More than 1,100 attendees returned this year for Oswego’s Sesquicentennial Reunion. They celebrated the 150th birthday of the college with good friends, great memories and some of the best sunsets in the world.

Let’s make next summer’s party even bigger! Join your friends and classmates at Reunion 2012!

Everyone is welcome, but special events are planned for these milestone classes and groups:

- 75th – 1937
- 70th – 1942
- 65th – 1947
- 60th – 1952
- 55th – 1957
- 50th – 1962
- 45th – 1967
- 40th – 1972
- 25th – 1987
- 10th – 2002
- Admissions Tour Guides
- Alpha Delta Eta
- Alpha Sigma Chi
- Beta Tau Epsilon
- Delta Chi Omega/TKE
- Delta Kappa Kappa
- Delta Phi Epsilon
- Honors Program
- Pi Delta Chi
- Phi Sigma Phi
- Sigma Gamma 65th Anniversary
- Sigma Tau Chi
- Theta Chi Rho

It’s the biggest alumni party of the year!

JUNE 8-10

To plan a mini-reunion for your group or organization, please let us know by Nov. 1.

Sign up to be a Reunion Class/Group Volunteer!

It’s a great opportunity to

- Network with classmates
- Plan the weekend’s activities
- Have fun!

Please contact the Alumni Office or sign up online by Oct. 1, 2011, to join our volunteer team.

Reunion Hotline: 315-312-5559
Email: reunion@oswego.edu

Watch for registration materials in the mail this spring!
Check the website for additional Reunion groups and for the most up-to-date information:

www.oswego.edu/reunion

And Return to Oz Reunion IV!

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

Don’t miss out! Come back next fall for Return to Oz IV!

Sept. 28 – 30, 2012

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For the most up-to-date information on Return to Oz IV, check out the website at www.oswego.edu/returntooz
150 Things We Love about Oswego

From the lake to the library, sunsets to snowfalls, Shady Shore to Sheldon: You shared some of your favorites and we’ve captured many here in our list of 150 things to love in honor of Oswego’s 150th birthday.

PLUS: Join the Sesquicentennial celebration online: Flat Founder, film clips, an interactive timeline and much more!

Shady Shore

Welcome to Shady Shore, traditional home of Oswego’s presidents. Built by Founder Edward Austin Sheldon in 1857, this lakeside gem is a campus landmark. President Deborah F. Stanley and her husband, Michael Stanley, reflect on their life at the legendary lodging.

PLUS: Presidential daughter Paige Stanley writes a letter to Mary Sheldon Barnes 1868, daughter of Edward Austin Sheldon, to share some common experiences on the shores of Lake Ontario.
Given the innovative, forward-looking college that we are, it is rare that we pause to look back and take stock of our achievements. Right now, we have so many irons in the fire: We’re awaiting state approval of a bachelor’s degree program in electrical and computer engineering and a combined five-year bachelor’s/MBA program in broadcasting, among other new programs. Our new science facilities are coming together between Snygg and Piez halls, and we’re looking forward to the important work our students and faculty will do there in science, technology and engineering. We’re drilling bore holes in a geothermal field to help heat and cool the new structure, putting us out front in applying green building technology.

We’re giving undergraduates unforgettable research experiences in our new Global Laboratory programs in Brazil and Taiwan and forging partnerships with other universities around the world.

But the occasion of our Sesquicentennial anniversary — many of you got a taste of the yearlong celebration at Reunion in June — reminds us that Oswego has long been an innovative, exciting school, achieving much of significance — not the least of which was providing you, our cherished alumni, the educational foundation on which to build your life.

We have been an important provider of public higher education in this region for 150 years and, early on, acquired an international reputation for educational innovation. I hope you will follow our anniversary celebration as it unfolds through next spring — in this issue of the magazine, in a documentary video series on the college’s history and at a Founder’s Day campus celebration in October. The roots of our vigorous educational enterprise are indeed deep, and they nourish our efforts to ensure that our college is even stronger in the future.

Deborah F. Stanley
President

This issue is our love song to Oswego on her 150th birthday. Of course, we know there are far more than 150 things to love about the college Edward Austin Sheldon founded a century and a half ago. In fact, there are probably as many answers to the question “What do YOU love about Oswego?” as there are living alumni — a number that just topped 75,000.

Over the past few months, many of you answered our call for loveable things about your alma mater, and that’s how this list was generated. We couldn’t cover all 150 in the few pages we have here, so we chose a representative sampling.

So please don’t be upset if we didn’t mention your favorite memory about our gorgeous lakeside campus or student life in Oz. Just let us know! Please go online to www.oswego.edu/magazine and join in the conversation. Or drop us a line at King Alumni Hall or alumni@oswego.edu

So raise a toast, hum a few bars of the alma mater and sing along with us: “Happy Birthday, dear Oswego, happy birthday to you … and many more!”
Sheldon Hall to shine again after $10 million historic preservation project

SHELDON HALL IS SURROUNDED BY scaffolding and cranes reach up to the historic cupola on the college’s “Old Main.”

The SUNY Construction Fund will spend $10 million to restore the exterior of SUNY Oswego’s flagship Sheldon Hall, with a keen eye to historical detail in this, the college’s Sesquicentennial year.

Clocks will return to each of the cupola’s four faces and its original copper roof will shine once more. Plans call for many other steps to restore the century-old sheen to the campus’s first building, just as the college celebrates its founding in 1861 as the Oswego Primary Teachers’ Training School.

The college, once located on the city’s west side, acquired its present campus in the early 20th century. The cornerstone was laid 100 years ago, and the building was dedicated in 1914 — the year World War I began. For more about Sheldon Hall’s intriguing history, visit http://oswego.edu/150.

Bob Lloyd ’81, project coordinator for Facilities, Design and Construction at SUNY Oswego, said the college has worked with WASA Studio A, a New York City architectural firm that specializes in historic preservation, in planning the restoration.

“This is a special and enjoyable project to be involved with,” Lloyd said. “The goal for this wonderful building is faithful historic preservation.”

The project is well under way. “We’re hoping to be substantially complete by fall 2012, though the project could move into 2013,” Lloyd said.

“The goal for this wonderful building is faithful historic preservation.”

— Bob Lloyd ’81

The work will include the following, from the top down:

- Cupola restoration, including clocks.
- Replacement of the roof with new copper over its concrete base.
- Replacement of the several courses of bricks just under the rooftop, and repair and replacement of decorative terra cotta moldings and panels above and below the bricks.
- Cleaning, with replacement as necessary, of the entire brick facade, including repairing and repointing the masonry.
- All new, historically faithful windows.
- All six columns that give Neo-Classical character to Sheldon Hall’s Washington Boulevard face will be replaced.
- Granite steps for the main entrance’s stairway, to replace the concrete laid over deteriorated original steps.

The building houses Admissions, International Education and Programs, Development and other offices, classrooms and a ballroom, in addition to students in east-wing residences.

Classes began meeting in the building in fall 1913. There have been numerous interior renovations and additions since. Sheldon Hall received its latest interior renovation in 2005, a $4.6 million restoration and reopening of the west wing.

— Jeff Rea ’71

A $10 million restoration of Sheldon Hall’s exterior, including the iconic copper roof and cupola clock faces, will make “Old Main” shine.
Work is ongoing at Oswego’s new Science and Engineering Innovation Corridor. Renovation of the now-vacant Piez Hall and construction of an addition that will more than triple its present 80,000 square feet are scheduled for completion in 2013. In the meantime, science classes, offices and labs have been relocated to Snygg Hall. The multiphase project, whose total costs have been estimated at $118 million, is being bonded through the SUNY Construction Fund. Oswego is constructing the new science facilities to the U.S. Green Building Council’s gold standard for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.

### Student’s origami aids Japan

*Ed. Note: A version of this story was originally published in the March 24, 2011, edition of The Oswegonian.*

Amanda Woomer ’12 has made so many tiny colored paper cranes that now, as she carries on a conversation, she doesn’t notice her hands meticulously completing each fold to produce a finished crane.

In fact, she only notices what she is doing when she sets the finished crane on the table and starts on another. The intricate piece of origami is roughly the size of a matchbook and very delicate. In two minutes, she has transformed a 3-by-3-inch scrap of paper into a work of art. She is folding for her friends and for people she’s never met.

Woomer folded 1,000 cranes and raised $1,000 in just 19 days for the relief effort for victims of the tsunami that devastated Japan in March. She added 400 more cranes and $400 to that total by working through the end of the semester.

In Japanese culture, the crane is revered as a symbol of peace, longevity and good fortune. It is customary to fold a thousand paper cranes when making a special wish.

“Currently my wish is that Japan is just able to rebuild itself and overcome this,” Woomer said.

Japan is close to her heart.

Her grandfather served in the Marines in Japan during World War II. He fell in love with the people and culture, eventually living in Japan for several years after the war.

That love and appreciation of the culture just rubbed off on Woomer at a young age, she said.

“I want to do something and folding a thousand cranes, I feel like it’s the least that I can do,” Woomer said. “It kind of seems like a small task in comparison.”

— Ken Sturtz ’12
Recent grad helps Japan

BEN HURST ‘10 MADE UP HIS MIND — he wasn’t going to make sandwiches anymore.

His early search for professional work in the nonprofit industry was unsuccessful and the old summer job assembling subs at a chain sandwich joint was growing stale. He decided to go international with his search and landed on a job teaching English in Japan that he found listed online.

“I’ve always been up for adventure,” the philosophy and psychology major said. When it came time to embark on his unusual and exciting job opportunity, Hurst had one more decision to make.

Would he still take his March 22 flight to a country that had just experienced one of the largest natural disasters in its history a week earlier?

“It was something that I really wanted to do,” said Hurst, who lives and works in Chikusei. “There’s such a need for support here.”

Many in the English teaching program and others like it fled after March 11 earthquakes rocked the country and compromised nuclear plants, creating serious danger of radiation exposure.

“My relatives in California are taking potassium iodine [to protect themselves], and here I am going into the heart of it,” he said. He and his fellow teachers who live in a common apartment complex have experienced tremors since they arrived.

But the work is satisfying and the experience worthwhile.

“I’m really glad I came,” said Hurst, who cited his experience interning for Oswego Health and taking philosophy courses on the mind and language as important tools for his journey.

After his 11-month contract is up, Hurst said he may come back to the U.S. for graduate school — he may study international relations — but, he’s also considering similar English teaching jobs abroad.

—Shane M. Liebler

Ben Hurst ‘10 teaches English to Japanese children at an elementary school in Chikusei, a city of about 110,000. Hurst kept his plan to teach abroad even after the country was struck by one of the worst disasters in its history March 11. He is on an 11-month contract.

Psychology major Kiara Tull ‘12, left, receives a bookmark with her name hand lettered in Japanese in return for a donation during a fundraising event March 25 for the American Red Cross relief to Japan’s Earthquake and tsunami catastrophes. Doing the lettering is Britnie West ‘13, a TESOL major and Japanese Club secretary and instructor.

Honoraries offer Commencement gems

The State University of New York conferred two honorary degrees at the Oswego Commencement: an honorary doctor of science degree to Augustine Silveira Jr., emeritus distinguished teaching professor of chemistry at Oswego, and an honorary doctor of humane letters degree to Frank G. Pogue, president of Grambling State University in Louisiana.

“Seek your place in the world by following your own dreams, while at the same time, cultivating inner strength and a set of values and ethics that will guide you through life,” urged Silveira, who was honored at the morning commencement ceremony.

“Colleges and universities may be the only hope we have left to ensure the creation of a civil democratic society,” Pogue told graduates at the afternoon Commencement.
MORE THAN 1,100 ALUMNI and friends came to celebrate 150 years, see old friends, dance, dine and flat-out party in observance of SUNY Oswego’s 150th birthday at the Sesquicentennial Reunion Celebration June 10 to 12.

Guests made “celebrate” the operative word, pouring into a Friday night concert in downtown Oswego and dancing the evening away following the Happy Birthday Bash dinner Saturday in the Campus Center.

Days were filled with numerous events for classes celebrating milestone anniversary years as well as dozens of Greek and other student organization mini-reunions.

Alumni also gave gifts to mark the birthday celebration. Anniversary classes gave more than $390,000 total to The Fund for Oswego in honor of their reunions.

The first-ever 5K Race for Possibility and Hope raised more than $780 for SUNY Oswego’s Possibility Scholarship program and Friends of Oswego County Hospice. Likewise, the inaugural Déjà Vu Anniversary Concert sponsored by Delta Kappa Kappa to celebrate their 85th Anniversary Friday night raised $1,500 each for SUNY Oswego scholarships and the United Way of Oswego County.

— Shane M. Liebler
Above: "Happy Birthday Bash" Alumni Reunion Dinner

Left: Golden Anniversary Tea and Remembrance Ceremony

"Come as You Were BBQ" at Fallbrook
Alumni connections spell success for students

Whether through an Oswego Alumni Association Alumni-In-Residence presentation, an Alumni Sharing Knowledge mentorship or events like New York City Career Connections, alumni connections mean opportunities for current students.

Joe Yacura ’74 was looking for someone to do research into wineries’ presence on the Internet in preparation for the launch of his new website, winerypatron.com. So he contacted School of Business Dean Richard Skolnik. It wasn’t the first time Yacura had given students an opportunity for real-world experience. Two years ago he had three business majors doing research into the wine industry in the Finger Lakes area.

This time, the dean suggested Joe Massaro ’11 and Yacura was impressed with him from the very first phone call.

“Joe contacted me and we talked — He had high energy, and did follow through right away,” Yacura said. “He had done some research on how various wineries were using the Internet.”

Yacura was so pleased with Massaro’s work as an intern, he offered him a job.

“I said, ‘What are you doing when you graduate? Why not come and work for us and get the website going?’”

Massaro is now managing the Facebook and Twitter correspondence for winery patron.com and will be managing an online “Local Services” section of the site.

Paul Brennan ’93 helped Sarah Rabideau ’09 launch her career in the highly competitive world of broadcast advertising in a tough economy. Rabideau reached out to Brennan through ASK and met with him during the Career Connections event. “I had no idea where to start. He helped me figure out where I’m going,” Rabideau said.

Brennan, senior vice president for ad sales at SONY Pictures Television, set up interviews for her at CBS, Major League Baseball and A&E. She landed a job at MPG and earlier this year was promoted to national media buyer. Rabideau is one of dozens of Oswego students Brennan has helped, passing on the career boost he received early on from a mentor.

Cinema and screen studies and English major Kimberly A. Behzadi ’12 met film producer Andrew Miano ’95 at an Alumni-In-Residence class appearance last fall, and he helped her land a coveted internship as a summer production development intern at New York City’s Focus Features.

“Mr. Miano has been more than a miracle to me,” wrote Behzadi. “His guidance and encouragement has been a major support throughout my internship search.”

She called him, “friendly, open and willing to help.”

“All I did was help push the door open a little bit,” said Miano, who called contacts at the studio he’d recently made a film with, to recommend Behzadi.

“I’m proud of my time at SUNY Oswego and had wanted to come back for some time,” he said of his AIR visit. “I spent 36 of the craziest hours I ever had on campus running around speaking to classes and answering questions.

I’m also hopeful that I will be able to come back and speak with students again.”

At New York City Career Connections in January, Marco Ellman ’79 opened a door for student Mike Marchetta ’10. During the alumni presentation Ellman, who is president and owner of Ellman Realty Advisors in New York City, caught Marchetta’s attention and the student hurried over to talk with him. “He ended up asking me to come shadow him the next day and we really hit it off. Now I have a job offer there and I am moving down to the city,” Marchetta wrote. “Kind of funny that I can honestly say that networking event pretty much changed my life.”

Alumni interested in helping students launch their careers can contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 315-312-2258 or alumni@oswego.edu to volunteer for the AIR or Alumni Sharing Knowledge programs or invite students to shadow them or visit their workplaces.

— Michele Reed
First-of-its-kind report card grades SUNY

This spring SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher launched the SUNY Report Card, an exclusive evaluation tool that will publicly track the university’s system-wide work as an educator, job creator, community partner and generator of boundary-breaking research.

With the release of its report card May 17 moderated by Benita Zahn ’76, SUNY took the unprecedented step of measuring the university system’s performance against New York’s greatest social and economic needs, including the alignment of SUNY’s research capacity to statewide job growth and the state’s ability to capture a greater share of the global green energy market, among other measures.

“Part of what makes the Report Card unique is that it doesn’t merely measure SUNY’s value in terms of the number of degrees it bestows or the breadth of its curricula, but by the tangible, long-term impact SUNY will have on the economy and quality of life in New York State,” said Zimpher. “No other university system in the country is doing this. We are thinking outside of the SUNY box — inviting the public to measure the system’s actions against its ability to address our state’s greatest needs.

The inaugural SUNY Report Card establishes a baseline for providing the public with a comprehensive look at the status of SUNY’s goals and initiatives across a broad spectrum of critical areas, including student diversity and creating greater access to higher education; SUNY’s impact on the state economy and reducing energy consumption.

SUNY Oswego President Deborah F. Stanley said, “The SUNY Report Card is a great start at using metrics to help provide focus and direction as we work to bring excellence and accountability to every aspect of our entire State University system; and it will only improve as we further refine the metrics to give us the best and most helpful information. The SUNY Report Card will also help citizens understand what a great resource we have now in our state’s higher education system and ways we can make it even better and harness its full power for the greater good of New York.”

See the Report Card online at www.suny.edu/powerofsuny/reportcard

— Shane M. Liebler

GENIUS unites nations, solutions

Joseph Meyer of Oregon has created a new energy source and solution to a pair of pollution problems. Mashiad Mostafa and The Ngone Oo of Myanmar have discovered non-chemical ways to enhance a traditional homeopathic mosquito repellent ... And they’re not even out of high school yet.

Meyer’s chicken waste recycler and the Myanmar team’s alternative uses for Thanaka wood were just two of 196 science and art projects originating in 34 countries and 31 states at the inaugural “Global Environmental Issues and US” or GENIUS Olympiad June 26 to 30, held on campus.

“We need your brains, we need your energy and we need your curiosity,” said Annie Griffiths, National Geographic photographer and keynote speaker at the opening June 27. “You are going to make the world a better place,” she told a capacity crowd of about 500 students, parents, mentors and campus leaders.

Each of the 200-plus competitors won regional, state and country-wide competitions to attend GENIUS, which interim Oswego Provost Lorrie Clemo described as an “educational and cultural exchange program.”

Many international guests dressed in traditional clothing for the opening exhibition and reception in Hewitt Union. Conversations in several different languages floated from the ballroom and even from the open windows of Hart Hall, where competitors stayed for the week.

Science is one part of the equation; the next step is communicating with the public, Olympiad creator and Assistant Professor of Chemistry Fehmi Damkaci said. Art, like the photos, posters and short films also submitted in the competition, is one outlet for raising public awareness for scientific solutions. — Shane M. Liebler

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'Go be great,' Levy tells seniors

As an ESPN anchor, **Steve Levy ’87** is used to getting some of the hottest tickets around — Super Bowls, World Series, you name it. But he showed seniors at the annual Commencement Eve Dinner his “golden ticket” — saved for three decades — a letter dated March 2, 1983, confirming his admission into SUNY Oswego.

“It was Oswego that gave me the confidence and the skills to succeed in the real world, where you’re all headed Monday,” Levy told more than 750 graduating seniors, their families and friends May 13.

“This is your shot right now. This is your time to go out and do something you love, something you are passionate about,” Levy said at the Commencement Eve Dinner, which precedes the Torchlight Ceremony. “If you love something that you’re doing, chances are you’re going to be great at it.”

Levy got his start sportscasting at WTOP-TV and WOCR-AM as a communication studies major at Oswego. He joined ESPN and became an anchor on the network’s flagship SportsCenter program in 1993.

“I know all of you will make us, the alumni, very proud,” he said. “So I leave you with this: Get out of here. Go be great at whatever you’re great at and achieve your happiness.”

— Shane M. Liebler

**Planning for sustainability**

**THE PRESIDENT’S CLIMATE COMMITMENT** and Environmental Sustainability Team was formed this spring and charged by President Deborah F. Stanley with creating a plan to make Oswego a more environmentally sustainable campus. Members took part in a retreat led by Lee Davis and Rob Neimeier from the engineering firm of O’Brien and Gere, with a goal to creating a sustainability roadmap for Oswego’s future. Members include, back row from left, theatre and sociology major **Nick Pike ’12**, Co-chair **John Moore** of Facilities Design and Construction, **Tim Braun** of Biological Sciences, **Eric Foertch** of Health and Safety and, front row from left, **Barbara Shaffer** of Penfield Library, **Judith Belt** of Technology Education, **Kim Armani** of the Metro Center, **Rebecca Nadzadi** of Campus Life and **Betsy Oberst** of Alumni and Development. Absent from the photo are Co-chair **Casey Raymond** of Chemistry, **Lisa Langlois** of Art, **Mike Flaherty** of Auxiliary Services, **Rick Kolenda** of Residence Life and Housing and **Larry Perris** of Small Business Development.
Alumna, professor win new service awards

Michelle Massaro Bandla ’93, coordinator of first-year programs, received the SUNY Oswego President’s Award for Excellence in Professional Staff Service and Marcia Burrell of the curriculum and instruction faculty accepted the President’s Award for Excellence in Faculty Service. Both campus awards are new this spring.

The awards recognize exceptional service in contributions to the central mission of the college and exemplary models of what it takes to make SUNY Oswego a community of excellence.

Bandla has played a significant role in improving the retention rate of Oswego’s first-year students. She was one of just 10 educators honored as an Outstanding First-Year Student Advocate by the National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition at the University of South Carolina.

Bandla has made presentations at the national First Year Experience Conference and National Academic Advisement Association conference and shared her experience with other higher education professionals in a webinar.

An associate professor and chair of curriculum and instruction, Burrell has an extensive record of service to the campus as well as her community, SUNY, national organizations, and students and colleagues in other nations.

She helped establish the college’s first study-abroad course in Africa, in Benin.

‘Do something you love’ Durney tells Business School honorees

“DO SOMETHING YOU LOVE. WORK WITH PEOPLE YOU LIKE. Cherish your degree. Manage your career,” was the advice Michael Durney ’83 had for the 2011 class of Beta Gamma Sigma inductees gathered at the Sheldon Ballroom May 6.

The honors society dedicated to the values of honor, wisdom and earnestness in business this year inducted 43 juniors, seniors and graduate students, who rank in the top 10 percent of their class.

The senior vice president of finance, chief financial officer and treasurer of Dice, Inc., Durney underscored the importance of coming back to Oswego, supporting the college and current students. “Every alum’s dream is to have the school be better than when they were here,” he said. “Oswego is far better today than when I was here.”

Durney serves on the Oswego College Foundation board of directors and chairs the School of Business Dean’s Advisory Board. He has returned to campus as part of the Alumni-In-Residence program and has served as a Reunion chair. He and his wife, Joanne Snyder Durney ’84, were national co-chairs of the annual giving campaign in 2002. Through the years the Durneys have generously supported Oswego.

— Michele Reed

‘Women and Work’ addressed in lecture series

NOTED POET, BESTSELLING NOVELIST AND LEADING feminist literary figure Marge Piercy and her husband, Ira Wood, appeared this April on campus for an Ernst & Young Lecture Series event. Piercy, whose novels include Gone to Soldiers and The Longings of Women, and playwright/novelist Wood read poetry and fiction as part of a presentation titled “Women and Work.” Kristen Molyneaux ’97, a doctoral candidate at the University of Wisconsin at Madison presented “Navigating the Gap: Refocusing the ‘Prescribed’ Lens of Gender and Class Through Personal Experience” in March. Robert Feinberg ’78 and his wife, Robbi, endowed the lecture series on women and work in 2003, with a matching gift from his employer, global accounting and business advisory firm Ernst & Young.
Oswego achieves national distinction for service

SUNY Oswego, named each time to the U.S. President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll since the list’s inception in 2006, has earned the designation “with Distinction” for the 2009-10 academic year. Oswego is one of only 114 colleges around the country to win the prestigious designation.

The honor roll recognizes higher education institutions for “exemplary community service” and “meaningful outcomes in their communities.” In its application for the 2009-10 honor roll, SUNY Oswego highlighted three of its many programs: Adopt-a-Grandparent, with six weekly programs at seven Oswego area nursing homes as well as the annual Senior Ball; Mentor Oswego, where students tutor and mentor 150 local youths through partnerships with nine Oswego area schools and the Salvation Army; and Alternative Break, with 10 student and adviser trips in the spring of 2009-10 — and more during winter break — for projects ranging from Head Start in New Jersey to the Volunteer in Jamaica Opportunity Program in impoverished areas of the Caribbean nation.

The newly released SUNY Report Card calls the Carnegie classification and the President’s Honor Roll “the gold standard in recognizing effective community service” and pledged that more State University campuses would join Oswego in achieving such recognition.

Scott Ball ‘09, who is working toward his master’s degree in adolescence education, has made numerous Alternative Break trips, including one in 2009-10 to an impoverished community in Florence, Ala., to build homes for Habitat for Humanity.

“I think it (the honor roll with distinction) shows just how great and compassionate this school and its student body are,” said Ball, who this summer took part in his second flood-relief project in New Orleans.

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A former strategist for Gillette, Frito-Lay and Pizza Hut campaigns, Egan stressed the importance of building a strong network to face life’s hurdles. “I urge you to continue to give back to each other — professionally and through service,” added Egan, a member of the School of Business Advisory Board and participant in the Oswego Alumni Association’s NYC Career Connections program as well as the Alumni Sharing Knowledge program.

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Campus sends books for Sudan

KAMAL MOHAMED, RIGHT REAR, SUNY OSWEGO PROFESSOR of biological sciences and a Sudanese native, traveled to South Sudan last summer, saw the barren shelves of the library at Dr. John Garang Memorial University of Science and Technology in Bor, South Sudan, and came away determined to help. Through Books International Goodwill in Annapolis, Md., some 5,000 donated textbooks are making their way to Bor. Two former “Lost Boys” of South Sudan, Moses Kohr Joh, who works for SUNY Upstate Medical University, and Abraham Achiek ’09, second and third from the left in the back row, joined SUNY Oswego organizers and other volunteers to load 52 boxes of donated textbooks onto a truck which Marcellus Rotary volunteers Ed and Anita Diefes, left rear and left front, drove to Annapolis. Together with other books from Le Moyne College and Syracuse University, the cargo joined 15,000 more donated books bound for the university in South Sudan. Patricia Clark, third from left, associate professor of English and creative writing and director of African and African-American studies, was co-coordinator of the SUNY Oswego effort, with the support of Interim Provost Lorrie Clemo, second from left in front, and Ginny Donohue ’88, at right in front, founder of On Point for College. ●

— Jeff Rea ’71

Josephine Akulang Abalang, state minister of finance of Eastern Equatoria State in South Sudan, speaks to an audience March 3 in Sheldon Hall. The session, “Nation Building After the Referendum: The Birth of a New Nation,” chronicled South Sudan’s vote earlier this year to secede and form a new nation.

Find the Founder!

IN THE SPRING 2011 ISSUE, THE FOUNDER COULD BE FOUND in the background to the left of the women’s soccer team on page 14. The grand prize winner of a College Store gift certificate and Sheldon Hall print is Kathryn Gargan Harrison ’86, M ’03. Winning Sheldon Hall prints are R. Sherwood VanAtta ’44, Frances Morgenstern ’72, Mark DiGennaro ’74, Charlie Wing Jr. ’96 and Jim Parise ’00.

A tiny replica of the Sheldon statue pictured here is hidden somewhere in this issue. The Founder will be less than an inch tall and must match the image shown here exactly.

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 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 Oct. 1. ●
Alumni share leadership advice

Refining and growing a tolerance for the unknown and never giving up were just two of the many tips W. R. Grace CEO Fred Festa ’81 imparted to students assembled for the first Future Oswego Leaders Conference April 8 and 9 on campus.

Festa offered the keynote address at the two-day conference, which drew 162 students to the Campus Center and Sheldon Hall to hear presentations from fellow students, develop their own unique strengths and network with alumni from various career fields.

The inaugural leadership conference was sponsored jointly by the Oswego Alumni Association, Omicron Delta Kappa leadership society, Student Association, Phi Beta Lambda and Beta Alpha Psi.

Festa urged students to be results oriented, foster open communication, and inspire and mentor others, among many other traits of successful leaders. He has put that last bit of advice into practice by funding, along with his wife, MaryLynn Barbero Festa ’82, the Festa Graduate Leadership Fellowships at Oswego and the W. R. Grace summer internships for undergraduate science and business majors.

Above all, Festa reminded students to always act with integrity. “The best leaders bring out the best in others,” he concluded.

Joining Festa as alumni presenters were Emanuel Adjekum ’05, talent acquisition recruiter for NBC Universal Cable Networks; Joseph Chemotti ’90, partner at Dannible and McKee, LLP; Maria Grimshaw-Clark ’87, counselor and social worker at SUNY Oswego and in private practice; Jeffrey Evans ’86, co-founder and managing partner of Rondaxe Pharma and founder and CEO of Oncoholdings Inc.; and Mary Beth Maroney Fierro ’84, principal of Oswego’s Charles E. Riley Elementary School.

The alumni presented a panel discussion and individual breakout sessions with students.

Evans, in his breakout session, stressed the importance of optimism and passion to be a successful leader and entrepreneur. “Find your passion. Do it well. And someone will pay you for it,” he said. •

— Michele Reed

Bonobo Handshake is ORI book

A story on the curious habits of two sets of primates — the chimpanzee-like bonobos and humans — earned Vanessa Woods’ Bonobo Handshake the thumbs-up as the 2011 Oswego Reading Initiative selection.

Woods’ story of self-discovery chronicles traveling to the Congo to work with her then-fiancé (now husband), which led to her discovering her interest and ability to work with the endangered bonobos.

Rameen Mohammadi of the ORI committee noted the book’s appeal included its focus on interdisciplinary topics and learning about other cultures. “You learn about these species, but you also learn about the Congo and how dictatorships have destroyed its natural resources.”

The college is working with Woods to give an author’s talk and also speak to classes some time in the fall, Mohammadi said. A summer study-abroad course led by Webe Kadima of the chemistry faculty, titled “Treating Diabetes with Medicinal Plants in Congo,” will connect some students with the homeland of the story as well. Other related programming could include film series, art and other speakers. •

— Tim Nekritz M ’05
Haudenosaunee Singers and Dancers of the Onondaga Nation perform a traditional dance at International Day this spring in the Campus Center. The event, sponsored by the Office of International Education and Programs, featured food, faculty and student participation and study abroad information.

Grant funds student astrophysics research in Taiwan

The National Science Foundation has awarded SUNY Oswego faculty member Shashi Kanbur a $138,545 grant to provide students interested in astrophysics opportunities to do research at a Global Laboratory partner in Taiwan.

The grant, titled “Astrophysics International Research Experience for Students in Taiwan: Connections Between East and West,” started this summer. It enables Kanbur and Ching Hung “Jean” Hsiao, adjunct instructor of Chinese, to mentor six students each of the next three years on research trips to the Graduate Institute of Astronomy at National Central University in Jhongli, Taiwan.

Student researchers from Oswego and other Upstate colleges and universities will advance work pioneered at SUNY Oswego on a more accurate means for determining the size scale of the universe, as well as several other groundbreaking projects related to Kanbur’s longtime research of Cepheid variable stars.

“The projects the undergraduates will be doing are all absolutely on the cutting edge,” said Kanbur, an associate professor of physics working with the college president’s office as a Faculty Fellow.

The Global Laboratory is SUNY Oswego’s innovative undergraduate research experience offering students hands-on, immersive problem-solving opportunities at international laboratories in promising fields of study — science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

— Jeff Rea ’71
SPORTS

Men’s Basketball

It was a banner year for the Oswego State men’s basketball team and Coach Adam Stockwell. The Lakers finished the season at 24-5 overall for the second-most wins in school history to make their first appearance in the NCAA Tournament in the 88-year history of the program.

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  Field Hockey
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- Charles Stanek ’65
  Men’s Soccer, Basketball and Baseball
- Ken Walker ’80
  Men’s Lacrosse

For more information, oswego.edu/alumni/hall_of_fame
Women’s Ice Hockey

The Oswego State women’s ice hockey team experienced a season of many “firsts” in 2010-11 after posting a 13-10-3 overall record. The Lakers earned the program’s first-ever double-digit-win season with 13 victories and a winning record of 8-7-3 in the ever-competitive ECAC West.

Goalie Emi Williams ’11 posted the best season of her stellar career with a .941 save percentage, which ranked fifth nationally, and a 1.68 goals against average, which ranked 11th nationally, en route to being named to the All-ECAC West Second Team. The honor signified the first time a Laker had received all-conference recognition.

Oswego State has a bright future to look forward to as it returns its top six scorers.

Swimming and Diving

The Oswego State men’s and women’s swimming and diving teams had successful runs at the SUNYAC Championships in February with the Laker women placing fifth after scoring 324 points and the Laker men placing sixth with 287 points.

Nicole Dean ’11 led the women’s charge at the conference championships along with stellar performances by Katie Maye ’12 and Delia Reed ’12.

On the men’s side, Kyle Lounsberry ’11 stood on the podium in three individual events.

Dean and Nick Dupree ’12 were also recognized for their efforts in the classrooms as they were the recipients of the Oswego State Woman’s Scholar Athlete and Donald Snygg Awards respectively. Dean was also one of five SUNY Oswego students to receive the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence.

Women’s Basketball

The Oswego State women’s basketball team earned its 10th consecutive SUNYAC postseason appearance after starting the season with six straight wins before posting an overall record of 11-15 and a SUNYAC record of 8-10. At the start of the season, the Lakers captured first place at the Max Ziel Tournament with Colleen McCready ’11 earning MVP honors, while Kayla Ryan ’12 was also named to the all-tournament team.

Ryan, who led Oswego State in scoring, became the ninth player in Laker women’s basketball history to reach the 1,000-point plateau.

Wrestling

The Oswego State wrestling team had several individual successes during a season that saw the Lakers finish 5-11 in dual meets, seventh at the Empire Collegiate Wrestling Conference Championships, and 15th at the New York Intercollegiate State Championships. Michael Gentilcore ’14 was named the ECWC Rookie of the Year, becoming the first wrestler in program history to receive postseason accolades from the ECWC. Gentilcore posted a record of 26-8 with 13 pins at 125 pounds, and earned third place at the ECWC Championships.

Indoor Track and Field

The Oswego State men’s and women’s indoor track and field teams each finished in eighth place at the SUNYAC Championships in February while select members of the men’s squad tied for 47th-place at the ECAC Championships.

The top-finishing event for the Lakers at the conference meet was the 4x400 relays for both men’s and women’s squads. The men’s team set a new school record in the event with its third-place time of 3:26.72. The women’s crew established a new benchmark after crossing the finish line in 4:12.41.

Field Hockey

The Laker field hockey team had several highlights en route to a 4-11 overall record and 1-5 SUNYAC mark, including a 2-1 overtime win over Brockport. In a 7-0 win over Wells, Kelly Collins ’12 tied the school record for points in a game with eight on three goals and two assists, while Ashley Fiorelle ’14 tied the program mark for assists in a contest with three.

Offensively, Oswego State was paced by Collins and Brittany Roetzer ’12. Roetzer became the second player in program history to receive First Team All-SUNYAC accolades for two seasons, while Kelly Blair ’13 was named to the all-conference second team.

— Adele Burk
Sesqui-online

This year's special Torchlight Ceremony, Commencement and Sesquicentennial Reunion Celebration were just the beginning of Oswego's year-long observance of its 150th anniversary.

Visit oswego.edu/150 for special features including:

- An interactive timeline with 150 years of history in photos
- Updated list of Sesquicentennial events happening on campus
- "Then and Now," a weekly look at some of Oswego's most enduring traditions
- Clips from the Oswego 150 Years: Alumni Views and Voices
- A special eight-part documentary on Oswego's history coming this fall semester

Alumni are also invited to photograph themselves with Flat Founder for a chance to win a random drawing for a $150 gift certificate to the College Store. Entries have come from as far away as Alaska and Scotland. Visit oswego.edu/flatfounder for details.
Oswego’s Sesquicentennial is a yearlong birthday bash. The college kicked it off with Torchlight and Commencement in May, followed by Reunion Weekend in June. The fall will see a special Founder’s Day campus celebration in October. Enjoy this mini-scrapbook of your alma mater’s birthday celebrations.

150th, Oswego!
Snowfalls and sunsets, beanies and books (or is it Buck’s?), the Founder and Fallbrook . . .

These are just a few of the things we love about Oswego.

To celebrate the college’s Sesquicentennial, we asked you, our readers, to send in the things you remember most fondly about your alma mater. The list includes current faves and long-gone treasures.

But one thing remains certain — Our alumni love Oswego!
Applause-worthy Sunsets

Have you ever applauded a sunset? Many Oswegonians have. The sight of the sun dropping just below the shimmering horizon has captivated most who cast their eyes upon it. Sunsets are perhaps Oswego’s most universally loved features.

“I will never forget it until the day I die,” Deb Roe ’73 told the late historian and Professor Emerita Dorothy Rogers. “We were all on the west campus on the bluff watching this particularly beautiful sunset.

“When the last bit of sun had sunk below the horizon, one person — God knows who — began to clap and the whole group, a couple of hundred people, stood up and applauded the sunset,” she recalled.

John Gerard ’79 was equally enamored with the sunsets as a meteorology major at the college.

“We’d plan our Friday nights around it,” the chief meteorologist for News 4 WOAI-TV in San Antonio, Texas, said. After spending his 30-plus-year career in such places as Chicago, Toronto and Miami, he counts the Oswego sunsets among the most beautiful.

“My scientific explanation is simply: ‘Gee. Wow,” Gerard said with a laugh. In reality, “it’s a combination of western exposure, the clouds and the fact that you’re far enough north to get away from the haze.”

Jet streaks — bursts of stronger winds in the jet stream that cause high, thin clouds — intensify the array of oranges, reds and purples. Add that to the unobstructed view provided by Lake Ontario, and you’ve got an applause-worthy phenomenon that has captivated generations.

— S. L.

Huey, Dewey and Louie

Generations of Oswego alumni have had a common beacon home to campus. Grads from the ’60s, ’80s and 2000s all agree that the Oswego Steam Station smokestacks led them home through “snow and rain and dark of night” up the hill from town. What they called those stacks varied, depending on when they graduated. Most everyone agrees on Huey, Dewey and Louie, but the last one gets various names. Pat Heafy Santoro ’61 recalls it as “Frank.” Sharon Piersanti Wappman ’61 says her crowd finished up with “and Sylvester doesn’t smoke.” Graduates of President James Perdue’s presidency in the late 1960s-early 1970s remember the phrase “Huey, Dewey, Louie... and Perdue-y.” Whatever they were called, the ‘stacks have long meant safe passage home after a trip downtown.

— M. R.

ALANA Conference

Celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, the ALANA (African, Latino, Asian and Native American) Student Leadership Conference is a centerpiece of Oswego’s academic life each September. Featuring an acclaimed author, music, dance, food, film, workshops and speakers, the ALANA conference promotes unity while celebrating the contributions of many cultures. Traditionally, students from more than 20 colleges around New York state attend.

During the past decade, the conference has featured such diverse guests as writer Esmeralda Santiago; poet Sonia Sanchez; Jeffrey Johnson of the Hip-Hop Summit Action Network; Native American singer-songwriter Joanne Shenandoah; performance artist, actor and poet Caridad De La Luz; Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company and a lecture/demonstration and master class with Biboti Ouikahilo, an expert in West African dance and drumming. Perennial campus favorites include the ALANA Fashion Show and dance troupe El Ritmo Latino.

— M. R.
Max Ziel

Before they were Lakers, some sportswriters referred to Oswego athletes as “Zielmen,” a testament to the influence of legendary Coach Max Ziel on the college’s early athletic programs.

A World War I veteran and Alabama native, Ziel started his colorful coaching career at Oswego in 1921 and retired in 1957.

A semi-professional baseball player and member of the National Basketball Hall of Fame, Ziel is also remembered for organizing one of the first night football games in the country. He coached all three sports at Oswego and remained a fixture long after retirement.

“He was my second father,” remembers John Canale ’47, M ’50, a SUNY Oswego Athletic Hall of Famer who played basketball and baseball under Ziel. “He made me — out of my sports and academics — what I never would have become without him.”

Ziel was known around campus and town as a character: humorous and outspoken with an intense coaching style.

“He was an excellent teacher,” Canale says. “You may be his friend when the game is not on, but once that game is on, he was a taskmaster.”

Despite changes over the years, the ceremony’s core remains the same: Light from the Torch of Learning is passed from the faculty and alumni of Oswego to the graduating seniors on the eve of their Commencement.

— S. L.
**Epic Snowfalls**

With its location on Lake Ontario, Oswego is known for its legendary lake effect snow. And while every year has the potential for mountains of the white stuff, certain years saw blizzards of historic proportions.

Alumni who were on campus in the years 1958, 1966, 1978 and 1993 will never forget how Oswego made headlines around the country and across the globe for the feet of snow that piled up in a matter of hours.

**Judy Driscoll Skillen '61** recalled the snowstorm that greeted students returning from the 1958 Thanksgiving Break. "I was living in Johnson at the time," she said. "We never went to school that whole week. They airlifted in food." Other grads tell stories of climbing out second story windows and walking on the tops of cars.

Oswego's "Big Snow" of 1958 dropped nearly six feet of snow in five days and inspired the late Dr. Maurice Q. Boyd, who directed the Symphonic Choir, to pen "Oswego Is Famous For Its Snow."

The January Intercession of 1966 marked another massive storm. The Blizzard of '66, which saw 103 inches fall from Jan. 27 to 31, caused a bit of cabin fever, too. **Linda Peters '66**, an Arethusa sister, recalled, "We got so bored we got some chalk and played hopscotch in the hall."

The snowfall of 1978 caused Oswego to become the butt of jokes for several nights on "The Johnny Carson Show," and Carson even showed photos of the famous "snow bar" erected by students on West Fifth Street.

Grads who were on campus in 2004 and 2007 have vivid memories of monumental snowfalls too. From Jan. 26 to 30, 2004, 53.7 inches fell in just 113 hours, causing 966 classes to be cancelled. In February 2007, 72 inches of snow fell over seven days. Oswego was under a state of emergency with classes canceled for three days. The city received mention in *The New York Times* and alumni from as far away as Asia reported seeing news of Oswego's blizzard.

Whatever era they graduated, Lakers will always be able to say with first hand knowledge that, "Oswego is famous for its snow."

— M. R. 

**Book Brigade**

When Oswego's library moved from its early quarters in Old Main to the new Penfield Library (now Rich Hall) in April 1961, legendary librarian Helen Hagger had a unique method for transporting the college’s collection of 80,000 books. An ex-military officer, the "strong, forceful" Hagger, dubbed “the sergeant in charge" by Philomena Camesano Mark '61, required every student, faculty and staff member to take part in a "book brigade," passing books hand to hand across the short distance between the two buildings. Once they arrived in the new library, volumes were shelved in exactly the same order in which they came off the bookcases in Sheldon Hall.

"When we walked in the next day, it was as if it had never moved," said **Judy Driscoll Skillen '61**, who took part in the landmark shift.

The 1961 building, designed by famed architect Lorimer Rich, who drew plans for the Tomb of the Unknown soldier as well as Oswego’s lakeside buildings, included seating for 800 students. More than 150,000 books could fit on its shelves and other amenities included a music listening room and microfilm viewing booths.

The library collections would move one more time, into the newly constructed Penfield across from Hewitt Union in 1967, but the 1961 odyssey would forever become a memory for the students lucky enough to take part in the unique form of transport.

— M. R. 

**150 Things We Love about Oswego**

1. **Applause-worthy sunsets**
2. Lake Ontario
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4. Shady Shore
5. **Great Lake Review**
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8. The Bluffs
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**10. Smokestacks**

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**48. The Art Attack**

49. Rush Week
50. John Belt’s studio
51. Sons of the Wilted Wallet
For a time in the mid-20th century, Oswego could boast of its own riding stables and ski slopes. The college acquired Fallbrook Farm, formerly a home for the elderly, on Thompson Road just west of the college’s main entrance and Fallbrook Recreation Center was born.

At one point, Fallbrook was a residence hall for 60 to 70 men, mostly transfers and hockey players. John Daken ’66 and Ron Kilbourn ’66 remember their time at Fallbrook fondly.

“It was like living in a fraternity,” said Daken. “We were a close-knit group of guys.”

The residence had its own cook, and the added benefit of a beautiful natural setting. “On nice days, we would stand under the waterfall and wash our hair,” Daken recalled.

The ski slopes and horseback riding ended with the budget cuts of the ’70s, but Fallbrook is still used for weddings, meetings and retreats, as well as the annual favorite, the “Come as You Were” barbecue at every Oswego Alumni Association Reunion.

— M.R.

When a group of students had an Art Attack on campus in 1984, there was no need to call the SAVAC ambulance. The art majors, under Professor Emeritus Nick D’Innocenzo, were beautifying campus buildings with colorful murals.

Many of the 13 students’ creations were designed in D’Innocenzo’s Dimensional Design class. The colorful mosaics were erected on Tyler and Mahar halls, Penfield Library and other spaces on campus.

“It was a very exciting project to work on,” remembers Amy Gingold Horwitz ’86, one of the Art Attack crew who also wrote an Oswegonian article about the project.

“It was really wonderful that the campus was concerned about bringing out some environmental art at that time and giving funding to that project.”

Upon hearing that many of the murals still stand, the Albany-area resident commented, “It’s wonderful that they have preserved them — it’s fantastic!”

While the murals still bring pleasure to current visitors to campus, for Horwitz they’re a reminder of “an exciting time to be part of the Art Department in Oswego.”

— M.R.

Buckland’s Bar and Grill hasn’t served a drop of beer or a single hamburger since it closed its doors more than a decade ago.

That’s not too much of a problem for Pete Flanigan ’79. He has something that most Oswego alumni don’t: a Buckland’s on the first floor of his home.

Flanigan, the last of many former owners of Buckland’s, laid claim to decades of memorabilia. When the doors closed and bulldozers came, everything was fair game.

“I took what I could,” Flanigan said. That included half of the iconic Buckland’s sign that once stood outside.

“We got a truck and some rope and just pulled the thing down,” Flanigan said. He ripped out all the old electronics and split the sign down the middle. Flanigan’s half (pictured) resides in his Buckland’s-themed recreation room at home. The other ended up with his old business partner Pete Sobel ’82.

Rocco Varacchi ’70 and Cindy Spiak Varacchi ’72 first met on the beer-soaked floor of Buckland’s, where Rocco worked as a bartender and manned the grill.

“I tried to sell her a ticket to my fraternity beer blast, but she didn’t want anything to do with it,” Rocco Varacchi said.

For many, it was more than just a bar or a place to work.

“Buckland’s was family,” Bill Price ’70 said.

“(Owner) Bob (Clark) took care of us, and we took care of each other.”

— K.E. ’10
With the exception of a brief period in the 1980s, when it was removed for cleaning and repair, graduates from the 1920s and beyond can all remember one thing in common: the copper statue of founder Edward Austin Sheldon that stands in front of the building that bears his name, the college’s Old Main.

Whether it’s actually crafted from the melted pennies donated by New York’s schoolchildren — as college lore has it — or paid for by their collected coins, the statue dates back to 1899. It depicts Sheldon instructing a small child, using the Oswego Method of object teaching. The founder holds a sphere, which was one of the objects that made up the tool kit of instructors in the Pestalozzian Method, which Sheldon popularized among American educators.

The statue was created by sculptor John Francis Brines and stood in the State Capitol in Albany until 1922, when it came to campus. It has moved over the years, from the front hall of Old Main to its lawn, from storage in the 1980s to “Sheldon Park” between Hewitt Union and Culkin Hall after refurbishment as the 1985 Senior Class Gift, but wherever it stands, the founder’s statue remains a symbol of the institution. Generations of co-eds have claimed a seat on Sheldon’s lap and Oswego’s 75,000 alumni have waited patiently for the “apple” to drop.

— M. R.
The Tavern

From 1973 through the mid-1980s, the College Tavern was one of the most popular places to grab a pint, catch a performance or just meet up with friends.

The college’s first and only on-campus bar opened in Hewitt Union as the Rathskellar. Students were charged with converting the former post office and storage space.

“It was quite a project,” remembers Mark Wahl ’74, who designed and built the hangout as an industrial arts major. The Tavern included multiple levels, professional-grade stage and sound, murals and, of course, the bar.

“We actually went out and tore down some barns,” to get the wood, says Wahl, who went on to a career in designing and building as a contractor.

The Tavern thrived into the mid-1980s, when the legal drinking age was upped from 18 to 21. The space became Timepieces, an alcohol-free pizza joint, in 1986. Students also migrated to the Ozone dance club, in a different corner of Hewitt Union. It closed shortly after the Campus Center opened in 2007.

— S. L.

Greek Life

Oswego is often billed as one big family — and you can’t have a family without brothers and sisters.

Greeks have been a part of student life at Oswego since the 1920s, when Ransom Libby and Max Ziel founded Psi Phi Gamma, Oswego’s first fraternity, and Clio was established as the college’s first sorority.

By the early 1940s, Greek life included three sororities — Alpha Delta Eta, Arethusa Eta and Clio — and three fraternities: Beta Tau Epsilon, Delta Kappa Kappa and Psi Phi Gamma.

Like any student organization, Greek life draws together students with common interests.

Dick Tallman ’54 was interested in getting his own room when he pledged Psi Phi. So he joined in part out of necessity of shelter, but ended up making memorable bonds with his brothers.

“It was the social highlight of my college experience,” remembers Tallman, who still helps organize Psi Phi reunions. “You made a lot of connections.

“You always had someone to go out with or hang out with,” he says. You could even count on a brother to hook you up with a date when in need. In fact, that’s how he was introduced to his wife Alpha Delta sister, Judith House Tallman ’57.

Nina Livaccari Hastings ’43 joined Clio as the college and country worked through World War II. The sorority offered a place to have fun, build friendships and do things in the community — like volunteer cleanups and fundraisers — during a difficult era.

“For myself, I came a kid — never been away from home — I was still pretty naïve,” Hastings says. “It gave us all confidence and a willingness to try things; to not be afraid.”

Greeks grew until the early 1980s when numbers leveled at 11 organizations, then peaked in the 1990s, topping out at about 30 groups. Today, 25 are registered with the college.

Each year, members of Greek organizations past and present gather by the hundreds during Reunion Weekend.

— S. L.

Campus School

Whether they called it a practice school, training school or campus school, generations of Oswego education majors observed master teachers and practiced their own teaching skills in Sheldon Hall, and later Swetman Hall. The Campus School closed in the budget cuts of the 1980s, but its legacy lives on in the thousands of teachers who learned their craft in its walls and the millions of their students who benefited from teachers trained in “The Oswego Method.”

— M. R.
Transportation Lab

Who isn’t fascinated by planes, boats and automobiles? But did you know that Oswego has its own lab for learning about how they work?

In line with the founder’s focus on hands-on learning, Oswego has long offered students the chance to tinker with transportation technology.

The Transportation Lab in Room 105 of Park Hall is a best-kept secret on the lakeside campus. It dates back more than a half century, but even though the space is currently undergoing renovation and the lab moving to another building on campus for two years, students can get up close and personal with a Cessna 120 airplane and an electric car.

In his day, the lab included a “Link Trainer” flight simulator, small engines, bicycles, boat building and model airplanes, said Brian Kelly ’59. “We had a five-cylinder radial aircraft engine and we used to fire it up every so often,” remembers Kelly, who taught technical drawing at Rome Free Academy and Earlville Central Schools until his retirement.

Mark Hardy ’91, newly named chair of the technology education department, says he remembers visiting the lab as a student and teaching directly above it as a professor, where his electrical lab students could hear the roar every time an engine started up below.

“It’s exciting to know that we will keep this space intact” after the renovation, he said. The new space will combine the transportation and energy labs, as students learn about alternative fuel vehicles and alternate sources of energy. “We have a long history and a lot of pride,” he said of his department. “We are not getting rid of the old but bringing in new technology to give a fresh, new look.”

— M.R.

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Mace and Medallion

The official College Medallion donned by the SUNY Oswego president at Commencement and other official ceremonies was a gift of the Class of 1966.

Designed by Art Professor Emeritus Dominic T. DiPasquale, the medallion commemorated President James Perdue's inauguration. It contains two dates: 1861 for the college's founding and 1948, which marks the date Oswego became a SUNY school.

"At the time Oswego was very small... the kind of place where everybody knew everyone else," said Russell Herrmann '66, who was class president at the time. "The students definitely had a special feeling for the college and they wanted to leave their mark."

That they did, as the Medallion is still in use today.

"I am honored that it is still a part of the [Commencement] ceremony," said Herrmann, whose wife, Leslie Seelbach Herrmann '66, was also a class officer. Son Greg '91 is also a graduate of Oswego.

Another Commencement staple, the College Mace, was a gift to Perdue from the Class of 1969. Art Professor Joseph F. Shoenfelt created its design and silver work while Technology Education Professor Emeritus William D. Todd shaped its rosewood shaft.

The jade sphere centerpiece symbolizes wisdom and knowledge, according to a short history included in the Commencement program. The first to bear the mace was the late Professor Donald Snygg.

— S.L.

Homecoming Parade

Whether they took place at the traditional Homecoming in the fall, or as a prelude to the spring Greek Games, float parades were a staple of Oswego life of the 1950s-60s years.

"We would spend so much time [decorating our float]," said Virginia "Ginny" Nuedling Erickson '66 of Arethusa. The sisters all remembered wearing white skirts with their green Arethusa jackets. But the most important part of the marching uniform was a pair of white gloves.

Thelma Aa Taylor '61, also of Arethusa, remembers being a majorette.

Although the tradition would die out in the turbulent 1970s, the float parade was an important part of campus life — especially Greek life — at mid-century.

— M.R.

Commencement

Over the years, Oswegonians have received their diplomas in Romney Field House, Laker Hall, the Richardson Theatre downtown, and the new Campus Center convocation center. The 1941 class graduated on the steps of Sheldon Hall because the auditorium had been destroyed by fire. The Centennial Class of 1961 graduated in an outdoor ceremony. And no matter how big the graduating classes get — this year's May Sesquicentennial class numbered 1,400 — one unique feature of Oswego Commencements endures: Each student's name is read aloud as graduates cross the stage to receive congratulations from their dean and the college president.

— S.L.
Alumni everywhere recognize Shady Shore as one of the most beautiful, historic buildings on campus. When Oswego founder Edward Austin Sheldon built Shady Shore in 1857, he meant it to be a family home. For President Deborah F. Stanley and her family, it has been just that for the past 13 years.

In fact, when the family was moving from the comfortable home they had built on the west side of Oswego, the president and her husband, attorney Michael Stanley, were concerned about how long it would take their daughters Paige and Jacquelyn, then 12 and 10, to adjust to life in the historic homestead.

“It took about three days,” President Stanley said with a laugh.

The girls soon found that their friends from the old neighborhood wanted to visit their new home. “Large numbers of children would gather here, even through the girls’ high school years,” she added.

Shady Shore has been a regular site for grown-up gatherings as well. Since it is an official college building, the president frequently hosts receptions and events there. She enjoys holding buffet dinners attended by faculty and staff from across campus, giving them the opportunity to mingle with colleagues and members of the community.

“It’s a very welcoming home, and we use every part of it,” President Stanley said. Even the stone porch and vast lawns become a place to host visitors. “Any time we have an opportunity and a group that will fit into Shady Shore, we invite them here. We know people are curious about it.”

Alumni especially love to visit, and during Reunion Weekend, the president opens her doors to the 50th and 25th year classes as well as volunteer Reunion planners. In one of the most moving moments at each Reunion, Golden Anniversary class members gather on the lawn at Shady Shore to remember classmates who have passed away as they light a candle in each one’s memory.

Living right on campus offered opportunities for the whole Stanley family to interact in the life of the college. The family would attend plays, concerts and sporting events, and enjoyed walks and bike rides on campus roadways. Even though the girls are grown and living in Washington, D.C., the president and her husband still enjoy biking the campus byways together.
“Our family feels special about being here,” President Stanley said. “It’s casual and comfortable, and always a welcoming home, but we never ignore the fact that it’s a big privilege to live here. We hope we are good stewards.”

She remembered her days as a faculty member, when she and Michael were invited to visit Shady Shore by former President Stephen L. Weber and his wife, Susan. “We never imagined we would be living here,” she said. “Certainly not for 13 years … and hopefully more to come.”

The awe at living in the founder’s home spans the generations of the Stanley family. Michael Stanley’s parents grew up in Oswego, and his father always wanted to see the whole home, which was an iconic building for him. “We were delighted that he got the opportunity to experience that,” the Stanleys said.

Situated on the lakeshore and surrounded by trees, many planted by Sheldon, a nurseryman before he founded the college, Shady Shore offers a great opportunity to enjoy nature. “My favorite part of the home is the grounds,” said Michael Stanley. “The house is wonderful and comfortable, but the property is so spectacular.”

“For a few years we strung a hammock between two trees out on the north side of the house,” said President Stanley. “It was a great vantage point to enjoy the lake.”

It’s also a great spot to observe wildlife. Foxes, raccoons, squirrels and chipmunks make their home in the vegetation, and deer are born occasionally on the front lawn. “We will see a little brown ball and then … a head pops up,” said the Stanleys.

Living in the historic home has spawned a number of family traditions the Stanleys would not have enjoyed elsewhere.

Food, fun and family times are especially important around the holidays. The Stanleys have forged wonderful holiday memories at Shady Shore, gathered around a huge 10-foot Christmas tree in the front living room, decorated with Stanley family ornaments. Usually joining in the festivities are children Jennifer and Joseph and their families, too.

Every summer, the Stanleys set up chairs along the shoreline and invite family and friends to watch the fireworks during Harborfest weekend.

Living in a public building can have its challenges for children. The girls were always given the choice to opt in or out of gatherings in their home. One day Jackie, arriving home from a soccer game, joined in the buffet line, cleats and all. Another time, Paige got an unpleasant surprise when the steam from her shower set off a fire alarm. She was shocked to find firefighters from several departments on her front doorstep within minutes.

The most spectacular place in the house, both Stanleys agreed, is the front library. Decorated in Arts and Crafts furnishings, its walls hung with historical photos and family portraits and floors covered with Oriental rugs from the Stanleys’ own collection, it’s Michael Stanley’s favorite spot for reading the morning newspapers. “The view of the lake and the grounds from its windows is magnificent,” he said.

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He has a spotting scope, which he uses to watch ships coming in to the harbor.

President Stanley was quick to address a Shady Shore FAQ. “The house is definitely not haunted,” she said with a laugh. But reminders of the founder are everywhere. A pair of marble-topped tables dates from when he lived in the house as do a couple of chairs and family portraits.

The president loves to point out Sheldon’s picture at the front entrance going up the stairs. “His portrait is a watchful presence,” she said.

Whether his presence is real or symbolic, the founder would probably smile to know that his family homestead continues to be a place where family members gather to enjoy the everyday and special moments of their lives, while sharing the historic space with the wider Oswego family.

Oswego’s founder, Edward Austin Sheldon purchased eight acres of lakeshore land for Shady Shore in 1856, paying a total of $2,000. “It was my ideal site for a home,” he writes in his autobiography.

In fact the site gave him so much pleasure, he wrote, “I have sometimes thought the day I took my axe and went into the woods for the purpose of laying out my drive was about the happiest one of my whole life.”

Sheldon describes the house as being “somewhat peculiar in its structure. I put up a light frame and embedded it in concrete.

“This made a very warm and durable house. It was built in the fall of ’57. The next spring we moved into our new quarters. Here we were destined to live until removed by death.”

From 1919 to the beginning of the 1930s, the house was only used for storage.

Upon moving in, President Ralph Swetman had the stone porch put on and changed the rooflines, adding a second story in the back. He removed the gingerbread trim of the home whose look had not changed since it was built in 1857.

Shortly after World War II, Swetman became ill and moved to Florida. To help with expenses and to provide company for his wife and daughters, he opened up the home for married veterans and their families.

Since Swetman, every college president has lived in Shady Shore and made their own mark on its décor.

The Stanleys pulled up rugs and refinished the hardwood floors, freshened the home with new paint and renovated bathrooms to accommodate the needs of a family with two young daughters.

All work was done with campus personnel, and the Stanleys walked around campus and picked out furniture that was not being used. The furniture shop then reupholstered all the pieces, including 14 dining room chairs from the set that once stood in the Kingsford Mansion and were purchased by the college in the 1930s.

Key to portraits above
A. Edward Austin Sheldon
B. Isaac Poucher
C. James Riggs
D. Ralph Swetman
E. Harvey Rice
F. Foster Brown
G. James Perdue
H. Virginia L. Radley
I. Stephen L. Weber

Edward Austin Sheldon completed his family home, Shady Shore, in 1858.
‘Sisterhoods of Space’

Across a century and a half, the progeny of two presidents — Mary Sheldon Barnes 1868, daughter of Oswego’s Founder Edward Austin Sheldon, and Paige Stanley, daughter of current President Deborah F. Stanley — connected in their love for Shady Shore and their homesickness for the old homestead.

Mary wrote in Sheldon’s autobiography about times the children would accompany their parents out to work on the family farm in Perry, N.Y. “Yet we were always glad to get back to our ‘dear old Lake’ Ontario, with its murmurs and its thunders — last sound at night and first sound in the morning — with its world of changing color and its glorious sunsets. That lake and sky have often seemed to bear us up, away from the common world into realms of purest aspiration. Some of us, when away from home, have been stricken with actual, serious homesickness for them,” Mary wrote.

In law school in Washington, D.C., Paige felt that same homesickness. While searching the Internet for information about her home, she came across a piece Mary had written and felt compelled to answer her. “I wrote the letter to Mary in a bout of homesickness for the house and the lake to remind myself that the goal isn’t to remain in the same moment that first ignited in me a desire for learning and knowing more about the world, but it’s to take that desire out with me into the world to be that spark for others,” Paige wrote.

“Knowing how Mary felt about the house and about Oswego, and also knowing that she did most of her life’s work far from home helps to remind me that though my roots are planted firmly on the shore of Lake Ontario, I have a responsibility to take what I’ve learned here out into the world and contribute my voice to the marketplace of ideas.”

Here are the letters of the two presidential daughters.

Mary Sheldon wrote:

“I can remember just the hour when the endless wish to know awoke — that divine energy which urges us to mingle with the greater world without.

Just a child, with mother’s arm about me, I stood in the little dormer window of my room, looking up and out at the clear dome of stars, that rose from Lake Ontario to the zenith.

There glimmered the softly sparkling milky way, single stars, splendid and intense, drew the space from point to point — but best of all, I loved groups of stars, the sisterhoods of space, and best of these, again, the three strong stars of Orion’s belt.

The stars are all worlds, are all suns — like our world, like our sun, said my mother softly.

All those stars? All worlds?

And through the infinite spaces swept an infinite life that swept my soul upward and outward with it, in an infinite longing to know the bright worlds, every one.

So in a moment, the mind awoke to its energy and joy.”

Paige Stanley’s reply:

Dear Mary,

Generations after you awoke to yourself while gazing out into the expanse and loveliness of a Lake Ontario night sky, I started on my own journey to myself in the same place. My bedroom window in Shady Shore looks out to the lake as yours did. It is, perhaps, the same room and the same window. Much has changed in our house over the years not least of which, I imagine, is the view. A vast maple tree now stands insistent outside my window. It might be just old enough to have been the sapling that you could once peer down at from this perch. In the winter, when its branches are sparse, I look straight out to the lake, and each night I am lulled to sleep by the sound of the waves as you must have been. Though the lake is expansive and ever-present here, I have always considered it a companion to only me; a relationship born of sustained and mutual contemplation over the years.

Is it strange to think of your words as a private letter to me across decades? Is it stranger still to think that your journey, your self, and your story have influenced my journey, self, and story? Our unity of place, even though not of time, still links us. We are both daughters of this lake, this school, this house, and perhaps this room. This place sparked in you a desire for learning that you cultivated and carried out into the world. That same spark took root in me here. And from this place I carry it upward and outward in an effort to do that which you have done for me and countless others. Pass it on. “Through the infinite spaces swept an infinite life that swept my soul upward and outward with it, in an infinite longing to know the bright worlds, every one.” It is an endless wish to know. Endless, I think, in that not only does it spur each of us onward, it is continually passed from soul to soul as a gift.

Paige Stanley

Mary Sheldon Barnes 1868

Paige Stanley
Grant Supports Undergraduate Research in Brazil

Oswego students Earl Bellinger ’12 and Janet Buckner ’12 eagerly tell how their summer 2010 work at the college’s global laboratories in Brazil studying the stars and surveying wildlife has opened opportunities for them as future scientists.

As they prepared to return this summer, they had a chance to share their stories with representatives of the international partnership that is supporting a Brazilian research experience for them and 13 other SUNY students this year and another 15 next year.

Officials from Sovereign Bank/Banco Santander, the State University of New York system and Brazil’s State of Alagoas visited SUNY Oswego in May and heard Bellinger’s and Buckner’s presentations. Banco Santander awarded $160,000 to SUNY to support student participation in ongoing research at Brazilian sites in Oswego’s new network of global laboratories.

“We strongly believe that future leaders will be global leaders,” said Eduardo Garrido, director of the Santander Universities program at Sovereign Bank, a U.S. subsidiary of Spain-based Banco Santander. “This has to be fostered.”

Emerging scientists

Buckner gave an illustrated presentation of her work in Brazil’s Pantanal wetlands with Cleane Medeiros of Oswego’s biological sciences faculty. She participated in a survey of reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates, gathering data that will help protect the habitat.

“I’ve had dreams of being a scientist forever,” the senior zoology major said. This summer she returned in search of ideas for her doctoral research. A McNair Scholar at Oswego as well as a participant in the college’s Honors Program, Buckner has been accepted to pursue a doctorate at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Bellinger reported on his work last summer studying the period-luminosity relationship of Cepheid stars in the Large Magellanic Cloud, working with Shashi
Kanbur, Oswego’s faculty fellow and a member of the physics faculty. “You can’t see the Magellanic Cloud from the northern hemisphere yet it holds all the data that I’m researching,” Bellinger said.

This summer the junior double major in computer science and applied mathematics worked on computational quantum physics at the Federal University of Alagoas in Maceio.

‘Tight-knit collaboration’
SUNY Oswego President Deborah F. Stanley last year traveled to the Brazilian state of Alagoas, the fast-developing northeastern region of Brazil, to sign three agreements that established some of the first global laboratories in Oswego’s planned world-spanning network, including agreements with the federal university and the state of Alagoas.

In turn, Eduardo Setton, secretary for science, technology and innovation for the state of Alagoas, came to Oswego and heard Buckner’s and Bellinger’s presentations. Setton spoke of the tech park in Maceio and the opportunities for international collaboration there through such agreements as SUNY Oswego has established.

Kanbur described Oswego’s network of global laboratories, which he is helping to develop, as “absolutely unique,” and Bellinger added that his experience supports that claim: “My friends at private universities have expressed envy that we have such fantastic opportunities at our public university.”

Josh McKeown, Oswego’s director of international education and programs, agreed. “We have built something special,” he said. “Our students can so seamlessly enter into a research program in another country because of the close relationship of our international faculty with researchers abroad.”

Oswego’s agreements in Alagoas are among nine the college has with universities and states in Brazil. “That’s really a tight-knit collaboration. I’m proud of Oswego for forging these alliances with such an important country,” said Sally Crimmins Villela, SUNY’s assistant vice chancellor for global affairs.

President Stanley noted that Oswego is deepening the relationship as it sends more students to the country to participate in hands-on research while gaining understanding of another culture, and she said she hopes to bring students from Brazil to Oswego. “Banco Santander’s support is helping our global laboratories come into full blossom,” she said.

—Shane M. Liebler

March Matchness a Slam Dunk with Young Alumni

All eyes were on March for Development Office fundraisers this year as a first-ever monthlong campaign that sought to boost young alumni giving kicked off.

After a month of emails, videos and Facebook status updates, the Graduates Of the Last Decade program exceeded its goal of 100 GOLD donors over 30 days.

Oswego Alumni Association Board member Timothy Barnhart ’02 offered to match every gift made by his fellow GOLD during March 2011. A total of 127 accepted the challenge, bringing in more than $5,275.

“We were absolutely floored by the response to this fundraiser by our GOLD alumni,” said Jessica Moquin, associate director of annual giving. “Our volunteer members on the GOLD Leadership Council really stepped it up and so did our donors, many of whom made gifts for the first time.”

March Matchness was completely Web-based in hopes of connecting with a social media-savvy demographic. In addition to traditional email solicitations, members of the GOLD Leadership Council changed their Facebook profile pictures to images promoting March Matchness and personally invited friends to “attend” the online event by giving.

Videos used to promote the giving drive in emails were also posted to YouTube, which allowed it to appear on the Web pages of Alumni Relations and University Development.

“We tripled the number of GOLD donors we typically have in March, so calling March Matchness a success is an understatement,” Moquin said. “It’s a slam dunk and we hope it helps young alumni recognize the value of giving to their alma mater.”

—Shane M. Liebler

—Julie Harrison Blissert
Grateful Teachers Pass Along Oswego Education to Future Generations

For Donald ’62 and Linda Mykland Blauvelt ’61, Oswego is a special place. It’s where they met and fell in love, prepared for a fulfilling career in education and met professors and friends they still remember fondly half a century later.

That’s why the couple, this year celebrating the 50th anniversary of Linda’s graduation and of their marriage, decided to leave Oswego a bequest in their will to establish the Blauvelt Scholarship Fund.

“We didn’t come from a wealthy background by any means,” says Don, who stressed how fortunate they felt to have attended Oswego at a time when there was no tuition. Both became teachers and after decades in the classroom, have now retired. With their legacy gift to Oswego, the Blauvelts can fulfill their wish to pass on their great Oswego experience to future generations of students.

“We tried to give back so that other people might have the same opportunity,” Don says.

The Blauvelts met during their freshman year at a Sigma Gamma fraternity party for Arethusa sorority sisters, setting the stage for half a century of marriage.

The couple has other fond memories of their time at Oswego, many revolving around the professors who nurtured them and set them on the path to a classroom career they loved.

For Don, it was the late Professor Richard Pfund, with whom he would go on to volunteer at Oswego’s Maritime Museum; George Radcliff, an industrial arts professor who supervised student teachers; and Earl Sparr, who would have students over to his house at holiday time.

Professor John Fisher taught Linda in freshman composition class and still remembers her when they attend Florida alumni events together.

“The teachers were always there for you,” recalls Linda, who has fond reminiscences of her first class in EEIA, elementary education industrial arts, with Professor Robert Babcock ’49.

Both remember classes in the “old wooden shacks” of Splinter Village, the city of Oswego and the many establishments students from the dry campus frequented — Nunzi’s, Buckland’s, McCarthy’s — as well as the curfews.

The couple was back on campus in June for Linda’s 50th Reunion, and remembered how “special” the class felt, as the 100th class to graduate from Oswego.

What better way to mark that special reunion — and Oswego’s Sesquicentennial — than as the newest members of the Sheldon Legacy Society, the group of loyal donors who carry on Founder Edward Austin Sheldon’s tradition by making an Oswego education possible for future generations through their estate gifts.

For more information on the Sheldon Legacy Society, contact Mark Slayton at 315-312-5560 or by email at mark.slayton@oswego.edu, or visit oswego.edu/plannedgiving.

— Michele Reed
Time Capsule

EDNA JOHNSON LITTLEWOOD ’51 WAS walking along the hallways of Sheldon Hall during Reunion in June and saw a familiar face looking back at her — her own! Edna found a framed picture of the Class of 1951 time capsule being buried in front of Sheldon Hall and was pictured with those present for the ceremony. Edna joked that the time capsule didn’t contain any buried treasure. “There were no gold bricks buried there,” she said with a laugh. Indeed, the capsule was unearthed for the class’s 50th anniversary in 2001. Herb VanSchaack ’51 joined the late Marion Green ’99, a library clerk with Special Collections, who created a display of the barrel’s contents, including such memorabilia as student ID cards, exam blue books, a Clio beanie and a little chalkware dog.

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Career in Medical Command Brought Care, Laughter to Sailors and Soldiers

**CAPT. SHARI HOLTZCLAW KIRSHNER ’76**
was just looking for some help with graduate school tuition when she joined the military reserves. Some 33 years later, she retired from a career with the U.S. Navy Medical Service Corps.

As commanding officer of the Naval Medical Logistics Command from 2001 to 2005, Shari oversaw distribution of medical supplies to ships, bases and hospitals worldwide.

“Our motto was ‘Suppliers for Life’ and our mission was to get the right medical products to the right place at the right time,” said Shari. “I knew that the patient would not get the services they needed if my staff didn’t do its job.

“The doctors, the nurses, the hospitals depended on us,” said Shari, who was the first African-American woman to be promoted to captain and given command in the Medical Service Corps.

After graduating from Oswego with a communication studies degree, she went on to study health care management at Webster University and earned a special designation in medical logistics from the U.S. Naval School of Health Sciences.

The responsibility of getting medications, lab equipment and basically anything needed to treat servicemen and women of the Navy and Marine Corps was intense, Shari said. But, she also had a hand in distributing some levity abroad.

After meeting soldiers in Walter Reed Army Medical Center's Wounded Warrior Clinic, Shari invited friend and comedian Lewis Black to visit. A regular on Comedy Central’s *Daily Show*, Black was inspired by the experience to get involved with the United Service Organization and has done performances abroad ever since.

— Shane M. Liebler
TOM WALPOLE 79 HAS BEEN NAMED senior vice president, global manufacturing excellence, and president, Novelis Asia. The president of Novelis Asia since 2007, Walpole assumed additional responsibilities to increase the speed at which the company integrates its global manufacturing operations through common standards, policies and practices. He will also oversee execution on the company’s overall improvement goals for its manufacturing assets over the next three to five years. In addition, he will be responsible for helping the company achieve world-class employee health and safety performance and for implementing global standards for all new major capital investments.

Walpole has more than 30 years of aluminum industry experience. Prior to the Novelis spin-off from Alcan Inc. in 2005, he held a number of international positions with Alcan including vice president of sales and marketing for the rolled products operations in Korea and president of the lithographic, can and painted products business in Europe.

In addition to his accounting degree from Oswego, he holds an MBA from Case Western Reserve University.

He resides in Seoul, Korea.

Alumna Shares Photos of Chimps

CHIMPANZEES ARE A LOT LIKE HUMANS, sharing 98 percent of the same DNA and many personality traits. That fact was in evidence in a special multimedia presentation on campus in February by wife-and-husband photography and video team Kristin Mosher ’89 and Bill Wallauer.

For 15 years, Bill followed the wild chimpanzees in Gombe National Park, Tanzania, capturing the intimate details of their daily lives for the Jane Goodall Institute (JGI), which is led by renowned primatologist and conservationist Dr. Jane Goodall. He has videotaped chimpanzee births, dominance displays, infanticide attempts, encounters with snakes and “rain dances.” Much of his footage is unprecedented — including capturing a live birth on tape.

Kristin is a professional wildlife photographer and sound recordist. She previously worked as a Jane Goodall Institute staff member, and continues to partner with Bill on production work for JGI. The alumna’s photographic work has appeared in many publications, including National Geographic, BBC Wildlife Magazine and numerous books.

Currently, the couple is working on a three-year project with Disneynature documenting the behavior of chimpanzees for an upcoming major motion picture. ●
KaeLyn Rich ’05 has been an advocate for social justice as long as she can remember. As Genesee Valley chapter director of the New York Civil Liberties Union, Rich advocates for women’s, LBGT and immigrant rights among many other social issues. An English Writing Arts and women’s studies major, she served as co-director of the Women’s Center, treasurer of Vega and cast director of the peer-education theatre troupe Melodramatics. “I have been attracted toward jobs that allow me to get paid for activism and standing up for justice,” Rich said. “The Women’s Center inspired me to truly do work that I love, that feeds my activist soul.”

1. **Best Oswego moment:** Sitting in the nook outside of Penfield Library with friends, “studying” (cough, cough) and enjoying the few fleeting weeks of sunny weather at the end of my last semester.

2. **Worst Oswego weather:** The infamous ice storm of 2003 — Classes were actually canceled and we all know classes are NEVER canceled at Oswego.

3. **Superpower:** Superduperfast talking. I could be one of those people that say all the deadly side effects on radio ads for prescription drugs.

4. **Soft spot:** Adoptable pets, especially little critters like rabbits and rats. I wish I could adopt them all!

5. **Good book:** My favorite book changes all the time. Most recently, I was completely sucked into *Wench*, a historical fiction novel by Dolen Perkins-Valdez.

6. **Bad rap:** Getting uncontrollably loud when I get excited about something — helpful when organizing a rally, not helpful over dinner in a quiet restaurant.

7. **Great food:** I make some pretty tasty Buffalo Tofu, my potluck specialty since my Oz days.

8. **Favorite Oswego extra-curricular:** The Women’s Center was my home away from home from 2002 to 2005. I was so sad when I had to turn in my office key.

9. **Coolest Oswego curricular:** Helping produce the first SUNY Oswego production of “The Vagina Monologues” in 2003.

10. **Best advice:** You have to do what you love. Figure out what you are passionate about and don’t let anything hold you back.

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**Coming to Your City…**

The Oswego Alumni Association’s popular “Welcome to the City GOLD Parties” return this fall with an expanded roster of locales. Save the dates and visit oswego.edu/gold for reservation information. These networking events give recent grads a chance to mingle with fellow alumni of all class years in an informal setting.

**SEPT. 1** **BUFFALO**
Happy Hour Networking Social and Buffalo Bisons Game

**SEPT. 10** **ROCHESTER**
Barbecue in Webster Park

**SEPT. 17** **WASHINGTON, D.C.**
Potomac Riverboat Tour and Happy Hour Networking Social

**SEPT. 29** **ALBANY**
Happy Hour Networking Social

**OCT. 7** **SYRACUSE**
Happy Hour Networking Social and Wise Guys Comedy Show

**OCT. 20** **NEW YORK CITY**
Beer Tasting and Food Pairing Networking Social

Advance reservations are required for all events.
Sometimes I struggle with what to write about in this column. On my 6:00am walk with our "rescue" dog, Bo, it hit me! What do I love about Oswego? The answer is longer than this space allows, so I'll try to recap a few of the things that I love about Oswego.

I was hired 27 years ago (along with my colleague, Lisa Potter!) in a part-time position as advisor to a student group in the Alumni Office. Those “kids” I worked with are now going on 50 years old — I’m not sure how that happened! I also never imagined when I took that part-time job, that it would become my life’s work and passion and prove fulfilling in a way that many people only dream of. As I say time and again, it is truly a labor of love to work in the Alumni Office and with Oswego alumni.

So some of the things that I love most about working with Oswego alumni are their overwhelmingly unabashed love for this place and for their experiences here. I love their ongoing commitment to helping our students — to find internships and jobs, to mentor them. I love their enthusiasm in helping organize reunions to get their friends to come back to campus. Scores of them have become personal friends over my 27 years — people with whom I would not have had a connection if not for Oswego. And for that I am blessed and is one of the reasons I love Oswego.

I love working in an intellectually stimulating environment. And I love and truly believe that education changes lives and enriches our world. It’s a great feeling to think Oswego (and I in a small way!) are making a small difference in this big world of ours.

Then there’s the “personal.” Jerry ’77 and I and our kids, Caitlin (28), Megan (26) and Connor (23) have benefitted, along with the entire local Oswego community, from the many cultural, artistic, athletic and educational opportunities that SUNY Oswego brings into our local community every day.

But, most of all it is the people I love about Oswego — the people who work here and the students and alumni who went here. It truly is a special place. And I am proud of our 150-year history and all that is yet ahead. And those are just a few of the many things that I love about Oswego!

Betsy
Brookstein’s Best at Beer

While most would be fired for imbibing between 9 and 5, Jesse Brookstein ’06 gets paid to sip on his shift. In fact, it’s the first thing he does each morning at Avery Brewing Co. in Boulder, Colo.

And while taste-testing is a part of the morning routine, not every day is filled with “happy hours.”

As packaging manager, Brookstein is responsible for making sure every pint that leaves the plant is perfect.

“You can brew the best beer in the world, but it doesn’t mean anything if it’s not packaged properly,” he said. “You have to make sure all of the process is clean and efficient.”

Getting a beer from tank to kegs, cans and bottles, and finally to market is threatened by many factors, from extreme temperatures to over-carbonation.

Brookstein got his start delivering beer for a company based near Utica, where he attended Mohawk Valley Community College. He transferred to Oswego to pursue a communication studies degree and developed his love of beer personally and professionally.

An internship with Brewery Ommegang in Cooperstown gave him a taste for all facets of the business.

“I was always drawn to leaving my marketing job and checking out the bottling line or the brew house,” Brookstein said.

A semester abroad in Germany widened his palate and fostered his passion for different styles of beer and a special course with Chemistry Professor Jeffery Schneider developed Brookstein’s fascination for fermentation.

He drew all of his Oswego experiences together and headed to Colorado, which is home to many burgeoning breweries.

At Avery, he appreciates all the aspects of his job whether he’s taste-testing, working the factory floor or fixing problems with machinery or process. Brookstein has even helped name a couple of beers.

“It’s a very good mix of manual labor and intelligent thought,” he said of his job.

— 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 audio recordings by requesting that your publisher or distributor send a copy for the Oswego Alumni Bookshelf at King Alumni Hall.

Stan Levenson ’54 uses his memoir, When Brooklyn Was Heaven: A Memoir from Brooklyn to L.A. and Places In-Between, to provide accounts of those Brooklyn neighborhoods so rich in culture and history, and of his own rise from being a poor, fatherless kid during the Great Depression to becoming a renowned fundraiser helping schools around the world reap millions of dollars in grants and gifts. Outskirts Press, 2011.

Edwina “Eddie” Foster ’62 makes her writing debut with Take a Hike! Walk Fire Island... Discover History, a guide inspired by her experience as an interpretive ranger with the National Park Service at Fire Island National Seashore. Xlibris, 2010.

In her debut novel, Jo Ann Butler ’76 weaves a tale of women’s lives in 17th-century Puritan New England. A Scandalous Life: Rebel Puritan centers on the true story of Herodias Hicks, married at 13, and compelled by harsh laws to either submit to an abusive marriage, or lose her children and be cast from her home. Neverest Press, 2010.

In Misery to Ministry, Mary T. Sorrentino ’03 offers hope to those who have suffered from low self-esteem, anxiety, fear or anger management issues. She writes from personal experience that the answer is very simple, yet profound. Misery to Ministry Publications, 2010.

Jeffrey Cappel ’76 of Port St. Lucie, Fla., died April 9. Jeff founded a number of businesses in the Oswego area. Surviving are two sons and a grandson.

Joseph Stier ’76 of Elk Grove Village, Ill., passed away Feb. 2. While at Oswego, he began his lifelong love of rugby, playing for Oswego, the Syracuse Rogues and the Albany Knickerbockers. He was also a founding member of the Syracuse Harlequins. He worked for the U.S. Postal Service for almost 29 years, most recently as an international accounts manager. Donations may be made in Joe’s memory to the P. Kevin Gilman ’74 Memorial Scholarship, c/o Oswego College Foundation, Inc., 219 Sheldon Hall, Oswego, NY, 13126. The scholarship supports an incoming freshman and the SUNY Oswego Rugby Club.

Paul Shiffer ’78 of Fairport died Feb. 4. He was a data center engineer for Finger Lakes Technology Group. Surviving are his wife, Kathy, and two daughters.

James Bright ’81 of Rockwall, Texas, died July 13, 2010. He earned two master’s degrees from The University of Texas at Dallas and was an educator at Brookhaven College and The University of Phoenix. James was an employee of Texas Instruments for 13 years. Surviving are his wife, Sharon, and a son.


Kathryn Laboda-Bolster ’87 of Fulton passed away March 15. She was a volunteer with Literacy Volunteers and AmeriCorps. Kathryn is survived by her husband, Scott Bolster, and two sons.

Mark Craner ’88 of Syracuse passed away April 5. He worked for Davis Mechanical for 18 years. Surviving are his wife, Lisa, and two sons.

Thomas Hess ’88 of Hyde Park died Dec. 14. He was an English teacher at Haviland Middle School in the Hyde Park Central School District. Tom is survived by three brothers.

Thomas Riveglia ’88 of Albany passed away Jan. 12. He is survived by his wife, Melissa, and two sons.


Judith Furnari ’96, M ’98 of Oswego passed away Feb. 3. She also earned a master’s degree at Syracuse University. She had been a librarian with the Oswego City School District and the Hannibal Central School District. Judy is survived by her parents and two sisters.

Traci Morey-Zimmer ’97, M ’99 of West Monroe passed away July 26, 2010. Since 1999, she had taught at Pulaski Academy and Central School, where she was also the tennis coach. Traci is survived by her husband, Christopher.

Theodore Moss, Emeritus Professor of Education, died Jan. 11. Ted earned his bachelor’s degree at Fredonia State, his master’s degree at Columbia University, and his Ph.D. at the University at Buffalo. He also did post doctoral work at Harvard. Prior to teaching at Oswego, he taught at SUNY Brockport and Buffalo State. Ted retired from Oswego in 1979. He is survived by two children and two grandchildren.

Paul Wagner, formerly of Oswego’s department of anthropology, died Dec. 27, 2008. He pioneered the New Covenant Church and Christian School in Oswego and BASIC, the on-campus ministry at SUNY Oswego. He also founded the Believers’ Chapel and Christian School in Cicero. Paul is survived by his wife, Paulie, two sons and five grandchildren.

Events

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September 2 National College Colors Day – Wear your Green and Gold!”
September 15 New York City Alumni Boat Cruise*
October 6-7 School of Business Alumni Symposium
October 9 Buffalo Bills game and tailgate reception
October 15 Oswego Alumni Association Board of Directors meeting*
October 21-23 Family and Friends Weekend
October 27 Dr. Lewis B. O’Donnell Media Summit**
November TBD Oswego College Foundation Board of Directors meeting**
November 1 Women’s Connections conference
November 12 Athletic Hall of Fame induction*  
* Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, 315-312-2258  
** Office of University Development, 315-312-3003
Brian Drake '03 and Karey Desmarais '05 were married July 24, 2010, at the State Room in Albany. Pictured, from left in the back row, are: Sarah Gunnip Holzhauer '06, Mark Holzhauer '04, Bree Hartmann, James Hartmann '03, Mark Gastin '01, Jeremy Sinclair, Erica Dwyer, the bride, the bridegroom, Wayne Frick '02, Dan Dempsey '04, Jill Rupert '02, Max Walrath '01, Tim Neider '05, Lenora Christopher '05, Stephanie Rubas '05 and Meghan Frein '02. Pictured, front row from left, are: Joshua Fremed '05, David Briest '02, Kevin Shults M '11, Mark Michalski '05, Patrick Ellis '02 and Don Keohane '01. Brian works in sales and Karey is a teacher in the West Genesee School District. The couple resides in Liverpool, N.Y.

Brooke Gavin '04 and Jason Franz were married Sept. 18, 2010, at Vestal United Methodist Church, with a reception held in Endwell. Pictured, from left, are: Rob Gavin '08, M '09, Stacy Courtwright Mocarski '05, the bride, Katrina Kellerhouse McIntosh '04 and Michelle Cash '13. Brooke is an accountant and Jason is an application developer. The couple resides in Baraboo, Wis.

Joseph Hanley '06 and Lori Gratz '06 were married April 2 in Monmouth Beach, N.J. They currently reside in Queens. Pictured, from left to right, are: Adam Kapp '06, Joanne Rutkowski '06, Nan Luma '06, Cheryl Tripler '06, Maureen Flynn '04, the bride, the bridegroom, Adam Dunagan '06, Dan Clarey, Justin Reitz '07, William Michael Diehl '06 and Vanessa Vair Reitz '06.

Jennifer Beach '07 and Christopher Brillante '08 were married Dec. 31 at the Hotel Utica. Included in their wedding party were Jessica Lyons '08, Nicole Mazzotti '07, Christine Volk '07 and Ryan Bates '08. Jennifer works for Townsquare Media and Christopher is employed by the National Federation of Independent Businesses, both in Utica.
Stephanie Bernat ’08 and Travis Smith ’06 were married Oct. 16 in Watertown. Other alumni in attendance included, from left in front row: Jeffrey Storch ’06, the bridegroom, the bride and Stephanie Karelus ’08. Pictured in the middle are: Carolyn Sheldon ’67, Katie Burnett ’05, Stacey Wolcott ’07, Lee Prugar ’67 and Gina Rando. Pictured in back are: Tabetha Harrington, Mark Walton ’07 and John Prugar ’68. Travis is a CPA in Syracuse. The couple resides in Baldwinsville.

Elizabeth Farrell ’05 and Christopher Dunnigan ’06 were married Aug. 7, 2010, in Pearl. The couple met during their freshman year in Riggs Hall and dated throughout their undergraduate years. Pictured, top from left, are: Jose Rodriguez ’06, Larry Clever ’06, Ian Cella ’07, the bridegroom, Kevin Pytel ’06, Shane Hogan ’06 and Will Boylan ’06. Pictured, middle row from left, are: Irene Rosario Rodriguez ’06, Pamela Lubowsky ’06, Joseph Farrell ’09, Erin Brennan ’06, Nick Lotito ’06, Ryan Braden ’06, Bil Gannon ’06 and Lauren Lungaro ’07. Pictured, front row from left are: Kate McMannis Brophy ’91, Monica Kinner ’05, CJ Theiss ’06, the bride, Stephanie Foreman Lotito ’06, Jamie Messineo ’07, Cassie Beal ’06, Kathleen McGurn ’06, Karen Szablak Kieran, Lynda Friedrich Boissey ’70, James Devine ’72, Ann Devine Farrell ’70 and Donna Simons Coates.
Sadie Kosoff Kost ’30 of Rochester died Jan. 21 at the age of 101. She was a special education teacher in Rochester City Schools for more than 25 years. Sadie is survived by two sons, seven grandchildren, including Amy Kost ’82, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Dena Giovo Feeney ’31 of Mexico, N.Y., died Dec. 13, 2009, at the age of 101. She taught in the Mexico Central School District until her retirement in 1972. She is survived by a son, two daughters, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Victoria Sambor ’37 of Oswego died March 18. She taught in the Oswego City School District for more than 40 years, retiring from Leighton Elementary.

Arneta Godkin White ’38 of Oswego died March 24, 2008. She was an elementary teacher in Oswego. Surviving are a son, a granddaughter and two great-grandsons.

Walter Griggs ’40, M ’55 of Galax, Va., passed away March 19. Walt began his career at Pulaski County High School where he worked from 1940 until he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1942. He returned to Pulaski in 1946. In 1948, Walt became a professor of vocational and technical education at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University where he served for 32 years until his retirement in 1980. He is survived by his wife, Jeanne, two children and three grandchildren.

Helene Schneider ’40 of McGaheysville, Va., passed away Aug. 6, 2010.

Frances Barry ’42 of Oswego passed away Feb. 3. She taught for more than 30 years, retiring from Fitzhugh Park School in 1975.

Phyllis Williams ’43 of Clifton Park died Sept. 7, 2010. She had taught in the Skaneateles and Batavia School Districts. Phyllis is survived by her husband, Robert; a son and daughter-in-law, David ’70 and Diane Watson Williams ’69; a daughter; and a granddaughter.

Helen Wiltsie Gilkey Green ’44 of Woodstock died May 23, 2010.

Mary Rose Waterman Baldwin ’45 of Vernon, British Columbia, Canada, passed away Jan. 5. She taught for 35 years in the U.S. and Canada before her retirement in 1988. Following retirement, she volunteered as a community liaison for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, who nicknamed her “Rose Bomb” because she was the RCMP’s “secret weapon.” She is survived by five children, nine grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Margaret Jones ’45 of Myrtle Beach, S.C., passed away Jan. 13. She earned her master’s degree at St. Lawrence University. Margaret taught in Oswego, Herkimer and on Long Island.

Betty Mahaffey Briggs ’46 of Utica passed away March 23. She taught in Hannawa Falls and Baldwinsville. Betty is survived by her husband, Clark; three children; and five grandchildren, including Julianna Lillibridge ’11.

Ursula O’Leary Kingston ’46 of Oswego passed away March 26. She earned her master’s degree from Syracuse University. She began her teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse. She taught in Fulton and Oswego, retiring from Oswego High School in 1986.

Hans Iwen ’48 of Henders­sonville, N.C., died March 31. He served with the U.S. Army during World War II and participated in the invasion of Normandy. Hans earned his master’s degree from New York University. He taught industrial arts in Peckville for 32 years, retiring in 1980. Surviving are his wife, Eleanor, and two daughters.

Charles “Bud” Coward ’49, Associate Professor Emeritus of Oswego, died March 2. Bud served with the U.S. Army during World War II. He was honorably discharged as a captain in 1953. While teaching on Long Island, he attended New York University. He returned to Oswego in 1954 as an assistant professor in the industrial arts department. Bud retired in 1978. He is survived by four daughters, 13 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

James Hatch ’49 of Rochester passed away Sept. 16, 2010. He was a former principal at Gates-Chili High School. Jim is survived by his companion, Patricia Irr, two daughters, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Donna Growe Matzke ’49 of Fulton died Jan. 19. She taught at Lanigan Elementary School for more than 25 years. She is survived by five sons, a daughter, 15 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Philip Persley ’49 of Vestal passed away Feb. 22. He served with the U.S. Army during World War II in the 10th Mountain Ski Troops. Phil taught industrial arts at Vestal High School for 34 years. Surviving are his wife, Patricia Churchill ’47, and a daughter.

Mary Keach Higgins ’50 of Seneca Falls passed away Jan. 19, 2010.

Marvin Holzman ’50 of Long Beach, Calif., died Aug. 16, 2010. Mary taught in the Long Beach Unified School District for 40 years. He is survived by his wife, Adrienne, a son, a daughter and five grandchildren.

John Lloyd ’50 of Daytona Beach, Fla., died Sept. 17, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Bunny.

Sally Kirwin Alliet ’52 of Rochester died March 22. She is survived by two daughters, nine grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Richard Guilfoil ’52 of Victor died April 17, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy.

Marion Johnson Mahony ’53 of Grafton, Mass., died Oct. 1. She earned a master’s degree at Queens College and library certification at Framingham and Worcester State College. Marion taught in Valley Stream and Centereach before moving to Connecticut. She retired from the Grafton School District after 30 years of teaching. Surviving are two children and three grandchildren.

Joseph Del Conte ’54 of Oswego passed away March 23. He graduated from Morrisville College and taught instrumentation before completing his bachelor’s degree from Oswego and his master’s degree from Syracuse University in 1956. Joe worked in several school districts in the Central New York area and retired in 1981 from the Syracuse City School District where he had worked as a guidance counselor for 17 years. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, two sons and six grandchildren.

Jean Hudson Sharp ’54 of Hopewell passed away Feb. 26. She taught in several school districts throughout her 29-year career, retiring from the Phelps School District in 1988. Jean is survived by her husband, Luther, two daughters, a son, seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Nancy Kroll Smith ’54 of Avon passed away Dec. 9. She taught at Lakeland Central School and South Colonic Central School. Nancy is survived by her husband, Eugene ’54, four children and seven grandchildren.

Diane Dickinson Titus ’54 of Simpsonville, S.C., passed away April 15. She taught at Greenville Tech before retiring in 2006. Diane is survived by her husband, David ’58, five children and 12 grandchildren.

Horst Lichtenberg ’57 of Dunedin, Fla., died Feb. 9. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. Horst was an administrator in the Keene Central School District. With his wife, he operated Olympic Heights, a tourist home in Lake Placid, for nearly 50 years. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte, two sons and two grandchildren.

Marilee King Maroney ’57 of Oswego died Feb. 12. She taught at Fairley Elementary School in Hannibal from 1957 until her re-
In Memoriam

Dina Cavallaro Kushnir '91 and Zaborny '84, and five grandchildren.

John Metcalfe '57 of Bowie, Md., died Nov. 9. He taught industrial arts and driver’s education for nine years in New York State before moving to Washington, D.C., where he began a 15-year career at the National Geographic Society. John is survived by his wife, Sharon, three daughters, a son and 11 grandchildren.

Joan Esseltine Wood M '57 of Oswego passed away April 2. She earned her bachelor’s degree at Nazareth College. Joan taught in the Mexico Central School District and the Oswego City School District. Surviving are her sons, Robert and Jeffrey '85; a daughter, Colleen; and two granddaughters. She was predeceased by her husband, Robert '53.

Gloria Hanley Collins Forrester '58 of Oswego died March 25. She was a reading teacher in the Oswego City School District. Gloria is survived by a daughter, Suzanne Hoefer '01; two sons; four grandchildren, including Mary Koskowski '09; and stepchildren and grandchildren.

Elizabeth Powell Mazzoli M '58 of Oswego died Feb. 20. She earned her bachelor’s degree at SUNY Fredonia. Elizabeth taught music in the Oswego City School District from 1951 to 1982. She is survived by two stepsons, three stepdaughters and several step-grandchildren.

Joseph Sereno '58 of Oswego passed away Jan. 13. He was a teacher in the Central Square Central School District for 32 years, retiring in 1993. Joe is survived by his wife, Eleanor; a daughter, Beth Schickle '81; and two grandchildren. He was predeceased by his daughter, Judy Zak '79.

Judith Franklin Miller '59 of Pulaski passed away June 3, 2009.

Robert Czirr '60 of Liverpool passed away Aug. 5, 2010.

Mary Fromey Nixdorf '60 of DeWitt died March 28. She taught in the Vernon-Verona-Sherrill School District and went on to retire from OCM BOCES. She was a transition counselor for incarcerated youth at Jamesville Correctional Facility. Mary is survived by her husband, James, two sons and three grandchildren.

William Wagner '60 of Chester, Conn., passed away Dec. 19. Bill served in the U.S. Navy. He was employed as a network engineer for SNET and AT&T for 34 years. He retired in 2001. Surviving are his wife, Betty Seabury '65; two children; and four grandchildren.

Isabel Ballou '61 of Lacona died Jan. 5. She graduated from the Pulsali Training Class in 1933 and began her teaching career at a one-room school in Boylston. In 1936, Isabel accepted a teaching position at Sandy Creek Central School, where she remained until her retirement in 1973. She did graduate work at SUNY Potsdam and Oswego.


Theodore Fusco '61 of Green Island died Sept. 30. He taught industrial arts in Columbia and Troy High Schools for three years. He retired in 2010 from the New York State Thruway Authority where he worked as a specification writer. Surviving are his wife, Anna Marie; four children; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Roy Martinus '61 of Dix Hills passed away May 7, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Carole, two sons and four grandsons.

Patricia Gsell Beck '63 of Sandy Creek passed away March 27. She taught in the West Islip and Connetquot School Districts. Patricia is survived by her husband, Robert; a daughter; a son; and two granddaughters.

James Purcell '63 of Conroe, Texas, passed away June 3, 2010.

Robert Worth Varney '63 of Liverpool passed away April 16. She taught in the North Syracuse School District for 30 years, retiring in 1999. Bobbi is survived by her husband, Robert; two sons and four grandchildren.

Jack Weaver '64 of Jacksonville, Fla., died April 3. He served with the U.S. Air Force as a Russian linguist during the Cold War. Jack taught in the Syracuse City School District and later served as a principal and administrator of special projects. He created several programs to keep “at risk” students from dropping out of school. After his retirement, Jack pursued a drug and alcohol certificate and worked in alcohol rehabilitation at Syracuse Brick House. Surviving are his wife, Dorothy; a son and a daughter.

Elaine Haven Eno '65 of Martville passed away March 26. She is survived by her husband, Phillip '64, two sons and a granddaughter.

Alan Kuech '65 of Tok, Alaska, passed away Oct. 27, 2009. He served in the U.S. Army with the 82nd Airborne Division. Al received a master’s degree from California State University, Long Beach. He worked in the Los Angeles Unified School District before moving to Alaska, where he taught in the Alaska Gateway School District until his retirement in 1997. He began a new career as a technicnic for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and retired Aug. 1, 2009. Al is survived by his wife, Betty Pinzel '65, four children and a brother, James '64.


Ruth MacKinder Babikian '66 of Syracuse died Feb. 22. She also earned her master’s degree at Oswego. Ruth taught in the North Syracuse Central School District for 32 years. Surviving are her husband, Mihran; two sons, David M '04 and Mark; and five grandchildren.

Charles Parry '66 of Blacksburg, Va., died Dec. 25. He was a professor emeritus of mathematics at Virginia Tech. He earned his master’s degree and Ph.D. from Michigan State University. Surviving are his wife, Gloria, four stepchildren and four step-grandchildren.

John Miglianti '67 of Delhi passed away April 28. He taught technology at SUNY Delhi.


Michael Burns '70 of New Hartford passed away Nov. 9, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Jill Laurin '70; a daughter, Sarah; a son, Kevin '95; and three grandchildren.

Sandra Tait Czudak '71 of Rochester passed away May 12, 2010. She was the former director of academic advising at Nazareth College. She is survived by her husband, Rod.

Alan Angevine '72 of Montgomery passed away May 12. He served with the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era, and the Air National Guard during the First Gulf War and after 9/11. Alan was a health and safety inspector for the state Department of Labor. He is survived by his wife, Dolores, two daughters, a son and four grandchildren.

Norma Hart Siddall '72 of Marietta died May 1. She taught in the Jordan-Elbridge Central School District until her retirement in 1992. Surviving are her husband, James, seven children and 13 grandchildren.

Denise Gallagher Weeks '72 of Eastley, S.C., died March 25. She is survived by her husband, Jim, a son, a stepdaughter and four grandchildren.

Kathryn McCague Ramming '72 of East Amherst passed away Feb. 17. She is survived by her husband, Thomas '72, and a daughter.

Paul Grau '73 of Brecksville, Ohio, died May 4. He earned his juris doctorate at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. He was a partner in the law firm of Reddy, Grau and Meek. Paul also was the law director for the cities of Oakwood, Brecksville and Garfield Heights. He is survived by his wife, Linda, and a son.

John McAlarney '74 of Mokena, Ill., passed away Jan. 23. He was an operations manager for KVI Industries. John is survived by his wife, Kathryn Meyer '74, and two sons.

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ive years ago I visited for a few days in the summer. It was a very strange experience. I wandered over the campus in search of my youth. Everywhere I looked, most of it was the same as I remembered. But all my friends were long gone. Only the memories still fresh. Everywhere I looked, ghosts materialized. Events materialized. I drank it in as only an older middle-aged man can. Here had taken place the best years of my life. I grew up here. My mind roared here. Some of the best friendships I have ever known were initiated and cultivated here. Some remain today.

But reality and time intruded. The snack bar at the union did not have vanilla cokes. Nunzi’s, the Warehouse, Buckland’s… all gone. The town looked a little depressed and worn. A number of buildings gone.

Finally I went into Seneca Hall and up to my old room on the seventh floor. Forty years ago! I lived in Seneca for three years. It was new when I moved in. So was I. Now it is weather-worn... blasted from forty years of storms. So am I. My room, 703 North, was exactly the same, however. Even the same furniture had survived, in good condition, for those forty years.

I sat down on a bed and conversations whispered that I had forgotten. Important discussions on the meaning of life, future plans, goals, and nonsense. I was there for an hour, just lost in the idea of this place in time. I think for a moment or two I could have opened that door and walked right back out into my life then. A mirror hanging above the bureau jolted me back to reality.

I stuck a newly bought Moody Blues CD in my rental car’s stereo and parked along the lake front with a beer and a sunset for company. Lost in remorse at paths not taken and opportunities not recognized. Joy at the threads I’ve kept up to this place. And grateful for all those people, in this place, who contributed to who I am now.

Mark Hutchins ’70 is an architect in Pasadena, Calif.
For 150 years — ever since Founder Edward Austin Sheldon gave his own funds to start this school — Oswego has relied on generous gifts to fulfill its destiny.

From the Oswego Normal School to Oswego State Teacher’s College to the present day SUNY Oswego, our college’s graduates have shared their unique educational heritage with future generations through their philanthropy.

Now, with state funds covering only about 25 percent of Oswego’s operating budget, each gift truly makes a difference in the lives of current students.

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Thank you!
Anzio Beach, Monte Cassino, Normandy: To most, these are names from a map or history book. To Charles Phallen, emeritus professor of technology education, they are places he served valiantly in World War II and visits now, at age 94, to receive honors from a grateful populace or pay respects at the graves of fallen comrades.

Last year, France honored him with the Chevalier Legion of Honor. The Legion of Honor is the highest award France can bestow, and it was presented to Phallen for his “personal, precious contribution to the United States’ decisive role in the liberation of our country.”

Phallen was a senior at Otterbein College in Ohio when he was called up to military service in 1941, and had to leave without graduating. After training at Fort Knox, he went on to serve as commander of the 3rd Infantry Tank Destroyer Unit. “The only thing worse was carrying a rifle,” he says. Phallen would take part in five D-Days, and in four of them, was among the first wave in.

He began his war experience in North Africa, where temperatures could reach 120 degrees. “The Germans beat us up,” he says of the inexperienced Army of that campaign. From there he and his unit went to Anzio Beach, where Phallen was seriously wounded. As he lay on the beach waiting to be taken to the hospital ship, it was destroyed by German artillery. He would recuperate for four months at Naples before rejoining his outfit at Rome, just as the Germans were leaving. The Americans’ casualty count of 26,000 in that campaign was the highest toll of any division in the war.

His service would lead him through the Alps and France, over the Rhine and into the heart of Germany.

Phallen’s military career included the life-affirming, like delivering a baby for an Italian housewife, to the horrific, discovering Dachau concentration camp while searching for housing for his men.

After the war Phallen would finish his bachelor’s degree and earn a doctorate at Ohio State University. His adviser suggested he apply to Oswego, for some “good experience.” President Foster Brown hired him at the rank of associate professor, leading to a 25-year career in the technology education department, teaching mostly graduate courses.

Today, in his cozy home a block from the campus where he taught from 1958 to 1983, Phallen is surrounded by memorabilia of his war years: scrapbooks and photos of the battlefields and cemeteries, a tiny replica of his tank destroyer, and medals. He travels to Italy, France and Germany, where he has placed liberation plaques at battle sites and participated on panels with military historians. Last year the mayors of Augsburg, Munich and Salzburg hosted the veterans for lunch.

Wanderlust is nothing new to Phallen, who after retiring became a “caravaner,” traveling the world in his Airstream. He would roll through 27 countries in Europe, and visit South Africa, New Zealand, Australia and China.

Closer to home, he loves spending time with his family, which includes daughter Anniiese Phallen Kieskowski M ’75 and her husband, Joseph; son Iver ’70 and daughter-in-law Phyllis Lamonica Phallen ’70. Sometimes former students visit and his first great-grandchild was born this summer. “It’s been a good retirement,” he says with a smile.