

## Board of Trustees Report Johnson State College March 12, 2009



### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Johnson State College had the distinction of seeing one of our students honored at the Statehouse. Toni Little, Class of 2011, received the Secretary of State's Enduring Democracy Award, recognizing her outstanding commitment to promoting democracy in Vermont through organizing a student voter registration drive. You can read about Toni in this report.

Other noteworthy individuals and their contributions include:

- Professor John Miller, Fine Arts, is one of 10 artists selected by the Vermont Arts Council and the Orton Family Foundation to create a project based on "The Working Landscape" in Vermont.
- Professor Les Kanat is participating in the Argonne National Laboratory's "Ask a Scientist Service" program, where he will field questions from K-12 students throughout the world.
- Professor Fred Wiseman has donated pieces from his personal collection to a new exhibit at the ECHO Center in Burlington, "Indigenous Expressions: Native Peoples of the Champlain Basin." The collection also includes pieces created by JSC students.
- Student athletes Nate Dodge and Angela Locke were designated NAC Rookie of the Week in men's and women's basketball.
- Grace Albert-Gardner, Staci Cutting, Nicole Hamilton and Gabe McConkey, fall student-athletes, were named to the North Atlantic Conference honor list for playing a fall sport and earning a 3.5 GPA.
- JSC senior Christy Wendlandt will play a major role this year in planning and implementing the 3rd Annual Hunger Conference with the Vermont Foodbank.
- Students of Psychology Professor Gina Mireault were selected as only one of 60 teams nationally to display a poster presentation on Capitol Hill this spring.

While the accomplishments and commitment demonstrated by these individuals inspire pride in our college—and in the VSC—their hard work is not unusual in our community. Through the stories that follow, you'll glimpse the richness and diversity of interests and service that the faculty, students, and staff of Johnson State College demonstrate every day.

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

### Faculty and Staff Professional Activity



**Fred Wiseman** (Humanities) continued his extensive quadricentennial activities with a January lecture at the Brownell Library in Essex Junction

on "Abenaki perspectives on love and forgiveness in Vermont." A new exhibit at ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center has opened on "Indigenous Expressions: Native Peoples of the Champlain Basin." According to the *Free Press* (February 15), "A great majority of the objects and artifacts in 'Indigenous Expressions' come from the collection of [Professor Wiseman]... [He] gave scores of pieces to ECHO as a permanent gift. Some objects are from his personal collection; others originated in a program at Johnson in which students make artifacts for donation to museums."

On January 25, **Sandy Baird** (Humanities) received an award for her ongoing community engagement. The award was presented during the annual program at Burlington City Hall during which, in remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., community members are recognized for their impact on the Greater Burlington community.

Mid-January brought singer-songwriter Michelle Shocked to Middlebury for a concert. There she was backed by JSC's **Gabe Jarrett** (Fine and Performing Arts) and his trio. Gabe, a drummer, is widely known for his work with the Burlington jazz group Vorcza.

The Vermont Philharmonic, with over 60 members, is the oldest community orchestra in the state, celebrating its 50th anniversary. On February 7, the VPO performed at JSC's Dinden Center. Orchestra members included JSC's **Jo Anne Edwards** (Library) and **Paul Silver**

(Humanities). Soprano **Lisa Jablow** (Fine and Performing Arts) was the featured soloist, performing the *Four Last Songs* by Richard Strauss.

As part of the Vermont Consortium of Academic Libraries Executive Committee, **Joe Farara** (Library) has been working on potential initiatives for the organization's upcoming fiscal year. He has also been coordinating an ongoing series of vendor visits for the VSC's Library Council. Although the group does an annual review of the system's library resources and services for curricular relevance and cost, these recent presentations have taken on a greater urgency fueled by the state's declining economic climate.

As of January 2009, **Leslie Kanat** (Environmental and Health Sciences) began as a participating geologist in the Argonne National Laboratory's program entitled "Ask a Scientist Service." He will answer questions in his fields of expertise from primarily K-12 students and teachers throughout the world. He worked with 25 students and 11 parents from the Wolcott Elementary School on January 23. The students learned how to use compasses and portable GPS units. They brought data collected in the field (outside in the snow) back into the lab where they plotted their positions and their tracks. Students then cut rocks in the rock lab and learned about glaciers in one of the technologically enhanced classrooms. Prior to departure, they enjoyed lunch in the new Stearns Student Center. In early March, Les attended the Fragile X Advocacy Day in Washington, D.C. where he met with members of the Vermont delegation, other decision makers, and other individuals concerned about Fragile X.

In mid-March **Tania Bacchus** (Environmental and Health Sciences) will attend the Faculty Institute for NASA Earth and Space Science Education (FINESSE) at NACCTEP in Reno, Nevada.

In early January, **Neil Shepard** (Writing and Literature) taught in the low-residency MFA program in creative writing at Wilkes University in PA. He gave a poetry reading, served on two

panels (one on “the writing life,” the second on “editing a literary magazine”), and gave a craft talk on syntax called “Sex and the Single Sentence.” Shepard will be a visiting writer this summer at the Chautauqua Institute in New York. His recent poems appear in *Crab Orchard Review*, *Chautauqua Literary Review*, and *MARGIE: The Journal of Contemporary Poetry*. His latest book, *This Far from the Source*, was recently reviewed in the *American Literary Review*.



PoJazz, including **Tony Whedon** (Writing and Literature) on trombone, **Clyde Stats** (Academic Support Services) on bass, other musicians, and poets from the Vermont poetry community, continued their unique performances in February. This collaborative poetry and jazz ensemble appeared at Chow Bella in St. Albans, Trout River Trader’s (Tosca’s) in Montgomery, and The Black Door in Montpelier. Tony, Clyde, **Neil Shepard**, **Steve Blair** (Fine and Performing Arts), and other PoJazz members, including several student poets, also participated in the “Remember, Celebrate, Act” community gathering on January 20. Organized by **Margo Warden** (First Year Experience), the event welcomed students back to campus for the beginning of the spring semester and celebrated the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the inauguration of President Barack Obama.

The Art of Action: Shaping Vermont’s Future Through Art has commissioned 10 artists to realize their projects. **John Miller** (Fine and Performing Arts) is among the 10 recipients of

these commissions. The idea, shared between the Orton Family Foundation and the Vermont Arts Council, was to commission visual artists to create a body of “place-based” artwork that would inspire action among Vermonters. The idea motivated 300 artists from 26 states and three foreign countries to apply for a chance to articulate the issues, challenges and opportunities facing our state. The competitors had an assignment. Their proposals were to address the critical challenges facing Vermont over the next generation. Using data about Vermonters’ hopes and fears gathered by the Council on Rural Development, the finalists would take three months to develop presentations. In September, a Project Review Committee selected 20 of those applicants as finalists. Nineteen of those finalists returned to present their project proposals. *Seven Days* broke the news of the 10 prestigious awards, including John’s, in a cover story. His proposed documentary focuses upon traditions, individuals and groups whose work is deeply connected to land and to community. He writes, “I will document the means with which the landscape works upon people — spiritually, intellectually and passionately.”

**Joseph Salerno** (Fine and Performing Arts) recently exhibited with other artists in a show Winter Selections at the Ober Gallery in Kent, CT.

In December/January, **Ken Leslie** (Fine and Performing Arts) completed his *Top of the World* project in Inari—the Sámi cultural center of Finland. He began this project last summer, producing a series of paintings and a pair of artist books about the movement of light and time in this Arctic community. This project was funded by a grant from the American-Scandinavian Foundation, with additional funds from a JSC Faculty Development Award. Work from this project will be next seen in Vermont at the Bennington Museum, this coming May and June. Ken has been invited to exhibit his Arctic series and teach workshops at a new art center in Kjøllefjord, Norway this coming June/July. In addition to the exhibition he’ll produce another in his series of Arctic Cycle artist’s

books in this Finnmark town on the northernmost tip of continental Europe.

Supported by the President's Fund for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, **Ellen Hill** (Experiential Learning) attended a five-day "Beyond Welfare" immersion training with JSC student **Deborah Nevil** and community partner Carol Plante (Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition and Restorative Justice). They were joined by 20 people from throughout Vermont to learn about the NeighborKeepers (Hal Colston) model and assess its potential replication in the Lamoille Valley (and Franklin and Brattleboro). She also attended a technical assistance grant writing training at the Vermont Children's Trust Fund.

The Advising & Career Center reports being flooded with students interested in applying to participate in the National Student Exchange (NSE) or a study abroad experience next year. The Center is in the early stages of creating electronic resources on NSE and study abroad opportunities for its Web site and Blackboard. Currently staff members are compiling photos from student exchange experiences, and interviewing students for profiles on the site. Career Services coordinator **Heidi Wrighton** attended a two-day conference in Boston on career development, with other VSC career directors, sponsored by Experience, the new career/job-board vendor chosen by the VSC.

### **Student and Alumni Activities and Achievements**

Junior **Toni Little** has received the Secretary of State's Enduring Democracy Award. The award honors individuals and organizations that have shown an outstanding commitment to promoting democracy in Vermont. Toni was honored for her efforts in coordinating a campus-wide voter registration event at Johnson State. She did so single-handedly, enlisting other departments such as the radio station, campus food service, and residence life. According to Secretary of State Deborah Markowitz, "While campus-based voter

registration was popular all over Vermont this election year, as far as we know, [Toni] coordinated the only completely student-initiated, campus-wide registration event." Toni's efforts resulted in more than 100 students registered for the first time, most of them Vermonters. She was honored at an award ceremony and reception on February 12 in the Vermont Statehouse Cedar Creek Room.

Toni has also excelled in other areas at the college. She joined the residence life staff, overseeing a floor of mostly first-year students. She has also represented the college at a conference in Boston, joined a panel of students discussing diversity with the college administration, and represents students during question and answer sessions held at JSC open houses.

**Susan Green** (Behavioral Sciences) and seven Wellness & Alternative Medicine students (**Karina Lepeley, Gabe McConkey, Andrew Mitchell, Francesca Orsini, Jon Owen, Charlotte Roozedranz, Jen Taylor**) attended the Scripps Center of Integrative Medicine 6th Annual Natural Supplements: An Evidence Based Update conference in San Diego, California, January 22-25, 2009. They created and presented a poster presentation entitled "Dietary supplements for wellness, disease and sustainable global/environmental health." The idea was to propose a curriculum for a BS in Nutrition and Natural Supplementation that could be implemented at an undergraduate school. The Scripps Integrative Medicine Center is a state-of-the-art medical facility on the west coast, integrating science-based allopathic and alternative medicine. Financial support from the Scripps Center, President **Barbara Murphy** and the JSC Student Association made the student trip to San Diego possible. Mid-conference, the Scripps organizers asked JSC students to stand up and be recognized for their efforts. During their poster presentation, students spoke with Paul Coates, the director of Natural Supplementation of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), a physician from the American Holistic Medical Association (AHMA),

with dietary supplement manufacturers and with other integrative professionals. And finally, the students won \$250 in the competition for "Best Student Poster Presentation." The award means their poster presentation will be published in an upcoming issue of the *Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine*.

Supported by a grant from the President's Fund for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, JSC senior **Christy J. Wendlandt** will play a major role planning and implementing the 3rd annual Hunger Conference with the Vermont Foodbank. She aims to raise awareness about the foodbank in Vermont and gather experience necessary to pursue a career in the event planning field.

In late February, during National Entrepreneurship Week, JSC business students were part of a featured partnership between the college and Hardwick-based Vermont Soy. On February 27 a Vermont Entrepreneurship Week display and reception took place at the Statehouse cafeteria followed by a luncheon at Capitol Plaza focusing on unique collaborations between the private sector and educational institutions.

TRIO student **Robert Butler** was selected "TRIO Star of the Month" for January. He plans to graduate this spring with a B.A. in Business Management, and hopes to continue on to graduate school in either history or education. Robert says, "TRIO has been a wonderful support network... I feel like I'm part of a family when I walk into their office." He maintains a 3.56 GPA.

First-year seminar students participated in Johnson's Winter Carnival. Students in first-year seminars taught by **Leila Bandar** (Fine and Performing Arts) and **Gina Ritscher-Winters** (Education) collaborated to create six sculptures that were displayed on School Street on February 7.

*Seven Days* (January 14) contained a very

favorable review of BFA student **Aimee Daniel's** exhibit at Red Square in Burlington. She will be presenting some of this series of mirror images later this semester in her BFA thesis exhibit.

## STUDENT SERVICES

### Martin Luther King Day and Inauguration Celebration

A joint celebration to mark Martin Luther King Day and Barack Obama's historic Presidential Inauguration was held at Dibden on Tuesday, January 20. "Remember, Celebrate, Act" featured live jazz by college musicians, a welcome and remarks from college President **Barbara Murphy**, and student readings of selected passages from the works of Dr. King, Robert Kennedy, and President Obama. Students also read original pieces written for the occasion. The keynote address was provided by Reverend Osagyefo Uhuru Sekou of Chicago (pictured below), a nationally renowned voice on religion, race and politics. His talk focused on King and Obama's mutual messages of hope, dreams and new beginnings.



Director of First Year Experience **Margo Warden** assisted in planning the event, which, in addition to celebrating the holiday and inauguration, was intended to provide an opportunity for students returning to campus to unite with the community and start the year with a new intention and purpose.

Earlier in the day the community had gathered in the newly renovated Stearns Center, where a standing room only crowd watched the presidential inauguration.

### **Student Government Association**

Building on the enthusiasm generated by the presidential inauguration, and its call for engagement, several JSC student leaders joined SGA Advisor **Krista Swahn** and college administrators at the VSC's annual legislative day at the statehouse. The students, **Frank Stellato, Ashley Favreau, Ioan Sabau, Jon Owen, Sean Van Hoesen, Olivia Trotman, Meghan Kelly, RJ Fleming, and Saul Blocher**, met with local legislators, House and Senate leadership, and the Governor, advocating for increased support for higher education in the state. Student reporter **Alex Raeburn** covered the event for the campus newspaper, *Basement Medicine*.

### **Health and Counseling Services**

The health and counseling centers collaborated with each other and additional campus departments to offer significant outreach to students early in the semester. Offerings included participation in the college's health and wellness initiative and programs in the residence halls on alcohol use and negative consequences, sexually transmitted infections, and impacts of marijuana use. Student feedback indicated that the programs were engaging and informative.

### **Athletics and Recreation**

In the first weeks of the new year, two Badgers received North Atlantic Conference (NAC) awards. In men's basketball, **Nate Dodge** received his second NAC Rookie of the Week award. **Angela Locke** received a NAC Rookie of the Week award in women's basketball.

SHAPE has been a hub of activity, as students, faculty, and staff have taken advantage of the facilities and classes to stay healthy during the winter months. The building hosted a Wellness Fair at the beginning of the semester with 50 display booths on various healthy lifestyle programs and offerings.

On the programming front, an early highlight was that the college was awarded a night at the Stone Hut on the top of Mount Mansfield through the state parks lottery. A group of students and staff hiked with skis, snowboards, and sleds to the heated hut where they spent the night at 3,600 feet.

In response to a student petition requesting additional hours of time at the SHAPE facility, the staff has stepped up to add two hours each day, opening earlier and staying open later. This increase in interest and programming bodes well for our extensive upcoming SHAPE renovation.

## **BUSINESS AFFAIRS**

### **Business Office**

Johnson State College has completed its transition to Educational Computer Systems, Inc. (ECSI) for Perkins Loans administration. This process was completed smoothly with minimal disruption to students and staff. In October, ECSI was selected to be the VSC-wide Perkins Loan administrator and Johnson State College was selected to be the first college to transition to this service. At this time, the other colleges have begun their transition.

During February, Johnson State College implemented electronic refunds (e-refunds) as part of the VSC's new electronic refunding program. Over 60 e-refunds were issued this semester under the program, or approximately 8 percent of all student refunds for the college. This function, which will be heavily advertised as the college implements electronic billing for the fall semester, is available through Touchnet, the new VSC e-commerce student billing application. It is our goal to issue at least 70 percent of student refunds using this method within one year.

### **Physical Plant**

Physical Plant staff are busy coordinating the spring and summer projects. Key projects include renovation of bathrooms in Martinetti,

the upgrading of the electrical primary for the southeast quadrant of campus, replacement of the stage floor in Dibden Center for the Arts and a major renovation of the SHAPE facility.

Johnson State College is developing plans for the SHAPE renovation. An initial conceptual plan and program were developed with the help and assistance of a generous local architect. During the month of February an architect was selected to complete the architectural and engineering phases of this project. At this time, nine proposals have been received from local firms and will be evaluated during the next few weeks.

### **Conference and Events**

The beginning of the spring semester has been full of activity for the Conference and Events Services Office. The staff hosted the New Student Registration, Wellness Fair, Inauguration Events, Welcome Back Coffee for Staff and Faculty, State of the College Address, International Dinner, and several club and Breakaway events.

The office has been working to improve communication between the various departments on campus in relation to the many needs for meetings and events on a weekly basis. Staff members continue to work on updating our Web site information, updating classroom information in Ad Astra, and improving efficiency in our office.

### **Information Technology**

The Information Technology staff continues to work closely with all aspects of the college to provide network and desktop infrastructure for students, faculty and staff. Recently, the department completed installation of Microsoft Office 2007 and continues to work on the bandwidth upgrade project.

In addition to these local activities, Information Technology has been working with the Chancellor's Office IT staff on the network evaluation project, the implementation of new patch management software and the evaluation of course management software.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **2009 Wellness Fair**

In spite of an impressive snow storm, the 2009 Wellness Fair was a success. The fair was the kick-off event for the "Wellness Works at JSC" program, which is part of the Vermont State Colleges Wellness Initiative. Approximately 100 people attended the fair and 28 vendors were available to present information on exercise, nutrition, stress and much more, plus screenings for blood pressure, diabetes and skin cancer. Good, healthy food was provided, and lots of laughter was heard.

### **New Staff**

As is our tradition at the start of every new semester, the welcome back coffee hour gives us a chance to introduce any staff new to the College or to their positions.

**Stephanie Lees**, a 2008 graduate of JSC, is the new Assistant Director of Conference & Event Services. Stephanie has four years of conference and events experience as a student campus assistant.

**Zachary Morse** joins the Housekeeping team as a Custodian II. He brings almost 4 years of custodial experience from Smugglers Notch and Stoweflake Resort & Spa.

Our new Assistant to the Dean of Students, **Barbara Flathers**, has been with JSC for 4 years. Previously, she was the Assistant Director of Conference & Event Services, and prior to that she worked in the JSC Counseling Center as the Administrative Assistant.

## **ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID**

### **Admissions**

While we see a slight lag in out of state applicants, Vermont applications are up 3 percent. While the numbers are still small, deposits are up 12 percent over this time last year. We anticipate that more than ever before, students and families will compare financial aid award

offers before any enrollment decisions are made. The JSC priority deadline for financial aid and JSC applications is March 1.

### **Overnight Program for Athletes**

The spring semester kicked off with a new program for prospective students—an overnight for athletes. Admissions recruiter **Hope Dooley** worked with **Barb Lougee** and **Mike Osborne** and all the JSC coaches to invite more than 135 accepted student-athletes to spend Friday, February 6 on campus. Of the sixteen students who attended, nine were out-of-state students from CT, ME, NH, NJ, NY. We had nine young men and seven young women interested in basketball, cross country, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball and tennis. The only sport not drawing students was volleyball, although many students have expressed an interest. JSC student-athletes hosted the visiting athletes; JSC coaches joined the visitors for a team dinner and workout on Friday evening and Saturday morning.

### **Winterfest**

Admissions held its annual Winterfest on February 16 for prospective students. Ninety-five prospective students and 172 total visitors spent the day on campus. Many attended classes and faculty presentations, toured campus and interviewed with the admissions staff. Eleven seniors submitted applications. Twenty-seven students enjoyed the afternoon skiing or snowboarding compliments of Smugglers' Notch, Jay Peak and Stowe Mountain Resort. Admissions is grateful to all faculty, staff and JSC student tour guides who helped make our event a success, and a special thanks to Assistant Director of Admissions **Patrick Rogers** for organizing the day.

### **New recruitment initiatives:**

- Online Deposit Packet: Admissions staff in conjunction with staff from Advising, Residential Life, Financial Aid, Business Office, Health Center, and Academic Support Services are

developing an online "deposit packet" for students to access on the Web site. Information from housing contracts to health/immunization forms will be available to students as soon as they deposit.

- Phon-a-thon: **Chris Cornforth '09**, admissions tour guide and business intern has coordinated the annual phon-a-thon program for the past four Saturdays. More than 3,000 calls were made to out-of-state inquiries.

- Facebook: In our acceptance letters, we invite students to join the JSC Class of 2013 Facebook page. It's a popular way for new students to connect with JSC faculty and staff and each other.

- Group E-mail Marketing: Assistant Director of Admissions **Rebecca Pastor** has been using Constant Contact, an e-mail marketing provider, to maximize our contact with our 8,500 inquiries. Announcements about deadlines, reminders of on-campus events, and general information are shared with "e-newsletters" with links to the JSC Web site. Prospective, accepted, transfer and international students have been targeted. E-newsletters are also sent to guidance counselors in Vermont and out-of-state.

- International Recruiting: Assistant Director of Admissions **Elga Gruner** is working with Rebecca to develop an e-newsletter to international inquiries. Additionally, we are working with Chris Barbieri from the Vermont Chamber of Commerce to send JSC admissions materials to two trade shows in Beijing and Shanghai.

- Online Chats: New this semester is our "Admissions Chat" with JSC students and veteran tour guides **Jahida Jorganes '09**, **Shaina Lyon '10**, and **Meredith Kenton '09**. Prospective students can chat online Mondays 2-4 pm and Fridays 9-11 a.m.



- **On-the-Spot Decision Days:** A first day was held at South Burlington High School on March 11. Other days will be held at the following Vermont high schools:  
North Country Union – March 24  
Essex High School – March 27
- **Spring Receptions:** Two receptions are scheduled for prospective students and their families: Monday, March 23rd at the Double-tree Hotel in Burlington and Tuesday, April 7th at the Marriott Hotel in Rocky Hill, CT. Alumni and JSC students will share experiences of life at JSC.
- **JSC 101:** The college's spring Open House will be held on Friday, April 17 in conjunction with the Extended Classroom Experience (ECE). Ellen Hill is working with the admissions staff to coordinate the event which showcases research, field work, internships and special projects of JSC students.
- **CVC (Consortium of Vermont Colleges) Guidance Counselor Bus Tour:** The tour will visit campus on Friday, April 24 from 2:45-4:45 pm. **Patrick Rogers** will be one of four admissions counselors in Vermont to accompany the guidance counselors on their week of touring 18 colleges throughout Vermont.

### **Financial Aid**

The implementation of a pilot program for direct lending during the 2009-2010 academic year at LSC and VTC has been postponed to fall 2010 and the decision to move to direct lending may change by that time. After reviewing many lender surveys, the VSC preferred lenders for 2009-2010 are VSAC, EdAmerica and Sallie Mae. The financial aid staff is watching the progress of the federal stimulus package. As of this writing, an increase in the Pell Grant for 2009-2010 will bring the maximum to \$5,350. The amount of additional funding for work-study adds \$200 million and tax credits will be increased for families. It appears there will not be an increase of \$2,000 in un-

subsidized loans for students, which is disappointing, and additional Perkins Loan funding is unknown at this time.

A recent conference call with VSAC also reflects the uncertainty of the times. With funding not finalized on the state or federal level, the VSAC grants could increase by \$300 or range anywhere down to a \$200 cut.

The JSC Financial Aid Office began mailing award packages to students the first week of March. This is much earlier than past years and returning students will be awarded earlier as well.

## **DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS**

### **Scholarships**

The yearly match of scholarship applicants to endowed and donated scholarships has begun. The Development Office works on raising the funds and then works with Financial Aid in choosing the recipients.

### **Student Development Assistant**

Student **Sarah Truckle**, Class of 2011, has begun working with the Development and Alumni Relations Office. Sarah has worked with development office staff to put together an institutional advancement newsletter to be distributed to faculty, staff, and selected donors. Next, she is working on completing profiles of all the donors of named endowments, and gathering photographs to accompany the bios. The plan is to publish it both on the Web and in print.

### **Phonathon**

The annual Alumni Phonathon began on Sunday, March 8 and is scheduled to run 15 nights through Thursday, March 26. As college representatives, student callers were chosen for their positive, upbeat attitudes. Members of the JSC Alumni Council also participated. New for this year will be the ability for donors to make online gifts, should they decide to do so.

### **Alumni Council**

Two new Alumni Council members will be formally welcomed at the July Council meeting. They are Ms. **Cyndi Weiger** '77 and **Dr. Sandra Chadwick** '67. Ms. Weiger works for an Aerospace Company and lives in Lebanon, NH and Dr. Chadwick is a Department Chair at SUNY Potsdam and resides in Canton, NY.