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Cover Story

August 8, 2006 was the official "launch" of SUNY*Connect*. SUNY Chancellor Ryan and Provost Salins participated in the event at Hudson Valley Community College acknowledging the linking of 60+ SUNY*Connect* libraries. "It's exciting that students at our smaller schools can now be connected directly to all of our university's library resources." The chancellor went on to say that "projects like SUNY*Connect* underscore the importance of being part of the SUNY system."

In SUNY*ergy* (Vol. 8 No. 3 July 2006) we heard from Buffalo as the 61st library to implement the SUNY*Connect* LMS. Progress is being made on establishing an electronic request system for library materials throughout SUNY*Connect*. By November, it is expected, that Buffalo's catalog will have been added to all the others in the union catalog.

Perhaps even more importantly, events described in this issue point to SUNY*Connect*'s maturation. We hear from Eileen O'Hara about the recent User-2-User conference. SUNY Brockport is to be commended on their efforts in organizing this successful meeting to allow for SUNY-wide collaboration. This is a great model for the kind of campus-based initiative that will guarantee SUNY*Connect*'s success into the future.

Likewise, the SUNY ALEPH Users' Group provides strong evidence of a mature community working together. SUNYAUG has organized and presented a number of very productive annual meetings including this year's hosted by Fulton- Montgomery Community College. Again, this offers the kind of campus, community-driven process that will spell SUNY*Connect* success going forward.

Additionally, there are other SUNY*Connect* campuses involved in establishing regional user groups and communities. Congratulations to all involved in these and related efforts.

So, the event in August represented both a beginning and an end. It provided acknowledgement of the important milestone and provided publicity to a wider audience regarding that accomplishment. A large and diverse group all around SUNY (and SUNY*Connect*) deserve hearty congratulations for their efforts. This includes leaders, folks in the trenches, SUNY veterans, and

friends and colleagues who are no longer with us. Good work everyone! The provost acknowledged, among others, Assistant Provost for Library and Information Services, Carey Hatch "who has worked tirelessly to make this happen."

Implied is that this is just the start of something even better. Work underway by the SUNY*Connect* Advisory Council (S.A.C.) and OLIS on defining a SUNY Digital Library builds on this success. As the provost put it, "we have to work together to build on this success."

For more information about the August 8th event, see:

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