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The legendary Oswego sunset caps another ‘Day in the Life of Oswego’ in this photo by Chemistry Professor Joseph LeFevre. (E-mail him at lefevre@oswego.edu)
President’s Desk

On a gorgeous spring day like this in Oswego, it’s easy to see why our campus is such a haven for us all—a place to absorb the beauty of nature while we stretch our legs in a walk or our minds in a lively intellectual discussion.

Nearly 60 years ago it was a haven of another sort for 1,000 refugees from war and atrocity. The story of those refugees—the only ones welcomed onto American soil in World War II—is the subject of the first Oswego Reading Initiative and of a special feature in this magazine.

Some of you probably remember those days, when the college opened its doors to a group of young people far from home and hungry for knowledge. They would go on to use the fruits of their studies here to benefit and beautify our world.

FROM THE

the Editor’s Pen

It was SuperBowl XXXVII Sunday and I had laughingly brought out a wallet with pictures from 1969, my senior year in high school. Back then it was SuperBowl III and we all thought that Joe Namath was sooo sexy, his picture earned a place in my wallet. I’d saved the wallet all these years, because it had photos of my best friends in high school. My daughter, now a high school senior herself, was chuckling at the late-’60s hairdos as I named my friends for her. “Here’s Marcia, Linda, Claudette...” A sharp intake of breath as a familiar face met my eyes. “And Theresa.” Theresa Greco ’73 was one of my best friends from high school, the pal who’d hitched dozens of rides to the Oswego campus when I would return to school at nearby Syracuse. Theresa’s hopes of being a French teacher died with her in a devastating car crash six days before she would have received her Oswego diploma at Commencement 1973.

When I got back to King Alumni Hall the next day, I took down the 1973 Ontarian from the shelf. There she was, looking not very different from the photo in my wallet. And, in all her energy and liveliness, mirroring the faces of our students in the “Day in the Life of Oswego” feature on page 20. I thought about Theresa and what I could do now, 30 years later, and all I could think of was this: To remember her in this column, and hope that alumni from the class of 1973 remember her, too. To remind those of you with kids to give them a hug. And, to remind everyone to make the most of every “day in the life” at Oswego or wherever you may be.

Michele A. Reed
Oswego editor
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Oswego enrollment strong, student quality high this year

SUNY Oswego has more students on campus this year than at any time since 1993, and the students here now are generally better prepared academically than students in that previous peak year, according to Dr. Joseph F. Grant, vice president for student affairs and enrollment.

The official preliminary numbers that campuses reported in the fall to SUNY System Administration put Oswego's headcount enrollment at 8,778 for the fall semester.

"We're up over a thousand headcount students in the last four years," Grant said. The increase will amount to about 675 more annual average full-time equivalent students over that period, he noted. "We're up in virtually every category — graduate and undergraduate, full time and part time," he said.

Regularly admitted first-year students had an average high school grade point average of 87.5 and average SAT scores of 1088. New transfer students came in with an average 2.95 grade point average.

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Oswego's enrollment continues to be strong. The college attracted more students with high-achieving academic records and more are living on campus than in recent years.

Correction
In the 2001-2002 Honor Roll of Appreciation, donors to the gift In Memory of Virginia Muirhead Wamsley '70 were incorrectly listed. The list should have read: Bevra Pease Muirhead '46

Mary Buttolph (deceased)
Patricia Nemchick
Michael Muirhead
George Wamsley
We apologize for the error.
'Mighty fine fellow' leaves more than $2 million to Oswego

The largest gift in SUNY Oswego's history — $2,226,376.88 — has come from the trust of Charles L. “Bub” Wiley ’22, who graduated from the college when it was known as the Oswego State Normal and Training School.

Wiley died in 1981 in Virginia, and his only recorded contact with the college between his graduation and his death was a $10 donation in 1977, according to Kevin Mahaney, vice president for development and public affairs. “He clearly had a great love for the college to remember us so magnanimously in his will,” Mahaney said.

Wiley’s gift is about $1 million more than Oswego’s previous largest gift and among the biggest to any four-year college in SUNY, where most campuses have yet to exceed six figures for a single gift.

Wiley studied industrial arts (now known as technology) at Oswego and, according to the trust officer, was a business executive with General Cable Corp. before serving in the U.S. Navy, from which he retired with the rank of captain.

“While those of us who are at SUNY Oswego today did not know Charles Wiley, he obviously knew and cared deeply for his alma mater,” said President Deborah F. Stanley. “The magnitude of this gift is unprecedented for us, and it is all the more astounding in that it came to us out of the blue. We will endeavor to repay Mr. Wiley’s extraordinary and unassuming generosity by assuring that his unrestricted gift is used to maximum effect for our college and our students.”

Wiley’s estate established an annuity trust that paid income to his wife, Nettie Wiley, who died in late 2002 at the age of 103. Wiley designated 40 percent of the principal and income of the trust to come to SUNY Oswego through the Oswego Alumni Association after the death of his wife. The remaining 60 percent will be distributed to two churches and the College of William and Mary in Virginia.

“Mr. Wiley recognized the important role that the alumni association plays in supporting the college,” said Lori Golden Kiewe ’84, president of the Oswego Alumni Association. “Thanks to his generosity, the alumni association has the opportunity to work with the college to put this gift to work to benefit students and address the priorities of the institution.”

Wiley was born in 1901 to Charles J. and Myrtice Downs (or Downes) Wiley at the Downs homestead in the town of Scriba.

As a student at Oswego, Wiley — nicknamed “Bub” — was a member of the first football team coached by the legendary Max Ziel, for whom the gymnasium in SUNY Oswego’s Laker Hall is named. His class yearbook describes him as “a mighty fine fellow and a shark with the ladies,” active in the Athletic Association, Industrial Teachers Club, Class Social Committee and Vocational Club.

Charles L. Wiley came by his love of education — and Oswego Normal School — naturally. Two aunts are known to have graduated from Oswego. Jennie E. Wiley Bigelow, his father’s sister, graduated with a degree in elementary education in 1887. Maude Downs Scott, sister of his mother, graduated in 1900 with a degree in English. It is believed that Charles’ mother, Myrtice, and her sister Jessie both attended Oswego, since they are listed in Oswego City directories as being students and residing at “Normal Hall.”

“This is a gift not only because of his own education, but also that of family members,” said Scriba Town Historian Charles Young, who researched Wiley’s background extensively. In addition to the aunts whom Young discovered in his research, Wiley’s great-uncle Dr. Robert Simpson was both a medical doctor and held a doctorate from Syracuse University. In the early 1880s he was principal of Brockport Normal School.

Jean H. Light, vice president and trust officer with Chesapeake Trust Co. in Virginia, said that Charles and Nettie Wiley had lived in Virginia for many years and had no living children. She said that the couple met while attending classes together at Columbia University and that Nettie Wiley had taught school in New York state.

The largest previous gift to SUNY Oswego came last summer from the estate of Girgis Ghobrial, an emeritus professor. He designated his gift of more than $1 million for scholarships. ●
One of the college’s most ornate antiques is back where it belongs, just in time for its 75th birthday.

A towering grandfather clock that stands like a sentinel facing the Sheldon Hall ballroom was donated to the college on Founder’s Day, Oct. 28, 1928, by educator Uldrick Thompson Sr., an 1879 graduate from the Oswego Normal School, the forerunner of SUNY Oswego.

Thompson built the clock “in his 80th year,” according to a plaque on the imposing timepiece, with it taking around a year to construct. “It is made of Koa wood from Hawaii, where Uldrick Thompson Sr. spent much of his life,” the plaque reads. “His friend, D.H. McConnell, donated the Oxford-Whittington-Westminster chimes and works. (“The best,” he said.)”

“You can really feel the clock was a labor of love from a passionate and successful alumnus,” said Betsy Oberst, director of the Oswego Alumni Association. “Almost everyone who sees this marvelous clock is dazzled by its craftsmanship and grandeur.”

Until recently, visitors would have seen the clock in Wilber Hall, where it was moved when Sheldon underwent lengthy renovation. Phil Gaines, professor and chair of technology, alertedly spotted a clause on the plaque stating Thompson “requested it be placed in Sheldon Hall when built.” Soon, the clock was on its way back to its rightful home.

Thompson made a name for himself a long way from his own home. On Aug. 23, 1889, he arrived at The Kamehameha School for Boys in Hawaii, where he would teach for a number of years and serve as principal from 1898 to 1901. He is also noted for producing, in 1922, the typewritten, hand-bound history, *Reminiscences of the Kamehamea Schools*.

One anecdote in the book gives evidence that Thompson’s background in the object teaching pioneered in the Oswego Normal School gave him an enlightened approach to dealing with students. The principal at the time, the Rev. William B. Oleson, “came to Dormitory D and found me washing the two windows of my room.” Thompson wrote. “He stood a moment then asked in his concise way, ‘Why don’t you have one of the boys wash your windows?’...[I replied]...‘Because, if I’m to be responsible for the condition of the boys’ windows, I must first learn how to clean windows.’”

The link brought some students from Hawaii to Oswego. Two members of the Kamehameha School’s first graduating class in 1891 went on to the Oswego Normal School.

Almost 125 years after his graduation from Oswego, Thompson’s clock continues to provide an example to the campus community, Oberst said.

“Tens of thousands of students have graduated, and our way of life has changed dramatically since the clock started keeping time,” Oberst noted. “It really stands as a marvelous testament to a man’s devotion to his alma mater.”

Center for Urban Schools debuts at Oswego

Students at the SUNY Oswego School of Education are being exposed, more than ever, to the urban school setting with the addition of the Center for Urban Schools in Swetman Hall.

The program has been in existence for a few years, but just recently received funds through Project SMART that allowed for the center to become a physical reality with more organization and structure.

The Center for Urban Schools will allow for more urban field placements in locations like Utica and New York City, in-service mentoring, urban-related partnerships and urban student recruitment and resource location. The goal of the center is that all students would be equipped to work in any urban school district upon graduation, from Syracuse to the Bronx, whether they choose to or not.

Also, students can expect more opportunities in New York City with increased student-teaching placements, summer teaching assistantships and a “School and Urban Society” course that includes a two-week field placement in Manhattan.

The center is interested in hearing from alumni who are working in urban schools or have worked in them and establishing contact with you. For more information on the Center for Urban Schools you can visit their Web site at www.oswego.edu/~prusso1 or e-mail the center’s director, Dr. Patricia Russo, at prusso1@oswego.edu. — Kyle Konkoski ’03
Balancing work and home life, developing leadership skills and other issues that women face in the workplace will soon engage students more deeply, thanks to the generous gift of an alumnus and a matching grant from his company.

Robert Feinberg ’78 and Ernst & Young LLP, where he is a partner, have established a visiting lectureship in the Women’s Studies Program at Oswego.

“It is important because it addresses issues that will affect women and men in the workplace — issues that women are facing now and students will face in the future,” said Mary McCune, director of women’s studies.

The funding will support a part-time visiting professor in women’s studies, a position set to begin in the spring 2004 semester and continue for five years. The lecturer will teach two courses, deliver a campus-wide lecture or workshop and mentor students.

“A combination of personal and professional reasons” led Feinberg to support the initiative.

“My family experiences, both in growing up with five sisters, and now in raising three daughters with my wife, Robbi, have been heavily influenced by the woman’s perspective — not just in family activities but business matters,” he said. “By providing career mentoring with many staff at E&Y, I came to experience how critical supporting the development of leadership skills in women through sponsoring initiatives like this program can be.”

While coming up with solid strategies is important in the business world, the key is execution, according to Feinberg. Although gender really has nothing to do with successful execution, he wants to reinforce the notion that women should continually strive to demonstrate that they possess many basic leadership skills that are crucial to getting the job done: teaming, being able to work with people, especially in conflict situations, and getting people to work together toward a common goal.

Courses to be taught will include MGT 480: “Women in Management,” WST 350: “Women in the Workplace” and WST 360: “Employment Equity and the Law.”

“Women in Management— I’m probably most excited about sponsoring this course,” Feinberg says. “I believe it’s critical for men and women, especially women, to approach their careers from the perspective that it is normal and acceptable to seek job flexibility at various stages of life,” he adds, citing the challenges faced in balancing the demands of a family and career.

“Nothing beats that sense of completeness that flows from attaining a successful work-life balance. It helps keep you energized about your career and leads to top performance,” he said. “But it doesn’t happen without that flexibility.”

The visiting professor will offer lectures and workshops on topics such as leadership, gender equity, sexual harassment, conflict resolution, and advancement and retention of women.

The visiting lecturer will also be available to consult with campus offices and groups.

The lectureship is “really important for the Women’s Studies Program, because it will raise our profile, broaden our mission on campus and reach some students that we perhaps haven’t reached before,” said McCune.

Oswego ranked in college guides

U.S. News and World Report has ranked Oswego No. 75 among 165 public and private northern universities that offer bachelor’s and master’s degrees.

The publisher has included Oswego in America’s Best Colleges, its college guide book.

The Princeton Review has selected Oswego for its new college guidebook The Best Northeastern Colleges, scheduled for publication late this spring.
Mark the dates: Reunion is in June

June is fast approaching and with it Reunion 2003. The dates to save are June 6 to 8. While the dates have changed, the same fun activities are planned, including a barbecue, receptions for anniversary year classes by President Stanley, the Oswego Alumni Association awards banquet and mini-reunions. Look for information in your mailbox soon, or call the Reunion Hotline at 315-312-5559.

Also save the dates for Reunion 2004 — June 4 through 6 — and Reunion 2005 — June 3 through 5.

Two new charitable trusts to benefit Oswego

Two anonymous donors, one an alumnus and both emeritus faculty members, have established charitable trusts for the benefit of SUNY Oswego. One donor’s trust, valued at approximately $240,000 will eventually fund campus beautification projects. The second donor’s trust, valued at approximately $25,000, will endow a book fund in Penfield Library.

Both of these gifts result from the donors’ strong ties to Oswego. Their careers at the college spanned 20 years and 34 years respectively and each has remained active with the college as a volunteer, including leadership roles in the college’s Emeriti Association.

“The fact that these donors have included Oswego in their estate planning at such a generous level reflects their love for the college, and their desire to leave a legacy that will make a real difference for students and faculty,” said Kevin Mahaney, vice president for development and public affairs.

“One gift will provide funds to enhance the beauty of the campus and comes from a donor who understands how important a sense of place is for those who work and study here,” he said.

“When established, the book fund will provide annual income for the purchase of materials in Penfield Library related to the Curriculum and Instruction program in the School of Education. Book funds provide valuable support over and above other resources to build the library’s collections,” explained Mahaney.

Both of these gifts are being provided through charitable trusts.

Trust and annuity arrangements allow donors to give assets to the college and receive a charitable tax deduction now, while receiving income from the assets for the remainder of their lives and/or the lives of loved ones. Following the lives of the donor and any other beneficiary, the remaining assets of the trust or annuity come to the Oswego College Foundation, and are used for the purposes previously agreed upon.

“These life income arrangements, and other forms of charitable estate planning, allow donors to achieve their philanthropic goals at much higher levels than would be possible with current cash donations,” said Mahaney. “They can provide significant gifts for the future benefit of the college while increasing a donor’s income during his or her lifetime.”

Donors who establish life income arrangements, and other forms of charitable estate planning, include Oswego in their wills, or make gifts of life insurance are recognized through membership in the Sheldon Legacy Society.

For more information on ways to support Oswego faculty and students, please contact the Office of University Development at 315-312-3003.
Alumni Sharing Knowledge help Oswego students succeed

Today, Oswego State alumni are looking for valuable ways to give back to their alma mater. One of these ways is by volunteering time to the Alumni Sharing Knowledge Program (A.S.K.).

A.S.K. is a mentor program sponsored by the Oswego Alumni Association. A.S.K. allows students to explore their career interests by matching with an alumnus or alumna in their career and location of choice. There are more than 500 Oswego alumni who volunteer their time each year to help students prepare for the future. A.S.K. targets several different aspects including shadowing alumni mentors for a “day on the job,” resume critiquing, mock interviewing and networking contacts with hiring personnel. Some of the mentors also help students find internships.

The A.S.K. program has been in existence for more than 12 years. With today’s competition in the work force, more experience is needed, even for entry-level jobs. “That is where A.S.K. can really help,” said Tiffany Whittaker ’03, the A.S.K. program coordinator.

Whittaker and Betsy Oberst, the executive director of the Oswego Alumni Association, work to give students the opportunity to prepare for their years after Oswego.

Whittaker enjoys being heavily involved with the program. “I love watching the progress that a student makes with the help of a mentor,” she said. Her main goal is to make students aware of the great opportunities available. She also wants students to realize that they are not limited to occupations strictly within their major. “The possibilities are endless,” she said.

The alumni who volunteer their time to this program are willing to help students. Michael Beccaria ’91, a mentor, said, “I would be happy to help anyone in their pursuit of a happy and prosperous career in a very competitive marketplace.”

Many alumni agree that career preparation is one of the necessities before college graduation. Christine Chase ’97 believes that her time involved in the A.S.K. program has been beneficial. “The experience you gain in the real world can be such an advantage to students. You know what employers are looking for and what they’re not,” she said.

Oberst is proud of the progress that the A.S.K. program has made over the years. “A.S.K. is one of the many ways alumni can stay involved with the college and give back to current students,” she said. Mentors are needed in virtually every major and every career. Oberst encourages alumni to get involved in the program.

The mentor process is simple. Students who are interested fill out an application that summarizes their career interests. Then, Whittaker enters the information into the A.S.K. database and matches the student with a mentor in his or her field of interest.

Whittaker has been making her way around classrooms this semester. She has given many presentations to several different classes and student groups informing the students about the program. Emily Yezzo ’04 heard Whittaker speak in one of her business classes. “I went straight to King Hall and filled out the application. It’s a chance to get all my questions answered and get ahead before graduation,” she said.

For more information about the A.S.K. program, or to become an A.S.K. mentor, contact Tiffany Whittaker at the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, King Hall, phone 315-312-2258, or e-mail: ask@oswego.edu.

— Maureen Flynn ’04
Women's Soccer

The Laker women's soccer team advanced to post-season play for the 14th straight season, earning a spot in the SUNY Athletic Conference Tournament. The Lakers finished the season with a 5-5 conference mark, while going 9-11 overall. Kat Stead '03 (Clifton Park/Shenendehowa) capped her banner career as a Laker, earning First Team All-SUNYAC, First Team New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association and Northeast Regional All-American. She finished her career fourth on the all-time scoring list with 68 points. Maureen Kasperek '06 (Fulton/G. Ray Bodley) made an immediate impact on the Lakers, leading the team with 17 goals. She was recognized as SUNYAC Co-First Year Player of the Year and earned Second Team All-SUNYAC honors.

Men's Soccer

 Oswego State posted a 5-3-1 record in conference play this season to secure a home game in the opening round of the SUNYAC Tournament. The Lakers won that game, beating Potsdam to return to the conference semi-finals for the second time in the last three seasons. The team was paced by Derek Popovich '03 (Baldwinsville/Baker) as he was named Second Team All-SUNYAC. A trio of players earned honorable mention: Derek Lyons '03 (Fulton/G. Ray Bodley), Scott Brown '05 (Fulton/G. Ray Bodley) and John Spuhler '05 (Fulton/G. Ray Bodley). Both Popovich and Lyons rank among the all-time scoring leaders with Popovich second with 87 career points and Lyons in sixth place with 73.

Volleyball

It was a record-breaking season for the Laker spikers this year as the team broke a number of school records. Hitter Erin Hanlon '04 (Fulton/G. Ray Bodley) set most of them, including most kills in a season (612), most kills in a match (35), most kills in a game (12) and hitting percentage (37.1). Hanlon also was named First Year Player of the Year for the SUNY-AC West Division along with being named First Team All-SUNYAC West Division and First Team All-State, the first Laker to receive that recognition. The honors didn’t stop there for the hitter as she garnered First Team AVCA All-New York Region honors. Setter Jenn Prievo '05 (Carthage) set a pair of records of her own, setting a new mark for assists in a season with 1,080 and assists in a match with 66. Jennie Willis '03 (Central Square/Paul V. Moore) also added her name to the record books for most digs in a match with 30.

Women's Tennis

Oswego State tied for eighth in the SUNYAC Tournament. Shannon Murphy '03 (Canastota), who led the team in victories during the regular season, led the Lakers on the court as she advanced to the quarterfinals of the tourney.
Men's Golf

The Lakers earned a trip to the Eastern College Athletic Conference Team Championships for the first time in nine years by claiming the seventh and final spot at the Upstate New York Qualifier. Also this season, the team placed second at the fifth annual Oswego State Fall Invitational as Bill Grover '05 (Ithaca) was the medalist shooting a 75, with teammate Shawn Caldwell '03 (Canajoharie) taking second with a 77.

Field Hockey

For the third straight year the Laker field hockey team participated in the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament. They also finished third in the SUNYAC with a 3-2 conference record. Oswego State had a pair of players garner First Team All-SUNYAC honors. Jayme Cooley '03 (Fort Edwards/ Hudson Falls) made the team as a defender and Robyn Bramoff '04 (Sag Harbor/ Pierson) made the team as a midfielder. Cooley was also named Third Team All-State. Danielle Luffman '04 (Red Hook) paced the team's offense with four goals and 10 points.

Cross Country

Susan McWilliams '04 (Central Square/ Mexico Academy) made her third straight appearance at the NCAA Division III Women's Cross Country Championships as she placed 39th in the event hosted by St. Olaf College in Minnesota. She completed the 6K race in a time of 22:36 just missing All-American recognition. She also earned First Team All-State honors for the second straight year by placing fifth overall in the New York State Collegiate Track Conference Championships. The Oswego State men were also represented at the NCAA Championships as Jeff Beck '05 (Geneseo) earned an at-large bid by placing 11th overall at the Atlantic Regional Championships held in New Jersey. Beck finished the 8K race at the NCAA Championships in a time of 27:13, putting him 168th.

Stanley Named to NCAA Presidents Council

UNY Oswego President Deborah F. Stanley has been elected to a four-year term on the National Collegiate Athletics Association Division III Presidents Council.

“I am honored and excited by this invitation to join a group with such a far-ranging and important mission,” Stanley said. “Oswego’s students have a tradition of excelling in academics as well as athletic competition. So I applaud the council’s mission of emphasizing and maximizing the overall educational experiences of student-athletes.”

The 15-member Presidents Council, composed of chief executive officers of member colleges and universities, is the highest governing body in Division III. It oversees a Management Council and several committees that address divisional operations, budgets and priority issues such as student-athlete welfare, diversity and membership education and communication.

Stanley’s term will run through January 2007.
Club News

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Director for Alumni Relations. Upcoming events: Club events are publicized through the alumni magazine, on the Oswego Alumni Web site, through mailings as well as e-mail. If your e-mail address has changed for any reason or if you haven’t given us your e-mail address yet, please update your current information at http://oswegoalumni.oswego.edu/alumni/where.html. You may also notify our office by completing and mailing us the “Tell Us About Yourself” form on page 47. We thank you in advance for your help.

Atlanta

The Atlanta Club is collaborating with other SUNY alumni groups to expand networking possibilities and event offerings. 2003 began with the incredibly successful 2nd annual Business Card Exchange in January that was attended by over 160 alumni from 19 different SUNY schools. Also in attendance were the Vice President of Philanthropy and Alumni Affairs for SUNY, Dr. Michael Luck and Jeff Pratt ’94, M ’97, Oswego State Associate Director for Alumni Relations. Upcoming events include:

- **April 5** – Career Development Workshop at Mercer University 1 – 4 p.m. – A career seminar in conjunction with the Georgia Career Development Association.
- **May 16** – High Museum Friday Jazz 5 – 10 p.m. 1280 Peachtree St., Atlanta (Midtown) Live jazz, guided tours, poetry reading, family art-making workshops, Look, Sketch, and Learn – interactive sketching activity
- **June 8** – Picnic 1 – 5 p.m. Wills Park Pavilion #3 – Corner of Wills Road and Old Milton Pkwy., Alpharetta, Ga.

For the latest information about upcoming events in the Atlanta area, check out the club’s Web site at www.geocities.com/sunyalumni-atlanta or contact Jeffrey Travis ’89.

Boston

Area alumni gathered in December for a holiday social and are looking forward to brunch and a show at the Museum of Science’s Om-nitherater on March 30. A Spring Social at The Grand Canal on May 17 and their annual trip to a Red Sox baseball game on Aug. 23. For details on upcoming events, contact Rebecca Brown ’98 or Cheryl Webster ’98.

Buffalo

The Buffalo Club is looking forward to attending a Sabres game on March 18 as well as gathering for a community service project to refurbish the Seneca Street Church on March 22. Also watch for details on the club’s huge annual outing for a Bills game and tailgate fall this fall. Larry Coon ’83 asks any area alumni that have other event ideas to contact him or the alumni office.

Long Island

Jessica Pristupa ’95 is interested in helping to coordinate alumni club events on Long Island but would like assistance from other area alumni in the form of volunteers and event ideas. If you live, or would attend events on Long Island, please fill out the survey at http://oswegoalumni.oswego.edu/longisland.

Mohawk Valley

Area alumni are looking forward to rejuvenating the club by holding some of the following events: dinner with President Deborah Stanley, wine tasting, theatre night, a cruise, a fall foliage tour, a picnic, sporting events and networking socials. If you would be willing to help with these or other events, contact the alumni office or Liz Fowler ’68.

New York City

The alumni office is looking for volunteers to help rejuvenate activities in the New York City area. If you live, or would attend events, in New York City, please fill out the survey at http://oswegoalumni.oswego.edu/nyc.

Phoenix, Ariz.

Area alumni attended a social event at The Monastery in November and held their second annual luncheon in February with special guest speaker President Deborah Stanley. Upcoming events include: Western Barbecue on April 26, a comedy show or baseball game this summer, a dinner theatre event, a return to The Monastery in October and the third annual luncheon early in 2004. For information about future events, contact Andrew Brown ’94 or Charles Weigand ’50.

Rochester

Recent area events have included the monthly Networking Socials at City’s Edge Sports Bar (owned by an Oswego alumnus) on the first Thursday of each month as well as the Lakers versus RIT hockey game in January. Future event ideas include a tour and reception at the George Eastman House, “Alive at the MAG” in June, and a new student/alumni picnic in August. If you have event ideas or would be willing to help in the Rochester area, please contact the alumni office.
April 12  SUNY Job Fair
    Genesee Community College
April 25-27  Phi Kappa Tau mini-reunion
May 16  Torchlight
May 17  Commencement
June 6, 7, 8  Reunion 2003
    Reunion Hotline 315-312-5559
    Mini-reunions in the planning stages include
    Alpha Sigma Chi's 80th anniversary, alumni athletes
June 7  Presentation of Distinguished Alumnus/Alumna Award 2003 and the Anniversary Class Awards of Merit
June 14  Annual Business Meeting, Oswego Alumni Association
July 24-27  The City of Oswego's fantastic Harborfest!
    On-campus housing available to alumni, friends and family
August 4  Emeriti Luncheon
August 29  Welcoming Torchlight Ceremony
September 12-13  Oswego State Fall Classic
September 13-14  Solid State and StateSingers Reunion/Retirement Celebration for Stan Gosek
October 25  3rd Annual Oswego Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner
Fall TBA  Sigma Gamma mini-reunion

South Carolina
In February alumni attended the 20th annual Oyster Festival in Charleston. The group is looking forward to a dinner on Sunday, April 27, with alumni director Betsy Oberst. If you have event ideas, contact Sonya Nordquist ’91 or Karen Parker ’91.

Syracuse/Oswego
Area alumni gathered on Dec. 10 at Coleman’s in Syracuse for a Holiday Social. If you have an idea for a future event, please contact the alumni office or Kitty Sherlock Houghtaling ’87 or Paul Susco ’70.

Washington, DC
On Dec. 10 a group of close to 100 alumni celebrated at a Holiday Gathering with college President Deborah Stanley, Dr. Harold Morse ’61, M ’63 and National Book Award Winner Alice McDermott ’75. Other recent events included Ice-Skating on Feb. 1 and a Mardi Gras Networking Social on March 1. Upcoming events include:
- May 5  – Cinco de Mayo Networking Social – 6 p.m. at Tortilla Coast
  400 First Street SE, Washington, D.C.
- June 14  – Flag Day Networking Social – 6:30 p.m. at Red, Hot and Blue
  16809 Crabbs Branch Way, Gaithersburg, Md.
- July 19  – Canoe Outing – 2 p.m. at Fletcher’s Boat House
  4940 Canal Road NW, Washington, D.C.
- August 16  – Picnic – 1 p.m. at Fort Hunt Park, Alexandria, Va.
- September 20  – King Street Krawl beginning at Murphy’s at 3 p.m.
  713 King Street, Old Town Alexandria, Va.
- October 25  – Halloween Costume Party – 6:30 p.m. – location TBA
- December 9  – Holiday Social – location TBA
If you have event ideas or if you would be willing to help with future events, please contact Kim Brooke ’87.

The numbers on this map indicate the number of Oswego Alumni living in each state. The pushpins represent alumni clubs which are active in the following areas:
Atlanta
Binghamton
Boston
Buffalo
Charleston, S.C.
Florida
Long Island
Mohawk Valley
New York City
Northern New Jersey
Phoenix, Ariz.
Rochester
Syracuse
Washington, D.C.

*If you see a large number of alumni living in your area, and there is no club established yet, contact the alumni office and we’ll work with you to start one.
The first time Dr. Ruth Gruber came to Oswego it was to save the lives of nearly 1,000 refugees fleeing Hitler’s atrocities. When she returned to Oswego for Honors Convocation last spring, it was to relive fond memories and share the story of those refugees with a new generation.

“For me to come back to Oswego brings some of the warmest memories of my life,” she told the assembled students, faculty and staff.

Dr. Ruth Gruber is the author of Haven, which was chosen as the first entry in the Oswego Reading Initiative. Under the program, the entire campus reads one book over the summer.

In 1944, nearly a thousand refugees from war-torn Europe arrived at Fort Ontario in Oswego – the only refugee camp on American soil. Their story, told by the woman who shepherded them through Nazi-infested waters, is the first choice in the Oswego Reading Initiative (ORI).

“THIS IS A TRUE STORY.

Few people are aware, and those who knew have largely forgotten, that nearly one thousand refugees were brought to the United States as guests of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt during World War II.

Transported on an Army Transport Ship with wounded soldiers from Anzio and Cassino, hunted at sea by Nazi planes and U-boats, brought to haven in Oswego, New York, they were to know the exquisite relief of freedom from bombings and terror. Refugees from eighteen countries Hitler had overrun, they tried to rebuild their lives inside an internment camp on American soil.”

—Ruth Gruber, in her introduction to Haven

The story, she was quick to point out, is that of the refugees themselves. “For them it was life, not death; the end of terror, the end of being a DP, a displaced person,” she said. It’s the story of those running from the terror and homelessness caused by the war in Europe. “And the run ended right here, in your backyard.”

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mer, and that shared experience is the basis of class discussion, art exhibits and other activities throughout the academic year.

_Haven_ tells the story of the only refugee camp during World War II on American soil. It was located at Fort Ontario, about a mile from campus.

After years when the United States refused entry to refugees because of immigration quotas, President Franklin D. Roosevelt allowed a boatload of refugees to come to America as his guests. Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes put 32-year-old Ruth Gruber in charge of shepherding the Jewish, Catholic, Protestant and Greek Orthodox refugees from Europe to Oswego.

Arriving Aug. 3, 1944 (the day before Anne Frank was betrayed), the refugees would stay in Oswego for 18 months until the end of the war meant they had to move on.

Before boarding the ship for America, the refugees had signed an agreement that they would go back to their own countries after the war. Ickes and former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt fought for their right to stay. In the end, President Harry Truman allowed them to cross the Rainbow Bridge to Canada and then to return and seek U.S. citizenship.

Among the 982 refugees aboard the Henry Gibbins were many who eventually attended Oswego High School and Oswego State.

“The city and the schools and university opened their arms to these students and changed their lives. Our students were so hungry for education. Many had been out of school for eight years while running.”

The students, in their turn, used their newfound education to give back to America and the world in ways never imagined when they stepped off the train in Oswego.

She shared their stories: Alex Margulis helped create the CAT scan and MRI. Rolf Manfred was one of the fathers of the Polaris and Minuteman missiles. In later years he would travel around the world, teaching the uses of energy for peace. Others made their contributions in engineering, chemistry, medicine and the arts.

Gruber addressed the undergraduates being honored for their academic achievements at Honors Convocation, calling them “you beautiful students” and “geniuses.” She told them, “I have one wish for you – that you will dream dreams, have visions and let no obstacles stop you.”

“Fortunately one of my relatives lived right across the street from the entrance to the Fort — the gate that goes out toward Scriba on the lakeshore,” remembered LeRoy Kelly ’58. “We would take our old clothes and hand them in or throw them in over the barbed wire.”

He remembered one girl especially. “In about the third grade… one of the students was put into our school, one girl from Czechoslovakia. She didn’t speak English, but the teacher did a nice thing. She had her show us the Czech flag and we all made a Czech flag. I still remember what it looks like…”

“The town really reached out for them, because they were coming with very little… only what they could carry on the train. They were refugees, displaced… We just felt sorry for the people. We had extra stuff. We had a lot of things. And, it was the war fever at that time. We had collected milkweed pods… and brought them to the post office. They would make life jackets out of them. We used to roll tin foil balls — they were huge, a foot in diameter, two or three feet in diameter. And of course, the kids all had victory gardens with radishes etc. Every block had an air raid warden, one of the neighbors who put on a helmet and walked around (to make sure all the lights were off.) The attitude of people at that time was to help out. It was a very patriotic time. It still is, but I think more then than now.”

“My late husband, Robert Walpole ’62, was born and raised in Oswego,” wrote Patricia White Walpole ’62. “He told of visiting the ‘Fort’ as a child, to see the refugees. He would take the refugees gum and candy, which he handed to them through the fence. Apparently, he communicated with the refugees through a spontaneous sign language.

“My husband also told of a time when a doctor at the ‘Fort’ treated his younger brother. The local hospital would not admit his brother because a family member had a contagious disease.”
Oswego alumni magazine caught up with Ruth Gruber later that day, as she toured the Safe Haven museum site at Fort Ontario. Her eyes lit up as she saw the places she had worked with the refugees. There, in the basement of one of the buildings, was the site of her office and there, with the late afternoon sun streaming in, bars on the windows.

Later she shared some reminiscences about former Oswego President Ralph W. Swetman. She ranked him, along with Oswego High School principal Ralph Faust, with the “36 noble souls that rule the world,” according to Jewish tradition.

“Swetman was among them,” she said, “With Eleanor Roosevelt he helped open the doors of the college” to the refugees.

“Both the high school and college changed their lives… and helped these 982 people give back to America,” she said.

She recalled how Swetman spoke before Congressman Samuel Dickstein’s immigration and naturalization subcommittee, which he brought to Oswego to investigate the issue of sending back the refugees to their homelands after the war. “He made the most eloquent speeches on how much these students had contributed to the college,” she said. “He told the Congressmen what wonderful things they had done.”

The author spoke about the choice of Haven by the ORI and what she hopes people will get out of reading her book.

“I hope they will know that America did open its arms to 982 people who had survived the most horrible disaster in history, and that the town of Oswego opened its schools to our children,” she said.

She pointed out that the book shows what contributions they eventually made to American culture, economy and way of life. “They entered every profession – a thousand success stories.”

Haven is important because it shows that one can understand others and learn to appreciate them, she explained.

The book also shows how “bureaucracies can often be heartless but there are always some leaders like Eleanor Roosevelt and Harold L. Ickes and others with courage to fight the bureaucracy and in the end succeed,” according to Gruber.

She regrets that our “restrictionist, isolationist country” tried to keep out the refugees.

“It haunts me when I think that we could have brought in 50,000 or half a million Einsteins, Chagalls,” she said, shaking her head at the loss.

A world traveler and journalist who has covered world events for over 50 years and written 16 books, Gruber keeps coming back to a theme important to her. She tells of meeting with Israeli Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, just before he died.

“And I said, ‘Master, will there ever be peace here, between the Arabs and Israelis?’ And he said, ‘Yes. Not in my time but in yours and your children’s.’”

Her face mirroring the determination and hope that led her on her decades-long journey to help Jewish refugees, she echoed his words.

“Someday there will be peace,” she said. “So I pray.”

“I have one wish for you – that you will dream dreams, have visions and let no obstacles stop you.”

Oswego Mayor John Gosek honored Dr. Willard Schum (left) for his work to make the Oswego Safe Haven Museum a reality. The museum, housed at Fort Ontario, remembers the story of nearly 1,000 refugees who fled Nazi Europe to a sanctuary in Oswego. The museum opened in October 2002. Schum is professor emeritus and emeritus associate dean of professional studies, and was Campus School principal from 1977 to 1991.
The convoy of ships that was lined with an American crew and famished European refugees was set to be plowing through the Atlantic Ocean, but they were still off the European coastline, near Naples in Italy, under the attack of German U-boats. The crisp waves were crashing on the sides of the ships as the echoes of war-torn nations sounded in the background. The alarms were ringing on all the ships' decks, instructing the passengers to come to the top deck. This was standard procedure during an attack.

The people on board the 15 ships thought they had escaped the reign of Hitler and his Holocaust, yet the ships destined for America lingered in the midst of a second world war.

Down in the bowels of the Henry Gibbins, a pasty, skeletal figure was sick in the latrine. His name was David Levy. His insides were waging a different kind of war on his body – a war that used no bombs or weapons. He was sweating, exhausted, nauseated and dizzy. The ship rocked back and forth in the water. He could hear the alarm sounding, but his illness had disabled him and he could not make his way to the deck as he knew he was supposed to. And that's when he heard it.

Click.

The door had been sealed shut on him. Locked. The terror Levy thought he had survived in Europe was now staring at him again as he was jailed in a latrine on a ship heading for America. He had survived the Holocaust and now it seemed like he would fall victim on a ship that was rescuing him and close to 1,000 other people.

Thankfully, that would not be the case. The doors would open for Levy and a glimmering new future would unfold as he sailed the Atlantic Ocean and traveled by train to an unlikely spot — the city of Oswego, N.Y. — as one of 982 refugees: the only refugees of World War II anywhere in the United States.

Levy, born in Yugoslavia, spoke as part of ORI’s fall convocation in September 2002, continuing his story where Gruber’s book left off. Levy spoke to more than 500 people during his talk at the convocation titled, “An Evening with David Levy: Memories of Safe Haven, Oswego and Oswego State.”

“You can’t imagine how happy and excited I am to speak to you. It brings beautiful memories of Fort Ontario and the Oswego College – the wonderful choir that I remember very vividly, the lovely ladies and the wonderful, patient and dedicated teachers I had here,” Levy said.

Levy spent a brief time at the college, when he was finally let outside the fencing of Fort Ontario, entering in the spring of 1945. Since Oswego was a predominately female college at the time, Levy spent most of his $8 allowance from Fort Ontario to attend proms and other functions at the college. After his stay in Oswego, Levy would go on to enlist in the U.S. Army, then attend Case-Western Reserve University and ultimately become an all-star ad salesman at the San Francisco Chronicle before retiring.

First Lady Helps

Levy credits his opportunity to attend college in Oswego to former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

Upon arriving in Oswego 57 years ago, Levy was allowed to take comfort in a hospital bed rather than the condition afforded to him on the rescue ships. His wife, Zhenka, also a refugee of World War II, remembers their arrival.

"It was Aug. 4. David was sick right away. He had symptoms of malaria," Zhenka said.

While at the hospital, Levy would become connected with SUNY Oswego forever. Levy had a chance encounter with Eleanor Roosevelt, the First Lady who had brought the refugees to America, as her and her husband’s guests.

"I want to again extend my depth of gratitude to Eleanor Roosevelt. I told her at the hospital 'I love America! But what about college?'" And though they spoke in different languages (Levy in French at the time), Levy says, "She got my message and I went to college."

And the rest, like Gruber’s Haven, is Oswego history.

Following his talk at the ORI fall convocation, Levy was immediately greeted with praise from around the theater. Students and faculty alike huddled around the Waterman Theatre stage, shaking hands and getting autographs from the heroic figure forever remembered in Haven.

"From day one in Oswego, David was popular," Zhenka said.

And today, almost 60 years later, he still is.

—Kyle Konkoski ’03
It’s a lesson in self-reliance. Americans are facing up to threats and planning to protect against them. It’s a subject so new there are no textbooks. In Washington, D.C., one Oswego graduate is writing the lesson plan. Meet Jerome DuVal ’92.
Some kids rush home after school to play video games or practice with a sports team. Not Jerome DuVal ’92. The youngest of 21 children in a farm family whose land overlooked Lake Ontario in the tiny village of Wolcott, he came home to pick apples and cherries. The family was so large they grew their own food in a huge garden to feed him and his 13 sisters and seven brothers. And despite that they had to all pitch in to feed the family, he never thought it so unusual that his mother, a social worker, would open their home to all who needed a place to stay.

Now as director of Citizen Corps – Homeland Security for the District of Columbia, DuVal follows in his footsteps: giving back to his community and making it a better, safer place for people to live.

Homeland security is a brand new field and the soft-spoken DuVal is at the cutting edge of it. In January 2002 he joined the D.C. Commission on National and Community Service in the executive office of the mayor as director of outreach. In September, he was appointed to his current position.

The District of Columbia was one of the first areas to receive funding for such a program, and states across the nation are looking to DuVal to see how he will organize this massive homeland security project.

This new field is also a fresh career move for DuVal. After graduating from Oswego with a degree in communications and public relations, he earned his master’s in social work at Syracuse University. His first job after graduate school was as a frontline clinical social worker in D.C. He moved into the senior management arena in non-profit social services agencies in New York City.

Then came Sept. 11, 2001.

Like so many New Yorkers, DuVal’s life would change.

He lost a good friend who worked for Cantor Fitzgerald.

Other effects of that fateful day lingered. “My office was a couple of blocks away from the World Trade Center. For about a year I had to smell that every day, the smoke, the stench, everything, and it was too much for me to bear,” he says.

“But I knew that I wanted to do whatever I could to support the mission of the president – to do something as a citizen.”

He began working with the families of victims. “I managed the homicide program, and started developing a model called the WTC Exposure Scale, a draft model that provided support groups to those who had lost their loved ones in the WTC attacks,” he says.

“And I decided that it was way too much for me emotionally and decided to see what else I can do.” That led to a move back to Washington and, eventually, his current role.

“I shifted gears and moved from the clinical over to the public safety end, and even though it’s connected, it’s more connected through the psychology of it, rather than the operation of the day-to-day tasks,” he says.

DuVal’s job is to help citizens get involved in their own security needs.

“It creates opportunities for individuals to help their community prepare for and respond to an emergency,” he explains. “We bring together local leaders, citizen volunteers and a network of first responder organizations, such as fire and police departments and EMTs.

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The District of Columbia received grants from the Corporation for National and Community Service to recruit and train new volunteers to support the district in homeland security activities.

A Police Reserve Corps will offer free training for citizens – a kind of citizen’s police academy – to take on some administrative tasks, so career police officers can focus on responding to emergencies.

Neighborhood watch programs will train citizens to use their eyes and ears to support police at the grassroots level.

Similar training will be given to the emergency medical technician corps to help them assist the city with medical emergencies at special events, citywide disturbances and disasters.

There’s another initiative in the works, and DuVal’s voice is edged with enthusiasm as he talks about the Community Emergency Response Teams program.

“We will train citizens in how to deal with disasters, medical operation, light search and rescue, fire suppression and pre-and post-storm operation,” he says.

Volunteers will receive skill-based training and will be certified after a 17-hour training sequence. Some of the sessions will address counterterrorism and homeland security, says DuVal.

After working in New York, where he had a staff of 113 and managed a $17-million budget, it was a big transition for DuVal to come to Washington where he started out as a one-man shop. The field is so new everything is a learning experience.

“We’re literally building the plane while it’s flying,” DuVal says.

“Our motto here for Citizen Corps is ‘Building communities, preparing a nation,’” he says.

It’s a big job. There are nearly 600,000 people in the metropolitan area and 7.6 million in the consolidated metro area. It’s the nation’s fourth-largest populated area.

“I feel challenged,” admits DuVal. “The good thing is ... across bipartisan lines the support is phenomenal. That makes my job easier. What’s difficult is actually figuring out how to make this work successfully and connecting all the dots so that it’s comprehensive and works effectively.”

While he’s doing all that managing and policymaking, DuVal keeps his eye on the real outcome of his work.

“We can now train people how to prepare for an emergency,” he says, as he conjures up the image of a parent giving CPR to a child. “That for me is a very strong way of giving back to a community.”

And that is a lesson Jerome DuVal learned at home, from his parents, on that family farm.

Jerome DuVal ’92 will serve as the distinguished Master of Ceremonies at Oswego’s Torchlight Ceremony on May 16.
Eight student photographers. A handful of disposable cameras and notebooks.

The assignment: **Record life at Oswego as you see it and live it.**

**A Day in the Life of**

Our volunteers shot hundreds of photos and wrote dozens of pages of notes. We’ve distilled their views of two weeks last spring to a typical day on campus.
Morning at Oswego:
The first stirrings from Funnelle to Onondaga, the aroma of coffee at Littlepage, the chill in the breeze off the lake. As the campus awakens to a new day, students head out to breakfast, jobs and classes. The learning begins anew.

Oswego

One day, with life and heart,
Is more than time enough to find a world.
JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL, COLUMBUS

7:15 a.m. “I leave an hour and a half early for school three days a week to exercise at Cooper Fitness Center. Michael Weyrauch ’02 and Patty Ann Phillips ’03 are there every morning to check me in. And, they never look tired.” — Carolyn Kelley ’02

7:55 a.m. Denise Scott ’04 and Ashley Lipsky ’03 wait for the bus. “Wait – Aren’t those your PJs?”

9 a.m. “Here are three fellow students (Osiris Daniel ’02, Penny Brewer ’03 and Danielle Sholett ’02) in my literary criticism class. It’s a very gloomy early Monday morning, but they are awake despite the hour and the weather.” — Carolyn Kelley ’02
9:20 a.m. Littlepage for breakfast. "Jill Maskulinski '03 decides to join us." — Ashley Lipsky '03

10:06 a.m. Ashley Lipsky '03 getting ready for a presentation – due in only three hours!

11:30 a.m. Katie Atkinson '04 enters Swetman Hall – "As Katie is an art major, I thought it appropriate that there be a work of art in the background." — Carolyn Kelley '02

Noon Abbey Wurz '03 and Sara Luly '02 study together in the library study room – a common sight on campus with finals less than two weeks away. They are studying German, so I guess when they let me take their picture, I should have said, ‘Danke schoen.'” — Carolyn Kelley '02

11:30 a.m. Phi Sigma Sigma sisters (from left) Billie Jo Wessels '03, Kathryn Korona '03, Kari Hilsinger '04, Stefanie Pivar '04, Megan Wayte '04, Amanda Lappin '04, Julie Scaringe '03 and Sadie Vimislik '03 get together for lunch in Hewitt Union. PHOTO BY CAROLYN KELLEY '02

11:36 a.m. "Hi, Mom!" Denise Hurt '03 chats on the phone with her mother. PHOTO BY SAGINE PIERRE '03

1:10 p.m. This is Shannon Taylor '03, hard at work on her English paper. Shannon, another ‘non-trad,' is the proud mother of 3-year-old Madelaine and 1-month-old Aidan. Shannon wants to be a teacher.” — Carolyn Kelley '02
So here has been dawning
Another blue day.
Think, wilt thou let it
Slip useless away?
—THOMAS CARLYLE: TODAY

1:45 p.m.
Michele Legena, my Australian roommate, writing in her journal.
— Sagine Pierre ’03

2:00 p.m.
Shawn O’Connell in the NYPIRG office. NYPIRG has been hard at work combating sweatshops and tuition increases.
PHOTO BY ASHLEY LIPSKY ’03

2:40 p.m.
Jeff Reynolds ’03, editor-in-chief of the Oswegonian (Sp 2002) “Ashley! Put the camera away and go write your story!”
Ashley Lipsky ’03

3:00 p.m.
EWA 395 Brad Korbesmeyer’s Screenwriting Class “Instead of ‘cheese’ I asked [my classmates] to say ‘Million dollar screenplay’ when I snapped the photo. Someday, this picture could contain someone who is a famous screenwriter in Hollywood. There is a lot of talent in this photo.”
— Carolyn Kelley ’02

3:30 p.m.
Michael Paez ’80, Derrick Salisbury ’90 and Tiffany Whittaker ’03 take a break from planning the School of Business Alumni Symposium Reception.
PHOTO BY DAN WYGAL ’02

4:30 p.m.
Bethany Hare ’05 with her tuba during Concert Band rehearsal.
PHOTO BY GARY WALL

5:15 p.m.
Sarah Reuter’s making one of the most popular dinner foods at Lakeside... pizza!

5:45 p.m.
Travis Hon ’05, Tim McNulty ’03 and Keith Van Iderstine ’03 watch their Laker lacrosse teammates take on Nazareth.
PHOTO BY DAVE MOORE ’04
6:30 p.m. Netsuki Oi and Gary Wall shoot a video about international student life at Oswego.

6 p.m. “Kristen Pierce ’05, Jon Mazza and Monica Kinney ’05 get in a little game of cards with the gang.” — Sarah Reuter ’05

6 p.m. Karlie Henriksen ’02, Marcy Maier ’02 and Hope Mueller ’02 take advantage of the nice weather to rollerblade. “Taking this photo, seeing these young women giggling and smiling, reminded me of the other important part of attending college besides the academics: the wonderful friendships you make. Friendships that often last a lifetime.” — Carolyn Kelley ’02

8 p.m. International student Kakhor Aminov works in the computer lab.

8 – 10:30 p.m. “Members of the Gospel Choir gathered in Scales Hall basement for a joyful time playing ‘Taboo.’ They ate all sorts of chips, pizza and chicken wings.” — Sagine Pierre ’03

9 p.m. “My turn to wash the dishes — in the bathroom sink!” — Sarah Reuter ’05

8 p.m. The English Conversation group meets: from left, Mary Ann Hogan, So Yeoun Park, Netsuki Oi and Kasumi Tsuyuki.

Photo by Gary Wall

— Sarah Reuter ’05
What hath night to do with sleep?  
JOHN MILTON: COMUS

Evening on the lakeshore: Another spectacular Oswego sunset caps the day, as students head out to study, socialize and just spend time together. From Penfield Library to the Sweet Shoppe to the floor of a friend’s room, when the sun goes down at Oswego, the day is far from over.

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Carolyn Kelley ’02 is from Liverpool, an English major, she graduated in 2002 and is attending graduate school at Oswego. She likes to play the guitar, read, hike and watch old movies.

Ashley Lipsky ’03 is from Fallsburg. The journalism major is a news writer for the Oswegonian and a pro-life feminist with the Women’s Center.

David Moore ’04 of Webster is an elementary education major. He is a member of the men’s lacrosse team, Student Athlete Mentors and Kappa Delta Pi, the education honor society.

Sarah Reuter ’05 is from the Syracuse area. The elementary education major enjoys writing poetry, drawing, being outdoors and working with youth.

Annerys Vasquez ’04 is from the Bronx. A former journalism major, she has discovered her passion lies in art.

Gary Wall of Australia has a bachelor’s in television production from Charles Sturt University. In his one semester at Oswego he was active in Concert Band, indoor soccer, International Student Association and scuba diving.

Sagine Pierre ’03 of Brooklyn is a journalism major. She loves to read and to sing with Gospel Choir.

Dan Wygal ’02 graduated in May 2002 with a degree in business. A native of Webster, he was active on the School of Business Dean’s Advisory Council.

11:45 p.m. “Shaun Baughman ’04 and Tarik Lodge ’04 enjoy a late night pizza snack while chillin’, joking around and playing some board games.” — Sarah Reuter ’05

“That’s all, folks!” Annerys Vasquez ’04 and Megan Ziegenfus ’05 send greetings from in front of Oneida Hall.
Who was Hideo?

HIDEO TAKAMINE had profound influence on the education of generations of children in Japan, spreading knowledge he acquired at Oswego. Eiko Nakamura, granddaughter of Hideo Takamine, has written a paper about her ancestor, his time in Oswego and his influence on education in Japan. She gives the background of the time in which Hideo lived, and how feudal wars affected his Samurai family.

In those days Hideo Takamine was born to a lower Samurai family serving the Aizu lord. Hideo's father died of illness contracted in battle at Kyoto in 1865, when he was 12. He and his three younger brothers were raised by his mother and grandfather. His grandfather must have been an ardent educator. Hideo did very well at Aizu lord's school and college. A boy was considered bright if he entered college at the age of 16 but Hideo entered college at 10 and graduated one year later. Then as a young man he was told to serve the lord as the lord's page.

She goes on to tell about how the Takamine family served the Aizu lord, who in turn served Tokugawa. When Tokugawa was defeated, the Aizu lord and his followers suffered. Many lost their lands, and even their lives.

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Hideo Takamine, 1877

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ater in all its forms—from the sunset-touched waters of Lake Ontario to winter's snow banks and ice floes to boots dripping snow melt—was a dominant theme of winning poetry in the first Hideo Haiku contest.

The response was great to the contest in honor of Hideo Takamine, a 19th-century Japanese exchange student to Oswego who went on to found what is now Tsukuba University in Japan. Oswego alumni magazine received over 80 entries, from alumni and friends from as far away as Japan. Emeritus professor Lewis Turco judged the poems. Mrs. Eiko Nakamura, granddaughter of Hideo Takamine, and Yoshiko Amemiya sent several gifts from Japan to be used as prizes. Each winner received two prizes — one from Oswego and one from Tsukuba.

Enjoy the creativity of your fellow alumni and relive some Oswego moments in haiku.

FIRST PRIZE

Wandering lakeside, I confide in migrating Monarch butterflies.

Andy McIlwraith '01

“My poem was inspired by a memory of seeing a few hundred orange butterflies (I confess I cannot prove they were Monarchs) flying about a large tree while I was (and of this part I have no doubts) wandering lakeside. I remembered how peaceful and privileged I had felt and how I'd imagined they could hear what I was thinking, and then I wrote my haiku,” writes William Andrew “Andy” McIlwraith ’01.

He is now working as senior publicist for Siena College in Loudonville, just outside Albany.

A major influence on him was JoEllen Kwiatek, whom he calls “most definitely my mentor, and a great friend.” He adds, “Norm Weiner, Brad Korbesmeyer, Leigh Wilson, Maureen Curtin, and Mark Cole are other professors I credit with having an immeasurable influence on my life.”
SECOND PRIZE

Nothing is stagnant,
Because the lake is alive.
Everything grows here.

Katherine Nemeth ’87

“I was always so impressed with how the lake changed all the time,” Katherine Nemeth ’87 writes of her second-prize poem. “I remember looking out the window from 9th floor Seneca and watching the lake in all kinds of weather and through all different seasons. It looked different depending on the time of day and time of year. In the poem, the phrase everything grows here refers to the students as well.” Since graduating from Oswego, Katherine earned a master’s degree in speech and language pathology from Hunter College in Manhattan and was awarded a certificate for Recognition of Excellence in Scholarship. She is an adjunct professor at Adelphi University and owns her own business. She is a member of the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association. Two professors who mentored her were Marcia Moore of communication studies and Paul Garland of art.

THIRD PRIZE

In all the world, words were not written so boldly for such grand seasons.

Merle L. Haskins ’83

Words and writing have always been important to Merle Haskins ’83. After graduating from Oswego, Merle obtained a master of arts in English literature from St. Bonaventure University in 1986. He stayed on there, teaching freshman composition until the end of 1988. At the same time he was co-owner of a hardwood lumber drying company.

In 1989 he moved to Vermont and began working for St. Johnsbury Academy where he has been primarily a high school English teacher.

“The certain and solid influence upon my writing was transmitted to me from Lewis Turco, my adviser and mentor, who showed me the wit within the wisdom, and Wesli Court, with whom I maintained a brief exchange of letters, from whom I came to appreciate the strength of knowing the rules and forms that language presents in our attempt to relay the world as it is to us,” writes Merle.

HONORABLE MENTION

A blanket of snow
Covers dawn at Oswego.
Winter time again.

Katherine Nemeth ’87

suspenseful foghorn
tells stories of “white-water” again in the air.

Ann M. Penton ’64

The Snack Bar

smoky-haze-filled room
steamy windows loud chatter
dripping parkas and boots

Laura Erdman-Feldman ’60

sitting on rock shelves
young lovers on Shady Shore
engulfed by the sunset

Laura Erdman-Feldman ’60

Ice floes crowd the shore
White paradise under blue
Lake effect white out

Susan Lindsley ’89, M ’97

A huge mass of water,
the lake at Oswego and the tiny waters at Aizu
mirror the heavens likewise.

Eiko Nakamura

PROFESSOR EMERITUS LEWIS TURCO
was our judge for the first Hideo Haiku contest. Professor Turco joined the Oswego faculty in 1965 and founded the college’s Writing Arts Program in 1969. His The New Book of Forms: a Handbook on Poetics has been described as “close to the definitive work on the poetic form.” The Poetry Society of America selected his Visions and Revisions of American Poetry for the society’s Melville Cane Award as “the best prose book on the subject of poetry” in 1986.

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She writes:
As for Hideo Takamine the road was even harder. His father had already died. He was the eldest son and thus responsible for supporting the whole family including his old grandfather, his mother and his younger brothers. Moreover Aizu Samurai had lost everything: their houses, and all their savings. So he must have studied harder than anyone else, and consequently gained the chance to be sent to America. His efforts were rewarded. He was lucky. At Oswego he must have made his very best too.

After returning from America, things went well for Hideo. He introduced the new teaching methods he had learned at Oswego and worked to establish Japanese educational systems at the teachers’ colleges which are now called Tsukuba Daigaku and Ochanomizu Joshi Daigaku.

To read Eiko Nakamura’s entire paper about “Hideo Takamine and the Meiji Restoration” click on http:// Oswegoalumni.oswego.edu/magazine

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CELEBRITY HAiku

Oswego alumni magazine asked some familiar folks around campus to offer their own Oswego-related haiku.

Oswego
Rays of light ignite
Seas of new horizons known
For inspiration

Deborah F. Stanley
President

Wall
Mist builds a gray wall
where the lake begins among
the stones of the shore.

Lewis Turco, Hideo Haiku Judge
Professor Emeritus of English
Founding Director, English Writing Arts Program

I wanted to write a renga, a season cycle of haiku, so I did 4, and I finished it off with a sort of clipped tanka, with an extra 5 syllable line.

1. Early spring. Water
over the beavers’ brush wall.
Constant counterpoint.

2. Green grass, emerald,
locks Glimmerglass around the
yellow blur: turtle.

3. Over red burning
bush, past bright sugar maples,
geese slide to slow rest.

4. Scalp contracts, and my
tie whips over my shoulder.
Wind a constant foe,
snow mere distraction.

John Presley
Provost*

Snow like fine pebbles,
snow like cake, snow like slurry,
snow like potter’s clay.

Sara Varhus
Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

Oswego Fall
Grey geese are eating
Golden leaves are falling down
Grass and leaves meeting

Dr. Walter Opello
Associate Provost for International Programs
and Professor of Political Science

Like the famed great lake,
A college passes time’s tests
And still nourishes

Tim Nekritz
Associate Director of Public Affairs

Across the Road
Torrid balance of
a flowering tree limb, mauve
kin from kin. Black rain.

JoEllen M. Kwiatok
Assistant Professor of English

AND FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT KING HALL

Hail Oswego sing
Our hearts will always be here
On our lakeside shores

Betsy Oberst
Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

Oswego in the spring
the water melts from ice
knowledge buds anew

Kimberly McGann ’95
Director of the Annual Fund

Time and space move here.
Connected to humankind,
Understanding grows

Patricia Michel ’93, M ’02
Development Research Associate

scholars are puzzled
who’s that squawking in Penfield?
seagulls on skylight
the pine tree branches
bend under the weight of snow,
wispy clouds float by

*John Presley has left to accept a position at Illinois State University. We wish him well!
Tremiti Scholarship Planned

MARY TREMITI is developing a scholarship at Syracuse University School of Law in memory of her late husband, Ferdinand Tremiti ’39. The scholarship will give preference to an Oswego State graduate who wants to pursue a career in law. For more information about donating to the scholarship, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 315-312-2258 or write to us at King Alumni Hall, 300 Washington Blvd., Oswego, NY 13126.

Among the Nine Athletes and Coaches inducted into the Oswego State Athletic Hall of Fame last October were (front row from left) Pierre Belanger ’69, who holds four Oswego State hockey records and is a charter member of the New Hampshire Hockey Hall of Fame; Priscilla Fox-Morrill ’79, Oswego State swimming record holder in three events; Emeritus Coach Thomas Brennan, coach of the 1978 NCAA Division III golf champion and a member of the Golf Coaches Association of America Hall of Fame; and Jon Buhner ’89, a three-time NCAA Div. III Wrestling All-American. Also inducted were, in the back row, baseball Coach Emeritus Dr. Walt Nitardy, who racked up 503 career wins in 29 seasons and was NCAA College Division East Coast Coach of the Year; and Robert Thole ’62, a member of the All-American men’s soccer team and All-New York State Baseball Team. Absent from the photo are Ralph Maru ’61, who holds the highest batting average for a season at .458; (Bernard) James Quinn ’79, NCAA Div. III golf tournament national champion; and Ronald Davis ’60, honored posthumously as the all-time leading scorer (2,128 points) and rebounder (1,489 rebounds) in Oswego State basketball history. Brennan and Quinn were charter members, unable to attend last year’s ceremony. For more information, visit the alumni Web site at http://oswegoalumni.oswego.edu/halloffame/ The third annual Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Dinner is scheduled for Oct. 25, 2003.
Jerry Esposito ’70 Honored by NFL

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT BY AN OSWEGO STATE GRADUATE to his student helped a young man fulfill his dreams of a football career. Now the former student, an NFL kicker, returned the favor by nominating his former mentor for a prestigious award.

Jerry Esposito ’70, who now teaches at Hallandale High School in Florida, was named December Teacher of the Month by the National Football League. He was one of only 10 finalists for Teacher of the Year honors sponsored by the NFL and MBNA.

Esposito was nominated by Olindo Mare of the Miami Dolphins, who was his marine science student at Cooper City High School. “Mr. Esposito was a great teacher,” said the Dolphins kicker. “He was very supportive of his students and he made it fun to come to class every day.”

Jerry’s support extended outside the classroom, too. He attended Olindo’s soccer games and encouraged the young man to try for the NFL. “He just kept asking me and asking me to go see one of his games,” Esposito is quoted as saying in the Dec. 9 Miami Herald. “I told him, ‘Olindo, I just don’t care for soccer.’ But finally I went to one of the games and I found that it seemed to make him work harder in class. So I kept going. I probably went to 90 percent of his games.

“So I taught him about marine biology and he taught me the fundamentals of soccer.”

When the two met again in December, Esposito shared a term paper on sharks, on which he had given Mare an A+. He wrote on the paper, “Keep up the hard work and it will pay off. Work as hard practicing kicking field goals, and maybe we’ll see you in the NFL.”

As Teacher of the Month, Esposito won a cash award and a grant of $5,000 for Cooper City High School.

GATHERINGS IN THE TEACHERS’ LOUNGE at Pittsford Sutherland High School are beginning to look like an Oswego mini-reunion. Oswego graduates teaching there are, from left, Phil Neuer ’68 (math), Dave Bramley ’70 (social studies), Kim Connell Black ’92 (special education), Len Chaput ’90 (special education), Brian Holiday ’93 (technology), and Terry Vanderlinden ’85 (technology).
HERALDO MUÑOZ ’72
MINISTER SECRETARY GENERAL TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE, spoke at the Organization of American States Sept. 16 on "The Right to Democracy in the Americas: From the Commitment of Santiago to the Democratic Charter." He shared the podium with the president of Peru and other leaders. “Democracy is the fruit of the daily work of thousands of men and women,” Muñoz told the assembled leaders. “It is a right acquired and conquered in the Americas with great pain and effort and it imposes us all the duty to defend it and improve it, here and everywhere in our long and wide Americas.” Before his current position, Muñoz held the office of deputy minister of foreign relations and served as Ambassador of Chile to Brazil between 1994 and 1998. As Ambassador to the OAS from 1990 to 1994, he conceived and was the principal negotiator of the “Santiago Commitment to Democracy” and Resolution 1080. He is a co-founder of the Party for Democracy (PPD) and served as the joint representative of the Socialist Party and of the PPD in the executive committee of the "NO Campaign" for the 1988 plebiscite that defeated General Pinochet. In 1999 he was the international coordinator of the presidential campaign of Ricardo Lagos, and headed the international and defense commission that drafted the foreign policy platform of President Lagos. He has published more than 20 books and dozens of essays in academic journals. Muñoz was honored by the Oswego Alumni Association with the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1994.

Crew to Launch Mini-Reunion

THE CREW TEAM, a blossoming Oswego State club sport, is hoping to host a mini reunion. Crew has been in steady existence for 12 years after a decade between the late ’70s and late ’80s when the team was nonexistent. Most of the information and photos from the teams of the ’70s have been misplaced and lost during those transitional years, and the team is hoping to piece together its history and share memories of crew among alumni with a small reunion.

The team boasts close to 50 members this year and has just purchased new boats and oars through the help of fundraising and donations.

To receive information about a crew mini-reunion, please contact the Alumni Office at alumni@oswego.edu or call 315-312-2258 to have your name added to the mailing list.
'Project Lead the Way' Led By Lakers

WHEN THE LEADERS OF PROJECT LEAD THE WAY, a not-for-profit pre-engineering program for middle and high schools, gave the keynote speech at October’s Technology Education Conference at SUNY Oswego, it was a homecoming celebration. Richard “Dick” Blais ’70 founded the program, and several Oswego State graduates form an important part of the team.

Blais founded the project in 1997 in 11 New York state schools. By 2002 the program had grown to over 500 schools in 31 states and growth projections are strong.

The Oswego connection to Project Lead The Way becomes very evident in the teacher-training dynamic. “It’s the former Industrial Arts graduates trained initially at Oswego that make up the core of our master teacher ranks,” says Blais. “They have made the transition from drawing board to three-dimensional modeling software. When they get together to plan teacher training or kick back at the training itself it’s not uncommon to hear the legends of Oswego State discussed, from Buckland’s and Nunzi’s to Greek life and Laker hockey.”

Ken McDermith ’88 is one such master teacher. Other Oswego graduates involved include Ken Ford ’77 who served as the group’s director of curriculum and training for three years and to whom Blais attributes the development of the organization’s highly successful training model; Tom White ’76, associate director of curriculum and training; Teresa Phillips ’97, an associate trainer; and Niel Tebbano ’69, director of operations.

“The Oswego connection in Project Lead The Way runs deep,” Blais points out. “It’s the Oswego mindset, forged in those IA classrooms and honed in the social fabric of the college in those days that serve our mission daily.”

That connection even extends back to the 1860’s when Woodbridge Ferris, a graduate of Oswego Normal School, headed west to Michigan and started what is now Ferris State University, a Project Lead The Way affiliate site for teacher training, a fact that Blais finds more than mere coincidence.


A Capital Affair

A CAPACITY CROWD OF OSWEGO ALUMNI turned out Dec. 10 at the City Club in Washington, D.C., to hear Alice McDermott ’75 read from her newest novel, Child of My Heart. Dr. Harold M. Morse ’61, M ’63 hosted the affair and President Deborah F. Stanley welcomed capital area alumni to the holiday event. Among those attending, were, from left to right Paul Austin ’92, Jerome DuVal ’92, Sheila Simpson Cordaro ’93, Nick Cordaro and Emilio Dorcely ’91, and, inset from left Betty Revelle, Jack James ’62 and Leslie Matthews Knaup ’72.
WAYNE ZUSSMAN ’01, A CERTIFIED financial planner, was featured in an article in USA Today Oct. 7. He gave advice to a couple that needed help managing their portfolio for retirement. Zussman, a partner at LeStrange Zussman Financial Advisors in Rockville, Md., gave the Mores specific advice on how to diversify their portfolio and reduce their tax liability. His advice also appeared on USAToday.com.

NEWSMAKER

NEWSWEEK, RECOGNIZING HER 10-YEAR CAREER AS ESPN'S FIRST WOMAN ANCHOR “to endure” and her 17-year marriage to Stewart Kaufman ’80, featured Linda Cohn ’81 in a June 6 Web exclusive article.

“My first job out of college at SUNY Oswego was just doing news on an AM/FM radio station in Long Island,” she told Newsweek. “But people at the station kept telling me that I always perked up for those 25 seconds during the newscasts that I was talking about sports,” Cohn told Newsweek. She followed that passion into a career that landed her at the premier sports desk in the country, ESPN’s “SportsCenter.”

“I love my job...I just want to keep doing things that keep me challenged – things that have people saying, ‘Whoa, that’s pretty cool,’” Cohn told Newsweek.
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.

Steven M. Darter ’71 believes, “Each of us has giftedness, purpose, and an innate motivational drive and when we uncover it (or stumble upon it or into it) our life, for that moment, has a sense of congruence and fit.” In his book, Managing Yourself, Managing Others, Darter hopes to share his insights from more than 35 years as a career consultant, to help people be more effective managers of others and themselves and “create an environment that brings forth the best that people have to give.” The book sets out a plan to understand each person’s individual strengths and Motivated Abilities Pattern (MAP). Readers will learn how to use the MAP and SIMA (System for Identifying Motivational Abilities) in their work, social and family lives. Darter is president of People Management Northeast, a firm he has been with since 1976. He has a master’s in education and an Ed. S. in counseling and personnel from SUNY Albany. Strong Books, 2001.

Christopher Maloney ’91, who has recorded or performed with artists such as Dweezil Zappa and Lisa Loeb, has just released his debut CD “Control” on Sunset Records. Christopher was a member of the Solid State group which recorded “Leeward Rendezvous” in 1989 at Montserrat. After graduating from Oswego, Maloney started his own band, Visual Touch, in New York City. He left New York for Los Angeles, where he studied at the Bass Institute of Technology and worked as a session player. “Control” is his first solo album and is a deeply personal work, classified as modern rock. With Christopher singing and playing bass and acoustic guitar, the CD also features Brett Garsed on guitar and Shane Gaalaas on drums. Songs include “All Around the Sea,” “Tell Me,” “Reasons to Run,” “Can’t Be All My Fault” and “Day Like This.” For more information, log onto www.christophermaloney.com. Sunset Records, 2002.

Stephen Spinder ’79 celebrates a major retrospective of his photography in Budapest, Through My Lens, A Solitary Perspective. The artist captures the city’s famed Chain Bridge, Neo-Classic facades and Gothic spires in over 100 classic sepia-duotone reproductions. The 160-page hardcover book also includes 24 pages of brilliant four-color plates and rice paper overlays. The images are brought to life by personal anecdotal stories about the making of the photos and about Budapest and Hungarian history. It is sponsored by Nikon Hungary and includes a foreword written by Peter Fath, executive director of the American Chamber of Commerce in Hungary. Click on www.spinderartphoto.com for more information. Stephen Spinder Fine Art Photography/Folprint Publisher, 2002.

GirlWise by Julia Rozines DeVillers ’89 promises to teach teens “How to be confident, capable, cool and in control.” For her third book, the author of Teen Girlfriends and co-author of How to Make it Big Writing Books went to 100 experts to help her explain what to do in just about any situation. Readers learn how to dress for a job interview, bond with their cars, speak with a powerful voice, unclog the toilet, write a poem, be charitable. Julia lives in Columbus, Ohio.
married to David DeVillers ’89 and has two children, Quinn and Jack. Friends from Oswego mentioned in the book are Jacki Fox Watson ’89 and Carol Turner Burke ’89. Random House/Prima Publishing, 2002.

In Performance-Based Teacher Certification, Gary Ingersoll ’66 and co-author Dale P. Scannell have written a manual for teacher educators who have limited or no experience in program or candidate evaluation. There is now a shift from awarding a teaching certificate based solely on grades to evaluating what a candidate can do and the effects on student learning. The book helps teacher educators understand and implement a performance-based teacher licensing or certification program. Ingersoll is a professor of counseling and educational psychology at the Indiana University School of Education and professor of pediatrics in its School of Medicine. He has been a consultant to the Indiana Professional Standards Board and has published two textbooks, Adolescents in School and Society and Adolescents. Fulcrum Publishing, 2002.

Al Roker ’76 has become a familiar face on the Food Network, and now he’s collected 100 of his favorite recipes for backyard barbecue and grilling into Al Roker’s Big Bad Book of Barbecue. “We equate home cooking with love. I look at barbecue and grilling as a representation of love in edible form,” writes Roker in his introduction. The love takes many forms and Roker covers them all, from traditional hot dogs and “Not Your Usual Burger” to grilled quesadillas, “Beer Can Chicken” and “My Mom’s Peas and Rice.” Marinades, drinks and desserts are all there, as well as a list of sources for shopping for the fixin’s. The book is full of stories, too. Take Al’s memory of cooking out on campus: “When I was in college, my roommates and I had a tiny hibachi that we would take out by the lake… You feel connected to nature when you’re grilling outside. Not as connected when you realize the place you’ve chosen to ‘take care of business’ is in the middle of a patch of poison sumac, but connected nonetheless.” Scribner, 2002.

National Book Award winner Alice McDermott ’75 has a new, critically acclaimed novel on bookstore shelves. Child of My Heart, published in November by Farrar, Straus and Giroux is the story of Theresa, the most sought-after babysitter in her small Long Island town, and her fateful 15th summer. The only child of older parents, Theresa is great with children and animals, an imaginative storyteller and a poised and confident young lady, balancing on the brink of adulthood.

That summer she is taking care of her cousin, Daisy, who has come from her home in the city, bursting with siblings and noise, to enjoy the fresh air and good influences of Theresa’s world. Add that to her usual round of chores (and some children and dogs who just drop in for the fun of being with her) and Theresa has her hands full. A seaside summer with rounds of dog walking, storytelling and hanging out by the shore might sound like an idyllic season, but there is a dark undercurrent to this coming-of-age novel.

Crossing the threshold into adulthood is a dangerous passage, and the author navigates it with suspense and skill. McDermott uses her skill for sharply rendering the everyday occurrences of life to write a many-layered literary novel of depth and humanity. Anna Quindlen, Book of the Month Club judge, called McDermott “one of my favorite novelists” and wrote that “her prose is so beautifully wrought that the sentences are always just a breath and a pause short of poetry.” The book was also featured in leading reviews in The New Yorker, the New York Times Book Review and Book magazine.

Child of My Heart is McDermott’s fifth novel, the latest since her 1998 National Book Award-winning Charming Billy. Her other novels are A Bigamist’s Daughter, That Night and Of Wakes and Weddings. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2002.
ANDREA LATEMPE CREWS ’85 AND HER HUSBAND MARK CREWS are at the forefront of a trend in the American workforce. The couple, among the 12.6 million Americans that can classify themselves as “entrepreneurial parents” (EPs), are also among the 700 parents featured in the new book, The Entrepreneurial Parent: How to Earn Your Living at Home and Still Enjoy Your Family, Your Work and Your Life (Putnam/Tarcher, 2002).

The couple owns their custom cabinetry business, LaCrews, Inc. This company was profiled in the book, edited by Paul and Sarah Edwards with Lisa M. Roberts. The book probes the work and lifestyle habits of parents, who give advice and anecdotes to other work-at-home parents as well as those considering the option.

The authors of the book state that “EPs” are working parents who chose to earn their living at home, making a resolute decision to take an active, around the clock role in parenting their children. Andrea and Mark exemplify “EPs” by taking control of their careers and designed their business that can stretch and flex around the everyday needs of their family.

The couple, with two elementary school-aged children, started their business out of their Herndon home in 1993. It thrived there and moved into a 2,000 square foot commercial workspace in Culpepper in 2001. LaCrews, Inc. specializes in custom kitchen and cabinetry for the home along with handmade furniture and cigar humidors.

AS A LEADERSHIP TRAINER AND INSTRUCTOR with a “passion for life and leadership,” Nancy Hunter Denney ’82 has been heard around America. She's been on countless television and radio programs, spoken at numerous colleges and universities and, most recently, was the featured speaker at a conference with “Oprah” icon, Dr. Phil.

Denney was at the iWomen Conference in Indianapolis with Dr. Phil during the fall of 2002, an experience she notes as a “professional high.” At the conference, Denney was the opening keynote and the warm-up presenter for Dr. Phil, the recurring guest speaker on “Oprah,” turned talk-show host.

Denney received an MA in college student personnel from Bowling Green State University in 1984, and worked in higher education. But in 1993 she quit her job, started her own speaking business and “has never looked back.” She’s spoken to over a million people, “give or take a few thousand,” and has also authored Life by Design and co-authored Let Your Leadership Speak.

Denney lives in Massachusetts with her husband and two children.
AN OSWEGO STATE SPORTS STAR is now a star in the legal field. Louis R. Battista '89, an attorney with the Fort Lauderdale, Fla., firm of Krupnick Campbell Malone Buser Stama Hancock McNelis Liberman and McKee, recently became a partner. He also received two awards from the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers at their 41st annual convention in Orlando. He received the academy's 2002 “Golden Eagle” Award and the 2002 Legislative Leadership Award for his service to the academy, community and legislative efforts to protect Florida's families. Battista has also been busy lecturing for the academy on such topics as “Jury Selection in the Soft Tissue Case” and the “Tort Case Law Update for 2002.” He serves on the board of directors of the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, an organization that works to strengthen and preserve the laws that protect Florida families and make Florida a safer, cleaner and better place to live.

At Oswego State, Battista played on the varsity baseball team, as a star left-fielder. His team won the SUNYAC championship three of the four years he played, and went to the NCAA regional tournament. In his senior year, he batted .375 and was an all-conference outfielder. He hit the winning run in the 1989 championship game and the winning run in legendary coach Dr. Walt Nitardy’s 500th career win. After college he played for three years in a semi-pro league in Florida, making the All-Star team each year.

He is married to Heather Shulman Battista ’90.
Getting Down to Brass Tacks in NYC

A SIX PACK OF SUNY OSWEGO ALUMNI have reupholstered the aging art of theater with the Brass Tacks Theatre Company in New York City.

The troupe is made up of theatre majors from SUNY Oswego and their friends. Shown reading through short plays for the second annual Rosetta Festival of New Works to be held in April are, on couch from left, Kevin Molesworth '98, Jen Daum, Stephen Fecteau '00, Andy Chmelko '99, Samantha DeLuke '01 and Andy Girard '00, and on the floor, Melinda Ferraraccio and C. L. Weatherstone '98.

Molesworth and friend Melinda Ferraraccio founded the theater, located in Astoria in Queens three years ago. As members of the theater department graduated from SUNY Oswego, they found their way to NYC to reunite with alumni at the Brass Tacks.

The company's first production, "Savage/Love" by Sam Shepard and directed by Chmelko (who also directed the play at SUNY Oswego), started the ball rolling and the group's latest production was the crowd-pleasing "Run for Your Wife" in October 2002. The company also hosts the Rosetta Festival of New Works in the spring of each year. This February, the company received the "Medicine for the Heart, Mind and Soul" award from the Health Futures Forum, acknowledging their contribution to theatre that promotes audiences' greater understanding of the world around them.

"Working together with alumni has been an essential part of our success. We already have a history and a camaraderie from which to build upon and tackle each new endeavor," said Molesworth.

You can keep updated on Brass Tacks' productions by visiting their Web site at www.BrassTacksTheatre.com, or e-mailing them at info@BrassTacksTheatre.com.

— Kyle Konkoski ’03
THE OSWEGO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION welcomed two new members to the Board of Directors at its fall 2002 meeting. Cheryl Webster ’98 and Saleem Cheeks ’01 will serve three-year terms.

Cheryl Webster ’98 served as a development assistant intern in the Office of Alumni and University Development while a student at Oswego. She also was a Telefund caller at Oswego. Since graduating, Cheryl has served as president of the Oswego State Boston Alumni Club. She currently works in development at Harvard University. She resides in Boston.

Saleem Cheeks ’01 served as President of Student Association while at Oswego State. He was also a volunteer with the Alumni Association as a student and served as torchbearer at Torchlight ’01. He currently works for the Office of the Governor of New York State and resides in Albany.
From Waterman Theatre to Heinz Hall

AS A HERALD TRUMPETER AT OSWEGO’S TORCHLIGHT AND COMMENCEMENT ceremonies, Gretchen Bernatz ’02 helped make those occasions special for thousands of graduates fulfilling their dreams.

This past October, Bernatz fulfilled a dream of her own: playing her trumpet on stage with a major symphony. She played alongside professional musicians of the Pittsburgh Symphony Pops orchestra, on stage at Pittsburgh’s Heinz Hall, conducted by Marvin Hamlisch. Her dream came true thanks to a contest by Oprah Winfrey’s O magazine and a little encouragement from a friend at Oswego.

It was spring of her senior year at Oswego, and Bernatz, who had played in concert band, college-community orchestra and Solid State as a student, heard about the contest from Martha Howe, who works at the Counseling Services Center at Mary Walker Health Center. She encouraged Bernatz to try for it. Even though she was busy finishing up her course work and getting ready to walk across the stage at Romney Field House to the accompaniment of other herald trumpeters, Bernatz decided to give it a try. She sent in an essay and a tape of herself playing “In the Mood” with Solid State.

“I did it for my dad,” she said of her late father, Robert Bernatz. “My dad was a huge music fan and would take me to my lessons. He died of juvenile diabetes when I was 15. So he never got to hear me play well, or to play in high school or college.

“To sit up on stage with professional musicians that play all over the world—this is what I’ve wanted to do since I picked up the trumpet,” at age 12, she said.

A history major at Oswego, Bernatz says she will still pursue her musical avocation. At Oswego her musical influences included Dr. Dale Baer, Stan Gosek, Dr. Juan LaManna and Terry Caviness.
As I look outside my window at King Alumni Hall, I see yet another two-foot plus mound of snowfall added to our already snowy winter. Yes, we're having a good old-fashioned snowy Oswego winter – maybe not as snowy as those winters of '58 or '66 or '77, but very wintry nonetheless! And I know, too, as you receive this in early April, spring will be starting to dawn even here in Oswego – or at least we hope so! And we'll be preparing to send another new class of freshly minted Oswego graduates off into the world – full of fresh hope and promise.

Those new graduates will join the more than 55,000 Oswego alumni around the globe – many of whom stay closely connected to the college as alumni volunteers.

This past January the Alumni Association hosted the first NYC Alumni Career Connections in Manhattan at which 25 alumni met with current juniors and seniors for a career networking event to dispense their valuable career advice. Close to 500 alumni volunteer to speak with current students — offering everything from career advice, networking opportunities, resume critiquing or even a “shadow” opportunity for a day-on-the-job experience — through our Alumni Sharing Knowledge (A.S.K.) program. Still others return to campus to speak to current students in classes, or to sit on panels such as Athletic Alumni, the School of Business Symposium, Theatre Alumni or Communication Studies Alumni — to name just a few — as part of the Alumni Association’s Alumni-in-Residence program.

We have alumni volunteers who offer to contact prospective students to encourage them to attend Oswego — for the same high-quality, good-value education Oswego has always been known for — as part of the Alumni Association’s Alumni Admissions Network. Our long-term goal is that every accepted student will get a personal contact from an Oswego alumna/us.

We have 100+ volunteers who offer to help plan events for Oswego alumni in regions around the country — a fun way to meet other Oswego graduates in your local community. (See page 12 for information about local Oswego club activities.)

We also have scores of alumni each year who volunteer to help plan the activities and encourage their classmates and friends to return to campus for various reunions – Alumni Reunion Weekend in early June, Alumni of Color Reunions, or mini-reunions of groups such as SAVAC, SolidState and Statesingers, Greek letter organizations, or members of various residence halls or academic majors.

We want your help for all of these programs and many more! Think about reconnecting with your alma mater and giving back to our current students of your time and talent if you haven’t considered it before. It enriches not only our current campus environment, but it also gives you a sense of personal satisfaction.

We also encourage all alumni to lend your financial support to the college to enable us to enrich the college experience for current students. When you get that phone call from a current Oswego State student, take the time to ask him or her about the campus today and give generously to The Fund for Oswego.

To volunteer for any of these programs, or to learn about other volunteer opportunities, visit our Web site at http://oswegoalumni.oswego.edu/getinvolved or drop us an e-mail at alumni@oswego.edu or call us at 315-312-2258.

Even though Oswego may be known for its cold and snowy winters, you’ll be sure to feel the warmth in your heart when you get involved with your alma mater.

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After surviving four Oswego winters Rob Cesternino ’00 was ready to take on a tropical jungle.

The broadcasting major was on the 16-member cast of the “Survivor: The Amazon,” which debuted on CBS as Oswego alumni magazine went to press.

And while he may not be an expert on the jungle, Cesternino was an expert of sorts on the show itself. His honors thesis at Oswego was titled “The Impact of Reality Television” and received an A.

A member of Sigma Chi fraternity and the honors program, Cesternino cited a last-minute college road trip from Oswego to Mardi Gras in New Orleans as his single greatest achievement, in a CBS Web site devoted to the program.

Whether he wins or not, the Oswego grad certainly made an impression. In interviews, Jeff Probst, the host of “Survivor,” said that he was probably one of the funniest contestants the show had ever had in its six seasons.

If Cesternino prevails and wins the “Survivor” jackpot, he said he’d spend his $1 million prize money on a “fully-equipped bachelor pad with a big neon sign that says ‘Open,’” according to the CBS Web site.
Gabrielle "Gabby" Kushner ’93 is an elementary instructor at the Wildlife Conservation Society/Bronx Zoo. At Oswego, she earned a bachelor’s degree in English and an associate’s degree in zoo animal technology through a joint program offered by Oswego’s department of biology and the Teaching Zoo at Santa Fe Community College in Gainesville, Fla. After graduating, she worked in the education department at the Houston Zoo. She then moved back to Riverdale, the Bronx, where she grew up, to accept the job at the Bronx Zoo.

Q. When did you decide that you wanted to work with animals?
A. From a young age I knew I wanted to work with animals. All my books were about animals. I always enjoyed horseback riding and walking around nature centers. When I was 17 years old I worked at the Bronx Zoo selling souvenirs. I also participated in a one-month-long summer internship program through the zoo’s education department. This gave me a background in animal management and conservation. It also gave me the opportunity to work directly with the zookeepers and animals in the Children’s Zoo. This intensive internship is designed for students considering a career working with animals.

Q. Did you have pets?
A. Growing up I had a cat. Now I have two cats and three birds — an African gray parrot and two Indian ring-necked parakeets.

Q. Can you tell me about the time you spent in the Teaching Zoo program at Santa Fe Community College while you were attending Oswego?
A. It was a really fantastic place to be. I was actually a zookeeper down there caring for many types of animals including monkeys, otters, eagles and venomous snakes. Originally I thought I was going to be a zookeeper and work directly with the animals. Then I found out I really enjoyed teaching people about animals. As part of our job duties, we had to give tours to the zoo visitors and school groups. This gave me my first opportunity to speak with children and adults about animals and I really enjoyed that part of my job there. It was a great program. I would highly recommend it to anyone thinking about working with animals.

Q. What was your job at the Houston Zoo?
A. I went straight to Houston two months out of college. I worked in the education department and I knew immediately that this was what I wanted to do. I was so lucky, two months out of college and I was doing exactly what I wanted to do! I gained valuable experience in writing lesson plans, teaching classes and working with zoo visitors.

Q. What does your job as an elementary instructor at the Bronx Zoo entail?
A. I’m teaching children about animals and conservation. Programs for the younger students focus on topics such as the differences between animal groups — mammals, reptiles, amphibians and birds. The older students are taught about endangered wildlife, habitats and adaptations. Our classrooms overlook the animal exhibits. As the students are sitting in the classroom they can look through the windows to see animals such as gorillas, monkeys and hornbills. The students walk into the room and are amazed by this view. Weekend programs are geared for families who come to the zoo to learn about a specific topic, such as tigers or butterflies. We also have one-hour classes for three- and four-year-olds with their parents, summer day camp programs, and Family Overnights. I have a great job and it is different every day!

Q. What do you enjoy the most about your job?
A. Everything! Watching the children’s expressions during class and hearing their comments — these are amazing moments. The kids are already very excited about being at the Bronx Zoo and we add to the excitement by showing them animals in the classroom, such as snakes, foxes, chinchillas and owls. Sometimes children are a bit fearful of these animals when they first come in. By the end of the program they are reassured that these animals are fascinating creatures that should be respected but not feared.

Q. What are some of your favorite memories of Oswego?
A. I participated in a 200-hour internship for college credit at the Hidden Acres Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. There I was able to learn first-hand what it was like to care for injured and baby animals that were brought in by people who found them. I learned how to care for these native animals, including raccoons, rabbits, deer and many types of birds.

I also remember sitting for hours in English professor Dr. John Knapp’s office. He helped me create a resume and let me practice my interview skills. He also encouraged me to follow my dreams, which led me to find the perfect job in the field of zoo education!

— Patricia Rycraft O’Toole ’79
Scholarship, awards, song mark Return to Oz II

Nearly 200 Oswego graduates were on campus Sept. 27 to 29 for the Return to Oz II reunion for alumni of color. In addition to a whirl of social events, they found time to give back to their alma mater in the form of a scholarship and sing praise in a Gospel Choir performance.

Alumni recognized Dr. Hubert Smith, former director of the Office of Learning Services, for his years of service to students and alumni of color. Here he visits with Monica Soto ’72 and Rita Montagnino Soto ’69.

Errol P. Taylor, Esq. ’77 (right) received the Alumni Service Award. He is currently a partner in Fitzpatrick, Cella, Harper and Scinto, a nationally known law firm, recognized for its wide-ranging intellectual property services. “Oswego is a place where an ordinary person can get an extraordinary education,” said Taylor, in accepting the award from Howard Gordon ’74 (left) and President Deborah F. Stanley (center).

Karin Franklin ’71, who owns a public relations consulting firm and is known for her work in broadcasting in the Syracuse area, urged her fellow alumni to use their Oswego education for the benefit of humanity. “No matter what you learn and what you do, if you don’t use it to help someone, all those skills, all those talents, all that expertise, is pretty selfish,” she said.

Alumni enjoyed a picnic at Shady Shore, President Stanley’s home.

Tomasina Boyd Boone ’93 (left) presented President Stanley with a check for $5,000 to establish the REACH Scholarship for students of color. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. and the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. began the scholarship, which stands for Returning Excellence Among College Honors. They are aiming to raise $10,000 to endow the scholarship, and called upon reunion attendees and others to continue to donate to make the endowment successful.

Kendis Gibson ’94, entertainment anchor for CNN Headline News and CNN in Atlanta, regaled the crowd with anecdotes of life on the “red carpet” at celebrity events. But he turned serious when he talked about his love for his alma mater. After reporting on the events of Sept. 11, 2001, as a breaking news reporter in New York City, he said, he sought out the campus as a place of refuge. “I drove the five hours and came up here and just hung out on the bluffs,” he said.

A highlight of the weekend was the Grand Dinner and Ball Saturday evening. Even the tiniest members of the Oswego family had a good time!
Deborah Kiley Torres ’93 and David Torres were wed Sept. 28, 2002, at the Yale Club in New York City. Pictured at the wedding were, Seth Moskowitz ’93, Michelle Barini ’93, Melanie Dillingham Henning ’93, Denise Hoagland Albrecht ’93, Sandra Prinzi ’93 and Garrett Wagner ’92. Also in attendance but not shown were alumni Michael Kiley ’95 and Jennifer Fiorentino Kiley ’96. The newlyweds reside in New Rochelle.

Brendan Chamberlain ’91 and Tracy Anderson Chamberlain were married Oct. 5, 2002 in Newport, R.I. Present at the wedding were, back row from left, Pamela Anderson, the bride’s mother, Jennifer Monahan, Gina Panzarino, Tracy and Brendan Chamberlain ’91, Julie Maloney, and Fran Chamberlain, the bridegroom’s mother; and front row from left, Michael Hanke, Brian Chamberlain, Erika Panzarino, Cassandra Panzarino Joseph Panzarino, Douglas Murphy and Keith Chamberlain ’87. Also at the wedding was Tim Mollen ’91. Brendan is an officer with the New York Police Department and Tracy is a patent paralegal at an intellectual property law firm in New York City. The couple resides in the Bronx.

Abby Kianof Solcoff ’85 and Barry I. Solcoff were married at Temple Beth Zion and Westwood Country Club in Williamsville Nov. 3, 2001. Present were four Alpha Delta Eta sisters. Shown from left to right are Julie Schwartz ’85, Holly Logan Cox ’86, the bride and bridegroom, Amanda Buvis ’86 and Sheryl Snyder O’Shea ’85. Abby is a senior cranio-spine specialist with Aesculap and Barry is a senior business analyst with Old Mutual Holdings. The couple resides in Newton, Mass.
Sean Pope ‘96 and Elizabeth Doran Pope ‘98 were married on Oct. 12, 2002, in Baldwinsville at a small family ceremony. They celebrated with friends from Oswego at a wedding reception in Greenwich, Conn., on Nov. 2. “We know how crazy those Oswego folks get, so we threw a separate party,” writes Sean. Pictured from left are Glen Silver ‘97, Elyce Beck ‘96, the bride and groom, and Ed Reisert ‘95. Sean is a technology teacher at Fox Lane High School and executive treasurer of the Bedford Teacher’s Association. Elizabeth is an administrative assistant with PIA in Mount Kisco, where the couple resides.

Scott Daniel Stagnitta ’99 and Jennifer Anne Pavone Stagnitta ’00 were married July 27, 2002, in Canastota at St. Agatha’s Church. The reception was at the Ramada Inn in Syracuse and the couple honeymooned on a Southern Caribbean cruise. There were several Oswego graduates at the wedding and in the wedding party. Pictured in front from left are Mike Pavone ‘04, Mindy Santiago ‘03, Bonnie Bosworth ’01, Tom Sitler ’01, Katie Curran, Jon-Paul Faucher ’99, the groom and bride, and Erin Colvin ’99. In the back row from left are Brian Stagnitta ’94, Jake Bates ’99, Megan Guest ’01 and George Arancherry ’99. The couple makes their home in Liverpool. Jennifer is an English instructor for the Outward Bound Program at LeMoyne College and Scott is a technology teacher at Skaneateles Middle School.

Timothy Macdowall ’90 and Eva Charchut Macdowell were married in August 2002 and honeymooned in Italy and Switzerland. Present at the wedding were, back row from left, Jim Grismer ’89, C. J. Zimmerman ’90, Matt Quinlan ’89, Rob Mason ’88, Don DeLuca ’89 (hidden), Mike Gay ’89, Ken Hines ’89, John Wiley, Patty Bartels ’89, Brendan Rogers ’93, Robb Bidwell, Paul O’Keefe ’89, Vicki Greenwalk O’Moore ’91, Molly Auer Rogers ’91, Amy Griswold Bidwell ’89, Sandy Kuhr Quinlan ’89. In the front row from left are Nick Napolitano, Sandy Keller Napolitano ’89, the bride and groom, and Doug Balle. Lying down in front is John Quinlan ’89. Mac wishes to make special mention of Rich Caproni ’89 and Mike Hannan ’89, both lost in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center. “I miss you guys so much, and even though you’re gone, you will never be forgotten.” The couple resides in Amityville, and would love to hear from old friends. Write them at TimMacdowall@aol.com

Colleen Clohessy Chahal ‘98 married Dr. Puneet S. Chahal in June 2001. Pictured from left are Mansi Chahal, Danielle Klute, Jill Blachura ’99, Jill Chmelko ’98, Deedee Clohessy, the bride and groom, Sumeet S. Chahal, Dr. Sahil Bakshi, Michael Latona, Taran Billan and Dr. John Renard.
MARJORIE MACKAY SHAPIRO ’50 enthusiastically accepted an invitation to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Oswego Alumni Association, Inc., effective July 1, 2002. “She was looking forward to beginning her service at the fall meeting of the Board of Directors and in turn we were excited to add her great mind, her enthusiasm and her strong commitment to the mission of Oswego State to a wonderful leadership Board,” said Betsy Oberst, director of alumni and parent relations. Marjorie fell ill and passed away in November 2002 before her contributions to the Alumni Board and the alma mater she loved so much could be fully realized. Marjorie had served as a Reunion Committee volunteer for her Golden Anniversary reunion and had hosted a reception at her New York City home for Oswego gift club donors. She radiated her love of music throughout her lifetime – teaching music and pursuing her dissertation.

Marjorie was the widow of the late Jerome Shapiro. Survivors include her children, Jeffrey, Jill and Eric, and grandchildren Daniel, Laurie, Samuel, Elana, Ziva and Eran. She will also be missed by countless others – both by her friends and classmates from Oswego and through her many other associations and affiliations. “She was a richly blessed individual who touched the lives of all who knew her,” Oberst said. “Marjorie was a rare gem – who lit up the world around her and was a joy to know.”

HAZEL F. HEWITT ’29, a Campus School teacher who retired in 1974 as an associate professor, died Feb. 1 at home in Oswego at the age of 94.

Her roots at the college were deep. In the Spring/Summer 2000 issue of Oswego, she reminisced about her first day of school: in the kindergarten room at Sheldon Hall. “I loved that first year of school, everything about it. To get to campus, I caught a ride in a horse-drawn wagon, or, in winter, a sleigh.” She chose Oswego for her Normal School education. “I was just born with the idea that Oswego was something special. I think I always wanted to teach, to be with little children,” she told Oswego. After teaching elsewhere she would return to that kindergarten classroom in Sheldon to teach until her retirement.

“Throughout her lifetime, Hazel Hewitt was one of our most loyal alumnae, remembered fondly by hundreds of former Campus School students. She also generously gave back to her beloved alma mater with the establishment of the Hazel F. Hewitt Scholarship Fund,” remembered Betsy Oberst, executive director of the Oswego Alumni Association.

Hazel was predeceased by her two brothers, Willis D. and Jesse Merle Hewitt. Jesse was the first Normal School student to lose his life in World War I and Hewitt Union is named in his honor. She is survived by nieces and a nephew.

To donate to the Hazel F. Hewitt Scholarship Fund in her memory, contact the Office of University Development at 315-312-3003 or make a secure online donation at http://oswegoalumni.oswego.edu/development/giftform.html
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Matthias Church with Crescent Moon
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“As I walked along Széchenyi rakpart one evening, I noticed a setting crescent moon over the spires of Buda. I quickly headed north in time to ‘place’ the waxing celestial body anywhere relative to the spire I chose. I didn’t realize it then, but I’d inadvertently imposed on this Catholic Church the symbol of the Turkish Empire which once ruled Hungary.”

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In the late ‘40s, growing up in a family that placed a high premium on education and individuality, Walter Nitardy loved learning, and he loved sports.

Watching the Dodgers play at Ebbets Field was the highlight of his summers, and Jackie Robinson, who in 1947 was the first African American to play major league ball, was his hero.

“In those days, before Little League, we’d get a bunch of kids together.

“For a nickel, we’d hop on the subway and go out to the parade grounds at Prospect Park. We’d find some guy on the bench and make him the umpire. And we’d play ball.”

The thrill of the game in its pure form, coupled with a commitment to teaching and coaching, eventually brought “Doc” Nitardy to Oswego State, where he led the Lakers baseball team to repeated championships in 29 seasons and racked up 503 career wins. He was named NCAA Coach of the Year in 1966, and he won the SUNYAC baseball Coach of the Year title seven times.

In October, the Oswego Athletic Alumni Association inducted Nitardy into its Hall of Fame for his overall career achievements and his leadership in building the athletic program at the college.

It was 1957 when Nitardy arrived on campus as the freshman baseball coach and the assistant basketball coach.

He had a degree in American History and Government from Columbia University, and he went on to earn a master’s degree in physical education there in 1962.

After a tour of duty in the Korean Conflict, he returned to earn an Ed. D. in administration, health and physical education, also at Columbia.

Nitardy says he had two reasons for accepting the position at what was then Oswego State Teachers College: His family, and his desire to give students the same kind of motivation he had received as a student.

“Family always comes first,” says Nitardy, husband of Barbara, father of seven children, and grandfather of 14. “Oswego was a beautiful place for my wife and me to raise our children.”

As for passing on the standards that shaped his own life, Nitardy, who played three sports in college, says, “I had great coaches and educational mentors all the way along. That’s what inspired me to spend my career working with young people, to become a teacher and a coach myself.”

Nitardy says he always believed that athletes were at Oswego State first to become educated, second to compete in sports. “We always talked, at the first team meeting of the year, about goals — team goals and personal goals.

“To meet goals, we had to agree on certain standards of behavior in season and out of season. We talked about our obligations to ourselves and to other members of the team. There was really never much problem in meeting high expectations.”

When Nitardy began coaching, he recalls, there was no women’s athletic program “to speak of.” He sees the growth in that area as “very positive, very right.” There was also no program in hockey, now a major sport.

Numbers and popularity alone don’t make for a successful overall program, however, Nitardy says. “The value of intercollegiate athletics is that they provide students the opportunity for an education beyond what they get in classrooms. Good athletes learn to set goals, to communicate, to accept responsibility — all those life skills. The main beneficiaries of Oswego’s program are the students. That’s the way it should be. I hope we’ll always have a broad range of activities for our men and women to participate in.”

Since retiring in 1986, Nitardy and his wife have created living arrangements that afford them year-round opportunities for physical activities and time with their family. Wintertime in Vero Beach, they play soft-court tennis and work in their garden. Spending summers at Sackets Harbor, where family members gather for vacations, they lead the way for days of sailing, golf and tennis.

More than half a century since those youthful games of baseball in Brooklyn and those trips to Ebbets Field to watch his “greatest hero” make history, Walter Nitardy continues to live the way of life he values. He shared those values with Oswego State students for nearly 30 years, and, for many alumni — based on the letters and tributes he continues to receive — Nitardy is himself a hero.

— Linda Morley Loomis ’90, M ’97