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Joe Coughlin ‘82 takes a virtual spin in the MIT AgeLab’s “Miss Daisy.”
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President’s Desk

As I write this message, our campus is busy getting ready for the Return to Oz II reunion for alumni of color in late September. We are eagerly anticipating about 150 members of Oswego’s family to return to campus, reminisce, reconnect with former professors and renew old friendships.

Getting ready for this year’s event brings back thoughts of the past and hopes for the future. I vividly remember the first Return to Oz six years ago.

I enjoyed meeting all the returning alumni and their families, hearing about their successes in the world and the large part Oswego played in their lives. We laughed, ate, danced and sang. And, like any gathering on a college campus, we talked. You shared your great stories and sang. And, like any gathering on a college campus, we talked. You shared your great stories and sang.

In fall 2002, Oswego enrolled 732 students of color, including 687 full-time undergraduates.

We have also made appreciable gains hiring faculty and staff. Seventy-four faculty and staff of color were employed at Oswego State in 2001-2002. Eighty-two are employed this fall.

This year we held our first mentoring program for faculty and staff of color. About 50 department chairs and directors from across campus participated. We are forming a core group to serve as resources for new faculty and staff of color.

In September, our campus hosted its 16th Annual ALANA (African, Latino, Asian, and Native American) Conference. In addition to SUNY Oswego, students, faculty, and staff, from seven other colleges participated.

We’ve made a lot of progress, and much still can be done. But Oswego remains committed to a diverse campus and a quality educational experience for all our students.

I’m the kind of person who believes that home is where the dog is.

So when our 12-year-old Airedale Terrier Maddie died just as the spring issue of Oswego landed in my mailboxes, I knew that before the next magazine, there would be another Airedale in our lives. Several months and hundreds of miles later, Louis came to live with us from French Canada.

I won’t bore you with stories of how cute or smart he is (see for yourself!). I’ll just say that it’s a grounding thing, having a puppy. When nothing else can tear me away from the computer as I type out another story, Louis can. I’ve become hooked on the pleasures of a noonday stroll through the apple orchard, around the rose bush and under the black walnut tree, his favorite places. And, though it’s a little early to make such plans, we’re hoping this loving bundle of joy can be trained to be a therapy dog, visiting people in nursing homes and hospitals.

Louis makes me realize that we have to stop and think about what life’s all about, and how to share its joys. Like the folks we’ve covered in this issue are doing, Joe Coughlin ’82 is working hard to improve the quality of life for elders. Alok Kumar believes that sharing knowledge can bring peace in the world. And Wendy Morris Faulkner ’74 and all the people featured in our Honor Roll of Appreciation have done positive things for others, whether it is helping orphans, funding scholarships or volunteering at hospitals and other places. I hope you enjoy this issue of Oswego and find yourself thinking about what makes your life happy and what you can do to make the world a better place for others. Oops, I have to go now, Louis needs a walk!

Michele A. Reed
Oswego editor
SUNY Oswego earns reaccreditation

The Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools notified SUNY Oswego this summer that it has reaffirmed the college’s accreditation.

Like every reputable institution of higher learning in the United States, SUNY Oswego undergoes an accreditation review every 10 years. A nine-member evaluation team visited the campus in April after reviewing the college’s self-study report and documentation. The team included two commendations for SUNY Oswego in its 25-page evaluation report. “The first-year retention program that consists of First-Year Advisement, FirstChoice, First-Year Residential Experience, and Sheldon Leaders Program is an area of distinction for the college and should be commended,” the team wrote in the report. It added special commendation for the scholarship funds available to students for international study.

Oswego’s initiatives for first-year students are designed to acclimate them to college life and to the Oswego campus community to help them get the maximum benefit from their undergraduate education. The college has also made special effort to make international study an option for students regardless of their economic background.

Budget gap may total $2 million

SUNY Oswego faces a budget gap of more than $2 million this year, President Deborah F. Stanley told faculty and staff at her opening breakfast this semester. Pay raises that the state will not cover and decreased state aid are to blame.

Although the initial state operating budget of $43.77 million for Oswego was up about a half a percentage point over last year’s base budget, the state allocation did not take into account the added expense of salary increases negotiated by the state. On the Oswego campus, this expense amounts to about $1.6 million.

SUNY also withdrew nearly $300,000 from Oswego this year under the system’s Budget Allocation Program formula.

And in mid-summer, following reports of larger-than-expected state revenue shortfalls, the state announced a 1 percent reduction in state support, adding another $186,400 to Oswego’s budget gap.

Taken together, these “negative adjustments and new obligations” amount to $2,085,400, or a budget “gap” of 4.54 percent, Stanley said.

College officials plan to balance the budget by (1) implementing across-the-board savings of 2 percent in each vice presidential area plus the President’s Office, for a total of $810,418; (2) raising student fees, for a total revenue addition of $900,242; and (3) tapping $374,740 in reserves.

Most savings are being accrued by not filling selected positions that become vacant by retirement, resignation or non-renewals, filling them after delay or filling them with less costly temporary appointments.

“A principle we have used in finding savings has been that instructional staffing is the last place we will look,” Stanley said.

Fee increases include a $25 hike in the health fee to $100 per semester, a $20 raise in the technology fee to $100 per semester, and a $15 increase in the athletic fee to $105 per semester.

The budget plan will change over the course of the year as, for instance, the number of employees choosing to take early retirement and revenues from projected over-target enrollment become known, the president said.

Hispanic magazine honors Oswego

A national magazine, Saludos Hispanos, has recognized SUNY Oswego for its commitment to diversity by bestowing its Publisher’s Salute to Honored Educators of Distinction Award on the college.

“We know it is a commitment that starts at the top with (President Deborah F.) Stanley and is the mission of your entire organization,” wrote Rosemarie Garcia-Solomon, publisher of the California-based magazine.

Oswego was one of three SUNY campuses recognized. The others were Brockport and New Paltz. In all, about 160 colleges from around the nation received recognition.

About 3 percent of SUNY Oswego’s undergraduates are identified as Hispanic. The college has determined diversity goals in its strategic plan, “Engagement 2000.”
Inez Parker has 40-year run at library

Inez Parker, the production’s starring role. The library of Rich Hall was the setting, complete with aisles of books, a fireplace and intimate, dim lighting. Everything was in a place for a perfect performance.

It’s now 2002 and the show still goes on. The show has since been moved to Penfield Library, but Parker remains in the spotlight.

Parker has been working for SUNY Oswego for 40 years, an honor that few other employees of the college can claim.

“I’m the kind of person that doesn’t change my living room. If I find something and I like it, I stay,” Parker said.

The college honored Parker in June for her years at Oswego as part of the Employee Recognition Award Program that started 13 years ago. She’s the first employee since this program began to receive this honor for a 40-year commitment.

As a gift from the college, Parker received a fitting addition for her office – a director’s chair with the SUNY Oswego logo on it. Parker has a passion for theater, acting as president of the Oswego Players for the last eight years and starring in performances and directing them her entire life.

Since starting her position with the college, Parker has worked under five different college presidents and five head librarians and with an infinite number of faculty and students.

“Working with students is like watching your own kids grow,” Parker said of her 21 years at the Penfield circulation desk. “I save all the letters and e-mails from the many students that I keep in touch with. I have a deep affection for these kids – I am very maternal.”

This December, Parker’s run is coming to a close at SUNY Oswego when she retires. The curtain is closing after 40 years and eight months of employment. While Parker will still be around to continue dropping off the two magazine subscriptions she donates to the library, her presence will be missed.

“You can’t walk away entirely from an old friend,” Parker said. “It’s been a wonderful 40 years. I have, in my heart, everything that means anything and all the memories from these years.”

— Kyle Konkoski ’03

Osweego magazine is best in SUNY

Osweego alumni magazine was named ‘Best of Category’ in this year’s SUNY/CUAD Awards for Excellence. The winning fall-winter 2001 issue was the first in the magazine’s new look by designer Colleen Kiefer of Kiefer Creative (center) and editor Michele Reed, director of alumni and development communications (right). On hand for the award presentation was Betsy Oberst, director of alumni and parent relations (left).

Osweego’s entry in the alumni publications category beat out entries from three of the four university centers, four comprehensive colleges, one technology college and two community colleges. Binghamton University and the University at Buffalo won Judges’ Citations for their entries.

The SUNY/CUAD awards recognize work in the advancement field throughout the State University system. The magazine won the same SUNY/CUAD award in 1996.

Recruit your fellow alumni

For Oswego alumni in search of employees in today’s tight job market, Oswego’s Career Services Office offers a number of ways to bring other Oswego alumni into their workplace.

Career Services has outlined four ways for Oswego alumni in search of job candidates to locate possible employees, ways that Gary Morris ’88 of the Career Services Office says “keep a strong connection with Oswego.”

1. Send a job listing to the Web site, www.oswego.edu/careerservices. The searchable database makes it easy for alumni, seniors and graduate students to find job listings throughout the country in a range of majors.
2. Subscribe to Career Services’ list-serv, a mass e-mail service that updates job vacancies daily for upwards of 4,000 student and alumni subscribers.
3. Join “Resume Referral,” a program that allows employers to request (by phone, fax, e-mail or online) resumes of qualified job applicants who have posted their resumes in the Career Services e-recruiting system.
4. Participate in the on-campus recruiting efforts of Career Services to meet and interview potential employees. Meetings or luncheons with faculty and staff can also be arranged.

“We do our best with all of our employers, but if you’re an employer and an alumnus of Oswego, we’ll bend over backwards to make sure that these interactions are as effective and productive as possible,” says Morris.

Contact Career Services by calling 315-312-2255, faxing 315-312-5443, e-mailing Morris at gmorris@oswego.edu or by visiting their Web site and clicking on the “Employer Services” button.

— Kyle Konkoski ’03
As communities around the nation came together Sept. 11 in memory of those who perished in the terrorist attacks on America a year ago, the campus community at SUNY Oswego, too, united.

The strong Oswego wind off Lake Ontario continually blew out the candles that faculty, staff and students were holding at the Vigil of Hope and Remembrance, but the crowd simply pulled out their lighters and matches and again ignited their candles. They then would extend this flame to those standing around them, over and over, as the wind relentlessly blew throughout the evening. The crowd also gathered closer, attempting to block out the pounding wind.

Huddled behind Hewitt Union on the North Patio, nearly 2,000 SUNY Oswego community members listened to the words of President Deborah F. Stanley as she reflected on the past year. Stanley encouraged students to think each day, over the course of the coming year, about someone who perished on Sept. 11. If they didn’t know someone personally, she invited them to think of one of our 12 fallen alumni.

After reading off their names, Stanley mentioned the stepdaughter of Professor Robert O’Connor ’82, Vanessa Langer, another victim of the Sept. 11 attack. Stanley remembered the victims of Pan Am Flight 103, where Oswego students Colleen Brunner and Lynne Hartunian were lost in a terrorist attack over Lockerbie, Scotland, in December 1988.

A minute of silence was observed by Fr. Edward McNally of the Hall Newman Center.

After the silence, the Newman Center Ensemble, College Choir and students Kevin Keleher, Anastasias Meehan and Sondra Tackett broke into song, with “We Shall Overcome,” “Dona Nobis Pacem,” “America, The Beautiful” and “Teach Your Children.” Following the reading of a letter from Governor George Pataki by Dean of Students James E. Scharfenberger, Student Association President James Seeley offered words of reflection.

To close the ceremony, the crowd rejoiced in song with the Pat Humphries folk tune, “Swimming to the Other Side.” Student voices filled the air, lifting the spirits of the campus community as the flames of the candles were extinguished and the crowd dispersed with the song’s completion.

— Kyle Konkoski ’03
Awards abound for Oswego faculty and staff

Between the spring thaw and the flourishing of foliage this fall, a number of SUNY Oswego’s faculty and staff members received awards from around the country honoring their achievements.

- The Zonta Club of Oswego selected President Deborah F. Stanley as its 2002 Woman of Achievement. She was honored at a dinner Oct. 25.
- Professors Sharon Kane of curriculum and instruction and William Waite of technology earned Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence in Teaching, one of the highest awards in the State University system. Associate Dean of Students Kathleen Evans received a Chancellors Award for Excellence in Professional Service.
- Technology Professor William Waite received the 2002 Lifetime Achievement in Technology Education from the Technology Club in Syracuse this past spring. Waite has taught professional and laboratory courses at SUNY Oswego since 1981.
- Associate Provost Rhonda Mandel received the Outstanding First-Year Advocate Award for her efforts to enhance the experience of Oswego’s first-year students. The award, presented by the National Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition and Houghton Mifflin Co., was one of two allotted in Oswego’s enrollment category.
- The International Studies Association has awarded its 2002 Chadwick F. Alger Prize to Reshaping World Politics by Craig Warkentin, assistant professor of political science. This prize recognizes “the best work of the previous year on the subject of international organization.”
- The Eastern Communication Association awarded their 2002 Everett Lee Hunt Award to Dr. Nola Heidlebaugh, professor of communication studies. The award was for her book, Judgement, Rhetoric and the Problem of Incommensurability: Recalling Practical Wisdom.
- Oswego’s 2001 President’s Report won recognition in the 2002 APEX 14th annual Awards for Publication Excellence competition. The publication, produced by the college’s Office of Public Affairs, was honored in the category of four-color printed annual reports.
- The Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society, received the Circle of Distinction Award for 2001-02.

Tech Ed is nation’s oldest, largest

Which college has the oldest and largest program of technology teacher education in the nation? Oswego, of course.

In the 2001-2003 edition of the Industrial Teacher Education Directory, sponsored by the Council on Technology Teacher Education and the National Association of Industrial and Technical Teacher Educators, Oswego had 71 technology education majors. It was the only college listed with over 50 students in a program leading to teacher certification.

“We had more graduates than the combined colleges of many states,” said Phil Gaines, chair of the technology education department.

The booklet lists all colleges in the United States and Canada that have technology education programs. Other colleges exceeded Oswego’s number in total graduates or those in programs not leading to teacher certification.

Gaines credits Oswego’s good showing to a “concerted effort” made by the faculty in the 1980s, when technology education was in a decline nationwide.

“Our faculty at the time saw this taking place and we made an effort to reach out to professional teacher organizations and required our student teachers to visit high school guidance counselors,” he said.

Faculty members personally called guidance counselors and then mailed a special poster to schools.

Working with the new computer numeric controlled milling machine in the technology department are, from left, Professor Richard Bush ’92, Steve Devendorf ’03, technology education major, and Howard Botting, technology education major, going for his teacher certification in 2003. Botting is holding a piece of aluminum with a design produced by the machine.

Now, Oswego graduates teaching in the field are the best recruiters, Gaines said. “It’s not too early, you can go into eighth-grade and plant that seed.”

All the hard work paid off in the growth of the department: from 165 students in 1993 to 322 this fall.

Oswego now has three programs: technology education, industrial training and technology management, which grew from seven majors to 23 in four years.

Rick LaDue (left), a graduate student and volunteer coordinator of the AmeriCorps program outreach project, and Michael Yoon ’00, Campus Life marketing and communications coordinator, replace the bed boards in the herb garden at Rice Creek Field Station. They were part of a volunteer crew from Campus Life working with the station’s senior grounds worker, Nancy Townsend.
Emeriti start scholarship fund for faculty progeny

The Emeriti Association of SUNY Oswego voted at its annual meeting in August to establish a scholarship fund for children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of emeriti and current faculty members who attend Oswego.

"Most private institutions already do this for their faculty. It fills a gap," said Eleanor Filburn, president of the association and an emerita associate professor of curriculum and instruction.

The association established the fund to provide scholarship support to an entering freshman or transfer student who is a child, grandchild or great-grandchild of an Oswego emeritus or current faculty member and who demonstrates financial need, she said.

"If no one is available, it can be offered to a nontraditional student," she added. The Admissions Office will administer the scholarship, said Barbara Manwaring, associate development director. All applicants will have the opportunity to indicate if they are descendants from an Oswego professor.

The annual scholarship, which Filburn predicted would be in the $400 range, will not be awarded until the fund supporting it reaches the $10,000 level, she noted. The larger the fund, the larger the scholarship can be, she added. "We put in $500 as seed money," she said. "We would expect maybe three to four years" of accumulating donations to reach the endowment level, she said.

The Emeriti Association is encouraging emeriti and current faculty members to join in supporting this scholarship. Gifts to the scholarship fund may be made to the Oswego College Foundation and designated for the Emeriti Association of SUNY Oswego Scholarship Fund.

For more information, call the foundation at 315-312-3003.

Business students make good first impression

If making a good first impression is an important part of business success, then members of SUNY Oswego’s Students in Free Enterprise team appear to be on the fast track.

The new student group earned the Rookie of the Year award at the SIFE regional competition April 8 in New York City. Oswego’s team also won first runner-up in its league of seven, coming home with more awards than Harvard University. SIFE focuses on presentation skills and promoting the principles of free enterprise.

The four Oswego students competing were Scott Gardner ’02, Amy Rose ’02, Kimberly McLaughlin ’02 and Brian Smith. Their presentations were about 401k plans, currency and setting up a Web site for a business.

The four students earned free trips to the national competition in Kansas City.

While they did not compete, one student came home with the ultimate prize – a good job. Amy Rose ’02 landed a job with Coors, as a result of contacts she made at the SIFE competition.

Other students took advantage of the networking opportunities with participating corporations, which in addition to Coors, included Wal-Mart, PetCo, American Greetings and RadioShack.

Clement Armstrong ’99, MBA ’01, was mentor to the SIFE Oswego team.

Smith, a senior marketing major and president of SIFE for this year, said Oswego’s team stood out from the rest in their league because their projects tied into each other and they emphasized that they were a rookie team.

Some members of the group concentrated on helping Oswego High School start up a junior SIFE team. They will meet with the high school team about twice a month to advise the students this fall. "The Oswego SIFE team exemplifies what students at SUNY Oswego can accomplish with dedication, hard work, leadership, teamwork and integrity," said SIFE adviser Paula Bobrowski, an associate professor of marketing and management. She said that the students at the college are what make the faculty’s jobs worthwhile.
Baseball

For the second straight season the Lakers earned a berth in the ECAC Upstate Tournament, advancing to the championship game. The Lakers finished the season strong, winning nine of their last 11 games. Oswego State was well represented on the All-SUNYAC First Team with third baseman Bob Farrell ’03 (Oswego), second baseman Dan Vacco ’04 (Rochester/Greece Athena), outfielder Garrit Tallini ’04 (Durhamville/V-V-S) and utility player Eric Quadrozzi ’03 (Rochester/Greece Athena) all making the team. Jed Musch ’02 (Camden) was also recognized by the conference earning second team honors. Musch was the ace of the Laker pitching staff with a perfect 5-0 record and an earned-run-average of 1.37. He struck out 52 batters in 46 innings pitched. Farrell was also named to the New York Region NCAA Division III squad by his .360 batting average. She also led the team in doubles (8), home runs (2), runs batted in (26), runs (16) and hits (38). Freshman Heather McBride ’05 (Mechanicville) led the team on the mound with six victories, while senior Jerilyn Pryor ’02 (Clifton Park/Shenendehowa) was second with five.

Softball

On the softball diamond, the Lakers posted their most victories since the 1998 season, as they finished the campaign with 12. Freshman Willow Eyres ’05 (Red Creek/Bethlehem) was named to the All-SUNYAC Team as a catcher after leading the team in batting with an average of .360. She also led the team in doubles (8), home runs (2), runs batted in (26), runs (16) and hits (38). Freshman Heather McBride ’05 (Mechanicville) led the team on the mound with six victories, while senior Jerilyn Pryor ’02 (Clifton Park/Shenendehowa) was second with five.

Athletics moves to Student Affairs

In a move intended to integrate athletics more fully into the life of the SUNY Oswego campus and student body, President Deborah F. Stanley has shifted the college’s intercollegiate athletics program from the Division of Academic Affairs to the Division of Student Affairs.

"The organizational model that positions athletics in the Student Affairs Division is a common one among our peer institutions," Stanley said in a message to the campus. "Our goal is that athletics can be part of every student’s college experience, helping students to bond with the campus community when they arrive and to maintain an affiliation long after they have left."

Plans were to name an interim director this fall and then the search for a permanent director will be organized.

Golf

Oswego State enjoyed a successful spring on the links, placing third out of 16 teams at the annual Le Moyne College Invitational. The Lakers were the highest placing NCAA Division III squad by shooting a combined score of 631. The team also claimed runner-up honors in the eight-team field at the Hartwick College Invite, shooting a 626. Adam Brown ’03 (Theresa/Indian River) was second overall at Hartwick with a two-day score of 152. Bill Grover ’05 (Ithaca) led the Lakers in scoring with an average of 79.54. He also tied for sixth place at the Le Moyne Invitational. J. P. Myers ’04 (Fulton/G. Ray Bodley) was third in scoring average with an 80.5. His top finish was fourth at Hartwick.

Pitcher Jerilyn Pryor ’02 had five wins.
Men's Lacrosse

The men's lacrosse team finished the regular season with an 8-7 record, 5-2 in the SUNYAC. Highlights included a 14-8 win against then-ranked Geneseo and close conference wins against Potsdam and Plattsburgh. A 14-13 double-overtime loss to nationally-ranked Nazareth turned a lot of heads. Tied for second place in the conference, the Lakers were seeded third in the SUNYAC Tournament due to a tiebreaker, and lost to second-seeded Oneonta, bringing their final record to 8-8.

Sophomore midfielder Scott Ferguson '04 (Ronkonkoma/Connetquot) and senior defenseman Aaron Gross '02 (Baldwinsville/Baker) earned second-team All-SUNYAC honors, while senior midfielder Jason Hawthorne '02 (Baldwinsville/Baker) earned first-team All-SUNYAC honors for his third straight year. Hawthorne was also selected to participate in the prestigious USILA North/South Game on June 8 at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. The senior was also named an Academic All-American. Veteran Laker coach Dan Witmer '82 was selected to co-coach the North team.

Women's Lacrosse

The Lakers competed in a pair of postseason tournaments playing in the semi-finals of the SUNYAC Championships and the quarterfinals of the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament. Kat Stead '03 (Clifton Park/Shenendehowa) etched her name into the school record book as the all-time leading scorer as she now has 232 points on 166 goals and 66 assists. Katie Carbonaro '05 (Auburn) was honored as SUNYAC Co-First Year Player of the year and joined Stead and Liz McCarthy '04 (Syracuse/West Genesee) in earning All-SUNYAC honors. Goalie Kathleen Ward '05 (Geneva) established a new school record this season for saves in a game by turning aside 26 shots in a game at Union College. Carbonaro also tied a school record this season by scoring eight goals in a 16-15 overtime win over conference opponent Oneonta. Oswego State finished the campaign with an overall record of 7-7.

Outdoor Track & Field

A successful outdoor campaign was led by the women's team as Susan McWilliams '04 (Central Square/Mexico Academy) earned a trip to the NCAA Division III Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships in St. Paul, Minn. McWilliams turned in a strong performance, placing 12th in the 3,000 meter steeplechase. She was also a SUNYAC champion in the event, while teammate Carissa Stepien '03 (Syracuse/Westhill) claimed top honors in the 10,000 meters. As a team at the SUNYAC Championships, the Lakers placed third overall. Raven Green '04 (Yorkers/Saunders) became the first Laker woman to win a state title taking top honors in the 100-meter dash.

For the men's team, Rich Friedrich '03 (Goshen) won the 10,000 meters at the New York State Collegiate Track Con-

Men's Tennis

Fielding their biggest team in several years, the Lakers had 13 players competing. Oswego State played a full schedule of seven matches and were led by Pat Martin '02 (Oneida) and Ben Grieco '04 (Greenwich/Argyle).
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Atlanta

The Atlanta Club is collaborating with other SUNY alumni groups to expand networking possibilities and event offerings. Recent events have included the first annual SUNY Family Picnic, Third Thursday monthly Networking Socials, and a night of bowling. Upcoming events include:

- Nov. 21 and Dec. 19 – Third Thursday Networking Socials from 5 to 9 p.m. Rock Bottom Restaurant (3242 Peachtree Road NE, 404-264-0253)
- Jan. 10 – Business Card Exchange/Networking Social (details TBA)
- Emory University
- Feb. 20 & March 20 – Third Thursday Networking Socials from 5 to 9 p.m. Frankies/Jocks N Jills at the Prado (5600 Roswell Road NE, 404-843-9444)

Buffalo

The Buffalo Club had over 80 alumni, family and friends come out to enjoy the annual Bills football game and tailgate party in September. Area alumni are looking forward to their annual community service event at the Seneca Street Church on Jan. 18 as well as attending hockey with the Sabres and Oswego State versus Buffalo State this winter. Larry Coon ’83 asks any area alumni who have other event ideas to contact him or the alumni office.

Long Island

Jessica Pristupa ’95 is interested in helping to coordinate alumni club events on Long Island but would like assistance from other area alumni. If you live, or would attend events on Long Island, please fill out the survey at www.oswegosalumni.oswego.edu/longisland

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January 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
January 1 Deadline to submit Nominations for the Oswego Athletic Hall of Fame
Board of Directors Meeting, Oswego Hall of Fame Awards Committee, King Alumni Hall, SUNY Oswego, Oswego, NY 13126
Phone 315/312-2258
Fax 315/312-5570
January 31 Scholarship deadlines begin. Refer to scholarship booklet for other deadlines
Office of University Development, 315/312-3003
March 22 Board of Directors Meeting, Oswego Alumni Association, Inc., Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, 315/312-2258
April 7 College Admissions Open House
Office of Admissions, 315/312-2250
May 16 Commencement Eve Dinner and Torchlight Ceremony
Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, 315/312-2258
May 17 Commencement
June 6 – 8 Reunion 2003. To schedule a mini-reunion for a special group contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, 315/312-2258
June 14 Annual Business Meeting, Oswego Alumni Association, Inc., Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, 315/312-2258
July 24 – 27 The City of Oswego’s fantastic Harborside! On-campus housing available to alumni, friends and family.
Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, 315/312-2258
August 4 Emeriti Luncheon
Office of University Development, 315/312-3003
September 11-12 14th Annual Oswego State Fall Classic
Office of Alumni and University Development, 315/312-3003

Los Angeles
Donald Rusert ’99 is interested in rejuvenating alumni activity in the Los Angeles area. If you live in the area and would attend events, please fill out the survey at www.oswegoalumni.oswego.edu/nyc

Mohawk Valley
Area alumni were surveyed earlier this year asking for input on future events and two very productive planning meetings were held with a great group of volunteers. The first event planned for the rejuvenated club will be an “Alumni Thanksgiving” on Nov. 16 at Dominique’s Chesterfield Restaurant. Other event ideas for the future include: networking socials, wine tasting, theatre night, a cruise, a fall foliage tour, a picnic and sporting events. If you have event ideas or would be willing to help with the club, contact Liz Fowler ’68.

New York City
Stacey Lorber ’98 is trying to rejuvenate activities in the New York City area but needs other area alumni to volunteer to help plan events or submit ideas of events they would attend. If you live, or would attend events, in New York City, please fill out the survey at www.oswegoalumni.oswego.edu/nyc

Phoenix, Ariz.
Area alumni attended an Arizona Diamondbacks baseball game in August and are looking forward to a Western Picnic in November and their annual luncheon featuring President Deborah F. Stanley on Feb. 8. For information on future events contact Charles Weigand ’50.

Rochester
Recent area events have included the 9th annual “Alive at the MAG” celebration in June, a wet but lively Red Wings baseball game in August and monthly Networking Socials at City’s Edge Sports Bar (owned by Russ Byer ’92) on the first Thursday of each month. Henry Seymour ’87 and Patrick Murphy ’95 are in need of your event ideas or your volunteer efforts to plan events. Please contact them today.

San Francisco
Jay Rubin ’93 would like to get this club restarted and see who is in the area. Nothing big, nothing too time consuming, just a way to meet people with that special Oz connection. If you live in the area and would attend events, please fill out the survey at www.oswegoalumni.oswego.edu/nyc

South Carolina
Future events in the works for the Charleston, S.C., area include a return trip to a Stingrays hockey game, Networking Socials, the Oyster Roast at Boone Hall Plantation in January, and the Market Street Run in March. If you have other event ideas, contact Sonya Nordquist ’91 or Karen Parker ’91.

Syracuse/Oswego
Area alumni have recently attended the following events: “Brew at the Zoo” at the Burnet Park Zoo on June 1, a Skaneateles Lake dinner cruise on Aug. 3, a dance performance and reception on campus on Sept. 21, a performance of “Broadway Nights” followed by a reception with our own Craig Schulman ’79 on Oct. 4, as well as a trip to Kingston, Ont., for ChiliFest on Oct. 5. Join area alumni on Dec. 10 at Coleman’s in Syracuse for a Holiday Social, and if you have an idea for a future event, please contact the alumni office.

Washington, DC
Area alumni met for a Cinco de Mayo Social in May, a Flag Day Social in June, a picnic in August and the annual King Street Krawl in September. Upcoming events include:
- Dec. 10 – Holiday Social
- Location TBA
- January/February TBA – Ice Skating
- March TBA – Mardi Gras Networking Social
- May TBA – Cinco de Mayo Networking Social
- June TBA – Flag Day Networking Social
- August TBA – Picnic

If you have event ideas or if you would be willing to help with future events, please contact Kim Brooke ’87.

Future Reunion Dates:
JUNE 4 - 6, 2004 –
JUNE 3 - 5, 2005 –
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.


*Speed Dreams: A Guide to America’s 23 NASCAR® Tracks* by Jay Ahuja ’86 is a comprehensive guide for anyone wishing to follow the NASCAR circuit. As he did for Major League Baseball parks in his first book, *Field of Dreams*, Ahuja takes race aficionados on a virtual tour of the tracks and their environs. Fans will learn about the history of each track, how to get to it, where to stay and eat in the area, and other attractions to visit nearby. How to get the best seats and eats (concession stands), must-have phone numbers and Web sites, and nightspots in the vicinity are all part of the insider information Ahuja shares with readers. The fully illustrated volume covers tracks from coast to coast, from the popular Daytona International Speedway to Napa, Calif., Sears Point Raceway. After six years at The Charlotte Observer, Ahuja took a leave to research and write his best-selling first book. He is now on the staff of Charlotte magazine in Charlotte, N.C., where he lives. Citadel Press, 2002.

B. J. Whalen, the author of *Justifiable Homicide*, is the nom de plume of writing team Jon C. Whalen ’66, and his son Bernard Whalen. Their first novel is the story of William Gennaro, mayor of New York City, a law-and-order leader who grew up on the crime-ridden streets of the city, and his brother Frank Gennaro, a 17-year veteran of NYPD and a street detective. But in an upstate New York prison, Eduardo Noscar is plotting vengeance on William, who as an ambitious young prosecutor put him behind bars. Noscar unleashes a hit man with a diabolical plot to obliterate His Honor’s city. Frank and a rookie officer go undercover to try and foil the plot. Jon Whalen is retired after decades of teaching high school. While attending college he worked as a New York State corrections officer at Sing Sing and Auburn prisons. He also served in the U.S. Army. Bernard Whalen is a lieutenant in the New York City Police Department. The authors are at work on their second novel. Check out their Web site at www.bjwhalen.com. Ballantine Books, 2000.

*Practical Guide to Critical Thinking* by Michael Andolina ’67 is an entry-level college textbook, aimed at students who want to integrate critical thinking with their everyday work lives. Building on the concrete examples and everyday experiences presented in Andolina’s *Critical Thinking for Working Students*, this practical guide introduces the concept of critical thinking through the use of numerous exercises and case analysis. “As one of the few philosophy majors at Oswego in the early sixties, I enjoyed the small, intimate classes and wonderful faculty in the philosophy department,” he writes. “Now as a professor of philosophy at SUNY-Empire State College, I hope I can instill the enthusiasm and dedication I received from my professors at Oswego.” Contributing a chapter to the book was Mary Sallin Andolina ’67, college librarian at Fulton-Montgomery Community College.
And from our emeriti…

A desire to help people understand and care for the environment sowed the seeds for a new publication by Dr. Donald Cox, professor emeritus of biology and a former director of Rice Creek Field Station. *A Naturalist’s Guide to Wetland Plants: An Ecology for Eastern North America* is the start of a four-book series aimed toward both nature enthusiasts and those just interested in knowing more about plants. The author has deep roots in the subject. Cox started in Oswego’s biology department in 1962 and directed Rice Creek Field Station from 1985 to his retirement in 1995. To aid readers in recognizing wetlands flora, the book includes more than 120 illustrations by Shirley A. Peron as well as a glossary of common terms. Syracuse University Press, 2001.

*The Green Maces of Autumn: Voices in an Old Maine House* by Professor Emeritus Lewis Turco is a collection of poems. The “voices” of the title are those of living and deceased members of a family who lived in one Maine home. “They are reminiscent of Edgar Lee Masters’ *Spoon River Anthology*, but here the utterances are less public, less oratorical, more quiet and intimate,” wrote Ted Kooser in *The Georgia Review*. The book is the latest in a long line of poetry books by Turco. He is also noted for criticism, having won the Melville Cane Award of the Poetry Society of America for *Visions and Revisions of American Poetry* in 1986. Founder and original director of Oswego’s Writing Arts Program, he retired in 1995.

Is This ‘The Lodge?’

At Reunion 2002 in July, several alumni reminisced about The Lodge at the Golden Alumni Society reflections taping. This small building by the shore of Lake Ontario was home to activities like dances, club meetings and other events in the late 1940s and early 1950s. It no longer exists. This picture of a dance was found in the King Alumni Hall photo archives, and the staff is wondering, “Is this The Lodge you told us about in July?” Let us know! Write to Editor, King Alumni Hall, SUNY Oswego, Oswego, NY 13126, send an e-mail to alumni@oswego.edu or call 315-312-2258.

Jeff Pratt ’94, M ’97 (center) chats with Karin Franklin ’71 (left) and Kendis Gibson ’94 (right) at the Return to Oz reunion in September. Jeff has been promoted to associate director of alumni and parent relations. Jeff is responsible for regional clubs programs, mini-reunions, the alumni Web site, the GOLD program for graduates of the last decade, as well as coordination of the Athletic Alumni Association and the Athletic Hall of Fame. Jeff has also assumed a staff liaison and management role in the implementation of the Oswego Alumni Association’s strategic plan. He has been a professional staff member in King Alumni Hall since 1995, and prior to that was a student employee for two years.
BOXES OF LOVE
WENDY FAULKNER ’74 LEAVES A LEGACY OF CARING
BY PATRICIA RYCRAFT O’TOOLE ’79

Wendy Morris Faulkner ’74, the daughter of Christian missionary parents, spent her early childhood in the West Indies before moving to Syracuse as a teenager.

Though her life as an adult took her into an influential high tech career, she never forgot the poverty and despair faced by third world children.

“She packed boxes of things and sent them to poor people since I met her at age 16,” her husband, Lynn Faulkner ’74, said of his wife, who died in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. Wendy was 47 years old.

“She also sent money and other support to help educate and assist children for many years, too,” he said. The names usually came to her via her missionary parents who had either actually met those in need during their world travels or learned of them from their missionary friends.

“For the 31 years I shared life with this amazing woman, a spare bedroom, basement or garage was always a staging area for boxes being prepared for sending to someone in need,” said Lynn.

Wendy sent packages to places like Africa, the Philippines, Jamaica and Haiti — anywhere where children were living in destitution.

In the aftermath of the attack on the World Trade Center, Lynn and the couple’s two daughters, Loren, 20, and Ashley, 14, decided to honor Wendy and continue her mission by establishing the Wendy Faulkner Memorial Children’s Foundation.

The foundation is based out of the Faulkners’ home in the Cincinnati area.

Wendy was just as determined as she was caring, said Lynn.

She entered college as a 16-year-old at Onondaga Community College in Syracuse, where she and Lynn met in a freshman English class.

They married in 1981. They moved from Syracuse to Cincinnati in 1996, and in the summer of 2001 were preparing to move to Chicago where Wendy had accepted a job a few months earlier.

As vice president of information systems for Aon Risk Services in Chicago, Wendy’s specialty was integrating computer and data systems of newly acquired business units into the overall Aon information systems structures. On Sept. 11, she was in New York City for one day of meetings at Aon’s office at the World Trade Center.

“She was valued for her highly uncommon possession of both world-class technical expertise and very effective ‘people skills,’” said Lynn.

For more information about the Wendy Faulkner Memorial Children’s Foundation, visit online at www.wendyfoundation.org.
Oswego Alumnus Writes from Kabul

On Sept. 11, 2002, Matt Weiller ’84 wrote from the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Dear Family and Friends:

The playing of the “Star Spangled Banner” and the raising of the flag over the Embassy had a special significance here in Kabul today. We had a moving morning ceremony presided over by Charge d’Affaires Brad Hanson and Marine Brigadier General O’Dell, and attended by Embassy staff, U.S. military, and the members of the Press Corps.

At the end of the ceremony, a piece of the World Trade Center, embedded in concrete by the flagpole, was dedicated. Of course, this was primarily a somber day of remembrance. But for the people of Afghanistan, September 11, 2001, marked the beginning of the end of Taliban rule and years of civil war. Now, a year later, there is hope here.

Regardless of your politics, one has to be proud of how much has been done by the U.S. and allied nations to free Afghanistan and restore vitality and democracy here. Despite the bombing and assassination attempt last week, this is a success story in the making. However, we will have to remain engaged here for years to come. This is still a very fragile place. My work here at the Embassy as General Services Officer (Chief of Logistics) is very fulfilling—if exhausting. I work seven days a week, often up to 12 hours a day. The local staff is bright, and eager, but inexperienced and not yet versed in the U.S. bureaucratic procedure needed to do their jobs.

I live in a 15’ x 7’ trailer on the Embassy compound, which may sound rough, but there are short-timers sharing windowless basement rooms and the Embassy bunker. So I consider myself lucky. We are mostly confined to the Embassy compound, which may sound rough, but there are short-timers sharing windowless basement rooms and the Embassy bunker. So I consider myself lucky. We are mostly confined to the Embassy compound. But the weather is great (like Palm Springs—sunny, warm and clear, at least during the non-winter months), and morale is high. I’m proud to be a part of the rebuilding process.

Peace to all and regards from Kabul.

—Matt

Helping Kids in Afghanistan

U.S. Army Sgt. Civil Affairs Lawrence Provost ’00 is looking for help for the children of Afghanistan, where he is stationed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He writes:

“I landed in Afghanistan with the U.S. Army on Sept. 11, 2002. I’ll be here until probably sometime in 2003. I send my best wishes to all at Oswego. School supplies, medical supplies, books of all types and sporting goods desperately needed for the children of Afghanistan. Supplies and personal mail can be sent to: Lawrence Provost, Unit 20L, APO AE 09354. Thank you for your help.”

Click on Oswego magazine online at www.oswegoalumni.oswego.edu/magazine to see more of Larry’s photos.

“A horrible thing happened to me, and if I sat in bed and didn’t try to get better, I’d be a victim. But I haven’t. I’ve survived.” Deborah Mardenfeld ’93, quoted as the “Quote of the Day” in The New York Times Sept. 10, 2002. The Times said she was believed to be the last person hospitalized with injuries from Sept. 11, 2001.

Sgt. Michael McGuinness ’93, a member of the emergency services unit of the New York Police Department, raised the flag at the World Trade Center site Sept. 11, 2001. His photo was used on the cover of In the Line of Duty: a Tribute to New York’s Finest and Bravest, published by HarperCollins.
From the ‘Gateway to God’

He comes from a town so beautiful people thought it must be close to heaven, so they called it the Gateway to God. It’s a place where philosophy and mysticism are the stuff of everyday conversations.

Dr. Alok Kumar grew up in Hardwar, a town in India on the River Ganges, where Hindu faithful go to immerse themselves in the holy waters and a few miles down the road the Beatles sat at the feet of Maharishi Mahesh Yogi.

The surrounding forests were home to tigers and elephants. People visit the town’s many temples and monasteries, and spend their time interacting with each other and discussing the meaning of life.

In this place a scientist was born. “I feel very fortunate to have grown up in that small town where the external distractions were minimal,” says the professor of physics. It shaped his view of science and life. He followed his natural curiosity, not only into the study of atomic physics, but also into the history of science and science education.

For his groundbreaking work in the latter two areas and his lifetime achievement in science, he was honored with the President’s Award for Scholarly and Creative Activity at Quest 2002.

Kumar readily admits to an eclectic taste in his studies. “The human mind is childlike – curious about everything around us,” he says.

“Most scientists and philosophers think about the natural world around them. They recognize issues and resolve them,” he explains. “A large number of scientists don’t stick to just one narrow discipline, they work in a variety of fields and sub-fields and that provides them with a view of the natural world.”

Art of thinking

His inquiries into the history of science – especially the multicultural nature of the discipline – and into science education, are not mainstream topics for a physicist. And, they are not well-rewarded.

But in keeping with the philosophical paths of his childhood home, Kumar feels it is more important to seek happiness exploring these intellectual topics which are relevant to him.

He also believes it ultimately makes him a better teacher. He believes strongly in inquiry-based and learner-based teaching.

Basically, it means this: You recognize an issue and you come up with a variety of explanations, then you select a few or one to resolve that issue.

“That is an art of thinking. As a scientist we must be good at it. As a citizen we
A journey in science

must be good at it, because in everyday life we come upon these issues and we must resolve them,” Kumar says.

“That is how human beings learn – not in abstraction.”

And that, he believes, is the key to effective science education.

“All forms of learning must have some relevance to students. They take the courses because they want to enrich their own lives,” he says. “All forms of teaching must enrich their lives.”

The young boy grew up wanting to see the world. He thought he would achieve his goal as a soccer player. But when he was injured playing soccer just a week before the annual final exams at school, he realized how fragile a career in sports would be. He decided instead to devote himself to a career in physics.

“I became a scientist because it was the second passion in my life,” Kumar says. “The mysteries of nature intrigued me as a child. I found tremendous pleasure in uncovering those mysteries.”

The little boy grew into a man who did indeed get to see the world, thanks to science. As an Alexander Humboldt Fellow, he got to experience “the ever changing nature of science” at the Linear Accelerator Facility at Darmstadt, Germany. Sometimes there, even six-month-old science was outdated. His scientific journey also took him to Japan and other parts of the world.

Force for change

Through it all he remains focused on the human aspects of science. He truly believes science can change the world — especially if people use it to help them understand each other.

He advocates for knowledge to improve relationships among diverse people. “The idea of tolerance of diversity is very thin and fragile when it is interpreted as enduring differences,” he says. “A much more solid foundation for a diverse society is respect... and respect can come only from knowledge.”

That is the basis for his course on the multicultural nature of science (PHY 303), which was popular when taught at Oswego. He has shared the idea through publications as well.

His involvement in improving the teaching of science has led him to a national platform. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has a program, NOVA, started in 1995 to build a network of courses across the country to improve science education. It also fosters discussion of the courses and teaching methods.

Last year Kumar became a NASA/NOVA fellow, traveling America to help colleges and universities improve their science teaching curriculum.

At Oswego, two multidisciplinary courses are offered under the NOVA umbrella, “Energy Technology” and “Mathematics Matters.” Working with Dr. Carl Salvagin of technology and Dr. Jack Narayan of math, Kumar helped develop these courses, the success of which led to his being named a NASA/NOVA fellow.

A blessed life

Salvagin and Narayan are among the long list of people Kumar remembers every time he talks about the successes in his life. He recognizes teachers and mentors from throughout his journey in science, from colleagues at California State University at Long Beach and Darmstadt to Oswego, where Dr. Ron Brown of the physics department, former president Stephen L. Weber and Narayan mentored him. And he never fails to mention his wife, Kiran Singh-Kumar, for her support of his work.

At Oswego, so different from the Gateway to God he left behind, Kumar still finds peace and inspiration in nature.

“I am so fascinated by the natural environment of Oswego. I think about it often,” he says. “It is so conducive to thinking new ideas, walking by the lake, sitting under the trees, watching our ever-changing weather.”

“I feel I belong here, surrounded by wonderful friends and mentors. It is a true joy to be a physics teacher. “I feel very blessed that I can lead this life.”
Every seven seconds a Baby Boomer turns 50. To Joe Coughlin ’82 that statistic presents a major public policy problem — and a great opportunity.

As the director of the AgeLab at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dr. Coughlin leads a team working to develop policy and products that will help older people live life to the fullest.

“Technology has gotten us to live longer, now we need to think about how to make us live longer better,” he says.

While the upcoming population of elder Baby Boomers makes thinking about the quality of aging very trendy, it’s a question “as old as life itself,” according to Coughlin. The difference is, we used to think of aging as a personal matter. Now with 78 million Boomers graying up, it is a big issue for public policy makers.

Coughlin calls it the longevity paradox. “Now that we are living older, now that we have seen a 30-year longevity dividend, now that we have spent money and thought [to make life longer], we have not given one ounce of thought to how will we live tomorrow,” he says. “How will we live, work, play, learn, etc.?"

The three-year-old AgeLab, founded by Coughlin, is working on a number of projects to make getting around, being at home and working and learning better as people age.

**Driving ambition**

One thing intrinsic to quality of life in America is transportation, according to Coughlin. “As we age, if you can’t drive and can’t get out, you can’t fully participate in life,” he says. And for most Americans, transportation does equal driving. Coughlin is fond of saying that driving connects us to family, friends, health care, shopping, all the “little things that, put together, are life.”

He recognizes, too, that driving is much more than getting from Point A to Point B. To Americans, driving is wrapped up with a person’s identity.

For elderly drivers, having to face the thought of giving up the car keys because their vision is going or they are less flexible or have slower reflexes, is scary, to say the least. When they are isolated by not being able to take the car to socialize with others, depression can set in.

So Coughlin and his colleagues are trying to figure out ways to make driving easier and safer for older motorists.

Enter Miss Daisy. She’s a bright red Volkswagen Beetle that Coughlin and his researchers have fitted out with the latest in technology — infrared screens to help night vision, heads-up display so elder drivers don’t have to strain muscles looking for the information they need, even warning beeps for approaching obstacles.

Technology is helpful, but another thing the AgeLab researchers are studying is: When is it too much of a good thing? Soon we will be able to receive e-mail, even stock reports, in our cars. “How do we integrate the e-mail, phone, stereo, grandchildren, spouse and harmonize them into one safe package?” he asks.

Coughlin foresees the time when cars will come with a blank dashboard, with the display to be customized to the preferences of the driver.

Then there comes the day when the elder driver really does have to give up the keys. Society needs to plan improved public policy for transportation, Coughlin says. Since most people live in suburban or rural areas, the current public transportation model doesn’t work.

Coughlin envisions smaller, easy access vans, rather than buses, that would come when called to pick up an individual and hold about a half dozen riders. There will be handheld devices, like cell phones, so people could track the location of the van and how long it will take to get to where they are.
"Real life is about being able to come and go as you please and where you please," says Coughlin.

**Home, healthy home**

Making home a safer, healthier place for elder Americans to be is another project on the AgeLab agenda.

“How do we bring a whole new generation of services into the home that will enable older adults to stay in their homes as long as they want to?” asks Coughlin.

He envisions the day when a home health station, that could monitor a senior’s vital signs, would be as common a home appliance as a microwave. “How could we revolutionize health if we could facilitate a checkup a day?” he muses.

The preventative services provided by the little device would make the home “a platform for healthy living, not just a place to keep the rain off,” according to Coughlin.

“. . .now that we have spent money and thought [to make life longer], we have not given one ounce of thought to how will we live tomorrow. How will we live, work, play, learn, etc.?”

Planning to bring services into the home to help elders cope with daily living is another necessity, he says. “Your 75-year-old father may be in good health, but would you want him shoveling snow off the roof?” Coughlin asks. Attention to such services is “not just a nice social need, but good public policy,” he explains.

Making available the things seniors need to keep healthy, and getting them to use them are two very different things. To encourage elders to take their medication, Coughlin and his team have come up with a furry little device they call the “Pill Pet.” The fuzzy device is based on popular electronic children’s toys of a few years ago that had to be “fed” or “cared for,” by pushing buttons at a certain time, or they “died.” Pill Pet lets older people know when it’s time to take their meds, and relies on feedback that the prescription has been taken or the Pill Pet will “die.”

The hope is that elderly users will grow attached to the furry toy and be faithful about taking their medication to insure the pet continued to “live.”

“They respond more to that emotional tug than someone saying, ‘Mom, did you take your pill?’” Coughlin says.

Another “healthy home” gadget is the personal advisor, a small device that can sit on a countertop or be taken along on a shopping trip. It can read bar codes on food containers and reconcile the product with the user’s personal dietary needs.

An aerospace engineer, who is part of the AgeLab team, has been working on suits for the NASA mission to Mars. The suits can control the progress of osteoporosis, a

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**Driving Miss Daisy digitally**

The information and services that are available today in a vehicle are nearly without limit. So researchers at MIT are intentionally installing a large amount of technology into a simulator—a VW Beetle—to find a threshold a driver can experience or handle safely while driving.

**Heads up display** will show speed and traffic warnings.

**Monitors will** record heart rate, blood pressure, and other bio-vitals of driver to check stress factors.

**Computer screens** will display e-mails, visual warnings, traffic warnings, navigation aids, routes, and even shopping tips.

**Data** will be used for optimal design and placement of instruments, such as whether they should provide audio, visual, or vibration signals.

SOURCE: MIT Center for Transportation Studies, AgeLab
big problem in a zero-gravity environment. AgeLab is adapting these suits into “digital Danskins®,” stylish undergarments that could increase strength, and reduce the chance of falling and breaking bones.

“Ve’ve taken the best thinking literally in the world — or in this case the universe, with the trip to Mars — and have it benefit Mom or Dad or, as Baby Boomers look in the mirrors, ourselves,” says Coughlin.

The graying workforce

There’s a brand new area AgeLab is working on and Coughlin’s voice crackles with excitement to tell of it. Horace Deets, former executive director of AARP has just come on board to develop a whole new agenda on the older worker and lifelong learning.

Retirement, for those coming into it in the near future, will be very different, as Coughlin sees it. For one thing, it will last longer. “Even if you like playing golf, retiring and then playing another 10, 20, 30 years…” He trails off in contemplation of it.

Since older workers will be staying in the workforce longer, either out of a need for income or to avoid boredom, business then faces the question of how to manage a workplace with two, three or even four generations under one roof.

Add to that the question of lifelong learning, because of a need to keep up with technology and changing trends. “If you graduate today the half-life of your education is very short as you consider the velocity of technological change,” says Coughlin.

From SA to MIT

Public policy is Joe Coughlin’s forte. A political science major at Oswego, the 1982 graduate cut his policymaking teeth in Student Association leadership.

“In SA we used to say we were children playing government,” he says. He realizes the strategies he used in SA are very similar to those he used while he worked on Capitol Hill or for the White House.

The important thing, according to Coughlin, was learning that policymaking, whether it is a small group of students or a large group of professionals, “is not just a field of study, but a way of understanding human behavior and organization. That was invaluable to me in business and now as a researcher and teacher.”

Also important in shaping his future were two Oswego professors. “As one goes through life, you hope to have at least one mentor. At Oswego I was blessed — I had two, more than some people have in a lifetime.”

The teachers who made such an impact on his life were Dr. Mab Huang and Dr. Faiz Abu-Jaber, both now retired.

“One really taught me the love of research, the other taught me the love of teaching, though both were excellent in both,” he says.

“They took an incredible amount of time with me personally. They taught me not to believe everything you read, but to have a critical eye on everything.”

After earning his master's degree in public policy from Brown University, Coughlin landed a job with EG & G, now called Perk and Elmer.

It was the mid-’80s and terrorism was on the public agenda. Coughlin’s master’s thesis was on counter terrorism, especially how terrorism is viewed in media.

He did an analysis of terrorism in the United Kingdom over a 10-year period. “The media is not just a mirror, but may have an impact on how they (the terrorists) will plan their next event,” says Coughlin.

That was a summer job, which lasted the better part of 13 years. Coughlin worked in Washington and Boston, and did consulting with the auto industry, Department of Defense, Department of Transportation and the White House. He met the woman who was to become his wife, Emily, and attended Boston University part-time. He earned his doctorate there in public policy.

One of his last projects at EG & G, done in the mid-1990s, was with the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, working on transportation needs of older adults. And so the wheels were put in motion, so to speak, for Miss Daisy and AgeLab.

Among the first AgeLab projects, for Hartford Insurance Co., Coughlin did work on Alzheimer’s disease and driving.

“How do families approach their mother, father and spouses to put the keys away?” he says. “The thing that was really a joy was to translate research into action — the project produced a booklet advising the public about how to talk to mom or dad [about the issue].

“Research for research’s sake is interesting for the researchers but not exactly making an impact on society. But when you can translate that research into improving the everyday lives of people, then that’s a real contribution.”
Even more essential is the need to look at how older adults learn as compared with younger folk.

“How do we integrate this into industry and public policy?” Coughlin asks. He’s convinced that’s where change will come from. “Business will see this is in their interest and contributes to their competitive strategy as much as it is the right thing to do.”

“We’ve taken the best thinking literally in the world — or in this case the universe — and have it benefit Mom or Dad or, as Baby Boomers look in the mirrors, ourselves.”

**Partners with business**

An interdisciplinary approach and the involvement of business and industry sponsors are key to AgeLab’s success.

The wide cast of characters includes researchers from Harvard Medical School, aerospace engineering faculty from MIT and professors from the MIT Sloan School of Business.

Eleven graduate students and a couple of undergrads round out the lab, which by MIT standards is not very large, Coughlin says.

Corporate sponsors are a big part of the picture, since they fund the research and hope to develop products that they can market to the growing elderly population.

Hartford Insurance Co. and AARP are among the sponsors.

“Funny, but the aging issue has captured the minds of industry in a large way,” says Coughlin. “Just about every car company is a sponsor.”

M & M Mars just came on as a sponsor, which is not as farfetched as it would seem. They are concerned about how Baby Boomers will think about health in the future.

Proctor and Gamble is a sponsor, too. Elders will use everything from the toilet paper to drink products they sell.

That all-pervasive quality is part of what makes the question of aging so intriguing to Coughlin.

“Aging touches every possible aspect of humankind, and needless to say it impacts every kind of industry,” he says.

It impacts all of our lives, too.

Just think, in the time it has taken you to read this article, another 69 Baby Boomers have turned 50.
By Your Work

Oswego founder Edward Austin Sheldon knew the value of the school’s alumni. “By your work, you have made us known and given us character abroad,” he said. Your work takes many forms: excelling in your careers, volunteering in your communities and giving back to your alma mater. In this special section we honor those alumni and friends who have given of themselves — either by helping people in their communities or abroad, or by donating time, money and talent to Oswego. Much good is done and many lives are made better . . . By your work.
kindly geography professor, who loved to help students with scholarships, has bequeathed more than a million dollars to Oswego, the largest gift in the college's history.

Through his gift, professor emeritus Dr. Girgis B. Ghobrial, who died in 2001, will help generations of students fulfill their dreams of a college education.

The Oswego College Foundation has already received more than $800,000 of a bequest that will exceed $1 million, including real property, said Vice President for Development and Public Affairs Kevin Mahaney.

"Dr. Ghobrial was among our most generous donors in supporting student scholarships during his lifetime,” Mahaney said. "We are deeply grateful to him for permanently endowing these scholarships through this enormously generous bequest."

The bequest will establish the Girgis B. Ghobrial Scholarship Fund. Incomes from this permanent endowment will provide scholarship support for students attending SUNY Oswego. Ghobrial's will stated that four of the scholarships awarded each year are to be in memory of his parents, Bakhoum and L. Zahia Sorial Ghobrial.

"This is a transformational gift for the college," President Deborah F. Stanley said. "It dramatically increases our endowment for scholarship support."

The former chair of the college's geography department, Ghobrial spent 41 years of his life in Oswego, 32 of them teaching generations of Oswego students, Stanley said.

“He was a valued member of the SUNY Oswego family and, obviously, we were an important part of his life as well,” Stanley said. “For an individual to bequeath nearly his or her entire estate for the benefit of our students is a remarkable act of love and generosity.”

Supporter of scholarships

During his lifetime, Ghobrial funded numerous annual scholarships across many departments, always doing so in memory or honor of his parents, fellow faculty members and other individuals who played an important role in his life.

Students were grateful. “Because it is a memorial scholarship, it has even more meaning for me . . . I feel like I’m a part of something bigger – something I’m a continuation of – a remembrance,” Erich J. Michaels ’00, who received an award given in memory of Ghobrial’s parents, wrote in 1998. “And although I didn’t know your parents, I feel greatly honored to take part in this remembrance.”

Ghobrial loved to meet students and to hear their stories, and took great joy in helping them realize their dreams of an education, Mahaney said. After his retirement in 1992, Ghobrial remained active with the college and attended many events.

In a 2001 interview with Oswego alumni magazine, Ghobrial said he enjoyed eating lunch in Hewitt Union. “I like to sit where I can see the students,” he said.
Students’ kindness

He recalled how his special relationship with students was underlined when the blizzard of 1964 crippled the city. He said students shoveled his driveway, and three girls who lived nearby baked and delivered a cherry pie for him.

“Theyir kindness reminded me that people in this country are very generous, very good,” the native of Egypt recalled.

That kindness, Mahaney said, has been returned to the college many times over by this gift.

The previous single largest gift to the college came when the late Stephen Coco ’66 left $166,542 to form the Stephen and Ann Coco Scholarship Fund in 2001.

Professor emeritus Girgis Ghobrial enjoyed meeting the recipients of his scholarships at Honors Convocation every spring. Thanks to his bequest, students will continue to receive Ghobrial Scholarships for generations.

Dr. Girgis Ghobrial as a young faculty member, pictured in the 1962 Ontarian
Lyons Give $100,000 Donation to Oswego

Virginia Hafner Lyon ’48 was thankful for the well-rounded education she received at Oswego. So when she and husband Floyd Lyon wanted to give a gift to the college, they settled on a nice, round number: $100,000.

Virginia is a member of the Oswego College Foundation board of directors and the couple knows an endowment is important for the college’s future. “You always think the state is supporting the college and they are, but to a degree,” she said. “Since the college is trying to be on their own somewhat, an endowment fund is necessary. This is the backbone of the school.”

“The Lyons’ generosity and understanding of the importance of endowment to Oswego’s future mean a great deal to us. They have a tremendous understanding of philanthropy and the important role it must play in advancing public higher education,” said President Deborah F. Stanley. “Both Virginia and Floyd have been loyal supporters of Oswego for many years.”

Virginia, for her part, says she is thankful for the liberal arts background she received at Oswego. “It was a well-rounded education,” she said. “It set you out for the world and opened your eyes to many things.”

As an education major, Virginia remembers taking courses in music appreciation, art appreciation, science, geography and history. One course a year was an education course and of course, there was practice teaching. “We even had to take golf lessons one spring,” she laughed.
She remembers the teachers as “very learned,” especially Dr. Charles Wells, Dr. Charles Turner and “Sunderman, the music man.”

“They were just great. They all were,” she said.

“Isabelle Hart taught us general science and geography and I remember she took us on a field trip to the drumlins outside of Syracuse and we climbed up and saw the fossils,” she said. “I remember these things and tell my grandchildren about them. It was a wonderful experience.”

Virginia lived in a house with about 15 girls on Sheldon Avenue, since there were no dormitories at the time.

The friendships she made at Oswego have proved to be lasting ones. She still keeps in contact with Lois Cohen Immerhein ’48, Margery Steiger Anderson ’48 and Agnes Cyr ’47.

Life stories in philanthropy

Virginia and Floyd made their gift an unrestricted one, which means that they have placed no restrictions on how income from the endowment is spent. “I trust whoever’s in charge to make the best use of it,” Virginia said.

Floyd, a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who worked on developing gun sights for Sperry Gyroscope in World War II, led record-breaking reunion giving drives for his 40th, 50th and 60th reunions from MIT.

For her part, Virginia learned her philanthropy literally at her father’s knee. He would always support the Salvation Army, because of the good work he saw it doing in the community, especially for the people with whom he came in contact through his job in the courts.

“Now I never go by those men on the street [with the kettle drive] that I don’t put a dollar in and think of my dad,” she said.

Virginia has passed on the legacy of giving to the next generation as well.

When her first husband died, she established a scholarship in his name at Cornell University, for students in floriculture and ornamental horticulture. The Arthur Thomas memorial scholarship award is given for the student who most excels in marketing in that department. “Now my own children are giving to it, so it continues,” she said.

The horticulture image is a fitting one for Virginia and Floyd’s current gift, too. They hope it will plant a seed and that others will pitch in to grow the endowment and help Oswego provide a well-rounded education for generations of students to come.

*To make an endowment gift, call 315-312-3003.*

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N OSWEGO PROFESSOR who was remembered as “a deeply dedicated and highly successful teacher” by a colleague, is memorialized in a scholarship fund, recently augmented by a generous bequest from his widow, an Oswego alumna.

The estate of Helen Lois Goodwin '54 provided $42,795.06 to SUNY Oswego to support the H. Lois and Paul Goodwin Memorial Scholarship Fund, which has been helping Oswego students since 1989.

“We are grateful for Mrs. Goodwin’s gift, which will keep alive her memory and that of her husband, and help future generations of Oswego students benefit from their dedication to Oswego and to learning,” said Oswego President Deborah E. Stanley.

Vice President Kevin Mahaney said that the bequest “significantly increased” the scholarship, enabling it to continue to help Oswego students financially and to perpetuate the memory of the popular professor.

Paul Goodwin died in 1988. He joined the Oswego faculty in 1947, after receiving his master’s degree in political science from Syracuse University. He first taught in the social sciences department and was one of the original members of the political science department. He also served in several administrative positions, including director of admissions and coordinator of the American Studies program, which he helped design and bring into existence.

“His primary contribution to the college during his years of service was clearly the example he set as a deeply dedicated and highly successful teacher,” his colleague Fred Bartle wrote at Goodwin’s retirement in 1972. “He worked closely with generations of students, maintained contact with an incredible number of them, and guided them in many ways. He was a forceful spokesman for academic freedom and integrity.”

Lois Goodwin died in January 2001. In a 1998 issue of Oswego magazine, she recalled how in 1947 she and her husband became “house parents” at Sheldon Hall, the college’s first residence for women, located on Montcalm Street in Oswego. “Suddenly, my husband and I had 45 young, lively, daughters for four memorable years.

“In 1951, Paul and I moved to our new home near campus, and I, having been so closely involved with freshmen, became one myself as a member of the Class of ’54, Oswego's first accelerated class,” she wrote.

She also worked in the library and participated in the “bucket brigade,” which moved the books from Sheldon Hall in 1961 to the “new” library, now Rich Hall and the site of major renovations for the School of Business.

To donate to the H. Lois and Paul Goodwin Memorial Scholarship Fund, or for information on making SUNY Oswego part of a will, call the Office of Development at 315-312-3003.
A DEDICATED DEPRESSION-era student who worked three jobs while pursuing an Oswego degree will be remembered in a graduate assistantship for the technology education department.

Lucille Keener Clark and Robert E. Clark Sr. are supporting an assistantship in honor of Mrs. Clark’s father, William R. Keener Sr. ’30 for a graduate student pursuing advanced study in technology education.

Keener was the first of his family to complete his education, and he worked up to three jobs, laying bricks and building houses, to make the money for college. An uncle who saw his potential helped him. “What was done for him changed the course of his life, and the course of mine and his grandchildren,” Lucille said. That’s why she wants to pass on the help. “Education is such a precious gift, and many don’t have the opportunity.”

She recalled that her father loved Oswego, where he was a member of Psi Phi fraternity, ran the mile and played football. He also loved his own students in junior high schools in the Allentown, Pa., area, where he lived until his death at age 93 in 2000.

He taught printing and mechanical drawing and his students produced award-winning newspapers. Besides serving as an adviser for classes, he worked with troubled youth.

This year David Copp ’02 has been awarded the $3,800 assistantship. Copp is pursuing his master of science in technology education.

He will assist professors in several courses, help with advisement and take part in departmental conferences.

“It was a great donation that is really going to help me out for the year,” said Copp of the Keener assistantship. “This is a great thing that they are doing.”

Copp, who hails from Fairport, hopes to attain a full-time teaching position in technology education at the high school level. He would eventually like to pursue a doctorate and teach at the college level.

At this summer’s Emeriti Association luncheon, Professor Emeritus of English John and Joanne Fisher donated a framed photograph of former President Foster S. Brown. The portrait of Brown, who led Oswego from 1952 to 1963, will hang with portraits of presidents Deborah F. Stanley, Virginia L. Radley and James E. Perdue in the planned “Hall of Presidents” display, sponsored by the Emeriti Association. It will be in Penfield Library at a site not yet determined.
Former Yearbook Editor Spearheads Class of ‘53 Memorial Scholarship Gift

BARBARA HART FRIENDS ’53 likes to plan ahead. By doing so, she can make optimal use of her time and maximum use of her considerable energy.

It’s not surprising, then, that Friends launched the drive for a 1953 Class Golden Anniversary gift when classmates met at her home on Sodus Bay in 1997 for their 45th cluster reunion.

With more than five years to promote the project, class members opted to fund a scholarship for a future teacher as their way to commemorate their 50th reunion, to be marked from June 6 to 8, 2003.

Class members joined Friends in fund-raising efforts, including a telephone campaign, and they reached a decision to make the scholarship a memorial through which donors can make their gifts in memory of any classmate or loved one who has passed on.

“This scholarship is a means by which alumni can make an impact,” says Friends. “We came to Oswego with no tuition. We had a pretty good deal, and we received an education that helped us build good lives. Now, we need to do what we can to help today’s young people prepare for their careers.”

During the final year before their reunion, Arthur Schilling ’53, former student body president, has agreed to assume leadership for the Class of ’53 Memorial Scholarship. Friends, who was editor of the 1953 Ontario, as well as vice president of Women’s Government and treasurer of her sorority, will focus her efforts on reunion planning and her many other volunteer activities.

"Worthwhile things’

“I’ve always admired people who are active and who are doing worthwhile things,” says Friends, who with her husband, Gerald Friends ’55, has traveled the world with the United Methodist Church’s Volunteers in Mission program.

Barbara and Gerald went to Brazil in 1991, when they worked with a group from Troy building a bock structure for a Methodist camp to serve four denominations of youths. In 1995, Barbara organized a VIM project at an orphanage in Russia. That trip was followed by missions in 1997 to Costa Rica, 1999 to Alaska, and 2002 to the Czech Republic, where volunteers renovated a Methodist Church in Pilsen that Communists had used as a lecture hall.

“It’s not just that the work itself is gratifying,” explains Friends. “It’s that it is educational to travel with amazing people and to learn about the cultures and social structures of other lands.”

Barbara, a former classroom teacher, and Gerald, a former school principal who retired from the Schodack Central School District, were always active in community and church work, even as their three sons were growing up. They continue to use their resources for the greater good. Gerald is a Rotarian, who is active in the international exchange program. Barbara is committed to the mission of the Wayne County Habitat for Humanity. By the end of this year, the total houses built in the county will reach 20.

Barbara’s commitment to the United Methodist Church, its programs and outreach, remains constant for more than 40 years.

Add family activities plus relationships with classmates, long-time friends and new colleagues from Volunteers in Mission, and it is easy to understand why she organizes her time and plans ahead.

Barbara credits much of her success in enjoying an active life and serving others to her Oswego State background.

“The old philosophy that Edward Austin Sheldon followed is always in my thoughts,” she says. “It’s about how much we learn by doing.”

—Linda Morley Loomis ’90, M ’97

To make a gift to the Class of ’53 Memorial Scholarship (gift will be dedicated at Golden Reunion June 6 to 8, 2003), mark checks with Class of ’53 Scholarship and send to: SUNY Oswego, Office of Development, King Alumni Hall, Oswego, NY 13126.
Barry Taylor Memorial Scholarship: ‘One More for the Big Guy’

WAYS TO SHOW that Barry Taylor will always be loved:

- a single rose laid on his Scriba gravesite,
- an annual published memorial (the tribute Aug. 29, 2001, read: “As long as we keep living and keep loving life, we carry his spirit with us”),
- a gift to the Barry Taylor Memorial Scholarship at SUNY Oswego.

Barry died in 1993, but his generosity and his goodness live through his family and friends who, at the time of his death, vowed to keep his spirit alive. Through fund-raisers and individual giving, an endowed scholarship for a Mexico High School graduate to attend SUNY Oswego will be awarded for the first time in the fall of 2003 in Barry’s memory.

Dorothy Woodland Taylor ’59 and her husband, John, their son Brian and his wife have been motivated to set up the memorial by their own love and by the devotion of Barry’s friends, many of whom are practically members of the Taylor family.

“Everybody in town knew Barry,” explains Dorothy. “John and the boys and I ran Woody’s [restaurant], and Barry made friends easily.” Barry loved sports, especially the Dallas Cowboys, and music. He was always eager to go to the baseball games of the younger kids or to head off to a Grateful Dead concert with his buddies.

Friends’ idea

The Taylor home was a gathering place for Barry’s and Brian’s friends — food in the ‘fridge and a welcome mat at the door. As if she is the universal mother, Dorothy includes a host of young adults when she speaks of her kids. “It was the kids — Barry’s friends — who thought the right thing to do would be to set up a scholarship. It has taken us a while to raise enough money to endow it, but it will be ready as a 10th anniversary recognition.”

Many of Barry’s friends have completed their college educations, married, and moved to other parts of the country. Still in Oswego is Tom Matweecha, owner and manager of Domino’s Pizza. “We all feel sad that Barry’s been gone for 10 years, but in his passing he left a memory of a man who was happy and kind and always looking ahead to a better future,” Matweecha says. “We hope that the recipients of this scholarship will use their Oswego educations to go on and become community leaders just like Barry was. To sum it up, the scholarship is our way of doing one more for the Big Guy.”

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— Tom Matweecha

A ‘close bunch’

For the Taylor family, Barry will always be part of gatherings and daily conversations. “We were a close bunch,” says Dorothy, who left her teaching job in 1980 to spend time with her boys while they were growing up. She says that one way she honors her son’s life is by continuing to live fully herself. She and her husband are active in the Oswego Elks Club, where he has served as Exalted Ruler. For annual conventions, they have traveled throughout the mainland and to Hawaii, and this year’s gathering took them to Nevada. Dorothy has recently strengthened her ties to the SUNY Oswego Alumni Association, and she was part of the inner circle at Commencement Eve Torchlight ’02.

“I still drive Barry’s 1988 Volvo,” Dorothy says with a grin. “I visit his grave site almost every other day in the good weather, and every Aug. 29, I lay a dozen red roses for him and the Grateful Dead.”

Dorothy, along with Barry’s father, other family members and friends, feels the most significant way to celebrate her late son’s life is by ensuring that each year a deserving young person will have a chance for an Oswego education as a gift from Barry Taylor.

“Barry would be pretty happy with this,” says her mother. “His whole life was focused on helping others, and he’d feel good to know we are awarding a scholarship in his name.”

— Linda Morley Loomis ’90, M ’97
Volunteering is Dear to Dave Kidd’s Heart

When David Kidd ’49 helps a new cardiac patient find her way to get testing in Schenectady’s Ellis Hospital, he’s not only doing good, he’s doing his own heart good, too. “I feel my best emotionally and mentally, if I am responsible for something or to someone,” he says.

At his retirement years ago, Kidd knew he couldn’t “just retire.” So the former high school principal threw himself into volunteer work—for a local hospital, several organizations and his alma mater.

Kidd started volunteering at Ellis Hospital’s Cardiac Rehabilitation Program shortly after he had a heart attack, in 1991. “I got wonderful care there. The hospital is known for its compassion and concern,” he says. “I wanted to give back to the hospital.”

He schedules patients for cardiac rehabilitation and helps them find their way to procedures like echocardiograms and stress tests. “I’ve had them all once, more than once, so I can let them know exactly what’s going to happen, and put their minds at ease,” he says.

His initial volunteering led to a seat on the board of directors of the hospital’s 220-volunteer organization. Now he is vice-president. He enjoys delivering poinsettias to hospital patients during the holidays or helping with the gift shop’s twice-annual inventory.

And he loves the people. “I know so many people in the hospital, from the security guard, administrators, finance office to the volunteer office and the two women who run the gift store – they are so terrific.”

Kidd also keeps busy in his retirement with writing. He is the author of two histories of Shady Shore, Oswego founder Edward Austin Sheldon’s cottage and the traditional home of Oswego presidents. President Ralph Swetman rented rooms to married veterans for a time and Kidd lived there in 1947. This year he published “Traditional Retirement: It’s Not for Everyone,” in which he outlines his philosophy of staying busy through communicating, volunteering and friendships.

His first thought for volunteering was his alma mater. “I thought of Oswego right away,” he says. “I retired on the last day in August 1991 and in September, came right up to Oswego to see where I was needed.”

With the School Administrators Association, his job had been working with legislators and lawyers. So he was recruited as chair of the Alumni Association’s Legislative Committee, a post he still holds today.

That involvement led to an invitation to join the Alumni Association Board of Directors, a post he held for three terms.

And after serving on the Oswego College Foundation board of directors for years, he is retiring from that post this year. But for Kidd, retirement never means just relaxing. He will continue to serve on the alumni board and help wherever needed.

So whether he is visiting people in the hospital or donning an academic robe to represent Oswego at a college president’s inauguration, David Kidd is touching the hearts of many, and keeping his own ticker healthy.
Deborah Armstrong ’87 Named New Development Director

When Deborah J. Armstrong ’87 started to decorate her new office as Oswego’s director of development, it brought back special memories. “Last week I dusted off my diploma, went to the bookstore to buy a nice frame, and hung it in my office,” said Armstrong, who earned her bachelor’s degree in sociology at Oswego. “In my Oswego State file I also found a letter from a professor who was a great influence. The words she wrote reminded me of how much I respected and admired her. It also reminded me that what she taught me was not just about subject matter, but about life.”

Armstrong will head the college’s efforts to raise private gifts through the Office of University Development. Before coming to Oswego, she was director of development/major gifts officer at Syracuse University, where she worked on special projects, including the $35 million School of Management building campaign.

At Oswego, she has the chance to apply her fundraising skills to help her own alma mater. “In this job I have the opportunity every day, as I reacquaint myself with my professors, the campus, and old friends to be grateful for my Oswego experience,” she said.

“As I watched the fall Torchlight ceremony I thought of all of you: the few I knew and the thousands I didn’t. Whether it was 1937 or 1987, we all walked a part of the same path on this campus. There will be plenty of challenge while I am here, but nothing that outweighs the pleasure that will come from listening to your Oswego experience, getting you to dust off your ‘Oswego file,’ and giving you the opportunity to remember the things I get to experience every day.

“It’s great to be home!”

Prior to her work at Syracuse, Armstrong held leadership positions in the not-for-profit sector, including executive director of Big Brothers-Big Sisters of the Fox Valley Region in Appleton, Wis., and interim fund development manager/associate development manager at the Girl Scouts - Illinois Crossroads Council in Vernon Hills, Ill.

After graduating from Oswego, she earned her master of arts in philanthropy and development from St. Mary’s University of Minnesota in Winona, Minn.

Armstrong was inspired to pursue a career in philanthropy after a seminal experience in a Red Cross office. “I was the victim of a Red Cross disaster,” she said. A 57-unit apartment complex she lived in at Appleton burned, and Armstrong lost everything she owned. It was her first professional job, and she didn’t have any disaster insurance.

As she was waiting in line at the Red Cross for help, she saw a sight that set the tone for her professional career. “A little boy came in and dumped his piggy bank on the counter,” she said. The child gave his entire savings — about $2.35 — to help the disaster victims, she recalled.

“After that I started volunteering,” she said. “I knew what it meant to financially give back.” She put those principles to effect first in youth organizations and later in higher education.

Her new job at Oswego is a homecoming in more ways than one for Armstrong. An Oswego native, she grew up in Boonville and often returned to Oswego to visit her grandmother, who would take her to play on the Swetman Hall playground. She enjoys being close to family — siblings, nieces and nephews; and also fills her spare time running and participating in dog shows and agility trials with her Collies and Shelties.
Moving On Up

SEVERAL PROMOTIONS took place within the last few months at King Alumni Hall, making way for some fresh faces at the Office of University Development and putting some familiar faces in new positions.

- **Mary Canale ’81** took on the title of director of major gifts this summer after serving as the assistant director of development. Canale, a psychology major who’s been working in alumni and university development for over six years, works with alumni and friends to match their desires to make a difference at SUNY Oswego with the priorities of the college. She visits alumni and friends, thanking them for their support and updating them on events at the college.

- **Kimberly McGann ’95**, formerly the assistant director of development, has moved into her new position as the director of annual giving. McGann, a vocational technical education/business major, has been with the development office for over five years. She is responsible for a staff of more than 45 students who work for the Telefund and all other annual giving programs.

- **Barbara Manwaring**, formerly an assistant director of development, is now an associate director of development. Manwaring administers the nearly 120 scholarships that are funded through the Oswego College Foundation. She also coordinates the Oswego State Fall Classic, which raises funds for the Presidential Scholars program.

- **Melissa Manwaring ’01** joined the development staff in July as a development assistant. Manwaring received her bachelor of arts in business administration last year from SUNY Oswego. While Manwaring is new to the professional staff, she is a recognized face in the college’s development office. She worked in King Hall for four years in a number of capacities, including office assistant, Fall Classic reservationist and development intern.

- **Valerie Zacholl ’00** started working with the development team in August of this year as the assistant director of annual giving. Zacholl earned her communications degree from SUNY Oswego and returns to campus after working as general manager of the Community Sports Complex and Civic Center in Oswego. As assistant director of annual giving, Zacholl spends much of her time updating and promoting giving by GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade), seniors, employees and parents.

— Kyle Konkoski ’03
‘Lucky’ Fall Classic Raises a Quarter Million

THIRTEEN PROVED A LUCKY NUMBER for the Oswego State Fall Classic. The 13th annual event, with golf and fishing held on Friday, Sept. 13, raised a gross of more than $253,000 to support scholarships for Oswego State students.

The money raised by the Fall Classic sponsors will support the Presidential Scholars Program. This year’s class of 150 Presidential Scholars continues to “raise the bar” at Oswego, President Deborah F. Stanley told supporters at the Sithe Luncheon, which kicked off the two-day event. Incoming scholars had SAT scores of 1240 and a mean high school average of 93.

Keynote speaker at the Sithe Luncheon was Michael Lorenz, an executive of the Pyramid Management Group and the man responsible for helping to lead the development of the Destiny USA Project. Destiny USA in Syracuse is planned as a huge shopping mall and entertainment complex, which is expected to draw tourists to the area. He told the students, college officials and sponsors present that, among the lessons he has learned in the last couple of years, "It really is OK to dream."

This year’s version of the Classic welcomed two new sponsors at the Presidential Level, the highest level of support. GE Power Systems and Constellation Energy Group joined longtime Presidential Sponsors Sithe and New York State Laborers’ Employers Cooperation and Education Trust Fund.

Over the years Sithe has contributed more than a quarter million dollars to the Classic, and LECET has supported scholarships in the amount of over $125,000, Stanley reported at the Sithe Luncheon.

The combination of 13s proved lucky for another sponsor, Dominion Transmission Inc., which this year boosted its support to the Deans’ Level. Dennis Sugemele, manager of interstate marketing at Dominion, made a hole-in-one during the golf tournament and won a pair of Bulova watches.

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The combination of 13s proved lucky for another sponsor, Dominion Transmission Inc., which this year boosted its support to the Deans’ Level. Dennis Sugemele, manager of interstate marketing at Dominion, made a hole-in-one during the golf tournament and won a pair of Bulova watches.

The Fall Classic, coordinated by Oswego’s Office of Alumni and University Development, has generated a grand total in gross sponsorship gifts of $2.6 million since 1990.

President Deborah F. Stanley accepts a symbolic "big check" representing gross receipts of the 2002 Fall Classic.

Raymond L. Wenderlich of Constellation Energy Group (right) chats with Presidential Scholars Carrie Scrufari ’04 and Eric Webb ’03 at the Sithe Luncheon. “This scholarship has encouraged me to pursue my dreams and I am sprinting toward them with all my might,” Scrufari told the luncheon guests in her address.

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Spinelli Named to Foundation Board

William Spinelli ’84 of Naples, Fla., is the newest member of the Oswego College Foundation board of directors.

A business major at Oswego with a concentration in accounting, he is the president of Titan Custom Homes, Inc. He is also a certified public accountant.

“We are happy to welcome Bill to the Foundation board of directors,” said President Deborah F. Stanley. “His knowledge of business and finance combines with his love of his alma mater to make him a real asset to the board.”

While Spinelli was an undergraduate, he served in the Student Association, was a student senator for Hart Hall and was the student representative on the Auxiliary Services board of directors.

He has been a loyal supporter of Oswego, and remains active in alumni events. He hosted an alumni event last winter in Naples, Fla., at which President Stanley was a guest, at The Club at Olde Cypress.

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Banking on the Future

Ten students from Oswego County high schools received scholarships from Fulton Savings Bank to attend SUNY Oswego. The scholarship program, instituted in 1998, gives $500 per year for up to four years to the highest-ranking students attending Oswego from each school. Another 10 receive scholarships to Cayuga County Community College. “It is our mission to assist the residents of our communities to attain a better quality of life,” said Michael Pollock, Fulton Savings Bank president and CEO.

“Hopefully these scholarships will assist these students in accomplishing their goals and using their talents to make their communities a better place to live.” Present at the awards ceremony were, front row from left, Meagan Wild of Mexico High School, Rachel Koes of Fulton, Kristen Frentzel of Baldwinsville, Christina Weaver of Sandy Creek and Jessica Trump of Pulaski; back row from left, Vanessa LaMont of Hannibal, Fulton Savings Bank Trustee Carolyn Higgins Rush ’68, Jennifer Gasowski of Central Square, SUNY Oswego Vice President for Development and Public Affairs Kevin Mahaney and Damien Mills of Phoenix. Not pictured are Natalie Dushman from Altmar-Parish-Williamstown High School and Mary Kellar of Oswego High School.
OSWEGO COLLEGE FOUNDATION REPORT 2001-2002

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HELP AND GENEROSITY THIS YEAR! More than 14,421 of you answered the call — individuals, foundations and corporations. Your gifts to the Oswego College Foundation are making a significant difference for SUNY Oswego students.

Your generosity during fiscal year 2001-2002 made it possible for the Foundation to grow again. Gifts, bequests and new multiple-year pledges resulted in total gifts and commitments of $2,565,713.

What do your gifts accomplish? They support student scholarships, technology in classrooms and laboratories, athletic equipment and travel funds, library acquisitions, student research, and programs such as Alumni-in-Residence and Alumni Sharing Knowledge.

An Oswego education is all those things and much more. I know that at Oswego I found a home, and a place to fulfill my dreams. The professors I met and the classes I took contributed to my success in my chosen career. And, my life was doubly enriched at Oswego because that’s where I met my husband, Tom.

The gifts that you give help make possible a college education — and all the wonderful memories and dreams associated with it — for thousands of young men and women. In their turn, these young people will go on to make a difference in the world.

Thank you for your generosity. Oswego continues to grow and evolve into one of the top public colleges in the nation. Your support of The Fund for Oswego helps make that possible.

Mae Squier-Dow ’83
Chair, Oswego College Foundation

The Fund for Oswego

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Mae Squier-Dow ’83
Chair, Oswego College Foundation
President’s Circle

The President’s Circle honors donors who have generously contributed $250 or more to The Fund for Oswego.

Oswego State’s sincere appreciation is extended to those individuals who have supported the college at leadership levels from July 1, 2001, through June 30, 2002. The individuals listed below are divided into the Sheldon Ambassadors (gifts of $5,000 or more), the Ontarian Society (gifts of $2,500 to $4,999), the 1861 Society (gifts of $1,861 to $2,499), the Sheldon Inner Circle (gifts of $1,000 to $1,860), the Sheldon Loyalty Society (gifts of $500 to $999), and the Sheldon Associates (gifts of $250 to $499).
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Ryan Deady ’03
Norwich, NY
Major: Public Relations

“I feel very honored to have been picked as a recipient of the Presidential Scholarship. It has made my experience here at Oswego that much more rewarding, and I look forward to graduating next year knowing that I have had a chance to make the most of my time here.”
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Jaime Lynn Rioux ’03
Kingston, NY
Major: Broadcasting

“The Presidential Scholarship was the deciding factor in my choice to come to Oswego State. It made me feel rewarded for all of my hard work throughout high school and now that I’m in college, I’m working harder than ever to live up to the expectations I have for myself. This scholarship has helped me tremendously, financially, academically and especially, personally. It’s given me incentive to become a leader on campus, which gives me a strong foundation for my future.”
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The Fund for Oswego

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Because we appreciate all that you do for Oswego State, we have made every effort to list your name correctly. All donors whose gifts were received between July 1, 2001, and June 30, 2002, should be included in this annual honor roll. However, in a listing of this length, errors may occur. If your name has been omitted, misspelled or incorrectly listed, please accept our sincere apologies. Please bring the error to our attention so that we may correct our records and avoid future mistakes.

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On Track for Birthday Fun

WHERE DOES A RAILROAD BUFF CELEBRATE HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY? Albert "Ray" Connors ’46 celebrated his special day in his favorite surroundings — not one, but two restored classic railroad cars, with dozens of friends to share the occasion. An elementary education major at Oswego, who taught in kindergarten and elementary schools in New York and Virginia, he is retired from the New York State Department of Labor. Ray is an associate member of the American Association of Private Railroad Car Owners. The birthday bash was held on Track 6 at Utica’s Union Station June 1 and included a homemade birthday cake in the shape of a train. The Otto Kuhler private Pullman car was built in 1927 and named for a well-known artist and designer of railroad equipment. The interior includes a luxurious mahogany living room and a dining room with leaded glass. It was used by Harry Truman in 1952 on the Stevenson Campaign, and has been used in films, including "Cat Ballou" and "Centennial."
THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CLASS OF 1952 TURNED OUT IN FORCE FOR THEIR 50TH REUNION IN JULY. At the Saturday morning breakfast hosted for them by President Deborah F. Stanley, they gathered on the lawn at Shady Shore for a class portrait. Later in the day they were inducted into the Golden Alumni Society at a luncheon. With Lake Ontario in the background they are, from left, front row, Marsha Wisotsky, Doris Feldman Bodin, Mildred Moksvold Mounce, Lucille Drucker Schrager, Diane Meyerson Lieber, Frieda Inwald Levine, Marguerite Oswald Mills, Rosalyn Reeves Snow, Lynn Quinones Bamberger, Marie Leubner Watts, Elizabeth Petta Palma and Ann Davis Bellenson; back row, Jerry McDonnell, Lillian Briner VanHouten, Ethel Collins Leal, Dorothea Eisenberg, Karl Schmidt, Barbara Reime Goggins, Clement Striso, Joseph Gsell, Carol Rollwage Maguire, George Bamberger, Leonard Israel and Raymond A. Ross.

A GROUP OF OSWEGO ALUMNI FROM THE EARLY 1950S got together at Rocky’s Restaurant in Del Ray Beach, Fla., in January. Gathered in front of the restaurant are Mona Langbart Seidman ’51, Howard Seidman ’50, Doris Orkand Carin ’51, Marian Cohen ’50, Lucille Seligman Kleinman ’51, Arthur Carin ’51, Daniel Savino ’51, William Rosenberg ’51, Cherie Lyons Eisdorfer ’49, Norman Eisdorfer ’49, Aaron Schmais ’50, Nathan Finkel ’49 and Norman Brust ’49. It was also a reunion for Jack Kiriluk, who was on Max Ziel’s varsity basketball team in the late 1940s.
Honored in Russia

DR. JOSEPH P. CANGEMI ’59, OSWEGO’S 1983 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD WINNER, received an honorary doctorate in October 2001 from Moscow State University of Humanities, sponsored by the Russian Academy of Sciences. Dr. Tatyana Ushakova of the Academy congratulates him in front of a wall in the Hall of Fame showing Russian scientists who were earlier recipients of the honorary doctorate. She is holding the book, Leadership for the 21st Century, which was a best seller in the academic community. Dr. Cangemi was a contributing author and co-editor of the volume.

After graduating from Oswego, Cangemi earned a master’s degree from Syracuse University and a doctorate from Indiana University. Since 1968 he has engaged in leadership and organization development activities with Fortune 500 corporations including General Motors, Coca-Cola, Emerson Electric and several others. He has also been involved with organizations in Italy, Spain, Portugal, Venezuela, China, Russia, the Philippine Islands, South Africa and many other nations.

In 1985, the Polish Academy of Sciences requested he join a select group of professionals to determine how organization development could improve the Polish economy. Four years later, he was invited to a private luncheon with Lech Walesa, Polish Solidarity leader and future President of Poland, where problems in Poland were discussed.

He is the author or co-author of 18 books and monographs, and teaches in the psychology department at Western Kentucky University. He was twice nominated for the Carnegie Foundation’s Professor of the Year national award.

Cangemi and his wife, the former Amelia Santalo of Cuba, have two daughters and four grandchildren.

Five Generations of Alumni

RUTH STEPHENSON VAN RY ’42 HAS A LONG HISTORY WITH OSWEGO. Her first ancestor to attend the college was Sarah Terry Stephenson, who graduated in 1873. “I think she was here when Charles Sheldon was principal, Dr. Sheldon had gone on by then,” says Ruth.

Next came her parents: her father, Kenneth R. Stephenson, Class of 1902, and her mother, Charlotte Jenkins Stephenson, Class of 1904. “That’s how they met each other, here at Oswego,” she says. Her three sisters attended next: Alice Stephenson Nolan ’30, Elizabeth Stephenson Quinn ’33 and Mary Stephenson Scudder ’35. “And I came along in 1938 and I only spent a year here and there was a war on, and I figured I better get a husband pretty quick,” she laughs. After raising five children, Ruth got back into teaching and returned to school herself. “And I spent the next 9 years getting my three years of college,” she says. She finished her course work in 1965.

Following Ruth’s footsteps were nephew Thomas Fanning ’73 and granddaughter Jennifer Van Ry ’93, making the fourth and fifth generations of Ruth’s family to attend Oswego. Another granddaughter, Ellen Klem M ’02 earned her master’s degree in art and painted the mural of Dr. Mary Walker near the corner of Bridge and West First streets in Oswego.

A GROUP OF AGO SISTERS WHO GRADUATED IN THE 1950s still enjoy getting together from time to time. Visiting Skipper’s Landing in Sodus Bay in May 2001 were, seated from left, Peg Leroy Ellis ’53, Jeanne Mitchell ’54 and Adele DeSantis ’53; and standing from left, Betsy Griswold Sweeting ’54, Eleanor Clarke Colvin ’55, Margaret Koseluk Gimbel ’53, Elaine Reap Bond ’55, Barbara Hart Friends ’53, Marilyn Poulin DeVuyst ’53 and Mary Wood Ocque ’56.

Dr. Joseph P. Cangemi ’59 and Dr. Tatyana Ushakova
2002 Alumni Awards

A SCIENTIST AT THE CUTTING EDGE OF THE FIELD OF BIOTECHNOLOGY and an education leader who believes in extending higher education to all deserving students were honored at the Anniversary Class Dinner at Reunion 2002.

Dr. Ban-An Khaw ’69, George Behrakis Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Director of the Center for Cardiovascular Targeting at Northeastern University, received the 2002 Distinguished Alumnus Award. A former president of the Chinese American Society of Nuclear Medicine and the holder of 12 patents, Dr. Khaw is pioneering procedures to help diagnose and treat heart attacks, strokes and certain cancers.

Dr. Linda Donovan Clement ’71 is vice president for student affairs at the University of Maryland. As director of admissions at Maryland for 18 years, she distinguished herself as an administrator devoted to increasing diversity at the university and to raising standards of academic excellence. She received the Anniversary Class Award.

Two other alumni were chosen for awards.

Errol Taylor ’77, a partner in Fitzpatrick, Cella, Harper and Scinto, a nationally known law firm recognized for intellectual property services, was chosen for the Alumni Service Award, which was presented at the Return to Oz II reunion in September.

Lori Brinski Blackburn ’93 will receive the Sheldon Award for Excellence in Education at a later date. She is director of vocal music in the Hannibal Central School District. Blackburn is actively engaged in music education and in bringing music into the community.

If you know an Oswego alumna or alumnus who might qualify for an award from the Oswego Alumni Association, please let us know by Jan. 1, 2003. To request a nomination form, please contact the alumni office or fill one out online at www.oswegoalumni.oswego.edu.

NEWSMAKER

FRANK R. STRAKA ’62, A MEMBER OF THE PARAMUS, N.J., Board of Education, earned the distinction of Master Board Member and was honored at the New Jersey School Board Association board of directors meeting in Jamesburg on May 17, 2002.

Of the state’s 4,800 local school board members, only 109 have achieved the status of Master Board Member since 1992, according to the NJSBA. Straka was one of 16 board members to do so this year and is the first person to become a Master Board Member in Paramus.

As a Master Board Member, Straka interacts and discusses issues with people involved in many aspects of education. He told the Town News in June, “It keeps us alert, it keeps us in touch … it’s like the cutting edge of education.”

Frank is currently serving his sixth year on the Paramus Board of Education and is running for re-election in the spring of 2003 for another three-year term. He retired after a career as an elementary school teacher and has since been working full-time in the superintendent of elections office for Bergen County.
Kudos Cap Currier’s Career

ED CURRIER ’68 KNOWS THE VALUE OF EDUCATION. His parents — a farmer and a former teacher — instilled it in him and so did his professors at Oswego. These influences helped mold him into a teacher — one good enough to be honored at the national level. A science teacher at Wayne Middle School since his graduation, he was the sole New York State nominee for the National Education Association Foundation 2001 Teaching Excellence Award.

“I was so fortunate in having trustworthy, reliable, stalwart people, who helped to shape my future,” Ed says. His mother’s dedication to education and his father’s support — he would take over Ed’s chores on the farm if there was homework to be done — were a big part in molding his love of learning and science.

So, too, were several Oswego professors: Dr. Ronald Engel and Dr. George Maxwell in biology, Dr. Armstrong Miller in botany and Dr. Nathan Swift in education. Zoology Professor Dr. Carlita Georgia Snygg he calls “a wonderfully warm person who brought science alive for me.” Dr. Maurice O. Boyd also earns a special place in Currier’s heart for giving him the chance to be part of Symphonic Choir. “That gave an opportunity for a small town country boy to experience new friendships, travel and sing before audiences—it was a wonderful experience.”

So was Biology Club; Alpha Phi Omega, the national service fraternity; and Rice Creek Field Station, just beginning under Dr. John Weeks.

The snowstorm of 1966 and his work study job under Dr. Lew O’Donnell and Dave Nellis are also great memories for Ed. Another great, new, memory is the trip to Washington as one of only 40 nominees for the Teaching Excellence Award. There Ed got to talk with Fred Rogers, creator of “Mister Roger’s Neighborhood.”

Rogers is one more in a long line of people who have been an inspiration, especially Ed’s wife, Nancy, and children, Andrew and Arianne. “I am all of those people,” Currier says. “I am the product of all the people whom I have touched and who touched me.”
Blue Ribbon Honors

ROBERT SHEITZ ’75, PRINCIPAL OF SOULE ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL IN LIVERPOOL, is proud of his students and faculty. But now he has another reason to respect their accomplishments — Soule Road Middle School was designated as a 2001-2002 Blue Ribbon School by the U. S. Department of Education, one of only 172 recognized nationally.

Soule Road was the only middle school in New York state to receive the honor, and one of only seven schools in New York to achieve the status this year.

Soule Road has been named a New York State School of Excellence twice and once before was nominated as a Blue Ribbon School.

A secondary education–biology major at Oswego, Sheitz lived in Waterbury Hall and was influenced by a young biology professor at the time, Dr. Terry Hammill. He worked with him on research projects and says, “I could see where teaching came first.”

At Oswego, Sheitz also met his wife, Pat Weart ’75, M ’00, winner of the Lucy Wing Award and school psychologist in Liverpool.

But the principal is quick to share the honors with his faculty. “The reason we are a Blue Ribbon School is that I have a phenomenal teaching staff,” he says. “To help facilitate what they do is very rewarding.”

Oswego is well represented on the Soule Road faculty. Those who studied at Oswego include Spanish teachers Claudia Resnick ’72 and Mary Klekosky; math teachers Bruce Schauer ’73 and John Demma ’70; social studies teachers David Thesis, Vicky Sabin and Bill Neer ’92; technology teachers Steve Poydock ’71, M ’75, Mark Russell ’86, M ’86, and Paul Malone ’69 M ’92; English teachers Jane Neer; Jenny Sechler, currently a grad student, and Bob McCrone; health teacher Deborah Logee M ’99; science teachers AnnMarie Schulz; Mike Reiland and Greg Chapin ’71; and in the music department, Kelly Pritchard, orchestra director, currently a graduate student; and Eileen DeGroff, band director, now in the educational administration CAS program.
SILVER REUNION GET-TOGETHER

MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1977 GATHERED AT SHADY SHORE with the lakeshore as their backdrop, at the reception hosted for them by President Deborah F. Stanley. They are, from left, row one, Martha McDonough McLoughlin, Deborah Peckham Klein ’78, Michael Klein, Bert Nixon, Janet Kruase, Mary Miller Dykeman, Debbie Niezgoda Cambareri, Tom Cambareri; row two, Judy Fine Faso ’78, Cindy Craver Johnson, Mariellen Dwyer, Christine Ayres, Stacey Friedman Meredith, Rebecca LaMack, John Kovalchuck ’76, Neda Gent Finney, Mark Pollicove, Anne Dolan, Rich Collins, Orest Michael Logusz, Christine Logar, Susie Vetrovsky; row three, Deborah Casaceli Lane, Alexandra Obremski, Tara Donovan, Diane Lockhart Fernaays, Leslie VanHee Bull, Mary DeSimone Sculinick, Jim Bayer, Felicia Telsey, J. Scott Whitmore, Catherine Fialacara-Bower, Lorraine Ariola Laws, Dortha Bagley Johnston, Debra Husar Raychel, Megan Cree Sollecito, Nancy Ward Leininger, Marianne Murray Cross, Elizabeth Dunne, Carolyn Hirst-Loucks and Toni Giglio Fleszar; row four, Cheryl Bird, Jerry Oberst, Chris Letourneau, Sam Lupo, Ron Schulman, Dave Finlayson, Anthony Recine, Timothy Arena and David Clark; row five, John Toomer, Chris Wood, Alan Olivenstein, Dennis P. Morrissey, Corinne Steele, Bill Beyer, Steve Schawaroch, Paul Angerame and B. J. Castner Cason.

On the Good Ship DKK

SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1977 and friends, all Delta Kappa Kappa brothers, cruised into Reunion 2002 in style on a boat belonging to Tony Lavalle ’76, pictured top row, left, with Tom LaValle, right. Also on the boat, docked in the Oswego River are middle row standing from left, Jim Devlin ’78, Rich Collins ’77, Jim Bayer ’77, Mitch Schweitzer ’78, Chris Letourneau ’77, Rick Parks ’77, Judd Driscoll ’77, and front row, kneeling from left, John Malzone ’78, Ron Schumlan ’77, Mike LeTourneau ’78 and Scott Whitmore ’77.
Powerful Speaker

JONI DANIELS '77, AUTHOR OF POWER TOOLS FOR WOMEN®: PLUGGING INTO THE ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR WORK AND LIFE, visited campus as part of the Alumni-in-Residence program this April. In addition to visiting communications studies classes and sharing her ideas with students, she conducted a brown bag lunch presentation for faculty and staff in Hewitt Union. Here, she signs copies of her book for Kim Galkowski (center) and Anne Dehm (right) of the Oswego staff. Daniels, a nationally known expert in the field of professional development, was quoted in the Aug. 6 issue of Family Circle magazine. She counseled a reader who had trouble reconciling her company’s overtime policy with her duties as a mother, to meet with her boss and discuss the issue. “In the end, it’s better to be prepared than to worry,” Daniels wrote.
Share your memories of King Hall!

KING ALUMNI HALL WAS NOT ALWAYS THE HOME of the Oswego Alumni Association. It was a family home: a residence for male students, and later one for women; and the site of several college offices. If you have memories or photos of King Hall, please share them for a story in a future issue of Oswego. Call the Oswego Alumni Association at 315-312-2258, write to us at King Alumni Hall or e-mail us at alumni@oswego.edu.
Corrections

In the Spring/Summer 2002 issue of Oswego, a photo on page 23 was incorrectly identified. The friends of Michael Cawley ’91 pictured are Susan Weston Morency ’92 and Michael Morency ’91. The photo was taken on graduation day in December 1991.

In a Class Note in the Spring/Summer 2002 issue, David Wilke ’77 thanked several of his former professors. He listed communication studies Professor Emeritus Lewis B. O’Donnell, when he had intended to identify chemistry Professor Raymond O’Donnell. “Not only did I find Professor Raymond O’Donnell to be an entertaining lecturer – he always reminded me of the late biochemist and science fiction author Isaac Asimov – but, during an ad hoc conversation in Snygg Hall during the fall of 1974, he encouraged me not to strive for anything less than an ‘A’ in his notoriously difficult course, General Chemistry for Science Majors. Thanks to a singular conversation with SUNY Oswego’s illustrious analytical chemist, I indeed managed that fall to pull an ‘A’ in General Chem – and acquire a measure of confidence that would serve me in great stead more than 20 years later upon earning the Ph.D. in philosophy,” writes David. “I now offer the same pep talk (‘damn the torpedoes, shoot for an A!’) to my own students in Honors courses here at the University of Kentucky.”

Robert J. Pagano Jr. ’84 has been named president of the Industrial Pump Group of ITT Industries. The Industrial Pump Group has 10 manufacturing plants, 14 service facilities and 30 sales offices worldwide with over 2,000 employees. It manufactures and markets pumps globally under the Goulds Pumps, A-C Pumps, PumpSmart and PRO Services brands.

Pagano began his career with KPMG Peat Marwick in Syracuse. After five years with KPMG, he returned to Goulds Pumps/ITT Industries, where he had been an accounting intern as a student. He has since accepted and succeeded in a variety of management assignments including auditing services, cost accounting manager, assistant controller, Ashland operations controller, IPG group controller, and most recently vice president of finance and group controller of ITT Fluid Technology.

After graduating from Oswego magna cum laude, he did post-graduate work at Syracuse University. He is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Management Accountant. He lives in Baldwinsville with his wife, Susan, and son, Robert J. III, and daughter, Stacey.
Last winter the Alumni Association conducted a comprehensive survey of 5,000 randomly selected alumni to solicit input regarding alumni programs, communications and opinions about the college and the quality of an Oswego education. More than 660 alumni responded to the survey—a response of more than 13%. To those of you who participated—a hearty thanks for taking the time! The results will help us to direct both our resources and our priorities to best meet your needs.

Some of the highlights of the alumni responses were:

- **26%** had visited the alumni Web site.
- **60%** did not know we had a Web site!
- Of those who had visited the Web site, the most popular areas were the Alumni E-mail Directory followed by the Calendar of Events.
- **61%** get the majority of their news about the college from the Alumni Magazine. The most popular sections of the magazine cited were Class Notes and alumni features.
- **63%** had made a gift to Oswego.
- **52%** of the respondents rated the college’s academic reputation as high, while **16%** rated it very high.
- **97%** would recommend Oswego to a prospective student.
- **92%** felt their Oswego education had been an asset to their career.

Regarding Reunion Weekend, alumni were surveyed about the timing of reunions—results were roughly evenly divided between early June and mid-July, with the majority of respondents actually providing no response.

The campus has made a decision to move Reunion Weekend to early June in an effort to better accommodate other on-campus programs (such as New Student Orientation), campus construction schedules, and to reduce conflicts with summer vacations.

Overwhelmingly, those surveyed favored “cluster” reunions—reunions of three class years together, with **52%** favoring cluster reunions for selected reunion years and **5%** preferring to have reunions only with their own class. (**43%** offered no opinion about cluster reunions.)

As we continue to analyze and review the survey responses, we will use the results to drive our strategic plan, our budgeting and our programming. We have already made a decision to increase the number of issues of Oswego alumni magazine from two issues per year to three.

We will continue to solicit your feedback and your involvement as we try new programs and ideas and attempt to offer the best alumni programs possible.

P.S. And check out our Alumni Web site at www.oswegoalumni.oswego.edu

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**CLASS NOTES**

From the executive director

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**Oswego Matters**
Helping Students REACH for Success

Tomasina Boyd Boone ’93 is the beauty director for Today’s Black Woman magazine and Hype Hair magazine. She talked with Oswego at the Return to Oz II reunion in September.

Q. Tomasina, tell us about your job.
A. Basically I oversee the marketing management of the magazines, dealing with Fortune 500 clients and handle all of the beauty revenue that comes in.

Q. What’s your day like?
A. Hectic. There’s always a deadline. A typical day may consist of some sales calls, whether it’s L’Oreal, Chanel, Estee Lauder. I see the clients, take them to lunch, then, follow-up and any maintenance in the afternoon.

Q. How did you get where you are today?
A. My first job out was as an auditor. I hated it! I decided that I wanted to do something with my communications major. So I went to The Nation, a 100-year-old liberal magazine, which gave me my break. They were very cool there, actually. I was able to train and it gave me the freedom to get my feet wet. I was assistant advertising manager there. I handled all the small display ads and classifieds. It was amazing working there because you met some of the greatest minds in America. It was a melting pot of just good people. After that I moved on to Johnson Publishing, which is one of the oldest African American publications out there — Jet magazine. That is where I developed my category for beauty.

Q. Is that something you were interested in anyway?
A. Beauty? (Laughs) Always! There wasn’t a day that I wasn’t! That position made it easier for me to walk into the interview here because they were looking for a beauty manager.

Q. What are the most satisfying parts of your job?
A. I think the contact with people. It’s producing a product that the clients love and our readers enjoy. Another perk is all the free products—all my friends benefit from it, too. And, meeting the presidents of companies, like L’Oreal and Soft Sheen. They know me by name, actually by my nickname, Tommy, which is kind of cool.

Q. What at Oswego State helped you in your career?
A. I’m bumping into Oswegonians all the time in the media market, in the advertising agencies. My education prepared me — the hands on experience they gave me, nurturing me through. I felt like I could always call on them and say, “Could you help me?” Also, just the experience of Oswego, which is so different from home, New York City.

Q. Any faculty or staff who influenced you?
A. Wow! There were a lot! Dr. Z. (Dr. Aikira “Ike” Sanbonmatsu). He taught the philosophy of communication, the whole theory of Zen. “You can’t step in the same river twice because the river is always moving.” At the time I was young and . . . probably didn’t appreciate it that much. As I got older and reflected, I loved the class.

The professor who taught COM 100 (Dr. I. David Glick). He was tough . . . comes in, in full robes, singing the alma mater the first day. He was great. I got a C in the class but it was the best experience. Best C I ever earned.

Q. Any regrets?
A. I wish I had actually taken the opportunity to do an internship and study abroad.

Q. What were you involved in on campus?
A. I was heavily involved in Black Student Union and the sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. I was an RA in Hart Hall and was involved in WTOP.

Q. I hear you have a scholarship fund started? Can you tell us a little about that?
A. It was begun by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. and the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. I was going to start a scholarship on my own, I was going to give about $1,000. So I thought, if I called up a few of my friends from Oswego, to see if they’d like to contribute. They thought it was great! So we started brainstorm, and called it the REACH scholarship, which stands for Returning Excellence Among College Honors.

And as we got more money we decided to make it an endowment. We are at the half-way point of $5,000 and we are still raising money to reach the $10,000 mark (needed to endow a scholarship).

Q. What’s your day like?
A. Once we get this established, it will keep going. We want to make sure we can constantly contribute. Once this is in there it will be ongoing for an indefinite amount of time and will benefit students.

Q. Why an endowment?
A. My husband went to a private college and they raise the money in no time. I noticed that at the public colleges, alumni don’t give back as readily. And I wanted to change that.

Q. What do you hope to accomplish?
A. This scholarship is for students of color. I hope that the money will help out some people who really need it. And I hope that we will encourage a lot of other alumni to give back as well — either to contribute to our scholarship or start one of their own. Ultimately the goal is to reach back to our roots, which is Oswego State.
Oswego had Cup fever this spring as rookie forward and Oswego native Erik Cole led the Carolina Hurricanes to the finals round of the National Hockey League’s Stanley Cup competition. And Oswego State alumni were vocal in cheering Cole’s ‘Canes on, since several former Lakers had been his coaches over the years. Tom Caraccioli ’89 (second from left) coached a young Cole on the mites road team. Tom and his brother Jerry were the first twins to play on a Laker hockey team, during the 1985-86 season. Now a PR specialist with USA Network, Tom traveled to Raleigh to take in a ‘Canes game with Mark Fierro M ’95 (second from right), who coached Cole in high school. Also at the game were Chad Holbert ’99 (left), who played for the Lakers, and Oswego native Doug Manwaring (right). Bill Cahill ’89 was also a minor hockey coach for Cole. Pete Sears ’71 coached Erik in his sophomore and junior years in high school. “He was the ‘whole package,’” the 1972 Olympian said of his former player. “He had great size, great strength and he was a super skater. With all these things, he could also put the puck in the net. He was a great scorer.” Added Sears, “At the time, I knew he would be where he is today.” Those who watched the games on TV could enjoy the talents of another Oswego alumnus. Steve Levy ’87 was broadcasting the games for ESPN.
NEW YORK CITY firefighter Bob Bacon ’95 (left) and police officer Brendan Chamberlain ’91 returned to campus as emcees of the 2002 Torchlight Ceremony. They offered their thoughts on the Sept. 11 tragedy. Bob also shared his story with a nationwide audience, as he was among the firefighters featured on an ABC News special, "Report from Ground Zero," aired on Sept. 10.

KIVA VANZANDT ENGLISH M ’88 OF ELBRIDGE has achieved National Board Teacher Certification. She teaches kindergarten at the Cato-Meridian Central School and has taught there for 18 years.

She has also been awarded Master Teacher Status for her excellence in teaching at her school district.

National Board Certification is a voluntary process that is achieved through a rigorous performance-based assessment, which takes almost a year to complete. Through the assessment process teachers document their subject matter knowledge, provide evidence that they know how to teach their subjects to students most effectively and demonstrate their ability to manage and measure student learning.

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards announced that 6,500 teachers nationwide earned the highest teaching credential in 2000-2001. Only 185 of them are in New York state.
Manely, A Tail Of Success

OSWEGO'S EQUESTRIAN TEAM ALUMNI are riding high with awards in the International Horse Show Association. Shannon Whitney '97 and Alicia R. Fereday '00 were both regional champions and went on to zone competition this year at Skidmore College. With two alumni riders, Oswego had the most of any team in the zone.

Shannon was zone champion in two events and Alicia took sixth place in Alumni Equitation over Fences. Shannon went to nationals, taking seventh place at the national level in both Alumni Western Reining and Western Horsemanship.

Alicia also serves as the coach of Oswego State's Equestrian Team, which this year had its first win in a meet since the team's inception in 1975. They won the Hunt Seat High Point Championship in December. The 15 team members ride at all levels of skill. They range from beginners to one rider who went to the national competition, Oswego's first competitor at that level in four years.

Alumni and student equestrians are invited to join in the fun. Contact Alicia at afereaday@syr.edu.

Student and alumni members of Oswego's Equestrian Team display their awards at regional competition at Cazenovia College. They are, front row from left, Meghan Miskinis, Jessica Hill, Kari Redmond, Danielle Rossi and Patricia Devlin; middle row, Coach Alicia Fereday '00, Kelly Cox, Meghan MacBlane, Barbara Deilman and Shannon Whitney '97; and in the back, center, Jennifer Adams.
E. GAIL AND SALLY ELDERS OF ROCHESTER presented the Oswego Alumni Association with a plate depicting the former home of Oswego Normal School. The small porcelain plate depicts the second State Normal School building, which was occupied from 1879 to 1913. The former U.S. Hotel, it stood on the North Side of West Seneca Street between Sixth and Seventh streets and was renovated from 1878 to 1880. The plate was made by Wheelock in Vienna, Austria, for Jules Wendell and Son, a jewelry store in Oswego that was in business between 1856 and 1916. Anyone with information about such a commemorative plate may contact the Alumni Association at alumni@oswego.edu or 315-312-2258.

Virtual Reunion Online
Missed Reunion this summer? Want to see old friends who came back? Check out the Virtual Reunion at www.oswegoalumni.oswego.edu/reunion2002. You can click on any event and view photos of all the fun. Warning: Seeing the good times you missed may result in an uncontrollable urge to attend next year’s reunion. And when the time comes to sign up for the 2003 gathering, you’ll be able to register online, too.

A Note about Class Notes
Oswego alumni magazine is happy to print news of alumni weddings and birth announcements — after the events. We cannot print wedding plans or news of pregnancies in Class Notes. Please send us word when the wedding occurs or the baby is born. The editor reserves the right to select wedding and other photos for publication based on available space and the quality of the photo. Actual photos are preferred, but digital photos may be used, if they are of high resolution. When in doubt, please write us at alumni@oswego.edu.
Haven stories needed

In World War II, Oswego’s Fort Ontario was a haven for nearly 1,000 refugees from Hitler’s atrocities. Many of them attended the college and went on to pursue their dreams.

This year, Oswego students, faculty and staff are reading about this historic time in Ruth Gruber’s book, *Haven*, the first choice in the Oswego Reading Initiative program.

We are interested in your memories for a series of articles in the next issue of *Oswego*. Are you a camp resident who attended Oswego in the 1940s? Or do you remember welcoming them into classrooms here? Maybe you lived in town and recall meeting some of the people. Or you graduated many years later, but their story has moved you.

Please send your memories of the time Oswego served as the only haven for Jewish refugees on American soil. We’re interested in your reminiscences, photos, memorabilia and stories.

Call the Oswego Alumni Association at 315-312-2258, write to us at King Alumni Hall or go online to www.oswegoalumni.oswego.edu/haven.
Marc Secchi '93 and Jami Bitter Secchi were married Nov. 10, 2001. Pictured are Oswego graduates (top row from left) Marc Salmon '93, Paul Brennan '93, Tony Grillo '92, Kathleen Collins '91, Mark Kegelman '92, Debbie Unger-Borkowski '93, Mike Borkowski '93, Laura Fagan-Ward '90, Mathew Yox '93, (middle row from left) Scott Iacono '93, Lisa Curia '93, Jen Magro '93, Frank Castro '93, Nicole Secchi-Baumgardner '94, Lisa Dujat-Cuozi '92, Charlie Heinrich '93, (bottom row from left) Tom Devoe '93, Tricia Serper-Devoe '94, Blase Cannavale '93, Gina Hausman '91, the bride and bridegroom, Caryn Schere '91, Jerry Salvage '93, and Brian Sullivan '93. Also present was Brian Cooney '89. The couple lives in Bayside.

Paul Brennan '93 and Heather Flanagan Brennan were married Dec. 8, 2001. The Oswego graduates at the wedding included, bottom row, from left, Thomas J. Crowley '91, Andrew Young '91, Mark Salmon '93, Steven Parmelee '92, Sue Rainey Magin '92 and Patrick Magin '91; and top row from left, Jill Ryan Perry '91, Matthew Perry '90, Brian V. Cooney '90, Marc Secchi '93, Mike Drankwalter '89, Christopher White '92, Matt Yox '93, Charles Heinrich '92, Matthew Mays '91, Michelle Ponsolle Mays '91, the bride and groom, James Petry '95, Mark Palombi '97, Carmen Ruffa Boardman and Will Boardman '95. It was a real "Greek" wedding: the groom and all the men, except Boardman, were Delta Kappa Kappa brothers, Sue Magin is Phi Lambda Phi, Jill Perry, Omicron Xi; Michele Mays, Sigma Delta Tau, and the bride, Kappa Kappa Gamma at Duke University.

Laura Fagan-Ward ’90 and Robert Ward were married Aug. 3, 2001, in St. James, Long Island. Oswego alumni in attendance included (back row from left) Tracy Kedziolka Sutherland ’90, Robert Ward; (third row from left) Lisa Dujat Cuozzi ’92, Lisa Mariano ’92, Mary Regan Fagan ’91, Caryn Sherer ’91, Laura Fagan Ward ’90, Lisa Marinucci ’90, Sue O’Connell ’90; (second row from left) Brenda Fredericks Marino ’90, Marc Secchi ’93, Tony Grillo ’92, Kathleen Collins ’91, Blase Cannavale ’93, Gina Hausman ’91; (front row from left) Kim Fisher Tocci ’90, Bennett Tocci ’91. The couple resides in Coram.


Alumni Couple Wed on Live TV

Every wedding must have two witnesses, but thousands witnessed the wedding of two Oswego graduates. LaRae Martin ’99 and Zaire Coore ’98, MSED ’00 were married in a live broadcast on Syracuse’s WTVH Channel 5 July 20.

The pair were the winners of a contest. The station paid for their wedding and honeymoon, and viewers chose everything from the flowers, dress and rings to the honeymoon destination.

To enter, LaRae made a tape, unknown to her fiancé, featuring a song she would sing at the wedding “One day I looked at the commercial and saw my face on the commercial!” she said. The couple was one of five finalist pairs, and had people sending in votes from all over.

They were voting on the Internet and when the site crashed, Zaire, a residence hall director at SUNY Cortland, and LaRae, a third-grade teacher in Syracuse, organized a postcard campaign. With over 2,000 postcards sent in by students, friends and other viewers, they won.

Viewers then got to vote on everything from Zaire’s tuxedo to the flowers in LaRae’s bouquet. The wedding couple chose three dresses, rings and tuxes they would be happy with for people to vote on, but ultimately had to go with the viewers’ choice.

Cameras followed them everywhere, from the bridal and tux stores to the florist’s shop. Asked if she minded, LaRae replied with a laugh, “I’m not shy.”

After the wedding ceremony in the chapel at LeMoyne College, where LaRae earned her master’s degree, the station treated the couple to a three-week honeymoon (no cameras there). They spent two weeks in Florida before leaving on a cruise.

The two graduated from SUNY Morrisville before coming to Oswego to earn their bachelor’s degrees. Both were active in the Gospel Choir, Black Student Union and intramural sports. Zaire was an RA under Tony Henderson and lists the hall director among his biggest influences, along with the LEAD Center’s Roosevelt Mohammed, Dr. Eugenio Basualdo of vocational teacher preparation, and Chuck Weeks and Marie Shuman of the Residence Life Office.

His biggest memory is being a founding member of Pi Gamma Theta Fraternity Inc. with Nathaniel Brookings ’01 and Aunree Houston ’00. Brookings was part of the wedding party and so was freshman Uriah Coore, Zaire’s brother. Also representing Oswego alumni was Erica Lovette ’01.

Contacted after the honeymoon, Zaire had only one complaint following the “perfect, flawless” experience. “We didn’t want to come back,” he said.
Helen Sayer Beers '24 of Dewitt
passed away Jan. 8.

Lucy Stevens Morris '25 of East
Syracuse died May 14. She taught for
20 years, retiring in 1966.

John Donovan '26 of Oswego
passed away March 2. He received his
bachelor's and master's degrees from
Syracuse University. John taught in
the Madison Central School District
for more than 40 years, retiring in
1971.

Veronica Manion Welch '27 of
Auburn died March 1. She taught in
Auburn at St. Mary's School, South
Street School, Garden Street School
and West High School. Veronica is
survived by a son.

Gertrude Noyes Buske '29 of
Oswego died April 1. She taught in
Rockville, Conn., and later in a one-
room school house in Scriba. Gertrude
is survived by a son, three
daughters, four grandchildren and
four great-grandchildren.

Kenneth Fifield '32 of Middle-

Miriam Manly Baggs '33 of
Canandaigua passed away Sept. 9,
2001. She is survived by three chil-
dren.

Zelma Smith Larkin '33 of Mexi-
co passed away March 8. She taught
at the District 7 New Haven School
House; and was employed at Seal-
right for 20 years, retiring in 1975.

Margaret Crooks Ruth '33 of
Volney died May 15. She taught in
Volney, Constantia and Fulton. Sur-
viving are two daughters, a son, eight
grandchildren and 10 great-grand-
children.

Raymond Scott '33 of Hannibal
passed away Feb. 17. He owned and
operated Scott's Building Supply from
1959 to 1974. Ray also owned and
operated the G.L.F. and Agway Feed
stores; Ray-Nell Food Store, which
later became Red & White Grocery
Store; and a construction business in
the Hannibal area. He au-
thored the book, On Earth the First
Time and More, which chronicled his
family history and that of the Hanni-
bal area. Surviving are his wife, Beat-
rice; two daughters; a son; three step-
daughters; and many grandchildren
and great-grandchildren.

Gladys Clarke Wesseelid '33 of
Camden passed away May 25. She
taught in the Camden area prior to
her marriage. Gladys and her late
husband, Clyde, ran Clyde J. Wesse-
dine Sales & Service; and built the
original Super Duper in Camden.

Hazel Durst Brewer '34 of
Ooltewah, Tenn., died April 29. She
received her master's degree from
Syracuse University. Prior to her re-
tirement, Hazel taught in the North
Syracuse Central School District. She
is survived by a son, three grand-
daughters and three great-grand-
children.

John Carlson '40 passed away
Oct. 18.

Marie Maroney Fox '40 of Livo-
nia and Bonita Beach, Fla., passed
away February 27. She taught for sev-
eral years prior to her marriage. Marie
is survived by her husband, Frank;
five sons; two daughters; 15
grandchildren; and three great-
grandchildren.

John Joyce '41 of Rockville, Md.
died December 26. He taught for 30
years in Montgomery County and is
survived by his wife, Jane.

John Somerville '43 of Oswego
died March 29. He taught in New
York Mills prior to returning to
SUNY Oswego where he taught in the
industrial arts technology depart-
ment until his retirement in 1971.
Surviving are his wife, Kristina; a
daughter; a son; and two grandchild-
ren.

Dorris Hartnett Donovan '62 of
Syracuse died Feb. 28. She taught in
the Fulton City School District, retir-
ing in 1976. Dorris is survived by two
daughters and two grandchildren.

Susan Rung Carrier '63 of South
Harwich, Mass., and Austin, Texas,
died May 24. During the 1960s, Susan
taught in several school districts
across the country. She is survived by
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and grand themes, who recognize, in literature at least, the workings of good and evil, heard the resonance in the Pontiff’s choice of the word.

Evil has infiltrated our church and laid it low just at the moment its strength is most needed.

Those of us who have studied literature, who recognize in this scandal the elements of classic tragedy, understand, too, that such evil does not enter the human drama arbitrarily, all unbidden and undeserved, but insinuates itself into our lives through our own failings, our own willful ignorance, through – and the English majors already know this – some tragic flaw.

Just what the Church’s tragic flaw might be could, no doubt, evoke theories as readily as Antigone and King Lear evoke PhD theses, but I have only two degrees in English and so in my reading life, I seek the straightest and most logical route to understanding a story.

Reading the tragedy of this scandal, I look for character motivation and begin to understand how the leaders of our Church might have been moved to retain and to protect the worst of its priests in order to preserve the public image of a rapidly shrinking priesthood. I look for fore-shadowing, and I see how the leaders of our Church might have been convinced that a wink and a nod could excuse the evil done by these men because a wink and a nod in the face of injustice have become a habit of mind among us, among Catholics everywhere.

Irony enters the story. We are a Church of seven sacraments, except that – as even my thirteen year old daughter has noticed – for half our population, there are only six. We are a diverse people, made one by our faith, except that half our population is barred from full participation. At the center of our Liturgy, there is the Eucharist, our comfort and our strength, the body and blood of our Lord, offered for the salvation of us all, but the leaders of our Roman Catholic Church prefer that the consecrated Host be held aloft by a criminal rather than a woman.

We are the followers of the Way and the Truth and the Life, but for the sake of custom, or complacency, or convenience, or a lingering cultural misogyny, we have developed the habit, the tragic flaw, of dismissing Truth with a wink and a nod – (Jesus, we are told, we tell ourselves, we tell our daughters, doesn’t want women to be priests, he just doesn’t) — the tragic flaw that has led to a desperate shortage of priests, which has led to a desperate attempt to preserve the priesthood at any cost, which has led to the infiltration of evil and the humiliation of the leaders of our Church just as all the signs and symbols indicate that our Church is most needed.

This is the unfolding story of our time, and its resolution, its redemption, the good that will triumph over this evil, is all in the future. And you are the future. It is a cliché, surely, in another time and place. But today, for you, it is an injunction, an obligation, a prayer.

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EDITOR’S NOTE: The following is an excerpt from an address given in May by Alice McDermott ’75 at Regis College, a Catholic women’s school. McDermott is the winner of the 1998 National Book Award for fiction for her fourth novel, Charming Billy. Her new novel, Child of My Heart, is published this month by Farrar, Straus and Giroux. We are proud to present this address as the first edition of The Last Word, a new feature designed, in the best tradition of academe, to inspire thought and provoke discussion.

Signs & Symbols

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES. You are, you know, the future.

It’s a squeaky old commencement platitude, isn’t it? You are the future, you are our hope, you are what the world will become – yada, yada. Don’t mention this to your dear old aunt if she wrote the phrase on your graduation card, or to your parents if they work some form of it into a toast this evening, but “you are the future” is, let’s face it, a commencement cliché and in any other year, at any other place, I would cringe myself to hear it, or to use it. You are the future. I know what you’re thinking: For such gems she gets an honorary degree?

But this is not any other year, or any other place. This is the academic year that began with the horrific events of September 11 and comes to a close with our (Catholic) Church shaken and shame-faced. This is the first graduating class to enter the changed world of post-September 11, and the world hungering for change that is our post-scare Church.

For you it is neither a Hallmark Card platitude nor a commencement chestnut; it is an injunction, an obligation, a prayer: You are the future, you are our hope, you are what the world will become.

I suppose I might be better able to convince you of this if I carried the authority and the experience of a head of state, or a politician, or a rock star, someone who’s out there, keeping an eye on the whirling world. But I’m a novelist, a teller of tales, worst yet, a teller of tales about ordinary people in plain circumstances. My professional life is spent making things up, playing with words, creating the signs and symbols that will make the fictional universe of my stories seem fated, predetermined, inevitable.

Worst yet, when I graduated from college, I graduated as an English major – you know, one of those degrees. (I recall my parents’ reaction when I told them, toward the end of my own senior year in college, that I thought I’d like to get a Master’s in English as well. My poor, patient, pragmatic father looked at me over his reading glasses and said, sympathetically, “You’ve already got one degree you can’t do anything with, why would you want two?”)

I do indeed have two of those degrees you can’t do anything with, degrees that leave you, nevertheless, with a life-long propensity for searching out signs and symbols, lit motifs, character motivation, foreshadowing, tragic flaws, portents, grand themes.

And so it is as a novelist, a reader, a former English major, that I make my case today: The unfolding story, the signs and symbols, portents and themes of this time and this place, have put the future in your hands.

Signs and symbols. The events of September 11 offer many. Those of us accustomed to seeking them out, make note, for instance, that the first death certificate written on that terrible day was for Father Judge, the Fire Department chaplain, a Catholic priest killed while ministering to his people. Or that the Episcopal church closest to the devastation remained perfectly intact – its grounds littered with the debris of the fallen towers, but not a single window in its chapel broken.

In my own parish, an inside-the-beltway parish filled with busy professionals, a hastily scheduled mass at 9:30 on the evening of September 11 filled the church to capacity, and the eloquent sermon by our young priest made tangible, in a way many of us had never experienced before, our great need for all the Church provides: a place to grieve, to join hands, to be renewed.

Signs and symbols, portents, themes. As we do when we read great literature, we make note, not yet fully understanding, and read on.

We read on to find the Church that served us so well in September, that served so many of the dead, fire fighters, police officers, Irish, Italian, Hispanic New Yorkers, in spring is diminished, publicly humiliated by its own foolishness — to find that the same front page that contains reports of a siege at the birthplace of Our Lord features accounts of unspeakable cruelty perpetrated by Catholic priests, of unfathomable neglect on the part of their superiors. The beautiful language of our liturgy, the comforting eloquence of our priests that was so essential to us in September, is tainted by doublespeak, evasion, or an awkward silence.

Those of us accustomed to interpreting literature see a theme developing, a tragedy taking shape.

In his first public statement about the scandal, Pope John Paul II called it evidence of the evil at work in the world, and while his words were lost in the public debate over whether he said enough, whether he’ll do enough, whether priests should marry or cardinals resign, those of us with a literary frame of mind, those of us accustomed to looking for metaphors and portents continued on page 43
Even before founding Oswego Normal School, Edward Austin Sheldon dedicated his life to extending the benefits of education to all who sought knowledge. Now you can help carry on his vision by joining the Sheldon Legacy Society.

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Educated people are obligated to share what they know with the rest of society. In expressing that belief, Rosemary Nesbitt, former head of the acting and directing sequence and director of SUNY Oswego Children’s Theater, sums up the driving force behind her exceptional life. At the same time, she expresses the central tenet that shaped her career at Oswego, where she rose to the rank of distinguished teaching professor and was among the first group in the SUNY system to receive the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Retired since 1993, Nesbitt relishes the many roles she continues to play in the community, and she values her lively neighborhood, comprising households of young families, retired citizens and college students. Still maintaining a rigorous schedule, she reflects upon her teaching years, saying, “Every single day, I miss the classroom!”

Nesbitt might have pursued a career on the stage. She followed her magna cum laude bachelor’s and with distinction master’s degrees from Syracuse University with post-graduate studies in England, where she was awarded highest honor in her fellowship for the study of Shakespeare at Stratford upon Avon.

“Well of course I loved acting,” says Nesbitt, who as a child organized shows in the barn, and as a young woman formed the Baldwinsville Theater Guild, the oldest continuously running community group in the state. “But I wanted to be Dame Judith Anderson or not do professional theater at all.”

Motivated by exceptional college professors, but also by “very inspirational and influential public school teachers in Baldwinsville in the 1930s,” Nesbitt chose teaching over performing. She taught at Wells College and at S.U. before joining what was then the department of speech at Oswego in 1965. “I believe in theater as a teaching instrument,” she says. “I tried to always emphasize in the classroom the importance of teaching, of letting one’s philosophy of life come through. I told my students what I believed was right and wrong.”

Using the classic fairy tales for inspiration as well as for moral lessons, Nesbitt wrote 15 plays that were performed by the Children’s Theater and expanded casting to provide roles for all who auditioned.

One of her two historical novels for young readers is part of the fourth-grade curriculum in several states, and her love of history has inspired her to found and direct the H. Lee White Marine Museum sponsored by the Port of Oswego Authority.

The walls of Nesbitt’s “Gingerbread House” in Oswego bear plaques and awards, including the George R. Arents Pioneer Medal for Achievement in Education from Syracuse University; The Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge George Washington Honors Medal, Woman of the Year from Oswego Zonta Club, and the Jefferson Award from the American Institute of Public Service, and many more.

She is a Lady Commander of the Equestrian Order of the Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulcher, and this year, the Senate proclaimed her a Woman of Distinction of New York State.

Nesbitt was honored by the city of Oswego in 1999 when a monument was unveiled in Breitbeck Park with this inscription upon the pages of an open book: A Tribute to Rosemary Sinnett Nesbitt, community leader, city historian, educator, storyteller, visionary, author, thespian, patriot, museum founder, dedicated volunteer, and devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

Nesbitt’s former students might have wondered why her respected professor demanded only their best work. In time, they learned that she held them to the same standards she set for herself.

“I love achieving,” she admits. “Every time I get one of these awards, I dedicate it to my parents, who expected their children to excel and to contribute to society.”

— Linda Morley Loomis ’90, M ’97