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MY FATHER WAS AN AMBULANCE DRIVER IN WORLD WAR II, transporting the wounded from the battlefields of Europe to mobile Army hospitals. One day he confided to the chaplain that he felt less than heroic because he wasn’t shooting a gun against the enemy. The chaplain told him, “It takes a lot more guts to pick a man up than it does to shoot him down.”

The worst of it was, it wasn’t only soldiers Dad had to pick up. In Belgium, he brought in a 9-year-old girl with shrapnel wounds to her belly. Little Micheline had a fight ahead of her, but with the care of the Army medics and plenty of attention — and chocolate bars — from GIs like my father, she survived, as her First Communion picture in our family album attests. Her courage made such an impression on my father, he named his only daughter after her. (My mother protested that it sounded too much like a certain tire company, and so I got a shorter version.)

Until the grisly visions that filled our television screens Sept. 11, I never could adequately picture the horrors my father must have faced, and the bravery that required. I had no idea of the terror Micheline and her family endured. And, I couldn’t truly understand the wisdom of that chaplain.

But it struck me, as I was editing the stories of the “New American Heroes” in this issue of Oswego, that they all bear a certain resemblance to my father’s tales of World War II. They are all about courage, generosity and ultimately, the triumph of the human spirit.

And it reminded me that this is how we humans survive adversity and celebrate our good times, in the sharing of stories. Whether we hearken back to childhood tales our parents told us, or to remembered good times at our alma mater, we find strength, joy and peace in the telling.

That’s our goal in bringing you this magazine.

Welcome to the new Oswego alumni magazine. Over the years, this publication has come in many shapes and sizes, from the Alumni Bulletin of half a century ago to the magazine format of the past decade. But it’s always been devoted to keeping Oswego alumni up to date on happenings on campus, within the Alumni Association, and with their fellow alumni around the country and the world.

The current redesign came as a result of a change in printers and a desire to save money to meet the alumni board’s goal to bring you more frequent issues of the magazine in the future. We aimed for a smaller, easier-to-handle size and a clean, readable design. Colleen Kiefer of Kiefer Creative designed the new look.

We hope you like it! Let us know by writing to alumni@oswego.edu or King Alumni Hall, SUNY Oswego, Oswego, NY 13126.
Enrollment grows . . . and so does talent

Oswego’s student body is getting better even as it is getting bigger, preliminary fall enrollment figures show.

“This is the largest freshman class in a decade and one of the most academically talented,” said Dr. Joseph Grant, vice president for student affairs and enrollment management.

There has been an 86 percent increase in incoming freshmen with high school averages over 90 percent and a 27 percent decrease in freshmen with averages under 84 percent in the past three years, according to Admissions Office figures.

“Nearly a third of the general freshmen now come in with high school averages of 90 percent or greater,” Grant said.

At the same time, he said, headcount enrollment has increased for the fourth consecutive year — from 7,718 to 8,414.

Oswego is attracting more students who are better prepared to excel academically once they get here in part because of the college’s reputation for academic excellence.

“This year U.S. News and World Report’s survey ranked the best 170 comprehensive universities in the north,” Grant said. “Only six public colleges, including only one SUNY college, had overall ratings higher than Oswego. One thing this means is that people at other colleges have heard of us. They’ve heard of our programs. They’ve heard of our faculty. They’ve heard of our alumni. And what they’ve heard is very positive.”

Oswego’s Presidential Scholarships also help the college enroll students with strong academic records. The $1 million scholarship program supported by Auxiliary Services and proceeds from the annual Oswego State Fall Classic provides merit scholarships to students who show academic promise. Oswego this year has 177 new Presidential Scholars, who have a mean high school grade average of 93 and mean SAT score of 1230.

“The program has helped us to increase the quality of the student body and the quality of the undergraduate experience,” Grant said.

The positive admissions picture has helped meet particular admissions goals. For instance, the number of newly recruited students of color is up about 5 percent over last instance, the number of newly recruited students who show academic promise. Oswego Classic provides merit scholarships to students who have a mean high school grade average of 93 and mean SAT score of 1230.

The other new major, in global and international studies, emphasizes global economic and political issues and readiness for professions with growing international dimensions. It allows students to concentrate in one of four areas: global politics and governance, political economy or culture, or area studies.

Both programs focus on international experience. The language and international trade degree requires an internship with a foreign or domestic firm engaged in international trade. The global and international studies program requires either an internationally oriented internship or a capstone course.

New majors have international focus

Oswego’s international focus led to two new degree programs this fall. The new language and international trade program, unique in New York state, is designed to prepare students for careers in multinational firms. The U.S. Department of Education awarded Oswego a grant in 1997 to spur the program’s development.

2000 Student Opinion Survey

Where Oswego Ranks Among SUNY University Colleges

Among 13 SUNY University Colleges, Oswego ranks...

#1 in 17 areas including

- Availability of internships
- Quality of internships
- Availability of opportunities for study abroad*
- Opportunities for community service
- Student voice in college policies
- "1 of 28 state-operated campuses, including university centers, technology and specialized colleges

#2 in 23 areas including

- Intellectual growth (acquiring information, ideas, concepts and analytical thinking)
- Preparation for further academic study
- Preparation for career
- Preparation for lifelong learning (continued intellectual and personal growth after college)
- Concern for students as individuals
- Student government
- Developing strong friendships with other students
- Atmosphere of ethnic, political and religious understanding
- Availability of internships
- Quality of internships
- Availability of opportunities for study abroad*
- Opportunities for community service

Haven maven honored

At the SUNY Oswego commencement in May 2001, Ruth Gruber was honored with an honorary doctorate of humane letters. Gruber shepherded 982 refugees from Europe during World War II to a haven at Fort Ontario in Oswego, the only wartime refugee camp in the United States. Her book Haven chronicles the refugees’ journey to America and was the basis for last winter's CBS mini-series. Gruber, center, is shown flanked by President Deborah F. Stanley, left, and Kerry Casey Dorsey ’79, chair of the College Council, right.
NCATE: Thumbs up

WITH ROOTS STRETCHING BACK
to its founding 140 years ago as a
teacher training school, SUNY Oswego
has received national accreditation for its
School of Education through the National
Council for the Accreditation of Teacher
Education.

In 1861, Edward Austin Sheldon
founded the Oswego Normal School,
which is believed to be the first urban
teacher training program in the United
States.

"Sheldon was known for his innova-
tive teaching methods, and innovation in
teaching remains an important part of
the program," SUNY Oswego President
Deborah F. Stanley said.

"Candidates in Oswego’s current edu-
cation programs are encouraged by the
many accomplishments of alumni from
the School of Education," said Dr. Linda
Rae Markert ’76, dean of the School of
Education.

“Our numerous graduates have
exelled in educational institutions and
various other fields,” Markert said.

Oswego’s School of Education offers
nine undergraduate majors, 11 master’s
degree programs and initiatives like the
collaborative Professional Development
School partnerships.

NCATE is a voluntary national accred-
iting association for schools, colleges and
departments of education that prepare
teachers and other school specialists.

SUNY Oswego becomes the sixth school
in New York state to earn this accredita-
tion, joining SUNY Buffalo, SUNY
Oswego, Fordham University, Hofstra
University and Niagara University.

Frogs and snakes
and savings — oh my!

When students arrived on campus this fall,
they were greeted by frogs and snakes —
not the creepy crawly kind, but cartoon characters
reminding them to conserve energy.

The creatures are part of a promotional campaign
developed by the Energy Conservation Working Group
and the campus Publications Office.

During the last fiscal year, SUNY Oswego saw ener-
gy costs increase nearly 20 percent. The Energy Con-
servation Working Group aims to promote
conservation across campus in a “grass roots effort,”
according to John Moore, director of facilities operations.

The group’s goal is to reduce energy use by 10 percent through individual conservation ef-
forts. At current energy costs, that would save about $300,000 per year. The dollar amount will go
up along with energy prices.

One way to achieve those savings may be as easy as replacing a light bulb. In a pilot project at
Waterbury Hall, incandescent bulbs in student lamps were replaced with fluorescent ones. That is
projected to save two-thirds of the energy typically used, or $2,900. If those projections prove true,
light bulbs will be replaced in all the residence halls.

Another way to save will be a contest to reward the residence hall using the least amount of
energy per student.

The campus is also pursuing capital improvements that will save energy, exploring co-genera-
tion and buying Energy Star label equipment and appliances, among other efforts.
WRVO Stations earn national news award

The WRVO Stations recently earned a national journalism award for documenting a controversy involving issues of church and state.

The National Public Radio affiliate, headquartered on the SUNY Oswego campus, picked up a first-place honor at the Public Radio News Directors International (PRNDI) Awards in the Interview/Call-In Program category for “Talk of the Region: Religious Bricks.” The show looked at the controversy raised when the Mexico School District decided to remove bricks with messages of a religious nature that had been sold and installed as part of a fund-raiser.

Guests included a representative of the American Civil Liberties Union, arguing in favor of the separation of church and state, and a member of the Rutherford Institute, a group addressing issues of concern for conservatives that represented area religious leaders who wanted the bricks to stay.

A few months ago, WRVO earned six awards, including two first-place prizes, at the 2000 New York State Associated Press Broadcasters Banquet.

Residences get a facelift

Alumni visiting their old dorms may not recognize them. Residence halls around campus were spruced up to the tune of $630,000 over the summer, and residents are reaping benefits ranging from cleaner air to stronger showers.

Showerheads in every residence hall were replaced, and 400 resident rooms around campus were repainted, not counting every room in Cayuga Hall.

Cayuga saw the most work. “The returning students love it. It’s a 1,000 percent improvement,” said Tony Henderson, Cayuga Hall director. “It really needed a facelift.”

Beginning the day after students moved out last spring, workers ripped out the old carpet and installed all new carpet throughout the building, painted every wall and ceiling, cleaned the ventilation system, installed directional signage and replaced all the exit signs, put in new ceilings and lights in a number of areas, refurbished the courtyards, replaced the concrete in the front entrance vestibule, upgraded all the plumbing and replaced all the drinking fountains. Carpeting was also replaced in Onondaga, Funnelle and parts of Seneca.

Campus residence halls were a little overbooked this fall because of strong enrollment while one residence hall is closed for complete renovation. Johnson Hall is undergoing a multimillion-dollar rehaul of the building.

THE LATE RICHARD J. BENJAMIN, former teacher at the Campus School and director of experience-based education at the college, is known in his hometown of Oswego as Mr. Soccer, Mr. B., the Father of Oswego Soccer. This spring the City of Oswego recognized him by naming a street in his honor: Richard Benjamin Boulevard. The Oswego Youth Soccer Association, which Benjamin and his wife, Pat, founded in the 1970s, is planning a soccer complex to be named in his memory. At the dedication of Richard Benjamin Boulevard honoring their father were, from left, Mike, Tom M ’98 and Scott ’90 Benjamin, with their mom, Pat.
Alumna volunteer recognized

Marion Green ’99 does her volunteer work without any hope of a reward but she got one anyway — the first Bernie G. Henderson Community Service Award.

Green and fellow SUNY Oswego employee Kevin Dice won recognition for their outstanding work in the community. The award is named for SUNY Oswego’s former vice president for finance and budget, known for his longstanding service with community organizations.

Green, who majored in English writing arts and minored in history, is a library clerk at Penfield Library and has worked for the college since 1964.

She served six years on the board of directors of Literacy Volunteers, three of those as president. In addition to tutoring new readers, she taught English as a second language, going to migrant labor camps for two summers.

Green has chaired the United Way fund drive in Penfield Library for over 10 years and this year is co-chair of the campus campaign. A Eucharistic minister at St. Mary’s Church in Oswego, she is a member of the Formation for Ministry Program, which will prepare her for pastoral care to sick and shut-ins.

She is probably best known on campus for her work with the Campus Toy Drive since its inception 14 years ago. She has chaired the drive the last two years and enjoys “hug testing” the bears.

“You get more out of it when you give — it makes people happy,” says Green of volunteering. She adds, “You can do small things and they help a great deal.” She went to the store to pick out a toy to donate and asked a clerk for help. The woman revealed that her family was touched by the drive the year before when her husband was out of work. Her son got a dumptruck and took it to school for show and tell. “It makes you proud to be a part of it,” Green says.

Grants through SUNY Oswego bolster local industry

The Workforce Development Board of Oswego County, administered by SUNY Oswego’s Center for Business and Community Programs, has received more than a half-million dollars in grants to support two businesses vital to the region’s economy.

A $283,027 grant will provide training to 350 Alcan Aluminum workers in Oswego in a variety of new work systems.

A grant of $252,175 will train 300 employees of Agrilink Foods in Fulton — including 80 new hires — in a number of manufacturing and safety-related processes. The New York State Department of Labor funds the grants.

SUNY Oswego receives grant for state-of-the-art software project

SUNY Oswego has received a $389,205 grant to take part in a state-of-the-art computer software project to build next-generation systems.

The grant comes as a subcontract of a $3.3 million, 39-month initiative centered at Purdue University. Other participants in this international project include the University of Maryland, University of Glasgow and Tokyo Institute of Technology. Primary funding comes from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency’s Program Composition for Embedded Systems program.

Dr. Doug Lea of the college’s computer science department is directing the local portion of the project, which will develop Java-based infrastructure software (“middleware”). This software will enable construction of scalable real-time systems for avionics, multimedia, network services and other applications that require high reliability, performance and quality of service.

This middleware will be integrated with work at other sites building “OVM,” a configurable, open-source Java virtual machine. The main goal of the project is to develop solutions to engineering problems that arise in creating “invisible” system software and middleware, which are becoming a ubiquitous part of daily life, according to Lea.

Among other support, this grant provides research assistantship opportunities for three computer science undergraduate students each year of the three-year project. These students will build and evaluate sample applications using the infrastructure software developed in this project. Performance and functionality testing will rely on servers donated by Sun Microsystems to the computer science department in related grants.

This grant contributes to SUNY Oswego’s income for research and sponsored programs, which increased 52 percent to $3.3 million last year.
The Oswego State baseball team returned to post-season play and advanced to the championship game in the SUNY Athletic Conference before losing to rival Cortland. The Lakers also participated in the ECAC Tournament and finished the season with a 20-12 record. In conference play, Oswego State was 7-5, including a home win over NCAA Division III Tournament qualifier Cortland.

Coach Frank Paino, who was named the SUNYAC Coach of the Year, etched his name into the record books during the season collecting his 300th victory at the helm of the Laker program. His overall record at Oswego State now stands at 309-201-1.

First baseman Bob Farrell ’03 (Oswego) was named to the NCAA Division III New York Region All-Star Team after finishing the season with a .341 batting average and 26 runs batted in. Farrell was joined on the All-SUNYAC Team by catcher Pete Ross ’01 (Loudonville/Shaker), pitcher Eric Garippa ’02 (Hoosick Falls) and outfielder/designated hitter Eric Quadrozzi ’03 (Rochester/ Greece Athena). Ross led the team in batting with a lofty average of .385, while Quadrozzi belted a team-high five home runs. Garippa was the anchor of the Laker staff in SUNYAC play with a 3-1 record in addition to recording one save. In those games, he boasted an earned-run-average of 2.83 in 35 innings pitched.

Another highlight for the Lakers last spring was pitcher Steve Mory ’03 (Groton) tossing a seven inning no-hitter against Hilbert College at the revamped South Athletic Complex.

Women’s Lacrosse

The Oswego State women’s lacrosse team completed another successful season in 2001 advancing to the SUNYAC title game for the second straight year. The team finished with a 9-6 overall record and 6-2 in the conference. The Lakers made the season a memorable one as several new school records were established. At the top of that list was attack Kathryn Stead ’03 (Clifton Park/Shenendehowa). Stead finished the season with 58 goals and a school record 32 assists to finish with 90 points. That total gave her another school record for points in a season. She set the mark for most assists in a game with six in a win at Buffalo State and tied the record for most goals in a game with eight in another road victory at Oneonta. Stead was one of five Lakers to earn All-SUNYAC honors. She already ranks second on the school’s all-time scoring list and was also named a Second Team New York State Regional All-American. The supporting cast for the Lakers was a good one as midfielder Annette Stead ’01 (Clifton Park/Shenendehowa) also gained First Team All-SUNYAC recognition. The senior was steady all season finishing with 24 goals and 14 assists. She capped her successful career in a Laker uniform third on the all-time scoring list and is only one of four players to record more than 100 goals.

The defense also stepped to the forefront for Oswego State with defender Caitlin Crowley ’03 (Gansevoort/Saratoga Springs) earning Second Team All-SUNYAC honors along with goalie Alexis Lunkenheimer ’01 (Hannibal/Cato-Meridian). Lunkenheimer finished her Laker career with a pair of records boasting the best career save percentage at .581 and best career goals-against-average at 7.92. Midfielder Liz McCarthy ’04 (Syracuse/West Genesee) made an impact in her first season as she posted the third best goal total on the team with 17 and was named Second Team All-SUNYAC. Kelly Webb ’01 (Camillus/West Genesee) also left her mark on the Laker program setting a career mark for assists with 68.

Men’s Lacrosse

High hopes for the 2001 season never really materialized, as the Lakers finished the year with a 7-8 overall record and a disappointing 3-3, fourth-place finish in the SUNY Athletic Conference. Two one-goal losses early in the season put the Oswego stickmen behind in their quest for post-season play, and league losses to Cortland and Oneonta in early April took the Lakers out of the SUNYAC crown chase. Playing another demanding schedule, no fewer than eight of Oswego’s opponents participated in ECAC or NCAA post-season tournaments.

Nonetheless, individual performances highlighted the 2001 campaign, as attackmen Steve Eck ’01 (Binghamton/Chenango Forks) and Matt Clos ’01 (Ballston Lake/Shenendehowa) each reached the prestigious 100-point career mark early in the season. Attackman Brian Dautrich ’03 (Auburn) tied a school
Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field

The Oswego State track and field teams showed great improvement during the 2001 season. The Lakers set 23 indoor and 20 outdoor school records during their most successful season ever, and improved their team placing and point total in all championships meets. The women's team received strong performances by a number of first-year athletes both during the indoor and outdoor seasons. Alisia Knight '04 (Hastings/Central Square) placed second in the high jump at the SUNYAC and State Championships. Her best mark of the year was 5'3". Distance standouts Carissa Stepien '03 (Syracuse/Westhill) and Susan McWilliams '04 (Central Square/Mexico) performed well all season and helped rewrite the Laker record books. Thrower Samantha Acevedo '03 (New Paltz) broke three records in the throwing events, while teammate Kim Kedenburg '04 (Phoenix) set the Laker standard for the discus, javelin and pole vault. The Laker men placed fourth at the SUNYAC Indoor Track and Field Championships and fifth outdoors, their best since the program was reinstated five years ago. The men's 4x400m relay claimed both SUNYAC and NYSCTC titles indoors. Matt Wermuth '01 (Churchville/Chili) was the SUNYAC discus champion. Matt Edmister '01 (Gettysburg, Pa.) dominated the sprints for the Lakers, and concluded his career with eight school records in the sprints and relays. Thrower Peter Nosal '01 (East Hanover, N.J./Hanover Park) concluded an outstanding four-year career for Oswego State. Rich Friedrich '02 (Goshen) followed up his appearance at the 2000 NCAA Cross Country Championship with a SUNYAC 5000m title indoors.

Softball

Oswego State Softball moved from the main campus to the South Athletic Complex last spring breaking in their brand new facility. The Lakers finished the season with eight victories.

Men's Golf

Once Mother Nature cooperated and the Laker golfers were able to hit the links, the squad was able to put together a fine spring campaign. After having their first two tournaments of the spring cancelled due to several feet of snow on the course in Utica and Saratoga Springs, the Lakers opened the season at the Glenmura Invitational held in Scranton, Pa.

The tournament was co-hosted by the University of Scranton and King's College at Glenmura National and featured many of the top teams from the region. The Lakers got off to a solid start on day one of the tournament with a score of 316, which put them in second place trailing eventual champion Wesley College by five strokes. The second day of competition saw the Lakers drop to a final sixth place finish out of the 12-team field. Next up for the Lakers was a trip to Seven Oaks Golf Course at Colgate University where Oswego finished third, trailing only NCAA Division I programs Colgate and Binghamton. Elmira hosted their 19th annual spring tournament with the Lakers finishing fourth out of the 11 teams participating at the challenging layout of the Elmira Country Club. In the final event of the spring, Oswego State received consistent play from its entire lineup to shoot a two-day total of 620 and capture top team honors at the Hartwick College Invitational held at the Onewata Country Club.

The Lakers' Adam Brown '03 (Theresa/Indian River) led the team to the tournament title with a solid fourth-place finish with rounds of 74 and 80.

Midfielder Jason Hawthorne '02 scoops up the ball on his way to another school record.
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Club News

Alumni Club News

Atlanta
The Atlanta Club is collaborating with other SUNY alumni groups to expand networking possibilities and event offerings. The first combined function will be a Business Card Exchange/Networking Social Jan. 11. Other events are in the planning stages, including a Networking Social in March, a family picnic June 2 and a community service event. For the latest information about upcoming events in the Atlanta area, check out the new Web site at www.geocities.com/sunyalumniofatlanta or contact Jeffrey Travis ’89.

Binghamton
The Binghamton Club is looking forward to attending a BC Icemen hockey game Jan. 18 and a Binghamton Mets baseball game this summer. For more details or if you have event ideas, contact Margaret Clancy Darling ’82.

Boston
Area alumni met in August and November for Networking Socials and in September for a Red Sox game. Upcoming events include seeing the Blue Man Group in January, a Boston Bruins hockey game in March, a Spring Social at the Joshua Tree in May, a Red Sox baseball game in June, and a Summer Social at John Harvard’s in July. For details or to help plan, contact Cheryl Webster ’98.

Buffalo
The Buffalo Club is looking forward to attending an Oswego State Lakers hockey game Feb. 8 at Buffalo State, as well as a Sabres game March 12 and a Buffalo Bisons baseball game this summer. For more information, or if you have other event ideas, contact Larry Coon ’83.

Mohawk Valley
Plans are under way for an event this spring. If you have event ideas or would be willing to help, contact Liz Fowler ’68.

New York City
We are looking for a group of area volunteers to keep the NYC club running strong. Contact the alumni office if you are willing to help.

Phoenix, Ariz.
A group of area alumni meet regularly to plan events and reminisce. A picnic was held in October and a luncheon with special guest speaker Provost John Presley is planned for Jan. 26, 2002. To help plan, or for information on future events, contact Charles Weigand ’87.

Rochester
Alumni Patrick Murphy ’99 has volunteered to co-coordinate events with Henry Seymour ’87. They are determined to involve many of the thousands of alumni in the Rochester area. To kick start the club, they will be hosting Networking Socials at Jeremiah’s Tavern on the first Thursday of each month (Feb. 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, etc.) at 5 p.m. Other upcoming events include the Oswego State vs. RIT hockey game Jan. 19, a Rochester Americans vs. Syracuse Crunch hockey game and pre-game get-together at Dinosaur BBQ March 13 and “Alive at the MAG” June 14. If you have event ideas, questions or suggestions feel free to contact Henry or Patrick.

San Francisco Bay
Jay Rubin ’93 is looking to rejuvenate alumni activity in Northern California. If you live in the area and have event ideas or would be willing to help, contact Jay.

South Carolina
In October, alumni gathered for dinner, drinks, brunch and a cruise around the famous and historic harbor of Charleston. Upcoming events include going to Carowinds (an amusement park in Charlotte) May 4, and events in Columbia and Myrtle Beach sometime in 2002. If you live in the area and have event ideas or would be willing to help, contact Sonya Nordquist ’91 or Karen Parker ’91.

Tampa, Fla.
Brad Goldowsky ’99 has volunteered to help rejuvenate the Tampa area alumni club. If you would be willing to help or have event ideas, please contact Brad.

Washington, D.C.
Area alumni met for a Networking Social in June, a picnic in August, the annual King Street Krawl in September and a Holiday Party in December. Upcoming events in the D.C. area include ice skating Jan. 19, a Mardi Gras Social Feb. 9, a Cinco de Mayo Social May 5, a Flag Day Social June 14, a canoe outing on the Potomac in July, a picnic Aug. 10, the King Street Krawl Sept. 21, a get-together at Grevey’s to watch a Buffalo Bills football game in October, and a Holiday Social Dec. 10. Kim Brooke ’87 has agreed to coordinate alumni events in the D.C. area. If you have event ideas or if you would be willing to help plan future events, please contact Kim.
**Events**

**January 31**  Scholarship deadlines begin – refer to scholarship booklet for other deadlines.  
Office of University Development, 315/312-2258

**February 1**  Deadline to submit alumni award nominations.  
Alumni Awards Committee, King Alumni Hall, SUNY Oswego, Oswego, NY 13126  
Phone 315/312-2258; Fax 315/312-5570

**March 1**  Deadline to submit nominations for the Oswego Athletic Hall of Fame, Hall of Fame Awards Committee, King Alumni Hall, SUNY Oswego, Oswego, NY 13126  
Phone 315/312-2258; Fax 315/312-5570

**April 6**  Board of Directors meeting, Oswego Alumni Association, Inc., Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, 315/312-2258

SAVAC Alumni Mini-Reunion  
Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, 315/312-2258

**April 8**  College Admissions Open House  
Office of Admissions, 315/312-2250

**April 19-21**  Omicron Xi Alumnae Mini-Reunion  
Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, 315/312-2258

**May 17**  Commencement Eve Dinner and Torchlight Ceremony  
Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, 315/312-2258

**May 18**  Commencement

**June 8**  Annual Business Meeting, Oswego Alumni Association, Inc., Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, 315/312-2258


**July 25-28**  The City of Oswego’s fantastic Harborfest! On-campus housing available to alumni, friends and family.  Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, 315/312-2258

**August 5**  Emeriti Luncheon  
Office of University Development, 315/312-3003

**September 12-13**  13th Annual Oswego State Fall Classic  
Office of Alumni and University Development, 315/312-3003

**September 27-29**  Rescheduled Alumni of Color Reunion — Return to Oz II.  Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, 315/312-2258

**November 2**  Communication Studies Alumni Dinner  
Contact Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, 315/312-2258

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**Tradition Continues: McKnight Takes Command**

The big question was: In the light of terrorist attacks on the United States, should the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center in Albany carry on with its Sept. 16 ceremony to install Donald McKnight ’80 as its commander?

In the end, the answer came easy. “Our view was we couldn’t let the terrorists get us down. We had to press on with our traditions,” said McKnight. The ceremony went on as planned the Sunday after the attack.

The Albany posting is a homecoming for McKnight, who hails from Castleton-on-Hudson. He and his wife, Patricia, have two sons. In his new command, he oversees 13 reserve units, comprised of around 400 active and reserve personnel.

Reservists who drilled at the Albany center were mobilized in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks, some in the continental United States, some to Guam and others to Europe, said McKnight.

Right after graduating from Oswego, the geography and social science major entered a career in the military that has taken him around the world.

In his senior year he began applying for the Air Force, but hay fever kept him out of that branch of the service. He joined the Navy in Texas, and has been home ported in several cities. He was the executive officer of a ship until it was transferred to the Royal Thai Navy, sailed another on her maiden, round-the-world deployment, and served five months in the Persian Gulf in support of the “no-fly zone” over Iraq.

The Navy may have given him a view of the world, but McKnight holds tight to his Oswego traditions.

A member of Zeta Chi Zeta fraternity, McKnight played on a rugby team at Oswego for three years.

On an aircraft carrier in the Persian Gulf, he found enough guys who knew how to play and formed a team. “We played out on the desert of United Arab Emirates and Bahrain,” he said. “We played on an oasis in the desert, Al Ain.

“That was 18 years after I left Oswego and I was an old man to be running around in the heat,” the commander admitted.
 Alumni Bookshelf

This column celebrates the publishing success of Oswego alumni authors, illustrators and recording artists. Please keep us informed about new books and CDs by requesting that your publisher or distributor send a copy for the Oswego Alumni Bookshelf at King Alumni Hall.

**Perfect Silence**, by Jeff Hutton ’75, is a novel of baseball and the Civil War. Young Joseph Tyler is something of a baseball prodigy, until he joins the Confederate Army in 1864. When he is hurt in battle and rescues a wounded Yankee soldier who later dies, Joseph finds a letter to the Union boy’s sweetheart. A captured Joseph escapes the harsh life in a Union prison through baseball and goes on to be a star ball player. When he meets Sarah Kingsley, the intended recipient of the letter he found, she begins to help heal his emotional wounds. A landscape designer in Connecticut, Hutton is at work on his second novel. Breakaway Books, 2001.

**Fields of Dreams, A Guide to Visiting and Enjoying All 30 Major League Ballparks**, by Jay Ahuja ’86. This book describes every major league ballpark, including its physical characteristics, highlights and drawbacks, food selection, role in baseball history, where the best seats are, how to avoid traffic and where to park. It also gives information about every major league town — where to stay, eat, have fun. A former editor at SportsWrap magazine, Ahuja is now at Charlotte magazine in North Carolina and is working on a book about NASCAR racing. Citadel Press, 2001.

**In the Shadow of a Miracle: Loretto Academy of Our Lady of Light for Girls, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 1949-1953**, is the second book by Nancy Osborne ’70, librarian emerita. Anyone who was raised Catholic, attended a private school or was a member of a religious community will love Osborne’s warm, tongue-in-cheek observations. She describes waiting for a friend to make her confession in the dimly-lit church on Saturday afternoon, laying her unsealed letters home on Sister’s desk for examination before mailing, and an “orgy” of shining navy and white saddle shoes. Osborne’s first book, Crazy Quilt: Funky Smalltown Texas and Pieces of Life was published in 1999. Hale Mary Press, 2001.

**Adobe GoLive 5 Bible** is the latest in a line of technical books by Deborah Shadovitz ’79. It is an all-in-one guide to mastering the Web-creation software. Shadovitz is the author of the award-winning MacWorld Office 98 Bible; ClarisWorks Office for Dummies and AppleWorks5 for Dummies, as well as a contributor to other books and speaker at Macworld Expo and other trade shows. The GoLive 5 Bible includes sections on beginning a Web site; adding text, graphics and multimedia; and using GoLive’s advanced techniques. It includes a CD-Rom and is for both Mac and Windows. IDG Books Worldwide, 2001.

**Right Before His Very Eyes, An Encounter with the Mysteries of Africa**, by Dr. Donovan Russell, ’64, M ’69 is a work of fiction based on actual events. It is a story about people whose ancient way of life is threatened by upheaval and violence. Set in the height of apartheid and the Cold War, it is the story of Africans — black, brown and white — caught in something they do not understand. In addition to this “big picture,” it is also about the suffering of ordinary people caught up in the power struggle. It is not all negative, though, as people get by with hope, patience, civility and trust. Russell, who won the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1986, was a Peace Corps director in Africa and now manages an Asian Development Bank project. iUniverse.com, 2001.
Lisa DuJat Cuozzi ’92 and Joseph Cuozzi were married Sept. 3, 2000. Alpha Delta Eta alumnae in attendance for the wedding are, from left, top row, Marcy Brucellaria ’93, Kathleen Collins ’91, Stacey Greenstein ’93, Jennifer Bowes ’92, Gina Hausman ’91, the bride, and Laura Fagan ’90; bottom row, Caryn Scherer ’91, Lisa Mariano ’92 and Kym Bisnett ’93.

Virginia Tesi-Carey ’92 married David Carey July 21 in Glen Cove, L.I. Pictured, from left with Virginia are fellow Oswego graduates, Christine Bowes ’92, Margaret Hughes ’92, Wendy Mccammon ’92, Kathy Francavilla Lamantia ’92, Vicky Vitarelli ’92, Nancy Cifarelli Haberman ’92, and Patty Eckert Tripi ’92. Also present was Pam Evall Shovelson ’90.

Jamie Telchin ’94 married Jessica Novick on June 3 in Boca Raton, Fla. David Berend ’94, Scott Sheinbaum ’94 and Glen Sider ’94 were groomsman, and many other Oswego graduates attended. The couple makes their home in Boca Raton.
Janine Pechenko Smith ’96 and Keith Smith ’98 were married in August 2000 on Long Island. There were more than 30 Oswego alumni in attendance. Left of the groom are Scott Stratton ’99, Shawn Akley ’96, Bob Farrell ’98, Mike DeBellis ’98, Todd Dydyk ’00, Pete Klochaney ’96, Don Spaulding ’97, Dave Christopher ’99, Craig Kaper ’96, Mike Kohl ’96, Kurt Rezucha ’00 and John Melkun. Ladies right of the bride are Heather Cornelius Edwards ’96, Jen Ginsburg ’96, Debbie Mendels ’95, Julie Specht Ryan ’96, Sandra Pearsall ’96, Jennifer Pugliese ’95, Andrea Sauer ’96, Jill Lauterbach ’96, Amy Bingham Angrasani ’94, Missy Flotta Schluter ’96, Cindy Abramowitz ’96. Also present were Kevin Edwards ’95, Tom Beatty ’96, Coach Mike Howard ’90 and Coach Akley, Elwood Johnson ’66, Steve Hertzog ’84 and Melanie Rylke Hertzog ’78.

On July 7, 2001 Brian Hurd ’94, M ’00 and Kylie Asquith Hurd, employed at Oswego State from August 1998 to January 2001, were married in Sydney, Australia. Oswego alumni pictured from left, are Katie Maxwell ’97, the bride and groom, Sharon Hurd ’00, Kathryn Smith ’94 and Stephanie Hanner ’01. The couple resides in New South Wales, Australia.

Hali Weisman Poteshman ’91 and Michael Poteshman were married March 2 in Orlando. Hali is a human resources advisor for Walt Disney Imagineering and Mike is the vice president of finance and investor relations for Tupperware Corp. Oswego alumni attending included, seated, Karen Kreyer ’91 and Sergio Pernia. Standing, from left, Sharon Wheat (mother of Sandra Wheat ’91), Stacey Bender-Flatt ’91 and Eric Flatt, the bride and groom, Mitch Klein ’90 and Barb Bork Klein ’90, Lorri Kestecher-Anglin ’91 and Jamie Anglin ’90. The couple lives in Winter Park, Fla.
Maurice Bullard ’80 seems cut out for roles of larger-than-life characters. He portrayed Frederick Douglass on campus in 1979. Now he can be seen as Sgt. McLaren in the new Robert Redford movie, “The Last Castle.”

“Basically he is ... a great big guy who has the respect of all the prisoners and nobody messes with him,” says Bullard of his character.

“I am throughout the movie. If I’m not on, you’ll hear my voice a lot of times.”

The film is the story of General Irwin (Redford) who is stripped of his rank and sent to prison for his disobedience. Colonel Winter (James Gandolfini of “The Sopranos”) looks up to Irwin, but other prisoners don’t get the same respect. Irwin organizes the other prisoners into an army of his own and leads a revolt against Winter to take over the prison.

Bullard landed the part, which he describes as “an extension of Colonel Winter in the yard,” after going through four rounds of auditions. The major motion picture, which opened in theaters Oct. 19, was filmed in Nashville, his hometown, at the Tennessee State Penitentiary. That’s where “The Green Mile” was also filmed.

“It was great for my first film, to get into a big budget, $55 million film and have a good role with legends,” says Bullard.

WORKING WITH STARS

He has scenes with all the principal characters, including those played by Redford and Gandolfini.

“They are very nice people — no ego trips,” says Bullard of the stars.

He recalled sitting and talking with Redford. “He was telling me how he came up — how he started.”

He also got the chance to smoke cigars
with Gandolfini, and really bonded with him when the two took part in a warm-up for a violent scene Gandolfini had to play. “He would come to me as I’m a big guy, too,” says Bullard. “He would say ‘push on me,’ and we would wrestle and tussle, so he could get psyched up.”

Bullard and his colleagues were treated to a Hollywood-style premiere in Nashville, instead of Los Angeles, because of continuing concern about terrorist activities.

“At the premiere everybody was there, with the red carpet and searchlights like a Hollywood premiere,” says Bullard. “The governor and mayor were there.”

He worried about the movie being delayed after the Sept. 11 attacks, especially since it shows an American flag flown upside down, a sign of distress. But he predicted the film would do well. “It has a patriotic theme,” he says.

The film has a fame of its own, as the subject of an HBO special and several Web sites. And its fame may help Bullard’s acting career take off. If there is interest, Bullard says, he may go out to Los Angeles during the early months of the year for auditions.

He currently is in commercials running in the Nashville area, and has been in plays there. He won Best Supporting Actor awards in 1999 and 2000 from the Circle Players, and critics awards from the Tennessean, the Nashville newspaper.

On campus, the theatre major is best known for his role as Douglass in “In Splendid Error,” directed by his mentor, the late Anderson McCullough, and was part of the tech crew for the summer production of “The King and I.” He remembers working with Bill Stark, Kitty Macey and Jon Vermilye.

He is an at-large member of the Oswego Alumni Association Board of Directors, and has been on the board for 10 years.

For his role in the film, Bullard joined the Screen Actors Guild. He was selected to be on the nominating committee to pick the best actor, actress, supporting actors and cast for the guild’s awards.

The film may be called “The Last Castle,” but Maurice Bullard hopes it is the first of many roles for him on the big screen.

O’Connor’s ‘Buffalo Soldiers’ Debuts in Toronto, Picked Up by Miramax

Most authors are happy just to see their books get into print, but Robert O’Connor ’82, who teaches English writing arts at Oswego, got to see the film based on his novel, Buffalo Soldiers, make its world premiere at the prestigious Toronto International Film Festival in September. The film was picked up by Miramax and will reportedly open in the United States in July 2002.

The movie stars Joaquin Phoenix, Ed Harris, Scott Glenn and Anna Paquin, and was directed by Australian Gregor Jordan.

O’Connor said he enjoyed meeting the stars of the film and was introduced along with the actors to the audience before the screening at the Elgin Theatre in Toronto.

“The movie was a real success,” he said. “People loved it.”

O’Connor described a party after the premiere as a “big bidding war.” He said that, “For a portion of the party, people were on cell phones, desperately talking” about what to bid for the film.

By the festival’s end, the movie had sold to several distributors around the world. Miramax won the U.S. distribution rights.

Later, O’Connor went to a press screening with James Schamus, who wrote “Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon,” and was executive producer for “Buffalo Soldiers.”

“When the two were talking,” said O’Connor, “I was really good, a good buzz.”

The author said that it was “very different” to see the movie with an audience. “They laughed in different places than I expected,” he said. “They really liked Joaquin (Phoenix). The darker aspects of the character were overcome by his presence.”

The movie’s plot involves the machinations of Army clerk Ray Elwood, who manipulates the system in devious ways, and his fellow U.S. Army soldiers in 1980s West Germany.

Early reviews were positive. In the Hollywood Reporter of Sept. 11, Michael Rechtshaffen wrote, “Recalling the irreverent spirit of ‘Catch 22’ and ‘MASH,’ not to mention some of the more surreal elements of ‘Apocalypse Now,’ Gregor Jordan’s ‘Buffalo Soldiers’ hits the satiric bull’s-eye with deadly accuracy.”

“Starring Joaquin Phoenix as a cheerfully amoral GI, the blackhearted military satire jolted viewers out of their popcorn comas with its fuel-injected nihilism,” wrote Scott Brown and Dave Karger in Entertainment Weekly Sept. 28, adding that the film is “based on Robert O’Connor’s biting first novel of the same name.”

The film will now make its own way independent of O’Connor’s book. That’s not a bad thing, he said. As he told Oswego’s Campus Update last fall, “In certain ways the book is its own thing now. That’s what I’m happiest for. It means that the book will have its own life.”
In 2001, Oswego celebrated the 140th anniversary of its founding as a Normal and Training School by Edward Austin Sheldon in 1861. At Oswego’s Quarter Centennial Celebration in July of 1887, Sheldon said, “It is to you, my dear friends, the Alumni of this School, that we owe more for the reputation we enjoy, than to any other human agency. By your work, you have made us known and given us character abroad.” Here we share with you a few images from Oswego’s 140-year history. We hope they bring back many memories.

For more images from Oswego’s past, visit the Alumni Association Web site at www.oswegoalumni.oswego.edu

Special thanks in compiling this feature to Marion Green ’99 and James Ford M ’96.

Student life in the 1950s included school spirit events like this parade.

These Oswegonian staffers were hard at work in the 1940s.

The 1970s saw the Black Student Union growing.

Oswego founder Edward Austin Sheldon and his Normal School faculty in 1891.
Students marched down Bridge Street to protest U.S. involvement in Vietnam in 1970.

"Splinter Village" housed returning GIs in the early 1950s.

Springfest was a tradition for Oswego students.

The Oswego family gathered to plant memorial trees for those lost in World War I, in this 1919 photo by Frank Barbeau.
When their four-month-old son, Hunter, was diagnosed with a fatal genetic disorder in 1997, Jill Waggoner Kelly ’91 and her husband, former Buffalo Bills quarterback Jim Kelly, quickly decided to face the future with hope.

Shortly after learning that Hunter had Krabbe’s (kra-BAYZ) disease, the Kellys founded the Hunter’s Hope Foundation to raise money for research, and to help other children with the disease and their families.

For her courage and vision in establishing Hunter’s Hope, Jill has been awarded the Oswego Alumni Association’s Graduate of the Last Decade (GOLD) Award.

Hunter appeared healthy at birth and throughout his first month, then became increasingly irritable and his body stiffer. At just four months old, Hunter was diagnosed with infantile Krabbe’s disease.

The disease causes the brain to deteriorate due to the lack of an enzyme that helps produce the myelin sheath that protects the brain and spinal cord. Babies with Krabbe’s disease eventually lose their ability to swallow, see and hear.

The Kellys were told the devastating news that there was no cure and no treatment available, and that Hunter would probably not live past 14 months old.

Hunter, however, has beaten the odds. He is now 4 years old, celebrating his birthday on Feb. 14, Valentine’s Day, a birthday he shares with his father.

The Kellys decided shortly after Hunter was diagnosed to take “an aggressive and proactive approach in our approach to caring for him,” according to Jill.

That approach has included intensive physical and occupational therapy and respiratory therapy. Also a big part of Hunter’s care is lots of loving attention and stimulation from his family, including big sister Erin, 6, and baby sister Camryn, now 2.

And, he has been able to do many things that medical professionals told the Kellys not to expect.

“He blinks once for ‘yes’ and he blinks three times for ‘I love you,’” said Jill. He uses his eyebrows to communicate a smile, she said. Hunter is fed through a feeding tube.

Before Hunter was diagnosed, the Kellys had never heard of the disease. Krabbe’s disease is rare, occurring in one of every 200,000 births.

“It didn’t take me long to feel very drawn to wanting to help others because I knew there was nothing being done for the disease,” said Jill. She saw a need to increase awareness about the disease, and advocate for research.

Jim had just retired from the Buffalo Bills when Hunter was diagnosed. His husband’s celebrity, Jill felt, put them in a position to make a difference.

Jill and Jim founded Hunter’s Hope in 1997, working out of their Orchard Park home. Today, the foundation is a registered charity with its own office, staff and 17-member board of directors, led by the Kellys. An 11-member scientific advisory board of physicians and researchers is comprised of experts in neurology, neuroscience and related disciplines.

This November, the foundation hosted its second annual Candlelight Ball in Buffalo, featuring entertainment by Tim McGraw.

To date, Hunter’s Hope provided $2.5 million in grants for research into Krabbe’s disease and other leukodystrophies.

“There are a lot of things going on now that weren’t available when Hunter was diagnosed,” Jill said. The most promising treatments now involve cord blood transfusion. There’s also research going into developing newborn screening for the disease.

Hunter’s Hope funds a symposium each year in Buffalo that brings together scientists, doctors and families. “Everyone shares their stories, everyone laughs, cries and the relationships build into very nice, strong friendships.”

— Patricia Rycraft O’Toole ’79

Learn more about Hunter’s Hope at the Web site www.huntershope.org.
MISS SVEC CELEBRATES HER CENTENNIAL  Miss Melvina Svec, who taught geography on the Oswego faculty from 1946 to 1963 celebrated her 100th birthday Sept. 16. She was honored in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, by friends and family. Her former students wrote in with tributes. “Miss Svec brought the world alive with her enthusiasm, extensive knowledge and travel experience,” wrote Beverly Moulton Brandon ’55. “She had sailed on tramp steamers to countries most of us would never visit.” Francis E. Brandon Jr. ’54, a retired Colonel of the United States Air Force, wrote, “I flew as a professional military pilot for 25 years and travelled extensively around the world. And the truth is, Melvina often flew with me in spirit, for as I would look down from 35,000 feet at the sweeping contour of an alluvial plain, or the shadowed erosion patterns of the western states, her lessons would whisper in my ear.”

John Williamson ’41 poses with son, Jay ’85, at Reunion 2001. Jay earned his business degree at Oswego, and Jay’s wife, Vicky Posso Williamson ’85, did likewise. Will the Oswego trend continue? Jay and Vicky brought their children, Casey, 8; Lucas, 6; and Megan, 1; to Reunion 2001 to give them an early glimpse of the family alma mater.

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FOR SOME OSWEGO FAMILY MEMBERS, GRADUATING FROM the same college isn’t enough — they follow literally in their father’s footsteps. Donald Goewey ’50, M ’57 earned his degrees at Oswego and then went on to a career in education, culminating in the principalship of Charles E. Riley Elementary School in Oswego, which he held for 20 years until his retirement in 1986. His son, Dean Goewey, earned three degrees at Oswego, his bachelor’s degree in elementary education in 1984, his master’s in reading education in 1988 and an advanced degree in educational administration in 1994. After teaching at Oswego County schools, he now sits in the very office his father occupied in Riley School — as principal. The elder Goewey even brought his nameplate, “Mr. Goewey,” out of retirement to grace his son’s door. With a master’s in reading from Oswego, Dean will also carry on another of his father’s traditions, focusing on literacy in the school. The Oswego connection comes full circle. Dean is now an adjunct professor, teaching graduate literacy education courses. Rounding out the Oswego family are Dean’s wife, Linda Bartello Goewey ’85, M ’88, her father, Frank Bartello ’59, Dean’s sister Donna Goewey Lapsley ’72, and her husband, Paul Lapsley ’72.

MEMORIES UNEARTHED Herb VanSchaack ’51 looks over the contents of the Class of 1951 time capsule, which was buried near Sheldon Hall and is now on display in Penfield Library. Marion Green ‘99, a library clerk with Special Collections, created the display, housing such memorabilia as student ID cards, exam blue books, a Clio beanie and a little chalkware dog.

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MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1976 GATHERED ON THE STEPS OF SHADY SHORE FOLLOWING a reception in their honor hosted by President Deborah F. Stanley and her husband, Michael J. Stanley during Reunion 2001. They are, from left row one, Mary K. Gardner Blocklin, Carol Stott Harrison Moehler, Judy Slayton Tamburrino, Shari Holtzclaw Kirshner, Linda Rae Markert and Randy Lane; row two, Stephen Blocklin, Lynn VanOrder Lenihan, Michael Tafler and Jim Ryan; row three, Michael LaCorte, Tom Lenihan and Wally Roper; and row four, John Kaltner, Ron Barrows, Larry Maxwell and Don Coon.

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The morning of September 11th changed all of our lives—even here on our serene lakeside campus. In the weeks since that day we have, sadly, heard (as of press time) of 11 alumni killed in the New York City attack. Countless other alumni worked and continue to work in the search and rescue efforts. And still others survived the attack and have shared their first-hand experiences with us.

As a campus, we grieve for those members of our alumni family that we have lost—bright, promising young lives that shared the torch of knowledge they sparked at Oswego and lit up their world with their energy and enthusiasm.

The night of September 11th, there was a candlelight vigil held on campus attended by several thousand students, faculty, staff and community members to pray for those killed and missing and to collectively share our sorrow together. In the weeks since, we have also been engaging the academic expertise on campus to encourage dialogue on the religious, historical, political, economic and humanitarian implications of the attack and the American response.

Discussions are also beginning about possible campus memorials to those killed that will be a lasting tribute to their Oswego connection.

We continue to grieve and recover and pray for those families most directly affected. We are also taking those steps back to normalcy in our lives—even though our world will never be the same. And we will continue to pray for peace in our world.

Betsy Oberst
Keeping up with the Joneses—Oswego style

WHEN MAXINE SOLOMAN JONES ’71 AND FREDERICK A. Jones ’74 travelled from their homeland in Guyana to earn Oswego degrees, little did they know they were starting a family tradition. The family, now from St. Lucia, has sent three of their children to Oswego, with the youngest, Jeffrey, starting this fall. This is a family that believes in togetherness and they share one thing above all—the love of music, especially singing. One of their claims to fame is their a capella version of the “Halleluja Chorus” from Handel’s “Messiah.” When they get together to belt out their own rendition of Oswego’s alma mater, there is no doubt that “voices fill the air.”
ON JAN. 8, 1972 A GROUP OF SUNY OSWEGO STUDENTS made history, forming the first student-run ambulance service in the nation, the Student Association Volunteer Ambulance Corps. This year SAVAC will hold a reunion on Saturday, April 6, celebrating 30 years of service. There will be tours of campus and SAVAC headquarters, a chance for former and current members to meet and a dinner.

The need for SAVAC began in the fall of 1971, when state budget cuts forced the health center at Oswego to reduce its hours of operation. To insure emergency assistance, when the health center was not open after hours or on weekends, SAVAC was formed.

The Student Association granted the new organization money to purchase a Ford van, converted to an ambulance. Training was provided free to students in first aid and emergency medical care. SAVAC became fully operational and in its second year of operation responded to 112 emergency calls on campus.

Through the years SAVAC was able to purchase communications equipment and a newer ambulance every five to six years with funding from Student Association and Auxiliary Services. SAVAC’s seventh ambulance, purchased this fall is a New York State Certified Basic Life Support vehicle responding to calls with at least one New York State Certified Emergency Medical Technician on board.

SAVAC attempts to operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and responds to over 300 calls during the academic year. SAVAC has mutual aid agreements with both the City of Oswego and the Town of Oswego.

The corps base is currently located in the Mackin Complex on the east side of campus. The base has all the luxuries of home and office including two bunk rooms, a living room, kitchen, bath, radio room, and chief’s office. “SAVAC base has become like another home to many of our members,” said executive director Adam Perper ’02.

SAVAC has made headlines, saved lives, and carried on a tradition of quality emergency care, free of charge to SUNY Oswego students.

For more information about the reunion, call SAVAC at 315-312-4003/4004, e-mail savac@oswego.edu or visit the Web site at http://www.oswego.edu/~savac
IN AN EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE MORE STUDENTS TO ATTEND
Oswego, Errol Taylor ’77 has hosted and funded a reception for
accepted students at his law office in Manhattan for the past three
years. Pictured above are an Oswego alumna and two prospective
students at a recent reception. The Alumni Admissions Network is
looking for others willing to sponsor receptions for accepted students
at your home or workplace. If you would like more information,
please contact the Alumni Office at 315-312-2258.

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SOLID STATE AND STATESINGERS ALUMNI PERFORMED in concert April 7 to pay tribute to Dr. Jim Soluri when he retired after more than 30 years on the Oswego faculty. Gathered around the piano with “Doc” are Edna Jesse ’83, Joe Spada ’96, Cindy Wyffels ’91, John Paxton ’65, Karin Franklin ’71, Kahan Sablo ’90, and Mark Finegan ’89. Soluri founded the StateSingers in 1965. In over a quarter century of leading the group, he created 300 vocal arrangements and gave the group its distinct identity. Franklin remembered when Soluri earned his doctorate in 1969. “Some of the renegade StateSingers dubbed him ‘Doc’ and it stuck,” she said. “So much of what he has done has stuck and we thank him for it.” All the alumni singers present remembered the “musical family” they shared with Jim and Sally Soluri.
Where in the World is...

Locate your fellow alumni and help them find you with the third Oswego Alumni Directory. The Oswego Alumni Association has once again contracted with Harris Publishing to print the directory. Look for information soon from Harris about being included in this new edition. It is a great way to reconnect with Oswego friends and classmates, as well as to update your information with Oswego. The directory will be available for purchase in 2002.

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SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ALUMNI WHO HAD BEEN OUT IN THE WORKFORCE FOR A DECADE came back to Oswego to network and offer advice to current business majors last spring. Shown from left are Jim Dowd ’89 of PathFinder Bank, Kurt Pomereneke ’92 of Krafftee, Russ Findlay ’89 of Pepsi-Cola, Donna Bradley ’89 of Agway, Derrick Salisbury ’90 of Strategy Sport Marketing, working on the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics, and Gary Hughes ’90 of Axion/Sigma. The alumni met with business students in a networking social and a busy schedule of classroom visits. Other panel members included Joseph Chemotti ’90, Paul Mosley, ’83, Tom Sullivan ’89 and Mark Tryniski ’85. “We had a very positive response in the classroom, tons of questions,” said Adrienne Beers, a junior marketing major from Buffalo and one of the key organizers of the event. The Student Advisory Council to the Dean conceived of the get-together, working with Professor James Molinari ’75 and staff of the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations.

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Dr. Harold Morse ’61 and Gary Hoppe ’74 were honored at the anniversary class dinner. Morse is the founder of the Learning Channel and OVATION, the arts programming network. He also serves on the Oswego College Foundation board of directors.

Hoppe earned his law degree from Harvard Law School and is a private practice attorney. He has served as the national chair of the Fund for Oswego, chair of the development committee of the Oswego College Foundation and a New York City Metro Alumni Club volunteer.

Mark Fedor ’86, co-founder and vice president of PSINet, a global Internet service provider, was honored with an Anniversary Class Award. Benita Zahn ’76, award-winning journalist and community volunteer from New York state’s Capital District, was unable to attend the reunion and will receive her Anniversary Class Award at a later date.

Recognized with the GOLD (Graduate of the Last Decade) Award was Jill Waggoner Kelly ’91, co-founder with her husband, former Buffalo Bills quarterback Jim Kelly, of Hunter’s Hope Foundation for families of children with the genetic disorder Krabbe’s Disease.

If you know an Oswego alumna or alumnus who might qualify for an award from the Oswego Alumni Association, please let us know by Feb. 1, 2002. To request a nomination form, please contact the alumni office. Or fill one out online at www.oswegoalumni.oswego.edu.
ADAMS-KADEN IS NEW BOARD MEMBER  Debbie Adams-Kaden ’78 was elected to a three-year term on the Oswego Alumni Board of Directors beginning July 1, 2001. The director of front end systems for First Data Corp., Adams-Kaden serves on the Oswego Alumni Association’s Legislative Committee, the Alumni Admissions Network and has been active in the Long Island Alumni Club. She lives in Huntington Station. Debbie and her husband, Jim Kaden ’78, have funded a major gift for the past several years to the department of physics and other hard sciences. Their son, Bill, ’03, attends Oswego and is a member of the men’s lacrosse team.

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Check Out the Bulletin Board

Want to know where the guys from your freshman floor are now? How about your sorority sisters? Or are you having trouble remembering what the theatre production was in 1978? Check out the Oswego Alumni Bulletin Board at www.oswegoalumni.oswego.edu/bulletin. The site got over 18,000 hits between January and June of 2001 and use is growing. While you’re there, how about sending a picture of an Oswego sunset to your best friend from campus, or mark a milestone birthday with a classroom scene from Edward Austin Sheldon’s day? It’s free and easy to do at www.oswegoalumni.oswego.edu/virtualcards.

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The names of those alumni known killed in the Sept. 11 attack are listed on page 29. The obituaries will appear in the Spring 2002 issue as more information becomes available.

Harold Failing '28 of Pearl River died Jan. 21.

Patricia Ballaran Murphy '29 of Oswego died Aug. 19. She retired in 1966 after teaching for 35 years in the Saranac Lake, Middletown and Cheektowaga school districts.

Rosemarion Collin '30 of Marietta, Ga., died April 7. Surviving are a son, five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Helen Kelly '30 of Oswego died June 11. She received her master's degree from Syracuse University School of Social Work in 1960 and was employed with the New York State Department of Social Services until her retirement in 1973.

Patricia Shickling O'Mara '30 of Oswego died March 28. Prior to her retirement, Pat taught in Minetto and Fulton. She is survived by a daughter, two sons, four grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Mildred Lago '32 of Oswego died April 3. She taught for 20 years at Charles E. Riley Elementary School. Mildred is survived by a daughter and a son.

Lewis Larchar '32 of Venice died March 16. He was also a graduate of Syracuse University and earned his master's degree at New York University. Surviving are his wife, Rheta; a daughter; five grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Paul Taylor '36 of Chittenango died April 7. He earned a master's degree from Syracuse University, Paul taught in the Chittenango School District for 39 years. He is survived by his wife, Mildred; a daughter; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Velma Crook Renaud '37 of Middletown, R.I., died July 19. She taught in the Baldwinsville Central School District for 37 years, retiring in 1974. Velma is survived by a daughter and two grandchildren.

Katherine Foreman '39 of Greece, N.Y., died Aug. 1. He served with the U.S. Army during World War II. Ferd received his juris doctor degree from the Syracuse University College of Law. He was a Workers Compensation Law Judge for 20 years before being appointed as commissioner of the New York State Compensation Board in 1978. He retired in 1999. Ferd was a recipient of Oswego State's Distinguished Alumnus Award. He is survived by his wife, Mary; a daughter; two sons; and six grandchildren.

Margaret Doyle Campbell Hime '40 of Auburn died March 22. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut at Cortland. Margaret taught at Genesee Elementary School for 32 years, retiring in 1975. She is survived by a daughter and two grandchildren.

Joseph Langen '40 of Rochester died Sept. 7. Surviving are his wife, Josephine; Donald Smith '41 of Oswego died Jan. 23, 2001.

John Howard Charles Hartness '53 of Milliani, Hawaii, died Aug. 5, 1999. He was a member of the U.S. Coast Guard and was stationed at Atu Island, Alaska, between the years of 1943 and 1946. After his graduation from Oswego, he had a career in education that spanned over 35 years. He is survived by his wife, Gladys Cyr Hartness '43, a son, four daughters, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Ralph Langebartel '53 died Feb. 19. Janet Cooper Wingett '53 of East Marion died Jan. 15, 2001. She is survived by her husband, Roger '53; two sons; and five grandchildren.

Walter O'Brien '54 of Rome died July 7. He earned his master's degree from Syracuse University. Walter was an elementary principal in the Rome City School District for more than 20 years and had previously been a principal in Frankfort and Syracuse. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, serving in the Pacific Theater during World War II. Surviving are his wife, Ann; two daughters; two sons; and nine grandchildren.

Richard Chetney '56 of Oswego died March 25. He served in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1958. Dick taught at Cato-Meridian and Mexico Academy and Central School, retiring in 1976. He was the owner and operator of Lupe's Sport Shop for 10 years. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; a daughter; three sons; and nine grandchildren.

Robert Saternow '56 died April 8. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. Robert was a teacher in Scotland and principal of Addison High School before joining IBM in 1969 as a systems analyst. He retired in 1989. He is survived by his wife, JoAnn; two daughters, and seven grandchildren.

Larry Lagravinese Kassman '59 of Oswego died April 6. She had previously worked in the Auburn City School District and at the Cayuga Home for Children. Surviving are a son, a daughter and five grandchildren.

James Cooley '60 of Frankfurt died April 1.

Sara Evans Hamm '60 of Baldwinsville died March 22. She attended the teacher-training program at West Chester State College. Sally taught for more than 40 years, retiring in 1971 after 20 years with the Baldwinsville School District. She is survived by a daughter, a son, four granddaughters and two great-grandchildren.

Joseph Lanigan '63 of Rochester died April 6. He taught in Oneida and for the Department of Defense in Germany before moving to the Rochester area where he taught in the Churchville-Chili School District. Joseph is survived by his wife, Mary, and three children.

Brenda Thompson Smith '65 of Liverpool died March 23. She retired after teaching history at Chestnut Hill Middle School in Liverpool for 30 years. Brenda is survived by her husband, William; a son; a daughter; and two grandchildren.

Bernard Pohl '67 of Scotia died Nov. 9, 2000. He earned his master's degree from the College of St. Rose. Bernard was a technology teacher at Ballston Spa High School. Since 1992, he had served as a fire commissioner for the East Glennville Fire District. Bernard is survived by his wife, Suzanne Lathers '66; a daughter, Jacqueline Pohl Wojick '92; a son, Andrew; and two grandchildren.

Charles Emmi '71 of Canastota died Aug. 10. He was a partner in Emmi's Little Italy and Emmi's Hots in Oneida and Pulaski for over 20 years. Chuck is survived by his parents, a sister and two brothers.

Richard Green '75 of Liverpool died May 16. He was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War and a volunteer for the Veterans Center in Syracuse. Richard is survived by his wife, Bonnie; and a son.

Richard Reynolds, '75 of Oswego died Sept. 8. While at Oswego, Rich was a member of the football team. He retired last year after 19 years as a nuclear operator for Niagara Mohawk. Rich is survived by his wife, Linda Faery '74; a daughter, Maria; and a son, Steven.

Susan Stuker '76 of Chittenango died Oct. 17, 2000. She is survived by her husband, Thomas.


Leonard Pfeiffer '77 of Fulton died Aug. 23. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War, having served with the U.S. Navy. Lenny was employed with the City of Oswego for more than 25 years and was formerly the co-owner of Gordie's Donut Deli in Phoenix. He is survived by his wife, Charly; a daughter; and six grandchildren.

Elizabeth Stark Frederick '82 of Chestertowga died Dec. 18, 2000. She was employed at Catholic Charities in Buffalo. Beth is survived by her husband, Mark.

Jane Kapuscinski Woods '83 of Oswego died July 18. She is survived by three sons, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Evelyn L. Buckley-Simkiewicz of Pulaski and Florida, professor emerita, died July 27. She was an educator for 50 years, teaching public elementary students in Syracuse and for 27 of those years she taught English and education at Oswego State. She received her bachelor's degree from Syracuse University and her doctorate in early childhood education from Columbia University. Helen was also an author of many children's books. She is survived by her husband, Francis; a daughter; and five grandchildren.

Dr. Girgis Ghobrial, professor emeritus of geography died June 29, 2000. Dr. Ghobrial taught at Oswego from 1960 until his retirement in 1992. A native of Egypt, he received his bachelor's degree from the University of Alexandria, a master's from Cairo University and a master's and doctorate from the University of Minnesota. In 1996, Ghobrial established the Girgis B. Ghobrial Awards to honor the memory of his parents. Four $1,000 scholarships are given annually to students who display outstanding academic achievement.

W. Stuart Tosh, former faculty member at Oswego State, died Aug. 1. He had also served as president of Mohawk Valley Community College from 1968 to 1974.