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He made peace with the man who shot him

Gary Geiger, a state worker, had his life forever changed on Aug. 12, 1981, when he was shot in the back during a robbery at the downtown motel where he worked as a night auditor. He survived the attack and after years of being angry at his attacker, he finally confronted Wayne Blanchard in July 1992 during Blanchard's incarceration in the Eastern Correctional Facility. During the meeting, Blanchard apologized to Geiger. Their story is chronicled in the book *Justice Restored: The Story of Gary Geiger and Wayne Blanchard* by Tom Christian. They were also featured in the HBO special *Confronting Evil*.



Geiger will present *Crime and Its Impact on Victims* on Monday, Oct. 3, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Taylor Auditorium. The HBO special will be shown at 11 a.m. Geiger will discuss the emotions that victims go through including post-traumatic stress disorder and options for victims to bring them healing and resolution, including victim-offender mediation. His presentation is free.

EJO welcomes Brecker

On Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 8 p.m., in the Taylor Auditorium, Begley Building, The Empire Jazz Orchestra (EJO) will feature Guest Artist Randy Brecker. Brecker's trumpet and flugelhorn performances have graced hundreds of albums by a wide range of artists from James Taylor, Bruce Springsteen, Chaka Khan, George Benson and Parliament-Funkadelic to Frank Sinatra, Steely Dan, David Sanborn, Horace Silver, Jaco Pastorius and Frank Zappa. He won his first Grammy as a soloist in 1998 for Best Contemporary Jazz Performance. Tickets are \$15-general admission and \$6-students. Call 381-1321 for tickets.



This performance is made possible in part through the Schenectady County Initiative Program and the Community Arts Connection. The Community Arts Connection program is funded through the state and local partnership program of the New York State Council on the Arts and The Arts Center of the Capital Region.

SCCC Foundation breaks record, raises over \$843,000

by Vladia Boniewski
Director of Development

The SCCC Foundation Board of Directors is made up of alumni, business, and community volunteers who believe in the mission of the College and enthusiastically raise money in support of that mission. The 2004-2005 year was a particularly exciting year, as noted in the highlights below.

-Record-Breaking Year: This past fiscal year ending Aug. 31, 2005, was a record-breaking fundraising year, with more than \$843,000 raised in unrestricted, restricted and in-kind gifts. The second-highest total of \$483,941 was achieved in the year ending Aug. 31, 2000.

-New Estate Planning Options: SCCC has entered into an agreement with The Research Foundation of SUNY to provide planned gift administration and charitable planning strategies, including Charitable Gift Annuities for life income gifts for alumni and other friends.

-First Charitable Gift Annuity: Through the Research Foundation of SUNY, the first Charitable Gift Annuity was completed.

-Strategic Planning: Non-profit consultant Linda London was hired to lead the Board through strategic planning, including an all-day Board retreat, the creation of mission and vision statements and several focus groups with donors and local community, educational, business, and governmental representatives to obtain feedback on the Foundation's

goals for the future

-New Board Members: The following individuals were recently elected to the Board: Judy Brodeur, Class of '94, Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Atlantic Projects Company, Inc.; Eddie Hicks, President, Prestige Services, Inc.; Terry Phillips, Community Volunteer; Ben Round, President, Marshall & Sterling, Upstate, Inc.; and Robert J. Sullivan, President, International Turbine Support. The following members were re-elected for a second term: Betty Carol Barlyn, BCB Event Management; Victoria Gold, Community Volunteer; and Karl Griffith, Cataldo, Waters and Griffith.

-FSA of SCCC Gift of \$300,000: The Faculty Student Association of SCCC made a major gift to the Foundation of \$300,000. Of this total, \$150,000 is being used to set up an endowed scholarship; \$100,000 will be used for campus beautification; and \$50,000 will be used for an unendowed scholarship fund.

-Lillian M. Slater Charitable Trust Gift of \$200,000: This gift of \$200,000 will be added to the Foundation Scholar Award program. This competitive scholarship program provides half-tuition scholarships for students entering SCCC directly from high school, and the criteria for receiving a scholarship is based on grade-point average and standardized test scores including the SAT or ACT exams.

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Teleconference will address programs for the deaf

A teleconference titled *Designing, Implementing and Managing Successful English Programs: Language and Literacy Programs for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing in Educational Settings* will take place on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2005, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Begley Building, Room 216.

This program will address program and course development, description of model literacy programs and teaching strategies for English teachers. It will be of particular interest to faculty, students majoring in the Teacher Education Transfer Program, students enrolled in American Sign Language courses and Human Services students interested in working with deaf and hearing impaired clients.

The teleconference is co-sponsored by The Northeast Technical Assistance Center (RIT). Space is limited. Please reserve your seat by calling the Disabled Student Services Office at 381-1344.

CPA shares stories of field with accounting students

Professor Barbara Warschawski recently welcomed a guest speaker to both her Intermediate Accounting and Financial



Guest speaker Jo-Ann Clear speaks with students in Professor Barbara Warschawski's accounting class.

Accounting classes. Jo-Ann Clear, a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), discussed the many challenges an auditor and accountant faces in today's accounting environment. Using her vast array of over 20 years of experience as an accountant and an administrator, she illustrated the various steps an auditor would go through while on "the hunt" for financial discrepancies in an organization. She discussed the various challenges a CPA can face including how to deal with ethical conflicts and political pressures, especially when conducting audits of not-for-profit agencies and government entities. She also discussed the increase in demand for accounting students and the specializations available to those entering the profession, such as forensic accounting, especially in light of the recent accounting scandals making the headlines and the new legislation that has resulted from it. Clear is also an Adjunct Faculty Member.

FSDC announces '05-'06 Mini-Grant program

The Faculty/Staff Development Committee (FSDC) Mini-Grant program offers College employees the opportunity to apply for funding for professional development activities. The intent of the program is to supplement budgeted departmental funds so that the burden of individual contributions may be lightened, though not necessarily eliminated. It is expected that, when necessary, applicants will make appropriate financial contributions to their own professional development.

In order to serve fairly the most participants, the FSDC has established a ceiling of \$500 for one approved grant, \$400 for a second and an annual ceiling of \$900 for any one individual for the 2005-06 academic year. For an application, please see Assistant Dean Bill Lawrence in Elston Hall, Room 215.

REACHOUT is useful retention tool

Faculty, do you have a student who is missing enough classes to show academic concerns? Have you been unsuccessful in making contact with the student?

Then, use REACHOUT, the newest retention tool from the Division of Student Affairs.

To utilize REACHOUT:

1. Contact Student Affairs via the REACHOUT E-mail address:

a. REACHOUT's mailbox is located in GroupWise. Simply click on 'send mail' and type: 'mailbox, REACHOUT.'

b. Provide the needed information about the student (name, course

and section, academic concern) then click 'send.'

2. A member of the Student Affairs Division will follow up with the student and the appropriate information and/or referrals (i.e., faculty advisor, financial aid, counseling, etc.) will be provided for the student.

3. The student will be encouraged to contact his or her professor(s).

REACHOUT data will be collected during the academic year for assessment purposes. Outcomes will be analyzed to see if and how retention was enhanced via student contacts made with REACHOUT.

Library seeks faculty publications

Begley Library has developed a collection of articles and books written by SCCC faculty and staff. The Library would like to receive copies of older, as well as recent publications. The items are maintained in the Special Collections area of the Library for use on-site, but will not circulate.

Many colleges have organized collections of faculty and staff publications. While Begley has acquired some material published by SCCC authors in the past, the Library would like to create an ongoing, more comprehensive collection at this time. Copies of faculty and staff publications should be sent to Nancy Heller, Begley Building, Room 117.

Faculty and staff: Have you done something that you would like to share with your colleagues at SCCC?

Please submit information for the Faculty and Staff Development section of the **BINNEKILL** via E-mail to meaneyhl@gw.sunysccc.edu.



BLSA seeks members- (Left to right) Tiffany Wiggins, Latoya Wright and Riccia Goody share information about the BLSA with students. The Black and Latino Student Alliance is looking to build its membership base and needs help with an upcoming fashion show, fundraisers and other events. Meetings are held monthly in Elston Hall, Room 318, during College Hour (11:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m.). For a complete list of meeting dates, please stop by Elston Hall Room 222 or call 381-1279.

Do you want to make a difference in a child's life?

The Student Volunteer Organization and B.A.S.I.C. invite you to a *Learn the Value of Becoming a Mentor* presentation by The Northeast Parent and Child Society and the Capital District Youth For Christ. This discussion will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 4, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. in the Activity Forum, Elston Hall.

Important financial aid date to remember

Students who receive federal financial aid (grants or loans) who stop attending all of their classes in the first 60 percent of the semester will owe money back. For Fall 2005 that date is Thursday, Nov. 10. It is not the withdrawal date, but the date of last attendance that will be used to determine if money is owed. Students who have stopped attending may not avoid the problem by just withdrawing later after this date. If you have any questions about this, please visit the Financial Aid Office, Elston Hall, Room 221.

Spots on campus are wireless

SCCC offers wireless access on campus in the Begley Library, Activity Forum, Commons area and Student Lounge in Elston Hall and the lobby outside the Taylor Auditorium and library.

Read Your **BINNEKILL!** Copies are located in racks near the Security Desk-Elston Hall and outside the Library-Begley Building. The newsletter is also on the Web, www.sunysccc.edu-News, Events, Calendars and Employment.

Join the SAB, help decide on campus events

Did you know that there is a group of SCCC students making decisions for you about what events happen on this campus? While the Student Activity Board (SAB) has come up with some great ideas for this semester, why not make your voice heard for future events? The SAB promotes fun, entertaining, and interesting acts, performances, events and programs on campus and needs your help.

The next SAB Meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 4 at 11:30 a.m. in Elston Hall, Room 318. Learn about the "ghosthunter," *Halloween Movie Madness* and SCCC's *Last Comic Standing Comedy Showcase* and more. Ideas are always welcome and appreciated. The group will also be taking nominations and voting students into officer positions.



Students place second for productivity- (Far left) Sean O'Sullivan, Vector Marketing Marketing District Manager, presents Bob Frederick, SCCC Coordinator of Career and Employment Services (far right), with a donation of \$1,000 for office programming or resources. They are joined by Patrick Connelly '05, and former student Kelsey DiCarlo.

Connelly and DiCarlo earned Second Place for productivity among college students from throughout a region designated by Vector and as a result Vector made the donation to the SCCC office. Students from SCCC were more productive than students from colleges including Ohio State University, Indiana University, Western Michigan, RIT, and the University at Albany.

Vector holds these competitions during various four-month time periods. Cutco/Vector Marketing is an international direct sales company that markets Cutco Cutlery, a high quality line of kitchen and household products, outdoor sporting goods and gardening accessories.

Campus Security escorts are available

SCCC's Security personnel are available to escort members of the College community to their vehicles at any time. If you would like a Security Guard to escort you to your vehicle, please contact Security, located on the ground floor of Elston Hall, near the main entrance, or call 381-1308 or 381-1309, or beeper number 887-0594.

Have an **IDEA** for a **BINNEKILL** story or want to write a story?
See the editor in the Stockade Building, Room 108, or submit information via E-mail to meaneyhl@gw.sunysccc.edu.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, October 3, 2005

Rosh Hashanah begins at Sundown

Alcohol and Drug Awareness Week Begins

Crime and Its Impact on Victims, presented by Gary Geiger, 11 a.m., Taylor Auditorium. (See article on Front Page.)

Tuesday, October 4, 2005

Rosh Hashanah

Alcohol and Drug Awareness Week

Brown Bag Lunch Discussion: *The Value of Becoming a Mentor*, sponsored by the Student Volunteer Organization and Student Activities, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Activity Forum, Elston Hall

Test Taking Strategies, 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Elston Hall, Room 130

Wednesday, October 5, 2005

Alcohol and Drug Awareness Week

Thursday, October 6, 2005

Alcohol and Drug Awareness Week

Student Activities presents a Budget Training Workshop for all club advisors and officers, 11:30-12:30 p.m., Activity Forum, Elston Hall

Phi Theta Kappa Meeting, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., The Terrace, Elston Hall

Friday, October 7, 2005

Alcohol and Drug Awareness Week

Saturday, October 8, 2005

Capital Region Double Reed Day, workshops and master classes for double reed players and enthusiasts, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Begley Building. Call (518) 381-1231 to register.

Monday, October 10, 2005

Columbus Day (Observed)

Board of Trustees Committee Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Library Conference Room

Tuesday, October 11, 2005

The Empire Jazz Orchestra, 8 p.m., Taylor Auditorium. Tickets: \$15-general admission; \$6-students. Call (518) 381-1321 for tickets. (See article on Front Page.)

Wednesday, October 12, 2005

Yom Kippur begins at Sundown

Breast Cancer Awareness Program sponsored by the Student Volunteer Organization, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Activity Forum

Thursday, October 13, 2005

Yom Kippur

EOP Workshop-Get Connected-E-Mail for Beginners, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (For location and more information please contact Jessica Pelton, Elston Hall, Room 222.)

Saturday, October 15, 2005

The American Heart Association's Annual Heart Walk, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Colonie Center in Albany. Walk for the cause with the SCCC HEART WALK TEAM. For more information, see Martha Asselin, Student Services, Elston Hall, Room 222.

Monday, October 17, 2005 *Boss Day*

The Career and Employment Services Office presents Today's Workforce. (Contact Robert Frederick, Student Development, Elston Hall, Room 223, for more information.)

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Library Conference Room

Financial Aid Disbursement (Grants and Student Loans)

Advisory Committee Mixer, 5 p.m., Van Curler Room, Elston Hall

What is "student diversity?"

by Thomas Dotson
Coordinator of Disabled Student Services

"Student diversity." How many times have you heard these words since your arrival at SCCC? I am sure that all of you have heard them at least a few times. What vision comes to your mind first when you hear the words "student diversity?" Most of you probably picture individuals from different ethnic backgrounds, of different ages, religions, or perhaps, even the difference between the high school that each of you attended. Differences among individuals are what make our campus diverse.

Student diversity also includes individuals who have disabilities. Disabilities include students who are mobility impaired, visually impaired, learning disabled, hearing impaired, blind, deaf, or in recovery from a psychiatric disability. The list of disabilities continues as it is defined by the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) that was signed into law by President George Bush in 1990. Because of the ADA, institutions which receive federal funding must be accessible to students with disabilities. Students who have a disability must meet the same academic requirements as all other students before being admitted to college. Therefore, more and more of these students are being admitted to college. Students who have a disability expect to be treated as an individual exactly in the same manner that we all do. They simply require some accommodations to neutralize their disability (e.g., automatic doors, ramps to buildings, guide dogs, academic accommodations and other reasonable arrangements). I hope this article has increased your awareness about individuals with disabilities. Welcome to SCCC, a place with great diversity.

Trustees approve President's goals/objectives

The SCCC Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 19, 2005, at 4:30 p.m. in the Library Conference Room. The Board passed the following resolutions:

- Approval of the 2005-2006 Goals and Objectives of the College President which are focused on nine priority initiatives of the College Plan: resource development, technology utilization, recruitment and retention, Outcomes Assessment, faculty and staff, teaching/learning environment, facilities utilization, community partnerships/workforce development and communications.
- Grant-supported appointment of **Winell J. Jones** as Case Manager for the BRIDGE Program from Sept. 19, 2005, through Dec. 31, 2005, as a result of the resignation of Wendy Blake.

Something to think about...

"And so my fellow Americans: Ask not what your country can do for you--ask what you can do for your country."

--President John F. Kennedy (1917-1963)
Inaugural Address, Jan. 20, 1961



A stop on his crusade-(Left to right) Retired Michigan Police Detective Howard Wooldridge, Criminal Justice Majors Heidi Harbers, Lisa Masterson and Melissa Klimek stand with Professor Robert Hoff and Wooldridge's horse he is riding across the

country. Wooldridge made SCCC a stop on his trek across the country to bring attention to what he describes as America's failed War on Drugs. He spoke to Criminal Justice classes on campus, as well as faculty and staff. He is a member of LEAP which was formed by police officers, judges and others in the criminal justice system who believe that America should end drug prohibition.

BINNEKILL Publication Schedule

Fall 2005

Deadline (9 a.m.)	Publication Date
Wednesday, October 5	Monday, October 17
Wednesday, October 19	Monday, October 31
Wednesday, November 2	Monday, November 14
Wednesday, November 16	Monday, December 5
Wednesday, December 7	Monday, December 19

Please E-mail submissions to the BINNEKILL address at binnekil@gw.sunysccc.edu.

Media Mix

Media Mix is a column in the BINNEKILL listing recent appearances by SCCC faculty and staff on local television or radio programs, as well as articles about the College in local print media. Anyone interested in viewing the programs or obtaining a copy of the articles may contact Public Relations at 381-1250.

MM The Sept. 22, 2005, issue of the *Times Union* had a brief about SCCC's Student Government Association elections.

MM The Sept. 26, 2005, issue of *The Daily Gazette* mentioned that SCCC Music students participated in an Oct. 1, 2005, benefit for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

MM The Sept. 28, 2005, issue of the *Times Union* included an article about the non-credit high school cooking and baking class for young chefs being taught by Adjunct Faculty Member Gail Sokol in October and November.

MM There was a photo and outline about Retired Michigan Police Detective Howard Wooldridge's visit to SCCC in the Sept. 28, 2005, issue of the *Times Union*. A story about his visit to SCCC appeared on FOX 23 News at 5 p.m. on Sept. 27.

Campus Resources

Academic Advisement

Elston 223/ext. 1277

Monday-Thursday 9 am-8 pm
Friday 9 am-2 pm

Academic Computing Lab

Elston Hall, 530/ext. 1213

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-10 pm
Friday 8:30 am-4 pm
Saturday 9 am-3:30 pm

Accounting Tutor Lab

Elston 427

Monday 12-4 pm
5:30-7:30 pm
Tuesday 11:30 am-1:30 pm
Wednesday 12:30-3:30 pm
Thursday 11:30 am-2:30 pm
Friday 11:30 am-1:30 pm
Saturday 9 am-1 pm

Begley Library/ext. 1239

Monday-Thursday 8-9:30 pm
Friday 8-4:30 pm
Saturday 10 am-2 pm
Closed on Sundays

Career and Employment Services

Elston 223/ext. 1365

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
(Evening hours available upon request.)

Career Counseling

Elston 223/ext. 1365

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
(Evenings by appointment.)

EASE online resources

www.sunysccc.edu/ces

The College Store

Elston 109/ext. 1332

Monday, Tuesday 8 am-6 pm
Wednesday, Thursday 8 am-4 pm
Friday 8 am-2 pm

The Commons Elston/ext. 1330

Monday-Thursday 7:30 am-8 pm
Grill 8 am-6 pm
Friday 7:30 am-2 pm
Grill 8 am-1:30 pm

Computer Tutor Lab

Elston 427

See Dan McCrea, Elston Hall,
Room 328-C for hours.

Disabled Student Services

Elston 222/ext. 1345

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Gateway Montessori

Gateway 124/ext. 1455/1295

Monday-Friday 9 am-11:30 am
(Call for program information.)

HTML and Visual Basic Tutoring Lab Elston 427

See Dan McCrea, Elston Hall,
Room 328-C for hours.

Instructional Technology Center Begley, ext. 1243

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-9 pm
Friday 8:30 am-4 pm

JAVA Lab/Elston 427

See Dan McCrea, Elston Hall,
Room 328-C for hours.

Language Lab

Elston 520/ext. 1373

Monday 8:30-11:30 am
12-2 pm, 5-7:30 pm
Tuesday 8:30-11:30 am
12-2 pm, 5-7 pm
Wednesday 9:30 am-12:30 pm
5-7:30 pm
Thursday 8:30-11:30 am
12-2 pm, 5-7:30 pm
Friday 8:30-11 am
Saturday 10 am-1 pm

Learning Center/Writing Lab

Elston 523/ext. 1246

Monday 9 am-8:30 pm
Tuesday 9 am-6 pm
Wednesday 9 am-6 pm
Thursday 9 am-8:30 pm
Friday 9 am-4 pm
Saturday 10 am-2 pm

Math Lab Elston 518/ext. 1435

Mon., Wed., Thurs. 9 am-3 pm
5-8 pm
Tuesday 9 am-3 pm
Friday 9 am-2 pm
Saturday 10 am-2 pm

Multicultural/Educational Opportunity Programs

Elston 222/ext. 1279

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Personal Counseling

Elston 223/ext. 1365

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
(Evenings by appointment.)

Transfer Counseling

Elston 223/ext. 1365

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
(Evenings by appointment.)

TRIO Student Support Services Elston 328/ext. 1465

Monday 8:30 am-6 pm
Tuesday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Tutor Services

Elston 328-C/ext. 1461

Monday-Friday 8 am-4 pm

YWCA Children's Center

Gateway Bldg./ext. 1375 or 1389

Monday-Friday 7:30 am-5:30 pm
(Evening hours available depending on enrollment.)