This trick also works great for gravies, soups and sauces too; just put your fresh whole herbs in the cheesecloth instead of the spices. An easy cleanup with all of the fresh flavor everyone loves!)

• Loosening Aunt Edna’s Thanksgiving jello mold is no problem as long as she sprayed the inside with cooking spray or rubbed it with vegetable oil before filling. (Chances are she didn’t do either of those things, but don’t panic; just scrape it out into a bowl, put a dollop of whipped cream on the top and give it a fancy name like “stained glass salad.”) When unmolding, rinse the serving platter with cold water before turning the gelatin out. The moisture will allow the salad to be easily centered on the platter.

For any cooking questions, recipes or just to chat, e-mail me at nuchef@niagara.edu and I will try to answer whatever I can! Watch for December’s issue for three of my all-time favorite holiday recipes!

Angela Scott (left), NU’s new catering manager, chats with Kathy Sydor, assistant to the dean for administrative support in the College of Arts and Sciences, and Tim Bucko, chef manager, resident dining in hospitality services.

Angela Scott named catering manager

Bill Baker, general manager of Hospitality Services, has announced that Angela Scott has been promoted to the position of catering manager. Scott joined Sodexho in April of 2006 as a catering assistant and late-night dining supervisor. She had been serving as interim catering manager since June.

Scott holds a bachelor of arts degree in sociology from the State University of New York at Buffalo and has worked in a number of human-service organizations. She is ServSafe Certified, a nationally recognized certification program for food safety. Scott is also accredited by the American National Standards Institute Conference for Food Protection.

She hosted the annual catering symposium in Clet Hall’s Heritage Room on Oct. 15.

Clet Hall Dining

upcoming events:

Nov. 11 — Make your own personal pizza.
Nov. 12 — Annual Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings. A raffle will also be held for two 30-pound turkeys.
Week of Nov. 17 — Ice cream celebration. If you have a sweet tooth, there will be an ice cream bar on Monday; Tuesday there will be an ice cream eating contest.

four honored for their service to the hospitality and tourism industry.
Niagara Sports Network expands viewing possibilities

NU’s department of athletics has announced additional avenues to watch the Niagara Sports Network. The additions increase the potential viewership to over 100 million homes across the nation.

Fox College Sports will now carry every Niagara Sports Network contest. FCS has three networks: FCS Atlantic, FCS Midwest and FCS Pacific. Viewers can access FCS on Digital Cable and DirecTV.

You can now catch the action is several ways:

**Buffalo/Niagara:** WNGS/RTN, which is available in Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Olean and Bradford, Pa.

**Rochester:** Time Warner Sports Net, which covers the entire Rochester area.

**Albany:** Time Warner Sports Net, which covers the capital region and Lee, Lenox, Great Barrington, Pittsfield, Stockbridge and Sheffield, Mass.

**National Cable:** Fox College Sports Pacific, which is available on the following major cable systems and others: Comcast Corp., Time Warner Cable, Charter Communications, Cox Communications, Cablevision Systems, Mediacom Communications, Insight Communications, Cable One and National Cable Television Cooperative. To find out if you are able to receive Fox College Sports, log on to [www.foxcollegesports.com](http://www.foxcollegesports.com).

**National Satellite:** Fox College Sports on DirecTV Channel 617, which is available to the subscribers to DirecTV and the Sports Pack package. If you currently have DirecTV and want to confirm that you can receive Fox College Sports call 1-800-DirecTV or log on to [www.Directv.com](http://www.Directv.com).

**Web:** The live telecast will also be available free of charge courtesy of Yahoo! Sports by logging on to [PurpleEagles.com](http://PurpleEagles.com).

Men’s hockey honors “banner” year

Senior forward Vince Rocco (left) and junior defenseman Ryan Annesley (right) helped raise two banners celebrating the successes of the men’s hockey team during the 2007-2008 season. The banner raising took place prior to the team’s home opener against St. Lawrence University on Oct. 17. The Purple Eagles lost 5-1, but defeated then 14th-ranked Clarkson, 4-3 on Oct. 18.

Dwyer Arena, Buffalo to host 2010 world junior hockey championships

Niagara’s Dwyer Arena, along with Buffalo’s HSBC Arena, will host the International Ice Hockey Federation’s under-20 championships in December 2010 and January 2011. Buffalo, with support from the National Hockey League’s Sabres, will be the primary site, with Dwyer Arena being a secondary venue.

“Buffalo is a wonderful city and we could not be more pleased to be bringing the World Juniors to Western New York,” said Ron DeGregorio, president of USA Hockey. “The Sabres are a first-class organization and the participants and fans from around the world will have the chance to experience that first hand.”

The 10-nation tournament annually features the best junior players under age 20 and is estimated to bring $6 million into the host community.

Buffalo was one of three finalists looking to host the tournament; the other finalists were Minneapolis, Minn. and Grand Forks, N.D.
Castellani Art Museum

Through Jan. 30, 2009 — Max Streicker: “Metamorphosis,” a compelling art exhibition with numerous integrative learning opportunities for students, faculty and the entire community. The centerpiece of the exhibition is a monumental inflatable sculpture of a dung beetle, based on the transformation of a man into an insect in Franz Kafka’s existentialist novella, “Metamorphosis.”

Recognizing the possibility for working across academic disciplines, the Castellani Art Museum has been partnering with several NU faculty members to plan a series of integrative learning projects related to the exhibition. Faculty working with the Castellani include Gregory Fletcher and Steve Walsh from the department of theater and fine arts; Dr. Mark Gallo from the biology department; Dr. Alex Bertland from the philosophy department; and Drs. Jamie Carr and Janet Gane from the English department. Bob’s Olde Books in Lewiston is featuring works by Kafka during the exhibition.

Through Jan. 18, 2009 — Richard Huntington: Thus I Passe By.” The former art critic for the Buffalo News, Richard Huntington provided educated insight into the Buffalo/Niagara art scene for more than 20 years. A prolific artist himself, Huntington has shown his work mostly outside the area until recently. This exhibition provides an opportunity to view the evolution of his artwork since the 1960s. “Thus I Passe By” is organized into categories that focus on Huntington’s major stylistic periods from the previous three decades, culminating with his most recent works on canvas. He describes his artistic process as “…an endless quest to reconcile my innate awkwardness with the majestic harmony of the great art of the world.” The exhibition title comes from the poem “Upon His Departure Hence,” by Robert Herrick.

Through Dec. 14 — Devotional Displays: Personal and Community Traditions.” Devotional displays are created at the crossroads of folk and formal religious belief. They exist in a wide variety of forms in cultures worldwide — and in many communities in the Greater Niagara region. This exhibition draws on photographic works from the museum’s permanent collection as well as new documentation. Hindu domestic prayer altars, Asian shrines to ancestors, Polish American Easter altars and Puerto Rican altars built in connection with the annual spring celebration of the “Rosario de la Cruz” will be among the traditions represented.

Through Feb. 15, 2009 — TopSpin Exhibition: “Homage to Picasso”


To learn more about the Castellani Art Museum’s classes, exhibitions and special events, visit www.niagara.edu/cam/ or call 286-8200.

To view the calendar of events, visit www.niagara.edu/cam/calendar/calendar.html.

Niagara University Theatre

Nov. 13–16, 20–23 — “The Rink” at the Leary Theatre. Centers around the reunion of Anna and her daughter, Angel, as they re-examine their lives in a dilapidated roller rink scheduled to be demolished.

Dec. 6 — “24-Hour Play Festival” at the Leary Theatre. At 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, students are assigned to a group, given a theme, and from among them a playwright writes a 10-minute play. By curtain time on Saturday, Dec. 6, no one knows what to expect, which can be a good thing for those who enjoy edgy raw theater.

For NU theater ticket information, call the new box office number at 286-8685 or go to www.niagara.edu/theatre.

Niagara University Athletics

Men’s hockey
Nov. 11 Canisius at Dwyer Arena, 7 p.m.
Nov. 21,22 Bemidji State at Dwyer Arena, 7 p.m.

Men’s basketball
Nov. 16 Towson at Gallagher Center, 7 p.m. (season opener)

Women’s basketball
Nov. 16 Oakland at Gallagher Center, 1 p.m. (season opener)
Dec. 1 Binghamton at Gallagher Center, 11 a.m.

For information about the exciting athletic events held on and off campus, visit www.purpleeagles.com.

Mark your calendars:

NU to celebrate International Week, Nov. 17-21. Contact Bernadette Brennen at ext. 8331, or Dave Blackburn at ext. 8405.

Employees Capital Campaign kick-off event: Nov. 12 from 3:30 to 5 p.m., Castellani Art Museum.