A groundbreaking ceremony was held in November to mark the beginning of a construction project that will provide classroom and technical space for new programs as well as aesthetic enhancements to the Woolworth Building.

Erected in 1915 and renovated in 1947, the Woolworth Building currently houses three technical programs. The addition of a 4,000 square foot “flex space” area to the building will accommodate different kinds of new technical programs, allowing for growth as opportunities arise. In addition to the new space, the building will be refurbished with larger windows, a new roof, new canopies over the entrances, new walkways and lighting, as well as a ramp and doors to allow for handicapped accessibility. Total cost of the project is just over a million dollars.

The project marks the first phase of a number of improvements to the campus that were recommended in a campus master plan that was completed several months ago.

“Many of our buildings are in need of capital improvements and we also want to provide for the future growth of the College, both in terms of new programs and increased enrollment,” said Dr. Ann L. Pipinski, President & CEO.

Joseph S. Durkin, board member and General Chair of this year’s Annual Fund Campaign, reports that the Campaign is well on its way to reaching its goal of $100,000 in donations. “Our Division Chairs and all our volunteers are putting a great deal of energy and enthusiasm into reaching out to the community to ask for support of the Campaign,” commented Mr. Durkin. In addition to past donors renewing their support, many first-time donors are coming forward to assist the College. Donations to the Annual Fund Campaign help keep tuition increases reasonable, support student services, and enhance and expand educational programs.
Board Member - Chairman John P. Sweeney, Sr.

Jack Sweeney joined the Johnson College Board of Directors in 1997 and hasn’t stopped working for the betterment of the College since then. Jack became Chairman of the Board in April of 2005.

A native of Scranton, Jack graduated from the University of Scranton in 1961 with a degree in Business. He began his career with Deloitte Touche in New York City and his resume includes positions with Harper Collins, the Boise Cascade Corporation, and CNA Financial Corporation prior to founding his own business, the Specialty Group, Inc., in 1969. His extensive service to the community includes organizations such as Scranton Preparatory School, the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Lackawanna County, and the Boys and Girls Club.

Jack is married to the former Jean M. Blackledge; they are the parents of two children, JP and Jean McHale, and the proud grandparents of seven grandchildren.

Asked what he sees as the greatest challenge facing him in his role as Chairman of the Board, Jack responded, “This is an exciting and challenging time for us. Johnson College is preparing to meet the increasing demand for a technically-educated workforce by partnering with regional employers and other institutions of higher education. The economy of Northeastern Pennsylvania is being revitalized and we intend to be part of the expansion.”

Johnson College is pleased to participate in the Rediscover Scranton initiative of the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce. The program is intended to connect people who have moved from the area with the reality of today’s Scranton. Many thanks to Rob Schobel for the article below. – Ed.

Johnson Alumnus - William M. Flynn, A.I.A.

A 1974 graduate of Johnson College, Bill Flynn is now a principal at Highland Associates, Ltd., an architectural/engineering/design firm with offices in Clarks Summit and New York City. Bill is a registered architect in Pennsylvania and New York as well as a member of the American Institute of Architecture and the Association of Facilities Engineers.

Looking back on his career, Flynn believes that choosing Johnson College was the right decision. He said, “Johnson provided rigorous academic coursework, valuable field work and hands-on technology training. The teachers were accessible, supportive and inspiring, and the training I received prepared me very well for the demands of a professional career.”

Bill began his career in Florida but decided to move back to the Scranton area. “The most important motivation was for our children,” he said. “I wanted them to have similar childhood memories to the ones I had growing up here. We have been able to raise our children in a safe, closely knit community.” The parents of three children, Bill and his wife Janet live in Clarks Summit.

Flynn and others who have returned to Scranton to build their future have done so for a variety of reasons, starting with the low cost of owning a home and starting a business. “Scranton still has a small-town feel, but is approaching a big city in terms of sports venues, restaurants and entertainment,” he said. “Our region also offers quality medical facilities and proximity to top-rated universities. It’s a place I love to call home.”

For more information about Rediscover Scranton, visit www.rediscoverscranton.com.
PROGRAMS RECEIVE PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Two Johnson programs were recently cited by professional organizations in recognition of their achievement of meeting the standards of the organizations. Under the direction of Department Chairperson John F. DeAngelis, the Architectural Drafting & Design Technology program received its first curriculum certification at the Drafter level by the American Design Drafting Association International (ADDA).

The Radiologic Technology program was re-accredited by the Joint Review Committee for Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) (20 North Wacker Drive, Suite 2850, Chicago, IL 60606) for a five-year period under the guidance of Department Chairperson Jane M. Maas, R.T.(R). The program began in the fall of 2003 and received its initial two-year accreditation in 2005.

Programmatic accreditations and certifications offer institutions significant value by providing peer evaluation and assuring the public of quality professional education in the technical area.

EMPLOYEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Dominick A. Carachilo**, Vice President of Academic Affairs, is serving as a team leader for the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology, visiting institutions similar to Johnson College that are applying for initial or on-going accreditation by the Commission.
- **Richard P. Fornes**, Electrical Division Chairperson and Electronic Technology Chairperson, and **Douglas D. Hampton**, Biomedical Equipment Technology Chairperson, have been selected as judges for the SkillsUSA competition in January.
- **Craig G. Fries**, M.S., Counselor & Professional Tutor, was appointed president of the Intercollegiate Counselors Consortium, a professional organization of college and university counselors in Northeastern Pennsylvania.
- **George J. Hallesky**, Ed.D., Director of Student Support Services and Chairperson of the English and Reading & Study Skills Department, was elected president of the Act 101 Directors Association of Pennsylvania.
- **Melissa A. Ide**, Director of Enrollment Management, was elected to the Board of Directors of Leadership Lackawanna for a three-year term. Melissa was also recognized by the **Northeastern Pennsylvania Business Journal** as one of the Top 20 Under 40.
- **Katie Leonard** was named Assistant to the President for Development.
- **Mary Lou Miller** was named Director of Marketing & College Relations.
- **Dr. Ann Pipinski** was invited to serve an unexpired commissioner’s term for the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology. Dr. Ann completed a four-year term as a commissioner two years ago.
- **Carol Y. Snyder** was named Director of Alumni Relations & Annual Fund.

The Engineering Building was demolished as part of the College’s master plan implementation.
The Johnson College Jaguars basketball team; kneeling in front, Brian Raniella and Rob Terwilliger. Standing, left to right are Jonathan Misiura, Chris Garges, Rich Aston, Coach Mike Latrella, Ethan Harner, and Barnabee Lekama.

A new flagpole and flag were installed near Richmond Hall over the summer.

The President’s Spirit of Giving Society was inaugurated with a donor appreciation reception at the Glenmaura Country Club. Jolynn Lawler, a Vet Tech graduate in the Class of 2007, conveyed the appreciation of students for the support of contributors when she spoke with donors about how her Johnson education prepared her for the workplace.

Cheryl and Division Chair Andy Zwanch, left, share a laugh with board member Joe Durkin, Atty. John Milliron, President’s Circle member Deborah Milliron, and Eileen Reilly.

Dr. Ann greets guests Lorraine and Atty. Mark Perry at the reception.
GRANT AWARDS ANNOUNCED

• Johnson College was awarded a $50,000 grant from the Robert Y. Moffat Family Charitable Trust as matching funds for last year’s PA Labor & Industry grant to purchase technical educational equipment. A total of $254,320 worth of equipment has been purchased, with 70% of the cost covered by grants.
• The Wachovia Foundation renewed its grant award in the amount of $10,000 to fund scholarships for underrepresented students.
• Johnson College was selected to receive a Recycling Bin Grant from the National Recycling Coalition (NRC). The Bin Grant program is sponsored by The Coca-Cola Company. The proposal was one of just 76 selected from more than 1,350 applications. The College will launch a re-cycling program upon receipt of eight re-cycling bins, involving students and faculty along with staff and administrative employees.

CUSTOMIZED TRAINING PROGRAMS INTRODUCED

Select employees at Cinram Manufacturing, LLC will have an opportunity to enhance their job skills by attending a new customized job training program through Johnson’s Continuing Education Department. Thirty employees selected by Cinram will train for electro-mechanical technician positions at the Olyphant plant of the former WEA Manufacturing facility. The program will take place over the course of a year and a half on the Johnson College campus. Curriculum for the program ranges from Basic Math to a course in Programmable Logic Controllers and was developed jointly by Cinram and Johnson.

Other new Continuing Ed programs include an Industrial Maintenance Mechanic Program for Fairchild Semiconductor, an Industrial Maintenance Mechanic Program for InterMetro Industries Corp. and OSHA Safety Training for BMC Desks, Etc.

Local businesses that are interested in a customized training or testing program for their employees should contact Marie C. Allison, Senior Coordinator of Continuing Education at (570)702-8924 or mallison@johnson.edu.

INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

Johnson’s Continuing Education Department will host an information session on campus for Johnson alumni who would like to learn of opportunities to join the College faculty as adjunct instructors.

The information session will be held on April 15 at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria in the Moffat Building. It is open to all alumni who graduated with an associate’s degree prior to 2004. Interested individuals may register for a training program that will prepare a field expert to be an effective instructor. Training classes will consist of three-hour sessions twice a week in the evening for four weeks. After successfully completing the 24-hour course, applicants will present a videotaped mock teaching lesson for evaluation by a review panel of faculty and staff. Successful candidates will be included in a roster of qualified adjuncts and will be contacted as position openings occur; completion of the course does not guarantee employment. Registration deadline is May 2.

According to Marie C. Allison, Senior Coordinator of Continuing Education, the College would like to develop a pool of adjunct instructors for credit, non-credit and industry training classes. More information may be obtained by contacting Ms. Allison at (570)702-8924, mallison@johnson.edu, or Carol Y. Snyder, Director of Alumni Relations & Annual Fund at (570)702-8919, csnyder@johnson.edu.

It’s Tee Time!

Save the date for the 16th Annual Johnson College Open

Friday, May 16, 2008
Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club
Thomas A. Browning, Honorary Co-chair
John P. Kearney, Honorary Co-chair

Mark your calendar - Summer Youth Workshops will be held June 23-27, 2008. Watch for more information in the April edition of The Johnsonian.
ALUMNI DIVISION OF CAMPAIGN TO BEGIN

Teri Talarsky, '04, and Joe Yusinski, '93, have agreed to co-chair the Alumni Division of the 2007/08 Annual Fund Campaign and, according to Katie Leonard, Assistant to the President for Development, the College couldn’t have two more enthusiastic people.

Teri, a 2004 graduate of the Biomedical Equipment Technology program, is currently employed as an electronics worker at Tobyhanna Army Depot. Joe completed two Johnson programs, Building Construction Trade Technology in 1993 and Architectural Drafting & Design Technology in 1994. He is currently a project superintendent/estimator at L.R. Costanzo Co., Inc. Together, they make a dynamic team for bringing in alumni donations.

Solicitation letters will be mailed to JC alumni at the end of January and the annual alumni phonathon will be conducted during the last two weeks of February. Teri and Joe would like to encourage all alumni to contribute to the Annual Fund Campaign which supports many of the exciting projects taking place on campus.

Alumni who would like to volunteer as callers at the phonathon may contact either Carol Snyder, Director of Alumni Relations & Annual Fund, at (570)702-8919, csnyder@johnson.edu, or Katie Leonard at (570)702-8925, kleonard@johnson.edu.

ALUMS IN THE COMMUNITY

It seems as if we run into more and more Johnson alums lately – the demolition of the Engineering Building (see Page 3) was done by Joe Shea of Shea Industries, a 1985 grad of the Biomedical Equipment Technology program.

Scott Allen, a 1991 Architectural Drafting & Design Technology grad, showed up to inspect the new automatic doors for handicapped accessibility that were installed with funding from the City of Scranton’s Community Development Block Grant. Scott is a principal with SDA Architects.

Robert Ruane, a 1949 Carpentry graduate and first president of the JC Alumni Association, attended the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Woolworth Enhancements as a representative of the North Scranton Neighborhood Association.

In addition to the alums in the photo to the left, Jason Looney, a 2006 graduate of the Architectural Drafting & Design Technology program, has worked on the Woolworth project as a Field Inspector with Geo-Science Engineering Co., Inc. and Gregory J. Mirabelli, a 2002 grad of the Welding & Metal Fabrication Technology program, did welding work as part of his position with Rise Construction.

The mission of Johnson College is to provide a foundation of education and skills necessary for specialized employment, career advancement and life-long learning.
Second-year Carpentry student William J. Hurt, pictured here with Vice President of Academic Affairs Dominick A. Carachilo, was the Student Representative Speaker at the Scholarship Recognition Luncheon held in October. William is President of the Student Government Association and

TOBYHANNA WELCOMES SCEP GRADS

Thirteen members of the Class of 2007 completed requirements of the Student Career Experience Program (SCEP) at Tobyhanna Army Depot and have accepted full-time employment positions at the Depot. The graduates include Brian Conserette, Joseph DiDino, and Michael Ray (Biomedical Equipment Technology); Kevin Batalin (Carpentry & Cabinetmaking Technology); John Flaherty (Diesel Truck Technology); Christopher Hahn, Kyle Nepa, and George Visco (Electrical Construction & Maintenance Technology); Mark Coviello, Shaun McHugh, Mark Novack and Paul Pavlosky (Electronic Technology); and Michael Wolfe (Precision Machining Technology).

FALL 2007 ON-CAMPUS CAREER FAIR

A Career Fair was held on campus for JC students in November providing opportunities for full-time employment after graduation, internships, or part-time employment. Approximately 20 companies attended. Several of the companies were represented by Johnson alumni, including Christine Skoranski, a 2002 Vet Tech grad with Dr. PAWS; Scott Lindemuth, a 1988 Drafting grad with Greenman Pederson; Greg Swigert, a 1985 Biomed grad with St. Luke’s Hospital; and Danielle Bonevich, a 2006 Vet Tech grad and Lauren Chesek, a 2005 Vet Tech grad, both with Wright Veterinary Center.

SPORTS AT JC

The Johnson College Jaguars have done us proud this past year. The basketball team is having an impressive season that includes wins over Penn State/Wilkes-Barre and Christendom College. High scorers throughout the season are Jonathon Misiura, Rich Aston and Chris Garges. Congratulations to Coach Michael Latrella for a great team.

The Cross Country team placed very well in the Eastern PA Collegiate Conference Championships and the PA Collegiate Athletic Association meet in the fall. JC was well represented in the Women’s Division by Bridgette Teed (Vet Tech) and Michelle Deighton (Diesel) and in the Men’s Division by Rami Ayad (Electrical Construction & Maintenance) and Dusan Ondris (Automotive). The hard work of Coach Dave Coassolo, Director of Athletics & Student Activities, paid off.

Be sure to see all of Johnson College career opportunities at www.johnson.edu
Prospective students, families and friends, please join us
SATURDAY    MARCH 1, 2008
8:45 a.m. to Noon

Register for the Open House by calling (570)702-8900 or on-line at www.johnson.edu.

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Tuesday, February 19, 2008
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Come check out our
Financial Aid Workshops!