This past semester, spring 2006, marked an exciting and rewarding period for the Office of Graduate Admissions. It began with the positive feedback we received regarding the Purple Press. We are pleased that this newsletter is proving to be an effective way to communicate what is happening with graduate studies here at Niagara. In addition to the Purple Press, the Graduate Open House & Showcase was another positive way to help prospective students get a firsthand view of our programs and scenic campus. We were extremely pleased with the number of potential students who wanted to learn more about Niagara University. If you were unable to attend the open house, make sure to attend an informational session sponsored by your program of interest.

Just a few weeks ago, a groundbreaking ceremony for a new academic complex marked a new era for our graduate programs in business administration and education. This new facility will have state-of-the-art instructional technology as well as community outreach initiatives within both colleges. We will keep you informed with the progress of this project.

On a personal note, it was an honor for me to represent Niagara University at the inauguration ceremony of Dr. John Halstead, president of the State University of New York College at Brockport. Dr. Halstead was my mentor when I was an undergraduate student and he introduced me to the importance of a graduate school education. Congrats John!

Lastly, I encourage you to contact me at ctejada@niagara.edu or (716) 286-8769 should you have suggestions for future articles or want to discuss any of the contents of this newsletter.

I hope you like this issue of the Purple Press and I wish each of you an enjoyable and relaxing summer!

Carlos E. Tejada, Associate Dean for Graduate Recruitment

Niagara University requires prospective students to take a standardized test before they can be accepted into our graduate programs. These summer months are a good time to prepare and become acquainted with these national exams.

**Education** students are required to take either the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) [www.gre.org](http://www.gre.org) or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT). The MAT is offered at Niagara University. Call Kathy Palazzo in the counseling services office at (716) 286-8536 to register for this exam. Summer test dates are:

- Thursday, June 8 at 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 12 at 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 31 at 5 p.m.

**Criminal Justice** students must also take the GRE and can visit the Web site listed above for testing locations.

**MBA** students are required to take the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT), and may visit [www.mba.com](http://www.mba.com) for testing sites and administration dates.

**International students** interested in studying at Niagara must take the Test of English as a Second Language (TOEFL). For more information, visit [www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org). You must also take any other exams required by your department.
Calling the occasion “the day the Lord has made,” the Rev. Joseph L. Levesque, C.M. (fourth from left), joined other university representatives on May 2 in a ceremonial groundbreaking for the institution’s first new academic complex in more than 30 years.

NU’s 25th president was joined by (l-r) Jeremy Bedette, president of NU Student Government; Dr. Bonnie Rose, executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs; Robert Dwyer, chairman of the university’s board of trustees; Dr. Debra Colley, dean of the College of Education; Dr. Jack Helmuth, dean of the College of Business Administration; Robert Daino, a trustee and benefactor; Ron Krukowski of Turner Construction Company, construction manager of the project; and Michael A. Mistriner of Cannon Design, which designed the complex.

The $18.65-million academic complex will include the complete renovation of Perboyre Hall and 45,000-square-feet of new construction, providing new homes for the university's highly accredited colleges of business and education, plus classroom, meeting space, and accommodations for the college's outreach centers, which serve a variety of community needs. The section of the new complex occupied by the College of Business Administration will be called Bisgrove Hall in honor of Jerry Bisgrove, a 1968 graduate of the college who recently donated $5 million to the university.

M.B.A. Local Business Leaders Honored at Business Appreciation Dinner

Several local businesses and individuals were honored at the 16th annual Niagara University Business Appreciation Dinner on March 22. The honorees included GEICO, which was given the Corporate Leadership Award; Canadian Tire Financial Services, which was named Canadian Business of the Year; the Buffalo/Niagara chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners, recipient of the WNY Business Appreciation Award; and Lincoln Moving and Storage, Inc., which received the Family Business Center Award. In addition, William J. Crerand, ’55, ’93 (Hon.), was presented with NU's Business Appreciation Award; F. James Ginnane, ’70, of Planned Futures Financial Group, received the College of Business Administration Dean's Award; John Rondinelli of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, was named the college's Outstanding MBA Student; and Jason Myers of Sanborn was named the college's Outstanding Senior Student.

Steinwachs Scholarships Awarded

Robert Dornan, a freshman economics/finance major from Hilton, N.Y., and Rachel Marie Burch, an MBA student from West Seneca, N.Y., are the first two recipients of The Oscar F. Steinwachs ’39 Scholarship. Established in 2004 by Steinwachs, a graduate of NU’s College of Business Administration, the $1.5 million scholarship fund provides academic and work-study aid for undergraduate students, and assistantships for graduate students in the college. Steinwachs, who was retired from Dolomite Products Co. in Rochester, N.Y., died March 30.
Did You Know?

Student Visas
All international students are required to get a Certificate of Eligibility Form I-20 from the university, which must be processed prior to your entrance into the United States. This is necessary in order for you to be granted student status. It is recommended that you apply as soon as possible to ensure your application can be processed in time for the start of your program.

For more information and an application visit www.niagara.edu/international

Kiernan Center
Summer Hours
Looking for some stress relief? Stop by the Kiernan Center and blow off some steam by using their exercise equipment! From May 15–Aug. 25 you can take advantage of their facilities this summer.

Summer hours:
Monday — Friday
11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
You can use the Kiernan Center for $3/day or $80 for the whole summer with your NU student ID. Pool hours are posted on a weekly basis.

Mental Health Counseling

Dr. Shannon Hodges to Represent NU at Summer Collegium 2006

Dr. Shannon Hodges, coordinator of NU’s mental health counseling program, was recently selected as Niagara University’s representative for the Summer Collegium 2006 at St. John’s University in Collegeville, Minn. Collegium is an annual summer gathering of faculty and staff working at Catholic colleges and universities across the United States.

The graduate mental health counseling program at Niagara University is a dynamic one, housed alongside graduate programs in school psychology and school counseling. Hodges has 16 years of professional counseling experience. Prior to arriving at NU in fall 2000, he was director of a university counseling center in Minnesota, and before that, clinical director of a large county clinic in Oregon. Hodges has authored some 30 professional journal articles, book chapters and other monographs. His areas of research interest are college/university counseling, and spirituality and counseling. He sits on the editorial boards of several professional journals, including The Journal of Counseling & Development, and the Journal of College Counseling. In addition, Hodges is also interested in the international counseling movement and is collaborating with the University of Notre Dame-Australia on joint projects of interest.

Criminal Justice

CJ Student Receives Scholarship

James Nat, a current master’s degree student in criminal justice administration, was recently awarded a Canadian Police College — Police Research Scholarship. Under the supervision of Dr. Timothy Ireland, chair of the criminal justice department, Nat will research and develop an operational model which focuses on the disruption of criminal organizations by investigating individuals, expanding on the suggestion made by those who advocate a more aggressive use of the criminal organization bill.

NU Graduate Commencement 2006

More than 475 graduate students received their degrees at Niagara University’s graduate commencement exercises May 20. Dr. Samantha Nutt, executive director of War Child Canada, was the featured speaker at the event, held in the upper level of the Gallagher Center.

Dr. Nutt received the honorary degree of doctor of humane letters at the ceremony. Other honorees included her husband, Dr. Eric Hoskins, president of War Child Canada, who also received the honorary degree of doctor of humane letters; musician Natalie MacMaster, who was given the honorary degree of doctor of music; and NU alum Robert D. Sweeney, ’72, senior vice president for development and public affairs at the University of Virginia, who received an honorary doctor of commercial science degree.
On the morning of April 1, Niagara University held an on-campus Graduate Open House & Showcase. Dr. Bonnie Rose, executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs, began the day by welcoming prospective students and introducing them to the mission and future of Niagara University.

Over 120 visitors were on our campus for the open house activities. Attendees were treated to a beautiful spring day on Monteagle Ridge with presentations by the deans and directors of NU’s education, criminal justice and MBA graduate programs. Mike Konopski, dean of enrollment management, said “This Graduate Open House & Showcase was a huge success! It’s great to see faculty discussing our graduate programs with prospective NU students.”

Student life representatives from financial aid, the library, ROTC, study abroad, career development, student affairs, campus safety, athletics, information technology and the Kiernan Center also were on hand to answer student questions. Seminars were offered in the areas of career opportunities/entrance exams and student visas. The day concluded with tours of NU’s scenic campus.

If you were unable to attend but want information on NU’s graduate programs, please call (716) 286-8769 and specify what graduate program you are considering.

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