

# Decker Opens!

**A**fter many years of planning, fundraising, and construction, Broome Community College's Dr. G. Clifford and Florence B. Decker Health Science Center was formally dedicated on April 21, 1998. And the event was clearly the highlight of the 1997-98 academic year.

Under a bright, sunny sky, college president, Donald Dellow introduced a host of dignitaries who joined him in the ribbon

cutting ceremony. The local media taped and interviewed, a jazz combo played, everyone ate cake and drank punch, balloons waved from wherever they could be anchored, and hundreds of people toured the building with the assistance of faculty and student guides.

**For the record:**

The 60,000 square foot building now houses all of the College's allied health degree and certificate programs: Dental



(Above) The crowd begins to move in as the ribbon cutting ceremony nears.

Assistant, Dental Hygiene, Emergency Medical Technology-Paramedic, Health Information Technology, Medical Assistant, Medical Lab Technology, Medical Transcription, Nursing, Physical Therapist Assistant, and Radiologic Technology.

The building construction cost was \$10M. Funding included



(Above) Poised and ready for the ceremonial cut are (l. to r.) Broome County Legislators Thomas Hull and Wanda Hudak, former BCC Foundation Director Roger Hartman, BCC Trustees Judy Peckham and Nick Serafini, Dean of Applied Sciences Julia Peacock, BCC Trustee Alex DePersis, Decker Foundation Executive Donna Bechdel, County Executive Jeffrey Kraham, BCC President Donald Dellow, Chairperson BCC Trustees George Akel.

(Below) President Dellow gives interview to WBNG-TV. All area media sent reporters to cover "the Decker story."

\$5M in state money, \$3.5M in county money and \$1.5M in private contributions largely from the Decker Foundation. The College's Foundation later raised an additional \$1.5M for equipment purchases.

Building highlights include the Hoyt Conference Center, a second floor outdoor events deck, all new computer labs and health program labs, and two state-of-the-art dental clinics. ■



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## From the President

As this Annual Report edition of *BCC News* demonstrates, it has been another exciting year at Broome.

Certainly, the highlight was the grand opening of our Decker Health Science Center. Because so many area leaders were involved for so many years in bringing this project to completion, it was a particularly satisfying day. The Decker project was a first-time-ever multi-partnership at BCC: combined state funding, county funding, and major private contributions allowed us to go forward on this major facility for health care education.



To all the elected officials, Board members, contributors, health care professionals, faculty, staff, students, and alumni: THANK YOU. The Decker Center is evidence of how much you all care about BCC and its growth and development.

One extra benefit to the Decker project is that all our allied health programs moved from other BCC buildings and now give us much needed space to realign various student services.

As various articles in this issue point out, 1997-98 was also a great year for program innovations. BCC went "on-line" with various courses including one full degree program, new job-specific programs are being developed for special audiences, and all areas of the college are involved in expanding alliances with area business and industry.

BCC has also become a national leader in grant-funded programs involving Russian economic exchanges.

Our athletic teams had successful seasons, membership in student clubs and organizations is up, post graduation job placements are at record levels, and students choosing transfer after BCC are finding senior institutions eager to accept them. And, for all of this, congratulations again to our excellent faculty and staff who so well serve our students.

If possible, 1998-99 will be even better!

Donald A. Dellow

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The four seasons of 1997-98, at Broome Community College

# BCC Teaching Resource Center Grows

Alice McNeely, TRC Director

**B**CC was one of the first community colleges in New York State to establish a teaching center—a facility that provides opportunities for professional development and promotes excellence in teaching.

To date, the Teaching Resource Center has offered several hundred workshops and seminars including many in support of General Education, Instructional Technology, and Classroom Assessment; developed numerous instructional handouts to assist faculty and staff with technology ranging from voice mail to the Internet; completed many requested classroom observations and discussions about teaching; offered orientation and mentoring to new faculty; provided one-on-one consultation on numerous issues; organized an annual conference on successful teaching; provided comprehensive computer courses and January campus wide workshops on technology; and published many faculty articles about teaching and learning. Although the Center's focus is faculty, TRC activities are open to both faculty and staff and the Center has supported the technology training needs of both faculty and staff at the college.

BCC is not unique in this approach to professional development. During the past twenty-five years, as institutions of higher education reexamined the status of teaching and learning at their campus, there has been a trend to organize formal programs or centers to promote teaching excellence. These centers provide a variety of programs and services to teaching-improvement activities. Teaching center activities can be classified into several categories: Instructional Development, Organizational Development, Faculty Development, Educational Research, and Related Projects. Most Teaching and Learning Centers, including BCC's, provide an array of activities from across these categories, many with a special focus on technology training.

In December of 1990, President Dellow approved a proposal for

the BCC Teaching Resource Center and arrangements were made for a full coordinator and space was provided on the second floor of the Library to house the Center.

From its beginning, the Center has had widespread support on campus. During the first semester of operation the division deans set aside funds from the Business, Liberal Arts, Health Science, & Technology Division budgets to provide furniture and equipment for the Center. Recently Information Resources created an instructional development and training facility providing new computers and equipment to support instruction. Many faculty and staff members have volunteered to offer workshops, facilitate discussions, develop materials, mentor colleagues, or serve on the TRC advisory board.

The TRC promotes the sharing of information, skills and resources among colleagues in several ways. It offers a centralized location for a collection of pedagogical books, periodicals, video, instructional materials and technology resources; and it provides a setting for faculty to bring their questions and concerns about teaching. The Center sponsors workshops, forums and colloquiums; orientation and mentoring for new faculty; informal discussions

on classroom issues and teaching methods; the publication of faculty writing on a variety of teaching and learning ideas in editions of *Center Stage*; and an extensive array of technology training opportunities.

The TRC's instructional development and training facility provides faculty and staff with state of the art technology resources which include Pentium computers, laser printer, color printer, scanner, digital camera, CD writer, and a smart board to assist faculty in developing materials to support the curriculum.

The Center is managed by an advisory board comprised of faculty representatives from Business, Liberal Arts, Health Sciences, Technologies, the Professional Development Committee, College Council, adjunct faculty, non-classroom faculty, and the Learning Assistance Center. The advisory board serves as the eyes and ears for the Center, in addition to informal feedback; the advisory board surveys faculty periodically and insures that the programs reflect the needs of the campus.

Since its inception in 1991, the Center has served as a model for other campuses in New York State, the United States, and as far away as Romania. ■



Carol Hegeman (center), SAIL project director, presents Certificates of Appreciation to BCC instructors Margherita Rossi and Francis Battisti.

## SAIL Program Volunteers Students

**O**ne of the more unique courses at BCC in recent years has been HMS-147, *Eldercare Seminar and Internship*. Normally taken by students in the Human Services: Gerontology degree program, the course has a "service learning" component managed by course instructors Francis Battisti and Margherita Rossi.

BCC is one of twelve New York State colleges offering the Student Assisted Independent Living (SAIL) program. The program (which is the service learning component of the HMS-147 course) teams interns with local long term care providers.

"Student Assisted Independent Living was designed to put students' service into a meaningful academic, political, social and cultural context," said Carol Hegeman, director of research for the Foundation for Long Term Care and project director of SAIL. "We hope this program will serve as a model in making elder-care service as common an option in the growing volunteer movement as literacy, environmental and tutoring programs."

The Foundation for Long Term Care is the research and education affiliate of the New York Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, a statewide association representing not-for-profit and public nursing homes and other long term care providers. Funding for the service learning program is provided through the Corporation for National and Community Service and an anonymous donor.

Each academic semester, students from colleges participating in the program are recruited as volunteers to provide services to frail elderly and chronically ill in adult day care centers, senior housing, and in the local community. Duties include visiting homebound members of the community and assisting them with daily activities. In addition to on-the-job duties, students also participate in classroom activity as part of HMS-147.

In return, the students receive "hands-on" job experience and college credits; the colleges benefit through the development of new relationships with local agencies and increased community visibility; and elder-care agencies reap the rewards of "an extra set of hands" to help busy staff or provide services that cannot be accomplished by paid staff alone. ■

### ■ Highlights ■



### BCC Sponsors Urban League Computer Camp

This summer, nine students from the Broome County Urban League participated in a four day computer camp sponsored by BCC. In addition to instructor Paul O'Heron introducing the students to the world of the Internet, participants also enjoyed career seminars and sports activities.

## The BCC Russian Connection Continues

**Jo Van Wely, Dean of Business  
Lynda Spickard, Director of  
Grants Management**

The BCC Business Division has just completed a \$127,000 United States Information Agency (USIA) Community Connections grant. Ten Russian businesspeople from Novgorod visited Binghamton for five weeks in fall 1997 (reported in the last *BCC News*). The second half of the grant involved ten county and economic development administrators from the same area, who visited for three weeks this spring.

This group met with their local peers, attended workshops on American business practices and economic development, and took part in a variety of American activities — a visit to Niagara Falls, a Mets baseball game, a carousel ride at Ross Park, and a meeting with the Broome County Legislature. The group traveled to Washington, DC and toured Mt. Vernon, Arlington Cemetery, and met at the Capitol with Representative Maurice Hinchey. Congressman Hinchey was asked by one of the group members to explain what he did in his job — half of this group are now elected officials. Like the first contingent, the second group stayed with American host families.

Anne Blakeslee of BCC's Business Department served as the project administrator. And much of the success of the program was due to BCC's community connections with groups such as the Binghamton-Borovich Sister Cities Organization, the Broome Chamber of Commerce, the Town of Chenango, and the organizations, companies, and individuals who provided information, set up tours, and took the time to share how they do things.

Now BCC has been awarded a second USIA grant of \$200,000 for 1998-99. Next year, three groups of ten Russian businesspeople will arrive to continue the "American Experience."

Other Russian-BCC/Broome County connections continue. BCC is currently completing a \$59,000 grant from the Eurasia Foundation to work with the American-Russian College of

Commerce in Borovich (our sister city) and Borovich high schools to establish a high school business program. Participants in the two trips to Borovich were Thomas DeCelle (project director), Anne Blakeslee, Nathan Walz, and Gerald Loy, all from BCC, and Richard Hannis, George Werbizky, and Donald Beck, of the Binghamton-Borovich Sister

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Cities Organization.

Highlights of the Eurasia Foundation programs included business management curriculum development and establishment of a Business Round Table. The Round Table is composed of representatives from eight major firms in Borovich whose products range from bricks to wood-processing machines, and which employ a total of nearly 9000 people in the region. These firms have provided internship sites and have contributed to tuition scholarships at the American-Russian College of Commerce. The ARCC offers short courses on immediate needs of local firms, e.g. banking operations, small business development, and management.

The college enrolled 40 students in 1993 and now has 80 students. BCC faculty installed computer hardware and software at ARCC, and offered business planning and marketing courses to students and faculty. ARCC students faced off with students of Novgorod University in a business management competition in 1996. The ARCC team, which had just finished courses with Anne Blakeslee and Tom DeCelle, was victorious.

Two additional USIA grants have also been approved for 1998/99. One is a grant in the amount of \$100,000 to establish a Multimedia Distance Learning Project with the American-Russian College of Commerce in Borovich. Thomas DeCelle will be the project administrator for this grant. Anne Blakeslee and Alice McNeely, Director of BCC's Teaching Resource Center, will be co-administrators of a second USIA grant in the amount of \$79,000 to provide training in women's leadership. This grant will finance the training of ten women from Borovich, Novgorod, and Pestova in leadership activities, team building and networking, and basic management principles. Training will take place in Russia and in Binghamton, with the initial ten serving as trainers to other women in Russia. The final stage will be a Russian women's conference on how the women can accomplish change within their own communities.

BCC has several other Russian grant projects in the works, and hopes to continue the reciprocity and friendship that have characterized past projects, to better prepare all participants as global leaders in the 21st century. ■



Russian visitors enjoy a day at Mets Stadium. Lower right: Business instructor and game host, Bob Fitzgerald.

## Hosting Russian Visitors

**Jo Van Wely,  
Dean of Business**  
*Ms. Van Wely has been spearheading many of BCC's "Russian Connection" grants. Here she shares some personal reflections.*



Left to right: Vladimir Pavlov, Dean Van Wely, Simione Khorosshukhin.

My husband Bruce and I went on the first BCC trip to Borovich two

years ago. It was a wonderful experience; now waving groups off to Russia is beginning to seem like I've done that many times. The first trip in March 1996 took months of planning; now we just allow time for visa applications and airline reservations. Soon individuals will go on their own.

Bruce and I have lived abroad, and we travel somewhat like anthropologists. We want an idea of daily life, want to know how groceries are bought and how the costs run, what you do for entertainment, how you get around... this time we were at the opposite end of the microscope! We hosted two charming Russian men from Novgorod City for three weeks as a part of the Community Connections grant, and for three weeks I partially saw our culture through other eyes. We did pretty well, considering the limited English/limited Russian on both sides. But we shared family and dog pictures, and that broke the ice. They loved my Irish Wolfhound, Owen, and took many pictures. And, of course, my dog sent bones back to their Doberman and Airedale.

The three weeks were a whirlwind, with activities every other night and on weekends seeing the sights. Counting back, I think we sat down at my dining room table on only four nights. Simione called my house the "big dacha" because it is in the country, is of wood, and that is where people escape to on weekends. But we Americans, with our Eisenhower highway legacy and cars, can drive in each day. On the way home he would sing Puccini or some other opera in Russian and begin to chant, "Owen, Owen" as we reached the house (or doma).

My guests' views of American life are probably reverberating around the Novgorod region. Things we take for granted are just becoming common there.

On the way to Washington, DC, our van broke down in Waverly, PA. It was a fan belt, but it took some time to get it fixed. Luckily, we were at a gas station/minimart/lunch stop with picnic tables and green hills and blue sky. They were relaxed and thought it was neat. I had to explain to the off-duty sheriff that the person videotaping the cars being filled up was from Russia and had never seen a "real" gas station. When the tow truck arrived, everyone had to get his picture taken with it. It was an adventure — too bad I was too harassed to enjoy it.

Every time I thought I had Washington, DC, arranged, there was another request. One of the places they *must* see was the Pentagon, that evil palace. I'm from DC, and that five-sided building is boring. But, we arranged a stop for pictures outside after I explained that they really couldn't see anything inside. Luckily, Bruce used to work there and could tell the "secrets." I wouldn't have put Arlington Cemetery on the plan, but it too was a request. I forgot to ask what they thought of Mt. Vernon — it must have seemed confusing, when compared to Czars' palaces. ■

## BCC: Partners with Industry for Area Defense Diversification

**Debra Morello,**  
**BCC Corporate Services Director**

1997 marked the culmination of a two-year BCC training project designed to help the Amphenol Corporation in Sidney.

To survive the downturn in the defense industry, the company had to diversify for increased commercial business. The college was awarded a \$350,000 grant by the Delaware County Office of Employment and Training (DOET) to put a comprehensive training program in place for Amphenol.

The program began with a "Skills Gap Analysis." Dr. John Pierog of BCC and Consultant Jerry Lord met with key managers at Amphenol to evaluate a series of skills needed at the company. The company key processes were flowcharted and each process was linked to required skill sets.

The Skills Gap Analysis identified a need for math remediation, computer training, injection molding, blueprint reading, hydraulic technology, and machining skills. Over the next two years, BCC successfully delivered this training using a mix of college faculty and subject matter experts.

Since Amphenol lacked the facilities to offer computer training to large numbers of employees, Broome Community College worked closely with DOET and vendors in Sidney to design and install a laboratory

with twelve computers and identified software.

In early 1997, Amphenol "graduated" its first class of students who completed an on-line course entitled "Mastering CNC Lathes." Students used a state-of-the-art CD ROM package which transformed each personal computer into a practice lab for lathe work. Students were able to receive immediate feedback on mistakes and receive automatic grading to maintain complete and individual records of achievement. One CNC student commented "I've learned alot more on what the controls are and just the basics of the CNC machine that no one ever had the time to show me. It's an excellent program for everyone."

In addition to the CNC machining course, over 400 employees received training in

courses such as Microsoft Office and the Internet. This training not only helped employees immediately on their jobs but also gave them skills for the future.

One of the highlights of the Defense Diversification Program were "Brown Bag" lunch workshops offered by BCC faculty and held throughout the summer. Such programs as "Conflict Resolution" by Francis Battisti and "Image Management" by Joan Bandurchin were well-received by the Amphenol employees, who willingly gave up their lunch hours for the opportunity of developing professionally.

Amphenol's training coordinator, Terry Peck comments that "the program was a springboard for me to develop my computer and communication skills. Now,



Amphenol employees master machining techniques using interactive computer software.

## Community Education: Record Enrollments and Recognition

It has been a banner year for the College's Center for Community Education — the non-credit course and corporate education branch of BCC.

1997-98 year saw a record number of workshops and seminars, 80 corporate contracts, economic development grants exceeding \$2M,

increased enrollments, and numerous awards and recognitions.

One of the Center's most outstanding programs, Excellence Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership (ExCEL), earned awards at the regional, state, national and international levels.

ExCEL, funded by grants sponsored by Senator Thomas Libous, offers courses and seminars for the small business person.

The Continuing Education Association of New York, The Association for Public Continuing Education, selected ExCEL to receive the James C. Hall, Jr. Exemplary Programs



### "Calling all Kids!"

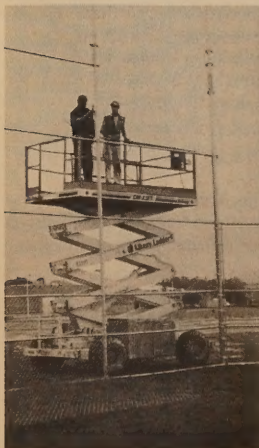
Young summer campers are poised for action! Each summer, BCC's Center for Community Education sponsors two weeks of children's camps, featuring a variety of topics and activities, from athletics to the arts.

Award in the category of "Business/Industry Linkage." ExCEL was recognized for the variety and quality of services provided for the small business person and budding entrepreneur. The Learning Resources Network (LERN), the leading international professional association in lifelong learning programming, selected ExCEL's programs in Business and Industry for display in the Hall of Learning at the LERN International Conference in San Diego, California. ExCEL has been selected as finalist in the Upstate New York Entrepreneur of the Year Awards Program for "Supporter of Entrepreneurship." Upstate New York's Entrepreneur of the Year is one of 46 regional programs, sponsored by Ernst & Young LLP, the Entrepreneur of the Year Institute, The Nasdaq Stock Market, and *USATODAY*.

Community Education was also recognized for its work in workforce development. Kathleen Habel, director, was chosen as co-chair of the Skills/Programming Design Team for the New York State Workforce Development system. As a result, she was asked to make presentations at several conferences including the Association of Counties and Welfare Reform, and Continuing Education of New York State.

Additionally, the Community Education Computer Training Center received, for the third time, recognition from the *Binghamton Press & Sun-Bulletin* for excellence in computer training services. More than 150 computer workshops were offered, and enrollments exceeded 1,500 people. Computer training using the Internet and home computers was introduced this year, and has already become very popular. ■

### ■ Highlights ■



### Getting ready for the ballgame...

(left) Workers from Universal Fencing install the backstop fencing at the new college ballfield. The ballfield is located at the western edge of campus, behind the Campus Services Building.

"I'm inspired and ready to work on my degree!"

Executive Director Victor Ronevich and Program Supervisor Denise Hebbard of DOET commend Broome Community College for the support of this project by stating, "This program is a fine example of intra-agency cooperation which has contributed to the economic livelihood of the people and companies who make their homes in the Southern Tier." They also note that "the instructors utilized by BCC in the Amphenol project had a clear understanding of the unique needs of business and industry and were able to deliver training which was timely and pertinent." ■

# BCC Athletics Year in Review 1997-98

**Daniel Minch, Athletics Director**

One hundred and eighty-three athletes participated in the BCC athletics program during the 1997-98 academic year, once again making everyone at the College proud of their winning efforts.

## Fall Season

The men's soccer team led the way by posting a 16 win-2 loss-2 tie overall record under coach Al LaBarbera. In three seasons under LaBarbera the team record is 44 wins, 11 losses, 3 ties. This is the best three-consecutive-season record in school history. The soccer team won the Mid-State Athletic Conference championship and went to the final game of the NJCAA Regional Tournament. They were nationally ranked in the top ten teams throughout the soccer season. Led by local standout Joe Mooney, an All Conference, All Region selection, the Hornets played impressive soccer. Other local players who contributed to the Hornets' success included Paul Battisti, Shawn Jaycox, Rob Wark, Chris Grafton and Chris Benjamin.



The BCC women's soccer team, under new head coach Bill Rich, caught the winning fever and recorded their first winning season in their short, three-year history. The Lady Hornets finished with a 10-6 record. They improved throughout the year, and advanced to the Regional Tournament. Unfortunately they were eliminated in the sub-regional round of the tournament by a very strong Alfred State team. BCC's Melissa Korosec, a sophomore, was selected to the NJCAA All American Team. This was the first time in school history that a woman soccer player gained such an honor. Coach Rich is actively recruiting and looking forward to his second season at the helm of BCC's women's soccer program.

This year produced a "first" for the BCC men's golf team — golf was



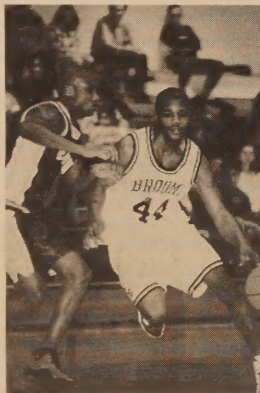
played in the fall instead of the spring season. The team, under long-time head coach Wayne Lockwood, hosted the NJCAA Region III Tournament at Endwell Greens. Unfortunately, the home course did not play to the Hornets' advantage. Broome finished in fourth place and Bob Hoopole was the lone qualifier for the National Tournament.

The women's volleyball team came out strong and finished the year 12-15 overall. Under second year head coach Dawn Kenyon, the team showed great intensity and enthusiasm for the game. They improved immensely as the season progressed, and gained a berth in the regional tournament. Kelly Armstrong and Tennille Testani led the Hornets and were named to the All Region Team.

On the cross country scene, Tom Carter's runners were led by freshman Alecia Brown. Brown compiled the finest season ever recorded by any BCC runner. She set a home course record of 21:25 in her first meet. Alecia won three straight invitationals, setting course records in two. She won the Mid-State Athletic Conference championship and placed third in the Regional meet. At the National Tournament she ran a 20:28 time and made first team All-American.

## Winter Season

The men's basketball team had one of its finest seasons under new head coach Steve Bernath. Bernath replaced Tom Morrissey in June and was in his first season as a head coach. The Hornets finished 24-6, the best overall record in the post-Baldwin era. They were ranked eighth in the National Poll, and won their first Mid-State Athletic Conference championship by defeating Corning C.C. at Corning. Several Hornets played key roles throughout the 1997-98 campaign. Freshman Jim Evans of Chenango Valley High School was named Mid-State Athletic Conference Player of the Year. He also garnered All Region honors as well as honorable



mention All American. Bobby Williams, Brad Kaczynski, Ted Connolly, and Malik Little all contributed to the success of the men's basketball team. Coach Bernath is looking forward to his second year at the helm of the Hornets.

Women's basketball once again got off to a strong start as they posted a 17 win, 9 loss overall record in 1997-98. They were ranked in the top ten teams on the National Poll throughout the season. The Lady Hornets brought home their first Mid-State Athletic Conference championship by defeating Corning C.C. The team had a very positive attitude and believed they could beat anyone. Shannon Winnie, Cara Paccio, and freshmen Corrine Bowman and Robyn Watson led BCC. Bowman and Watson earned All Conference and All Region honors for their outstanding play throughout the year. The BCC program should be very competitive next year. They have a strong nucleus and some outstanding recruits coming into the program.

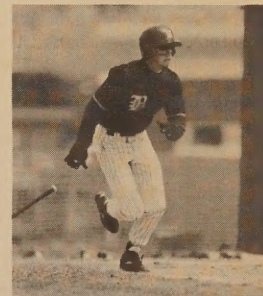


The BCC ice hockey team provided some exciting moments on the ice in 1997-98. The Hornets 5-16 overall record was not indicative of their play. Under head coach Joe Drotar, the icemen made great progress and played hard all season. Outmanned due to lack of numbers, the Hornets showed a never-say-die attitude on the ice. All Region goalie Josh Fuglsby was the mainstay of the Hornets' team.

## Spring Season

The BCC women's softball team led the way by setting a school record with 22 wins, 14 losses. The 22 regular season wins are the most recorded by a BCC softball team. The Lady Hornets played outstanding softball throughout the season. BCC was ranked in the ninth spot in the National Poll. This was also a first for BCC softball. Kate Keough and Kristen Shadduck both made All Region and were instrumental in Broome's success.

The men's baseball team provided its fans with some exciting moments as they recorded a 14-15-1 overall record and a 12-11-1 Conference record. The Hornets lost five key players to early season-ending injuries. Even so they were still able to gain a spot in the Regional Tournament. Unfortunately the weather didn't cooperate, and they were never able to play a Regional game. Coach Luis Nuñez had some bright spots as freshmen Marc Danko and Dave Eagan were selected to the Division III All Region team. Danko also made the All-American Team. Five players were selected to play in the All-Star Game at Yankee Stadium. Several players signed letters of intent to play at NCAA schools next year. The returning players and staff are looking forward to opening the new baseball field in the fall of 1998.



The spring saw the birth of men's intercollegiate lacrosse at BCC. After almost ten years as a club, lacrosse made a successful debut on the intercollegiate level. The Hornets LAX men posted a 6 win, 4 loss overall record. Coach Gary Jackson was pleased as the team showed improvement with each game. BCC played only two home games, at two local high school fields, but next year the team will be on campus and the schedule includes five home games. This year Steve Eck, Chris Sargent, Chris Wike and Brian Harding led the team.

The men's tennis team got strong performances from Greg DeHaas and Keith Bogan. Coach Jorge Lopez is looking to bolster his team for the '99 campaign.

The cheerleading team under the direction of Joanne Zikowski provided BCC with support and enthusiasm throughout the season. The team cheered at all home basketball games and attended other sporting events to lend support.

BCC's athletic teams also sparkled off the playing field, as they took part in numerous community service programs. All the teams participated in the annual Giving of the Toys. Some actively participated in drug and alcohol seminars sponsored by the Health and Wellness Center. Others visited nursing homes, ran clinics for disadvantaged children, and took part in high school events.

Overall, BCC's athletic teams provided their fans with many exciting moments and memories in 1997-98. ■



Campus carpenter Michael DeBonis prepares new walls for the relocation of Health Services to the Science Building.

## So — What's Where Today?

It might take a scorecard to keep track of all the office moves at BCC, but when the moves are all finished, students should be better served.

Largely due to the opening of the Decker Center, and the newly available spaces in other campus buildings, the college has begun rearranging service offices.

The Student Services Building (the original Electrical Building) will soon house the three main processing offices on the first floor: Student Accounts (already finished and functioning), Registrar (expected to open in September 1998), and Financial Aid (early fall). The Registrar

move, especially, is an important one; for the first time, this service will be on the first floor and accessible to handicapped students.

During the fall of this year, campus maintenance workers will begin remodeling the second floor of Student Services to house all the various counseling and advising services — academic advising, personal and career counseling, EOP, STRIVE, Veterans' Affairs.

When finished during the 1998-99 academic year, the Student Services Building will be a one-stop center for all the advising and processing operations that students face each semester. The new arrangement of services should eliminate students' frustration with running among various buildings to complete their tasks.

Spaces vacated by the Dental Hygiene Department in the Science Building are being



Leo Mayauskas of Maintenance leads a parade of desks destined for new offices. All the campus changes makes life busy for the maintenance workers.



What was once the Maintenance Building (on what was once the edge of the campus) is now the Arts Annex, providing new spaces for the college's music and art programs.

remodeled for use by Student Life programs. The Health and Wellness Center, the Student Newspaper, the Student Government Association, and Club and Lounge Rooms are scheduled to move in before the end of the year.

Last year the College's Maintenance Building was renamed the Arts Annex when the music program moved into its lower level. For fall '98, studio art classes will occupy the main floor (necessitated largely by the closing of the Alms House, which

is no longer serviceable). It may have once housed tractors and shaken to the noise of power saws, but the Annex, in a remarkable transformation, is now home to budding Picassos and Lennons.

All colleges are constantly changing and adapting to new programs and services — and BCC is certainly fitting that image this year. There are many other moves on the drawing boards for 1999 — watch for more updates in the next issue of the *BCC News*. ■

# Psychology, Education, & Human Services Go On-Line with SUNY Learning Network

**Margherita Rossi,**  
**Chairperson of PEHS**

**B**CC students, as well as students from across the state and even from around the globe, can take courses without setting foot on campus.

In the fall of 1997, the Psychology, Education, and Human Services Department (PEHS) began offering on-line courses through the SUNY Learning Network, a virtual on-line degree program offered by the Center for Advanced Learning and Information Services of the State University of New York.

Enabling students with access to computers and the Internet to take college courses and pursue a

human services degree from their own home, the PEHS department has developed and offered courses in the areas of psychology, gerontology, and human services to date. Faculty involved in this initiative include Francis Battisti, William Campoli, Corinne and Thomas Crandell, Claire Ligeikis-Clayton, Margherita Rossi, Mid Semple, Jacqueline Shrader, and Gary Smith. Over 150 students enrolled for these courses in the 1997-98 academic year. Additional courses applicable to the Associate in Science degree in Human Services are under development.

While the location and method

of transmission associated with on-line courses are different from those of conventional classroom education, the activities of a traditional class remain the same on-line. Students enrolled in BCC/SUNY Learning Network courses read course materials, write papers, conduct research, and communicate with their instructors and fellow students — but through electronic mail and online discussions, rather than meeting in the traditional classroom.

"The on-line courses are especially appealing to those who might not be able to attend traditional classes due to time constraints," Margherita Rossi, Chairperson of the PEHS Department notes. "They are also intended for students too far away from BCC, or from any SUNY campus participating in the SUNY Learning Network to attend classes. That intended audience includes out-of-state students." ■

## Campus News and Faculty Notes

- Business Professor **John Bunnell** coordinated the development of a "POWER UP PROGRAM" for NYSEG. This program is designed to meet employer-identified competencies and provide employees with the opportunity to achieve these competencies by completing identified courses. It allows employees to obtain a two-year Business AAS degree. Business department staff has been teaching courses on site at NYSEG. John also coordinated a program with ten other SUNY community colleges to provide NYSEG employees in other locales with the same opportunity.
- Program Coordinator **Barbara Nilsen** developed a special section of the Early Childhood curriculum. The BRIDGE Program, a collaborative effort among BCC, the Department of Social Services, the Department of Labor, and SUNY to train childcare workers, will have served approximately 25 welfare clients. The aim is to place program completers in various childcare settings.
- Program Coordinator **Rey Wojdat** revamped the stagnant Dietary Management Certificate, increasing it to 22

credit hours and combining its specialized courses on nutrition and internships with existing Hotel/Restaurant programs in Culinary Arts and Food Sanitation. This allows Hotel/Restaurant students to get another certificate (useful in the trade) by taking an additional 12 credits. The first course ran spring 1998 with 15 students. The accreditation agency, the Dietary Managers Association approved the changes and has invited Rey to the fall 1998 national meeting to talk about this novel program.

- BCC adjunct professor and Jazz and Concert Bandleader **Don Maiolo** toured this year with the Sammy Kaye Orchestra.
- Nursing Chairperson **Claire Ligeikis-Clayton** worked with health science faculty and area health care agencies to develop a proposal for entry-level training within the framework of the "Multi-Skilled Health Care Worker." Included are home health aide, certified nurse's aide, phlebotomy and basic skills training. The short-term training can also be used by health care professionals to add to their skills, and is a direct

result of the faculty's effort to meet the needs of community health care organizations.

- The new AAS in Financial Services which began in the fall of 1997, is coordinated by **Glen Wood**. Glen has worked out some exciting local internships with local financial organizations. The program, the first such in the state, has attracted attention from local industry, and has over thirty students enrolled. It's new offerings mirror changes in the Financial/Banking community through courses in Life, Accident and Health Insurance; Financial and Risk Management; Securities Training Services 6 & 63. Several of these courses prepare students for license examinations.
- The Physical Therapist Assistant Department Chairperson **Denise Abrams** is currently working with Ulster Community College on a collaborative teaching effort. Using Internet courses, faculty will offer BCC courses to Ulster CC students. BCC would receive state and local reimbursement for those students, and they would complete their

## Nothing Common About Student Activities' Common Hour

**David Maslar,**  
Director of Student Activities

In a quiet, darkened room in the Applied Technology Building, students and faculty sat and listened to the sounds of the ocean, taking time out of their schedule to relax. In another not-so-quiet room, BCC's Little Theatre, students watched their peers put on Act IV of *Tomorrow Never Comes*, a play written, directed and performed by BCC Theatre students. In an even louder room, students joined members of the community in listening to two candidates for the US House of Representatives in a give-and-take with members of the BCC faculty. Finally, outside the Library, students made chalk drawings on the pavement while listening to the BCC Choir perform a madrigal by Thomas Weelkes.

Just your average Thursday at 11 a.m. at Broome.

Eleven o'clock on Thursday is the Common Hour at BCC, and both the college and the students make the most of it. Since no classes are held during the Common Hour, the time may be used to attend a club meeting, form a study group, catch up on reading in the Library — or to attend one of the more than 100 lectures, seminars, debates, concerts, performances, and outdoor festivities held throughout the year. Although the program started several years ago, it was during the 1997-98 year that the richness and diversity of the program offerings routinely drew large numbers of students.

Students who entered the cafeteria this past year found themselves in a different world



Bruce Jacobs, poet, reads his work with Mike Karn Trio accompaniment during Common Hour program.



Adventurous student scales the "rock climbing" wall at outdoor student festival.

each week: one week might mean a musical performance ranging from a solo blues guitar to four piece bands with close harmonies; another week might be a performance by a nationally

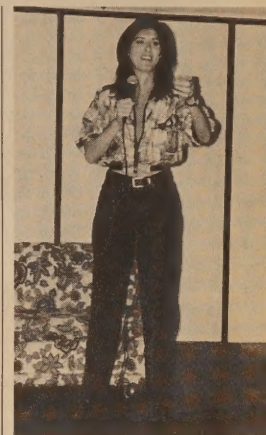
known comic or a mentalist who would reset a student's watch from fifty feet away. A student might find half the cafeteria torn down and darkened for either a game of Laser Tag or making one's own music video.

Or the student might find nothing different in the cafeteria, meaning that the programs were simply elsewhere this week: in the Student Center Quad for Student Activities Day where clubs and athletics recruited new students while playing outdoor games including Human Gyroscope and Velcro Olympics. The Quad is also the home of the Giving of the Toys, BCC's annual collection of toys for the Binghamton Police Department's Toys for Tots campaign with more than fifty clubs, sports teams, offices and departments providing donations. The Ecology Club and Student Activities combined efforts for Earthfest '98, a celebration of Earth Day which included music, local bio-friendly vendors, and animals from the Ross Park Zoo. The Library Quad is home to the annual Spring Arts Festival, an outdoor display of student artwork, music, chalk drawing and more.

Many of the Common Hour programs are more academic in nature. The academic theme for

the fall semester dealt with substance abuse — faculty and staff members, as well as community practitioners, delivered the most current information in the field. The Fall Convocation featured Senator George McGovern in a presentation on alcoholism's effect on his family, and the resulting death of his daughter, Terry. The spring academic theme was adapted from the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society — *The Family: Myth, Metaphor and Reality* — and featured Stephanie Koontz, author of *The Way We Really Were*, a look at family life during the second half of this century.

BCC's own faculty from Liberal Arts, Business, Technologies, and Health fields also provide a wide variety of academic program-



Comic Frances DiLorenzo had the Common Hour lunchtime crowd in stitches at a recent BCC tour stop.



Throughout the school year, various student clubs "set up shop" on the Quad and show off what they do.

ming. Topics ranged from "Crisis in the Constitution: The Subtle (and not so Subtle) Assault on the Amendment Process" to "Grandma's Medicine Cabinet — Substance Abuse & the Elderly," and supplemented the classroom experience. Faculty and staff also shared more informal and avocational interests with students.

The Placement Office at BCC offered a series of workshops entitled *Job Search Skills '98*, which included such topics as "Using the Internet to Find Employment," "Preparing Your Resume," and "Interviewing Skills." The programs provided a head start to those seniors entering the job market.

Each year the Learning Skills Center sponsors programs

designed to increase students' academic effectiveness. This year, those programs included "Test Anxiety/Test Taking Strategies," "Time Management," "Essay Exam Workshop," and "Are You Flexing Your Reading Muscle?" The programs are an extension of the work done by the Learning Skills Center, and can often make the difference between an individual student's success or failure in college.

Whether helping students improve their academic abilities or providing a social life for the campus, the Common Hour in 1997-98 became a large part of Student Life at BCC. ■



(Left) Student Activities Day drew crowds to booths, displays, events, and programs.

**More Decker Opening photos**



There were enough slices of Grand Opening cake to satisfy the biggest — or the littlest? — of appetites.



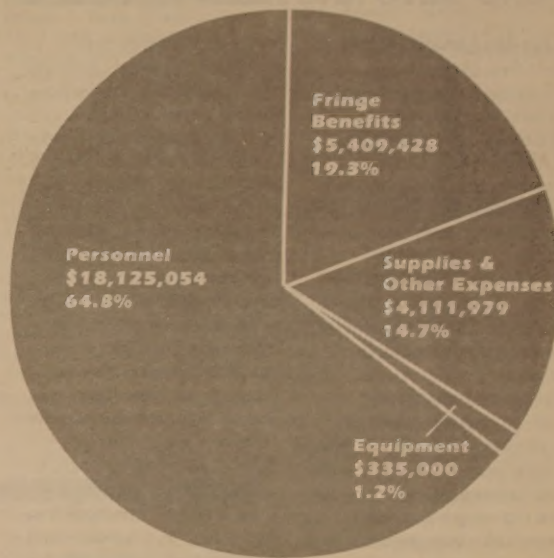
After the ceremonies, guests toured the new building. County Executive Jeff Kraham gets the story on the Physical Therapy Assistant program from Chairperson Denise Abrams.



"OK, now what do we do with all these ribbon bits?"

**BCC by the Numbers**

**1997-98 Budgeted Appropriations**



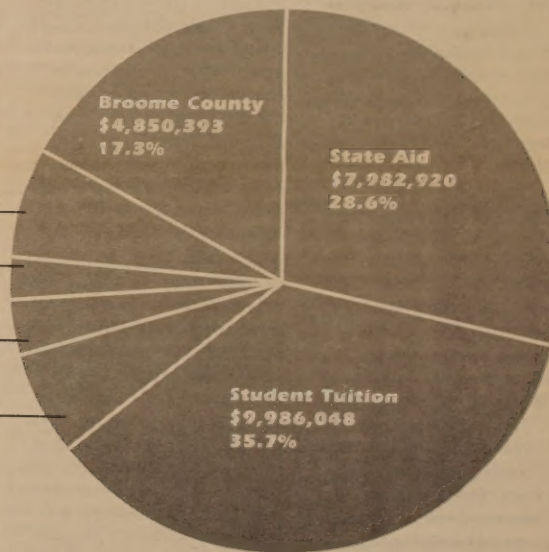
**Total Student Headcount**

as of August 25, 1997 — end of 1st day of classes

Full-Time	3,400
Part-Time	1,743
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,143</b>

**1997-98 Budgeted Revenues**

Miscellaneous Revenues	\$1,441,369	5.4%
Out-of-State Tuition	\$734,367	2.6%
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$920,822	3.3%
Chargebacks to Other Counties	\$1,678,551	6.0%



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laboratories and clinical practice in Ulster county. PTA faculty are also researching the feasibility of offering an Occupational Therapist Assistant program. The programs would have similar components and use some of the same equipment purchased from the Decker grant. The PTA program was recently accredited for an 8-year term.

- Business Professor **Joan Bandurchin's** fall class in "Destination/Convention Marketing and Management" led to 18 students facilitating a

marketing survey of visitors to the Triple Cities area. The Chamber of Commerce and local hoteliers will use the survey results as part of a program to encourage area tourism.

- Veteran BCC professor **Charlie Croll** was a presenter and an award recipient (for instructional innovation) at the Ninth International Conference on College Teaching and Learning hosted by Florida Community College at Jacksonville. Charlie's talk was about his Internet "hybrid" PSY110

course. Charlie offers sections of PSY110 in three distinct instructional modalities: lecture-recitation, video-coaching-discourse, and Internet.

- Chemistry Chairperson **Brendan Flynn** and other faculty members are working with Niagara, Rockland and Ulster Community Colleges to develop 1 + 1 agreements that would allow the first year of Chemical Engineering Technology to be taught on individual campuses, and the second year at BCC. ■

## BCC FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL FUND SETS ANOTHER RECORD!

by Lee Ann Simonis (BM84)

Wow! That's the best way to describe the past year at the BCC Foundation. Many great things happened — we celebrated the opening of the Decker Health Science Center, we helped over 600 students achieve their education goals with grants-in-aid and merit scholarships, we exceeded the challenge put forth by the Stewart W. & Willma C. Hoyt Foundation, and we had another record breaking annual fund campaign!

It's amazing what can be accomplished when we all join together to support BCC. The proof is in the results of this year's annual fund campaign. We recognized all-time highs in giving from BCC faculty/staff, corporations/businesses and foundations — all thanks to more than 100 community volunteers, our faculty/staff steering committee volunteers, students and alumni working on our phonathon, and our donors. We surpassed last year's overall contributions — with a record \$336,500+.

A unique part of this year's campaign was the alumni challenge, made possible through a grant from the Stewart W. & Willma C. Hoyt Foundation. The challenge was special because it helped stimulate unrestricted support and got more than 200 alumni involved who have never previously supported the Foundation. That challenge was met and exceeded — raising over \$6,000 in new unrestricted support, giving the Foundation even more flexibility to help meet the changing needs of students and the campus. Together with those from our over 2,000 loyal alumni supporters, gifts to this year's alumni campaign exceeded \$89,000. At the same time — after a tremendous response during our 50th anniversary year, alumni giving was **down** slightly this year. This is the first time in many years that we haven't set a new record high in alumni support. Between 1992 and 1997 alumni gifts to the Foundation doubled — but in the last ten years tuition has doubled, and student need has increased as well: from 45% of students requiring aid in 1993, to over 80% today. This is why private support has never been more vital.

Money raised in this year's

campaign will help many BCC students on their way to achieving a college education — an education that might not have been possible without our donors' help. However, our biggest challenge is yet to come. We need to continue to work even harder to meet the increasing needs of students and campus...and we will need your help. This year's annual fund campaign kicked off July 1, 1998 — please remember BCC when making your charitable gifts this year. Your support in this year's campaign will mean that more of those 80% of students in need will be helped. Together we can REALLY build a brighter future!

Investing in our students:

The end of the school year is my favorite time, it's when we hold our annual student merit awards event and I get the chance to meet and talk with many of the students who benefit from Foundation support. It's a wonderful event where BCC's best and brightest are honored and recognized for their accomplishments. This year was even more special with over a dozen new awards being presented — most made possible through the generous support of community organizations, friends, and foundations.

I also had the honor this year of presenting the Foundation's new M. Erma Prentice Scholarship Awards to eleven graduates at Binghamton High School's Honor Assembly. I got to shake the hands of students who will be attending BCC in the fall. Each will come with a \$1,000 scholarship, which can be renewed for a second year if the student maintains a 2.5 grade point average. These awards had special meaning since Ms. Prentice spent much of her professional life as a guidance counselor at Binghamton Central High School and many of her student advisees came to BCC to continue their education. She wanted to help financially disadvantaged students take advantage of a BCC education and it's working! Just today, we received a note from one of the recipients who writes, "I am very grateful for this award. Thanks to your help I will now be able to pay for my freshman year of college." What a wonderful testament to what a gift can do!

Many good things for the new school year got started in this past year. In late May, the BCC Founda-

tion received word that the Mastrangelo-Arnold Foundation of Schenectady approved our proposal to begin a new scholarship program at BCC. We join a select group of colleges, which includes Hudson Valley Community College, Schenectady Community College, and the College of Saint Rose, among others, in offering Second Chance Scholarships.

Second Chance Scholarships were established to assist economically and/or educationally disadvantaged students who need financial support. Recipients will have the potential and the desire to continue their formal education, but because of life circumstances they are unable to make the financial commitment. Five scholarships will be available, each for both years at BCC and up to \$3,000 per year depending on the student's grade point average and status as a full-time or part-time student. Applications will be available from the Foundation at the beginning of the fall semester. The first recipients will be chosen after the fall semester grades are in and will be based on academics for that particular semester.

Another scholarship was established by the Northeast Post 1645 American Legion and will provide a \$1,000 scholarship to a full time, non-traditional student enrolled in a Business degree program at BCC. The scholarship will provide funds for school costs, (i.e. books, transportation, childcare, tuition or fees, etc.). The objective is to help maximize the student's ability to obtain an associate degree.

These are just two examples of what the generosity of donors can mean for BCC students. These types of scholarships are very important to the work the Foundation does. They provide BCC students with critical funds to counter the high cost of obtaining an education as well as recognition for academic performance. ■



President Dellow with Angela Coccozzella, Engineering Scholar '98. Winner of the Presidential Scholarship and numerous other awards.

## FOUNDATION RECEIVES GIFT OF OVER \$600,000

for Critical Boost to Study of Technologies

Judy U. Siggins, Ph.D., Foundation Executive Director

When the BCC Foundation honored some extraordinary supporters for their vision, leadership, and generosity with a special Half-Century Hero medal during the College's Jubilee celebration last year, among them was, of course, J. Donald Ahearn. A year later, "our hero" Don Ahearn came to the rescue of the technology programs that he so values. A stock gift of over \$600,000 received from him this spring will give BCC the ability to update and upgrade many of its instructional facilities to ensure that the College can provide the best instructional experience possible in its Technology, Engineering and Computing programs.

BCC has been hard hit by funding cuts in the State University of New York over the past ten years, while technology has advanced dramatically. With these advances has come the need for up-to-date equipment and the ability to grow and change along with the technology. The College responded

to budget cuts with drastic cost reductions, which have also meant dramatic reductions in allocations for equipment. In 1990 BCC's equipment budget provided \$1.1 million for new and replacement equipment; for each of the past several years just \$100,000 has been budgeted. These reductions have threatened the College's ability to continue providing quality instruction in recent technology. To make matters worse, in 1995 New York State eliminated supplementary funding (over \$400,000 the last year allocated) that had been provided for community colleges to help offset the higher cost of offering technical and business programs.

Don Ahearn understands better than most how vital it is for BCC to be able to prepare its students for work with new advances in technology. Rather than endow his gift, permitting only a portion of it to be used each year, he made the gift on an outright basis to provide maximum flexibility. Making a portion of the gift available for immediate College needs, the Foundation has invested most of it in its endowment pool to maximize returns and minimize risk. As a board-designated endowment, the principal as well as the earnings can be used as needed by the College by vote of the Foundation Board. The College is currently developing a plan for the technology upgrade.

Mr. Ahearn told BCC President Donald Dellow that he is particularly interested in supporting programs that have shown a willingness to change and adapt to the changing industrial needs of our area. "If we hadn't shown a willingness to change with the times, our company would have been out of business a long time ago," said Mr. Ahearn. Indeed, Don Ahearn took over as President and CEO of Universal Instruments in 1947 — ironically, the year the College opened its doors. Ahearn transformed the company from a machine shop with two dozen employees and sales of roughly \$100,000 into a diversified electronics manufacturer that is recognized as a world leader in the production of automation systems and equipment for the electronics industry worldwide. When he retired in 1979 after negotiating the merger with Dover Corp., Universal Instruments had over 1,100 employees and revenues of \$62 million.

Don Ahearn's affinity for "Broome Tech" has been reflected over many years in his great generosity. He had always been a big booster of BCC and its students, many of whom started their work careers at Universal Instruments during the years he led and grew that corporation. His previous generosity to BCC has taken the form of a pooled life income fund, generous annual scholarships for students in Mechanical Engineering Technology, and an endowment to support grants in aid for needy students in the various technology and engineering programs. Other support has come from the Ahearn family foundation with various grants over the years to buy much-needed equipment, from a copier for the Foundation office to equipment for the new medical laboratory technology lab in the Decker Center and most recently replacing old microscopes for Biology courses. How fortunate the Foundation and College are to have such a wonderful, caring, and generous friend! ■



President Dellow (right) confers Half-Century Hero Medal on J. Donald Ahearn.

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**BCC Alum Named Business Person of the Year**

**Stephen Bernath,**  
Director of Alumni Affairs

For a local BCC alumnus, hard work, passionate resolve, and gut instinct have paid off. Robert Ash (LA77), president and founder of PYRAMID Business Systems, has been named the 1998 Small Business Person of the Year by the Broome County Chamber of Commerce.

PYRAMID Business Systems Inc., of Endwell, has provided computer systems, software, and services to businesses and government agencies in upstate New York and northern Pennsylvania for the past nine years. Their growing client list is broad and diverse, ranging from the County of Chenango to the Binghamton Mets. "Over the past nine years, we've grown, adapted, and changed our business to serve our growing client needs," Ash explains. "Initially our focus was on selling computer systems to businesses — now we have expanded our on-site technical support, and added a wide range of networking and Internet services. ... In this industry, technology becomes obsolete every six months, so we have to always be on the cutting edge in



Robert Ash (LA77)

our training and support."

Ash asserts that, as a graduate of Catholic Central High School, he was "quiet and somewhat reserved." But he used a solid academic record at BCC to transfer to SUNY Oswego where he earned a BS in Business Administration.

His first job out of college was as a computer technician with Unisys Corporation. It was a smaller operation, and he was forced to develop more of his abilities than he might have at a bigger company with more support staff.

In 1989, Ash was faced with a decision: whether to accept an attractive internal promotion and uproot his family, or to stay in Broome County and venture out on his own. Like any upstart, he had his doubters — many around him thought he was crazy, with a house and young family, to take such a risk. But he followed his heart and, with the support of his wife (Suzanne Michalek, LA77), convinced the owners of Olean-based DATA BRANCH to invest in his vision of a new computer company here in Binghamton. After four years, Ash bought out his investors, and in 1994 PYRAMID Business Systems was born.

Since then, PYRAMID has grown from a one-man operation to one staffed by sixteen full-time and two part-time employees.

Robert Ash will go on to represent Broome County in the NYS Governor's Competition for Small Business Person of the Year for all New York State. ■

**We Need You!**

The Alumni Association is looking for graduates to help plan, organize and facilitate Alumni Association functions. If you would like to be more involved, we are looking for people to sit on either the new Social Committee or the Community Service Projects Committee. Please call 607 778-5006.

**Stay Connected... BCC Alumni Social Mixer**

Thursday, September 10  
5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Number 5 Restaurant  
33 S. Washington St.,  
Binghamton

If you are a BCC graduate and still not a member of the Alumni Association, call today: 607 778-5006



**ALUMNI ON THE MOVE**

**1960s**

**Robert C. Davis (ET60),** a Vestal-based sales representative for the Mutual of Omaha Cos., has been named to the company's Master Builder Club for 1997. The club recognizes agents for outstanding sales and service in multi-line coverage including health, life and disability insurance.

Westfield Companies Insurance has announced the election of **Larry D. Broich (BT '63),** President and Chief Executive Officer, Westfield Services. He holds a BA in business administration from Bowling Green State University, and joined Westfield in 1965. He has served in various capacities in the claims department. Most recently, Broich was senior vice president of claims at the Companies.

**Richard Roberts (BT69),** an account representative from MetLife, received the MVP Club Award for members of its Southern Tier agency.

**1970s**

**Gerald F. Walker (BT73)** has joined BSB Bank & Trust as a senior branch officer assigned to the East Side office. He was previously employed by Wilbur National Bank of Oneonta as assistant vice president-regional loan officer. Before that, he was senior vice president/loan administration at The First National Bank of Downsville.

**Karen L. Thurber (SC75)** has been named assistant vice president/consumer loan operations at BSB Bank & Trust. She joined the bank in 1975 as a clerk typist at the main office and has served in several positions in the main office, Vestal and West Side branches. She was named branch officer of the West Side branch in 1988 and senior branch officer at the Vestal branch. She was most recently assigned to consumer loan operations officer.

**Robert Goodman (LA76)** has been appointed manager trainee at 84 Lumber in Owego. Goodman lives in Endwell.

**James E. Leonard (BT76),** a certified public accountant in Endicott, recently participated in the Certified Public Accountant Vision Project Future Forum in Rochester. The project is designed to create a comprehensive and integrated national vision of the profession's future.

**Greg Herman (MT79),** formerly of Endwell, was recently promoted to vice president of sales and marketing for DT Midwest of Buffalo Grove, IL. DT is a supplier of custom precision small-part assembly systems and is a division of DT Industries. Herman is a

graduate of Binghamton University. **Marci Goodwin (BA79)** will receive the Controller's Award for Excellence from Toyota. The award cites her business management expertise.

**Mark Mushalla (BC79)** of William H. Lane Inc. was recently elected to the board of directors of The Associated Building Contractors of the Triple Cities Inc.

**1980s**

**Debra A. Roma (BA83)** of Endicott has been appointed personnel director at KEM International Trucking in Kirkwood.

**Patricia Corey (CER84),** customer relations manager for Jack Sherman Toyota, will receive the Customer Relations Award as one of the best customer relations managers in the US.

**Karen Detrick (LAAA85),** at Rehabilitation Services Inc., in Vestal, recently received a state license and national certification as a massage therapist. She has worked as a physical therapist assistant for nine years at RSI.

**Donald E. Wenzinger (BA85)** has been named vice president/domestic entertainment sales for Doron Precision Systems, Inc. of Binghamton. He was previously national sales manager and entertainment products manager. He joined Doron in 1986.

**Jessica Dubey (AS88)** of Endicott has been appointed communications associate/writer for the corporate communications division of Guthrie Healthcare System in Sayre, PA.

**1990s**

**Tim Cappellett (BUMS91)** was named associate account manager for Modern Marketing Concepts of Endicott.

**Wendy K. McBride (BUAC91)** has been promoted to branch officer at BSB Bank & Trust. She started her career with the bank in 1996 as branch manager trainee, and was promoted to branch manager last year. She has a degree from Binghamton University.

**Patricia Cluck (PT92),** physical therapy assistant with Lourdes Rehabilitation Services, was recently certified by the Aquatic Exercise Association as an Aquatic Fitness instructor.

**Stephanie Garrison (BUMM92)** has been promoted to vice president/marketing at BSB Bank & Trust. She joined the bank in 1993 as marketing assistant. She was promoted to assistant marketing director in January 1995 and became assistant vice president-marketing director in March 1996. She has a degree from Binghamton University and Elmira College.

*If you have news — marriage, promotion, achievement, etc. — for Alumni on the Move, please let us know about it!*

Your news:

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## BCC Engineering Students Score in National Competition

Six first-year Engineering Science students decided to defy the odds — and they succeeded!

Each year, the American Society for Engineering Education sponsors a national design competition for first year engineering students. Entries have never included one from a community college. The schools that always compete include Ohio University, Colorado School of Mines, Miami University, etc.

But this year the BCC student chapter of the ASEE and its advisor Professor William Beston decided to give it their best shot anyway, and enter the contest.

The project (all entrants work under the same directive) was to design a passive solar oven for use in food preparation and water pasteurization in a rural African village. The oven was required to reach 200°F.

In both the paper design category and the actual model competition, the BCC team scored second place. Miami University won the paper competition while Colorado School of Mines won the model competition.

Most of the Engineering student team — Timothy Avery, Barrie Campbell, Ashley Rice, August Wolf, Erin Woodruff, Jason Giangrieco, Todd Noyes, and Michael Brown, as well as Advisor Beston — were in Seattle in late June for the ASEE National Conference and Exposition where the competition was held. ■



# BCC's 50th Graduation

To complete BCC's 50th Anniversary Year, the 1997 Graduation was big: the Chancellor of the State University of New York for the graduation address, graduates entering the Broome County Veterans' Memorial Arena under spotlights while the Binghamton Youth Symphony played Elgar's *Pomp and Circumstance*, a second orchestra featuring an original composition by BCC Professor of Music Dr. Michael Kinney with fireworks set to the music, and a cascade of balloons falling on graduates as they marched out.

Of course, how do you follow a ceremony like that and do justice to Graduation in 1998, BCC's 50th Graduating Class?

The Graduation Committee's recommendation was simple: If it works, don't fix it. And while repeating much of the design for the ceremony made for a smoother decision process, the work of putting the event together still remained to be done.

The committee began work on the 1998 graduation five minutes after the 1997 event was over. Improvements needed to be

made in the sound system; the answer was to use two separate systems, one for each orchestra. And while the Chancellor offered a wonderful address in 1997, BCC decided this year to focus on its role as a community college and invited Dr. Glen DuBois, the Associate Provost for Community Colleges of the State of New York for what proved to be some inspiring commencement remarks.

One element of the program will always remain the same and it proves to be the longest element of the program as well: the individual recognition of the graduates. Each graduate's name is announced and each is recognized by the President of the college or Chair of the Board of Trustees. The committee has decided that it is appropriate that the longest part of the evening's events be devoted to honoring the students whose efforts got them there.

The 922 candidates for graduation were from the following college divisions:

- Business programs — 223
- Liberal Arts and Human Services — 427
- Engineering and Technology — 92
- Allied Health programs — 180

