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Dr. Richard Hyse lives on Oswego's east side with his wife, Josephine, in a home that reflects their lifelong love of fine art, classical music and books. Her art studio is on the second floor and his wood-working shop is in the basement. Witnesses to their life story are everywhere.

Arriving in New York City as displaced persons in 1947, the Berlin natives had survived Hitler's camps and forced labor, and were eager to start a new life in the United States. Richard, who had a high school diploma from a Berlin gymnasium and had also apprenticed as a blacksmith and mechanic, quickly found work in a Brooklyn shipyard, repairing Liberty ships; Josephine became a seamstress in a Brooklyn factory.

Richard's uncle told him he would never get ahead without a college education, so he enrolled as a night student in the Baruch School of City College of New York, earning a degree in accounting as one of five magna cum laude graduates in that year's class. He had previously been inducted in the business honor society Beta Gamma Sigma with then Mayor Robert Wagner and City Treasurer Abe Beam.

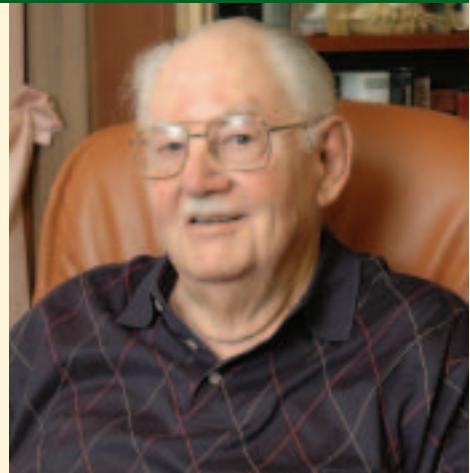
On a state fellowship, Hyse began doctoral studies in economics at New York University, where he conducted research on the European Economic Community. In 1961 he joined the faculty at Oswego as the sole economist on campus.

Hyse relishes his reputation as a demanding professor who held his students to high standards. Many students obtained noteworthy internships — one year there were four Oswego students interning at the Federal Reserve in Washington — and many graduates had good

careers. As a faculty adviser to the International Relations Club, he accompanied the Oswego team, representing Russia, to the St. Lawrence Model Security Council in 1963. The team was named "Best Delegation" and the team leader, Ken Auletta '63, now a writer for the *New Yorker* magazine and the author of 10 books, was named "Best Delegate." Hyse recalls that Ken, as head delegate, "blew the other delegations away."

"Professor Hyse was the Vince Lombardi of faculty coaches," remembers Auletta. "He was demanding, always pushing his team to work harder, think clearer, argue more persuasively. Yet he did not hide his joy when Oswego was named the best delegation. I still recall the look of satisfaction on his face, the half-smile. My only regret is that St. Lawrence did not give an award for faculty advisers, for he deserved it."

During a sabbatical in 1970-71, Hyse researched notarial files in the archives of the city of Amsterdam and discovered that the economist Richard Cantillon, after his flight from Paris, had lived in Amsterdam and engaged in financial transactions, recorded on the books of the Wisselbank and in notarial documents. The resulting paper, written in English on a French typewriter, was published in the *Economic Journal*, the journal of the English Economic Society, and earned Hyse a promotion to professor. His other publications include a student business manual for SUNY, the only English translation of Simonde de Sismondi's *New Principles of Political Economy* and recently, a book, *Markets, Power and Wealth*, a critique of microeconomics.



Dr. Richard Hyse

Hyse started and directed the business program, became the first chairman of the economics department and directed the Bruege Program. He also had a leading role in faculty governance, drafting the first by-laws of the Faculty Assembly and serving as the first chapter president of UUP.

Hyse served as treasurer of the Children's Center for 25 years, and was co-founder and treasurer of the Oswego Opera Theatre. He is a New York State Regents Fellow and NYU Woodrow Wilson Fellow and a member of Beta Alpha Psi, Omicron Delta Epsilon and Beta Gamma Sigma.

In addition to valuing the concrete evidence of their work in their house — some furniture made by Richard, and prints and watercolors created by Josephine — both enjoy the company of friends and former students. They winter in Florida, but return each spring to Oswego, their home for more than 40 years.



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A \$1 million gift by **Marcia Belmar Willock '50** is the largest in college history, exclusive of bequests. Photo by Robert Mescavage

# President's Desk



It's always gratifying to me to see the evidence of the love Oswego alumni feel for their alma mater. I enjoy it when you share with me your stories about how Oswego transformed your lives: a professor who set you on the path to a career, an internship that opened doors, maybe a life partner met on the lakeshore. Oswego students thoroughly enjoy any advice, personal experiences, and prospects for networking they might gain through contact with alumni. They learn about the love that their predecessors hold for this college through the occasional but cherished oppor-

tunities to interact and share with you. How can we all show our love for Oswego? We can return to campus to speak in classes, host events for prospective students, volunteer at Reunion, or generously support *The Campaign for Oswego*. We can invite interns into our workplace, hire fellow Oswego graduates or reconnect with classmates via the OswegoConnect online community. Whatever form your love for Oswego takes, the important thing is to recognize it and share it with others. I encourage you to do just that.

Deborah F. Stanley  
President

## FROM

## *the Editor's Pen*

**I**t may be a cliché, but in my job it's often true: No two days are the same! This issue proves that more than ever. You'll remember from earlier columns that I am a consummate dog lover, so our Campus Canines feature was a big treat for me (no pun intended). To orchestrate a photo shoot like this one is a huge undertaking, requiring hours of set up and shooting. But it really wasn't work—it was pure pleasure. Visiting **Eric Louis '80** and his beautiful dogs was likewise a joy. Speaking with **John McLoughlin '75**, the real-life hero of this summer's hottest movie, was a humbling and moving experience. It was so cool (liter-

ally!) to stand on the roof of Piez Hall in the blustery wind off Lake Ontario with **Scott Steiger '99**. **Marcia Belmar Willock '50** regaled me with engaging stories of her years on campus and inspired me to take charge of my own investment future. I never cease to be amazed at how interesting and varied are the lives of our Oswego graduates. And how lucky I am to be able to write about them, issue after issue!

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## Art nationally accredited

**S**UNY Oswego's art department recently received accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Art and Design. All three of Oswego's creative arts departments — art, music and theatre — are now nationally accredited, and the college is one of only two SUNY schools to have received such recognition.

The accreditation process began with a department self-study almost five years ago, said Dr. Helen Zakin, professor and chair of art at SUNY Oswego. "It was a real learning experience," Zakin said. "We were forced to not only learn about ourselves but also how this department functions within the college. That was very positive and helpful."



In March 2005, a two-person NASAD team visited the school and offered praise in several areas, noting the "dedicated, productive and student-centered faculty" and "enthusiastic and supportive students," among other department strengths.

In March 2007, the department will present "Lost in a Viral Paradise," a piece that culminates a three-semester collaboration between the art, music and theatre departments and Squonk Opera — the sort of interdisciplinary partnership that the NASAD team suggested for program improvement.

Dr. Sara Varhus, dean of arts and sciences, said that she hopes prospective students will see that Oswego is the place where they can "bring it all together." ●

Kimberly Street discusses an exercise on perspective with Nathan Sullivan, who teaches Summer Session drawing classes at SUNY Oswego. The college's art department recently earned national accreditation through the National Association of Schools of Art and Design.

## New arts minor approved

SUNY OSWEGO'S NEW MINOR IN creative arts therapy is designed to allow graduates to take advantage of more career opportunities in counseling or arts therapy.

The core requirements of the minor are two School of Education courses — CPS 393, "Introduction to Creative Arts Therapy," and CPS 394, "Creative Arts Therapy: Theory in Process" — and six credits each of specific introductory classes in art, music and theatre. The last six credits of the 30-credit program come from electives in human development and psychology.

With the minor established, the chairs of the art, counseling and psychological services, music, psychology and theatre departments will comprise an advisory board for the program. Dr. Tom Darvill, professor and chair of psychology, coordinates the new minor.

"A lot of our students have been taking these courses anyway," Darvill said.

"There's a natural connection between psychology and art."

Two students have already signed up for the newly approved minor and, because it hadn't yet been publicized in the college catalogue or elsewhere, Darvill expects many more.

He said that New York state has begun to offer certification in creative arts therapy, acknowledging the increasing importance of the field, and that Oswego graduates with this minor have a start in that direction. There is also an increasing demand for employees who can demonstrate creativity in the workplace.



**Robyn Butterfield '03, M '06** works on a project for an oil painting class by Glimmerglass Lagoon on campus.

"What I tell students is: With so many young people getting bachelor's degrees, do anything you can to set yourself off from the herd," Darvill said. "I think having a creative background like this will get a company's attention." ●

## Two alumni honored



**Errol Taylor '77**



**Christian Mensah '84**

TWO OSWEGO ALUMNI were honored May 20 at Commencement 2006. Prominent New York City attorney **Errol Taylor '77** and United Nations legal officer **Christian Mensah '84** received honorary doctor of laws degrees from SUNY and addressed the graduating class. "Work hard, follow your dreams and remember that you're not done," Taylor said in his address at the morning ceremony for the Schools of Education and Business. "This is just the beginning, the beginning of your journey to be who you really, really are." Mensah told graduates of the College of Arts and Sciences: "As you go into the world to do whatever you do, you must pay attention and appreciate the diversity and the differences. Your neighbor is not

going to be the same as you. And it becomes actually quite beautiful." Taylor, an expert in intellectual property law, is a member of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy. Mensah is the senior legal officer for the United Nations in Nairobi. ●

## Hockey to host tourney

THE OSWEGO STATE LAKERS men's and women's hockey teams opened their season Oct. 20-22 in the brand-new Campus Center. The men's team will host St. Thomas, Elmira and New England College in the first-ever Pathfinder Bank Oswego Hockey Classic, Dec. 29 and 30. All four of the participating programs have played in the NCAA Division III Frozen Four within the last four seasons. Alumni families and youth hockey teams are invited to the event. Tournament and regular season game tickets are available at the Laker Hall box office, 315-312-3033. ●

## WRVO opens new studios

**W**RVO, the public radio station on the SUNY Oswego campus, cut the ribbon during Reunion 2006 on its brand new facilities in Penfield Library.

On hand were National Public Radio's Neal Conan, host of "Talk of the Nation," and **Michael Lazar '70**, an original WRVO staffer who is now president of Capital Public Radio in Sacramento, Calif., and a member of the NPR board of directors. Dozens of former WRVO staff members returned for the event.

Conan and Oswego President Deborah F. Stanley cut the ribbon to symbolically open the new facilities, where WRVO had been broadcasting since January.

Commenting on WRVO's history, Conan said, "The one constant through all of this has been the programming, the ideals of accuracy and fairness and public service that WRVO and National Public Radio have come to symbolize in broadcasting in this country."

SUNY Oswego provided \$556,000 toward renovating the Penfield Library space for WRVO. The studios were equipped with \$180,000 provided by a federal grant and \$265,000 in donations from listeners and sup-

porters of the public radio station. New York State Sen. **Jim Wright '71** secured funding to improve the instructional television studios in Lanigan Hall, prompting the move of WRVO to its new facility in Penfield Library.

Over the past 35 years, WRVO has grown from fewer than 10 listeners to include more than 100,000 people who tune in at least once per week, and from broadcasting only a few hours a day to the city of Oswego, to become the 24-hour source of news and information for people in 15 counties and two provinces.

In a report released in May, the Radio Research Consortium announced that, among public radio stations, WRVO, with an average of 4.2 percent of the Syracuse radio audience during any hour, ranked 15th nationwide, up from 29th during the winter of 2005. Based on a weekly tune-in of nine percent of the population of the Syracuse area, WRVO ranked 22nd nationwide, up from 30th the year before.

Among all radio stations in Syracuse, WRVO is the eighth most listened-to in a typical quarter hour, the only public station in the top 20. ●



On hand for the opening of the new WRVO studios in Penfield Library were, from left, station manager **John Krauss '71**; Neal Conan, host of NPR's "Talk of the Nation"; and NPR board member **Michael Lazar '70**.

## Construction continues on campus

CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATIONS continued all summer under the SUNY Oswego renewal plans.

Riggs Hall received a gabled roof to match its lakeside neighbor Johnson Hall. The residence hall is scheduled to reopen in 2007.

Work continues on the Campus Center, the first new building on the Oswego campus in more than 30 years. The convocation center/ice arena opened Oct. 20, and plans



The new Campus Center takes shape.



Workers place a new gabled roof on Riggs Hall.

call for a phased opening of the rest of the 111,492-square-foot, \$25.5 million structure. The project also includes renovations to the Swetman/Poucher complex, as the center will be a physical link between east and west campus.

Oswego's renewal encompasses more than \$160 million of campus-wide renovations, construction, technical upgrades and aesthetic improvements, mostly underwritten by state capital funds.

Recent milestones include the conversion of Rich Hall into a state-of-the-art center for the School of Business, the First Year Residential Experience program in the newly re-vamped Johnson Hall and significant upgrades to Sheldon, Poucher and Lanigan halls.

For more information and photos, visit the Renewing Oswego Web site at <http://www.oswego.edu/news/content/html?id=P107>. ●

## Farewell to 'Doc'

**W**aterman Theatre was packed Aug. 12 and it reverberated with the sounds of pop, rock, jazz, opera and show tunes, as students, colleagues, family and friends gathered to pay tribute to the life of James J. "Doc" Soluri, emeritus professor of music, who passed away July 10. **Craig Schulman** '79 reprised his role as the Phantom of the Opera, son-in-law **Phil Cokorinos** '79 sang an aria from "The Barber of Seville," **Tim Baker** '71 emceed the event, Professor Emeritus Stan Gosek and his group played one of Soluri's favorites from their long collaboration, and many more alumni and friends sang one last song or shared a story or two about their beloved "Doc." "His pride for his students was palpable. His passion for the arts unequalled," remembered **Richard Jay-Alexander** '74. Professor Emeritus of Economics Richard Hyse said of Soluri, "I know everyone here . . . carries, as I do, a part of him that makes him more than a mere memory. We know that he and his work will live on." (See obituary, p. 45.) ●



**Karin "Pinky" Franklin** '71 and **John Paxton** '65 lead the StateSingers alumni in a show-stopping performance of "Show Me the Way."



Two Oswego students, **Daniel Grabowski '07**, (left) an accounting MBA major, and **Thomas Zengeya M '07**, (right) a chemistry graduate student, spent their summer working and learning as part of a prestigious internship at the headquarters of W.R. Grace, thanks to Grace CEO **Fred Festa '81** (center).

The students worked at the chemical giant's Baltimore campus, where they were able to get valuable hands-on experience and meet and interact with Festa, a "very approachable" CEO, according to Grabowski. "He made our experience at Grace worthwhile," Zengeya said.

"The student interns did a great job," said Festa. "One of the significant benefits was that they were exposed to peers from major universities from around the country."

Zengeya, a native of Zimbabwe, worked on projects to develop more effective sunscreens, among other things. Grabowski dealt with the financial statement impacts of the implementation of the Sarbanes Oxley Act. "I feel I have the heads up on [a topic] I will encounter going out into the public accounting field," he said. ●

## Entergy supports planetarium program

**D**r. Shashi Kanbur, assistant professor of physics at Oswego, has received a \$1,000 grant from Entergy Nuclear Operations to continue to work with schoolchildren from Oswego City schools this fall.

An astrophysicist, Kanbur works with college students to engage elementary school children in active learning both in the Jered Planetarium on campus and in a new portable planetarium that he takes to city schools.

"The goal of this project is to . . . enhance the natural scientific curiosity of school children, while solidifying the understanding and

communication skills of college students," Kanbur said. "We will work with teachers in advance to compile curricular materials which will assist schools in meeting their educational goals."

They will demonstrate the use of the curricular materials they have developed and leave them with the school for future use, he said.

Kanbur said he expected the program to "increase interest in science and technology in the young school population which can only have benefits to the local community, both now and in the long term." ●



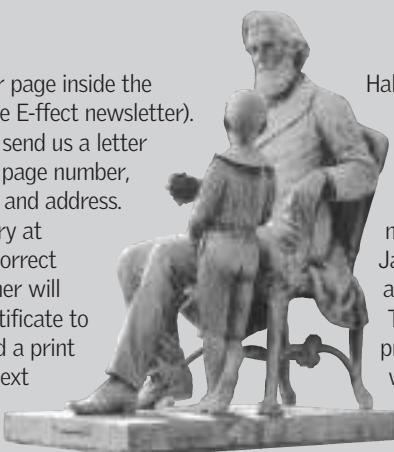
Dr. Shashi Kanbur, assistant professor of physics at SUNY Oswego, introduces fifth graders to astronomy in the college's Charles H. Jered Planetarium.

## Find the Founder!

In the Spring 2006 contest, we received over 90 entries from alumni who found the founder on page 36 in the photo of **Gary Morris '88** on Mount Kilimanjaro. The grand prize winner of a bookstore gift certificate and Sheldon Hall print is **Jeanne LeGuillou Benson '93**. Winning Sheldon Hall prints are **Elise McKeown Skolnick '89**, **Gretchen Edwards Mills '77**, **Joni Wiederman Schafer '79**, **Charles Gray '61** and **Amber Singleton '07**.

A tiny replica of the Sheldon statue pictured here is hidden somewhere in this

issue (not on the color page inside the back cover or the Lake Effect newsletter). Find the Founder and send us a letter with the location and page number, your name, class year and address. We will draw one entry at random from all the correct answers and the winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate to the Campus Store and a print of Sheldon Hall. The next five entries drawn will receive Sheldon



Hall prints. Send your entry to Find the Founder, King Alumni Hall, 300 Washington Blvd., Oswego, N.Y. 13126. Entries must be postmarked by Jan. 1 and winners will be announced in a future issue. Those who have won in previous contests are welcome to play for fun, but will not be eligible for another prize. ●

## MASS Ensemble in residence

**S**tudents were able to play a huge harp, its 100-foot strings suspended across the Sundial Quad from Lanigan Hall this fall. They also explored other innovative instruments and attended performances, interactive workshops and lessons on art and technology during a unique residency through SUNY Oswego's Artswego program.

The MASS (Music Architecture Sonic Sculpture) Ensemble blends music, technology and visual arts in its groundbreaking productions. Members also bring expertise in a wide variety of fields, said Mary Avrakotos, who coordinates the Artswego Performing Arts Series.

"MASS Ensemble is so innovative and imaginative that the residency presented a real opportunity for the public and our students to learn about everything from the creative process to sound technology," Avrakotos said. "The troupe's residency is one of the most ambitious educational outreaches by visiting artists we've ever had."

MASS Ensemble provided a series of outdoor concerts with the Earth Harp, the world's largest instrument. "There is only one

instrument in the world that can produce a sound as you reach for the sky . . . MASS Ensemble's Earth Harp," a CBS News report said, also praising the harp's "beautiful sounds."

An installation art exhibition, "E=MC2 Closesound: A Musical Exploration by MASS Ensemble," allowed visitors to play the musical art in Tyler Art Gallery.

Bill Close, MASS Ensemble's artistic director, gave talks on the creative process in art and science, and how the arts have increasingly partnered with the business world to foster innovation, while members of the ensemble led a yoga and sound workshop.

The keystone of the residency was a full-length performance of the multimedia production "Critical MASS" in Waterman Theatre.

The residency was supported by the New York State

Music Fund, created when the New York State Attorney General's Office resolved pay-for-play investigations against major record companies and administered by Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors. Entergy Nuclear Northeast also supported MASS Ensemble's educational work at SUNY Oswego. ●



Tyler Art Gallery's Mindy Ostrow, MASS Ensemble's Bill Close, and music fraternity Mu Beta Psi members **Jennifer McCarthy '08** and **Jenna Champion '07** try out the wall harp as part of a gallery installation this fall.

## Downtown downbeat

SUNY OSWEGO'S MUSIC DEPARTMENT IS TURNING A downtown Oswego restaurant, King Arthur's, into a weekly jazz club to support students and the community.

In addition to entertaining audiences, the Oswego Jazz Project also serves as a community outreach, practice for current students and a recruiting tool for potential student musicians.



The Oswego Jazz Project members, from left, Eric Schmitz on drums, music major **Max McKee '07** on bass, Robert Auler on keyboards and Trevor Jorgensen on saxophone. Schmitz, Auler and Jorgensen are all music department faculty members.

It was the brainchild of Robert Auler, a pianist on the music faculty, coming to fruition when the department hired Eric Schmitz, a jazz studies teacher and drummer. They form the core quartet with Trevor Jorgensen, a visiting assistant professor, on saxophone, and music major **Max McKee '07** on bass. A rotating cadre of singers and side players — current and prospective students, professors and alumni — join them for different numbers.

"We figured a lot of things could be integrated, from providing experience to our students to bringing the college and community together," Auler explained.

"We're able to provide something with a core of faculty that is a real-world environment for students to come out and play," Schmitz said. "I think it's a unique opportunity. I'm not aware of many colleges that sponsor a public jam session to give their students experience."

A jam-session feel and easy interaction at the admission-free weekly gigs show that jazz "is not a museum piece, it's something that can really be fun for the community," Auler noted.

"The idea of bringing multiple generations together is also really exciting," Schmitz said.

Jazz clubs have mostly disappeared from America's downtowns, Schmitz said, especially in smaller communities, as jazz scenes mainly exist within university environments. This project attempts to reverse the process and bring jazz back from campus and into the community. ●

## Professor pioneers use of tablet PCs

TABLET PERSONAL COMPUTERS PRESENT a new frontier in the field of teaching and learning technology, and Lin Qiu of SUNY Oswego's computer science faculty is one of the pioneers.

He received grants from Microsoft Research and Hewlett Packard, totaling nearly \$114,000, to develop software and acquire equipment that will help computer science and software engineering students get immediate feedback on their classroom work on tablet PCs.

He is working with four computer science and human-computer interaction students on the two projects.

A tablet PC is a laptop computer with the added capability of converting into a flat tablet or notebook on whose screen students and instructors can hand write and draw with a pen-like stylus. It has a natural application in computer software design

classes, where diagrams are a step in the process of creating computer programs.

In the Microsoft Research-funded project, Qiu will develop software that helps teachers and students create thread interaction diagrams in such classes as "Project-based Software Engineering" and "Concurrent Programming."

In the Hewlett Packard-funded project, the software will provide direct feedback to students on their diagrams. "My software will look at these diagrams, see the drawing, read the writing, identify common problems and provide the feedback," he said.

The Hewlett Packard "Technology for Teaching" grant comprises \$58,314 for equipment, including 20 tablet PCs for classroom use, and \$15,500 for software development. Qiu received the \$40,000 grant from Microsoft Research, one of just 11 projects chosen for funding by Microsoft



Lin Qiu of the computer science faculty is one of the pioneers in teaching with tablet personal computers.

from among more than 165 proposals from 18 countries.

"The purpose of these projects is to share examples of how new technology can be used to promote learning," Qiu said. ●

## Faculty members partner with Benin

**S**even professors from SUNY Oswego's School of Education traveled to the West African nation of Benin this summer to deliver training to school inspectors and meet with educational leaders.

The team returned buoyantly looking forward to a growing partnership with the educational leadership of Benin. "There was so much love and energy, it was just overwhelming," said Barbara Beyerbach '74,

professor of curriculum and instruction.

This summer's collaboration between SUNY Oswego and Benin was part of the third phase of Project CLIMB (Collaborative Link for Instructor Mentoring in Benin), which evolved out of research conducted by Alfred Frederick, professor of curriculum and instruction, as a Fulbright Lecturer and Fulbright Visiting Specialist in Benin.

Joining him were Beyerbach, Bernard Boozer, Marcia Burrell, Suzanne Gilmour, **Sharon Kane '77** and Dennis Parsons. The six first-time visitors to Benin called it "a life-changing experience."

The challenges the Beninese face in their schools are great, team members noted. "Many classrooms have 100 children and little or no materials," said Gilmour, professor of educational administration. Children come to school speaking one of 42 languages, she added.

Gilmour and Beyerbach elaborated on how supportive the Beninese are of each other in their daily life and work and how hospitable and gracious they were to their American colleagues. ●



Seven professors from SUNY Oswego's School of Education worked with two co-teachers and translators to help train 38 school inspectors in Benin during three weeks this summer. From left are Benin's Director of Secondary Education Lassec Adjioye, Sharon Kane, Benoit Ahle of Benin, Bernard Boozer, Suzanne Gilmour, Marcia Burrell, Dennis Parsons, Barbara Beyerbach and Alfred Frederick.

# Events

- Nov. 10-11** Celebrating Women in Sports Weekend. Special events for all former women's ice hockey players and coaches
- Nov. 11** Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Luncheon
- Dec. 15** December Graduates Dessert Reception
- Dec. 16** December Graduation
- Jan. 1** Deadline to submit Alumni Award Nominations\*
- Jan. 1** Deadline to submit nominations for the Oswego Athletic Hall of Fame\*
- Jan. 31** Scholarship deadlines begin — refer to scholarship newspaper for other deadlines\*\*
- March 31** Board of Directors Meeting, Oswego Alumni Association, Inc.\*
- April 2** College Admissions Open House, Office of Admissions, 315-312-2250
- May 18** Commencement Eve Dinner and Torchlight Ceremony\*
- May 19** Commencement
- June 2** Annual Business Meeting, Oswego Alumni Association, Inc.\*
- June 8-10** Reunion 2007. To schedule a mini-reunion for a special group, contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations by Jan. 1, 2007.\*
- July 26-29** The City of Oswego's fantastic Harborfest! On-campus housing available to alumni, friends and family.\*
- Aug. 6** Emeriti Luncheon\*\*
- Sept. 7** 18th Annual Oswego State Fall Classic\*\*
- Sept. 28-30** Return to Oz III Reunion\*

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# Club News

## Manwaring returns to King Hall

The Oswego Alumni Association welcomes **Melissa Manwaring '01** as the new associate director of alumni and parent relations.

Manwaring will be responsible for regional alumni programs, the Oswego State Fall Classic, the OsweGoConnect online community and other alumni activities.

"This is a great opportunity to be really involved with the alumni," she said. "We want to reach out and get feedback about what type of events would work in their areas."

As an undergraduate, Manwaring worked in King Hall as an office assistant, Fall Classic reservationist and development intern. She also started the Oswego Lakers Synchronized Skating Team and now acts as one of the team's coaches.

The Office of University Development hired Manwaring as a development assistant after she graduated in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in business administration. She was promoted to development associate and assistant director of development, and was instrumental in assisting former Associate

Alumni Director **Jeff Pratt '94, M'97** in the transition of the online alumni community before Pratt left in June.

Manwaring hopes to extend the arm of alumni solidarity by creating reunion focus groups, expanding the online community and traveling to alumni events as much as possible.

"I'm looking forward to this new job, a new school year and meeting our alumni," Manwaring said. "We want to re-energize our regional alumni clubs." With her fresh ideas, enthusiasm and dedication to success, Manwaring is well equipped to achieve that goal.

In other alumni staff news, **Michelle Tackett-Spinner '98** was promoted to associate director and will continue to oversee student/alumni programs and programs for Graduates of the Last Decade.

— Meagan Smith '07



**Melissa Manwaring '01**

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

#### All-SUNY get-togethers coming to a city near you!

SEVERAL ALL-SUNY EVENTS HAVE been proposed for 2006 and 2007.

All-SUNY events are regional alumni events in selected areas to which graduates from all SUNY schools are invited.

It is an opportunity, typically in areas where many SUNYs do not have large numbers of alumni, for SUNY alumni to connect with each other and learn about some of the great things happening, not just at their own alma mater, but throughout the State University.

If you live near one of the cities listed here, look for an invitation in the mail just prior to your event or contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at 315-312-2258 or [alumni@oswego.edu](mailto:alumni@oswego.edu)

There is a cost to attend and reservations are required.

#### Possible All-SUNY events include:

Los Angeles All-SUNY – Jan. 23  
Phoenix All-SUNY – Jan. 25  
Atlanta All-SUNY – Feb. 15  
Charlotte All-SUNY – March 13  
Washington, D.C. All-SUNY – March 14

### Save the Date!

Join President Deborah F. Stanley for a special holiday reception for alumni and friends at Syracuse's Everson Museum Festival of Trees Thursday, Dec. 7. Look for an invitation coming soon!

## Winter 2005-06 Sports Recap

### Women's Basketball

The Oswego State women's basketball team won its first SUNYAC championship with a thrilling 61-56 victory over Cortland, and qualified for the NCAA tournament for the second year in a row. **Samantha Driscoll '08** was the Most Valuable Player at the SUNYAC tournament and **Kelly Mraz '07, Sarah Lombard '08** and **Lacey Kimpland '07** were all-conference selections. Oswego State finished last season with a 21-7 record and the Lakers set a school record for most points in a game by scoring 108 against SUNYIT Jan. 14. Coach Michelle Collins was named 2006 Women's College Division Coach of the Year by the Basketball Coaches Association of New York.

### Men's Basketball

Oswego State finished last season with a 22-8 record, earning a second consecutive 20-win season. **Ahmad Mims '06** finished his career by earning First Team All-SUNYAC recognition and left his name throughout the Laker record book. He is the school's all-time leader in blocked shots and ranks seventh in career scoring and eighth in career rebounding. **Nick Perioli '07** and **Mat Burridge '07** joined Mims on the all-conference teams.

### Swimming and Diving

The Oswego State women's swimming and diving team won the SUNYAC championship for the second year in a row with a convincing team total of 827 points, far outdistancing themselves from second-place Cortland at 596. The Laker men finished second at the SUNYAC championship meet and had two All-American performers. **Greg Doyle '08** and **Kevin Morgan '08** earned that distinction at the NCAA Division III championships in Minneapolis, Minn. Doyle finished 16th in the 200-meter freestyle. He was also the Most Valuable Swimmer at the SUNYAC meet. Morgan was eighth in the 3-meter diving competition at the NCAAs and won the 1-meter and

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3-meter competitions at the SUNYAC meet, garnering Most Valuable Diver honors.

### Wrestling

Three NCAA qualifiers and one All-American highlighted the Oswego State wrestling season. **John Spinner '06** finished in eighth place in the 125-pound weight class and became the 46th wrestling All-American in Laker history. **Joe Jewett '09** (133 pounds) and **Dane LaPlante '07** (149 pounds) were also NCAA qualifiers by virtue of winning their weight class titles at the Empire Collegiate Wrestling Conference championships. Oswego State also hosted the New York State Intercollegiate Wrestling Championships in January, welcoming a total of 17 Division I, Division III and junior college teams to Laker Hall.

### Indoor Track and Field

**Shomari Felder '08** earned a berth at the NCAA championships in the high jump and finished 11th in a very competitive field. He was undefeated at all indoor meets during the 2005-06 season before the NCAAs. His titles included the SUNYAC and New York State Collegiate Track Conference and ECAC crowns.

### Men's Ice Hockey

Oswego State's men's ice hockey team said farewell to Romney Field House with another excellent season. The Lakers finished first in the SUNYAC regular season for the second year in a row and had an overall record of 18-7-2. **Ryan Woodward '07** earned Second Team All-American honors after finishing second nationally in scoring with 47 points. He was also the SUNYAC Player of the Year. **Ryan Ellis '09** was the SUNYAC Rookie of the Year and led all freshman in Division III in scoring with 46 points.



PHOTO: JIM FENNEY

**C.J. Thompson '07** was a key part of the Oswego State power play unit that last season led the nation with a 29.0 percent success rate.

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## Spring 2006 Sports Recap

### Men's Lacrosse

The Oswego State men's lacrosse team finished the year with a 5-11 overall record and a 3-3 mark in the SUNYAC, qualifying for the SUNYAC playoffs. Three players earned all-conference recognition. Oswego State's second team selections were attackman **Jeff Salisbury '06** and face-off specialist **Adam Geier '07**. Salisbury, an Oswego native, led the team with 40 points and 24 assists. Geier, a native of Webster, won 119 total face offs on the season and was successful on 56.4 percent of his face-off attempts. He also picked up 56 ground balls to rank third on the team. **Chris Mitchell '06**, was an honorable mention selection after scoring 19 goals and five assists.

### Baseball

The Oswego State baseball team set several school records in a 15-22 campaign. Shortstop and team captain **Tom Farrell '07** helped lead the Lakers in several offensive categories and was named to the American Baseball Coaches Association/Rawlings All-New York Region team for 2006. Farrell, an Oswego native, was named to the All-Region Third Team and was an All-SUNYAC Second Team selection. The junior shortstop and leadoff hitter broke long-standing school records for at-bats in a season (150) and doubles in a season (18). The Lakers set the program's single-season record for team batting average by hitting .346 for the year.

### Softball

**M**issy Constanza '06 of the Laker softball team was recognized by league coaches as a member of the 2006 All-SUNY-AC Softball Team. A senior from Hannibal, Constanza played shortstop and catcher for most of this season and started every one of Oswego State's 32 games, helping the Lakers to a 10-24 overall record and 6-14 mark in conference play. She led the team in most

statistical categories for batting including batting average (.438), hits (39), doubles (11) and RBIs (25). Constanza was the first Laker softball player to earn all-conference recognition since **Willow Eyres '05** was named to the team as a freshman catcher in 2002.

### Women's Lacrosse

The Oswego State women's lacrosse team finished 2006 with a 4-10 overall record and a 2-5 mark in SUNYAC play. Four of the losses came by two goals or fewer. **Tricia McNeilly '07** led the Lakers with 22 goals and 15 assists. **Alisha Sarubbi '08** had 11 goals and **Jessica Maltese '07** and **Meredith Lerch '07** scored 10 goals each.

### Outdoor Track and Field

The Laker track and field teams had outstanding individual performances throughout the season, culminating at the New York State Collegiate Track Conference championship meet. **Heidi Armstrong '08** finished second in the javelin throw and **Shomari Felder '08** was second in the high jump. **Jenn Questel '08** also set a school record at the meet with a time of 16.22 seconds in the 100-meter hurdles. **Danielle Washington '09** and **Drew Camelio '09** were the team's outstanding rookies while Questel and **Tony Battista '07** earned Most Improved Performer awards. Armstrong and Felder were team MVPs.

### Men's Tennis

Oswego State finished its season with a 3-5 match record. The Laker wins were against Utica, Elmira and Clarkson. **Jason Marlette '09**, from Nanuet, had a 4-3 record in both singles and doubles matches during the season.

— Joe Gladziszewski  
Sports Information Director



Shortstop **Tom Farrell '07** was an All-SUNYAC and all-region selection in 2006 and set school records for doubles and at-bats in a season.

## Gifts sponsor seats in Sheldon Hall



Oswego students in Sheldon Hall's Room 110 listen to a lecture in this vintage picture.

The Office of University Development is inviting alumni and other loyal supporters to "take a seat" in Sheldon Hall, the college's historic landmark building.

For a gift or pledge of \$2,500, donors have the opportunity to name one of the 77 seats in the restored Historic Lecture Hall, originally known as Room 110.

Nameplates will be permanently displayed on the back of each seat, and a plaque inscribed

with the names of all participating donors will be displayed inside the classroom.

With a gift or pledge of \$250,000, donors have the unique opportunity to name the Historic Lecture Hall.

Dedicated in 1914, Sheldon Hall was the home of the Oswego Normal School. The first building on the Oswego lakeside campus, it was the college's "Old Main."

In 1961, during the centennial year of the college's founding, the building was renamed Sheldon Hall for founder Edward Austin Sheldon (1823-1897).

Room 110 housed English and social studies classes, as well as education courses in later years.

With its unique "amphitheater" style seating, the Historic Lecture Hall preserves the look and feel of the Oswego Normal School while boasting the latest technological equipment.

All gifts support *Inspiring Horizons: The Campaign for Oswego*, the college's effort to raise \$17 million to sponsor endowments and support campus improvements like the new Campus Center.

For more information, contact the Office of University Development at 315-312-3003 or visit the Oswego College Foundation Web site [www.oswego.edu/giving/](http://www.oswego.edu/giving/). ●

— Meagan Smith '07

## Tarandi Foundation supports Sheldon Institute

THE TARANDI FOUNDATION GRANTED \$1,500 TO OSWEGO'S Sheldon Institute to provide scholarships for five students in need of financial assistance. Sheldon Institute, which has run for 28 summers on campus, is a "mini-school" for students in grades two through 10 and is designed to meet the academic and cultural needs of motivated and creative students.

"The Tarandi Foundation's generosity enabled these five participants, who may not have the means of their own, to attend this year's two-week educational enrichment program on our campus," said **Dr. Linda Rae Markert '76**, dean of Oswego's School of Education.

"Sheldon Institute is aligned with the mission of the Tarandi Foundation in promoting education and helping students in

Oswego County move forward," said Neelesh Ravindra Shah, who serves as a trustee of the foundation along with his sister, Dr. Monica Ravindra Shah.

"Our mission is to help education through scholarships and community support. Sheldon Institute was a great way to combine those two in one donation," Shah added.

The Tarandi Foundation was begun by the late Oswego physicians Dr. Manjula R. Shah and Dr. Ravindra F. Shah over two decades ago to focus on education and scholarships, and other community support in Central New York, across the United States and in India. ●

## Name a seat in Campus Center

WITH THE OPENING OF THE NEW CAMPUS CENTER, Laker fans will be able to watch their favorite team and players take to the ice in a 2,500-seat state-of-the-art arena. Friends of Oswego will have the opportunity to name one of those seats with a gift of \$500.

"Supporting Oswego's new Campus Center is a generous act of philanthropy that creates a lasting legacy for the donor in the heart of the campus," said **Kerry Casey Dorsey '81**, associate vice president for development and alumni relations. "Hockey fans, members of the greater Oswego community and alumni are all invited to be part of this special effort."

Seats may be named in honor of classmates, family members or friends or for a business or organization. Donor names or the names of those honored will be prominently displayed on each seat.

To save your seat, contact the Office of University Development at 315-312-3003 or visit the Web site at [www.oswego.edu/giving/](http://www.oswego.edu/giving/). ●

— Meagan Smith '07



## Jackson joins development staff



**Dan Jackson '75**

**Dan Jackson '75** has joined the Office of University Development as a major gifts officer.

As part of the development team, he will be working to develop and maintain the college's base of philanthropic donors.

Jackson served as the assistant area industrial director of Operation Oswego County, the area's community development agency, and for 23 years owned and operated an Oswego business,

Fred's News. He said he is looking forward to meeting Oswego alumni and hearing fond stories of their time on campus.

He'll have a few memories to share as well. Not only is Jackson an Oswego graduate, so is his wife, **Connie Plata Jackson '75**. Oswego is a real family tradition, with graduates including Dan's brother **Tom Jackson '70**; sisters-in-law **Linda Calver Jackson '69** and **Deborah Deady Jackson '71**; brothers-in-law **Frank Plata '72** and **Dan Plata '81**; and nephew **Grant Jackson '99**.

Dan's mother, Yvonne Jackson, and mother-in-law, Helen Plata, are both retired from jobs on campus.

"The college has given us a lot and now I want to give back," said Dan. He added that college community members supported his business for many years and he appreciated their loyalty.

"I have always felt the college is one of this community's biggest assets," he said. "I feel fortunate to have been given this opportunity to represent it." ●

# Thanks A Million!

## Marcia Belmar Willock '50 Gives Historic \$1 Million Gift



**Marcia Belmar Willock '50** in her *Ontarian* yearbook photo

By Michele Reed

**A**s a young bride in an era when few women worked outside the home, **Marcia Belmar Willock '50** looked for something to engage her intellect. She found it in a women's investment club she started in Princeton, N.J. After helping dozens of women make their fortunes in the stock market, Willock is perpetuating that help. This summer she pledged \$1 million to *Inspiring Horizons: The Campaign for Oswego* — the largest cash gift in Oswego's 145-year history, exclusive of bequests — to endow the Marcia Belmar Willock '50 Professor of Finance.

It will be Oswego's first endowed professorship. Revenue from the gift will be used to provide enhanced funds for a faculty position in the accounting, finance and law department of Oswego's internationally accredited School of Business.

"Marcia Willock's gift will make a lasting difference in the life of this institution," said President Deborah F. Stanley. "As a student, Marcia was a leader on this campus. Now, her generosity will help make the Oswego experience even better for generations of our students. We are extremely grateful."

Willock's gift will enable the School of Business to move the finance program forward to establish a stronger presence in the areas of investment processes and banking, according to Dean Lanny Karns.

The Marcia Belmar Willock Professor of Finance endowment will allow the college to recruit, retain and sustain exceptional faculty, who will engage in research and entrepreneurial activities.

"Our students will have the opportunity to take more specialized courses, which will allow them more career opportunities in the financial service industry, an important part of the New York state economy," said Richard Skolnik, chair of the accounting, finance and law department.

"If Oswego had offered a course in banking or money management, I probably would have worked my way into it sooner or later, but it wasn't there," Willock said.

Campaign co-chair Bernie Henderson called the gift "pace-setting," saying, "It proves the place Oswego holds in the hearts of people who have experienced it — how important Oswego is to them."

The current gift is by no means Willock's first. She has been giving to Oswego since her graduation, and recent large donations include \$40,000 in appreciated securities for her 50th Reunion in 2000 and \$25,000 to the Campus Center project in 2003.

### 'A platform to dive off'

**F**or her part, Willock said she is happy to give back to her alma mater. "Anyone who has spent four years at Oswego should realize that they owe Oswego," she said. "Without the background that Oswego gives, you don't have a platform to dive off, as far as education goes."

Willock, who majored in elementary education, hoped to use one aspect of her Oswego education as just such a jumping off point.

"One of the most unusual things about our class was that we had veterans," she explains.

"I'd listen to these veterans talk about the fact that it takes us so long to learn, if we were in the Army we'd learn it in half the time. So years later, when I joined the Marine Corps, it was with the theory to write a master's thesis on the difference





**Marcia Belmar Willock '50** with the Modern Dance Club in 1950 (above, front row, far left) and in the Marines (below)



between civilian and military education."

She joined the Marine Corps after teaching on Long Island. While in the service she met and married Colonel Roger Willock, and the two had a 52-year marriage full of travel and adventure, until the colonel's death in 2004. They have one daughter, Victoria.

Willock always made the most of opportunities to learn at Oswego — literally from Day One.

When she arrived in Oswego with fellow first-year students, Golden Romney asked them if there was anything they wanted that wasn't offered. Willock asked for modern dance. "It's all the rage in New York City," she told Romney. "I thought you'd at least have a class."

So a class was formed. The very next year, the group brought renowned choreographer Martha Graham to campus. Willock got to meet the dance icon, who thanked her "profusely" for initiating the dance program. "All it takes is one person to open her mouth," Willock said.

## Memories of Oswego

**S**he has other precious memories of Oswego as well: appearing as the lamp in a theatre performance of "The Lamp Went Out"; learning to ride horses from **Norma Smith McCarthy '49**; working with wood in an industrial arts class and serving as a student judge under Dean of Students Dorothy Mott.

Being a student judge meant that she had to adhere strictly to the very rules she enforced. One of those rules was the curfew. There were no residence halls at the time, and students lived in private homes. They signed in and out, and were to be back in the home by a certain time each night. Willock remembered one evening when she went to a movie downtown. Ever conscientious, she checked how long the movie would

run, and estimated that she would be back in time. But the movie started late and she was in danger of facing the court herself. As she ran down Bridge Street, she could hear the kids yelling, "Judge, you'd better hurry!" She opened the door just as the bell rang. "I was saved by the bell," she remembered.

One of Willock's favorite memories is acting as "the Lady of the Lake." Dr. Golden Romney entrusted her with the only other key to the Lodge, a recreational facility the college owned on the lakeshore (See p. 48). "I earned a reputation as a person of high integrity because no level of bribery or cajoling would make me relinquish that key," she told Oswego.

Romney is a fond figure in her memories, along with Mott and Professors Erwin Palmer, Charles Wells, "Jimmy" Moreland and Marion Mahar, and Librarian Helen Hagger. In fact, Romney is the reason she attended Oswego. His visit in her junior year at Washington Irving High School in New York City inspired her. "I remember him talking about the pines and the hemlocks and Lake Ontario," she said.

Willock was active on the Oswego campus and her days were filled with activities like Symphonic Choir and the Newman Club. "People used to say, 'Marcia, how do you manage to get so much done in one day?' I make a list and stick to it," she recalled. Loving what you do helps, too. "I don't think I ever did anything in my life that I didn't enjoy doing."

Willock still keeps in touch with Oswego friends, especially classmates **Dr. Athena Frangos Sawyer '50** and **Harriet Landau Knighten '50**. She has enjoyed many trips with Harriet and they talk often, Willock said.

Willock's "adopted" family in Oswego was the family of Albert and Catherine Canale and their children: the late Michael and Joseph, and **John Canale '47, M '50, Benjamin Canale '51, and Mary Canale Ghent '60**. "It was a mutual feeling, a mutual love," said Ben Canale of the relationship between his family and Willock. "She was a member of our family," echoed John Canale.

Willock and Joseph Canale put on theatrical shows between 1946 and 1950. "Moonlight Magic," "Musical Melodies" and "Welcome Sweet Springtime" raised money for local charities.

"She had a tremendous intellect," remembered Ben Canale. He praised her generosity to the college. "God bless Marcia for her beneficence and magnanimity."

Now Willock is active in many things, including her investment clubs.

After 30 years, the group she started in Princeton is still going strong and Willock remains a member.

When she moved to Maine, one of the first things she did was to start a similar group, the Learning Investors of Portland, and is still an active member of that club as well.

A world traveler, Willock and her family have been to England, Spain, Portugal and Switzerland. "I've enjoyed every trip I've ever taken and repeated many," Willock said. "Travel enlarges your outlook on life."



The Willock family: Roger, Marcia and daughter, Victoria

Her fondest travel memories include many visits to the Caribbean and England, while her husband worked on his book about the fortifications of Bermuda.

In retirement she remains active in philanthropy and community affairs, including teaching parliamentary law as a member of the National Association for Parliamentarians. She has received awards from the National Embroiderers Guild and Garden Club Federation of Maine.

"Throughout her life, Marcia Willock has exercised a lively intellect, enjoying a multiplicity of passions and interests," said Stanley. "Her motto is 'Learn by Doing,' and her success and vigor will continue to inspire Oswego students who learn of her through this gift." ●

## Starting an Investment Club

### Tips from Marcia Belmar Willock '50

An investment club can be an easy and fun way to learn about the stock market. **Marcia Belmar Willock '50**, who started investment clubs in Princeton, N.J., and Portland, Maine, offers these tips to get started:

- Aim for 20 to 30 participants. "Thirty gives you a good batting average," says Willock.
- Choose the amount each person will invest and the length of the commitment, and elect a treasurer. At Princeton, there was enough interest to form several groups, ranging from \$10 to \$25 per month. In Maine, each participant puts in \$50 a month. In Willock's groups, the time commitment is for two years. A typical monthly meeting lasts three hours.
- Decide on what industry you will invest in first. Pick three or four industries and vote on which to pursue. For example, Willock's Princeton group chose to study grocery stores for their first month.
- Each person studies a company in that industry and charts its financial progress. Look at earnings, the last five years' dividends and the price-earnings ratio. Willock suggests Standard & Poor's, *Value Line* magazine and *The Wall Street Journal* as useful tools.
- Vote on which company to invest in for your first month. "By the time you decide to buy, the stock has been well rolled out," says Willock. In that first group, the women ended up investing in Winn-Dixie, because at the time it paid a monthly dividend.
- The treasurer buys the stock and keeps track of earnings. The stocks will be in the club's name and belong to everybody.
- Each month, choose a different topic and the process begins again.
- When the two-year period ends, the money and stocks are divided. Each person shares in the earnings, based on a point system that rewards attendance and doing the "homework." Participants can then decide if they want to continue with the group for another two-year period or begin investing on their own.

Willock is enthusiastic about the success of such programs. One woman in the first Princeton group made enough money to buy a house on Nantucket. Another reported that her research into stocks brought her and her husband closer together: They would discuss the stock market at the dinner table instead of household trivia.

The potential is unlimited. "The first million takes a little time, but after that it grows almost automatically," says Willock, who adds, "It's only money. It's just on paper until you give it away." ●

# Real-Life Hero

## McLoughlin Subject of WTC Movie

By Michele Reed

**A**t the beginning of this summer's blockbuster "World Trade Center," Nicolas Cage's character, a sergeant in the Port Authority Police Department, briefs his officers as they start their shift on Sept. 11, 2001. "As always, protect yourselves," he tells them. "Watch each other's backs."

For the next two hours, viewers relive the story of that real-life hero, Oswego's own Sgt. John McLoughlin '75, as he watches out for his team and then, trapped beneath the ruins of the World Trade Center, he and Officer Will Jimeno keep up each other's spirits.

that incident, he applied for the position that led to his special knowledge of the area and its emergency services. He was responsible for the complex's emergency gear, and, using his background as a volunteer firefighter, he redesigned the safety and emergency protocols for the Trade Center complex.

On Sept. 11, 2001, he was assigned to the bus terminal, having been promoted, but he headed downtown to put his abilities to use in searching for survivors.

As he and his men entered through Building 5, the first tower fell, trapping them in the elevator shaft where they had sought shelter.

see, each other. They kept their spirits up talking about their families. Jimeno had a young daughter, Bianca, and his wife, Allison, was pregnant with their second child, Olivia.

McLoughlin and his wife, Donna, are the parents of four: Steven (now a junior at Oswego), John, Caitlin and Erin.

### Remembering the lost

Only 20 people were pulled alive from the ruins of the Twin Towers. Jimeno and McLoughlin were numbers 18 and 19.

But more than mere statistics, they were, for director Oliver Stone and viewers worldwide, the embodiment of the heroes who that day risked their lives to try and save others.

And that's just what McLoughlin wants. He sees his participation in the movie as a testimony to his fallen comrades among the first responders that day. "We got involved so that we could tell the story of the men we lost that day, the heroism of the rescue workers," he says of his and Jimeno's role. "It was tough to relive it, but we are committed to try and get the information out, so we had to go through the tough times along with the good times."

Those tough times included retelling their story for the screenwriter and directors, visiting Ground Zero and reliving hours of fear and pain.

"We were out in California for a while on the set, when they

were doing the rescue part of the filming. They had us available and flew out the actual rescue workers who dug us out," he remembers.

His September 11 ordeal is not something McLoughlin dwells on or even talks about very readily.

In fact, he is remarkably positive for a man whose life was disrupted in ways most can only imagine.

His 22 hours beneath the rubble of the Twin Towers crushed his legs, leaving them with extensive damage.

He was in a drug-induced coma for six weeks, while doctors performed 27 operations on him.

After that, things still weren't back to normal. "I had to deal for a long time, bedridden, in a wheelchair," he says. "I came out of it, but not the same person I was before 9/11."

Even today, he moves with pain, having lost the use of his lower legs. His feet and ankles no longer work properly. Braces and sheer determination force him into motion, but he still manages to volunteer with his son's Boy Scout troop and his daughter's Little League team.

In fact, McLoughlin's spirit is one thing that his ordeal couldn't cripple.

"You go through something like this and you have a choice: You can be a victim or a survivor," he says. "We chose to be survivors."

That attitude is typical of the

**"We got involved so that we could tell the story of the men we lost that day, the heroism of the rescue workers."** —John McLoughlin '75

McLoughlin was uniquely equipped to enter the towers to search for survivors. He had been assigned to the Trade Center for 12 years, serving during the 1993 bombing of the complex. He helped evacuate the buildings and tend to the wounded then, for which he received a commendation. After

McLoughlin and Jimeno were trapped for nearly an entire day, crushed by debris and coated with rubble, while both towers came crashing down above them and discarded weapons spontaneously fired, bullets ricocheting in the cramped quarters.

They could hear, but not



Nicolas Cage (second from right) portrayed Sgt. **John McLoughlin '75** (right) and Michael Peña (left) was Officer Will Jimeno (second from left) in the new Oliver Stone movie about the Port Authority Police officers' ordeal in the Twin Towers. © 2006 Paramount Pictures. All rights reserved.

man his classmates knew as "Maglock," says **Walt Wasilewski '77**, known to his Oswego buddies as "Waz."

"He has an amazing certitude about what happened — an amazing clarity about what needs to be done," says Wasilewski. "He is not focused on revenge or anger at all, just focused on telling the story: insuring that people realize that good things came out of a tremendously evil thing. He is transformed by that."

### Scales Hall friends

Wasilewski and his wife, **Mary Jo Dromgoole Wasilewski '75**, were among the group of friends McLoughlin hung out with during his years at Oswego, especially three years in Scales Hall, which went co-ed in their sophomore year.

"It was an experimental thing and it actually worked — I think we made it work," says McLoughlin. "There was an extra closeness to everybody."

Mary Jo Wasilewski agrees. "We were bound and determined to make it work. John and his roommate (**Bob "Nelso"**

**Nelson '75**) and his whole wing were a big part of that."

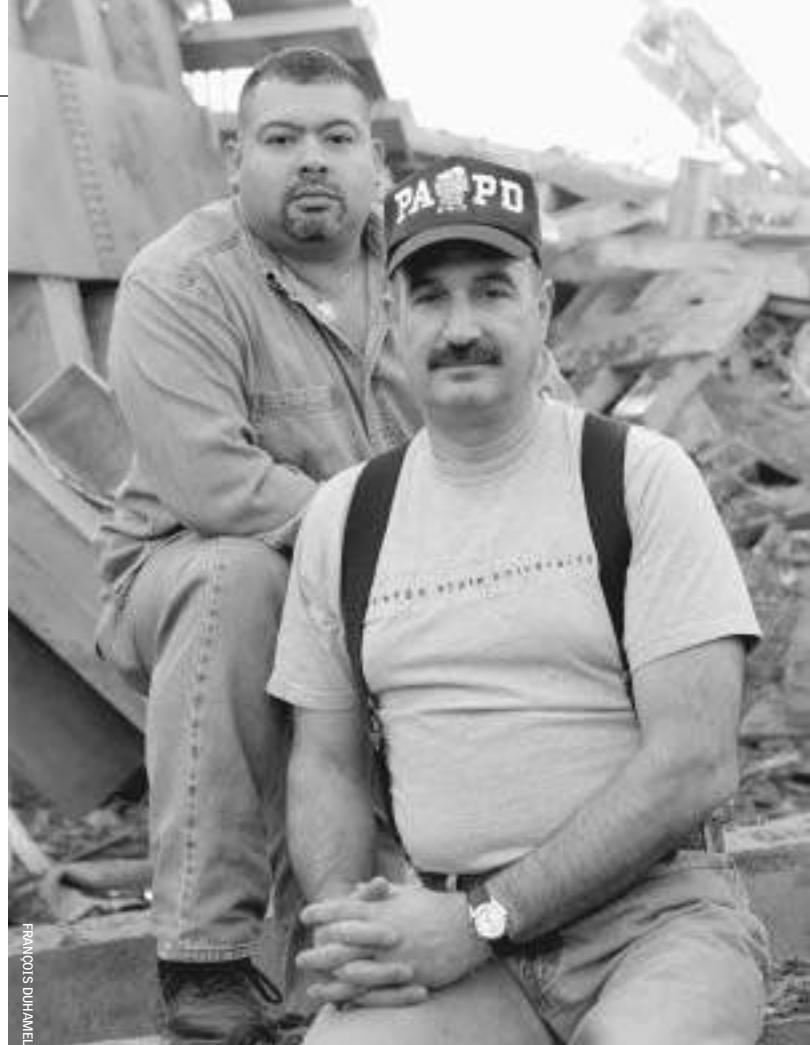
The hero in real life and on the big screen is just a real life friend to her. "I don't have anything other than superlatives to say about him," she says. "He was gorgeous and friendly and outgoing and into everything. If there was anything going on anywhere in the dorm, John would be into it. He was just that kind of a guy."

After he left Scales Hall to become an RA in Seneca, McLoughlin would show up on Saturday mornings, awakening Mary Jo and roommate **Nanci Maranzano Pristou '75** with news from the night before.

Maglock kept in touch with his Scales Hall friends throughout the years. "We went to everybody's weddings," he remembers. "I have a lot of good memories with a lot of fine people at Oswego."

But it was after 9/11 that the true bonds showed.

"When I was recuperating, I was getting cards and letters from people all over the country from Scales," he says. "I haven't had the chance to thank them all."



**John McLoughlin '75** (right) and Will Jimeno (left) were trapped in the rubble of the World Trade Center Sept. 11, 2001. They are the subjects of the hit movie, "World Trade Center." © 2006 Paramount Pictures. All rights reserved.

McLoughlin came to Oswego from Massapequa to join the wrestling team, recruited by Coach Jim Howard. Due to injuries, he left the sport in his sophomore year, but remained active in campus life, pledging Sigma Tau, and serving as president of the Interdormitory Council and as an RA on the seventh floor of Seneca Hall, where, in a twist of fate, his stepson, Steven, is living this year.

A business administration major at Oswego, he entered the

banking field after graduation. But five years behind a desk began to wear on him, and he followed the example of his brother Pat, a Port Authority cop. "I gave it a try and I never looked back," he says.

Years later, when he walked into the disaster area that was the World Trade Center, McLoughlin didn't look back as well. It's that story which today inspires millions of movie-goers worldwide. ●

Look for **John McLoughlin '75** in a cameo role in "World Trade Center." In the final scene, where McLoughlin and Jimeno host their rescuers at a thank-you barbecue, the real McLoughlin can be seen in a PAPD hat right next to his on-screen alter ego, played by Nicolas Cage.

# Well-Trained

## Dog training expert became interested in canines at Oswego

By Michele Reed

**D**rive up to the home of Eric Louis '80, set on 12 acres outside of Cazenovia, and you're likely to be greeted by an exuberant streak of black fur. That would be Kip, the 10-year-old Belgian Shepherd, closely followed by Charlie, also a Belgian; and the Pembroke Welsh Corgis, Melba and Ned.

Everything about the place seems geared toward dogs, from the "dog trails," winding paths through blackberry patches and fields behind the house, to the huge indestructible toys the dogs have stashed behind bushes and chairs.

You could assume Louis' life revolves around dogs — and you'd be right.

He got his first dog at Oswego and became interested in training him. He sought help from a couple in Phoenix, N.Y., the Volhards, known nationwide for their training ability. Through them, Louis got his start in the dog training world.

Since graduating from Oswego with a degree in biology, he has worked with canines in one capacity or another. He has shown dogs, competed in obedience and agility trials, and taught other people how to train their pooches.

His business, Seven Valley Pet Services, helps people learn how to make the most of life with canine companions.

Louis runs traditional dog training classes: puppy kindergarten and basic obedience, helping anxious owners put their pets through their paces in church basements and other public spaces.

### Relationship is key

But unlike many trainers who stop at those classes, Louis also helps people and their dogs one on one, applying principles of psychology and behavior modification to troublesome tendencies.

"I'm interested in the behavior of people and their relationship with their dogs,"

he says. "And also behavior from an evolutionary and theoretical point of view."

While he teaches behavior modification that people can use to find solutions to their dogs' behavior problems, he aims at ultimately helping improve a person's relationship with his or her dog.

Louis specializes in conditioning and learning, an approach that is usually put in the realm of psychology.

### "Dogs are great because they're honest — what you see is what you get."

He didn't study psychology at Oswego, where he was influenced by Emeritus Biology Professor Peter Weber and the theories of Conrad Lorenz he taught in his classes, but he has taken more courses in psychology since then at SUNY Binghamton. In addition to conditioning and learning, he is also getting into neuroscience.

"It's hard for people," he says. "They see the dog's ability to understand and relate, but people go astray by thinking the dogs understand and perceive the world in the same way [people do]."

For example, Louis explains, chewing up toys is normal predatory behavior. "You can't change that. You have to find a toy he can't destroy as quickly."

Clients are amazed at the rapport he has with dogs and the wonders he can work in their behavior, often likening him to television's "dog whisperer." But the truth of the matter is, Louis is quick to point out, his discipline is much less mysterious.

"I'm more of a science person," he says. "I understand the animals. It's not some magic gift, even though it seems that way."

Louis is observant. He can read minute changes in the dog's body posture, demeanor, eye dilation.

"When you have so much experience in interacting with animals, it's easy to understand the dog's behavior."

Once the behavior is understood, he can work to control it using tried and true behavior modification techniques.

It's no wonder Louis has devoted his entire career to canines. "I love working with dogs. It's totally easy for me," he says.

"Dogs are great because they're honest — what you see is what you get. It goes along with their whole nature of unconditional love."

Because they love unconditionally, dogs are great therapeutically, he says, helping disturbed adolescents, people with Alzheimer's and those who need some comfort. "Dogs are good for people's emotional and physical well being," he says.

Louis has noticed this with his 8-year-old son, Sam, who has autism. While Louis' older son, Bob, 10, romps with all the dogs, Sam relates best to Charlie, the calmer Belgian, a "sensitive soul."

"People with emotional disabilities like autism don't make eye contact; they have problems with emotional connections. Dogs have a more developed emotional system, make a lot of eye contact," Louis explains.

Because of the importance of canines to people's well-being, Louis feels it's sad when people can't develop a great relationship with their dogs because they don't know how. "Dog owners get so much information from so many sources, it's become more difficult for people," he says.

Many people writing dog-training manuals draw on their own experiences. Because their experiences may differ, the dog owners can find it hard to apply the writer's conclusions to their own pets. "It's not always the right match for the person getting the advice," concludes Louis.



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**Eric Louis '80** and Charlie, the Belgian Shepherd

## Getting to the root

Rather than one-size-fits-all advice, he gets to know each dog and owner, and looks for the underlying reasons behind behavior. For example, if a dog is aggressive when a stranger comes to the door, the dog may be fearful. To lessen the aggression, the owner can learn to lessen the fear, by giving treats or gradually introducing new people.

Louis says that 90 percent of the time,

people are doing the right thing to the best of their ability. "The problem is, the dog is not like the dog they had in the past. Its behavior is different enough that they don't understand," he explains. "They need someone to come in, to be able to help them use all the tools to get the behavior they want."

That's where Louis and his scientific understanding of behavior comes in.

Dog owners sometimes believe their

pet can mysteriously know when they are anxious, sad or upset. A study Louis is working on with a professor at Binghamton seems to explain this. They are studying the effect of a person's voice and the dog's understanding emotionally of what's projected in the voice.

"Dogs understand regardless of the words you choose," he says. "The phrase can be identical, but how you say it changes how dogs interpret it. They are very accurate in doing that without even seeing you."

In the study, Louis and his colleague separate the dog and master with a screen. The owner says the same words three ways: in a happy voice, a neutral voice and an angry tone.

By studying the dog's body posture and other factors — tail wagging, whining, etc. — Louis and his colleague conclude that the dog reacts to the tone of voice and not the words that are said. They hope to have their research published soon.

## Nature vs. nurture

Louis is fascinated by research into dog behavior, the whole nature vs. nurture question.

While some dog behavior is genetically based — circling before lying down, sniffing the ground, howling — typical of wolves, coyotes and foxes, some is environmental and still other behaviors are a combination of the two, he explains.

Many people assume that dog behavior is wolf behavior. In fact, many dog trainers use a dominance model based on behaviors in a wolf pack. Louis believes this is an erroneous approach.

"That's a misinterpretation of dog behavior," he says. "And sometimes it's not even related to the problem. Like if your car needs the muffler fixed and you get new tires. You're not getting at the heart of the problem."

Whatever the biology or psychology underlying it, there's no denying there is a powerful bond between humans and their dogs. As long as that bond exists, Eric Louis will be working to help strengthen it. ●

*Read "Your Relationship with Your Dog: 10 Tips" by Eric Louis '80 at [www.oswegoalumni.oswego.edu/dogs/](http://www.oswegoalumni.oswego.edu/dogs/)*



C A M P U S

# Ca

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Dogs. We feed them, walk them, play with them. Face it — we just love them. That is, if this collection of portraits of Oswego professors and staff members is any indication. Join us as we take a close-up look at campus colleagues and their canine companions.



"I would rather see the portrait of a dog that I know, than all the allegorical paintings they can show me in the world."

*—Samuel Johnson*

# nines



**P**rofessor of Psychology Gary Klatsky says 10-year-old Neelix is "calming down . . . a little." He still runs and plays and likes to herd people, he just doesn't do it at break-neck speed for a full 12 hours. And while he loves to chase a soccer ball, he doesn't destroy them quite as quickly as he used to. Most of all, the exuberant Border Collie loves to have the whole Klatsky family — Gary, his wife Associate Provost Rhonda Mandel and their daughter, Danielle, and son, Alex — all together in the family room, where he can keep a careful eye on them.

**W**hen Accounting Professor Chuck Spector heads for the tennis courts, he has a buddy — Buford. The 3-year-old Akita-Shepherd mix looks the perfect gentleman, when he isn't wrestling with Chuck or stealing a dead fish from the neighbor. One day he heard some coyotes howling and went into the woods to investigate. The next thing Chuck knew, Buford came out of the woods, surrounded by a pack of his new best friends. When he's not on the tennis courts or exploring the neighborhood, Buford is happy to be at home with his large collection of stuffed toys.



**E**llen McCloskey, administrative assistant to President Deborah F. Stanley, says her Yorkshire Terrier, Spike, and Chihuahua, Cricket, "get along famously." That's good, since Cricket joined the family a year ago to be a companion for 8-year-old Spike, when he started wandering away from the McCloskey's new home. Now the two are fast friends. "People comment on them wherever I go," says Ellen.

**D**evlin, named after the Elvis Presley song "Devil in Disguise," is anything but. A well-mannered lady, Devlin has a certain regal bearing. Communication Studies Professors **Fritz Messere '71** and Nola Heidlebaugh say that in her younger days, she loved to chase a Frisbee and would "herd" their daughter Katy's friends, but now the 13-year-old collie is a couch potato. When she's not holding court at home, the gorgeous canine graciously accepts comparisons to a certain well-known movie collie.



**A**sociate Professor of Curriculum and Instruction Marcia Burrell's Jack Russell Terrier, Mash, may be small, but she's still a force to be reckoned with. Jack Russells are known for their feistiness and determination. "They can figure out how to get out of the backyard, no matter what you do," laughs Marcia, who is married to Winfield Ihlow of the Office of Learning Services. Mash got her name from the traditional British pub dish, bangers'n'mash (sausages and mashed potatoes with gravy). Marcia is from England and the family's last dog was named Banger.





**O**n the conducting podium, baton in hand, Music Professor Julie Pretzat-Merchant is used to being in charge. All that changed when the family brought home 10-month-old Jake from the shelter on Mother's Day. His playing style is definitely *molto vivace* (very lively). His breed is known for rescue and he tried to save Julie from drowning — in her own backyard pool! The Great Pyrenees mix has a talent for music — chewing it up, that is. But he sure looks handsome in his concert-perfect black tie.



**W**hen Jazz wears a ribbon, it's not some frou-frou hair ornament. The 8-year-old Cocker Spaniel is titled in obedience and agility. She's a whiz at jumping over hurdles, retrieving dumbbells and giving high-fives. Associate Professor of Marketing and Management Pam Cox travels all over the Northeast taking Jazz and her four other dogs to shows and trials. When they get home, though, Jazz loves a good snuggle and a tasty treat.



**M**att Seubert '97 of WRVO says Libby was named Liberty because she was born on the Fourth of July. The 5-year-old Siberian Husky is true to her breed and doesn't bark much, but she loves to "talk," as evidenced by her howls whenever she wants Matt to take her for a run — which he does frequently, except during the hot days of summer. Libby enjoys visiting campus and cooling off in the lake. "She gathers a lot of attention wherever she goes," says Matt, noting that Libby loves the petting she gets from students on her campus jaunts.

**J**erry Oberst '77, associate director of admissions, has a faithful companion on his daily run. Bo, a 3-year-old Labrador mix rescued from a local shelter, loves a good jaunt. He also enjoys wrestling, which allows Jerry, the former Laker grappler, to try out a few of the moves he used against Oswego's opponents on the mat. When he's not eating anything that's not nailed down (toys, shoes, even aluminum foil), Bo keeps busy fetching lacrosse balls or keeping Oswego Alumni Association Executive Director Betsy Oberst company on her morning walk.



# Helping Paw

Dogs are rarely seen on the SUNY Oswego campus, but then there's Kilo.

Kilo is a service dog belonging to student **James "Jim" Middleton '06**. Middleton, who has cerebral palsy, uses a wheelchair, and Kilo, a male Labrador Retriever, is his partner and companion.

Some of the things that Kilo does for Middleton include operating light switches, picking up telephones, opening doors and fetching things if Middleton needs them.

Kilo has worked with Middleton, 23, for six years and turned 8 years old in January. He is the only service dog on campus, to Middleton's knowledge, and a very affable one at that.

In fact, although petting service dogs is normally discouraged, Middleton said, Kilo's happy, friendly nature is hard to resist.

"You're not supposed to [pet service dogs], but he'll just come right up to you," Middleton said, adding that he doesn't mind if people do pet Kilo.

Middleton is just as friendly and has a lot going on at SUNY Oswego. The Phoenix, N.Y., resident is a former director of Disability Affairs for Student Association, a position that had him overseeing wheelchair accessibility on campus, as well as other related issues.

As a business major, Middleton is also heavily involved in SUNY Oswego's chapter of Phi Beta Lambda (Future Business Leaders of America), serving as president. The organization has allowed him the chance to travel to competitions in places like Dallas, Texas; Orlando, Fla.; and Baltimore, Md. It has also given him his first experience on an airplane.

Just like all of the other students on campus, Middleton has those classes he loves and then those that he doesn't love so much.

"Mathematics classes aren't really my strong point," he said, "But I love English. I don't know why I'm not an English major."

In terms of everyday life, Middleton finds SUNY Oswego to be an accommodating place for him to attend college and finds the disability services program to be "excellent."



**Jim Middleton '06** relies on Kilo for help getting around campus.

"There's a lot that could be improved," he noted, "but they're looking at that."

All in all, Middleton is just making his way through college like everyone else, with the help of his trusty friend, Kilo. Still, he has observed some curiosity around campus and has a message for those who look at him in an inquiring manner.

"A lot of the time, it seems like I get the feeling that people want to ask questions," Middleton said. "They think I might take offense if they do. The fact is, I don't." ●

— Lynn Collier '08

# Deans 'n' Dogs



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David A. Bozak puts Jemma through her paces at an agility meet.

JIM RUSSELL '83

**H**omeless animals have friends in high places.

The love of dogs reaches to the upper floors of Culkin Hall as Dean of Arts and Sciences Sara Varhus and Associate Dean David A. Bozak volunteer their time for two organizations that serve abandoned and abused animals in Oswego County.

Varhus is president of the Oswego County Humane Society and Bozak heads Paws Across Oswego County.

The Humane Society's long-term goal is to fund a countywide shelter, according to Varhus. In the meantime, it supports a number of programs getting at the root causes of the problem of homeless animals.

The group sponsors educational programs, foster care for homeless animals

and spaying and neutering. They place feral cats in working barns.

Paws Across Oswego County raises funds for the Oswego City Animal Shelter and pays to spay and neuter animals to make them more attractive for adoption.

Both deans are animal lovers in their own right. Bozak's smooth-coated Border Collie, Jemma, was born in the city shelter. He adopted her and started agility training, which has become a family hobby. Bozak is a master judge and travels the country to meets. He now has two other Border Collies, Chad and Maddy.

Varhus and husband English Professor David Hill are the proud owners of Buster, a mixed breed who was also adopted, from Humane Society



Dean Sara Varhus, and her husband, Professor David Hill, adopted Buster.

foster care. The lively pooch has a "sweet disposition," according to Varhus, but he has destroyed about half of her shoe wardrobe.

The Varhus-Hill household is also home to two cats, Sonny and Cher. ●

# K oreme

## Scott Steiger '99 Chases His Dream to Oswego

A thunderstorm on Lake Ontario when he was just 10 years old set tornado-chasing meteorologist Scott Steiger '99, an assistant professor at Oswego, on the path to his career.

Steiger and his father were out in a boat fishing near their home in Hilton, near Rochester, when a storm blew up. The fishing expedition cut short, young Scott was walking up the dock, head hanging down, when a lightning bolt struck between his feet and face. He rushed to the safety of the car and watched the thunderstorm's progress. As the clouds passed in front of a sunny patch, the youngster could see balls falling to earth, silhouetted by the light. When the storm reached the car, Scott had his first encounter with hail.

"It was summertime and here were chunks of ice falling from the sky." You can still hear the wonder in his voice. "I can remember that image — looking out to the south and seeing the balls fall with light in the background. That was the moment I fell in love with weather."

It is a love affair that has lasted his entire life, nurtured by his parents and later, at his alma mater. It is a passion that would lead him to chase tornadoes across the Great Plains and to stand on the roof of Piez Hall photographing lighting bolts and waterspouts, or tornadoes, on Lake Ontario.

### CATCHING THE 'BUG'

When he was in elementary school, Steiger's parents got the budding meteorologist a weather radio with an alarm on it.

"I would get so excited and run to the window. When a snowstorm was predicted, I would wake up each hour until 6 a.m.," he recalls.

He's not alone in such passion, Steiger contends. He says his Oswego meteorology students often have similar stories.

"It's a bug that gets into you," he says. "It's that drive to understand what the heck is going on outside."

It's a natural human response, in Steiger's opinion. "You see weather every day and you want to understand what is making that happen."

His desire to understand what makes weather tick led Steiger to Oswego. He was a fan of Rochester meteorologist Kevin Williams, who studied at Cornell. On a visit to Cornell, Steiger encountered Mark Wysocki, who had previously taught at Oswego. He told Steiger he could get a good education in meteorology and encounter some pretty exciting weather at Oswego.

Steiger already knew of Oswego. While visiting his sister, Christine Steiger Hoffman, on

campus, he had encountered lake effect snow like he had never seen before. "At home we got lake effect snow, but not feet at a time. We don't get lightning with snow. We don't get waterspouts," he says. "Most people don't like [Oswego weather], but, for the meteorologist, it's heaven."



# WEATHER

Lightning over Lake Ontario

This little bit of heaven on Lake Ontario proved to be a good fit for Steiger, who was mentored by the late Dr. Eugene Chermack and other scientists who would become his colleagues when he joined the faculty at Oswego in 2003.

After Oswego, Steiger went to Texas A & M to earn his doctorate. There, he got involved in thunderstorm research.

"I love winter weather, but I had gotten my fill of it," he says. "I wanted to study summertime severe weather."

In Texas, he used cloud-to-ground lightning data to analyze what effect the city of Houston has on lightning climatology. Later on in his studies, he used a special instrument that charts where lightning occurs in three dimensions and how it changes with time. Steiger explored whether lightning could be used to forecast tornado occurrence, hail and high winds.

"Basically, my research was to determine if there were any relationships between lightning and severe weather."

As a graduate student he enjoyed chasing storms and tornadoes, once driving all night from Texas to North Dakota to see a predicted storm. In fact, that's how he met his wife, Stephanie. "She was the only girl who'd go storm chasing with me," he laughs.

Now he hopes to lead a storm-chasing course for Oswego students as part of a summer session.



Waterspout on Lake Ontario Sept. 21 (For more, see [http://www.oswego.edu/news\\_weather/weather/waterspouts.html](http://www.oswego.edu/news_weather/weather/waterspouts.html))

"What better way to learn about the weather than to go out and see it?" says Steiger. "Our lab is not like a chemistry lab, where we're in a building. We go out and see it. A very important part of my 'Weather Disasters' class is to go on the roof and observe the weather, and explain it to students."

## HISTORIC PHOTOS

He also likes to go up to the roof of Piez Hall to photograph extreme weather, using a camera provided by the college to facilitate the research.

Just days after getting the camera, he put it to good use, taking some historic pictures of waterspouts, or tornadoes on water, Sept. 21.

"I was driving to work at about 7:40 a.m., and saw the clouds and knew the conditions were conducive for waterspouts," Steiger recalls. He rushed up to the roof and started firing away, using a powerful zoom lens.

Based on radar imagery and his own observations, Steiger estimates that the waterspouts were one to two miles off shore.

Waterspouts, formed when cold air blows over warmer lake water (the same conditions that produce lake effect snow), are not rare, Steiger says. They are usually



Steiger and **Jason Keeler '07** are studying lightning in lake effect snowstorms, thanks to a \$2,500 Challenge Grant.

seen to some degree every fall. But they often don't last long enough for people to observe them, or they may occur at night and go unseen.

What was truly rare about this occurrence was that there were four spouts, and that Steiger was able to get such detailed photos of them.

"The detail we have in the pictures is really unprecedented," he explains. Steiger sent the pictures to the nation's foremost tornado expert, and he agreed they were special.

"This is the first time we have gotten high quality images of the structure of waterspouts," Steiger explains. "One photo shows waves going up the side of the water-spout. We've never seen that before."

His dramatic pictures were featured on local TV news and in newspapers.

He also used them to teach his undergraduate meteorology classes.

"Students were scared when they saw these pictures," he says. "After all, they are tornadoes."

## RESEARCH UNDER WAY

Steiger is involved in several research projects, including a grant to test a model for predicting lake effect snowstorms, called the Weather Research and Forecasting Model, working collaboratively with Professors Al Stamm, Robert Ballantine, and Steve Skubis.

The team is working with the National Weather Service, which issues warnings to the public. "If this is better [than previous models] at forecasting location and intensity of the snow band, it will improve our forecasts and better warnings can be sent out," he says.

throughout the Northeast and Great Lakes regions, the EAGLES [Eastern Great Lakes Lake Effect Snow] study would use aircraft equipped with mobile radar to fly into lake effect clouds in order to better understand the snow bands and better forecast them.

Lake effect snow is a huge problem

**"It was summertime and here were chunks of ice falling from the sky."**

A \$10,000 COMET [Cooperative Meteorological Education and Training] grant is paying students to do the research alongside their professors.

In another project, **Jason Keeler '07** and Steiger are studying lightning in lake effect snowstorms, thanks to a \$2,500 Challenge Grant. Challenge Grants are supported by a donation from **Timothy Murphy '74**.

On Dec. 2 last year the campus experienced over 20 flashes of lightning in a snow storm.

"It's dangerous because people don't expect it," says Steiger. "Students were screaming and running into buildings, they didn't know what was going on."

A final proposal Steiger is working on would fund a field campaign to study lake effect snow. Working with universities

affecting major interstate highways like 81 and 90. "It's a major economic problem for our region," says Steiger. "That's one of the reasons we're doing this. Also it's extremely dangerous for people to be driving in lake effect snow."

And how about that little boy who watched ice falling from a summer sky? He's still endlessly fascinated by weather and loving every minute of it.

"I truly love this job. There's no other way to explain it," Steiger says. "I consider myself one of the luckiest men on earth. I wake up every day looking forward to going to work."

"I drove my parents nuts as a kid because I'd spend all day talking about the weather," he adds. "Now, I get paid for it." ●

# Class Notes

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## Golden Anniversary Class

President Deborah F. Stanley hosted a reception honoring the Oswego class of 1956 at Shady Shore, followed by the Golden Alumni Society luncheon in the Sheldon Hall Ballroom. Pictured in the front row from left are Nancy Johnson Allen, Barbara Casbarro Avino, Robert Brien, Earl Bush, Elizabeth Visconti Bush, John Ciulik, Alice Drago Fava, Richard Gillard, Joseph Guarini and Elaine Jacobsen Hartley; and in the back row from left, William Kean, Gerald Klafter, Nancy Covell Metcalf, Henry Meyer, Richard Race, Dorothea Lynch Root, Roger Scheffer, Bernard Shafarzek, John Turek and Graydon Youngman.



## A Cup of Kindness

WHEN BARBARA ST. MICHEL, associate director of Campus Life, cleaned out a storeroom in Hewitt Union several years ago, she found a Sigma Tau mug inscribed with only a first name, Jim, and a date, 1956. She kept it in her office for years until Thursday of Reunion 2006, when she was inspired to seek its owner.

"I held onto it for so many years. I'm a packrat," laughed St. Michel. "But something told me to bring it" to the Class of 1956 reception.

There she reunited the mug with its owner, **Jim Goldstine '56**, in a moving moment that was pure Oswego.

"Two ladies walked up and said, 'Are you Jim?'" said Goldstine. "It was a bit scary to have something show up after that long, completely unknown to me."

Goldstine recalls that the mug was kept behind the bar at the old Sigma Tau house on Fifth Street. When the fraternity moved, the mugs apparently were carried to Hewitt Union, but Goldstine's mug was the only one found in that storeroom.

Fifty years later, the mug and its owner are together again. Cheers to Oswego!



**Jim Goldstine '56**, receives his 1956 Sigma Tau mug from Barbara St. Michel, who found it in a storeroom in Hewitt Union.



## NEWSMAKER



**Michael F.  
Snyder '75**

**Michael F. Snyder '75** was named chief executive officer of Vonage Holdings Corp. in February, taking over the day-to-day operations of the various entities under the Vonage umbrella. Vonage markets its broadband services on the Web and through national retailers. Snyder came to Vonage from ADT, part of Tyco Fire and Security, which he joined in 1977. He held various sales, marketing and operational positions with the company, and became president in 1997. As president of ADT,

Snyder grew the company to serve over six million customers in the United States and Canada, increasing revenues more than six-fold. He is married to **Carol Morley Snyder '79**.

## Cup Kudos

EVERY HOCKEY PLAYER DREAMS OF the Stanley Cup. This summer two Oswego alumni, both Laker coaches, got to experience a connection with hockey's holy grail.

Oswego State men's ice hockey head coach **Ed Gosek '83, M '01** and assistant coach **Pete Sears '71** received mentions on national television June 19 when the Carolina Hurricanes won the Stanley Cup, and in August they got to see the Cup in person.

Oswego native Erik Cole is a player for the Hurricanes, and NBC analyst John Davidson mentioned four of Cole's youth hockey coaches from Oswego as the Hurricanes skated around the rink with their trophy.

Gosek was Erik's coach at the peewee level in the Oswego Minor Hockey

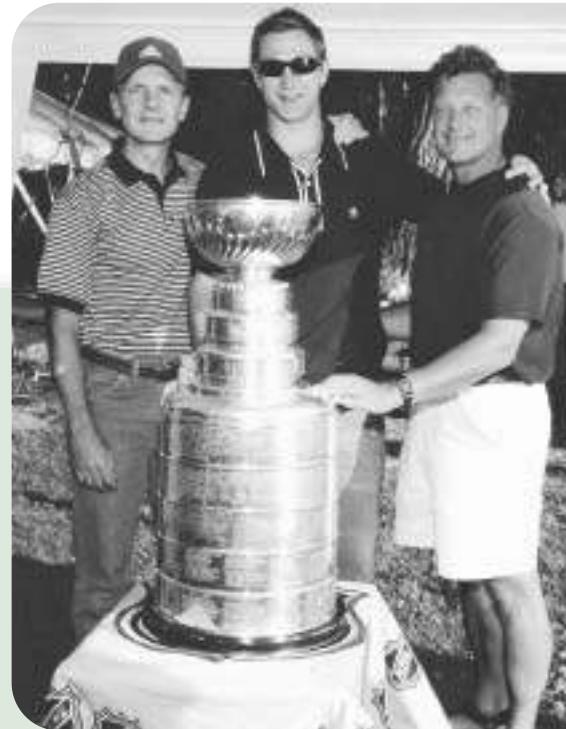
Association and Sears was the head coach when Erik played for the Oswego High School Buccaneers.

The NBC coverage led to a bit more fame for the two Oswego alumni coaches.

"He's a class act," Gosek said of Cole in a *Syracuse Post Standard* article by Lindsay Kramer. "He could've thanked 1,000 people."

Sears concurred. "Erik is the kind of kid who has never forgotten his roots," Kramer quotes him as saying.

Cole remembered his roots in a big way, by bringing the Stanley Cup home to Oswego Aug. 11. Sears and Gosek were among those who got to see hockey's hallowed hardware up close, thanks to their former player.



Oswego hockey coaches **Pete Sears '71** (left) and **Ed Gosek '83, M '01** (right) got to spend time with the Stanley Cup when Oswego native and their former player Erik Cole of the champion Carolina Hurricanes brought professional sport's oldest and most coveted trophy to his hometown for one day in August.

## McMahon Honored by Scouts

**KEVIN J. MCMAHON '78**, CHAIRMAN AND CEO OF EDWARDS and Kelcey, a New Jersey-based engineering, architectural, planning and construction management firm, was honored June 8 by the Patriots' Path Council of Boy Scouts of America in Florham Park, N.J., as the 2006 Distinguished Citizen.

McMahon and his firm helped the council raise \$130,000 to support Scoutreach and other programs designed to enable underprivileged youths to participate in scouting.

On April 12, McMahon visited the Oswego campus and spoke to a finance class in Rich Hall. He was impressed by Oswego's "very inquisitive" students.

"I wanted to see if I could make a connection with students using real life examples, not just theory," McMahon said. "It worked out well."

Looking back on his own days at SUNY Oswego, McMahon fondly recalled a professor who had made a connection with him.

Accounting Professor Chuck Spector, McMahon said, was responsible for helping him, and other students, developmentally, both in and out of the classroom. Spector even played softball with them.

Overall, McMahon said that he "had a lot of fun and learned a lot" at SUNY Oswego. Now, at the top of his game, McMahon said that it's only right to share what he has gained as a result of accomplishing so much.

"If you're successful, you give back," he said. It's this attitude that garnered him the Distinguished Citizen award.

"It's a big honor," he said, although he attributes most of the credit to the company, which McMahon said likes to be involved in public projects with the aim of "making things better for the community."

— Lynn Collier '08



Boy Scouts flank **Kevin J. McMahon '78** who holds the 2006 Distinguished Citizen Award presented to him by the Patriots' Path Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

## NEWS MAKER



**Corbett S.  
Doyle '78**

**CORBETTE S. DOYLE '78**, CHIEF diversity officer of Aon Corp. and chair of its National Healthcare Practice, was named Insurance Woman of the Year by the Association of Professional Insurance Women.

"Her leadership and accomplishments, as well as her commitment to supporting and advancing women in insurance, are exceptional examples of all of the qualities that APIW looks for in the recipient of this highly prestigious honor," Laurie A. Kamaiko, president of APIW, said of Doyle. "She has portrayed exemplary professionalism in all her activities and is highly respected both within her organization and within our industry."

Founded in 1976, the APIW is the leading organization dedicated to advancement of professional insurance women and to the recognition of their contributions to the industry.

## Keeping in Touché

SOME OF OSWEGO'S FORMER ATHLETES ARE STILL QUITE active and are continuing their winning ways. Two fencers from the 1975 Oswego State team met up 30 years later at the 2005 North American Cup of the United States Fencing Association. **David Drake '78** (left) resides in California and still competes in the veterans division, where he is ranked ninth in the country in men's foil. **Glen Moore '79** (right) of Virginia is ranked 45th in men's epee.



**David Drake '78** (back row, far left) and **Glen Moore '79** (back row, center) competed together on the 1975-76 Oswego State fencing team. At top, Drake, left, and Moore, right, at the 2005 North American Cup.



**Silver Anniversary Class**

As President Deborah F. Stanley's guests, the Class of 1981 celebrated its 25th reunion with a reception in Penfield Library's Lake Effect Café. Pictured in the front row from left are Stephen Boulet, Cindy Crosier Boulet, Ken Shares, Denise Fischer, Angel Llano, Andrea Brand and Steve Leblang; second row from left: Debra Ziamandanis Devine, Cynthia Sallaway Jordan, Patricia Reilley Gennings, Yvonne Fast, Jay Vega, Alison Lustbader, Linda Cohn Kaufman, Shirley Bialy-Verone, Betsy Laird Ruff, Hollie Elleman Calderon, Jeff Calderon, Karyn McCormack Zanetti, Jan Johnson Salter and President Stanley; third row from left: Scott Gennings, Nancy Bonanno Testa, Mark MacElroy, Pam Newton Coombs, Melissa Mills Sroczynski, Karen Richmond Sparacino, Barney Colon, Roslyn Joy Colon, Donna Clark Kuhn, Julie Maines, Debra Meyers Smith, Heidi Singer Fabiano, David Fabiano, Roberta La Manna, Marcia Thompson Young and Frank Anderson; fourth row from left: Karen Poli Rose, Jean Zazher, Kerry Casey Dorsey, David Fobare, Lou Camerlengo, Lori Ridenour Ellis, Enrica Solari Perlstein, Artie Kuhn, Manny Sandalakis, Barry Smith, Elizabeth Hansen Horowitz, Ginny Snell Prill, Carol Hausmann McCutcheon and Mary Gibbons Canale; and fifth row from left: Bo Fellis, Chris Slade and Bob Lasch.



# Oswego Matters

## From the executive director



**H**elping to create and maintain connections is what we're all about here in the Alumni Office. Since the last issue of this magazine, we launched our monthly alumni e-newsletter, *Lake Effect*, to rave reviews. Our first few issues reconnected a former roommate with **Bob Sweet '48**, after he read about Bob's donation to fund a high-tech classroom in Lanigan Hall, prompted an alumna from the 1930s to make a commitment to return for her class reunion next year after reading about Reunion 2006 and the reconnections established there, and generated a flurry of responses from Oswego alumni who are always hungry for more news from their alma mater.

But, you can't receive *Lake Effect* if we don't have your e-mail address! So write us today at [alumni@oswego.edu](mailto:alumni@oswego.edu) with your e-mail address so we can add you to the list. Better yet, log on to our exclusive online alumni community, OsweGoConnect, at <http://www.alumniconnections.com/oswegoalumni/> and register yourself in the community. (Your initial log-in number is the nine-digit number located directly above your name on the address label of this magazine.)

OsweGoConnect offers a secure site for Oswego alumni to reconnect with classmates, update your own information, network for jobs and much more! **Ellen Feigen-Kiefer '75** wrote to tell us about reconnecting with three good friends, **Jeannine Morgan Grossman '76, Carol Ostrander LaFever '75** and **Anita Wheeler Jebbett '76** from sixth floor Hart Hall. The four friends reunited in Oswego this July for a sentimental journey back in time.

Ellen wrote, "I have moved around the country and overseas, residing in California since 1987. We lost touch shortly after graduation and it was not until January when I registered on the Oswego Alumni Web site that anyone was able to find me. Since Jeannine's first letter, we have been in con-

stant contact . . . Once we reconnected, it was only a matter of weeks before I had booked a flight to head to New York for the first time since leaving in 1976.

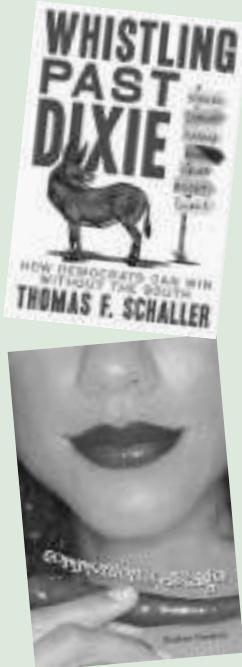
"As far as reunions go, on a scale of 1 to 10, this one rapidly soared off the charts. Time magically spun backwards to 1973 when 6th Floor Hart was the place to be. No longer were we alumni of the classes of '75 and '76. We were the Hart Hall girls. Time peeled away like the layers of an onion. Sitting in our dorm rooms, we laughed until we cried and we remembered the past and toasted the future.

"You CAN go home again. Perhaps the neighborhood has changed. Perhaps the neighbors have changed. Perhaps you have changed. But with the right traveling companions, you can always go back and visit."

As we go about our daily work here, it is always memorable and gratifying to be a part of the reconnections that occur on a regular basis. Keep your connection with Oswego strong and make it a priority to participate in alumni events and reunions, reconnect with your college friends, and utilize the new technology that enables us to keep you connected — with fellow alumni and with the college and the wonderful things that continue to happen here every day. As Ellen Feigen-Kiefer so warmly relates for all of us, you truly CAN go home again!

*Betsy Oberst*

# 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.

In his book, *Whistling Past Dixie: How Democrats Can Win Without the South*, Thomas Schaller '89 issues a challenge to the political party: build a winning coalition outside the South. Alice Mayhew, who has also edited books by President Jimmy Carter and Bob Woodward, among others, edits the book. Simon and Schuster, 2006.

Steven Swerdfeger '70 chronicles the adventures of four middle school children as they learn to demonstrate compassion in the midst of change and loss. *The Canasta Capers, An Opening of the Heart* and *Because They Think They Can* follow young David Andrews and his friends —

the "Gang of Four" — in their quest to face life's challenges with kindness and cooperation. Star Cloud Press, 2005.

In *Communion of Asiago*, Stephen Murabito '80 tempts the palate with his lyrical poetry of food and family. "All I Wanna Do: Oddly Holy at Wade's Diner" and "BENEDICTION: How to Winter Out" evoke a sense of nostalgia for those who have lived in Oswego as a student or a native like the author. Star Cloud Press, 2006.

Mark Doyle '81 and his wife, Diana, released the cruising guide *Managing the Waterway: Biscayne Bay, FL to Dry Tortugas, FL*. July 11. The second in a series, this guide provides mile-by-mile navigation coverage matched with annotated county land maps. Semi-Local Publications, 2006.

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land maps. Semi-Local

Publications, 2006.

Assistant Professor of Counseling and Psychological Services Jodi Weinstein Mullen '92 M '94 co-authored with Jody J. Fiorini, also a CPS assistant professor, *Counseling Children and Adolescents through Grief and Loss*, a comprehensive resource for counselors working with young people. Research Press, 2006.

## Taking Stock

**BRIAN HYNDMAN '92**, A SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AT THE NASDAQ stock exchange, visited campus in late April to share with business students how setting goals and working hard helped him achieve success.

Hyndman still thinks that his time spent at SUNY Oswego as a psychology major has served him well in life.

"It certainly broadened my horizons," he said. "It's not just what you learn; it's surviving away from home. You really grow from being a teenager into an adult."

As well as being impressed with students' knowledge of the stock market, Hyndman admired the renovations to Rich Hall.

"It's changed a lot," Hyndman said. "And the changes made are being made for the better."

Hyndman also expressed enthusiasm regarding the re-opening of historic Sheldon Hall and said that he was excited to see the progress of the construction projects on campus.

— Lynn Collier '08

## NEWSMAKER



**Amy Cavalier '99**

**AMY CAVALIER '99** HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED FOR her contribution as investigative associate in the book, *Betrayal by Blood* by Michael Benson. The book, published by Kensington Publishing Corp. as part of the Pinnacle True Crime Series, is based on the murder of Tabatha Bryant in Penfield.

Police say Bryant, a 26-year-old mother of two, was killed in her home July 13, 2003, by her half-brother. Her husband, Kevin Bryant, a 45-year-old attorney, was accused and later convicted of orchestrating the murder-for-hire. Cavalier was the lead reporter covering the Bryant murder for *Messenger Post Newspapers*. She contributed some reporting and photographs to the book and also appears as a "narrative character."

Cavalier is a former news reporter and producer for WRVO-FM. Now, she is a reporter with the *Penfield Post*, a subsidiary of the *Messenger Post Newspapers* in Rochester. Cavalier has earned many Associated Press and Syracuse Press Club awards as well as having two articles printed in *Memories of the Home Front*, published by Atria Senior Living Group.

In May, the Penfield Chamber of Commerce presented Cavalier with the first Community Recognition Award. The chamber cited Cavalier for her positive impact on the entire Penfield community through her articles published in the *Penfield Post*.



**Brian Hyndman '92** (right) visited campus as part of the Alumni-in-Residence program. He talks with, from left, business administration major **Michael Verni '09**, marketing major **Vanessa Cristaldi '07** and Professor Chuck Spector in Rich Hall.

# Event Planning is Matthews' Forte

Jolene Ballard Matthews '99 is an event director with Max Custom Media in New York City. She is the recipient of the Graduate of the Last Decade Award from the Oswego Alumni Association.

## Q. What does your job entail?

**A.** A corporate client will come to me and say that they want to put on a party in the city and I handle all of the logistics and details.

## Q. How did you get started on your career path?

**A.** Through SUNY Oswego Career Services, I got an internship with WPLJ-FM under the ABC umbrella doing on-air and off-air work in the morning and with the Radio Disney marketing department in the afternoon.

## Q. It sounds like a lot of work.

**A.** It was exhausting! I went to bed at 7 p.m. every night for about nine months, but it was really worth it to have that experience on my resume.

## Q. How can students make the most of their internship experiences?

**A.** By being proactive and trying to help the people that you're working with however you can. It's tempting for interns to be lazy if they don't feel that they're being used efficiently. I started the promotions department at one of my placements, and after the previous intern left, I walked right up to the executive producer and asked if I could take his place. That internship really changed my life and propelled me into my career.

## Q. How so?

**A.** I always knew that I wanted to get into TV and do production — I like being in that environment. After I finished my internship, ABC offered me a position in the sales division. I was promoted to TV sports production coordinator and received my first television credit while working on-site for Super Bowl XXXVII. I did a lot of event planning for ABC for the Emmys and Monday Night Football parties.

## Q. Do you enjoy your work?

**A.** I am definitely a people person. I love planning parties and being social. The events planning industry aligns with that aspect of my personality.

## Q. What kinds of events are you working on these days?

**A.** We had a Sprite party in Los Angeles a couple of months ago. I get to travel about once a month for different events and I get to see a lot of the country. I also work a lot with the Big Brothers-Big Sisters organization and help plan their fund-raising events.

## Q. Future plans?

**A.** I hope to pursue acting and print modeling full-time in 2007. I have done acting for "Saturday Night Live," "One Life to Live," "All My Children" and various commercials.

## Q. You volunteer for Oswego, don't you?

**A.** I was a panelist for the SUNY Oswego New York City Career Connections last year and I'm planning to be there again in January. I have also mentored a lot of Oswego students through the A.S.K. program.



Jolene Ballard Matthews '99

## Q. Have you stayed connected with your Oswego friends?

**A.** The friends that you make at Oswego become your life-long friends. I am still really close friends with a lot of the Sigma Delta Tau girls. We're still hanging out and seeing each other, which is great. A lot of us are from the city and we go to each other's weddings and showers. I got married to the art director of ABC Sports and we bought our first home in Edgewater, N.J. I had a really good time at Oswego. Your college friends are the ones that you keep forever.

— Meagan Smith '07



A grand dinner and ball, a concert by the Gospel Choir and a lakeside picnic were some of the experiences awaiting Oswego State alumni of color who came back to campus for the first two Return to Oz reunions.

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  - Alumni stories
  - Laker sports
  - And more



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*\*The number directly above your name on the address label of this magazine is your password to join the community. (Alumni couples: Call the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at 315-312-2258 to get your individual identification numbers.)*

## **Oswego Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Luncheon**

Saturday Nov. 11

11:30 a.m.

#### Sheldon Hall Ballroom

Join us as we induct

**Linda Cohn '81** – women's ice hockey

**Anne Potter Collins '80** – women's ice h

George Crowe – hockey coach emeritus

Herb Hammond – hockey coach emeritus

**Dr. Casimir Kowalski '65** – men's

**Rick Pratt '82** – men's ice hockey

Reservations for the luncheon are required.  
[www.oswegoalumni.oswego.edu/halloffame/](http://www.oswegoalumni.oswego.edu/halloffame/)

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## IN MEMORIAM

**Catherine Goss '30** of Fulton passed away May 21, 2005.

**Mary Lux Warner '30** of Fairport passed away April 28. She taught at Wayne County BOCES prior to her retirement. Mary is survived by two daughters, a son, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

**Hattie Jerrett Mercier '34** of New Haven died June 20. Hattie began her teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse in New Haven; she went on to teach in Scriba and Hannibal. In 1960 she accepted a teaching position at Mexico Academy and Central School where she taught seventh grade social studies until her retirement in 1973. Hattie was an active volunteer at Oswego Hospital, Crouse Hospital, the H. Lee White Marine Museum and with the Oswego Elks Auxiliary. She is survived by a daughter, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

**Lucille Foil Dunn '36** of Williamstown died Sept. 7, 2005.

**Jerry Bellinger '40** of Cobleskill died Jan. 17.

**Edwin Dubin '40** of Stamford, Conn. passed away June 10, 2005.

**Joseph Fargione '46** of Millbrook passed away Nov. 29, 2005.

**Augustine Brezina '48** of Glen Head died Jan. 21, 2005.

**Harriet Case Potter '48** of Cicero passed away June 14. She taught in the Liverpool and Troy

school districts, retiring in 1965. Harriet is survived by one son and one granddaughter.

**John Krempa '50** of Schenectady passed away March 3. He had been the superintendent of schools in the Rotterdam-Draper Union Free School District.

**Richard Mulligan '51** of Rome died March 11.

**Robert Lenz '52** of San Leandro, Calif., passed away Nov. 4, 2005.

**Elinore Schlegel DeVuyst '53** of Rochester passed away March 21. She taught in the Webster School District prior to retirement. Elinore is survived by her husband, John; three children; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Irene Lang Stuto '53** of Massapequa passed away May 13, 2005.

**Harold Quayle '56** of New Hartford passed away Jan. 9.

**Gerald Gale '62** of Painted Post passed away Feb. 28.

**Lynne Greenman Yeaton '65** of Ocala, Fla., died April 24. She is survived by her husband, Frederick; a stepson; a stepdaughter and three grandchildren.

**Dennis Beck '67** of Houston passed away Dec. 30, 2005. He had practiced law since 1976, having earned his degree from South Texas College of Law. Dennis is survived by his wife, **Jeri Brown '69**; three children; and a granddaughter.

**Martha Gabor Myers '70** of Baldwinsville died Jan. 8.

**Ralph Pisani '71** of Endicott passed away March 19.

**Elizabeth Klinko Stevenson '72** of Ithaca died on Feb. 12, 2002. She was a member of Theta while at Oswego State.

**Harold Nichols '78, '04** of Oswego passed away April 2. He is survived by his wife, **Donna Mullins Nichols '74**; and three children, Cheryl, Harold and Michael.

**Matthew Scipione '80** of Glen Allen, Va., passed away March 16. He was the founder and president of Voice Technologies of Glen Allen. Matt is survived by his wife, Mary Jo Wilson; two sons and a daughter.

**David English '04** of Albany passed away May 6. He was a manager at Red Lobster. David is survived by his parents, Dave and Liz English; a brother and a sister.

**Eugene Chermack, professor emeritus of meteorology**, passed away Sept. 23. He earned a bachelor's in physics from Queens College, a bachelor's in meteorology from the University of Washington, and a master's and a doctorate in meteorology from New York University. He taught at Oswego State from 1967 until his retirement in 2000. Surviving are his wife, Marian; two daughters; two sons and four grandchildren.

**George Nikas, professor emeritus of education**, died May 26.

He taught at Oswego State for more than 30 years. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Utah, a master's degree from Harvard School of Education, and Ed.D. from the University of Buffalo. He had published material about reading disabilities and dyslexia. Surviving are his wife, Pauline, former Oswego bursar; two daughters and three grandsons.

**Robert Nugent, former faculty member of Oswego's earth sciences department**, passed away June 14.

He earned a doctorate in geology in 1967 from Northwestern University. He taught at Oswego State from 1969 until 1980, when he went to work as a geoscientist for Exxon. He is survived by his wife, Marie; two daughters; a son and a grandson.

**James J. Soluri, professor emeritus of music**, passed away July 10. Jim taught at Oswego for 40 years and chaired the music department from 1970-1976. He produced and directed over 80 musicals and operas including productions of the Lakeside Dinner Theatre and Oswego Opera Theatre, a company he co-founded in 1978. He created the StateSingers and was an original organizer of Oswego's Harborfest, chairing the music and entertainment committee for many years. He is survived by his wife, **Sally '92**, and three children, Barbara, Robert and John. Contributions to the Jim "Doc" Soluri Scholarship Fund at SUNY Oswego can be made through the Office of University Development, 219 Sheldon Hall, Oswego, N.Y. 13126 or at [www.oswego.edu/giving](http://www.oswego.edu/giving). (See photo, p. 5)

**Dee Heckethorn, a member of the Board of Directors of the Oswego College Foundation**, passed away March 19. He was employed by Oswego County Savings Bank for many years prior to his retirement. Dee was an active volunteer on the boards of not-for-profit organizations in central and northern New York. Dee is survived by his wife, Ann; one son; one daughter and four grandchildren.

### In Memoriam Policy

Printing notices of alumni deaths is an important service of Oswego alumni magazine. In order to insure the accuracy of our reports, we require verification before we can publish a death notice—an obituary or a letter signed by a family member. Because the magazine is published only three times a year and we are working on an issue months in advance, there may be a delay of several months between the time we receive notification and the news is printed in the magazine. Thank you for your patience!

# W E D D I N G Album



**Margaret "Peggy" Waldron Honz '60** and Dennis Honz were married Feb. 14, 2002, in LeMars, Iowa, where they now reside. Peggy, an elementary education major at Oswego, is now retired, as is Dennis.



**Andy McIlwraith '01** and **Chrissy Scofield McIlwraith '01** were married Aug. 20, 2004, at the Franklin Plaza Ballroom in Troy. Oswego Alumni in attendance were, from left, Erin Sullivan Frank '01, Patrick Frank '01, Julie Nitschke Shaver '01, Dan Shaver '01, Gary Percival '01, Brian Culkin '01, Kate Deforest Percival '96, the bridegroom and bride, Rebecca Sutter '03, Eric "Chewy" Vaughn '00, Jennifer Mugge Boyer '01, Leigh Wyhosky '01 and Emily Southworth '04. Alumni present but not pictured include Brian Hegeman '01, Dave Denisi '00, Ken Huss '02 and Alisa Sullivan '04. Andy is the senior publicist for Siena College and Chrissy works for Excelsior College as a graduate academic advisor. The couple resides in Albany.



**Kristi Ann Baldassarri '00** and **Joseph Gerald Hogenkamp '99** were married Nov. 12, 2005, at Oheka Castle in Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island. The wedding party included, back row, from left, Andrew Cummings, Liz Baldassarri, Robert Aszkler, John Baldassarri, James Baldassarri, Marla Hogenkamp, Michael Hogenkamp and Jeffrey Stickles '00; second row, from left, Tyler Philcox, Nicole Brofman '02, Anne Marie Young, Andrea Rossi and Clarke Hogenkamp; seated, from left, Michael Graziano, Sarah Reinhardt, Janice Seearles '00, Dan Hogenkamp, the bridegroom and bride, Cheryl Growvogel '00, Whitney Lisica, Stephanie Philcox and Claire Hogenkamp. Alumni Rachael Molloy-Parker '99, Michael Gerena '00, Jimmy Dewald '99, Chris McNulty '01, Matt Close '00 and Logan Roberts '01 were also present for the celebration. After four years working for Kenneth Cole Productions, Kristi is now working on a master's degree in elementary education. Joe is a licensed optician with Hogenkamp Optics. The couple resides in Orchard Park.



**Jeff Pratt '94, M '97** and Susan Laffan were married April 29 in Oswego. Pictured at the wedding are, back row, from left, Tim Nekritz M '05, Brian Frear '97, Marshall Prior '95, Shannon Degon Prior '98, Stacie Blackmer Rockhill '93, Tim Ferlito '94, Andy Westfall (Oswego registrar), Janet Bogaczyl '95 and Rob Frailey '94; bottom row, from left, Michael Yoon '00, Julie Patterson Frear '90, Steve Rockhill '94, the bridegroom, the bride, Michelle Tackett Spinner '98 and Brent Spinner '97. The Pratts live in Baltimore, where Jeff works for Johns Hopkins University and Susan is a dentistry student.



**Vinny Garrison '97** and Siobhan Morahan (Garrison) were married July 16, 2005 in Piermont. Guests included, back row, from left: Russ Leto '97, John Protosow '99, Elizabeth Dilorenzo-Protosow '98, Dan Rossiter '96, the bridegroom and bride, John Brinn '96, Jon Martins '97, Mike Gannon '97, John Prior '99; middle row, from left, Sarah Christie, Lara Jacobs-McKenna '95, Joanne Craven-Rossiter '97, Jill Prior '99, Stepanie Hulse-Gannon '99; front row, from left, Eric Lynn '98, Paul Orlando '98, Billy McKenna '96, Dave Palmer '97 and Scott Defren '97. Vinny is a technology teacher and lacrosse coach in Nanuet. Sarah works as a school psychologist in East Ramapo and is also studying for her doctoral degree.



**Michael Battelle and Valerie Zacholl Battelle '00** were married Sept. 30, 2005, at St. Joseph's Church in Oswego. Guests included back row, from left, Kate (Lindsay) Whitney, Abby Smith, Christina Verdura '01, Jason Newton, Elizabeth Hennessey Abbott '01, Michele DeMars Fletcher '98, Gregory Fletcher '98, Helen Lunkenheimer '00, Michael Altimonda '96, John Humphrey, Jeff Worthley '99 and Matthew Finster '00; front row, from left, Jensen Bergman '01, Jessica Daube '01, Heather Jodus Brown '94, Diane Geis, the bridegroom and bride, Jodi Kraeger '98, Alexis Lunkenheimer '01, Kimberly Hoeffer, Nancy Marzalak, Jennifer Worthley and Jennifer Yaun Finster '01. The couple resides in Oswego. Val is a professional sales representative for Bradley Pharmaceuticals. Mike is employed at SUNY Oswego.

**Jennifer Greenbaum Sonne '03** (Omicron Xi) and **Evan Sonne '01** (Phi Kappa Tau) were married July 9, 2005, at Marvello Country Club in Stony Point. Oswego alumni in attendance were, top row from left, Josh Putnam '99 (Sigma Tau Chi), Nicole Zinna '05 (Omicron Xi), Karen Turnes Altman '00 (Omicron Xi), Wes Chest '02 (Phi Kappa Tau), Tim Jensen '00 (Phi Kappa Tau), Ray Powers '01 (Phi Kappa Tau); second row from left, Michelle Kennard Putnam '00 (Omicron Xi), Brita Montgomery '05 (Omicron Xi), Amy Wilk (Omicron Xi), the bride, the bridegroom, Annie Murphy, Jena Vance, Anthony Trapani '01 (Phi Kappa Tau), Dan Lloyd '03 (Alpha Epsilon Pi); third row from left, Kristin Walter (Omicron Xi), Nicole Godfrey '02 (Omicron Xi), Jeanette Pasciolla '02 (Omicron Xi), Iliana Diaz (Alpha Epsilon Xi); bottom row from left, Chris Goss (Phi Kappa Tau), Teresa Crucitti-Gilbert '99 (Omicron Xi), Lauren Collins Greenbaum '98, Tom Fylie '01 (Phi Kappa Tau), Greg Bramman '99 (Phi Kappa Tau), Pat Fylie '03 (Phi Kappa Tau), Heather Brownell, Mary-Beth Cassidy Lloyd '03 (Sigma Delta Tau) and Richard Lavoie '02 (Phi Kappa Tau). Also present but not pictured was Brian Leinbach '01 (Phi Kappa Tau). The Sonnes recently purchased their first home and live in Port St. Lucie, Fla. Jennifer is a private investigator and Evan is a high school history teacher.



# FROM THE ARCHIVES



The Lodge, on campus in a vintage 1950s photo (left) and in its current location (below)



## The Lodge Lives

**T**he Lodge, a recreational facility owned by the college in the late 1940s and 1950s, was a hub of activity on the lakeshore. Students held dances, parties and meetings in its cozy confines.

It is still home to parties and meetings, but has moved from its lakeside location to a riverside berth.

**Mike Conaway '78** was working on the construction of the Canal Corporation maintenance facility on the Oswego River across from Phoenix, N.Y., when he discovered the whereabouts of the Lodge. The construction trailer was next to a small building owned by the Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 02-01. As soon as he entered it, Conaway realized just what the little clubhouse was.

"I recognized it from the article in the *Oswego* magazine [Fall/Winter 2002]," he says. "I looked at the woodwork and beams, and could tell it was the same building." Auxiliary members told Conaway that during campus renovations in the late '50s or early '60s, the college donated the building to their group. It was reportedly used as a mess hall, until it was moved to its current location.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is a uniformed, non-military branch of the Coast Guard. An all-volunteer organization, it helps in varied missions, except law enforcement, according to Ken Straw, the flotilla's public affairs officer. Members assist in search and rescue missions and safety patrols on the water, as well as delivering boating safety instruction to the community.

And how do you get an entire building 20 miles down the road? Not by road, apparently. The Lodge was floated up the river on a barge. "A big crane lifted it off the barge and stuck it on the shore and there it stands today," Conaway says.

