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ON THE COVER: Dr. Lois Frankel ’73 has devoted her career to breaking glass ceilings and leading other women to the top. Here she visits SUNY Oswego’s Metro Center in Syracuse. Photo by Robert Mescavage Photography.
President’s Desk

Chances are, when you attended Oswego, a professor stood in front of the class lecturing or sharing information via overheads, slideshow or PowerPoint. You listened, discussed, took notes, asked questions. In its most basic form, that’s the way learning has taken place since Socrates.

The higher education system as we know it today dates back to the 11th century, and we still operate on a 19th century agrarian calendar.

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The beauty part is, whatever era you graduated in, you know that despite the different fashions, the different groups you might sport, the different music you might play the same: Oswego creates lifetime memories.

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Deborah F. Stanley, President

FROM THE EDITOR’S PEN

Although it will be spring when you read this, as I sit here writing this column, there is a foot of lake-effect snow on the ground, the temperature is 3 degrees above zero and the wind off Lake Ontario is howling at about 15 MPH, making for a really fierce wind chill. Tonight’s students are at the Campus Center, cheering on the Lakers ice hockey team.

The beauty part is, whatever era you graduated in, you can probably relate to something I just described. That’s what makes Oswego so special. It’s what makes my job so cool, too. This week I got to share memories with folks like Ruth Alton Barker ’52, who recalled stories about snowstorms so bad, food was airlifted in. Or Bill Seymour ’79, who remembered playing a puck-shooting contest during the last hockey game of the season. The prize? A six-pack of local brew.

And now we’re creating similar memories for a whole new generation of Oswegonians, who spent this evening cheering their Lakers at the new Campus Center. (And playing the same puck-shooting contest with the prize an Oswego Sub Shop sandwich.) They might sport different fashions and listen to their tunes on an iPod instead of a transistor radio, but one thing remains the same: Oswego creates lifetime memories.

Michele A. Reed, Oswego editor
Imagine a World of Possibility

Oswego’s Possibility Scholars will have the opportunity to work across borders to solve real-world problems. In the Global Laboratory, students will apply their classroom knowledge to research projects alongside renowned scientists on all seven continents. Whether they work to prevent and treat diabetes in Africa’s Congo, build a robotic telescope in South America’s Brazil, or study glaciers in Antarctica, Oswego students will make a difference on the world stage. The skills they learn and the bonds they forge with international scientists will change their lives — and the future of our planet.

You can be part of this exciting initiative and make an important investment in our common future. We invite you to support the Possibility Scholarship program and its Global Laboratory. You can help educate the scientifically skilled, independent thinkers so critical to our globalized society. For more information or to make a donation, please call the Office of University Development at 315-312-3003, go to oswego.edu/possibility or e-mail develop@oswego.edu today.
It's hard to think about the chemistry department without thinking of Richard Shineman, who served as first chair of the department and guided its early development. Yet his illustrious career in that scientific field had a bit of an inauspicious start. As a child, Shineman wanted a chemistry set, just like his older brother's. When he finally got one, the 6-year-old accidentally gassed himself with chlorine. "I was down to the doctor's very fast," he recalls with a chuckle, "to stop myself from coughing." Luckily for Oswego, Shineman's love for the discipline was not daunted by the incident, nor by a burn in college from anhydrous nitric acid, that marked his hand with a scar still visible today.

Shineman's passion for chemistry and teaching began at Deerfield Academy, where the headmaster's wife taught chemistry. He would later share with Oswego students her catchy mnemonic jingles. Shineman followed his older brother to Cornell for a bachelor's degree, after which he served in the U.S. Army. He earned his master's at Syracuse University and doctorate at Ohio State, where he played clarinet in the orchestra.

Oswego President Foster Brown hired Shineman in 1962 to be the first chair of chemistry. Before that, all the sciences were lumped together in one department. While the discipline was housed in Piez Hall, one of Shineman's first duties was to collaborate with the chairs of the physics and math departments as well as colleagues at SUNY Central to design the building that would become Snygg Hall.

Modest about his own accomplishments, Shineman takes his pride in the colleagues and students who populated the department he led. He calls recruiting Professor Emeritus Gus Silveira, "probably one of the best things I have done for the college." Together they worked on earning American Chemical Society accreditation for the department.

Shineman likewise takes satisfaction in chemistry majors who have gone on to fine careers in the sciences, like Corliss Varnum '79, who became a medical doctor in Oswego.

The department head loved to play pool at the Student Union, as an informal way to interact with students.

Shineman enjoys stamp collecting. Combining his vocation and avocation, he once made an award-winning stamp exhibit of the 109 chemical elements known at the time.

During the turbulent late '60s and early '70s, Shineman developed a course, "Chemistry and Public Concern," which is still going strong today. "We tried to answer the student unrest which at that time was permeating college campuses," Shineman recalls.

Shineman's legacy is the Freshman Chemistry Scholarship, with four awarded to incoming Oswego students each year. Philanthropy is important to Shineman, who has served on the Oswego College Foundation Board of Directors, a post now filled by his wife, Barbara Palmer Shineman '65. He also serves on the Rotary Foundation Committee. An active member of Rotary International, both in Oswego and the Shinemans' winter home in Naples, Fla., he was named a Paul Harris Fellow for his generosity.

Another important part of Shineman’s life is his faith. An elder in the Presbyterian Church, he admits, with a twinkle in his eye, a side benefit of his devotion to the church: That is where he met Barbara while the two served on a music committee together.

A part of the college’s history through the founding of the chemistry department, and a part of its future through the Freshman Chemistry Scholarship, Richard Shineman’s name is synonymous with the sciences at Oswego.

— Michele Reed
Possibility Scholars to get global perspective

Whether they are trying to find a cure for diabetes in the African Congo, protect a fragile wetlands ecosystem in the Brazilian Pantanal or understand global warming by studying glaciers on the Larsen Icefield in Antarctica, Oswego students who are part of the Possibility Scholarship program will be able to participate in cutting-edge scientific research projects on any of the world’s seven continents.

“Essentially science is a global enterprise,” said Shashi Kanbur, associate professor of physics. He is faculty coordinator for the Possibility Scholarship, which expects the first enrollees this fall. “It is very rare these days that you would work on your own.”

The Possibility Scholarship is designed to provide a transformational educational experience in the science, technology, engineering and math, or STEM, fields beyond the classroom by including strong faculty mentoring and hands-on research both home and abroad. “These technological fields are at the heart of transforming our society and indeed our planet,” said Mark Baum ’81, who with Suzanne Castrigno Sack ’84 co-chairs the fundraising effort for the scholarship in their role on the Oswego College Foundation Board of Directors.

The Possibility Scholarship is a program that distinguishes and differentiates SUNY Oswego. It will place Oswego in the forefront of 21st-century public colleges and universities.

The Global Laboratory will give students a research experience with a SUNY Oswego faculty member and a scientist in another country. Students will spend the summer between their sophomore and junior years abroad, working side by side with faculty and student researchers on problems of global importance like climate change and sustainability, research in infectious diseases, alternative energy resources and sustainable food and clean water supplies. The reputation of the institution and the rigor of the research project were also taken into consideration.

“It breaks down cultural barriers,” Baum said. “It gives students such a broad view, not just of the research, but also how issues are interconnected around the world.”

“In order for science to advance and solutions to global problems to be discovered, intercultural perspectives must be shared about common problems,” said Lorrie Clemo, chief of staff to Oswego President Deborah F. Stanley.

Another very exciting aspect of the Global Laboratory is the opportunity it gives science majors to have a study-abroad research experience. “Most study-abroad experiences are cultural. It is an uncommon practice for students in the sciences to study abroad and to engage in discipline-based research,” said Clemo. Often their curriculum is so demanding they cannot take the time away from classes and labs to travel. But with the Global Laboratory their education is two-fold: the learning that takes place in the lab in the host country and the cultural experience of living and working on another continent.

Baum is enthusiastic about the direction the new program is taking. “I believe that the Possibility Scholarship is a program that distinguishes and differentiates SUNY Oswego,” he said. “It’s bold and visionary . . . It will place Oswego in the forefront of 21st-century public colleges and universities.”

— Michele Reed
JUST A FEW MONTHS after naming SUNY Oswego a “Top Up-and-Coming School,” U.S. News & World Report included Oswego—and four other SUNY campuses—on a list of just 30 well-regarded colleges nationally that offer small classes without high prices.

“Attending a big, affordable public university doesn’t doom a student to huge lecture halls. U.S. News has found dozens of lower-priced colleges in which at least half of all classes have fewer than 20 students,” the magazine’s Kim Clark wrote Nov. 24.

Under President Deborah F. Stanley, Oswego launched a small-class initiative several years ago that has steadily increased the number of classes with fewer than 20 students, especially for first-year students.

“We know that our juniors and seniors often have small classes by virtue of their more advanced and specialized studies,” Stanley said. “But we also know how important it is to engage our newest students in rigorous intellectual exchanges with their professors and classmates. We believe this happens best in the small-class environment, and we’ve strategized to provide more of these intimate learning opportunities.”

New York placed well on the list with five campuses in all and the College of Environmental Science and Forestry on top.

— Julie Harrison Blissett

Artswego recognized

Dance troupe Flamenco Vivo Carlota Santana performed Nov. 5 in Tyler Hall’s Waterman Theatre before an enthusiastic audience of students, faculty, staff and members of the community. The dancers and musicians offered workshops, master classes and performances during their residency Nov. 4 and 5 as part of SUNY Oswego’s Artswego Performing Arts Series.

Artswego was one of only five presenters to receive Chamber Music Association/ASCAP Awards for Adventurous Programming in January. The awards recognize those demonstrating extraordinary commitment to 20th- and 21st-century music, such as Artswego’s Ke-Nekt Chamber Music Series.

Artswego won in the category of small presenters of mixed genres.

Find the Founder!

IN THE WINTER 2010 ISSUE, the founder could be found in the Scott Steiger ’99 photo on page 15 on top of a parked car in the background. The grand prize winner of a bookstore gift certificate and Sheldon Hall print is Geri Jansen ’84. Winning Sheldon Hall prints are Charlie Dwyer ’56, Ray Maraviglia ’61, Lori Melnick-Sheward ’77, Rebecca Tillson ’06 and Dawn Greenier.

A tiny replica of the Sheldon statue pictured here is hidden somewhere in this issue. Find the Founder and send us a letter with the location and page number, your name, class year and address. We will draw one entry at random from all the correct answers and the winner will receive a $25 gift certificate to The College Book Store and a print of Sheldon Hall. The next five entries drawn will receive Sheldon Hall prints. Send your entry to Find the Founder, 219 Sheldon Hall, SUNY Oswego, Oswego, NY 13126. Entries must be postmarked by June 1.

— Julie Harrison Blissett

Daniel Tryon ’89 instructs his technology education students. Oswego was recently recognized by U.S. News & World Report for its small class sizes and reasonable tuition.
SUNY Oswego’s climate action plan projects achieving a carbon-neutral campus before 2050.

“Being carbon neutral is really achievable for us,” said Jerry DeSantis, sustainability coordinator until his retirement this month. “In the next decade we can achieve somewhere around a 40 percent reduction (in carbon emissions) by implementing some very traditional technologies and just being smart about it.”

Oswego’s plan, part of the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment signed by President Deborah F. Stanley in 2007, calls for reducing carbon emissions through conservation and improved energy and transportation management as well as adoption of renewable energy technologies.

SUNY Oswego has committed to build all new structures to at least the U.S. Green Building Council silver standard for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. It has committed to the gold standard for both the new science facility and the Village residential complex.

These structures will incorporate some renewable energy technologies. Most promising for the science building are geothermal technologies, DeSantis said.

The long-term goal is to use Lake Ontario for geothermal energy. “Lake Ontario doesn’t freeze and heat energy is available,” said John Moore of the college’s Office of Facilities, Design and Construction. “This is a resource that’s not going away.” Moore is also exploring wind power as an alternative energy source.

Oswego’s climate action plan addresses the need for community coordination and leadership by including plans for incorporating sustainability in the curriculum, as the college trains future leaders, and through community outreach efforts.

Programs include the second annual summer Energy Institute for schoolteachers, various town halls and forums, and the Citizens Academy on sustainability on campus and at Oswego State Downtown.

“It’s not a future where everybody has to sacrifice. It’s a future where things can be better,” DeSantis said. He predicted that rather than being burdensome, investments in green technologies over the next decade would accrue dollar savings of 10 to 15 percent beyond covering their costs.

“We thought being carbon neutral would be like going to the moon. But it’s not,” he said. “The technology exists for us to make tremendous reductions and achieve savings.”

— Julie Harrison Blissert

Wilson Longdaue ‘10 rides a Campus Cruiser by the Campus Center. The grassroots program encourages students to share the yellow bikes as a sustainable form of transportation. Larger SUNY Oswego initiatives aim to make the entire campus completely sustainable — carbon neutral — by 2050.

Princeton Review again ranks School of Business

The Princeton Review named SUNY Oswego’s School of Business one of the Best 301 Business Schools in the 2010 edition of its graduate school guidebook released in October.

The Princeton Review is known for its college rankings based on surveys of students attending the schools. Its profile of Oswego is substantially the same as in its first edition five years ago, which included just 143 business schools.

“We’re pleased that our track record of success for our students has led Princeton Review to name Oswego once again among the best,” said Richard Skolnik, dean of the School of Business.

In the State University of New York system, only three centers — Albany, Binghamton and Buffalo — are on the best list with Oswego. In greater Central New York, the business or management schools at Clarkson, Cornell and Syracuse universities and Ithaca College are included along with Oswego.

Among the criteria for inclusion in the Princeton Review’s Best 301 Business Schools are Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business international accreditation and graduate degree programs in business.

— Julie Harrison Blissert
Police chief, alumna earns professional award

Cynthia R. Adam M ’09, chief of University Police at SUNY Oswego, was one of 27 women to receive annual “Breaking the Glass Ceiling” awards Sept. 24 from the National Center for Women and Policing.

Named chief in 2007, Adam joined SUNY Oswego’s police force in 1983. She recently earned her master’s degree in counseling and psychological services from SUNY Oswego and holds a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from Marshall University. Adam graduated from the Division of Criminal Justice Services Law Enforcement Executive Institute in 2006.

For much of her career, Adam has served on a variety of state, regional, community and campus committees working in the areas of alcohol and other drug interventions and domestic violence and sexual assault prevention and investigation. She also has studied mediation models and multicultural diversity as those topics relate to college environments.

The National Center for Women and Policing is a nationally recognized organization bringing together women from all ranks of law enforcement.

— Tim Nekritz M ’05

Activist honored

Author, attorney and activist Karen DeCrow was honored by President Deborah F. Stanley at December Commencement with a Presidential Medal in recognition of her four decades at the forefront of women’s issues. DeCrow, who was inducted into the National Women’s Hall of Fame last October, joined the then-fledgling National Organization for Women in 1967 and guided the organization as president from 1974 to 1977. Her successful legal and lobbying efforts in that post gained access for women to institutions ranging from NASA to the national television news networks to Ivy League universities.

“The movement for gender equality [which took] 40 years sounds like a long time to a 21-year-old person,” said DeCrow in accepting the Presidential Medal. “But, it is a flicker of time in human history and has managed to end most legal sexism.

“The next phase of feminism . . . is fathers,” she added. “Fathers as fully participating parents.”

DeCrow received an honorary degree at SUNY Oswego in 1994.

Play it again

TWO SUNY OSWEGO PROFESSORS staged an encore performance of their original comedy with music, “An Evening with Alan and Lawrence,” in November at Oswego.

Mark Cole ’73 (left), professor and chair of theatre at Oswego, wrote the script and plays Lawrence, an eccentric uneather of little-known musical anecdotes. Robert Auler of the music faculty portrays Alan, a virtuoso pianist. The performance made its world premiere at SUNY Oswego in 2008 and also had a run at Studio 24 in Syracuse.

CORRECTIONS – Winter 2010 issue

Jeff Gibbs ’80, featured on page 16, is vice president-internal audit for Biogen Idec.

In “Engineering Board Named” on page 23, Robert MacMurray ’02 should have been associated with C & S Companies, and the list should have included George Wurtz ’78, chief executive officer of WinCup Inc.

The name of Marci Styer ’03 was misspelled on page 45.

In “PBS Doc Takes Alumni on Rare Arctic Adventure” on page 45, the title of the New York Air National Guard unit was incorrect. The official name of the unit is the 109th Airlift Wing.
Residents of Hart Global Living and Learning Center and other members of the campus community collected clothing for displaced Iraqis and school supplies for Benin under the Oswego Has Heart program last year.

The project started after Haider Hamza, a former Iraqi journalist and Fulbright Scholar, visited campus to present the keynote for the 2008 Hart Hall Global Awareness Conference. His talk revealed a need to help Iraqi refugees in Syria, said Becky Burch of the psychology department, a Hart Hall faculty member-in-residence.

“College students don’t necessarily have money, but many of them have stuff, so we looked for something students could donate,” Burch said.

Hart Hall launched a clothing drive that has collected more than 90 large bags of clothing routed through Hamza to refugee camps. A large surge came at the end of spring 2009 when students, especially those from overseas, decided to donate clothing instead of packing it for home.

“The generosity of our students, faculty and staff for this drive has been amazing,” Burch said.

Supporting Benin

Oswego Has Heart found a second project when students who visited Benin through a study-abroad course supporting the college’s partnership revamping the African nation’s educational program talked of another need.

In Benin, “you realize how much infrastructure there isn’t,” said Keith Davis of the Office of International Education and Programs and another Hart faculty member-in-residence. “What we consider necessities, they often have to do without. We saw kids on the street begging for food. We saw 60 students crowded into one class. They have school uniforms because otherwise some children are so poor they would come to school naked.”

“...The learners..." says the caption for the photo.

Oswego students, faculty and staff have contributed some 90 large bags of clothes for Iraqi refugees in Syria as well as school supplies for children in Benin through the Oswego Has Heart program. Shown going through some of the donated clothes are Hart Hall residents, from left: Becky Burch of the psychology department; Student Association President Chrissy Ballestero '10; Greg Parsons of the history department, the faculty resident director; Nina Monte, director of Hart Hall; Rachel Jewell '09, a graduate resident mentor; and Keith Davis of International Education and Programs.

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Becky Burch, Hart Hall faculty member-in-residence

For children in Benin, Davis said, even one stick of chalk feels like a reward and is key to their education. He saw students working their cherished chalk down to the smallest nub. “Here you can find a box with 100 pieces of chalk in a dollar store,” and easily buy a small stockpile for Benin, while it’s almost impossible to find there, Burch said.

Students going over to Benin for this year’s study-abroad course will bring the ever-growing pile of supplies with them, she added.

“Hart Hall is about raising awareness, and we’re really making a difference,” said Greg Parsons of the history department, Hart Hall’s faculty director. “The conference is really what brought this together and let everyone know about the need.”

— Tim Nekritz M’05
On board
THE OSWEGO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS welcomed five members in October. Each will serve a three-year term with the exception of the student representative, who serves for one year.

Keith Chamberlain ’87 of Spring City, Pa., is executive vice president of education and chief marketing officer for Healthworks. In the past, he has served as a regional club coordinator and Reunion volunteer for the Oswego Alumni Association. Chamberlain also spearheaded creation of a scholarship in honor of the late Professor Emeritus I. David Glick.

Judy Letvak ’83 of New York City works in the nonprofit sector. She is an active volunteer with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Metastatic Breast Cancer Network and Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

Chris Thuman ’06 of Clifton Park is a meteorologist with AWS Truewind in Albany. He is also a member of Oswego’s Graduates Of the Last Decade Leadership Council.

Amy Lalonde ’12 is the board’s student representative. She is an applied mathematics major minoring in business and serves as president of the Future Alumni Network.

Karyn Rose ’96 of Brooklyn is an associate vice president and risk control analyst for Citigroup in New York City. In the past, she has participated in NYC Career Connections, the alumni Sharing Knowledge mentorship program and the Return to oz Reunion.

Student blogs, alumni program earn Accolades Awards
TWO SUNY OSWEGO PROGRAMS WERE HONORED LAST FALL.
SUNY Oswego’s student blogs earned recognition in the Council for Advancement and Support of Education 2009 District II Accolades Awards competition. The district includes 700 institutions among seven states, two U.S. territories and Canada.

SUNY Oswego’s student blog project, launched in 2008, features a variety of students discussing their day-to-day activities, academics, aspirations and advice for prospective students.

Student blogs appear at oswego.edu/bloggers.
SUNY Oswego’s Office of Alumni and Parent Relations also earned recognition with a Bronze Award for Alumni Relations Programming in the Accolades Awards. The winning entry was New York City Career Connections, a program that connects juniors and seniors to alumni in various career fields.

New York City Career Connections is coordinated by Associate Alumni Director Michelle Tackett-Spinner ’98.

— Tim Nekritz M ’05 and Shane M. Liebler

Among those who made up Oswego’s inaugural student blog collective are, from left, Sherrifa Bailey ’10, Julie-Jo Stanton ’09, Cameron Jones ’09, Christopher Cook ’12 and Kris Vicencio ’09.
Cool running

Oswegonians helped usher in the 2010 Winter Olympics with individual torch relay runs. Vancouver resident John Egan ’86 called his turn with the torch a dream come true. Brian Wiser ’84 wrote that he was honored to run in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, and Meagan Big Snake ’11 represented herself, her Laker women’s hockey team and her culture as one of six Aboriginal Canadian youth flame attendants that accompanied runners from Toronto to Vancouver.

John Egan ’86 sports the torch.

Brian Wiser ’84 stands with his daughter, Blair.

Mark Levy ’86 worked behind the scenes at NBC Sports this February, coordinating Olympic coverage for the seventh time. “The Olympics is the last opportunity where families gather together to watch TV over a two-week period,” said Levy, vice president and creative director for NBC Sports and Olympics. The 15-time Emmy Award winner oversees the on-air broadcast look for both divisions.

Meagan Big Snake ’11, left, and Aronhiaes Herne light the torch for the first runner of Day 50, Richard Graves.
Volleyball

A young Oswego State volleyball team of seven freshmen and four sophomores finished the 2009 campaign with an overall mark of 7-24 and a conference record of 0-8 under fifth-year head coach Pat Hanlon ’03. One of the highlights of the season came at the Oswego State Invitational when the Lakers captured third place after defeating D’Youville for a weekend record of 3-1.

Alyssa Brock ’10 wrapped up her four-year career by finishing third on the squad with 146 kills and 31 blocks. Jess Isgro ’11 and Katie van Kessel ’12 paced Oswego State in kills and service aces. Isgro was the top offensive player for the second consecutive season.

Van Kessel, who moved from setter to outside hitter this season, finished second in kills at 177, averaging 2.01 per game, while also coming in second with 30 service aces. Liz Crouch ’11 stepped in as the primary setter.

Three newcomers, Shauna Westrack ’13, Kelsey Ihle ’13 and Chelsea Crump ’13, made significant contributions throughout the season.

Field Hockey

The 2009 Oswego State field hockey team turned in one of its finest seasons in recent years with an overall mark of 7-9 and a conference record of 2-4 in a competitive season where seven games were decided by one goal. The seven wins under second-year head coach Brandi Ostrander were the most in a single season since 2002, when the team registered six.

Offensively, Oswego State was paced by Katie Mazuchowski ’12 and Brittany Roetzer ’11. Mazuchowski led the Lakers with 15 points on four goals and seven assists, while Roetzer was the top goal scorer with six, as well as recording two assists for 14 points. Roetzer garnered All-SUNY Athletic Conference First Team accolades along with Michelle Racioppo ’10, a three-year captain, who was named to the all-conference second team. Another key factor was the play of goalkeeper Jamie Scharfe ’11, who posted a 2.12 goals-against average and registered three shutouts.

Men’s Soccer

The Oswego State men’s soccer team rebounded from a 0-6 start to the 2009 campaign by going 6-4-1 in the second half to finish with an overall record of 6-10-1 and earn a bid in the SUNYAC Tournament for the fourth time in five years. Head coach Bob Friske’s squad saw its season come to an end in the first round of the SUNYAC playoffs with a 3-2 overtime loss at Geneseo.

Felipe Cavalcanti ’10 was the team’s top scorer for the second straight season with six goals for 12 points. Cavalcanti played a pivotal role during the Lakers’ midseason winning streak, as he tallied five goals, including all three game-winning overtime goals. He went on to be named to the All-SUNYAC Second Team. Joining Cavalcanti

Golf

Head coach Mike Howard ’90 and the Oswego State men’s golf team turned in three top-five finishes during the fall portion of the 2009-10 schedule. Among those results, the Lakers took fourth place at their own Oswego State Fall Invitational, followed the next weekend by another fourth-place finish at the Elmira College Invitational. At the Eastern College Athletic Conference Upstate/Metro Championships hosted at the Ravenwood Golf Club in Victor, Oswego State claimed eighth place.

The Lakers received contributions throughout the season from several individuals, including Jeff Boeckl ’11, Pat Davidow ’11 and Nick Sterling ’13. Boeckl carded the top individual finishes of the fall after placing sixth at the Elmira Fall Invitational with a score of 78 and tying for eighth place at the Oswego State Fall Invitational after firing an 80, which was matched by Davidow. Sterling began the season strong, as he was Oswego State’s top finisher in the first two meets hosted by Potsdam and Skidmore. At those tournaments, he averaged 77.7 strokes per round.

Michelle Racioppo ’10 was named to the All-SUNYAC Second Team for field hockey.

Nick Sterling ’13 was top finisher for Oswego in the first two meets of the golf season.
on the all-conference team were Chris Carra ’10 and Bryan Pacchiana ’12. Carra started in all 17 games at midfield where he recorded four points on one goal and one assist, while Pacchiana was a constant for the Oswego State defensive unit that allowed 30 goals this season. Goalkeeper Matt Wopperer ’11 started 15 games in goal en route to a 1.68 goals-against average.

Women’s Soccer

The Laker women’s soccer team continued to improve under third-year head coach Brian McGrane as it posted an overall record of 7-9-1, but fell just short of the conference playoffs. Oswego State won the first three games by a combined score of 18-1 before facing a mix of tough non-conference and conference opponents, in which five of its nine losses were decided by one goal.

Michelle Bateman ’13 burst onto the collegiate scene, tallying 11 goals and three assists in her first seven games before finishing the year with one of the best single-season offensive performances in school history. Bateman scored 16 goals, which tied for the fifth-best mark all-time, and recorded 37 points, which ranked as the sixth-best single-season mark. She later earned All-SUNYAC Third Team recognition. Goalkeeper Christina Fregosi ’13 went 5-5-1 with a 1.43 goals-against average and compiled four shutouts.

Cross Country

Second-year interim head coach Andrew Hunsinger and assistant coach Phillip Goodwin guided the women’s and men’s cross country squads. The Oswego State men’s team started the year with three top-three results at the Oneonta Invitational, the Oswego State Invitational and Houghton College Invitational. The squad went on to finish seventh at the SUNYAC Championships and 18th at the NCAA Division III Atlantic Regional meet.

Mike Bott ’11 set a new school record in the 6,000 meters with a time of 20:28 at the Oswego State Invitational. Samson Dikeman ’11 also found himself among the top five times in program history in the 6,000 meters when he clocked a time of 20:48 at the Oswego State Invitational.

On the women’s side, Rachel Sanborn ’13 was consistently the top performer for the Lakers. Sanborn placed 21st at the SUNYAC Championships with a time of 24:49. Her finish was the highest conference finish by an Oswego State female since 2004. Sanborn also posted the fourth-fastest 6,000-meter time in school history, with 23:59 at the NCAA Regional meet.

— Adele Burk, Sports Information Director

Felipe Cavalcanti ’10 was the soccer team’s top scorer for the second year in a row.

Michelle Bateman ’13 scored 16 goals for the women’s soccer team — the fifth best all-time mark for Oswego.

Tiarra Garrow ’10 earned the Peter J. Cahill Award given to the SUNY Athletic Conference’s most valuable tennis player.
Between his junior and senior years at SUNY Oswego, Fred Festa ’81 participated in an internship at General Electric. The experience shaped his entire career.

Now the CEO of chemical giant W. R. Grace, Festa and his wife, MaryLynn Barbero Festa ’82, support critical internship and fellowship experiences for a new generation of Oswego students.

“For me, coming to Oswego was my first experience of the world,” Festa told a gathering of Festa Fellows at the Campus Center in October. “It influenced my direction and my goals.”

The Festa Fellowships provide stipends of up to $10,000 to help outstanding graduate students pursue advanced leadership experiences in their fields, for example, by shadowing a corporate CEO or other organizational leader, by working on a public policy issue with a legislator or public official, or by developing a significant project for a non-profit organization.

After supporting the annual fellowships with a gift of $150,000 over five years, the Festas this year decided to commit an additional $200,000, with $100,000 going to support fellowships for the next five years and $100,000 to begin an endowment to fund the experiences in perpetuity.

“We are extremely grateful for Fred and MaryLynn Festa’s generous support of the Festa Fellowship program, which is so important to this college,” said President Deborah F. Stanley, who praised the Festas for their “leadership and commitment.”

Leadership is an important component of the fellowship program, as students prepare for lives at the top of their chosen professions.

Also important is the idea of practical experience, in which students apply their coursework to real-life situations. “You are making connections, a synthesis,” Stanley told the Festa Fellows last fall. “You work hand-in-hand with your mentors to apply everything you learn in the classroom.”

The Festa Fellows were enthusiastic about the difference the program had made in their lives.

Dawn Orlandella M ’10 had applied to the advertising agency Eric Mower and Associates in Syracuse as an information architect. When the bad economy forced the company to abandon its goal to fill the position, Orlandella landed a Festa Fellowship that gave her experience with the agency performing usability testing, data analysis and Web marketing research. “They were so impressed, at the end of my fellowship, they made a position for me,” Orlandella said.

Justin Dorsey ’05, M ’09, an MBA graduate, did demographic and educational research for the Metropolitan Development Association of Central New York in conjunction with regional BOCES superintendents, to show how schools impact employ-
Fellow Experiences a World of Learning

When Erica Vinson-Ondecko M '10 was in fourth grade, she wanted to be a diplomat to Germany. By eighth grade she envisioned herself as an optometrist, spending summers working in developing countries. She changed career ambitions a dozen times, but one thing always remained the same — her desire to travel abroad. “I love learning about different cultures,” she said.

The graduate student in school psychology got to do just that last summer, when she spent a month in Europe, shadowing four noted school psychologists in different countries, each for a week.

She was able to have that experience thanks to a Festa Fellowship, which paid for her travel. “They have given me the opportunity to fulfill a childhood dream,” she said of Fred Festa ’81 and his wife, MaryLynn Barbero Festa ’82, who support the fellowship program that bears their family name.

The unique learning experience was designed by Vinson-Ondecko as she was completing an independent study of school psychology programs in Europe. “One day, I thought, ‘Instead of reading, why don’t I go there and see what it looks like?’” Vinson-Ondecko said.

She planned all the logistics of her trip, including meals and local transportation, and e-mailed 30 experts around the world to ask if they would mentor her. Of those who replied, she settled on the four offering the most diverse placements.

One was Dr. Allan Guggenbuhl, an expert in child development and violence, and head of the Institute of Conflict Management in Zurich. One day, when Vinson-Ondecko sat with him as he checked e-mails, riots broke out at a big soccer match. “Reporters were calling him for his advice, and I’m sitting next to him,” she said. “He’s my mentor — that accessible.”

She described the placements as “very intimate, you could never read anything and get the same kind of experience.” She would sit in meetings with her mentors, watch as they interacted with clients, accompany them to their offices and read their papers.

“I was learning all the time — no ‘off’ button,” she said.

Vinson-Ondecko has one more adventure abroad in store for her. She will give a poster presentation about her fellowship experience at the International School Psychology Association this July in Dublin, Ireland.

The Festa Fellowship is not the only support Vinson-Ondecko received through philanthropy. She was awarded the Ann and Stephen Coco ’66 graduate scholarship and the Stan Levenson ’54 Scholarship.

She praises Oswego for offering programs like the Festa Fellowship. “It’s such an incredible opportunity; I feel like someone at an Ivy League school,” she said. “For us to have this prestigious opportunity just speaks volumes.”

— Michele Reed
Arizona Widow Leaves Large Legacy in Memory of Husband

CLOVER URY JUST WANTED TO GIVE. When she passed away Jan. 26, 2009, she gave about half of her estate to the Oswego College Foundation. An avid reader, Ury wanted to support education, said her former caretaker, Louise Bajus. But, even Clover’s late husband, Harvey E. Ury ’42, would not have expected his wife to give to his alma mater, Bajus said. The foundation was not anticipating the $204,000 gift either.

“We are very appreciative of the generous Ury estate gift,” said Kerry Casey Dorsey ’81, vice president of development and alumni relations. “The timelessness of the Oswego experience often touches our alumni and friends no matter how many years have passed.”

“She was an amazing person; a very, very loving and giving person,” said Bajus, who also served as caretaker to Harvey until his death in 2002.

The Sun City, Ariz., couple met while serving in the U.S. Air Corps during World War II. Harvey was a flight engineer and Clover worked as a nurse, Bajus said. After the service, Harvey taught at Mamaroneck High School. When the couple moved to Sun City, they became very active with the Lakeview United Methodist Church.

“They were very lovely to know — very giving,” Bajus said. She called Harvey “a brilliant man,” who donated his time as head usher at Lakeview and as a Mason. Clover was a member of the Eastern Star No. 530 and a charter member of the West Valley Art Museum.

“It really was an honor to be a part of their lives,” said Bajus. The Ury gift will be used where the need is greatest as unrestricted funds, Dorsey said. — Shane M. Liebler

Endowment Hits Historic $10 Million Mark

Oswego’s endowment has hit a historic high of $10 million as of press time. Despite the market fluctuations, Oswego’s investments performed well enough to take the endowment past its previous high of $9.2 million, set in December 2007, just as the economic downturn was beginning.

Although Oswego’s endowment lost 10.9 percent for the fiscal year ending June 30, by December 2009, the endowment had risen 15.4 percent, virtually wiping out the losses sustained during the prior fiscal year. In December 2009, the endowment stood at $9.8 million.

Oswego also fared well compared to the rest of the higher education sector, especially the Ivy League schools. In a report released Jan. 28, 2010, the NACUBO-Commonfund Study of Endowments showed that the 842 American colleges and universities participating in the study lost an average of 18.7 percent. Oswego’s relative performance placed it in the top five percent of survey participants, tying for 39th on the list. At the bottom of the list were many of those institutions whose endowment values exceeded $1 billion. On average they lost 20.5 percent.

The Oswego College Foundation Board of Directors’ Investment Committee has been diligent in managing the Foundation’s assets to minimize losses.

The committee recognized the potentially broad-reaching impact of the sub-prime mortgage crisis as early as the fall of 2007, and began in spring 2008 to decrease Oswego’s asset allocation in equities.

Their decisive actions, under Investment Committee Chair Tom Lenihan ’76, helped reduce the impact of the dramatic market drop that began in September 2008. This reduced equity exposure helped to temper Oswego’s losses.

“Tom’s commitment to stewarding the Foundation’s investment assets has been exceptional and his leadership has been invaluable,” said Director of Finance Mark R. Slayton. “The level of commitment and dedication that Tom and the rest of the Investment Committee have shown speaks to their strong connection to SUNY Oswego and their desire to see us continue to excel.”

“We are thankful that the generosity of our donors has helped put SUNY Oswego in a position to weather the recent financial crisis,” said Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Kerry Casey Dorsey ’81. — Michele Reed
More than 900 students have attended talks illuminating women’s issues thanks to the Ernst & Young Lecture Series.

Established by Robert Feinberg ’78 with a matching gift from his employer, Ernst & Young, the lecture series brings notable speakers to campus.

The series is a complement to the “Women, the Workplace and the Law” course, which is part of Oswego’s Women’s Studies Program.

“Clearly there is a lot of interest in the issues we are presenting,” former program Director Lisa Langlois said.

This spring semester’s topics include “Leading Ladies: The New Power of Women in the Workplace,” “The Global Pursuit of Equality in Education and the Workplace: Eliminating Discrimination and Increasing Access to Opportunities,” and “Gender and Race in Communication and Social Justice.” Each is delivered by a leading person in the field.

Sierra J. Sullivan, founder and publisher of The Ray magazine; Ines Shaw, author of Collective Pursuit of Gender Equality Around the World; and Joseph J. Pilotta ’69, author of Women in Organizations: Barriers and Breakthroughs, were scheduled to be among the speakers.

In addition, the series includes a panel on gender equity during Quest in April.

The influence of the Ernst & Young Lecture Series has permeated other aspects of campus. The newly formed Human Resource Management Center in the School of Business includes Women’s Studies Program representation.

School of Business Dean Richard Skolnik said gender equity in the workplace is an extremely important topic to explore.

“Companies that have a [gender] balance in leadership are actually more profitable,” Skolnik said, citing a recent study by McKinsey & Co.

The center was founded to address community outreach, research, continuing professional education and student education as well as social responsibility and diversity initiatives. ●

— Shane M. Liebler
In any whodunit, the biggest clue to the mystery is often the smallest — a fingerprint. Dr. Lois Frankel ’73 likes to say that as human beings we leave a “forensic fingerprint” behind: “Leaving a legacy is leaving the world better than you found it,” she says.

You don’t have to be a super sleuth to see Frankel’s fingerprints. They are all over the place — from her work as a career counselor, coach and best-selling author to acts of generosity and kindness that have touched the lives of thousands. Increasingly, that charitable work is becoming the focus of her life.

“You reach a point in your life where you’ve achieved what you’ve wanted to achieve,” she explains. “When achievements aren’t as important as what you’re giving back. [You ask yourself] What will my fingerprint be when I go?”

It may be bringing along the next generation of business leaders, or reaching out a helping hand to someone who needs financial help. Each person chooses what his or her legacy will be.

“We all have to make a living. We all know that,” she says. “But we all have to focus on how can we make a difference.”

The first whorls of her personal fingerprint were formed when Frankel began her career, making a difference in the lives of corporate executives. The president of Corporate Coaching International attributes her career success to Oswego, although during her undergrad years she didn’t know what she wanted to do with her life. A psychology and education major at Oswego, she was a resident assistant with aspirations to become a dorm director, she says.

The summer after earning a master’s degree at Barry International University while working as a dorm director, she went to work for corporate giant ARCO, which was looking for someone to write job descriptions. “I earned more that summer than in a whole year as a dorm director,” she remembers. So she went to work for ARCO in the human resources division. She stayed there for 10 years, earning her doctorate in counseling psychology from the University of Southern California during that time. 

By Michele Reed

See Lois

Frankel sets pace for careers, compassion

Photos above, from left: Dr. Lois Frankel ’73 (right) with feminist icon Gloria Steinem; accepting her “Woman of the Year” award and speaking at a conference.
Lead
Frankel then went into private practice as a psychologist. Although her ultimate goal at Oswego had been to become a psychologist, she found it wasn’t well suited to her personality.

Then, one day, a solution came out of the blue. “A client I had done some training for asked, ‘Would you be willing to coach someone for me?’” Frankel recalls.

It was a light-bulb moment. Frankel’s work in training, business and psychology all converged in the coaching experience. “It was like a vortex — my education, preferences and experience,” she says. “Here is where it comes together.”

She felt excited about the prospect of helping people be successful in their careers and in life. Later, many career coaches would sprout up, but Frankel’s background in psychology and business would distinguish her.

In 2004, she would gather some of her coaching advice to publish Nice Girls Don’t Get the Corner Office: 101 Unconscious Mistakes Women Make that Sabotage Their Careers and her life would change again. “Oswego raised my awareness of women’s issues, cultural issues, class issues,” she says.

Frankel says the most important thing she learned at Oswego was emotional intelligence, a trait she calls “critical for success.”

Oswego is also where she would meet important mentors in her life: Psychology Professor Emeritus Barbara Gerber and then head of the Women’s Studies Program Patti McGill Peterson. Frankel praised “their generosity of spirit, how they would take people where they are, accept people for who they are and help them grow to be who they can be.”

Also influencing her were dorm directors Sharyn Barry and Vicki Swenson.

Frankel lived in Onondaga Hall in 1969, the first year it opened. Later she worked as an RA and at the information desk at Hewitt Union.

“Sunsets were to die for,” she says, and so were the concerts and lectures with the likes of Roberta Flack, Gordon Lightfoot and Jane Fonda.

When Frankel decided it was time to make her fingerprint in the charitable arena, her undergraduate experience in Women’s Studies would inform her choice. Living and working in Los Angeles, she saw how some young women from underprivileged areas, were part of dysfunctional families or experienced chaos in their lives. They had no one to guide them, no role models for a successful career, and no one encouraged them to go to college.

“I knew we had to do something to ensure that they would not become marginalized,” Frankel recalls.

She banded together a group of business and professional women to become mentors to the young women. Representatives from Pacific Bell, Wells Fargo, ARCO and other businesses lent their expertise and time.

They started small, asking the school district and its teachers to recommend middle school girls at risk. The initial group was 20 girls and 20 mentors.

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Socorro sells churros on the streets of East Los Angeles. She and her husband, Nacho, roll out the dough, fry the sweet pastries and dip them in sugar. Seven pounds of batter makes 250 churros, which they sell on the street corner in their neighborhood, seven days a week, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. with their daughter Dulce. Because the pastries are best when fresh, anything not sold, they give away.

At three for a dollar, on a good day, the family makes about $50 profit, which occasionally allows Socorro to send some money home to her parents.

There haven’t been many good days lately. Socorro has had two major operations since the fall of 2008. Then Nacho injured his back. Sometimes they even have to call a neighbor in to help them mix the heavy dough for the churros.

When the family had trouble paying bills, they approached the Rev. Scott Santarosa, S.J., at Dolores Mission in East Los Angeles Santarosa turned to the Bloom Again Foundation, started by Dr. Lois Frankel ’73.

The next day, Socorro received a check for the family’s electricity bill.

Hand up
Beatriz works on a luncheñía, or lunch cart, selling the midday meal to passersby on those same Los Angeles streets.

A few months ago, her husband left to go to northern California to look for work and she hasn’t heard from him since. One day, lifting something heavy at the luncheñía, she hurt her back. She was willing to keep working, but asked her boss to excuse her from certain duties because of the pain in her back. The boss fired her.

The mother of six couldn’t pay her rent or her bills. She, too, turned to Dolores Mission and the parish was able to pay a few bills, but couldn’t help with the rent. Bloom Again stepped in with a check for two months rent. Beatriz had spent some time in a shelter with her kids, but thanks to Bloom Again, she was able to keep the family together at home.

“It’s always the women who come to ask for help. The women are the most worried about making payments,” said Santarosa. “They often have a health issue and that’s what got them behind.”

So when Frankel came to call, with brochures about Bloom Again’s mission, it was the answer to more than a few prayers.

‘Pre-emptive empathy’
Bloom Again is the brainchild of Frankel’s own brush with illness. When she was diagnosed with cancer four years ago, she realized she was able to recover because of her ability to take time off from her demanding coaching career.

The Bloom Again Foundation provides monetary support to women at or near the poverty line, who need help because of a medical condition.

“It’s really like pre-emptive empathy,” says Santarosa. “She started to think about, ‘What about other women in my situation who don’t have [the wherewithal to heal]?”

“We don’t realize how lucky we are,” says Frankel of herself and the other women who have banded together to form the Bloom Again foundation. “Many women are one paycheck away from disaster if they can’t work. They truly have nothing in reserve.”

Santarosa concurs. Many of his 600 to 800 parishioners live in housing projects and make less than $20,000 per year, with some earning less because of layoffs or injuries. Sometimes they just don’t know where to turn.

“It’s not like these women are looking for a handout. These are women doing all they can to make ends meet, all they can do to find work,” says Santarosa. “If the economy was better, if their health was better, the last thing they would want to do is ask for help.”

On an emotional afternoon in February, Frankel got to meet Socorro and Beatriz at the mission. “It was really very rewarding to put a face to the story,” Frankel says. Despite the language barrier, lots of smiles and hugs made everyone’s feelings known.

“I speak Spanish enough to say, ‘We were so happy to be able to help you,’” Frankel says. Beatriz shed tears of joy. Through Santarosa as interpreter, Socorro said she felt badly that she couldn’t speak English, but it felt good to meet someone who had helped her so much. She wanted to give something back, to feed Frankel in return for all her help.

In the end, it was a gathering of women, sharing with other women.

— Michele Reed
Each corporation would have a program for them, like a meal in the corporate dining room where the girls would learn etiquette and how to behave at a business luncheon. Banks would show the girls how to save money and invest in their future.

Last year more than 100 mentors and 100 girls from five different Los Angeles schools were involved.

Seeds of help

After Frankel was diagnosed with cancer in 2006, she came to an important realization. “I saw how fortunate I was, to not have to go to work every day, but instead to be able to recover at my own pace. Someone looked at me and said, ‘You look like you’re blooming again.’”

The phrase stuck and Frankel used it to name a foundation dedicated to helping women at or near the poverty level at a time of medical crisis.

The foundation has raised more than $18,000 and makes grants to women with medical issues to help pay the rent, keep the power on and feed their families. Just this spring, they granted $1,000 to a crossing guard who was wounded in both her legs when she was caught in the crossfire of feuding gangs. She would have to leave her apartment and go back to an area where gangs were prevalent, without help from Bloom Again.

The Oswego connection continues even here. Deb Roe ’73 and Sue Godzac Prischak ’73 were RAs with Frankel in Onondaga and they have generously supported Bloom Again with their donations. “It speaks to not only the generosity of Oswego alumni but also to how long relationships we make in college last,” Frankel says.

Frankel has been recognized for her work with charities. In 2006 Maybelline honored Frankel with the Women Who Empower Through Education Award for her work with MOSTE.

By Dr. Lois Frankel ’73

The Oswego connection continues

The last five years of your working life are ideal for considering the legacy you will leave behind upon retirement. Your legacy need not be grandioso, but is the “forensic fingerprint” that you were there and made a difference in the lives of those who followed. Consider two or three of the following suggestions that complement your personality, the culture of your company, and your values, then develop a plan to institute your legacy.

1. Transfer knowledge to younger workers. It may seem that younger workers, having grown up in the Age of Information Technology, know more than you do, but there are certain things only age can teach you. Without setting yourself up as “the expert,” make a list of critical skills needed for success in your field and offer to conduct brown bag lunches or seminars in these areas.

2. Be a mentor. Being a mentor is an informal relationship where you help a younger worker to understand the unspoken rules for success in your company and beyond. Ask your HR department if such a program exists and if not, consider starting one. The Web site www.mentoringgroup.com has a wealth of information to assist you.

3. Take risks — speak the unspoken. You’ve reached the stage of your career where your reputation is established, the fact that you’re still employed tells you the company values your contributions, and you most likely can “get away with” saying things that people on the way up can’t. It’s the perfect time to take some risks and be the voice for concerns you’ve had for a while but have never had the courage to express.

4. Create new systems or processes. You’ve spent years perfecting your craft but you’ve always been so busy “doing” that you didn’t have time to step back and see how things might be done better, more efficiently, or more cost-effectively. Now you have the time, but don’t do it alone. Bring together technical experts from all age groups to work on a task force that will add value to the company’s bottom-line by developing new systems or processes.

5. Define new standards of excellence and methods to measure them. A soon-to-retire executive was lamenting the fact that the people in line for succession didn’t share his generation’s work ethic and commitment to excellence. Who’s fault is that? If you collude with younger generations to keep the bar low you’ll only get average performance. As we have so often told clients, “What you measure is what you get.” While you were busy producing or putting out fires you may not have had the time, but now you do — or should. Work with representatives from across the generations to establish a culture of excellence.

6. Influence the vision, values, and goals of your company. At this stage of your career you have more opportunity to impact how your company does business and how it treats its staff than ever before. It involves taking some of the risks described above, but more importantly it involves repeating your message every chance you get. The next time you’re at a meeting, regardless of the topic, find the right opening to ask questions that make people think about how the company goes about achieving its goals.

7. Become involved with the community or nonprofit causes. If you’re tired of creating work to justify your existence at the company, start thinking about using those extra hours to benefit the community and, possibly, provide your company with positive press. Volunteer to chair a fundraiser for the local Boys and Girls Club, serve on the board of directors of a nonprofit that has special meaning for you, offer to work with your corporate foundation on ensuring grants are going to the most needy in the community, or volunteer to read to children at the local library. You might also think about starting your own nonprofit organization or a program sponsored by the company to benefit people who are users of your company’s product or services.

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The Oswego connection continues

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Making the MOSTE of a Life

Rosa calls Barbara her “other mother” and admits she wouldn’t be in college and on her way to a professional career without her help.

Barbara says, “I felt I got as much as I gave” in her relationship with a girl she calls “very bright … and extremely articulate.”

Rosa Jones is a 20-year-old Latina woman from South Central Los Angeles, studying sociology at University of California at Santa Barbara, and Barbara Hensleigh is a partner in Andrews and Hensleigh LLP, a Los Angeles law firm, where she specializes in health care litigation. They are just one inspirational pair among hundreds brought together by MOSTE — Motivating Our Students Through Experience — a program for middle-school girls, founded by Dr. Lois Frankel ’73.

MOSTE, which Frankel pioneered in 1986, links professional women in the Los Angeles area with young girls from disadvantaged neighborhoods, with a goal to encouraging the girls to finish school, go to college and be successful in life.

Eye-opening experiences

The program had just begun at Henry Clay Middle School when Rosa, then an 11-year-old seventh-grader, heard about it from her English teacher. Because Rosa stated her interest in the law on her application, she found herself linked with Barbara.

The formal activities were fun and enlightening. “We would have field trips and go to college campuses and I had never been to a college campus before,” remembers Rosa, who even now, nine years later, can’t keep the bubbling enthusiasm out of her voice. “It was amazing — eye-opening and mind-boggling.”

But it was the extra activities that formed the bonds that would change the lives of both women. Barbara would take Rosa to the movies, on hikes in the nearby mountains, to see the ocean, eventually even on a girls-only trip to Greece.

“I used to call her every day after school, at her law office,” says Rosa. “And she would ask me how my day was and tell me about her day.”

There were surprises. “Barbara was going to court and I wanted to go and see how it works and see her in action,” says Rosa. “She called me the night before and said ‘You have to dress up and not in jeans and a T-shirt.’ I freaked out, because all I had were jeans and T-shirts.”

Barbara remembers, “I arrive to pick her up and down the steps comes this beautiful girl with a white shirt, pleated skirt, black dress shoes.”

“My mom made me a nice skirt and jacket,” Rosa finishes the story. “She’s a seamstress and she stayed up all night.”

The surprises went both ways, as Barbara threw Rosa a quince años party, the traditional Latino celebration for a girl’s 15th birthday.

Growing bond

Although the program was only supposed to last through middle school, Rosa and Barbara continued through high school and now college. Rosa believes that Barbara’s involvement made all the difference for her.

In Rosa’s junior year, Barbara would help her to study abroad in Belgium, partly for the experience and partly to get her away from the dangerous influences in South Central Los Angeles.

“It was fun, the best year of my life,” says Rosa. The experience helped when she got to college, too. “Once I got there, I thought ‘Why did I do this?’” she recalls. “But I had a way of figuring it out because I did it in Belgium. I said, I’ll just make friends, go with the flow. I was not as nervous as I would have been if I hadn’t been through it [in Belgium].”

“She really helped me make the most out of high school, got me into a magnet program, AP courses, really helped me stay on top of stuff,” says Rosa.

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On March 8 of this year, the Los Angeles County Commission on Women named Frankel Woman of the Year in the Business and Labor category.

For Frankel, it’s not about the awards, but the satisfaction of helping and of making her mark — leaving her forensic fingerprint — on the world through her efforts.

Frankel likes to talk about sacrificial giving. “It’s one thing to give when you have plenty of time or money. Sacrificial giving means going beyond your comfort zone.”

For now, Frankel is doing all she can, working hard at Corporate Coaching International and making her mark upon the world, not only in her career, but in the lives of those she is lucky enough to be able to help.

Back on track

“There were some rough patches,” admits Barbara.

During one such tough time, Barbara would turn to Lois, whom she had never met. “I didn’t know what I was doing because I had never been a parent,” says Barbara. “She saved us, really; she helped Rosa get back on the right path. I can’t say enough about her.”

Rosa is now studying sociology. She hopes to go to graduate school, and eventually work with children or youths. And she is giving back to the program that got her started. She has volunteered to be a junior mentor to a middle school girl, hoping she can have an effect like that which Barbara had on her.

Now Barbara is confident that Rosa will be OK. “She made it and she will have a good life, because she wants to have a good life,” she says. “She’s made it because she wanted to.”

And because of MOSTE and two women, named Barbara and Lois.

— Michele Reed
Reaching Out,
It was dark.
He remembers that part.
He has frightening glimpses of reaching out into the darkness, trying to pull himself toward the road for help.

For what was later estimated to be about an hour, he helplessly clawed at and ripped away the sod in his friend’s side yard.

The faint calls for help he could muster were not enough to alert his friends. Greg Callen ’99 disappeared around midnight Aug. 27, 2005.

That was the last time Callen walked. In nearly five years since his accident, though, he has never stopped moving forward.

“I want people who’ve suffered a traumatic event to learn to embrace life again,” Callen said between sips of coffee in a café near his Liverpool home.

In February, he celebrated the first anniversary of Move Along, the nonprofit he founded. Move Along is dedicated to youth and adults who want to take up or continue active lives on wheels.

His discovery of sports for paraplegics was a crucial part of his recovery, which was painful both physically and mentally. (continued on p. 24)
Callen had come to Saratoga Springs in August 2005 to take in The Travers Stakes with some friends. Despite not feeling well, he joined the pre-race celebration. The combination of alcohol and an empty stomach caused Callen to black out during the evening. He appeared normal to friends and he has some fleeting memories of the night.

Back at his friend’s home, a disoriented Callen found his way to a railless balcony and walked off it, plummeting 13 feet. In an instant, two vertebrae in his back were shattered and his life would never be the same.

As a public justice major at SUNY Oswego, Callen had aspirations of joining the Federal Bureau of Investigation or practicing law. That career never materialized, but Callen was happy to join GE Power Systems as a power plant operator.

The outgoing Callen transitioned to engineering sales with SMC Corp., a job that allowed him to travel often. He was young, happy and healthy, enjoying basketball, bowling, fast-pitch softball, hockey and kickball in his spare time. Callen had thought about playing baseball at Oswego and enjoyed flag football with his Sigma Gamma brothers.

“There wasn’t a sport I didn’t play,” he said. “Every night after work, I was doing something.”

Right after the accident, it took several days for Callen to begin to contemplate what had happened in Saratoga. “There was a lot of bargaining — ‘When are things going to go back to normal?’” Callen remembers thinking at Albany Medical Center, where he had been rushed after the injury. Unfortunately, he was just scratching the surface of the depression he would experience following seven weeks of acute rehabilitation at the Kessler Institute in New Jersey.

“The one thing that hit me when I left [Kessler] is there wasn’t going to be people around me in wheelchairs,” he said. “It was just me.”

Discouraged by his inability to maneuver around his parents’ Oswego home, where his wheelchair barely fit in the door, Callen retreated into deep depression. He essentially cut off communication with the friends and family who had been so critical to his early recovery.

His activity was limited to the three days each week he spent in physical therapy at Upstate Medical Outpatient Rehabilitation Center.
**SOMETHING GREAT**

It’s difficult not to be drawn in by Callen’s enthusiasm, which is animated by the rise and fall of his eyebrows when he talks and the happy creases that appear on his inner cheeks when he smiles. He says he’s been an extrovert since his days growing up in the town of Oswego and attending college on the shores of Lake Ontario.

It’s clear he gets an intense sense of satisfaction from his work with Move Along. The flagship basketball program has already drawn dozens of youth and adults into weekly practices and occasional exhibition games.

Callen got a taste of the independence he was craving when he was able to get into a go-kart during his recovery.

“It gave me a sense of freedom and self-esteem and independence, and I thought, ‘Every person with disabilities needs to realize these resources are out there,’” Callen recalled.

He was introduced to adapted sports while completing a rehabilitation program at the Detroit Medical Center. Things started to change for the better after Callen returned from Michigan.

“I lived 29 years of a great life and now I’m going to have another great life moving forward,” a rejuvenated Callen said at the time.

He learned to drive and attended a six-week entrepreneurial “boot camp” at Syracuse University Whitman School of Management. Move Along became a reality and today Callen says he is fulfilled.

“I realized that other people needed what I wanted,” says Callen. “I’m providing something great for people and that’s nourishment for me.”

**‘GIVE IT YOUR ALL’**

True to its name, Move Along has developed amazing momentum, said Callen, who developed affiliations with the likes of Syracuse University and the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team to go along with sponsorships by the Wegman’s grocery chain and Eagle Beverage.

Move Along programs include tennis and sled hockey teams as well as kayaking/rowing activities. Callen plans to add handcycling to that list this summer.

He wants to develop a facility just for the sports and more than anything else, Callen — who works full time for a merchant services company — would like to make Move Along his full-time job.

“You’ve either got to give it your all or give up,” Callen said as a matter of fact. “And I’m not giving up.”

Five years ago, Callen was reaching out into darkness — grasping at first for life and then for hope during recovery. In 2010, Greg Callen is holding his own and looking into the future ahead of him.

It is bright.
THE PACKAGE ARRIVES AT THE Austin, Texas, home of Beverly Moulton Brandon ’55 every year about the same time. When February is near, a bundle will be waiting, she knows.

Inside are the same salutations that have greeted Brandon for more than 50 years: “Dear Sisters,” “Dear Mothers of America,” “Hi Everybody.” After combing through the collage of colorful stationery, notebook paper and photos, it’s time for her to reply.

This close circle of Alpha Sigma Chi sisters has traded this kind of correspondence for all of their adult lives.

“First they included pictures of our weddings, then the children, then the children’s weddings and now the grandchildren,” Brandon said while she was organizing an outline of all the things that happened in 2009 on a late January afternoon.

To continue this “round robin,” she will remove her last letter from the pile and insert the new entry into the stack to be sent along to the next person on the list. That person removes her letter, authors a new one and sends the package down the line.

Currently, eight women form this unique chain. Elly Nachbaur Zarbo ’55 stole the round robin idea from her sister and decided to give it a shot shortly after graduating.

“Our college years were wonderful. It was a wonderful time in life,” said Zarbo, who currently lives on Grand Island. “We just formed some really close bonds and friendships and when we went our separate ways, we wanted to stay in touch.”

With the exception of a short hiatus or two, the perpetual bulletin has survived the rigors of child rearing and other distractions of the decades.

“Some of us were teachers for quite a long time, others taught a while and went off to do other things,” Joan Knudsen Finch ’55 said. Like her seven sorority sisters, Finch studied education at Oswego. “Everyone had different strengths and it was always interesting to see what everyone was up to whenever the robin came around.”
Clockwise from top—
From left: Kathy Barbaro Francolini ’55, Beverly Moulton Brandon ’55, Michelle Notthacker McKinney ’55 and Nelma Hyvonen Mattice ’56 gather around the Edward Austin Sheldon statue in front of Sheldon Hall circa 1955.

From left: Joan Knudsen Finch ’55, Elly Nachbaur Zarbo ’55, Michelle Notthacker McKinney ’55 and Marlene Gilbert Miner ’55 gather around the Sheldon statue at their 35th class reunion in 1990.

From left: John and Joan Knudsen Finch ’55, Neil ’55 and Marilyn MacDonald, Elly Nachbaur Zarbo ’55 and Tom Zarbo enjoy the 20th reunion of the 1955 class in 1975.
Between the Lines

THE TRADITION CONTINUES BECAUSE LETTER-writing is a favorite pastime among the robin recipients, but also because of the comfort that comes with each envelope. "It is a support system," Zarbo explained. "We may not see each other or talk to each other, but we are there for each other — especially in the tough times."

Through good times and bad, the ring of writers has developed a vital link. "If I didn’t get it, I would really miss it," says Marlene Gilbert Miner ’55 of Morrisville. "If someone passes away or someone has a major surgery, we tell each other about it and it’s nice to see what everyone has to say."

And perhaps even more importantly, the majority of messages come in the form of handwritten notes. "To be able to sit down to read something that’s handwritten just makes it that much more special," Brandon said. The digital age has made letter writing something of a lost art and handwriting a novelty.

"Before the Internet, that was the main way to update each other," said Michelle "Mickey" Nothacker McKinney ‘55 — her friends call her Mickey or Mike. "It means a lot to share. We all sort of went through the same stuff at the same time: raising the children and little adventures along the way."

When the letters arrive at her home in Virginia, McKinney likes to settle in with a cup of coffee and trace the loops and curves of her sisters’ scripts until she’s through. "Penmanship was important when I was in school and I still take pride," she said. "Nothing beats a letter that is thoughtfully written."

How the round robin flies:
Each recipient removes her previous letter, then inserts a new one and passes it along with the rest of the notes. It takes about a year to cycle through all eight members.
A Special Collection

The Round Robin Creates a Collective

Journal for each member as well. Though no one has saved as many as they would have liked, there’s something special about reviewing the memorable missives.

“I save most of them,” Carol Moran Jones ’55 of Bel Air, Md., said. “A nice feature, too, is looking back over all the things that you’ve done.”

Despite those notes’ reminders of what has changed, there are also patterns of familiarity that emerge. Marge Dowse Petersen ’55 of Delray Beach, Fla., admits they still make fun of the husbands a bit.

Though Kathy Barbaro Francolini ’55 joined the round robin only a few years ago, she has known the group of women since the days of Alpha Sig.

“I was fascinated by the fact that they were from all over the country,” said Francolini, who lives in New York City. “Because we lived in different parts of the country … our experiences have been different, even in retirement.”

The women are entering the “third act” of life, as Francolini puts it. They are connected by their common age, but more strongly bonded by their common time at Oswego.

“It was such an intense time of our lives,” Francolini said. “Those four years that we were together is such a gem in my mind.”

Time flies, but the circle has preserved their personalities. “I still see them as they were then,” she said. ●
A Tale of Two Presidents

By Michele Reed

One surveys his sprawling commuter campus from headquarters atop a modern high-rise. The other walks out of the building that houses his traditional office, furnished in oak and brass, onto a tidy quad marked with stately oaks and a central chapel.

They took different routes to the top job in academe as well, but two Oswego classmates, who both lived in Funnelle, ate in Cooper Dining Hall and cheered the Lakers on at Romney Field House, now sit at college presidents’ desks.

Donald Astrab ’79 was a biology and chemistry double major at Oswego, who pursued his love of science to the University of Hawaii, where he earned a master’s in public health and a doctorate in organic chemistry. He would run the chemical and microbiology labs as water quality manager for the Honolulu Board of Water Supply. Later he would relocate to Florida to be near his ill father and land a post teaching chemistry at Brevard Community College in Florida. He was named to head Nassau Community College, part of the SUNY system, last November.

Bill Seymour ’79 got his start as a resident assistant on Funnelle’s sixth floor. The psychology major would go on to earn his master’s in counseling and a doctorate in higher and adult education at University of Missouri-Columbia, before working at that institution for nine years. He made the change to small, private religious institutions in 1988 when he took a job at Austin College in Sherman, Texas. He would work his way up the student affairs career ladder, as dean of students at Wesley College in Dover, Del., and as vice president at Maryville College in Tennessee. He was named the eighth president of Lambuth College in Tennessee in October.

SAME JOB, TWO WORLDS

When Seymour walks across his campus, he sees students rushing off to chapel or strolling through the historic quad. There are 750 undergraduates, and one of Seymour’s goals as president is to meet each and every prospective student who comes for a campus visit. His well-organized desk bears a clock that he purchased at a craft show; it has two faces so that he can be punctual whether
sitting at his desk or meeting visitors at a cozy seating area. His Oswego diploma hangs on the forest green wall nearby, and once he gets fully unpacked, so will a black-and-white photo he took as an undergrad of college founder Edward Austin Sheldon’s statue.

Astrab’s office on the 10th floor of The Tower has a panoramic view of Nassau’s 225-acre campus on Long Island. His student body numbers 23,000 full- and part-time students plus another 15,000 lifelong learners in the continuing education program. His desk is covered with family photos: daughters Cheyenne, a sophomore at the University of Florida in Gainesville, and Leilani, a sixth grader, with his wife, Meritiana. (“What were the odds of a guy growing up in New York, meeting and marrying a woman from Western Samoa 6,000 miles away?” he asks with a chuckle.) His Morrison and Boyd organic chemistry book from Oswego is the first thing you see on his bookshelf, and his walls are plastered with Yankee posters, the girls’ science fair ribbons and photos of Kennedy Space Center and the Statue of Liberty.

Both speak of their vision for their new campuses: Astrab’s biggest goal is increasing access and continuing to build opportunities through online services. “Building a virtual campus and looking toward sustainability,” is how he expresses another goal that includes “introducing green technology to our curriculum offerings.”

Seymour notes that the opportunity to “be in the presidential role and have the ability to effect change is really exciting.” He expects to put his experience to work on strategic planning for the small school with a rich heritage and history, but also a number of challenges and needs. “My job is not to play a role, but to move the institution forward,” he says.

**STEP ONE: OSWEGO**

Just as their final destination is the same, so were their beginnings. Seymour and Astrab took their first steps on the path to the top at Oswego.

In fact, they no doubt met each other. Seymour remembers Astrab, and it’s no wonder, his counterpart says. Seymour worked in Cooper Dining Hall, first washing pots and pans before working his way up to a student cook position.

“I was a legend in the cafeteria for eating,” says Astrab. “I was always tall and thin, and I ate everything in sight.” By showing their cards, students could eat five times a day if they wanted. “It was not uncommon for me to eat lunch three times. I’d run into friends and go back with them.”

Astrab was influenced by science professors Peter Weber, A. J. Nappi and Augustine Silveira, while Seymour took his inspiration from Bruce Skolnick, the hall director in Funnelle, who had done a master’s degree in student affairs work.

They were both hard workers. Astrab spent most of his time in Snygg Hall, managing a double major in hard sciences with enough credits for a math minor, and graduating in three and a half years. Burning the midnight oil was common for him, and one night he even got locked in the library. “I fell asleep in Penfield, up on the third floor,” he recalls. “Security had to come and let me out. When they pulled up they had their spotlights on.”

Seymour was always working some kind of student job. He ran the basketball scoreboard and worked the residence hall front desk. “At that time they had a student sitting at the door till all hours of the night.” In his senior year, he was the RA on the sixth floor of Funnelle, a job that had its own challenges, since the legal drinking age at that time was 18.

He had fun, too.

**Rob Davidian ’80** was a budding filmmaker at the time and still works in the film industry in Los Angeles. He filmed a movie, “The Macho RA,” using one of the tunes by The Village People and starring Seymour. Davidian sent
Seymour a DVD a couple of years ago, and the college administrator laughs to recall his John Travolta-like moves.

Their work ethic carried Astrab and Seymour through to their new jobs as well. “I have a hard time reminding myself that I am the president and all that goes with it,” says Astrab. “I want to roll up my sleeves and work on all fronts.”

“I’m just an everyday guy like everybody else,” says Seymour, who is much more at home in a pair of jeans than a suit. “If I see trash on the lawn, I’ll pick it up — it’s important and sets a good example.”

He says he likes getting his hands dirty and has done dunking booths, kiss-a-pig contests and taken a pie or two in the face on his way up the academic ladder.

To relax, both men headed for the lakeshore. Seymour loved clambakes. Astrab and his friends would go out by the lake and hit stones into the water with a stick, watching the sunset and relaxing before going back to studying.

For both men, Oswego is a family affair. Three of Seymour’s four sisters attended the college, Jane Seymour Behnk ’69, Carole Seymour Day ’71 and Julie Seymour Gray ’81 — and President James Perdue commented on the family’s legacy from the stage as Seymour graduated.

And that diploma he got that day? His name was spelled wrong. He never noticed until a student at Mizzou pointed it out. In 1999, a building at Maryville was destroyed by fire, Seymour’s diploma along with it. He has a replacement now, and even greater satisfaction: “Now I get to sign the diplomas,” he says with a laugh.

Astrab was the first in his family to attend college, but now his nephew, James Schunk ’12, is a finance major with an economics minor at Oswego. Although Astrab hasn’t been back to campus very often, he used to always check the snow on the webcam from Hawaii or Florida. He now has a reason to make the trek back.

Both presidents praise their Oswego education and feel it set them on the path to their careers.

“When I got out to the University of Hawaii and began in the grad program in chemistry, I was one of only a couple of American-born students who got in,” Astrab says. His fellow scholars were from India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, China, Korea and Fiji.

“The education and foundation I got in sciences from Oswego had me as prepared and competitive as these men and women from around the world, and I was always very grateful for that,” he says.

“I was a blank slate of 17 years old, and my sisters had come here,” Seymour said, “Obviously, I made a good choice. If you’re in a place where it’s a good fit and you’re comfortable, it will make a difference in your success.”

“I have fond memories I’ll remember all my life,” Astrab adds. One of those memories is registration in the gym. “I loved being there with a couple thousand students and seeing how everybody’s summer went and their Christmas break. Everybody dreaded it, but I loved it.”

He still loves being in the thick of things, and it’s a penchant he shares with Seymour. In one more throwback to their undergrad days, both men admitted to their favorite place on their new campuses: the cafeteria. “I like going there and being visible, hanging out with students and faculty for lunch,” says Seymour, who has been eating cafeteria food since 1975. “You get a lot of work done. Those informal discussions can take you a long way.

“My favorite spot? The campus cafeteria where I still enjoy going and eating,” says Astrab, who is still tall and slim. “That hasn’t changed.”

DORM DREAMS

At Oswego, the residence hall was the center of their lives. Seymour recalls that at the time no students had TVs in their dorm rooms. “Every Wednesday night, we’d all pile into the lounge to watch ‘Charlie’s Angels,’” he recalls. “And ‘Saturday Night Live.’ It was the early years. Nobody went out when that was on.”

Astrab remembers playing stickball against the wall of Cooper Dining Hall and Frisbee in the hall’s basement lounge. “There used to be big snowball fights to capture the bridge to New Campus,” he remembers. “We’d spend hours there, just playing.”

From right, Nassau Community College President Donald Astrab ’79 meets with Student Government Association President Jermaine Endeley, Recording Secretary Nicole Allemant and Vice President Syed Hadi.
Professor Guided by Peculiar Path

HE MAY HAVE BEEN A PROFESSIONAL career counselor, but Robert Babcock ’49 never really planned his own career. “It happened,” he says, with “things falling together.”

That uncharted path saw a young man who almost dropped out of Oswego as a 17-year-old freshman about to be put on academic probation go on to become a respected faculty member at an Ivy League university. There he inspires others to study, work hard and forge successful careers of their own.

Bob’s road to a professorship at Cornell University had many twists and turns.

An early job teaching elementary school gave Bob a chance to integrate IA techniques into all his classes, earning him coverage in Life magazine. The children built stage sets for their language arts classes and constructed a child-sized house, learning fractions as they cut wood.

Bob earned a master’s from New York University in elementary school administration, and wrote a book with the late Professor Emeritus Carl Gerbracht on Industrial Arts for Grades K-6, which was used as a text for teacher training classes.

As adviser to students in the program, he noticed they came to him not just with questions about courses, but with life issues as well. That led to Bob earning a doctorate in counseling psychology from Cornell. He would get up at 4 a.m. and go down to the basement to work on his dissertation, and then come to campus to teach a full day.

Bob would go on to teach at West Virginia University and in 1969 he joined Cornell, eventually becoming director of career counseling and professor of community service education.

Although he retired in 1994, the professor emeritus still works every day on the Cornell campus, serving as faculty adviser for groups like the Sphinx Head senior honor society and Best Buddies, which matches Cornell students as mentors for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Running 21 marathons in recent years, from Boston and New York to Berlin, Rome, Paris and Honolulu, Bob enjoys the twists and turns of the road. He also relishes the twists his life path has taken, and looks forward to the next bend in that road.

— Michele Reed
Handy Dentist Cut His Teeth at Oswego

AS A CHILD, DR. JOHN MCINTYRE '54 was always tinkering, fixing his bike and other things around the house. This love of working with his hands led him to an industrial arts degree at Oswego, followed by a successful career as a dentist in Westchester County.

After a stint in the U.S. Army, John became an industrial arts teacher in Patchogue. He received his doctor of dental surgery degree at Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1963 under the G.I. Bill.

His Oswego IA training came in handy. When he hung up his shingle in Elmsford, John did all the inside construction for his dental offices himself. People would stop by to see what was going on. They became his first patients, followed by many more as John developed a practice that lasted 35 years until his retirement in 1998.

He was a respected colleague, teaching other dentists at Columbia University. He was active in the Ninth District Dental Association and served on its board of directors.

The group awarded him its D. Austin Sniffen Medal of Honor in 2006.

John and his wife, Marie, raised four successful children: Marie and Joanne, both attorneys; John, a neuroradiologist who teaches at Dartmouth; and Robert, a hedge-fund trader.

“I loved being a dentist; you can do good for people all day long. It was a great life, and it all started here,” John said while visiting campus for Reunion 2009.

— Michele Reed
Members of Alpha Delta Eta’s Class of 1964 have been returning to SUNY Oswego every five years since 1969. Joan Louden-Black ’64 said since everyone couldn’t make it for Oswego’s official Reunion Weekend in June, 2009, 10 sisters met up in Saratoga Springs in July.

Pictured front, from left, are Nancy Hale ’64, Karen Kunkel-Moldt ’64 and Adrienne “Cookie” Potashman Denmark-Desbiens ’64; middle row, from left, Penny Hilman Cronin ’64, Carol Smith Doogan ’64, Heather Huisted McManus ’64 and Joan; back row, from left, Susan Carroll Morton ’64, Veronica “Ronnie” Giavinco Purdy ’64 and Joanne Hitchcock Mead ’64.
Stay on Campus for Harborfest

Alumni can stay on campus for the annual City of Oswego festival. On-campus housing will be available for alumni who wish to relive their favorite Oswego memories by attending this year’s Harborfest, July 22 to 25.

Alumni will be housed in Hart Hall according to class year, with a maximum of two adults per room. Alumni may begin checking in Thursday, July 22, at 2 p.m. and must check out by Sunday, July 25, at 11 a.m.

There is an early-bird special of $60 per night for those making reservations on or before July 16. Reservations made after July 16 will be $65 per night. For those registering by July 16, refrigerators will be available upon request for an additional $10 for the weekend. Mattresses for children 16 years and younger will also be available to rent for $10 for the weekend. Linens for beds and towels will be supplied. The Centro bus will be running a convenient shuttle service from campus to the festival grounds.

Don’t miss the opportunity to attend this exciting Oswego tradition!

To make reservations contact Allison Craine at allison.craine@oswego.edu or visit oswego.edu/alumni/harborfest.

To register for Harborfest Housing you will need to register for OsweGoConnect. Your unique security code to enter the community is the 9-digit ID number located above your address on the mailing label of this magazine. You will only need this the first time you enter and then you will choose your own personal password.

Neat Meet Up

LAST OCTOBER, PROFESSOR EMERITUS EDWARD A. THIBAULT celebrated his 70th birthday at lunch in New York City with his former advisee and work-study program student assistant, Linda G. Maryanov ’76, with whom he reconnected via the Internet. They got together at her law office, after not having set eyes on each other for 33 years. Even though they last saw one another on Linda’s graduation day, Linda reports it was as though they had picked up their conversation in mid-sentence. Thibault was chair of the public justice program. Linda is hoping that there will be a large turnout of PJ majors at Reunion Weekend June 10 to 13.
Summer Break

IT HAD BEEN 30 YEARS SINCE Carol Orlando Castelli '79, Liz Nanni Sara '79, Karen Marks Ogborn '83 and Dawn Krupiarz '79 joined together as a group on the campus where their friendship began. The foursome reunited in July, spending time at Dawn’s home on Oneida Lake and Cayuga Hall, the home they shared as students at Oswego. They spent an afternoon visiting and reminiscing in town and on campus, Liz wrote.

Pictured here on Oneida Lake are, from left: Dawn, Karen, Liz and Carol.

Dawn resides in Oneida with her husband, Rick Kinsella, and their 14-year-old daughter. Dawn works as the drug treatment coordinator for Madison County Courts.

Karen is supervisor of credit and collections at St. Mary’s Hospital in Amsterdam, where she resides. She has four children, ages 11 to 27.

Liz is an angel investor, adjunct professor, philanthropist and founder of a Washington D.C.-area marketing and public relations firm. She previously co-founded the software company SpaceWorks and held key positions at America Online, United Press International and LexisNexis.

Carol works as a guidance counselor at a private school in southern New Jersey. She and her husband, Paul, have two children.
Oswego Was Tee for Executive’s Career

**GENE PIZZOLATO ’81** developed the drive to make a career in television as a student at Oswego. It put him on a course that finds him on the leaderboard at the Golf Channel, a network he helped launch in the mid-1990s.

"For me it was a gradual evolution to something I was passionate about — television and sports," says Gene, who today serves as chief operating officer for new media ventures at the Golf Channel.

The cutting edge is comfortable space for Gene, who credits the late Professor Emeritus Lewis B. O’Donnell, current Interim Dean of Communication, Media and the Arts Fritz Messere ’71 and Professor Nola Heidlebaugh for his academic foundation.

“In 1981, I thought the broadcasting and communications program was ahead of its day,” says Gene, who remains friends with classmates J. Kelly Harrington ’81, Steve Leblang ’81, Dan Parascondola ’82 and Steve Licardi ’81.

Gene began his career in ad sales with Petry Television and MMT. From there, he went to the regional sports division of Cablevision and eventually joined the Golf Channel as senior vice president of sales and marketing.

When the network launched in 1995, it was one of the first of its kind: a 24-hour channel dedicated to a single sport, and an unpopular sport at that.

"Since then, golf has really moved to the center stage and become a part of popular culture," Gene says. The new media he oversees now is also a much bigger part of the business than it was even two years ago.

The Golf Channel has been growing a Web site that encourages participation by and interaction with its viewers through the instruction, equipment and even course and travel information.

Gene, who spent five years leading business development for NBC-owned stations as senior vice president of sales for the network before returning to the Golf Channel in 2002, embraces the ever-changing landscape of his field.

“There’s a lot of enjoyment in doing something you believe in,” he says.

— Shane M. Liebler
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.

Mary Fussa Mitchell ’73 tells the story of high school guidance counselor Kate Cavanaugh in the novel Americans in Space. The main character struggles to put her family back together after the passing of her husband. St. Martin’s Press, 2009.


Dave “Agarn” Crisafulli ’81 reflects on life lessons and the Upstate New York experience in his autobiography, Good Enough. A member of the Oswego State Baseball Hall of Fame, Crisafulli briefly achieved his dream of playing professional ball as a minor leaguer before ending his career in 1982. His entire biography is available at baseballagarn.com. Publish America, 2009.

Join a minivan-driving mom as she suddenly finds herself in the throes of a metaphysical midlife awakening with a well-known classic rock band in I Found All the Parts: Healing the Soul Through Rock ‘n’ Roll. Laura Faeth ’85 writes about her experience with alchemy, Tarot, psychic readings, secret societies, Buddy Ebsen dance moves, past lives and other esoteric by-ways in this mystical musical adventure. Wyatt-MacKenzie, 2008.

In her debut novel, Therese Heavey Walsh ’91 introduces readers to Maeve Leahy, an accomplished professor of languages and former musical prodigy who is tortured by the tragic loss of her twin sister, Moira. The Last Will of Moira Leahy weaves romance and mystery in telling the emotional story. Shay Areheart Books, 2009.

Professor Emeritus Lewis Putnam Turco, an award-winning author and founder of the Oswego Creative Writing Program, explores his personal life through memoirs and poems in La Famiglia. Bordighera Press, 2009.
NEW YORK GOV. DAVID PATERSON recently appointed Abner JeanPierre ’90 to the University at Albany University Council.

A chief compensation analyst for the state Department of Civil Service, JeanPierre manages the classification and compensation programs for a group of state agencies that includes 20,000 employees. He also advises appointing authorities on pay and benefits that attract and retain talent.

"Today, the State University of New York faces many challenges — from dwindling state support to maintaining an affordable quality education," JeanPierre said in a press release. "I look forward to working together with my colleagues on the various councils and being a tireless advocate for the University System.

"The high quality education that I have received at Oswego has been instrumental in shaping my life over the years," he said.

JeanPierre earned a master of public administration degree from the Rockefeller College at University at Albany. He lives with his wife, Norma, and three sons in Latham.
Oswego Matters

By Executive Director
Betsy Oberst

I had the opportunity to "listen in" last summer when editor Michele Reed interviewed Lois Frankel ’73 for our cover feature. Previously, I have had the opportunity to be inspired by Lois at a presentation for professional women on maximizing their career potential. This time, listening to Lois’ conversation with Michele gave me pause — when she spoke about reaching a time in our lives when we can step back and really assess our "forensic fingerprint." When we are no longer here, how will the world know that we existed?

Maybe it is that time in my life, or the recent economic crisis, but I have been thinking a lot about how I want to leave my mark in this world. I think we all want to know what our legacy will be. It’s not just about career achievements and material success. Certainly for many of us, a good part of our legacy is our children and how we help shape them. For me, as for many of you, it is my chosen profession, too. I believe deeply in the value of higher education as a means to make the world a better place.

But, it’s also about our volunteer efforts in our communities or with organizations we believe in where we can leave an impact. For Lois, it’s her work with young girls and teens, and with women who need support in a medical crisis.

I encourage each of you to take a step back and assess how you can make a difference.

There are numerous ways you can make an impact in your own community through volunteer service. There are also many ways you can continue to make a difference at SUNY Oswego.

Sign up for the ASK (Alumni Sharing Knowledge) program to help mentor current students and recent grads just starting out in their professional careers. Help support our Possibility Scholars Program to assist young students entering the STEM fields. Sign up to be a Reunion Class Volunteer to help plan a reunion for your class or group. Come back to campus to speak in classes as part of our Alumni-in-Residence program. Encourage prospective students to attend SUNY Oswego.

As I write this, we’re busy finalizing plans for Reunion 2010, scheduled for June 10 to 13. Last year, more than 1,400 alumni and friends returned to campus to reconnect with the college and with friends. And we’ve already begun the planning for our 2011 Sesquicentennial Reunion Celebration when we will celebrate 150 years of Oswego’s rich history of educating, service and making a difference.

Think about the impact you can make here at Oswego — through volunteer service, your financial support or your estate plans. Our ongoing work continues to inspire future problem-solvers and helps us to make a difference and leave the world a little better than we found it.

Betsy

RESERCH METERELOGIST
MIKE CONIGLIO ’97 recently earned a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers, the highest such honor given by the U.S. government.

The presidential award recognizes both innovative research and a commitment to community service and outreach. Coniglio and his staff at the National Severe Storms Laboratory in Norman, Okla., essentially use complex data analysis and forecasting models to help forecasters make better predictions about severe weather.

Coniglio credited SUNY Oswego Professor Robert Ballentine for helping shape his career.

“He made sure I was up on the latest opportunities for graduate school and research opportunities,” said Coniglio, who went on to graduate and doctoral studies at the University of Oklahoma.

He and his fellow presidential award recipients were treated to a White House visit in January to celebrate their achievements.

— Shane M. Liebler
Alumnus Refits House to Go Off the Grid

When home heating oil hit $4.95 a gallon two years ago, Tom Varian ’98 started researching ways to make his house more energy efficient.

This past winter, the Varian family kept their home at a cozy 70 degrees and didn’t pay a penny in home heating oil costs.

The family powers their home in New York’s Orange County with solar energy, and uses geothermal heat pumps to heat and cool their home. Thermal seal insulation, providing zero heat loss, and constant monitoring of their energy usage via the Web have made for a dramatic change in their energy bills.

While the geothermal heat is free — and provides free hot water as a by-product — the system does use some electricity. So the Varians installed solar panels on the roof. As he completes his first full year using the new energy system in August, Tom hopes to generate enough credits by solar panels to pay for next winter’s heating bills.

Tom spent two years researching his home improvement project, considering and rejecting ideas like an outdoor wood furnace and wind power. But he and his wife, Jane, didn’t take the plunge until the federal and New York state governments raised their incentives by offering 30 percent tax rebates each on energy-efficient improvements.

That means that Tom’s $123,000 investment in green technology ended up costing him only about half that much, after rebates. And, he notes, even with financing the upgrades, consumers can see a net gain, even the first year.

While the savings help, they’re not the only reason for going green on the home front, Tom says. Without combusting fossil fuels, the quality of air in the home is better, and the family is making a difference in the fight against global warming and dependence on foreign oil. That makes it all worthwhile for Tom, who notes with pleasure that sons Connor, 3, and Brady, 1, are learning at a young age the importance of sustainability. “If you ask Connor how we get our power, he tells you, ‘solar panels,’” Tom says with a grin.

The kids aren’t the only ones learning a lesson about sustainability, as the Varians’ project has attracted the attention of family members, neighbors and even the media, including CBS News.

Overall, the entrepreneur, who left a life in corporate finance to open his own business, Riva Payments, is happy with his choice. “Many people in today’s society will choose to spend their money by going out and buying a new car or go on a nice vacation,” he says. “We made a conscious decision to spend money while doing what is right for the environment.”
Television Career Has No Script

**CHUCK DICKINSON ’03 IS AN ENGLISH MAJOR** who has never had to pick up the proverbial pen for a living. Instead of the written word, he launched his career with an internship in radio and eventually made his way to Hollywood.

He is director of development and production at a company specializing in reality TV. The job of Krasnow Productions is to find, pitch and produce the next hit — “Janice Dickinson Modeling Agency,” “Hole in the Wall” and “Bank of Hollywood” are recent projects.

Right now, Chuck says, the marketplace craves “organic” shows that capture real people in their own natural, unique situations.

There are a lot of networks out there, each looking for reality shows that relate to niche audiences, Chuck says.

As director of development, he scours the country for potential talent. Chuck looks for subjects who can bring drama and humor to the small screen.

“I love real people doing actual things they do in their everyday lives rather than the contrived situations that everyone is used to,” Chuck says. “I think the secret to a good show is under-producing and letting the cameras capture those real moments.”

His career in media began with the self-proclaimed “King of All Media,” nationally syndicated radio personality Howard Stern. After hearing about an internship opening on the show, Chuck found the nearest library and sent in his résumé on a lunch break while working a summer job.

After developing his taste for big-time entertainment, Chuck moved to California. He maintains his Oswego roots by participating in fraternal events, as he did at Reunion Weekend 2009.

“Greek life is a big part of my Oswego experience,” the Delta Kappa Kappa brother says. “It exposes you to a lot of different people from a lot of different backgrounds.”

— Shane M. Liebler
Fred Vigeant ’02 and Michele Joyner ’04 were married May 23 at St. Mary’s Church in Oswego. Several alumni attended including, first row, from left: Sarah Booth ’03, Jenny Hawley ’06, the bride, the bridegroom, Tom Mangan ’99, Jennifer Skurski Mangan ’01, Amy Grant-Quonce ’04 and Amanda Miller ’05. Pictured second row, from left, are: Kelly Olsen ’06, Jasmin Belcher ’06, Tim Nekritz M ’05, Matt Lystad ’06, Tiffany Scharadin ’07, Whitney Lash ’06, Emily Evatt ’08, Hallie Meighan Mintz ’04 and Leigh Wyshosky ’01. Pictured in the back row, from left, are John Hurlbutt ’71, Jeff Windsor ’96, Jackie Lalande ’06, Jennifer Mahan Windsor ’94, Dorothy Vickery Bonney ’85, Andrew Droge ’05, Greg Brewster ’05, Jessica Miller ’05, Matt Gabriel ’04, Laki Terzidis ’02, Joe Petryssyn ’02, Eric Vaughn ’00, Mike Yoon ’00, Kim Naugle Gaw ’01 and Josh Gaw ’00. Fred is program director at WRVO-FM and Michele is a substitute teacher in the Oswego City and Hannibal Central school districts.

Bill Lilley ’69 married Judy Dorr ’79 Aug. 15. Bill is president and chief investigator of his own Ecoinvestigation Inc. Judy is an administrator in the Altmar-Parish-Williamstown Central School District. The couple resides in Pulaski.

Robert Kirker ’01 married Rebecca Springer ’03 July 11 in Lake George. Pictured back row, from left are: Alan Gallagher ’03, Christine Stenglein ’05, Sean Treacy ’02, Craig Kinkade ’99, Russell Brettholtz ’99, Adrienne Millen Kinkade ’00 and Tara Collins Brettholtz ’99. Pictured third row, from left, are: Erin Johnson ’03, Kelly Palka Gallagher ’05, Chris Motola ’00, Jeremy Lahnnum ’02, Lisa Spofford ’00, Benjamin Uticone ’02, Zack Waffle ’06, Kristian Wooley, Christine Sugrue ’01, Andy Wright ’03 and Andrew Urbanek ’00. Pictured second row, from left, are: the bride, the bridegroom, Amy Doud Marshall ’97, BJ Marshall ’99, KaeLyn Rich ’05, Hollie Miller ’01, Leeanne Root ’02, Peri Nelson and Ali Shapiro ’07. Russell Kamerow ’08 and Lauren Bonanno ’03 are kneeling in the first row. Also attending, but not pictured, were Dan Preston ’96, Kate Gammill Preston ’07 and Sue Bardin ’68. Rob teaches in Minerva and Rebecca is a teacher in Rensselaer. The couple resides in Queensbury.

Amanda Mauro ’03 and Joseph Tyler ’04 were married June 8, 2008, in Oswego. Their guests included, from left: Kara Becker Batewell ’02, Shawn Batewell ’01, Sarah Neeland Bagrowski ’03, the bride, the bridegroom, Thomas Larrabee ’05 and Matthew Brooks ’04, M ’06. Amanda is working on her master’s degree in mental health counseling and Joseph works for CGI in Oswego. The couple resides in Liverpool.
John Turbeville ’02 married Adrienne Turbeville July 27, 2008, at Belhurst Castle in Geneva. Pictured, from left, are: Steven Roth ’03, Jennifer Copp, Jennifer Herloski ’03, David Copp ’02, Peter Margeson ’04, Jeanie Buddle Wiggins ’96, Darrell Wiggins, Robert Podfigurney ’03, the bridegroom, the bride and Professor Emeritus Jay Button. Attending the wedding, but not pictured, was Robin McAleese ’93. John is director of career services at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse. The couple resides in Minoa.

Sarah Tarquinio ’03 married Ryan Youngman July 24 in Liverpool. Pictured front row, from left, are: Kathryn Korona Sippel ’03, Renee Lamphere ’06, the bridegroom, the bride, Sara Warner Bambino ’03 and Jessica Finch ’03. Pictured middle row, from left, are: Daniel O’Neil ’03, Elizabeth Lynch Tarquinio ’03, Jennifer Weingberg ’03, Peter Layton ’94, Amanda Lappin ’05, Hillary Rowswell Piedmont ’03, Tracey Sorrell Streiff ’03, Lucie Bishop ’05, Catherine Dymus ’06 and Michelle Kuraszewicz Snyder ’00. Pictured back row, from left, are: Gene Tarquinio ’95, Nonie Layton Johns ’94, Bill Phuntek ’98, Jason Pasinski ’03 and Chris Snyder ’03. Sarah teaches English at C.W. Baker High School in Baldwinsville. The couple resides in Liverpool.

Lisa Button ’05 and James McGuire ’06 were married Aug. 22 in Cicero. Pictured front, from left, are: Rachel Steenburgh ’06, Sara Scholtens ’05, Nancy Mastroianni ’05, Kim Fellows ’06, Kristin Beck ’06, Teresa Roohan ’06, Anthony Bloomfield ’07, Kate Pentland Robinson ’05, Ashlie Ptak ’09. Pictured back, from left, are: Jeff Butler ’05, Dylan Habeeb ’06, Chris Affinati ’06, Breena Storke ’03, Kristen Yantch ’06, April Powers ’08 and Amanda McCrea ’06.

Lindsay Smith ’04 and Anthony Smith ’04 were married Sept. 5. Joining them at the ceremony were, from left: Sean Pomeroy, Todd Parsons, Steve Kielar ’04, Dave Case ’03, Scott Durrwachter ’06, James O’Neill ’04, Jason Wallace ’06, Steve Segur ’05, William Edwards, Brian Barbulean ’03, Chris Ghee ’06, the bridegroom, the bride, Jason Kompe’s ’04, Jared Haines ’05, John Bueg ’05, Matt Barney ’07, Adam Pray ’06, Josh Cootware ’07 and Jeff Andreason. Marnie Buchsbaum ’03, Hope Nelson-O’Neill ’03, Lauren Hill-Raylinsky ’06, Jesse Fey ’04, Stephanie Kelm ’05, Edward Kelm ’05 and Jason Lisick ’06 also attended, but are not pictured. Lindsay is an insurance consultant and Tony is a Broome County Correctional Officer. The couple resides in Endicott.
Laura Galvin Vaughan '27 of Palo Alto, Calif., passed away Jan. 18, 2010 at the age of 103. She began her teaching career in Johnstown, N.Y. where she met her husband, Ashel "Ace" Vaughan. Laura left teaching in 1937 to move around the country while Ace pursued his flying career in the U.S. Air Force. In 1952, they returned to Oswego where Laura resumed teaching, first at St. Paul's Academy, then at Charles E. Riley Elementary where she taught until her retirement in 1967. Laura was pre-deceased by her sister, Marion Galvin McMahon '24. She is survived by her daughter, Virginia Saldich; four grandchildren; a stepson; eight great-grandchildren; and step-great-grandchildren. Donations in Laura’s memory may be made to the Oswego College Foundation, Inc.

Mildred Turner Forgham '35 of Albuquerque, N.M., died May 20. She was a retired teacher. Mildred is survived by her daughter, Virginia Saldich; four grandchildren; a stepson; eight great-grandchildren; and step-great-grandchildren. Donations in Laura’s memory may be made to the Oswego College Foundation, Inc.

Lucinda Smith Waterman '35 of Port Byron passed away July 27. She is survived by seven children, including Nancy Leighty '68.

Beatrice Stevens Burns Wood '35 of Central Square passed away Nov. 10. She taught in the Central Square Central School District from 1944 until her retirement in 1971, serving as principal of Aura Cole Elementary School from 1959 to 1965.

Edward Shaughnessy '37 of Newburgh, Ind., died Nov. 17. He taught in several locations in New York state until the mid 1950s when he joined Eastman Kodak. Ed retired in 1981. Surviving are his wife, Emily Di Clementine '36; a daughter; two sons; 11 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.


Alfred Isaacson '47 of Hyde Park passed away July 20. Michael Marcellino '47 of Fayetteville, N.C., died June 24. He is survived by his wife, Julia Daheny '48 and a daughter, Ann Carol Claudet '71.


Muriel Stockton VanGelder Gardner '49 of DeKalb Junction died Nov. 29. She earned her master’s degree from St. Lawrence University. Muriel taught in the Clifton-Fine School District from 1949 until her retirement in 1992. She is survived by her husband, Goodwin; three daughters; a son; and six grandchildren.

William Slater '49 of Red Creek passed away Dec. 3, 2009. His wife, Corabelle Chapman Slater '49, died Jan. 8. Bill taught at Red Creek High School for 35 years. Corabelle taught second grade at Red Creek Elementary School for many years. They are survived by two daughters, two sons and four grandchildren.

Nancy Steward DeCastro '50 of Chenango Bridge passed away Oct. 20. She began her teaching career in Binghamton, then taught for many years in the Chenango Valley School District until her retirement. Nancy is survived by her husband, Milo '48; seven children; and 12 grandchildren.

Robert Wiedenhoff '50 of Rockville Centre died July 30.

Antonio Dasilva '51 of Homoeys Falls died May 6, 2008.

Emily Schneider Greenapple '51 of Roslyn Heights died Feb. 14, 2009.

Joan Galvin FitzGibbons '52 of Oswego passed away Nov. 26. Joan taught in Bethpage and Oswego. She was director of social services at St. Luke Health Related Facility, retiring in 1995. Joan was a member of the SUNY Oswego College Council from 1978 until 2000, and served as chair from 1980 until 1985. Surviving are her husband, John; five daughters; two sons; and 13 grandchildren.

Alfred Neaman '52 of Port Saint Lucie, Fla., died April 17, 2008.

Paul Troutman '52 of Rome died Dec. 4. Paul taught in the Rome City School District for more than 35 years, retiring in 1988. He is survived by his wife, Betty O'Brien '44; a daughter; a son; and three grandsons.

Frederick Delisle '53 of Punta Gorda, Fla., died Nov. 11. He served with the U.S. Army in Japan and Korea. Fred taught in Newton, Conn., Seafood and Locust Valley. After his retirement, the family moved to Punta Gorda where Fred’s work with Habitat for Humanity and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program was honored with service awards. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Lauben '54; two children; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Raymond Garvey '53 of Boca Raton, Fla., died Sept. 10. He served with the U.S. Navy during World War II and with the Naval Reserves until 1954. Ray taught in Upstate New York before moving to Palm Beach County Schools in 1963 where he served as an elementary school principal. He retired in 1989 after a career of 38 years. Ray is survived by his wife, Claire Morehouse '53; five children; 10 grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

Thomas Mulcahey '55 of La-Quinta, Calif. passed away Feb. 26, 2010. He is survived by his wife, Maureen Mazzei '55; three daughters; and two grandchildren. Contributions may be made to the Thomas Mulcahey '55 Memorial Scholarship, c/o the Oswego College Foundation, Inc., 219 Sheldon Hall, SUNY, Oswego, NY 13126.

Joseph Cimitile '57 of Baldwinsville passed away Nov. 15. He served with the Navy during World War II and with the Army during the Korean War. Joseph taught in the Baldwinsville Central School District for 33 years, retiring in 1990. He is survived by his wife, Gloria '57; two daughters; a son; and a grandson.

David Dopp '57 of Fulton died Dec. 4, 2008.

Catherine Harkins '57 of Staten Island died April 17, 2009.

Professor Emeritus of Business Administration J. Donald Herring '57 passed away Sept. 13. He earned his master’s degree and doctorate from Syracuse University. Don joined the Oswego faculty in 1970 and served as chair of the secondary education department. He later joined the School of Business faculty. He played an essential role in the development of the human resource management program; served as advisor for the Oswego chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management; which was recognized as National Chapter of the Year for four consecutive years; and was the first director of BASAC. Don was awarded the Oswego Alumni Association’s Lifetime Award of Merit in 1993. He is survived by his wife, Marlene Dimmler Herring '57 and his sons, David ‘82, Jeff and Michael.

William Stone '57 of Manlius died Jan. 2. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Bill did graduate work at Oswego, Cortland and Syracuse University. He taught industrial arts technology at Fayetteville-Manlius High School for 31 years and served as coach for the varsity football, golf and bowling teams. Surviving is his wife, Rita Larkin '57; four children, Connie English, Marge LaVancher, Lorraine Reynolds MS '94 and Raymond ‘73; his brother, Robert ‘78; and a sister, Irene Dziura.

Joseph Stracuzzi '57 of Clifton Park died Oct. 25. He taught industrial arts technology in the City School District of Albany for 40 years. Joseph is survived by his wife, Melanie; and a son.

Jeanne Shannon Weaver '57 of Suffern died Feb. 2, 2007. She is survived by her husband, William ‘57.


Donald Harvey ‘59 of Dayton, Ohio, died Oct. 5. After retiring from the Canastota School District in 1994, Don served as a director with the Special Olympics. Surviving are three daughters, two sons and eight grandchildren.

Judith Bender DeSiro ‘60 of Baldwinsville passed away Sept. 7. She earned her master’s degree at Syracuse University. Judith taught in the New Geneseo School District for 36 years. Surviving are her husband, Victor; a daughter and a son.


David Berninger ‘62 of Ridge passed away Nov. 27, 2007.

Irene Chrostowski Starns ‘62 of Morrisville died Sept. 28. She was formerly a teacher at the Bessie Riordan School in North Syracuse. Irene is survived by a son and two grandchildren.

Beverly Hunter Welcher ‘62 of Baldwinsville passed away June 14. She taught in the Baldwinsville Central School District for eight years. Beverly is survived by a son, a daughter and five grandchildren.

William Forbes ‘63 of Holland Patent died Dec. 10. He earned a bachelor’s degree at Buffalo State and a doctorate from Syracuse University. William was an educator in the Rome City School District for more years.
than 40 years. Surviving are his wife, Ginerva; two daughters; a son; and five grandchildren.

Bruce Vrooman ’63 of Johnstown died Sept. 15. He taught in the Broadalbin and Broadalbin-Perth School Districts before retiring in 1995. Bruce is survived by his wife, Jacqueline; a daughter; a son; four stepsons; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Louise Enright ’65 of Sparta, N.J., passed away May 27.

Donald Pemberton ’65 of Burnt Hills died Nov. 19, 2008.

Carol O’Mara Vermilye ’66 of Oswego passed away Jan. 6. She is survived by her husband, Jon ’66; a son; a daughter; and a granddaughter. Contributions in Carol’s memory may be made to the Vermilye Scholarship Fund, in care of the Oswego College Foundation, Inc.

Steven Balok ’67 of Novato, Calif., died Dec. 9, 2009. Steve taught in the Novato School District for 30 years, serving as department chair and district-wide math coordinator. He received the Golden Bell Award from the California School Boards Association for the outstanding math program. An avid hiker, “Mr. Math” died of a heart attack while hiking up Mt. Burdell in Novato.


Robert Smith ’69 of Liverpool passed away Sept. 24. He taught in the North Syracuse Central School District for 34 years. Surviving are a daughter and two grandchildren.

Bruce Terry ’69 of Patchogue passed away June 9. He is survived by his wife, Linda Siegel ’69.

Joyce Bishop Hammond ’70 of Skaneateles passed away Jan. 11, 2009.

Carol Stiffa Robertaccio ’70 died Sept. 1. She taught in the New Hartford Central School District for many years, retiring in 2002. Carol is survived by her husband, Jim; a daughter; a son; and two granddaughters.


Rosemary Scott Hertik ’71 of Syracuse died Dec. 29. She taught in the North Syracuse School District for 35 years. Surviving are her husband, Wayne ’70; a daughter; a son; and two granddaughters.

Harold Jerome ’71 of Dumfries, Va., died Nov. 30, 2006. He is survived by his wife, Susan Schaller ’71.


Daniel Van Gescen ’72 of Snowflake, Ariz., passed away Sept. 28. He received master’s degrees from Brigham Young University and Northern Arizona University. Dan was a teacher and administrator in the Snowflake Unified School District for 27 years. Surviving are his wife, Paula; one son; two daughters; and three grandchildren.

Raymond Hantsch ’73 of East Syracuse died April 17, 2008.

P. Kevin Gilman ’74 of Oswego passed away Dec. 17. He was a financial advisor for Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. Kevin is survived by his wife, Irene Goldman ’75. The P. Kevin Gilman ’74 Scholarship has been established honoring Kevin at SUNY Oswego. Contributions to the scholarship may be made to the Oswego College Foundation, Inc.


Andrew Pick ’74 of Raleigh, N.C., passed away on Aug. 28.

Jane Comer ’75 of Thonotosassa, Fla., passed away Feb. 29, 2008.

R. Scott Gray ’78 of Woonsocket, R.I., died Nov. 5. He taught in the Woonsocket School District for more than 20 years. Scott is survived by his wife, Holly; and two sons.

Kimberly Smiley ’78 of Webster passed away July 11.

Miriam Williams Kadar ’79 of Eastchester passed away Sept. 17. She is survived by her husband, George; and two daughters.

Judith Sereno Zak ’79 of Cheektowaga passed away June 13. She earned her master’s degree from Syracuse University. Judy was a technical writer at Praxair and taught at Medaille College. She had four books and several short stories published. Judy is survived by her husband, Jim; two stepsons; her parents; a sister, Mary Beth Schickling ’81; and a niece and nephew.

Michael Sopchak ’86 of Syracuse died Nov. 28, 2008.

Victoria Monroe ’91 of West Monroe died Nov. 4. She is survived by her husband, Paul Baxter; her mother; and a brother.


Scott Leighton ’96 of Ledge-wood, N.J., passed away Aug. 4. He earned a master’s degree from Hofstra University. Scott was director of human resources information systems at the Avis Budget Group in Parsippany, N.J. Surviving is his wife, Lauren; a son; his parents, Kathy and Douglas; and a brother.

Kathleen Knipper Dorman MS ’97 of Oneida died Dec. 31. She earned her bachelor’s degree at Molloy College. Kathleen taught kindergarten in Durhamville Elementary School in the Oneida City School District for 21 years, retiring in June 2009. Surviving are four sons, two daughters and a grandson.

Patricia DiNicola Maroney ’97 of Liverpool passed away Oct. 26. She earned an associate’s degree from Onondaga Community College. Patricia was employed with Galson & Galson Engineering Co. for 35 years, retiring in 2004. She is survived by her husband, John; a daughter; and two granddaughters.

Pamela Eaton ’00 of Williamson died Aug. 25.

Paul Anbro ’06 of Conklin passed away June 23. He is survived by his parents, Jo and Donald, and a sister.

Eleanor “Fergie” Boyd, wife of the late Dr. Maurice O’ Boyd, passed away Feb. 25, 2010. Fergie was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin – Madison. Along with Nina Livaccari Hastings ’43 and Kay Whitney Palmer ’36, Fergie founded the annual Emeriti Luncheon. She is survived by a son, William; and two daughters, Susan Boyd and Elizabeth Johnson. Contributions may be made to the Maurice O. Boyd Scholarship Fund, c/o the Oswego College Foundation, Inc., 219 Sheldon Hall, SUNY, Oswego, NY 13126.

John Etherington, Assistant Professor Emeritus of Business Administration, passed away July 27. Jack served with the U.S. Air Force from 1943 until 1947 and flew 50 missions in the Central Pacific Theatre of Operations. After his discharge in 1947, he remained active with the Air National Guard. Jack earned a bachelor’s degree from Syracuse University in 1951 and worked for several companies as a project engineer. In 1972, he returned to Syracuse University where he earned an MBA in 1974 and a Doctorate of Education in 1980. Jack taught at Syracuse University, Onondaga Community College and LeMoyne College before coming to Oswego, where he taught until his retirement in 1988. Surviving are his wife, Helen; three children; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Richard Hyse, Professor Emeritus of Economics, passed away Nov. 9. He earned a bachelor’s degree from the Baruch School of City College of New York and a doctoral degree from New York University. Richard joined the faculty at Oswego in 1961 as the sole economist on campus. He started and directed the business program, becoming the first chair of the economics department. Richard was predeceased by his wife, Josephine. Donations in their memory for the SUNY Oswego Economics Department Excellence Fund may be made to the Oswego College Foundation, Inc.

James “Roger” McLaughlin, Professor Emeritus of Sociology, passed away Jan. 9. He earned degrees in journalism and American studies/journalism at Syracuse University. He taught sociology at Oswego for 23 years. Roger is survived by two daughters and his grandchildren.

Robert Stirling, Associate Professor Emeritus of Earth Sciences, passed away July 10. He is survived by his wife, Associate Professor Emeritus, Campus School, Mary Ann Glancy ’57.

Alvin Westcott, Associate Professor Emeritus of Curriculum and Instruction, passed away Jan. 1. He earned a bachelor’s degree at SUNY Oneonta and a master’s degree at Syracuse University. Al taught at Oswego for 37 years. His artwork graced many walls on campus and in the community. He is the author of several books, and in recent years, a column in Oswego’s Palladium-Times. He is survived by a daughter, two sons, and three grandchildren.

Lillian “Lill” Krul, owner of Lill’s Erie Tavern for 31 years, passed away Sept. 16. Lillian is survived by two sons and a daughter; five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.
Matt Silverman ’00 helps defend the state as assistant attorney general in Manhattan. One thing the Brooklyn native has never had to defend, though, is his Oswego education.

The public justice major and Student Association president found invaluable internship experience with the Oswego County District Attorney and U.S. Senate as a student.

“I think the Honors Program was really good training for law school,” said Silverman, who attended Indiana University at Bloomington. “It was very much focused on critical thinking and writing — attention to detail.”

A former Federal Emergency Management Agency presidential management fellow and Nassau County Legal Aid Society defense attorney, Silverman primarily handles mental health suits against the state today. 

— Shane M. Liebler

1. Quietest campus spot: The lake shore behind Johnson Hall.
2. Loudest off-campus venue: The Patch.
3. Greatest moment at Oswego: That’s hard to say, but my highlights were the First Year Experience at Johnson Hall and speaking to my class at our graduation ceremony.
4. Rudy’s or Bev’s: Bev’s for ice cream.
5. Best part about your job: Prevailing on a case that helps my clients in a significant way.
7. Coolest professor: Professor Margaret Ryniker (Public Justice).
8. First sign of spring: More daylight and sun!
10. Smartest person in the world: Confucius.