Save the Date

• This year’s 5th annual Clinton Sailing Regatta and 3rd Alumni Homecoming will be held on September 23, 2006

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This year’s CCC Alumni Homecoming will be held Saturday, September 23rd, 2006 on the lakeside campus. Once again, the event will be held in conjunction with the annual Clinton Sailing Regatta.

Take a stroll down memory lane by reconnecting with former classmates, faculty and staff.

This year's schedule of events includes:

• Live chainsaw wood-carving demo
• Keynote Speaker, Deborah Ribis, RN CNLCP and author of Get Back on Your Feet: What Every injured and Ill Person Needs to Know, CCC class of '77 and '82 40th Anniversary and Nursing PowerPoint presentations
• Artist’s Reception Featuring Joe Chatelle’s photography from the Adirondacks and Champlain Valley
• Nursing Class Photos
• Live Music, Beer Tent, Face Painting, Fencing Demonstration, Food and More...

For more information and a schedule of events, check out the back cover of this newsletter.

To view the most up to date information or to see what else your Alumni Association has been up to, please visit us on the web at www.clinton.edu/alumni or call us at (518)562-4195.

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On-line Education

Online Education is No Longer an Experiment

As an alumnus of CCC, you may know that Clinton offers online credit courses. You may have even taken an online course or two. But did you know that we are the only institution of higher learning in the North Country to offer four complete degree programs online?

We started in 2000 with three faculty members, three courses and 29 students, and immediately began growing. In the fall semester of 2005, we offered 32 courses and had 283 students for a total of 407 enrollments. Over thirty of CCC’s faculty members now teach one or more courses online each semester.

To learn more about Clinton Online, go to www.clinton.edu/onlinelearning.
A New Home For the Alumni Association

I am not sure if the phrase “There is nothing more powerful than highly motivated volunteers” has been coined yet, but I sure have been using it a lot lately. What does one get for spending the last five years running around like Paul Revere, shouting to anyone who would listen, “Hey, check this place out?” One starts to build up a team of volunteers willing to listen to the ideas of a dreamer. What I am talking about? I am talking about the renovation of a charming cottage built in 1890 as a part of the original Hotel Champlain; now the future home of the Clinton Community College Alumni Association and College Foundation.

About a year ago, a small committee was formed to undertake a feasibility study designed to explore the viability of renovating this shell of a cottage into an Alumni House without diverting much needed cash away from students who rely on the Foundation and Alumni Association for scholarship money and grants to purchase textbooks. I am proud to say the result of the feasibility study is a resounding “YES”, we can do this: 100% donated material and labor! One may wonder how a $250,000 project like this could ever get off the ground? The answer lies within my new favorite phrase “There is nothing more powerful than highly motivated volunteers.”

This All-Star Team includes a wide range of business owners, managers, trade unions, and community volunteers sharing their gift of time and talent. Renovation plans are well underway and the cottage project has now entered phase 2 of a 5 phase process.

To view pictures of the cottage and stay up to date on the construction process, check out the Alumni Cottage section of the CCC Alumni website at http://www.clinton.edu/alumni/alumnicottage.cxml.

It All Adds Up to the “Total Package”

Many of you alums passed through the classroom door of Mathematics Professor, Dr. Michael Helinger. He has been teaching at CCC since the college’s inception and his ability to work with numbers surprises none. Put those numbers on a leg press machine at Durgan’s Gym, however, and his multiplication skills will turn heads!

In order to reach our valued alums, secure e-mail addresses and send you this newsletter, the Alumni Association had to raise funds which were not in the budget. Michael Helinger saved the day! He entered a leg press competition at Durgan’s Gym, collecting sponsors and all proceeds were given to the CCC Alumni Communications Campaign.

Permanently known as Michael “The Total Package” Helinger, Michael went down in the Alumni Archives Hall of Fame when he leg pressed an unbelievable 900 pounds, raising nearly $2,000!

Brains and Brawn, hands down, Michael Helinger truly is the “Total Package!”

CCC “Snack Shack”

With all the scoring done by this year’s CCC Men’s and Women’s Soccer Teams, a spectator could get thirsty and a dry mouth cheering and rooting the Cougars on!

Now, with generous contributions from The College Alumni Association and New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) there is a “snack shack” at the Field complete with electric power, drinks and food. The proceeds from the sales go the Athletic Department to supplement their budget.

Grand Openings were held at the Men’s and Women’s Soccer Home Openers with an Ice Cream Social. Free ice cream was provided to all in attendance by “super scoopers”, College President Dr. Maurice Hickey, VPSS Dr. Stephen St. Onge and Faculty members Judy Cavanaugh and Forrest Studebaker.

The entire Athletic Department wishes to thank the Alumni, NYSE&G and The Foundation.
CCC Nursing Program Highlights

It's an exciting time to be a CCC nursing student!

With future employment possibilities abundant throughout the nation, students are preparing themselves for the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX). The passing rate for first time candidates taking the NCLEX in 2005 was 94.59%, compared to a national average of 80.7%.

In Spring of 2005 the National League of Nursing accrediting commission site visitors were on our campus for three days to review our program and interview our former Director, Patricia Shinn. As a result of that visit we received a full eight year accreditation, reinforcing the fact that we have a quality nursing program here at CCC.

In the spirit of honoring our past, we celebrated the program's 25th anniversary in 2004 by honoring retired Director of Nursing Agnes Pearl. Retired faculty and alumni joined us in honoring Dr. Agnes Pearl by establishing an endowment fund for future nursing students.

This year for the first time in our history, four students will attend the National Student Nurse Association conference in Baltimore Maryland.

We will also continue to support our students' attendance at NYSNA's "Lobby Day" in Albany, NY where students meet their legislators and learn about issues affecting health care in New York State.

Our students continue to benefit from alumni through support in various clinical settings and through the financial generosity of CCC nursing graduates.

11 Years ago in CCC Sports

Eleven years ago this month, the Lady Cougars Women’s Basketball Team won the first Northern Independent Conference Tournament in the history of the N.I.C. with a 52-48 defeat of Albany College of Pharmacy. The banner for that 1994-1995 team recognizes one of the most successful Women’s teams in school history.

The Lady Cougars established a school record for wins (15) and earned their first-ever invitation to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) playoffs that year. Coached by Math Instructor Henry Schaeffer, the team was led by three local stand-outs.

Marie Douglas (Clintonville) shattered the all-time school scoring record and averaged 21 points. Douglas was chosen the Most Valuable Player in the NIC Tournament and was Selected to represent CCC in the NJCAA Region III Senior All-Star game held at Corning Community College.

Also chosen to play in the All-Star game were Jessie Thwaits (Ausable Forks) and Mariellen Hensgen (Beekmantown). Thwaits averaged 12.3 points per game and 8.8 rebounds per game while Hensgen averaged 9.8 points and 10.3 rebounds.

Alumni Art Gallery

The historic Hotel Champlain lobby is now home to the Alumni Association’s very own art gallery.

The work of local artists is displayed for public viewing year round and, for those who are interested in expanding personal art collections, displayed pieces are for sale. 30% of all art sale proceeds go directly to the Alumni Association to support invaluable student scholarships.

The CCC Alumni Association office is always happy to hear from artists who are interested in submitting exhibitions.

If interested, please send 15-20 slides or reproductions in two dimensional media to CCC Alumni Art Gallery, 136 Clinton Point Drive, Plattsburgh NY 12901 or make arrangements for a viewing of all original artwork. Call 562-4195 for details.

Currently the Adirondack and Champlain Valley landscape photography of Joe Chatelle is being exhibited and all pieces are available for purchase.
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