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Each year at the SUNY Athletic Conference diving and swimming competition, a senior woman athlete is presented with an award that honors Grace Mowatt Burritt. The nature of that award, for outstanding contributions to the recipient’s home team over four years, sums up Burritt’s coaching philosophy and symbolizes her personal style. In both, she advocates sustained, significant commitment.

Having won the SUNY Cortland Women’s Athletic Association Outstanding Senior Award herself in 1959, Burritt went on to several other personal and coaching triumphs over the course of her career, and she continues an active life of competition and leadership in what some people might call “retirement.”

Accepting a position at Oswego in 1963, when physical education was mandatory but competitive sports for females were scarce, Burritt coached field hockey and synchronized swim (Catalina Club) and taught “about everything but dance.” Over the 30 years of her teaching career, she was part of a rapidly developing athletic program for women, a program made possible, at least in part, by the implementation of Title IX.

“Everyone was excited when Laker Hall opened (1968). It was our home pool, but there were no locker facilities for women,” Burritt says, giving just one example of how men were the focus of sports programs. “Title IX gave us all an education as we learned that young ladies are as important and as entitled to opportunities in athletics as are young men.”

As women’s swimming and diving coach, Burritt led the Lakers to several season records, and she coached four NCAA Swimming and Diving All-Americans and 22 NCAA Swimming and Diving qualifiers. In 1992, she was named SUNYAC Coach of the Year. Her final teaching assignment was in Florida with the swim team in the spring of 1993.

Upon retirement, she married Hugh Burritt, emeritus professor of music, and they joined the “snowbird” population, spending summers in Oswego and winters in Florida — a plan that makes it possible to play golf year-round.

Building on her many activities during her career, when she taught at the Red Cross Aquatic School, volunteered at the annual Oswego State Fall Classic, and instructed in life guarding and CPR classes for the community, Burritt continues an active schedule in retirement. She has worked PGA tournaments, swum competitively in ocean meets, and volunteered in a variety of programs. She says she most enjoys working with Horses for the Handicapped, a program in which she handles horses and assists adults as they ride once a week in Deerfield Beach. “I don’t feel as if I’m giving up my time. I get to enjoy every minute of the experience.”

Burritt keeps track of her former students and still sees many of them socially. She proudly notes, as an Oswego Athletic Hall of Famer herself, that two of the 2005 inductees were student athletes in her first year of teaching and that several other former students have also been installed into the Hall of Fame.

“There was always a special bond among team members,” she says. “We trained and swam together, and those training trips to Florida gave the students opportunities to become like sisters. Swim team was almost like a sorority for them. It shaped their lives.”

— Linda Morley Loomis ’90, M ’97
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English Professor David Hill shares a few moments with Kaitlin Daniels ‘07 and Will Spratt ‘06 in a common area in the newly renovated Poucher Hall. Photo by Robert Mescavage
President’s Desk

Did you ever notice that sometimes, when you make a change in your physical environment, it results in a larger benefit? Maybe you moved the furniture in your living room, and your family started talking more over the evening news. Or, perhaps you placed a rocking chair on the front porch, and neighbors who usually passed by stopped to chat. Did you ever switch the orientation of your desk in your office and find that your colleagues came in more often to collaborate? We did something similar at Poucher Hall this year.

It was much more than a simple change of furniture, though. A total renovation turned this 1960s corridor-style building into an open, inviting place to share ideas. Where once faculty offices were set apart, now they are surrounded by seating areas that make it possible for students and faculty to interact on an informal basis. Students come by to check their e-mail on our wireless network and stay to form impromptu study groups. It’s exactly the result faculty members hoped for when they developed the renovation plan over the course of the last 10 years. This wasn’t some layout dreamed up in isolation by an architect or by administrators in Culkin Hall. Members of our academic departments had input into how their offices and classrooms would look, and the results are nothing short of phenomenal, as you can see in the story and pictures in this magazine. Even more to the point, I invite you to return to campus and see how our ever-evolving physical plant is inspiring deep learning in all members of our academic community.

Deborah F. Stanley
President

FROM THE

Editor’s Pen

As I’m typing this column on my laptop, the sounds of the Stanley Cup playoffs resound through the living room. It’s hockey season at the Reed household. Well, that would be anytime from October to June. Even after our beloved Toronto Maple Leafs were eliminated from the playoffs, we doggedly followed the efforts of the survivors. Then there is the local minor league team, the Syracuse Crunch. And always, there’s college hockey. For thousands of Oswego State fans — students, faculty, alumni and community members — that means the Lakers. For the past four decades, the Lakers have been synonymous with Golden Romney Field House. This February, however, we said farewell to Romney. It was an emotional moment for former players and coaches, current team members and fans alike. But it is tempered with the anticipation of the new state-of-the-art Campus Center. And equally exciting is the eagerly awaited return of women’s hockey to the varsity line-up at Oswego. In this issue, we’ve chronicled the Romney farewell, introduced the new women’s hockey coach and added some historical pictures of Romney and shots of the “big pour” at the new Campus Center. We hope it scores big with you, our readers!

Michele A. Reed
Oswego editor
Wind cancels classes

Who ever thought that wind alone could shut down classes at Oswego State for a day?

It did Feb. 17, when winds on campus reached speeds of up to 84 mph.

According to Visiting Assistant Professor of Meteorology Scott Steiger ’99, winds of this magnitude are “rare,” but not completely uncommon on the Oswego State campus.

However, to the knowledge of several Oswego State employees, both present and former, this is the first time that wind by itself has ever cancelled classes.

Bernie Henderson, who served as an Oswego State vice president from 1982 to 1999 and was the primary decision maker when it came to canceling classes, recalled times when wind may have been a factor in the decision to close (mixed with some form of precipitation). However, he couldn’t recall a time when it had ever been the sole factor.

Henderson, who could remember times that the campus closed up for harsh weather that affected travel conditions as well as several power outages, was shocked to learn that classes had been cancelled due to the wind.

“I was surprised to hear that,” he said, but acknowledged the possibility of danger otherwise.

“It was no doubt the right choice.”

Julie Blissert, director of public affairs, has worked on campus since 1983 and also cannot recall a time when classes were cancelled just for strong winds.

“It’s usually heavy snow where you just can’t see,” she said.

Blissert said the official reason for closure was “dangerously high winds.” She added that insulation from the Campus Center construction site had been spotted blowing around, but did not cause permanent damage. Blissert also confirmed that the only injury reported was a twisted ankle.

Trees were down and a few signs ended up at an angle by the end of the day. Students who had gone to classes before they were cancelled at midmorning certainly felt the brunt.

“I was trying to walk to the bus stop,” Allison Tait ’07 said, “but I couldn’t, so I braced myself up against a tree until [some friends] gave me a ride.”

Others had fun with their day off.

“I saw people outside with blankets and sheets, trying to fly,” Tait said.

Steiger said that “a strong, deepening low pressure” passing by to the north was the ultimate cause of the strong winds that hit Oswego that day. The National Weather Service even issued a warning several days before.

No warning, however, can prepare Oswego State students for the pure shock of having a weather-related day off, for it happens so seldom.

— Lynn Collier ’08

A huge pine tree in front of Culkin Hall was uprooted and had to be removed.

Chancellor visits

“It’s clear that this is a school going in the right direction,” SUNY Chancellor John R. Ryan said of Oswego, when he visited campus April 12.

The chancellor took a hard-hat tour of the new Campus Center, met with faculty and staff at Penfield Library’s Lake Effect Café (above) and lunched with students at Johnson Hall. Ryan noted that he did not propose a tuition increase in order to keep the State University “affordable and accessible,” and that he was working on increasing the number of full-time faculty across SUNY.

Ryan said he is committed to increasing the university’s international profile and is working on forging agreements with universities in China and India for student exchanges. The chancellor noted that Oswego’s recent construction and renovation projects “make it able to take the campus to the next level.”

He praised Oswego’s state-of-the-art spaces in academic buildings, telling faculty members, “They’re good for you and good for teaching and learning.”
Oswego gets $25 million for sciences


The renovations made possible by the capital funding will provide the college with a first-class facility that will allow it to compete with any institution in the world, Wright said. The upgrades will be the first phase in what is anticipated to be a decade-long upgrade of the college's facilities, he said.

"We're extremely grateful to Sen. Wright, one of our outstanding alumni, for making science and math education a priority. This funding will allow us to renew and upgrade our labs and equipment in the sciences, attract more high-performing students, and produce well-prepared graduates who can put their learning to work in businesses and industries in our region," said SUNY Oswego President Deborah F. Stanley.

"This funding keeps the momentum going in our campus program of renovations and construction," she added.

Snygg Hall dates from 1968, and Piez Hall was finished in 1962. Neither building has undergone significant renovation or modification since their construction.

The math, biological sciences, chemistry, computer science, earth sciences and physics departments have been devising more interdisciplinary programs and planning for upgraded facilities for several years, since the Campus Concept Committee proposed a steering committee for building renovation in the sciences.

Since then, successful initiatives have included the Science Today lecture series, a degree program in biochemistry and creation of the Mass Spectrometry and Proteomics Center. This spring Oswego's proposal to add a new degree program in software engineering was announced within SUNY, and discussions are under way to propose programs in computer and electrical engineering.

All-SUNY session ‘wonderful show of pride’

OSWEGO’S OWN BILL SPINELLI ’84 HOSTED AN ALL-SUNY gathering in Naples, Fla., March 14 attended by 256 SUNY alumni from 17 campuses. Spinelli, right, is shown here with SUNY Vice President for Philanthropy and Alumni Affairs Michael Luck and Oswego President Deborah F. Stanley. In welcoming the guests, Spinelli called the turnout “a wonderful show of pride for the premier state university system in our nation.” He added, “The quality, affordable education we received from SUNY is indeed priceless. Where else could we have learned from world-class professors, built the foundation for a successful life, made lifelong friends — and had more than a little fun!” He told the assembled guests that his many friendships with other students, faculty and administrators have lasted more than 20 years later.
Campus explores adding engineering programs

SUNY Oswego’s proposal to develop a degree program in software engineering was sent to SUNY System Administration this spring. It is the latest of several steps the campus has taken this year to meet increased demand for graduates in science and engineering.

In recent months, Gov. George Pataki in his State of the State address and Chancellor John Ryan in his budget request for SUNY stressed the need to prepare workers in areas critical to New York’s economy, including engineering.

National competitiveness is on the line as demand for graduates in science and engineering continues to grow. In 2004, China graduated half a million engineers, India 200,000 and the United States just 70,000.

SUNY Oswego President Deborah F. Stanley announced at the beginning of the academic year that the college was exploring the possibility of adding engineering programs and assessing the employment climate for engineers in Central New York.

Since then, Provost Susan Coultrap-McQuin has organized an Engineering Discussion Group of faculty and administrators.

Dr. Ruth E. Baltus ’77, Clarkson University professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering, spoke on campus in March as this year’s Augustine Silveira Jr. Distinguished Lecturer and part of the Science Today lecture series. Her talk was on ”Room Temperature Ionic Liquids: Will They Move from Curiosities to Commodities?”

The occasion was also an opportunity for Oswego Alumni Association to present Baltus with the Lifetime Award of Merit.

“It’s a wonderful thing to be able to grasp the complexities of a scientific discipline. It’s an even greater thing to be able to share your knowledge — and your passion for your chosen field — with a new generation of potential scientists,” said Dean of Arts and Sciences Dr. Sara Varhus, in presenting the award to Baltus.

Baltus was honored for her research and teaching, as well as her strong commitment to promoting the role of women in the scientific community.

Baltus points out that, according to the American Society for Engineering Education, only 25 percent of doctorates in chemical engineering went to women in 2004. Baltus began her career when the field was even more male-oriented. When she earned her degree 25 years ago, she estimates women accounted for less than 15 percent of doctorates.

“For me personally, had I gone into engineering straight from high school, I’m not sure I’d be an engineer today,” Baltus said. “It is not an easy row to hoe even today and I think I needed the supportive but challenging environment at Oswego so that I could develop into the type of person that has been able to handle the engineering climate.”

The annual lecture is named for Dr. Augustine L. Silveira Jr., a popular and prolific distinguished teaching professor of chemistry, who retired in 2000 after 37 years on the Oswego faculty.

The fund for the lecture series was established by Dr. Thomas Weil ’66, who recently retired as general manager of research and development for Amoco Chemical Co.

In addition to software engineering, she said the campus is considering degree programs in computer and electrical engineering.

President Stanley, Vice President Joe Grant and Dean David King have interviewed executives from Welch Allyn, Sensis Corp., Syracuse Research Corp. and other companies in the area and found them very supportive of Oswego’s plans to expand into engineering.

“Adding new degree programs in engineering will continue to diversify our curriculum so that we have a broader appeal and an appeal in a discipline that traditionally attracts very strong students,” said SUNY Oswego President Deborah F. Stanley. “It will help to strengthen our academic profile. At the same time, we will be providing a needed service to our region, where these kinds of engineering programs don’t currently exist at any public institution.”

Coultrap-McQuin noted that many Oswego graduates have gone on to successful careers in engineering and the sciences.

Oswego’s deans of education and of arts and sciences, Dr. Linda Rae Markert ’76 and Dr. Sara Varhus, were invited to represent the college at a National Science Foundation roundtable discussion.

The all-day event was held Oct. 24 in Washington, D.C., discussing the national issues facing math and science teachers. According to Varhus, the topics at hand were recruitment strategies, the quality of faculty, teacher preparation, and strategies for strengthening field experiences.

The roundtable also tackled difficult issues. “Teaching itself is a career under siege,” Markert said. Varhus added that students pursuing math and science have many other job opportunities with more attractive salaries.

The deans are awaiting follow-up action by the National Science Foundation.
Former professor leads Jamaica

Former Oswego State history professor Kenneth Hall has found great success upon returning from the lake effect snow drifts of Oswego to the sunny shores of Jamaica.

On Feb. 15, he was appointed the fifth governor general of Jamaica, the highest office in the Caribbean island nation.

Hall, 64, replaced 91-year-old Sir Howard Cooke, who retired. Jamaica is a parliamentary democracy, having gained independence from England in 1962. However, Jamaica still recognizes Queen Elizabeth II as the official head of state. The Queen herself appointed Hall to be her representative in Jamaica.

Hall taught at Oswego from 1971 to 1986. After leaving his career with the SUNY system, the native of Hanover, Jamaica, returned to the Caribbean. He was appointed deputy secretary general of the Caribbean Community regional trading bloc. In 1996, Hall became the pro vice chancellor of the University of the West Indies. His success in education and regional development earned Hall one of Jamaica's most prestigious honors, the Order of Jamaica, in 2004.

In his inaugural address, Hall said he intends to focus on youth, education and creating a more self-reliant and confident Jamaica. Hall said he will uphold the dignity of his office with the support of his wife, Rheima, a former senior research fellow at the University of the West Indies.

Hall concluded his address with the words of an anonymous poet, “I pledge to serve with an unwavering hand, and thus bind my fate to this, our blessed land.” —Kristin Quinn ’08

SUNY at record enrollment

IN FALL 2005, OVERALL ENROLLMENT FOR THE State University of New York was 414,171 students, the highest in SUNY history.

SUNY is educating more than 45,000 additional students compared to 10 years ago, and minority enrollment has reached an all-time high as well. In 10 years, minority enrollment has increased by more than 28 percent. Hispanic enrollment has increased 40 percent in the past 10 years, while black non-Hispanic enrollment has increased nearly 30 percent.

Not only is enrollment increasing, so is the caliber of students. Between 1999 and 2004, every SUNY campus saw increases in the average SAT scores of their incoming freshmen. In fall 2005, full-time freshmen enrolled in the SUNY system totaled more than 68,000 students.

Generation next

NOTICE A FEW NEW BYLINES ON STORIES? Our interns have been hard at work!

The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations is committed to providing internships for students who help with programs like Alumni-in-Residence, ASK (Alumni Sharing Knowledge) and Senior Class Committee, and Oswego alumni magazine, while gaining valuable experience to prepare them for the work world.

This spring, Lynn Collier ’08 and Kristin Quinn ’08, served as interns with the magazine.

Collier, a journalism major from Chittenango has interviewed alumni for the Oswegonian feature “Alumni Corner,” and written for the magazine.

“I love the dedicated people, the environment and the process — just everything that goes into creating the magazine,” Collier said. “I feel like I’ve gained a lot of experience that will definitely help me when I pursue a career in the field.”

Quinn, a journalism major from Wellsville, is on staff at the Oswegonian and is also a writing tutor. Her future plans include attending graduate school and having a career in writing and publishing.

Quinn says of her internship at Oswego magazine, “It’s been a great experience being able to take the skills I’ve learned in classes and directly apply them to this publication. I’ve also enjoyed having the opportunity to meet and hear the stories of some very interesting and successful alumni.”

Lynn Collier ’08 (left) and Kristin Quinn ’08 (right) met with Patrice Clayton ’94 (center), when Clayton visited campus as the guest speaker for Honors Convocation April 21. Collier featured Clayton, owner of the Harlem Tea Room, as the “Alumni Corner” profile in the Oswegonian following her visit.
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The Oswego College Foundation and two student groups this winter stepped in to help COPE, the Coalition for Peace Education and Mediation, make life a little brighter for U.S. troops abroad. COPE’s offices were burglarized the weekend of Oct. 29, and thieves made off with $92 the student group had collected to send grooming supplies to soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Oswego College Foundation paid the cost of shipping the estimated 40 packages of soap, shampoo and other toiletries the student group collected.

Student Association senators pitched in with personal donations totaling $31 and the Hart Hall Council donated $30. These extra donations went to purchase more supplies to ship to soldiers, according to Elizabeth Flinn-Brown ’07, public relations director for COPE.

“From all of COPE, we want to say thanks to everybody who chipped in to make up for the money that was lost, especially the College Foundation. We really, really appreciate it,” Flinn-Brown said.

COPE conducted a donation drive outside of Wal-Mart last fall and received about 160 items from community people and students.

Flinn-Brown got the idea from a television show she saw last winter, which explained how to send packages to the troops.

“I thought, ‘Our group is about peace education, maybe we should get people involved,’” she said. “I threw it out in a meeting and someone said, ‘So, we’re going to get soap for soldiers?’ and the name just stuck.”

Eliza Flinn-Brown ’07, public relations director for COPE, with some of the items collected in the “Soap for Soldiers” campaign

Oswego unique in Carnegie classification

THE NEW STANDARD CLASSIFICATION system for colleges and universities describes SUNY Oswego as "more selective" and "highly residential" with a "very high undergraduate" enrollment among master’s colleges and universities with larger graduate programs.

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching recently completed the most comprehensive overhaul ever of its widely used classification system for American higher education.

The multiple categories and subcategories are so refined that no other college in the country duplicates Oswego’s description across all the categories.

“I’m very pleased with their assessment of our selectivity, our residential nature and the breadth of our academic programs,” said Joe Grant, vice president for student affairs and enrollment at Oswego.

“In the (undergraduate instructional program) category that includes more than 300 colleges across the country with almost 20 percent of all the baccalaureate students, they’ve evaluated us very positively — at the very top of their selectivity assessment,” he said.

The new Carnegie system classifies 4,321 colleges and universities, the most ever.

For the complete list, see http://www.carnegiefoundation.org/classifications.

Professional development available

The Institute for Professional and Organizational Development, headquartered at the Oswego State Education Center in Phoenix, N.Y., provides programs to update or enhance skills, open a gateway to a new career, or pursue the pleasures of lifelong learning. A select group of courses from the American Management Association (AMA) are offered in Phoenix and online via the SUNY Learning Network. Topics range from leadership to succession planning to supervisory skills. For information and to learn what other programs and services are offered at the institute, call 315-312-6430.
Volleyball

The Laker volleyball team completed a 17-15 season that included several highlights, including a season-ending win over Brockport. That five-game win came in the team's final match of the season as the Lakers narrowly missed out on advancing to the conference finals. Four Lakers earned All-SUNYAC recognition. Setter Shannon Hennigan ’09 was the Player of the Year in the SUNYAC West Division and also a member of the First Team. Hennigan shattered the school record with 1,199 assists and added 80 aces and 140 kills. Honored on the Second Team were Shara Dowd ’07, Breanne Scholla ’07 and Heidi Armstrong ’08.

Women’s Soccer

Oswego State’s women’s soccer program continues to take strides and showed its emergence in the 2005 season by qualifying for the SUNYAC playoffs with a 5-5 conference record. The Lakers finished the season at 7-10 overall. Forward Maureen Kasperek ’06 finished her illustrious Oswego State career with more individual recognition. Kasperek was a Second Team All-SUNYAC selection — marking the fourth consecutive year that she has earned all-conference recognition — and was also an All-Northeast Region Second Team selection by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. Defender Meg Rogers ’07 was an Honorable Mention selection by the SUNYAC.

Men’s Soccer

First-year coach Bob Friske led the Lakers to the SUNYAC playoffs after the team finished the regular season with a 3-5-1 conference record. Oswego State was eliminated from the SUNYAC playoffs by Fredonia, a team that earned an at-large berth to the NCAA Tournament and advanced to the round of 16. The Lakers finished the year with a 5-13-1 overall mark. Laker seniors Scott Brown ’06 and Steve Popovich ’06 were Honorable Mention selections among the All-SUNYAC teams. Brown led the team with four goals on the season and Popovich had three assists.

Cross Country

The women’s and men’s cross country teams included a number of first-year runners and one of the largest rosters in recent memory. Weston Fellows ’06 highlighted the year by earning the SUNYAC Chancellor’s Scholar-Athlete Award for men’s cross country. The award is presented to the student-athlete from the first or second team all-conference with the highest overall grade-point average. Fellows is also active in campus and professional organizations. Individual award winners for the Laker women included Renee Coe ’09 (Outstanding Freshman), Colleen Cunningham ’08 (Most Improved), and graduate student Leann Donnelly (Most Valuable). The men’s team honorees were Derek Dunning ’09 (Outstanding Freshman), Alek Krenichyn ’06 (Most Improved), and Matt Densmore ’08 (Most Valuable).

Field Hockey

Oswego State’s field hockey team won four games in 2005, doubling the team’s win total from the previous year. The Lakers finished the year with a 4-12 record that included impressive victories over Hartwick and Wells College. The 1-0 victory over Hartwick came against a team that was 9-6 at the time and won the Empire 8 conference title. Oswego State scored four goals in a win over Wells College as Sherry Seamans ’09 scored twice and Megan Erlenback ’07 had a goal and an assist. Jenna Retzer ’09 also scored in that win. Defender Sara Osier ’07 was a Second Team All-SUNYAC selection.

Women’s Tennis

The Oswego State women’s tennis team finished its season with a 3-8 record. The Laker victories came against Utica, Clarkson, and Onondaga Community College.

—Joe Gladziszewski
Sports Information Director


Inspiring Horizons

Campus Center gift recalls happy memories

When Bill Bacon ’59 and his late wife, Pat Kallmeyer Bacon ’60, were Oswego students, the union (now Mackin Hall) was the center of student life. So when Bill wanted to create a lasting memorial to Pat on campus, he chose to donate to the new Campus Center.

Bill pledged $10,000 to name the Information Kiosk in the Campus Center in her memory.

“When we went there, that’s where everybody hung out — the student union — and the Campus Center would take the place of that,” said Bill.

Bill Bacon has great memories of the old student union. “I was living in a fraternity house and we’d brown bag it, and go there to eat, play cards,” he said. “It was a great place to hang out.” Pledging took place there and fraternities and sororities would hang their crests in the union, just as they do now in Hewitt Union.

Bill was a member of Delta Kappa Kappa and Pat belonged to Alpha Delta Eta. While they knew each other socially from the Greek scene, they didn’t date in college. “She was going with a frat brother of mine and we would see each other at the parties at our houses or formals,” Bill recalls.

It wasn’t until after graduation, however, that their friendship blossomed into romance.

Bill and Pat were married in 1962 and had celebrated 40 years of married life when she died unexpectedly in April 2003.

Oswego always remained a big part of the family’s life. Bill and Pat would bring the kids up for visits to campus — and Rudy’s — during the summers. Eventually all of their children would graduate from Oswego, and marry fellow Oswego alumni. The family includes Robert ’95 and Kathleen Liguori Bacon ’95, William ’90 and Holly Roth Bacon ’88, and Diane Bacon Rizzo ’88 and Donald Rizzo ’87.

Even after retirement from a career in high school guidance, Bill remains active as an Oswego alumnus. From 1992 to 2000, he served as the college’s admissions representative to Rockland County and areas to the north of it. He also has been an active member of the Oswego Alumni Association board of directors since 1994.

Bill and Pat Bacon met in Oswego’s student union and their friendship grew into a lifetime of love. Now, through Bill’s gift in Pat’s memory, students will continue to make life-changing connections in a vibrant student center.

Chair’s challenge

DONORS TO THE FUND FOR OSWEGO CAN DOUBLE the impact of their gifts, thanks to a challenge issued by fund chair Mark Baum ’81. Until June 30, Baum will match all new gift club donations (gifts of $250 and up.)

For example: A first-time gift club donation of $250 will be matched for the entire $250.

Baum will also match any increase in giving level. Sheldon Loyalty Society members whose last gift was $500, now moving into the Sheldon Inner Circle with a gift of $1,000, will have their gift matched for the difference between levels, or $500.

The match will not increase the donor’s giving level in the clubs, and the challenge has a $50,000 cap.
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“I feel deeply without any doubt that this campaign is a greatly needed undertaking,” Dashkin wrote in a 2004 letter to President Deborah F. Stanley. “Whatever funds I contribute will be the best investment I’ve made in my life. Where else is there such safety of funds and no risk? The returns will be immeasurable!”

That type of enthusiasm was typical of Dashkin, said her friend Nina Livaccari Hastings ’43. The two were lifelong friends and roomed at the Clio sorority house, where Hastings was a member, even though Dashkin was an Arethusa.

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“Kevin built on the solid philanthropic base of our annual fund and Fall Classic, growing it into a major gifts program that brought in the first six- and seven-figure gifts to Oswego, the first multi-year gifts and the first significant private support for capital improvements, including Rich Hall, the Lake Effect Café and the Campus Center,” President Deborah F. Stanley said.

Under his leadership, the college launched its first comprehensive campaign, which is ahead of schedule at $14.5 million, 85.4 percent of the 2007 goal as of March 31, she noted.

Stanley has assigned the responsibilities of interim vice president for development and alumni relations to Joseph Grant in addition to his ongoing duties as vice president for student affairs and enrollment management. Kerry Casey Dorsey ’81, who has been director of development since 2003, was named associate vice president for development and alumni relations.

Together they will shoulder the responsibilities that were managed by Mahaney since 2000.

Grant was formerly vice president for enrollment, marketing and development for 11 years, overseeing all the areas that Mahaney later assumed, including development, alumni and parent relations, publications and WRVO.

A national search for a new vice president for development and alumni relations is under way.

Alumna’s gift to illuminate lives

A longtime supporter of Oswego State and Inspiring Horizons: The Campaign for Oswego will leave a lasting impact on the alma mater she loved. Joan Mahnke Dashkin ’43 passed away in November, but her bequest of $25,000 will fund a scholarship in her memory and that of husband Irving Dashkin.

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NYS employees can donate to SUNY

MORE THAN 230,000 NEW YORK STATE employees can now donate to any of the 64 SUNY campuses through payroll deduction. This giving opportunity helps to build a three-way partnership — affordable tuition, reasonable tax support and dependable philanthropic support, according to President Deborah F. Stanley, and it communicates how important public higher education is to the advancement of the state and its communities.

Timothy Murphy ’74, executive director of the Research Foundation of SUNY, played an important role in spearheading the effort to pass legislation for this initiative. Murphy uses his payroll deduction toward his $52,000 pledge to Inspiring Horizons: The Campaign for Oswego to support student-faculty collaborations.
Local business family supports Campus Center project

An Oswego family whose name is synonymous with the construction industry has funded the Swetman Hall lobby renovations in the new Campus Center complex.

The Castaldo family — Paul, Addie and Paul Jr. — have pledged $50,000 to Inspiring Horizons, The Campaign for Oswego. The newly renovated lobby will be named in their honor.

“We are grateful to the Castaldo family for their generosity to this important project,” said President Deborah F. Stanley. “Their support of this integral part of our student center reflects their commitment to the community and especially to this college. Their gift will positively impact the academic and social lives of our students for many years to come.”

“As a local businessman, I recognize just how important an economic force SUNY Oswego is in our community,” said Paul A. Castaldo, vice president of PAC Construction Corp. “In addition to being a top employer and a purchaser of goods and services, the college is doing an excellent job of preparing the workforce of the future, so they deserve the whole-hearted support of our business community. We are happy to help in any way we can.”

Endowment grows

OSWEGO’S ENDOWMENT GREW BY 50 PERCENT IN JUST TWO YEARS. IN THE FISCAL year ending June 2004, the endowment stood at $4 million. By June 30, 2005, the total endowment had increased to $6 million.

“Our endowment has grown by 50 percent through the combination of excellent rates of return and the generosity of our donors,” said Kerry Casey Dorsey ’81, associate vice president for development and alumni relations.

A number of gifts in the $100,000 range and a good rate of return on investments were key to the endowment growth, according Oswego College Foundation Comptroller Mark R. Slayton. He noted that the Foundation earned 17.5 percent on investments during the fiscal year ending June 2004 and 10 percent in the year ending June 2005, both of which were higher than the Standard and Poor’s 500.

Dorsey attributed the above-average performance to excellent management by the Foundation’s investment committee and board of directors.
Funding the dream

Rehearsing lines, building sets, sewing costumes, applying makeup and more: Oswego theatre students put in long hours, preparing the productions that transport thousands of theatre-goers each season. Now they’ll have a little extra help in making the magic happen.

Benita Zahn ’76, co-anchor of NewsChannel 13 “Live at 5” at WNYT in Albany, has pledged $15,000 to Inspiring Horizons: The Campaign for Oswego, to establish an excellence fund for the theatre department.

“My four years [at Oswego] and the interaction I had with the professors had a profound effect on me,” said Zahn.

“I wanted to give a little something to a place I got so much from. I just hope I can help others come away with as great a gift as I got.”

“We are most grateful to Benita for her generous commitment in establishing the excellence fund in theatre,” said Mark Cole ’73, chair of the theatre department. “This resource will provide students with opportunities in such areas as visiting artists, innovative programming and new technology, to name just a few possibilities. And, it certainly will serve as an inspiration to future donors.”

Professors are key

“I owe in many respects my professional career to what I learned, not just in the classroom from a textbook, but what I learned from professors,” she said.

She recalled lessons about life and her craft, learned from Communication Studies Professor Emeritus Lew O’Donnell and her “gurus” in the theatre department — John Mincher, Ken Stone, Bill Stark ’68 and Rosemary Nesbitt.

“To be able to have these things, that you can reach into your pocket for in times of trial, is both comforting and empowering,” she said.

Zahn hopes her gift can help future students gain the experiences she did at Oswego.

“I would hope it would be available for students doing productions in the black box theatre (Lab Theatre) so they have an ability to create their dream,” she said. “We’re wonderfully creative in our college years and sometimes budgetary restraints get in the way of that. Or, perhaps to bring in a speaker or to fund a workshop. I learned so much by them bringing in experts in the field.”

Zahn’s love of the theatre follows her to this day. She performs with several Capital District ensembles, and was in a review of Broadway showtunes, “Lyrics and Lyricists.” Thanks to her generosity, future Oswego students will be able to fulfill their own dreams of thespian glory.
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fter years of planning and months of renovation, Poucher Hall is open — in all senses of the word.

With more technology, brighter classrooms and offices, and plenty of comfortable space for gathering, students and faculty view the update as a great success. All agree it will enable more communication and connections to take place, making for a better learning environment.

Just walking into the lobby of Poucher Hall is a bright experience nowadays, thanks to the tasteful, wood paneled walls, textured floor tiles, and a circular ceiling treatment in the lobby.

A $5.5 million renovation, made possible with funding from the SUNY Capital Plan, helped this 1963 building take modern shape. It also provided for new classroom technology and additional space for students and faculty to gather and interact.

Beyond the lobby are well-lit, carpeted corridors that feature glass display cases. On the ground level, these cases are filled with items from around the world, appropriately so, as this floor hosts the modern languages and literatures department.

For Ana Djukic-Cocks, assistant professor of German, the renovation has brought welcome change: the classroom architecture, more natural light through windows, updated technology and simply seeing more students.

“They used to only come if they had to,” she says. It’s a different story now, with all of the common space added to the building.

Looking out of Djukic-Cocks’ open office door and interior window, you view one of the building’s common areas, where students often sit on plush couches and chairs upholstered in matching, lively patterns, waiting for classes, reading and talking to one another. Tall tables and chairs provide great spaces for homework and group projects, and plenty of room can be found in these inviting nooks for students to read, work or go online using the wireless network.

Campus Interiors Coordinator Tedra Pratt says that this was the intent, as the building’s design prominently featured “large comfortable spaces” for students and faculty to gather for work or relaxation.

Open Walls, Open Minds
Once-narrow academic corridors give way to collaborative spaces

By Lynn Collier ’08  Photos by Jim Russell ’83
**Faculty input**

English Professor Dr. David Hill notes the Campus Concept Committee was instrumental in coming up with ideas for Poucher’s new interior. According to Hill, what someone sees when they look around Poucher now is basically what the faculty committee first envisioned a decade ago.

With open common areas filled with a plentiful supply of movable chairs and sofas, Hill says, the “conversational setting” the professors were hoping for has been realized, and that is one of the things he likes best about the completed renovations.

“I like seeing people here between classes,” Hill says. “They will often stay to talk to other people or to us… [students] know each other better than in the past. It has worked out to be what we were aiming for.”

Hill says that to enhance students’ academic experiences, planners went with a new spin on classroom design. Instead of mostly solid walls, there are still windows to the outside world, but also interior ones.
“Having windows in classrooms makes you feel part of a larger enterprise,” Hill says. “You see yourself as part of something going on around you.”

Hill says that Swetman Hall, Poucher’s neighbor still under renovation, will host many similar features, such as open areas for students to assemble between classes and similarly “new and wonderful” classrooms.

Dr. John Lalande ’71, chair of the foreign languages and literatures department, is keen on many aspects of the renovations, but was still surprised by some visitors’ reactions.

“It caused some [potential] students, right on the spot, to decide that they wanted to go to this school,” Lalande said. “I never expected that this building would serve as an important recruiting tool.”

Brad Korbesmeyer, director of the Writing Arts Program, enjoys the abundant space that the renovation affords faculty and students. “It seems friendly and comfortable, while still looking professional,” he says.

“I think it’s encouraging that the state is investing in the physical plant,” he adds. “It says to me that they care about students and staff, and it’s an important message.”

**Student Views**

Faculty members aren’t the only ones who appreciate the new Poucher Hall.


Adolescent education major Susan Stryker ’08, who works in the modern languages department, can enjoy a snack and peaceful study time with a friend in one of Poucher’s common areas.

“There’s not any other place on campus where you can just sit and have it be quiet — except for the library,” she says.

Graduate students Mike Russo ’05 and Brandon Maxam ’05 remember being English majors at a time when there was no place like this for students to socialize and relax between classes. “You can actually hang out before class,” Russo says.

Maxam agrees that Poucher has more socially oriented space. “You have a better relationship with people this way,” he says.

Downstairs, in the Office of Learning Services, near the McNair Scholars Program and the Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program, wellness management major Sarah Dix ’08 tutors students in math. She remembers being tutored as a freshman in Swetman’s OLS area.

“It was this tiny little room. It was very dark and dreary with about five tables and a few little offices and that was the extent of it,” she says. “There’s much better light in here and you can focus.” If it gets too crowded and students have a hard time communicating, there is additional space down the hall.

Space is what it is all about in the renovated Poucher Hall. It gives new meaning to the term “grand opening.”

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Sheldon Reopens

Historic Sheldon Hall, first used in 1913, also received more than $5 million in renovations to parts of its west wing, including the former Room 110, renamed the Historic Classroom. The historic layout was preserved and the room is updated with modern technology. It is being used for School of Education classes and by the Admissions Office to give presentations to potential students.

Sheldon’s main floor now houses the Admissions Office as well as the Office of University Development.

Dr. Joseph Grant, vice president for student affairs and enrollment management, is excited about Admissions’ new home, its “historic tone” and grand restoration. “It is impressive that it has been renovated and is now alive again,” Grant says. With technological updates and overhaul of the Historic Classroom, Grant thinks Sheldon is an ideal place for the Admissions Office.

“I think, especially for the administrative function, that it’s working very well,” he said. “[In Sheldon], we have the kind of space that we didn’t have in Culkin Hall.”

“It’s a welcoming environment for prospective students and their families to visit,” said Mary Jackson, Admissions Office secretary.

Another new tenant of Sheldon’s west wing is the Children’s Center daycare, formerly in Swetman. Jan Illingworth ’65, director, says that thanks to the move, space has tripled and the center is licensed to care for 78 children rather than 40 as in Swetman, enabling the center to serve more students and faculty. It can also accommodate more student interns and observers.

The center is thankful for the support that has allowed for an attached playground area now under construction, an updated security system using keypads, and a large staff resource room, as well as an indoor motor growth room.

— Lynn Collier ’08

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In the newly redesigned Admissions Office in Sheldon Hall, Katie Maxwell ’97, M’02, assistant director of admissions, and Ian Farrell ’06 (left), Student Association president and admissions tour guide, help prospective transfer student Andrew Riccadonna, from Mexico, NY.
Former men’s and women’s hockey players and coaches gathered on the ice at Romney one last time, during the second intermission at the game against Potsdam Feb. 4. Some of the alumni took part in a special game that afternoon.

Romney Field House may never host another college hockey game, but it surely won’t be forgotten. One needed to look no further than the final weekend of the 2005-06 regular season for evidence. The Lakers hosted Plattsburgh and Potsdam Feb. 3 and 4 for two crucial SUNYAC games and both games were sold out two days in advance.

The Lakers delighted the home crowd by winning both games. Friday’s 7-6 win over Plattsburgh saw the Lakers rally from an early 3-0 deficit to complete an incredible comeback victory. A total team effort allowed the rally and seven different players accounted for the goals in the win. The game was tied 5-5 after two periods, but Ryan Woodward ‘07 and Ryan Koresky ‘07 scored in the third to give Oswego State the victory.

By Joe Gladziszewski, Oswego State Sports Information Director
Saturday’s game against Potsdam was never in doubt and resulted in a 9-3 Laker victory. Ryan Ellis ’09 and Rick Varone ’08 each scored twice as the Lakers stormed out to an 8-2 lead after two periods. After the game, Potsdam Coach Glenn Thomaris said, “We certainly ran into a brick wall. They had all the incentive in the world to put on a good show and they certainly did.”

Among the guests for the weekend were nearly 100 former Oswego State hockey players and coaches. Many of the former players participated in an alumni game on Saturday afternoon and were recognized later that night during a second-intermission ceremony in the current team’s win over Potsdam.

Several media outlets recognized the history and allure of Romney Field House with feature coverage and retrospective

Lakers who played under Coach Herb Hammond (front row, third from left) gathered around their mentor at the Romney Farewell festivities. They are, front row from left, Don Padgett ’74, Ron Gabrielli ’77, Hammond, Rich Tremblay ’75, Dan Ane ’77 and Joel Balaban ’76; and back row from left, Freddie Shove ’77, Steve Paluseo ’77, Gerry Staudmayer ’77, Mark Costello ’77, Mike Cullinan ’79, Tony Sgro ’82, Greg Moore ’83, Rene Blais ’71, Wayne Swallow ’72, Glenn Sisman ’75, Greg Wittman ’78, Ted Jenny ’72, Tom VanHorne ’73 and Mike Wojdyla ’76.

Romney by the Numbers

2,200 fire code capacity

42 years as field house

32 winning seasons

39 intercollegiate seasons

14 All-Americans

2 trips to the national championship game (1991 and 2003)

2 bagels tossed at home games vs. Plattsburgh

Olympians — Pete Sears ’71 and Oswego native Erik Cole
articles including News 10 Now, The Post-Standard, The Palladian-Times, Oswego Daily News, the Oswegonian and U.S. College Hockey Online. Campus television station WTOP produced a documentary about Romney's history and provided extensive game coverage.

Every individual will have a unique recollection of the building that was the home to Oswego State hockey for more than 40 seasons, but in the closing minutes of Saturday’s victory more than 2,000 individuals became a group and shared one common emotion by chanting, “Thank you, Romney.”

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Lakers Coach Ed Gosek ’83, M ’01 said, “Everyone has their own special memories of Romney. The players build the teams; the teams build history. We hope to bring the same traditions and history into the new Campus Center and build upon what the alumni started.”

Former Lakers Coach Herb Hammond remembered when there were no locker rooms in Romney, just small wooden rooms at each end. “The freshmen had to dress in shifts,” he laughed. Visitors dressed in the equipment room and the team did their laundry in Laker Hall and carried the uniforms and towels across to Romney.

Rich Tremblay ’75 remembered when he and his teammates were freshmen and Coach Herb Hammond came onto the ice and said, “Four years from now only five or six of you will be left.” “That was a good motivator,” said Tremblay, who managed to be one of those still playing four years later.

Don Padgett ’74 remembers that the players had to walk to Romney, and in those days they all had long hair. “You’d wash your hair and by the time you got there it would be frozen,” he laughed.

Ted Jenny ’72 said that it was great to come back and see the students taking part and cheering at the game. “It brought back great memories.” He said he hopes the new Campus Center will generate even more student support for the team. “We want the home ice advantage to continue.”

Lisa Niescierenko ’04 came to every Oswego hockey home game during her undergraduate career and traveled from graduate school at State College, Pa., for the Farewell Weekend, attending the final game with friends Stephanie Thomas ’04, Laura Conroy ’04, Pauline Johnson ’04 and Karley Kirch ’04. “This is Oswego right here,” she said of the atmosphere in Romney. “It’s the most intimidating place to play hockey in the SUNY system.” Her favorite memory of Romney was sitting near the baseball team who would cheer and do silly things. Niescierenko plans on being at the very first game at the Campus Center, cheering the Lakers on to victory.

Pat Coyer, a checker at Littlepage Dining Hall, was in the stands for the final game at Romney, just as she has been for every home game all season. About half of the team members live in Oneida and Onondaga halls and eat at Littlepage, where Coyer sees them every day. The 20-year food service veteran says “her boys” don’t talk about the games a lot, but they sometimes ask if she saw the game and what she thought. “It’s exciting to see them play,” she says. Her favorite Romney memory is watching her son play there in Oswego Minor Hockey 25 years ago. “It sure seems warmer here than when my son played,” she chuckled.

Alumni friends cheer on the Lakers at the last game in Romney. In the back row left to right are, Pauline Johnson ’04, Lisa Niescierenko ’04, Laura Conroy ’04 and Stephanie Thomas ’04; and in the front, Karley Kirch’04.

Romney Remembered

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From Drill Hall to Skating Drills

By Michele Reed

Romney Field House began life as a drill hall at the Sampson United States Naval Training Station located on the eastern shore of Seneca Lake near Geneva.

The training station was built in 1942 for a cost of $56 million, covering 2,535 acres of land. During World War II, it would house 411,429 Navy recruits.

There were six large drill halls at the station, with a gymnasium, swimming pool, movable stage and motion picture equipment, according to the official Sampson Web site.

Romney’s distinctive curved wooden roof was actually a pre-fab construction. According to the Sampson Web site: “The contractor at Sampson adopted a speedy method of construction for the roofs of the six large drill halls. Each laminated wood arch — 120-foot span with rise of 45 feet — arrived in three equal sections. Normally the two side sections were raised, then the crown section placed and spliced. At Sampson the arche were all matched and laid on the drill hall floor forming a nested pattern the length of the building. Attachment of permanent and temporary trusses stiffened each assembled arche, which was then raised by two traveling cranes, and set on its footings. For the last drill hall built the required arches were erected in one day.”

In 1960, the federal government sold the land and buildings at public auction.

The late Gardner “Tully” Wells, chair of health, physical education and athletics at Oswego from 1959 to 1976, had a goal of instituting hockey as a team sport at Oswego. But the team needed someplace to play. With Golden Romney, who preceded him as athletics chair, Wells traveled to Romulus and purchased one of the drill halls.

The dismantled building was transported to campus by truckloads and reassembled south of Route 104.

Opened in 1964, it is believed to be the first ice hockey rink in the SUNY system.

The early Romney Field House was very different from the current model, with chain link fence instead of Plexiglas to protect spectators and an indoor track circling the ice rink.

In the mid-1980s, the rink would see extensive renovation, with the old concrete removed and new surface installed, along with new refrigeration units.

Over the years, Romney would see plenty of hockey action, including SUNYAC and NCAA tournament games. Fourteen All-Americans and at least two Olympians skated on its ice. Pete Sears ’71, was a goalie on the 1972 silver medal-winning U.S. team and NHL Carolina Hurricanes star Erik Cole, who played his youth hockey and high school games at Romney, contributed strongly to the 2006 U.S. team.

The rink was a great community resource as well. In addition to Cole, countless figure skaters and youth hockey players got their start at Romney.

The future of the field house was uncertain at press time but one thing remains sure — Romney will hold a place in the memories of many Oswego alumni for years to come.

Thanks to Russ Padden, Webmaster for Amphibious Forces of WWII/USNTS Sampson for information and photos. For more stories and pictures, visit his site at www.rpadden.com.
The ice rink at Romney Field House received a major overhaul 20 years ago. In 1986, the existing rink was excavated, making room for the new surface. Contractor C.W. Davis poured and leveled the concrete (right), and a new refrigeration module was installed. The completed concrete rink was ready for ice.

The future of Laker hockey took shape this spring, as the concrete was poured for the ice rink in the new Campus Center.

First, IceBuilders, working under general contractor Sarkisian Bros., laid the 1-inch polyethylene refrigeration piping, which will carry the glycol cooling medium to freeze the ice. It is spaced 3.5-inches on center for a total of approximately 50,000 linear feet of piping.

Then, workers from masonry contractor D.J. Rossetti Inc. placed and finished the concrete rink slab between 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 12, and 1 a.m. Thursday, April 13 (above and lower right).

The 5-inch-thick slab used 268 cubic yards of concrete — 27 trucks full — or about 17,000 square feet.

The completed slab was wet-cured for seven days under a cover of water-soaked burlap.

The ice for the rink will be formed from 10,000 gallons of water, cooled to a temperature of 24 degrees. At the end of the hockey season, the ice will be melted and the water goes down the drain.

Pictures and information provided by SUNY Oswego Facilities Design and Construction.
After a hiatus of nearly a quarter century, women’s varsity ice hockey will return to Oswego this fall.

And if Coach Diane Dillon has her way, the new team will make an immediate mark, not just on the campus, but also on the hockey world. “My hope for the team is that we quickly establish a reputation as a hard-working team,” says Dillon. “If you're going to beat us, you’re going to have to earn it.”

Honoring the winning Laker tradition, she adds, “Hopefully the women will pick up where the men are and build a winning tradition like theirs. That’s the goal.”

At press time Dillon was still recruiting, so her game plan will depend on her players and their skill sets, but she has a vision for the type of hockey she'd like to see the team play. “We’ll take a defensive approach, build from the net out,” she says. “We’ll be creating turnovers, making it difficult for people to play our zone.”

Dillon, who played her college hockey for Cornell University and most recently spent five years as assistant coach for that Ivy League school, remembers taking the ice against those early Oswego women’s teams, including the 1979-80 and 1980-81 squads with ESPN’s Linda Cohn ’81 in goal. She also remembers her impression of Romney Field House: “It was one of the coldest rinks I’ve ever played in," Dillon laughs.

But her memories of Romney go back even further. As a young girl, Dillon would make the trek from her hometown of Tonawanda with her parents to watch her brother, Dennis Dillon ’72, play under legendary Coach Herb Hammond. Recruited by Coach George Crowe, Dennis came to Oswego for a chance to play hockey and gain his degree in education. He also met his future wife, Diane Capobianco Dillon ’73, on campus.

His little sister would shiver in the Romney stands, crossing Route 104 to Howard Johnson’s for hot cocoa and a chance to warm up.

Little did she realize she would play the Oswego women in that same frigid rink — or lead them 30 years later in a state-of-the-art new facility.

New rink, strong support

The brand-new Campus Center is one of the advantages Dillon sees for her team's prospects of success, in addition to the strong support of the college administration.

“I’m amazed at what the university has done to make this program happen,” she says. “All areas of campus are coming together in support of it. It’s a wonderful thing for the state university, for athletics and for women’s athletics especially.”

Dillon hit the ice skating, so to speak. In her first two weeks as coach this spring, she made two trips to Toronto, attending a tournament in Brampton and returning on Easter weekend, to begin her recruiting drive.

“I’ve been in the coaching business for some time,” she says. “Hopefully some of my recruiting contacts will pay off for Oswego. I’m excited.”

As assistant coach at Cornell, Dillon was in charge of recruiting, a task that helped her connect with Big Red alumni. Speaking with them and getting
to know them, was part of the satisfaction she felt in her job.

“Watching the team play today and seeing how far the teams have come, they beam with pride,” she says of those first women hockey players. “This is huge for them. Their dreams back in the ’70s are coming true now.”

**Puck pioneers**

Dillon notes that Oswego’s “Lady Lakers” were real pioneers. “Those early women worked their tails off even to get ice time, so they could play for their school,” she says, her voice ringing with emotion.

At the time, Title IX, the portion of the federal education law that mandated equality for women in athletics, had just begun, and universities were feeling their way through the process of expanding opportunities for women athletes.

“What those women were able to accomplish was just fantastic, and I just came in on the coattails of it,” the 1983 Cornell grad says. “For these women to go up and knock on the door of the athletic director and say, ‘Give us ice time’ — That took a lot of guts!”

Because of these early women’s efforts, Dillon contends, she can now go to tournaments with many women’s high school teams and college scouts recruiting. She calls the opportunities available to young players to get an education and play hockey now “wonderful.”

The new Lakers women’s team will play Division III hockey in the Eastern College Athletic Association West Division, against opponents Plattsburgh, Utica and Cortland, Buffalo State, Elmira College, Neumann College in Philadelphia and Chatham College in Pittsburgh.

The women open at home against Chatham, in nonconference play, Oct. 21 and 22. But as of press time, the big home opening weekend was set for Nov. 10 and 11 as the Lakers face Neumann College for two games.

It is hoped many of the former players will be in the Campus Center for the puck drop on opening weekend.

But even those who aren’t will be there in spirit as their dreams of 25 years ago and more are realized in the players of today.

**Looking for Lakers**

IF YOU EVER DONNED THE GREEN AND GOLD AND took to the ice for the women’s ice hockey team, Oswego needs your help again.

This fall’s re-launch of the women’s ice hockey program promises to be an exciting celebration. But records of previous women’s ice hockey teams are scarce and incomplete. To build a list of alumnae who played and to gather the history of women’s hockey at Oswego, Coach Diane Dillon and the Oswego Alumni Association are asking all former women’s hockey players to help them “cross-check” the facts.

Records show that the club team first played as a varsity sport in the 1979-80 season. Former goalie and ESPN sportscaster Linda Cohn ’81 is serving as honorary chair of a Women’s Ice Hockey Steering Committee to help promote and re-launch the women’s program.

But, we need your help! So shoot an e-mail to ddillon@oswego.edu or alumni@oswego.edu or call 315-312-2258 or 315-312-2880.

Join the team to make this fall’s re-launch of the women’s ice hockey program a breakaway success!

The 1984-85 women’s team posted a 7-6-1 record.
Maestra of Musicology

Smiley A True Renaissance Woman

BY MICHELE REED

Just a glance through the doorway of 115 Tyler Hall and the visitor immediately knows where the occupant’s heart lies. Stacks of recorder music vie for space with CDs from the Baroque, Classical and Romantic eras. Here is a book about music in the early Renaissance, and there a record jacket from a 20th-century composer. A notice for a recorder recital is taped on the door, while taking pride of place on the far wall is a framed copy of a Gregorian chant manuscript.

Dr. Marilynn J. Smiley, distinguished teaching professor, is passionate about music and its history. And her curiosity is not limited by boundaries of time or space. In fact, in the five decades she has pursued musicology, she has studied everything from Medieval and Renaissance works to the performing
arts in 18th-century American newspapers, from 19th-century music in Oswego to the music of World War II refugees at Fort Ontario, and much more.

While she’s been on the faculty at Oswego for 45 years — the longest-serving current full-time faculty member — Smiley shows no signs of slowing down. She recently began teaching two courses new to her: a study of women in music and American music. She presented her research on the Fort Ontario refugees and their music at Quest this April and that evening directed the SUNY Oswego Recorder Consort in a concert at a local church.

The energy and rigor she brings to her studies is typical of this enthusiastic, positive scholar.

CHILDHOOD ROOTS

The roots of her love of history go back to childhood. With her father, a school superintendent with an undergraduate degree in history, and her mother, a lifelong history-lover, young Marilynn traveled around the country on summer vacations, visiting every state in the lower 48 by the time she entered Ball State University in 1950. Highlights of the trips were museums, battlefields and concerts. Since then, she has managed to complete her tour of the United States, with a trek to Alaska just last year. Starting with her post-graduate study in 1959 at France’s Fontainebleau School of Fine Arts under Nadia Boulanger (who had taught American composer Aaron Copland as well as other music icons), Smiley has managed to visit Australia, New Zealand, Curacao, Puerto Rico and Trinidad, as well as several European countries. She taught for a year at Oswego’s program in Pisa, has done research at the British Museum and visited Greece, Belgium and Austria. Closer to home, she gave a presentation in Toronto, comparing and contrasting music in Toronto and Oswego in the 19th century.

Smiley’s easy, modest manner belies the pioneering aspects of her academic career. She was on track to graduate from Ball State and carry on the family tradition of a career in the public schools, when with just a few weeks left to graduation, she took the notion to pursue music history. It was a male-dominated profession, with the only doctorates offered at then male-only universities like Harvard, Yale and Princeton, but that did not deter Smiley. With the help of mentors, she mapped out a course and earned her master’s in music history and literature at Northwestern University. In 1970, she completed her doctorate at University of Illinois at Urbana.

Haven of Music

THEY FLED HITLER’S ATROCITIES AND CAME TO America as guests of President Franklin Roosevelt. As the only refugees to find a haven on United States soil, the 900-plus at Fort Ontario brought their hopes, dreams and fears. They also brought their music.

That sparked the interest of Distinguished Teaching Professor of Music Marilynn Smiley. As a neighbor of the late Oswego High School principal Ralph Faust, she had heard his first-hand remembrances of the refugees.

When her vocal group, the Ontario Singers, did a Christmas concert at the fort featuring music from the refugees’ homelands, she was fascinated. She learned the refugees had themselves performed a Christmas program, which was broadcast on NBC.

Smiley spent part of her sabbatical in 2004 researching the refugees’ musical history in the Safe Haven holdings at Penfield Library.

She traveled to the National Archives in Washington, D.C., twice to search through the refugees’ applications to come to America.

What she learned there was that several refugees were professional musicians, including a graduate of the Vienna Conservatory, a Polish choirmaster and the leading baritone of the Yugoslav National Opera in Zagreb.

Smiley attended the refugees’ 60th reunion in 2004 and when she mentioned that she was a friend of Faust’s, they welcomed her.

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String ensemble with Robert Feilbogen on cello
“At the Northwestern placement office, they told me I’d never find a job teaching music history — women were not being hired,” she laughs, adding that the same placement office found her a position at Oswego in 1961.

“I thought I’d stay for a year — and here I am,” she says. Oswego impressed the young musicologist. “It was a friendly place, a growing place. We could all sense it was going to change from a teacher’s college to a liberal arts school.”

When Smiley started, there were only 2,000 students at the college and three music courses, aimed to prepare elementary teachers for their classroom music duties. Soon enough, she would be among a cadre of Oswego professors — Dr. Maurice O. Boyd, Dr. Kenneth Faulkner, Sylvia Irwin, Dorothy Hickock, Paul Rogers, Dr. James J. Soluri — who would help create the music major as Oswego made the leap to a college of arts and sciences.

“It was very exciting,” she says. “We were building something.”

They would continue to build as, during Smiley’s chairmanship from 1976 to 1981, they would begin the process of National Association of Schools of Music accreditation, approve the music minor and begin a series of traditions like a music banquet and mandatory concert attendance.

Perhaps her journey through a male-dominated field influenced her, but Smiley became involved in women’s issues. An active member of the American Association of University Women and adviser to Vega, the junior and senior women’s honor society at Oswego, she has written and lectured about women’s issues and served on the board of Oswego’s Women’s Studies program. When she became a distinguished teaching professor in 1974, she was the first woman in SUNY to hold that rank. Smiley takes her role seriously. “It’s important for female faculty members to be a role model,” she says. “Doing what you do well can influence a student.”

MUSIC’S THE SPARK

But for all her interest in women’s studies, local history and literature, Smiley’s passion has always been music. This is a woman whose eyes light with remembered joy as she describes the day in a Spanish flea market when she acquired medieval vellum manuscripts of Gregorian chant (for a quarter!) or recounts items in her vast collection of flutes and recorders. Get her talking about the artists and bands that visited Oswego in the 19th century or the program of the recorder consort’s recent performance and you feel the intensity of her passion.

With interests ranging from the 13th century to the 21st, Smiley is a true Renaissance woman.

Leon Levitch of Yugoslavia tuned pianos at the fort, a skill he had learned in a concentration camp in Italy. He went on to a distinguished career as a pianist and composer, with recordings of several of his compositions.

He shared information with Smiley about the refugees’ musical activities.

So did Peter Feilbogen. Although a child at the fort, he had photos of his father, Austrian pianist Robert Feilbogen, and other musicians in residence there.

In addition to the professionals, there were several talented amateurs, including Manya Hartmayer, who had been in five concentration camps and whose beautiful voice reportedly caused her to be released from one of them, and Frieda Sipser, an Austrian pianist who gave lessons at the fort.

The refugees formed a chamber music trio, choir and orchestra. They had synagogue music and folk music performances, as well as a choir and orchestra for young players.

They performed for each other and the community, drawing such huge crowds that some performances had to be repeated to accommodate the enthusiastic audiences.

One activity of the refugees has eluded Smiley. The group performed an operetta by refugee Charles Abeles, “The Golden Cage,” about their experiences at Oswego. While the refugees were thankful for the sanctuary they received at Ontario, they were frustrated that they found themselves confined to the fort by a huge fence. “The Golden Cage” expressed their desire to escape even this benign confinement.

Eventually, Smiley hopes, some of the music, maybe even “The Golden Cage,” can be found and performed again at Oswego.

— Michele Reed
Furnari Honored

THE LATE PETER FURNARI SR. ’37 WAS HONOURED in October with the dedication of the Peter C. Furnari Memorial Bridge across Wappinger Lake on Route 9 in Wappingers Falls.

Furnari served as Wappingers Falls village mayor from 1962 to 1972. During his mayoral tenure one of his top achievements was his “Save the Lake” campaign — a successful effort in which Wappinger Lake was purchased and preserved for public use.

“His passion for the lake was very real,” the former mayor’s son, Peter C. Furnari Jr., told the Southern Dutchess News.

Furnari passed away in 2003. The bridge was officially renamed by state law in September 2004 after the proposal was signed by Gov. George Pataki. Almost another year passed until signs were installed at each end of the bridge. The signs signal to motorists travelling northbound and southbound that they are now crossing the Peter C. Furnari Memorial Bridge.

“What it means for our family is a recognition by the community that he loved so much, to honor him by providing a permanent memorial like this bridge,” Furnari’s son told the Southern Dutchess News.

Ron Bischoff, husband of Furnari’s daughter, Beverly, told the Poughkeepsie Journal that his father-in-law “impacted so many people in so many ways.”

— Emily Seymour ’06
MUSIC HELPED HIM GET INTO OSWEGO, and now over half a century later, Robert Ullery ‘51 is still making music. His skill on the cornet, tuba, baritone and a number of other instruments has stood Ullery in good stead through a stint in the Army HQ band in Europe during World War II and now, in circus bands, on cruise ships and at Elderhostels around the world.

Ullery came by his love of music at a young age. His father was a high school science teacher who started a band for students, using instruments from local pawnshops. As they practiced on Saturday and Sunday afternoons on the Ullery porch, Robert would be just inside, learning to play the same songs. By the third grade, he was playing with the high school band.

When he applied to Oswego, Ullery was told his grades were borderline for the competitive industrial arts program. In a meeting with Acting President Thomas Miller, Ullery mentioned he played in the Army band while in the service. Miller admitted Ullery based on his promise to play with the college band, which he did under Paul Rogers as well as in the orchestra under Dorothy Hickok.

After graduation, Ullery served for many years in education, eventually rising to the post of state supervisor of industrial arts at the New York State Education Department. An internship in Washington led to his employment with Sargent Shriver and the chance to help set up the Job Corps program.

This Renaissance man has run a Christmas tree farm and rebuilt a church pipe organ. Now, in retirement, Ullery is anything but idle. In addition to mountain climbing, antique car rallies and other interests, he plays in five bands in the Washington, D.C., area, including the National Concert Band of America. He has taught at over 200 Elderhostels in the United States and Europe.

Ullery is part of a group of musicians dedicated to keeping alive the art of circus music. At one time, circus bands were the only live music available to people in small towns across America. Now the Windjammers perform and record the marches, waltzes and two-steps those original bands would have played while trapeze artists, animal tamers and clowns entertained the audience.

His musical proficiency also enables Ullery to entertain on cruises to the Caribbean, Nova Scotia, Panama and Alaska.

If Professor Rogers could hear him now!
VISIT OSWEGO FOR HARBORFEST!

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SUNY Oswego is offering alumni on-campus housing for Harborfest. Check-in begins Thursday, July 27, at 2 p.m. and alumni may stay until Sunday, July 30, at 11 a.m. Reservations are available now for $50 per night. Make your Harborfest plans sooner rather than later — Reservations taken after July 21 are $60.

Refrigerators are available upon request for those registering prior to July 21, for an additional $10 for the weekend. The Centro bus will provide convenient transportation to and from downtown Oswego.

Go to http://oswegoalumni.oswego.edu/harborfest and request a Harborfest form to make your reservation, or call 315-312-2258.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON CAMPUS FOR OSWEGO’S EVENT OF THE SUMMER!
Alumna Artist Captures Oswego Landmark

“I CAN’T BELIEVE IT’S COLORED PENCIL!”
LINDA ARNOLD WESNER ’73, M ’75

of Columbus, Ohio, often hears this incredulous remark when patrons view her award-winning colored pencil drawings. Mentored by Oswego art professors Robert Sullins and George O’Connell, Linda has shown her art in group and solo exhibits nationwide, including the National Art Club, New York; Academy and Art College, San Francisco; National Museum of Women in the Arts, University of Memphis; and College of Notre Dame, Baltimore.

At Oswego, Linda and her husband, Paul Wesner ’73, lived as resident caretakers at the Richardson-Bates House of the Oswego County Historical Society while she earned her graduate degree in art. “I continue to be fascinated by the history of Oswego, as reflected in the drawing ‘Cahill Fish,’ which is now Coleman’s Authentic Irish Pub on West First and Seneca streets,” says Linda.

“I am in a hurry to capture images that are rapidly disappearing to suburban sprawl or urban neglect. This historic building was fortunate to find a new purpose.”

Although the couple has moved frequently to cities in the South and Midwest during Paul’s corporate career with Nationwide Insurance Co., Linda says her inspiration continues to be Central New York — not merely its scenic beauty, but the beauty of personal attachment with college friends and family roots that stretch back 200 years in the region.

Linda’s work can be seen at The Beehive Gallery in Cazenovia. In December, her colored pencil drawing, “Delaware Crossings 1” won the Allied Artists of America Graphics Award in their 92nd Annual at the National Arts Club in New York City. Her drawings and paintings of vanishing landmarks will be featured in a show at the offices of Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission this November and December, and her work will be included in a show about the impact of rapid development at the Knowlton School of Architecture, Ohio State University, in 2007.

Linda and Paul currently reside in Columbus, Ohio.

You can see more of Linda’s art on her Web site at www.lawesner.com or contact her at Linda@lawesner.com.

“Cahill Fish” by Linda Arnold Wesner ’73, M ’75
WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE YOU? Onondaga RAs from 1971 to 1973 are having a reunion the first weekend in August. If you spot yourself in the photo (and are willing to admit it) or if you’re not in the photo but were an RA or resident who would like to attend, contact Lois Frankel ’73 at drloisfrankel@drloisfrankel.com for more information.
Lady of Song

WHEN THE INTERNATIONALLY FAMOUS IRISH MUSIC GROUP CHERISH THE LADIES played on campus March 7 as part of the Artsweigo Performing Artist Series, it was a homecoming for Ladies’ leader Joanie Madden.

Joanie, who attended Oswego in 1983-84, cherishes memories of her time at Oswego, including the quiet moments when she would take her pennywhistle down by the lake and compose tunes like “Oswego Sunset.” “Playing the pennywhistle in your dorm room was not the coolest,” she confides. Even with her busy touring schedule, she manages to keep in touch with the friends she made that year, living in Seneca Hall.

If her parents had their way, Joanie would have left Oswego with a degree in accounting and a career in business. But she had inherited her love of music from her father, an all-Ireland champion on the accordion, and her mother, a traditional Irish dancer. Joanie had won the world championship in the concert flute and whistle before coming to Oswego, and found that passion fanned by her music classes at Oswego, including “The Acoustics of Sound” with Dr. Jerry Exline. She left school to pursue her music career.

And what a career it has been! She was elected to the Irish-American Musicians Hall of Fame and has played on over 100 albums, with artists from Pete Seeger to Sinead O’Connor, including the platinum “Celtic Twilight.” She was a featured soloist on the final “Lord of the Rings” soundtrack.

Now, although she has performed with symphonies all over the world and toured the globe playing in festivals like Celtic Connections in Scotland, it’s still a thrill to come home to Oswego.

“It was amazing to come around the corner and see the dorm, and have the memories come flooding back,” she says. “Oswego was a great part of my life and I have great memories of it.”

Read more about Joanie’s career at http://www.cherishtheladies.com/

Joanie Madden, second from left, and Cherish the Ladies filled Waterman Theatre with their internationally acclaimed style of Irish-American music.
College friendships. It’s a rare relationship that—for many of us—changes our lives forever and continues throughout our lifetimes.

For me, it’s the “Pinks.” The six of us met the first day or two of our freshman year at St. Lawrence and lived together in various living situations over the next four years. Our senior year it was a popular off-campus house that was painted pink, of all things. So, somehow we have become the “Pinks.” And needless to say, the color pink figures prominently in gifts.

We were in each other’s weddings and continue to this day — 28 years after our graduation — to get together at least once a year — just the girls — and usually once a year with husbands and kids. Our children have grown up together and think of each other as cousins. Now two of them are even dating!

Four of the six of us just returned from a trip to Europe because my oldest daughter was living over there this year and we just had to go!

We’ve seen each other through serious illness, the death of a baby, marital ups and downs, raising kids, aging parents and the wonderful joys and triumphs that can only be shared with best friends! They were all at my Mom’s funeral a year ago despite my objections that “they didn’t need to come.”

I am blessed to have Gail, Wendy, Amy, Debbie and Debbie in my life. They know me often better than I know myself and love me enough to tell me what others won’t. We laugh until we cry on a regular basis.

I see these same friendships played out among Oswego alumni every day. We grow and mature into adults and live closely with people when we are in college unlike at any other time in our lives. So think of your closest college friends today and let them know how much they mean to you — regardless of whether you still see them regularly or if you haven’t seen them in years. And come back to campus for your next Reunion to enjoy time with your college friends. You’ll be so glad that you did.

Betsy Oberst
Alumni Bookshelf

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


The Terrors Of Intimacy, the new CD by Christopher Maloney ’91, features 13 songs by Maloney, who sings and plays bass, acoustic guitar and keyboards. Sunset Records, 2005.


The Bats of Puerto Rico: An Island Focus and a Caribbean Perspective by Michael R. Gannon ’80 and three co-authors is the culmination of 20 years of research by the Pennsylvania State University biology professor. Texas Tech University Press, 2005.


Managing the Waterway by Diana and Mark Doyle ’81 is a cruising guide about the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway from Hampton Roads, Va., to Biscayne Bay, Fla. Semi-Local Publications, 2005.

Virginia Woolf: The Will to Create as a Woman by Ruth Gruber LLH (Hon.) ’01 is the 70th anniversary edition of Gruber’s 1935 essay. Gruber interviewed Oswego President Deborah F. Stanley for the new introduction. Carroll and Graf, 2005.

The 50 Most Significant Individuals in Recorded History by Stan Russo ’95 is the result of four years of research by the author. Also by Russo: The Jack the Ripper Suspects: 70 Persons Cited by Investigators and Theorists, McFarland & Company, 2004.


Cracked at Birth: One Madcap Mom’s Thoughts on Motherhood, Marriage and Burnt Meatloaf takes you through a hilarious journey with Kathryn Baumberger Mahoney ’86. Wyatt-MacKenzie Publishing, 2005.


FROM OUR EMERITI:


The College Dorm Survival Guide by Julia Rozines DeVilliers ’89 is a comprehensive, practical and humorous handbook on dorm living, covering everything from roommates to hot plates to the Freshman 15. Author’s assistant on the book was Julie Phillips ’89. Random House, 2006.
A LOVE FOR THE GAME OF HOCKEY IS A TRUE OSWEGO TRADITION.

Laker forwards Tom Caraccioli ’89 and his twin brother, Jerry Caraccioli, co-authored Striking Silver: The Untold Story of America’s Forgotten Hockey Team, published in February, just in time for the 2006 Winter Olympics. Pete Sears ’71, a former Oswego State Laker hockey player and a goalie for the 1972 Olympic hockey team, is featured in the book.

The authors are the sons of Barbara and Ed Caraccioli ’54. Striking Silver tells the tale of the United States Olympic hockey team that brought home a silver medal in 1972. It chronicles how this team came together and the obstacles that they overcame.

A key aspect of the book is that it profiles each of the team members. This includes Sears, who also coached Tom and Jerry during their days playing hockey at Oswego High School.

Sears told Oswego in 2002 about his role on the 1972 Olympic team, “I was an important part of the team, whether it was in practice, encouraging the guys as they came off the ice, or in the locker room. My dream was being fulfilled.”

Tom has worked for the Boston Red Sox and was the director of sports information at Merrimack College. He now lives in Philadelphia and works at NBC/USA. Tom and his brother had dreamed of writing a book for years.

Striking Silver is a goal of theirs, which has finally come true.

— Kristin Quinn ’08

Signing their new book, Striking Silver, about the 1972 Olympic men’s hockey team are Tom Caraccioli ’89 (right) and Jerry Caraccioli (left), along with Pete Sears ’71, (center) who was a goalie on the silver medal-winning team.
A CHANCE MEETING WITH A FELLOW OSWEGO ALUM SET GARY MORRIS ’88 on the “adventure of a lifetime.”

Morris, Oswego’s assistant director of career services, met Victoria Vitarelli ’92, marketing director of the New York Jets, at New York City Career Connections, an event co-sponsored by his office and the Oswego Alumni Association. She was talking about her recent climb up Mount Kilimanjaro.

“I’d climbed through the Adirondacks and bicycled trough the Rockies, but this was in a league of its own,” says Morris of his trek up the tallest peak in Africa. At 19,240 feet, it was 18,000 feet more than he had ever done in one climb before.

His six-day climb this February took him through five climate zones, from rainforest through glacial, on his way up Mount Kibo, the tallest of the three peaks that make up Kilimanjaro. “About four-fifths to the top you’d swear you were on the moon,” says Morris, describing an area formed by an exploding volcano millennia ago. “There are boulders the size of cars and houses, giant chunks of lava everywhere. It was awesome!”

The final ascent to Uhuru Peak is made in darkness, to allow climbers to reach the summit as dawn spreads over the African horizon and to give them time to climb down in daylight. The marathon, 36-hour hike was “along with the two nights my wife spent in labor, the longest night in my life,” says Morris.

During his week on the mountain he battled altitude sickness, fatigue and bitter cold in what he calls, “one of the biggest physical challenges I’ve ever had.”

But by far the hardest thing about his Kilimanjaro trek, he says, was the time he had to be away from his wife, Sandy Mitchell Morris ’89 and children, Jack, 6, and Lily, 8.

“I might just stick around for a while,” Gary says, adding, “But, knowing me, I might come up with some crazy idea and have to go off and do it in a couple of years.”
FORMER OSWEGO STATE SOCCER STAR SCOTT BENJAMIN ’90 has become a soccer success story, in both Oswego and Boston.

He recently led Bunker Hill College to their first National Junior College Athletic Association men’s state soccer championship. The team also made it to the finals of the regional competition, finishing as runners-up.

Scott has coached soccer for four years at Bunker Hill, where he is also a science professor. The team had a disappointing season last year, making this year’s victory all the more sweet.

“It was a great season and I am really proud of the team,” Scott said. “We have always had skilled players but this year the players came with a strong sense of commitment and a positive attitude.”

He added that one of the team’s biggest assets was its diversity, as it includes players from Ghana, Bulgaria, Guatemala, Algeria, Morocco, Albania, Israel, Haiti, Nigeria, Peru, Colombia, Kenya and Kazakhstan, as well as the United States.

Scott’s current success was foreshadowed by his accomplishments at Oswego. He was captain and all-league player for the Oswego High School soccer team, before joining the team at SUNY Oswego as a star player. Scott was also selected as an NCAA Academic All-American while in college.

“Playing in the SUNYAC championships and in the first round of the ECACs under Coach Ken Peterson are some of my fondest memories as a player at Oswego; and it was a lot of fun to relive similar experiences and see what it was like for Coach Peterson,” Scott said.

Scott, who is pursuing his doctoral degree at Boston University, lives in Boston with his wife, Kristin. He is the son of Pat and the late Richard Benjamin, who taught at the Campus School and was director of Experienced-Based Education at Oswego.

Scott looks forward to adding more chapters to his story of soccer success, with the possibilities of seasons to come.

— Kristin Quinn ’08
Online Entrepreneur

Michael Cassidy ‘98 founded Intercept Interactive in 2001 and serves as the company’s president and chief executive officer. Under Michael’s leadership, Intercept has grown into a nationally recognized, multi-million dollar interactive advertising and marketing services firm and was recently ranked 140th among the 500 fastest-growing private companies in the country by Inc. magazine.

Q. Tell us about your business.
A. Our business has two parts. Undertone Networks buys and resells premium advertising space on top Web sites like NBC, USA Today and ESPN. Intercept Interactive is the agency side of the business, providing marketing strategy, creative and media planning and buying for clients who are looking for a more full-service approach.

Q. Did you see the dot.com boom go bust and you started a business. Wasn’t it scary?
A. At that age I wasn’t too nervous. I was young, didn’t have a family to support. It was a no-lose proposition. Plus, I had faith in the Internet marketplace. My story isn’t one of having to struggle to be profitable. Fortunately we were profitable from day one and I didn’t have to go through the process of trying to raise capital to start or grow the business.

Q. Your company was named to the Inc. 500 list. How did that feel?
A: The nice thing about that list is that it highlights both longevity and growth. It was great for marketing and for our employees to feel that they’re part of a company that’s growing and is getting recognized.

Q. Any advice for those who’d like to follow your path?
A. If you have an idea, take a leap of faith if you think it is worthwhile. You don’t always have to follow the conventional path. Have fun. Be passionate about whatever you do, because it makes a big difference.

Q. What’s in the future for you?
A. I’m starting to get involved in angel investing, to help fund other entrepreneurs in their business ideas. Also to take advantage of real estate opportunities, and get involved with non-profits. I will be joining the Oswego Alumni Association Board of Directors come July. But my focus is still 100 percent on running and growing this business.

Q. How is the idea of service important to you?
A. Any chance you have to give back, you should take advantage of it and do it. At the company we put together a community service committee run by employees. We’ve done a blood drive, adopted families over the holidays, and participated in food drives and walkathons. I feel fortunate and am in a position to try and be involved. It gives me good perspective on what’s important.

Q. Do you keep in touch with Oswego friends?
A. There’s a handful of people that I still keep in touch with, mainly through the fraternity. College friends are friends you keep for a long time. Like my girlfriend, Jennifer Zeno. We lived on the same floor my freshman year and were good friends there. We lost touch and ran into each other 10 years after my freshman year and have been dating ever since.

Q. Favorite memories of Oswego?
A: Oswego was all great memories. The best thing about Oswego was being able to be involved in literally everything. I worked on the radio station, was vice president of Student Association. Oswego is a fairly entrepreneurial environment — It’s not a big school with a big budget, more of a do-it-yourself kind of environment. So I learned to do it myself, which is good for starting a company. I give that time a lot of credit for where I am now.
A ‘Suddyn’ Success

Bassist Guy Wilson ’96 has recently enjoyed two weeks in the Irish Top Ten with his up-and-coming New York City-based rock band, Suddyn. Described as “epic” by Chad Smith of the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Suddyn’s self-penned debut single “Drowning Souls” was released Feb. 17. Since that date, Suddyn has seen “Drowning Souls” become a worldwide-selling ringtone, and the band has enjoyed heavy radio, TV and press attention both in Ireland and in the States.

Guy, a communication studies major who never missed an opportunity to avail himself of the wide range of course offerings in the music department, knew from childhood that he wanted to become involved in the music industry.

At SUNY Oswego, he played in student bands, including Grassy Knoll. He also got involved in radio broadcasting through his coursework in the comm department and produced his own radio show, “Mark on the Bus,” which aired on campus radio station WNYO-FM.

Guy joined Suddyn in 2003 through associations with other NYC-based musicians while living in Montauk. As the band came to acquire a loyal fan base of Irish students summering in Montauk, they decided to begin touring in Ireland and embarked on their first trans-Atlantic tour in 2004. They even picked up an Irish drummer, hailing from County Tipperary, Ireland. After taking a brief hiatus in mid-2004 to regroup and refocus, the band began touring again in Ireland in late 2005. With the success of their recently-released single, the band hopes to increase their fan base in Ireland as they continue to tour there.

Guy credits many members of the music department faculty, particularly Dr. Jerry Exline and Dr. Jim “Doc” Soluri, with inspiring him to pursue a career in music. He describes these enthusiastic professors as bringing their passion for music into the classroom.

— Caitlin Oberst

To learn more about Suddyn, or to sample their latest tracks, log on to http://www.suddyn.com or http://www.myspace.com/suddyn.

Guy Wilson ’96 (far left) and Suddyn hit the Irish Top Ten.
For Julia Rozines DeVillers ’89, author of How My Private Personal Journal Became a Bestseller, fiction became fact as her book first garnered top publicity (USA Today, Publisher’s Weekly, Girl’s Life) and now is a Disney Channel made-for-TV movie. The flick, "Read It and Weep," is slated to air July 21. It will star Danielle (“Sky High,” “Yours, Mine & Ours”) and Kay (“Summerland”) Panabaker. Look for DeVillers in a cameo appearance.
Living History

The headlines came alive for students at Oswego Oct. 10, as Daniel Hilton ’99, military legislative assistant to Congressman Walter B. Jones of North Carolina, shared his experiences.

“I’ll never forget when we invaded Afghanistan,” Dan told Oswego. As senior staff assistant to the House Armed Services Committee, he was there in the briefing room built to hold 65 members but packed with 300, standing wall to wall, in early October 2001, in the wake of the September 11 attacks. The Congressmen assembled decided that night to call a vote to invade. “Just being able to see that happen was phenomenal,” says Dan.

Now he assists the congressman on issues related to the military and homeland security, as well as being a liaison between the district’s residents and the federal government. “What I have done you don’t read about in career books,” he told Oswego.

Dan was on campus for a Political Science Symposium as part of the Oswego Alumni Association’s Alumni-in-Residence Program, along with David Poleto ’79, chair of the Oswego College Council and vice president of Park Strategies, who was chief of staff for former Sen. Alphonse D’Amato, and Christine Traskos ’74, administrative law judge for the New York State Department of Health.
There really is more to Vegas than the strip, as a group of Oswego alumni proved. They visited the Valley of Fire State Park in Overton, Nev., near Las Vegas. Present, from top, and left to right, were Brian Faye ’03, Jon Hitchcock ’02, Erik Heden ’02, Becky Thompson Heden ’03, Maria Leaf ’00, Sherry Stock ’03 and Shaun Ganley ’02. Brian and Sherry both live in Las Vegas.
**Correction**

The caption for the photo of Oswego alumni visiting Breitbeck Park on page 39 of the Fall-Winter 2005 issue contained two errors. Jeff Bemis ’94 was incorrectly listed without a class year and his daughter Mollie’s name was misspelled. Other Bemis family members in the photo are son Jeff and Tiffany Crocker Bemis ’93.
Joseph Batchelor ’29 of Fairfield, Conn., passed away Nov. 28. He earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees at Syracuse University. Joseph taught in the Syracuse School District until 1942. He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the U.S. Army-Air Force. He later taught in the Fairfield School District until his retirement in 1970. Surviving are his wife, Corinne; a daughter, two stepchildren and four grandchildren.

Chester Noyes ’29 of Scriba died Oct. 29. He taught industrial arts for 16 years in Oaklyn, N.J. Upon his return to Oswego, he worked as a sheet metal draftsman at Northern Steel. Surviving are two daughters, four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Geraldine Huggins Collins ’31 of Rainbow Lake passed away April 1, 2005.

Theresa Fitzgibbons ’34 of Buffalo passed away Feb. 14, 2005.

Mary Lynch Schaffer ’34 of Oswego died Sept. 17, 2005. She began teaching at the county Tuberculosis Sanitarium in Orwell. She went on to teach fourth grade at Oak Hill School in Oswego before moving to Baltimore, Montreal and Philadelphia. She returned to Oswego in 1972 where she was an active volunteer. Mary is survived by a daughter, three sons, five grandchildren and two great-grandsons.


Sister Mary Daniel Rancier ’35 of Watertown passed away May 17, 2005.

Donald Helmer ’38 of Fulton died Jan. 1. He served in World War II as a staff sergeant in tactical intelligence and was honored with the World War II Victory Medal and the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon. Don earned a bachelor’s degree from Pennsylvania State Teachers College. He taught for several years before joining the U.S. Civil Service, serving as a court reporter in Germany and England for 10 years. He retired after 10 years with the New York State Department of Labor.

Lucille McCarthy Berlin ’39 of East Providence, R.I., died Aug. 15. She earned a master’s degree at Rhode Island College. Lucille taught in a one-room school house in Hannibal before moving to Rhode Island. She was a principal in Barrington for 26 years, retiring in 1979. Surviving are two daughters, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Carmen Casbarra ’40 of North Syracuse passed away Sept. 8. She was a materials supply supervisor at Rome’s Air Force Base, retiring after 36 years of service. Carmen is survived by two sisters, a brother and many nieces and nephews.

Carl Neuscheler ’40 of Glendale, Ariz., passed away July 26, 2005. Carl served with the 203rd Combat Engineer Battalion during World War II, participating in the D-Day invasion at Omaha Beach. He received his master’s degree from Cornell University in 1952. Carl taught industrial arts in the Brockport Central School District for 18 years before becoming the Plant Planning Coordinator at SUNY Brockport, retiring in 1976. He was predeceased by his wife, Betty Nelson Neuscheler ’42, in 2001. Carl is survived by two sons, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Bevra Pease Muirhead ’46 of Venice, Fla., died Jan. 4. Prior to her retirement, she was a teacher. She is survived by a daughter, a son and five grandchildren. Her family established the Ben ’42 and Bevra Pease Muirhead ’46 Presidential Scholarship at Oswego.

George Roos ’47 of Broad Run, Va., passed away Aug. 19.


Patricia Ruch Sanford ’50 of Hilton Head passed away July 17. She taught for ten years in Amityville. Pat is survived by her husband, Phil, and two daughters.

Robert Piggott ’53 of Poughkeepsie passed away Aug. 30, 2005. He was a member of Beta Tau Epsilon Fraternity. After graduation, Bob served in the U.S. Army with an anti-aircraft artillery battalion. He earned a master’s degree from Columbia University and taught in the Wappingers Falls School District for 31 years.

Victor Procopcio ’54 of Syracuse died Oct. 27. He served with the U.S. Navy during World War II. While at Oswego, Victor was president of Sigma Tau Gamma and a member of the symphonic choir. He taught at Syracuse Developmental Center for 29 years. Surviving are his wife, Suzanne; four step-children and three grandchildren.


Gideon Zuta ’56 of Vero Beach, Fla., passed away Aug. 12.

John Walrath ’58 of North Syracuse died Nov. 27. He taught industrial arts in the North Syracuse School District, retiring in 1988. John is survived by his wife, Sally; two sons, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Joseph Brady ’59 of Lawrenceville, Ga., died July 10. He earned a master’s degree from Hofstra University in 1970. Prior to retiring, he was an assistant principal in the Garden City Public School District. Joseph is survived by his wife, Thelma, and two sons.


Ruth Millard Whiteley ’60 of Baldwinsville died Aug. 30. She graduated from Cortland Normal School in 1937 and went on to earn her bachelor’s degree at Oswego. Ruth retired in 1981 from Roxboro Elementary School in Mattydale and had previously taught for 21 years in Solvay.

Thomas Guihan ’61 of Groton passed away July 6, 2005.

Martin Duda ’64 of Washington, N.C., passed away April 18, 2005. Prior to retiring in 1988, he taught in Camden for 22 years. Martin is survived by his wife, Carol; a daughter and a son.

Patricia Durnin Corriveau ’66 of Webster passed away May 2, 2005.

William Loucks ’66 of Liverpool passed away May 5, 2005. He was formerly employed as a trainer for school bus drivers with the West Genesee Central School District, was an Onondaga County Park Ranger for 15 years and taught in the Lafayette and North Syracuse Districts.

Patricia Reynolds Sans ’66 of Yonkers passed away Feb. 15, 2005.

Dennis Beck ’67 of Houston, Texas, died Dec. 30. He earned his law degree from South Texas College of Law and had practiced law since 1976. Dennis is survived by his wife, Jerilynn Brown Beck ’69; three children and one granddaughter.

Donald Miller ’67 of North Syracuse died June 17. He taught in the North Syracuse School District before becoming a builder of custom homes in the northern Syracuse suburbs. Donald is survived by his wife, Linda; four daughters, three sons and 15 grandchildren.

Janet Guthrie Rossman ’70 of Pulaski passed away Nov. 27. She taught in the Altmar-Parish-Willowfield School District for 31 years, retiring in 2003. Janet is survived by her husband, Terry; a daughter, two sons, and six grandchildren.

Michael McMahon ’73 of Cornwall passed away March 20, 2005.

Elizabeth Steen ’73 of Oswego passed away July 17. She is survived by two sons and her parents.

Amy Hyndar Decon ’75, MSED ’91 of Cicero died January 7. She was a teacher at McNamara Elementary School in Baldwinsville. Amy is survived by her husband, Mark; her mother and two sisters.

Clessor Sherman ’76 of Nedrow died July 31. He had been a truck driver for Parish Maintenance Co. and had previously taught industrial arts in the Jordan-Elbridge School District. Clessor is survived by a son, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.
Anne Jones Volko '77 of Harrisburg, Pa., died Sept. 25. She earned a master of arts degree from St. Francis College. Anne was a personnel analyst for the County of Dauphin. She is survived by five sisters, and 15 nieces and nephews.

Dennis Wisnoski '77 of Endicott died June 12. He had formerly been a DJ at WOUR radio in Utica, and for a number of years worked as an engineer on the Adirondack Scenic Railroad. Most recently Dennis was employed as a technical computer software contractor for PAR.

Tara K. Hogan '78 died April 22, 2003. She was an industrial arts/technology teacher for 25 years in the Half Hollow Hills School District in Dix Hills. Tara died suddenly and was able to be an organ donor for others to continue living, reports her sister, Kerry A. Hogan '78.

Harold Esannason '79 of New York passed away Aug. 12.

Kevin Corbett '81, MSED '04 of Oswego died Feb. 3. He is survived by his son, Patrick, and his mother.

Sharon Decker Dutra '81 of Lakehurst, N.J., passed away Jan. 25. For the past 15 years, Sharon worked for the Monmouth County Division of Employment and Training. She is survived by a daughter.

Delton Caraway '82 of Liverpool died Jan. 13. He earned his master’s degree from Chapman University. Del was employed by Hanford Pharmaceuticals. Surviving are his wife, Virginia; and three sons.

Robert Cox '83 of Saratoga Springs passed away Feb. 18. He was vice president of sales for Pallette Stone Corp. While at Oswego, Bob was a member of the men’s lacrosse team. Surviving are his wife, Carol; and two children.

Tracie Reeves '83 of Rochester passed away March 9, 2005.

Kevin Collins '86 of Burcham passed away July 6.

Christine Miller Jaimeren '86 of San Juan Capistrano, Calif., passed away Nov. 28. She was a special education teacher. Christine is survived by her husband, Rob; and two children.

R. Kristofer Reich '05 of Sarasota died Sept. 24. He graduated summa cum laude and was a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Tau Sigma and Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Societies. Kris was an accountant with RJC Tax Advisory Group in Sarasota. He is survived by his parents, Ronald and Kathleen; and a sister.

Harry Hawkins, professor emeritus of technology, died Oct. 16.

Donald Sherwood, retired personnel director, passed away Aug. 23. He was a graduate of St. Lawrence University. Don is survived by his wife, Janice; two daughters, a son, and seven grandchildren.

M. Estellie Smith, professor emeritus of anthropology, died Oct. 25. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in anthropology and went on to earn a master of arts and Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of Buffalo. Estellie taught at Florida State University, Eastern New Mexico University and Southern Methodist University before returning to New York in 1970. She taught at SUNY Brockport until 1976 when she came to Oswego. Estellie taught at Oswego State until her retirement in 1995. In 1997, she moved to Albany where she became research professor of anthropology at Union College. She is survived by her husband, Charles.

Wesley Sweetser, professor emeritus of English, died Jan. 31.

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Michelle Sandbothe Valenta '02 and Mario Valenta were married May 21, 2005. Also pictured, from left to right, are Leeanne Root '02, Anita Sargent, Alyssa Connelly '01, Jeanine Sandbothe, Nicole Moore, Katrina Jencius '02, the bride, the bridegroom, Steve Majka, Barron Sopchak, Daniel Lorber '02, Barry Williams, Mike Wiggins, and Matt Kelsey.

Colleen McGovern Zimmer ‘01 and Brian Zimmer were married Aug. 21, 2004, at Holy Cross Church in Rochester with a reception at The Plantation Party House in Spencerport. Pictured from left are Kristen Nuzback ’01, the bridegroom, the bride, Tamara Miller Cunningham ’03 and Scott Cunningham ’01, M ‘03. The couple resides in Gates. Colleen is a teacher in the Spencerport School District and Brian is a teacher in Webster School District.

Rebecca Glassman O'Shea '03 and Jeffrey O'Shea '03 were married Aug. 27, 2005, in Latham. Oswego alumni in attendance were, back from left, Adam Roux ’03 (DKK), Duke Kurick (DKK), Duane Hart ’03 (DKK), Sean McIntosh ’03 (DKK), Mike Moziak ’05 (DKK), Josh Utberg ’06 (DKK), Derek Justinger ’03 (DKK), Dan Crowley ’03 (ZXZ), Jeremy Chatterton ’05 (DKK), Chris Todt (DKK), middle row from left, Scott Heindl ’02 (DKK), Jason Elvin ’06 (DKK), Katie Caracci ‘__ (SDT), Renee Lucas ’03 (SDT), Jermaine Kemp ’03 (DKK), front row from left, Katie Moran ’04 (SDT), AnneMarie Bologna ’04 (SDT), Lindsay Sterbank (SDT), Sherri D’Alessandro ’03 (SDT), the bride, the bridegroom, Kristen Rhoades ’03 (ADH), Liz Spratt ’04 (SDT), Staci Muzzy ’02 (SDT) and Soley Vita ’03 (SDT). Also present but not pictured were Jason Rider ’03 (DKK) and Zack Kahler ‘__ (DKK). The couple currently lives in Latham. Rebecca is pursuing her master’s degree in special education at the College of Saint Rose and Jeffrey is a manager for the upstate New York marketing company of the U-Haul Corp.
Matthew Snow ’02 and Samantha Rovin Snow ’02 were married March 26, 2005, at South Huntington Jewish Center in Melville. Oswego alumni in attendance were back row from left to right, Stephanie Jesmin ’03 (D Phi E), Beth Krein del’ 02 (D Phi E), Heather Lankay ’01 (D Phi E), Allison Palmer ’03 (D Phi E), Caitlin Weishaupt ’02 (D Phi E), Jeff Siegel ’03 (Delta Sig), A.J. LaCroe ’02 (Delta Sig) and Tom Francione ’02.

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Michael Giallombardo ’99 and Lara McGarvey ’01 were married Oct. 9, 2004, in Livonia. There were several Oswego alumni at the wedding and in the wedding party. Pictured in front from left are, Chris Connor ’05, Lisa Giallombardo ’98, Shawna LoConte ’05, the bride, the groom, Peter Klem ’00, Kathy Valentine ’67, back row from left, A.J. Cass ’94, Cathy Cass ’95, Michelle Kline ’02, Kiersten LoConte ’01, Harold Rahner ’92, Jared Starbird ’00, Dirk Sipes ’89 and Richard Valentine ’68. Michael is a technology teacher at Gates-Chili High School where Lara also works as a computer lab aide. The couple honeymooned in Skaneateles and reside in Chili, N.Y.

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Photographic Memories

Imagine having a family scrapbook with hundreds of pictures — graduations, reunions, picnics at the lakeshore — but you can’t figure out who is in the pictures or when they were taken.

That’s the problem facing Special Collections in Penfield Library. Special Collections is the college’s archive — historical documents, memorabilia and photos that chronicle our institution’s history. And, while thousands of photographs are well-documented, many are mysteries, stored without identification of the “who, what, where and when” that tell the story.

The library has mounted a mystery photograph exhibit in the lobby and plans one online. An exhibit last spring and summer led to half of the 18 photos displayed being identified. It’s all part of a project to digitize the archive’s vast holdings. The first fruits of that project can be seen in an online display celebrating “Camp Shady Shore” at http://www.oswego.edu/library/archives/digitized_collections.html

Now, Oswego alumni magazine is lending a hand. We will print some of these “mystery” photos to tap the collective memory of our more than 65,000 alumni readers.

The photos shown here are likely from the 1960’s and were found in a folder labeled “Textiles.” What is the equipment? What is the gentleman holding in his hand? How were these items used? In what class? When? Who was the professor?

If you recognize the people, places and things in these photos, send your recollections to Nancy Johnson ’96, M ’99 at archives@oswego.edu or by mail to Special Collections, Penfield Library, SUNY Oswego, Oswego, N.Y. 13126.