

Oswego student earns scholarships to make documentary in Japan

Thanks to winning three very competitive scholarships, SUNY Oswego senior Ashley Rath is studying in Japan and filming a documentary.

Her funding came from a Bridging Scholarship for Japan, the Freeman-Asia Scholars Program and a Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship. Rath is the first Oswego student to win all three awards.

Rath, a graphic design major and international business minor, studies at the University of Tsukuba near Tokyo. She said that when she learned about Oswego's program there two years ago, she started taking classes in Japanese to prepare.

"At Tsukuba you can take classes both in Japanese and English, so that was appealing," Rath said via e-mail. She considered an English-speaking country, but "decided to challenge myself and go to Japan. Along with the language barrier, the program is one year, which is longer than most study-abroad programs."

Her interest in video and time-based media was another factor, as "Japan has one of the densest technological nodes of our networked world" and offers innovation in design and multimedia that will "stimulate and inspire me to create better artwork," the Presidential Scholar from Hamlin said.

For her documentary, Rath hopes to portray both the similarities and differences between the two cultures. She plans to videotape most of her experience, including holidays and other big events as well as "the small things" that make up everyday life and the intersection of things like music, politics, media, family relationships and social habits, she said.

By her third trimester, she hopes to take a graphics course in Japanese. She reported last week that she is adjusting well and finds her Japanese campus feels similar to Oswego.

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The Gilman and Freeman-Asia programs required a follow-on project, which dovetailed with her interest in the video project. Her applications to those programs sought funds to defray some of the production expenses.

Between the three programs, she earned \$11,000 in scholarships; it could have been more, but Freeman-Asia reduced their amount because she attained the other funding.

In applying, Rath worked with Ryan Lemon in International Education and Programs and Beth Flanagan in Financial Aid. Both speak highly of her.

"Ashley is an exceptional student, and the fact that she received not one but multiple scholarships to study in Japan is really a testament to her character," Lemon said. "She will be a great student ambassador for SUNY Oswego and the United States."

When she returns, Rath wants to show the finished project to campus audiences and perhaps enter it in film competitions. "I believe this video will educate students on Asia, interest students in studying abroad and perhaps inspire them to do the same," Rath noted.

Rath encouraged students to pursue these scholarships — which, while the process is intense, can pay great dividends. "So many people could get these scholarships if they tried," Rath said. "As you can see, it was worth it!" □ — Tim Nekritz



Engineering consultants — Anne Caraley of the physics faculty shows the Van de Graaff accelerator lab in Snugg Hall to Sherra and David Kerns of the Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering. The Kernses toured Oswego's science and technology facilities earlier this month on their latest visit to campus to advise on Oswego's proposed programs in engineering. Sherra Kerns is vice president for innovation and research, and David Kerns is provost at Olin. The 4-year-old Massachusetts college offers an innovative engineering education that bridges science, technology, enterprise and society. Oswego has proposed a new degree program in software engineering and is pursuing proposals for electrical and computer engineering. The Kernses hold endowed faculty chairs in electrical and computer engineering at Olin.

Summit to examine media impact on sports

The impact of media on sports will be the focus of the second annual Louis A. Borrelli Jr. Media Summit at 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, in Sheldon Hall ballroom. A panel of national figures in athletics and sports journalism will discuss "The Impact of Media on U.S. Sports: Who's Winning? Media, Teams, Athletes or Fans?"

Panelists will be George Bodenheimer, president of ESPN and ABC Sports and co-chairman of Disney Media Networks; Myles Brand, president of the National Collegiate Athletic Association; Linda Bruno, commissioner of the Atlantic 10 Conference; and Richard Sandomir, sports reporter and columnist for the New York Times.

Linda Cohn, a 1981 graduate of SUNY Oswego and an anchor on ESPN's SportsCenter, will moderate the discussion. She joined ESPN in 1992. She also serves as play-by-play commentator for WNBA games and hosts the league's all-star game and finals on ABC.

Tickets to the media summit are free but must be reserved by calling Tyler Hall box office at 312-2141 or e-mailing tickets@oswego.edu.

Bodenheimer rose through the ranks at ESPN, starting in the mailroom in 1981. Since 1998 when he became president, he has led a period of growth for the company, which now encompasses over 50 business entities, from TV networks to restaurants. He added his leadership titles at ABC Sports in 2003 and at Disney Media Networks in 2004.

As head of the NCAA since 2003, Brand has presided over passage of the most comprehensive

academic reform package for intercollegiate athletics in recent history to focus on the education of student-athletes. He is the former president of Indiana University and the University of Oregon and began his career as a professor of philosophy.

Bruno's accomplishments with the Atlantic 10 since 1994 include negotiating the most lucrative television deals in league history and spearheading the move into football by orchestrating the takeover of the Yankee Conference. Street & Smith's Sports Business Journal named her among the top 20 most influential women in sports business.

Sandomir has been a reporter covering television sports and sports business for the New York Times since 1991. He won the 2001 Associated Press Sports Editors first-place award for best game story, and one of his columns was included in the book *Best American Sports Writing 2005*. He is the author of a memoir and co-author of three books.

Graduate underwrites summit

The media summit is the result of a gift from Louis A. Borrelli Jr., a 1977 graduate of Oswego who is chief executive officer of NEP Broadcasting. Borrelli oversees the worldwide leader in outsourced television production services and works with the Super Bowl, Olympics, NASCAR races, major awards shows and live televised concerts.

The purpose of the annual summits is to bring students into close contact with leaders in the media industry for high-level, cutting-edge debate about the significant challenges and opportunities facing this fast-changing industry. On the day of the summit, the guests teach classes and visit with students and faculty before the summit meeting.

"Our students will certainly have some memorable experiences interacting with these high-profile professionals in athletics and sports media," said Jerry Condra, director of the summit and associate professor of communication studies at Oswego.

For more information, call or e-mail him, 312-3521 or condra@oswego.edu, or see www.oswego.edu/mediasummit/. □

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College trends

Competitiveness slipping

“The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) released its annual report . . . that compares indicators of educational performance of 30 OECD countries. Perhaps the most significant finding is that the United States and other developed nations are losing ground to developing countries in many educational indicators, particularly those related to college performance. Asian countries are experiencing significant growth in college graduation and are becoming more competitive, while the United States has remained relatively flat with regard to meeting the demands of high-skilled labor markets.”

— *Edlines*, American Association of State Colleges and Universities, Sept. 15, 2006

Access imperiled

“Millions of high-school graduates from low- and moderate-income families who planned and prepared for college will continue to lose access to higher education because of financial strains, according to a report released [Sept. 13] by a committee that advises Congress and the U.S. Education Department. . . . It follows two previous reports issued by the committee . . . that focused on rising college costs and insufficient financial aid as a barrier to college attendance. The new report focuses on how those factors undercut bachelor’s-degree attainment. . . . According to the report, 1.4-million to 2.4-million bachelor’s degrees will be lost this decade as financial concerns prevent academically qualified students from the lowest income bracket from attending college. It stresses that those figures are conservative estimates.”

— *Academe Today*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, Sept. 14, 2006

Income and aid

“As a report released [Sept. 11] by the College Board shows, colleges of all types are now awarding a significant proportion of their financial aid based on merit, often in the quest to attract better students in the related quest of trying to move up in the college rankings. Getting them to forgo that competition to provide more funds to low income students may be a hard sell, . . . said . . . William G. Bowen . . . whose 2005 book *Equity and Excellence in American Higher Education* is widely credited with pushing elite colleges to pay more attention to low-income students and need-based aid.”

— *Inside Higher Ed*, Sept. 12, 2006

More grad students

“Graduate-student enrollment in American colleges and universities continued to increase in 2005, thanks largely to a growing number of female and African-American students and the first gain in new international-student enrollments in four years, according to a report scheduled for release [Sept. 13] by the Council of Graduate Schools. . . . Total enrollment last year rose by 2 percent since 2004, according to the report, with the number of female graduate students up by 3 percent and male students by 1 percent. Women accounted for 58 percent of all graduate students. . . . Among students from minority groups, enrollments of African-American students increased most, up by 6 percent from 2004, while enrollments of Hispanic, Asian, and American Indian students each increased by 2 percent. Those gains were attributed to the growing number of female graduate students, who account for more than half of each minority group. . . . First-time enrollments of international students in American graduate programs rose by 4 percent in 2005. . . . And while the total enrollment of international students dipped by 1 percent, the rate of decline was an improvement over the previous year’s 3-percent drop.”

— *Academe Today*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, Sept. 13, 2006



Rolling along — Senior technology education majors Dave Cocquyt (left) and Craig Celeste test the remote-control functions on a mini-Zamboni designed and built as a student-faculty technology project. The mini-Zamboni will appear between periods at hockey games and as well as at open houses and a pep rally Oct. 20 that will be the first activities in the new Campus Center.

New research scientist to build on Oswego’s environmental studies

The State University received funding for an additional 30 research faculty to be hired this year under its Empire Innovation Program, and SUNY Oswego will get one of them.

The new position will build on Oswego’s existing success in environmental research in the Lake Ontario region, said Provost Susan Coultrap-McQuin.

“We expect that this research scientist will expand on our internationally recognized research on Great Lakes contaminants and help us develop an interdisciplinary research program in Great Lakes studies,” she said.

Oswego’s current research in this area is carried out most notably by the Center for Neurobehavioral Effects of Environmental Toxics in Mahar Hall and the Environmental Research Center in Piez Hall.

These programs have received nearly \$4 million in research funding over the past five years. The addition of another researcher is expected to significantly raise the amount of external funding, Coultrap-McQuin noted.

Great Lakes studies

Dean of Arts and Sciences Sara Varhus noted that the expansion of research on the lake environment would affect a range of faculty and students.

“It will provide research and internship opportunities for students in the sciences and enable us to build an interdisciplinary program in Great Lakes studies,” she said. Public policy, economics and business development are among areas that could be involved, she said.

The \$6 million Empire Innovation Program is intended to drive top researchers and research dollars to SUNY’s state-operated campuses. The goal is to attract 200 new research faculty members to SUNY over three years beginning this academic year as well as to retain existing faculty.

Coultrap-McQuin noted that Oswego can propose additional research faculty positions over the next two years of the Empire Innovation Program. □

Police report

Since Sept. 1, University Police investigated several cases of theft, vandalism and trespassing and made three arrests. Officers charged a 22-year-old Syracuse man with driving while intoxicated, driving with a blood alcohol content above .08 and speeding. Police also charged a 20-year-old Hart Hall resident with driving while intoxicated, driving with a blood alcohol content above .08 and failure to stop at a stop sign. Police charged a 20-year-old Waterbury Hall resident with unlawful possession of marijuana. □

People in action

Robert Auler, music faculty member, will present a piano recital at 4 p.m. Sunday in Tyler Hall’s Waterman Theatre. The recital will feature the works of Stravinsky, Beethoven, Liszt and Chopin, as well as a transcription by Federico Busoni of Bach’s famous “Chaconne in d minor for Solo Violin.” Admission donations will be accepted to support the Music Department Excellence Fund. Auler has performed throughout the United States, Europe and South America. He has recently recorded all the piano and cello works of William Bolcom and will release a CD for the Centaur label in the near future.

Research by geoscientists from Oswego will be presented at the 118th annual meeting of the Geological Society of America from Oct. 22 to 25 in Philadelphia. About 6,200 geoscientists are expected to attend. **Ashley C. Cirimo** of the earth sciences department will present “Geochemistry of Undeformed Granites of the Sebago Migmatite Domain, Southern Maine.” Her co-authors are **Paul B. Tomascak** of the earth sciences faculty and Gary S. Solar of Buffalo State.

McNair Scholar **Luanne Redeye** will have a solo art exhibit in the genre of Native American on Oct. 20 at the Seneca-Iroquois National Museum in Salamanca. □



Four decades dedicated — Joanne Segretto of Penfield Library was recognized for 40 years of service to the college during the annual Employee Recognition and Awards Ceremony.

Events to introduce new facility to campus, surrounding community

A week of events will celebrate the opening of the college's first new building in 35 years next month.

The Campus Center construction is part of a larger complex including Swetman and Poucher halls as well as part of more than \$160 million of campus-wide renewal, upgrades and updating to enhance Oswego's learner-centered environment.

An open house for faculty and staff, a special event for the Oswego community, a pep rally for students and the first hockey games in the new center's convocation center/ice arena are among the activities scheduled Oct. 17 to 21.

A faculty and staff open house, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, will offer this group a first look at the facility.

Residents of the greater Oswego community will have an opportunity to tour the building during a

community open house from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18.

Students and other supporters are invited to a pep rally Thursday, Oct. 19. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., with the pep rally starting around 7:30 p.m.

The puck will drop for competition for the first time when the men's ice hockey team hosts Utica at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20. Many hockey alumni are planning to attend the debut contest in the ice arena, which also falls during Family and Friends Weekend.

The women's intercollegiate ice hockey program will play for the first time in more than two decades with a 3 p.m. home contest against Neumann on Saturday, Oct. 21.

The convocation center/ice arena is just one part of the Campus Center complex, which will round into shape over the next year. Members of the campus

community have already seen the award-winning redesign of Poucher Hall in the east end of the complex (see Sept. 6 *Campus Update*).

A grand opening for the completed Campus Center complex, including Swetman Hall where renovations are still in the works, is slated for September 2007. Unveiled then will be student activities areas, a fully operational food court, retail space, meeting rooms, the Educational Planning Center, a range of offices and a new auditorium.

The Campus Center — the first all-new facility since the Service Building opened its doors in 1971 — is a \$25.5 million, 111,492-square-foot project. Its funding comes from 80 percent public funds — including \$17 million in capital funding secured by State Sen. James W. Wright, a 1971 alumnus — and 20 percent private funds. □

College-led jazz project hitting right notes in downtown Oswego

SUNY Oswego's music department is turning a downtown Oswego restaurant into a weekly jazz club to support students and the community.

The Oswego Jazz Project features a four-person core plus guest players from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays at King Arthur's Steakhouse, corner of West First and Bridge streets. In addition to entertaining audiences, the project also serves as a community outreach, practice for current students and a recruiting tool for potential student musicians.

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

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

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— Eric Schmitz

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

They plan to assemble 30 to 50 jazz standards — such as "Autumn Leaves," "Summertime," "All of Me" and "Night and Day" — that prospective student players would know.

A jam-session feel and easy interaction shows jazz "is not a museum piece, it's something that can really be fun for the community," Auler noted. It also gives students the excitement and experience of playing live in a more relaxed environment than a main-stage Waterman Theatre show, he added.

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

In addition, some of the students and arrangements can be incorporated into existing campus ensembles like the Jazz Band or State Singers.

At this point, the only Wednesdays the Oswego Jazz Project will not play at King Arthur's are when the college hosts the Ke-Nekt Chamber Music Series — Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Feb. 14, March 7 and April 11.

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

"It's in a great location," Schmitz added. "Everybody loves it. The management has been very flexible. I don't think there could be a better situation to get this program started." □ — **Tim Nekritz**



Going downtown — The Oswego Jazz Project, a music department initiative, has started holding well-attended weekly jam sessions from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays at King Arthur's Steakhouse in downtown Oswego. The project serves as community outreach, a way for current students to gain experience and a potential recruiting tool for prospective students. At last week's jam are music faculty member Eric Schmitz on drums, senior music major Max McKee on bass, and music faculty members Rob Auler on keyboards and Trevor Jorgensen on saxophone.

Students, faculty to take part in impact study

SUNY Oswego is sponsoring a new study of the college's impact on the region's economy and other quality-of-life features this fall. For the first time since the early 1990s, the periodic study will include surveys of randomly selected students, faculty and staff to gauge their contributions to the community, from spending patterns to volunteer activities.

Last updated three years ago based on 2001-02 data, the study titled "Prospering Together" then estimated that the college and all its affiliated entities generated \$119 million in the economy of Oswego County, \$213 million in Central York and \$256 million in the state's economy. The report also detailed the campus's educational, volunteer and cultural influences in the region.

"This document has been extraordinarily helpful in displaying our college as an integral part of the community, inextricably linked to the benefits of all its citizens," said President Deborah F. Stanley.

She encouraged students, faculty and staff who receive surveys in the next few weeks to take time to complete it thoughtfully and accurately.

The resulting report will be widely shared — with state legislators, the governor, SUNY System Administration officials, Central New York media, county legislators, business people and others.

Surveys were last done for the study in 1994-95

when Said Atri and Jack Miller of Oswego's economics department produced the most complete analysis of the college's economic impact that had ever been done.

This fall the study, including the surveys, will be conducted by KS&R of Syracuse in a period of about six to eight weeks. □

Images of Haiti at Tyler Art Gallery

"Vodou and Carnaval: Haitian Images by Phyllis Galembo" is now showing at Tyler Art Gallery.

Galembo is professor of photography at SUNY Albany. Her color photographs complement the Oswego Reading Initiative's 2006 campus selection *Mountains Beyond Mountains* by Tracy Kidder. The exhibition will run through Monday, Oct. 9.

Galembo's book *Vodou: Visions and Voices of Haiti* is available at the exhibition. Galembo has appeared on CNN, National Public Radio and NBC's "Today" show in connection with her work.

The exhibition is sponsored by the Student Association art exhibition committee, Auxiliary Services and Artswego. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays and 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. weekends. Exhibitions and events at Tyler Art Gallery are free and open to the public. □

20th ALANA Leadership Conference set at SUNY Oswego Sept. 21 to 23

The 20th annual African, Latino, Asian and Native American Student Leadership Conference will welcome students from several colleges to a celebration of empowerment and unity on campus beginning Thursday.

Coordinated by SUNY Oswego's Leadership Education and Activities Development Center, the conference features workshops, educational sessions and cultural performances. The goal is to enable students to embrace roles as the future leaders of a multicultural global society.

"The ability to become a leader within a multicultural environment has become increasingly important in today's world," said Roosevelt Muhammad, assistant dean of students and director of the LEAD Center. He added that the conference "encourages students to acquire a stronger knowledge and understanding of the ALANA cultures."

The conference's first day will feature a 4:30 p.m. opening reception in Tyler Art Gallery, where "Vodou and Carnaval: Haitian Images by Phyllis Galembó" is appearing. Interim University Police Chief Cynthia Adam will discuss "Leadership and Law Enforcement"

at noon, the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity will host a leaders' forum at 1:30 p.m., and Ann Edwards-Giumarra, an Oswego professor, will present "Swerving to Avoid Cultural Collisions" at 3 p.m. A roller skating party at 8 p.m. will conclude the day's events.

Attorney Malik Zulu Shabazz, chairman of the New Black Panther Party, will discuss leadership in the black community as keynote speaker of the alumni dinner Friday night. He will speak at 5 p.m., with dinner to follow at 6 p.m.

Other conference highlights of Friday will include the Latino Student Union on "When Latinos Collide" at 10:30 a.m., a discussion on the origin of poetry at noon, the Black Student Union on "Transformation of Leadership" at 12:30 p.m., Milfred Edward on Bob Marley's Rastafarian movement at 1:30 p.m., Phi Beta Sigma and Jean Grant of Walker Health Center on "Emerging Illnesses in Our Community" at 2:30 p.m. and alumna guest speaker La-Dana Renee Jenkins asking "Are You Really Ready for the Real World?" at 3:45 p.m. The day will wrap with a fashion show at 7:30 p.m.

A pair of appearances by Haitian master drummer

Frisner Augustin will headline events Saturday. Augustin will lead La Troupe Makandal at a 6 p.m. performance in the Hewitt Union ballroom that follows the 5 p.m. multicultural dinner keynoted by Kevin White of the Office of Learning Services. He also will present a percussion workshop at 1 p.m. in the Hewitt Union main lounge. Both events will be free and open to the public, although those who choose to attend the dinner would pay \$15.

Other Saturday highlights will include Faith Maina, an Oswego professor, on "African Education and American Education: Is There A Difference" at 10:30 a.m., Oswego professors Maureen Curtin and Patricia Clark on "Women and Feminists in the Movement for Civil Rights" at 11:30 a.m., an Asian food bazaar at 2:15 p.m. and Aleathea Sapp on art making at 3 p.m. The conference will conclude with a double performance, the "Step It Up" dance showcase and "So You Think You Can" talent show, starting at 6:30 p.m. in Tyler Hall's Waterman Theatre.

For more information on the ALANA Student Leadership Conference, contact the LEAD Center in Room 214 of Hewitt Union at 312-5420. □

Symposium to provide insight into multidisciplinary learning, teaching

The second annual Oswego Symposium on Learning and Teaching on Sept. 29 will focus on interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary issues.

Subtitled "Crossing Boundaries," the symposium is a series of events inviting faculty, staff and students to advance their understanding of the learning and teaching enterprise. "The topic was suggested by participants of last year's symposium," said Provost Susan Coultrap-McQuin.

The afternoon of events in Hewitt Union will include a faculty and professional staff awards luncheon, a discussion on pedagogical issues in teaching

interdisciplinary courses, led by Mary Harrell of the curriculum and instruction department, a keynote speaker, poster sessions and a reception. All events are free except the buffet luncheon at noon in The Forum, with costs \$6.

Veronica Boix-Mansilla, a principal investigator with Project Zero at Harvard University's Graduate School of Education, will be the guest speaker, at 3 p.m. in Hewitt Union's ballroom.

Project Zero's mission is to understand and enhance learning, thinking and creativity in the arts, as well as humanistic and scientific disciplines, at the

individual and institutional levels, according to its Web site.

Boix-Mansilla's research examines how human beings enhance their understanding of complex problems by using the lenses of disciplines like history, science, or the arts, or by combining disciplinary approaches in novel ways, according to the site. She is also a co-principal investigator in the Interdisciplinary Work and Future of Education Project, funded by the Atlantic Philanthropies.

A poster session and reception, starting at 4 p.m. in the ballroom, will showcase work done by Oswego faculty and students.

For more information on the symposium, see www.oswego.edu/administration/provost/oslt.html. □

Spotlight

Landers enjoys ensuring students feel at home

The Campus Update Spotlight shines on Renee Landers this week. An associate director of residence life and housing, she has worked on campus since 2001.

Q. How would you describe your job and responsibilities?

A. I oversee some of the Residence Life professional staff, as well as paraprofessionals like resident assistants and resident mentors. My job is to mediate, solve any concerns, be a leader, bring different ideas to take us to the next level. My role involves communicating with the faculty, the staff and especially the students in helping them navigate their four years in college.

Q. What is your favorite part of working at Oswego?

A. The students. I really enjoy working with them and being part of the college community. I try to get to the events and meet as many faculty and staff members as possible, and find a way to work with them — and make them realize that the residence hall is not a scary place; it's a place where we have fun. I've been at large schools, I've been at small schools, and Oswego's size is just right.

Q. What is your impression of Oswego's students?

A. Oswego students are a real mix. A lot of students come up from the city and think they are out in the country. Other students come from smaller communities, and this place is huge to them. I think many may have stereotypes of the other people, but when they spend time together, they rub off on each other in positive ways. Then their identification is with the college, not where they came from, and they consider this place home.

Q. What is your educational background?

A. I went to Elmira College for my undergraduate degree in history. Then I attended Trenton State for their master's program in college student personnel and finished up at Elmira for my master's in education.



Q. What achievement are you most proud of?

A. Being recognized for the work I do. My goal is to become known on campus. People may not know my name, but they'll know my face, or they'll know me as someone to go to. I'm proud to be known for the friendliness and the ability to help.

Q. Do you have any hobbies?

A. Since I've moved here, I've picked up kayaking. And knitting. One of the RAs gave a program on knitting, and now I'm hooked. And I love reading.

Q. What can you tell us about your family?

A. I'm from Manhattan. I came to Oswego because my partner was here, but as soon as I got here, I loved the place. Her name is Susan Jennings, and she works at the FitzPatrick plant. We live in Oswego and have lots of pets. □

Science lecture series continues

The fall semester of the Science Today lecture series features topics ranging from stem-cell research to scuba-related mathematics. Today, Mark Noble, professor of genetics at the University of Rochester Medical Center, will present "Stem Cell Wars: You Say You Want a Revolution?"

Members of the campus community and the public are invited to the admission-free lectures by experts in many scientific fields. Each Wednesday session has a pre-presentation social gathering at 3:45 p.m. and a lecture at 4:05 p.m., both in Room 101 of Snygg Hall.

For the complete schedule and information on the speakers, visit www.oswego.edu/science.

SUNY Oswego's Science Planning Committee, the College of Arts and Sciences and the Sigma Xi science research society sponsor the series.

The lecture series is an interdisciplinary effort geared to provide biology, chemistry, computer science, earth sciences, mathematics and physics majors a broad view of fields related to their area of study. □

Calendar highlights

- Volunteer Fair, Sept. 20
- ALANA Student Leadership Conference, Sept. 21 to 23
- Rice Creek Ramble, Sept. 23
- La Troupe Makandal, Sept. 23
- Faculty recital, Sept. 24
- Off-campus Housing Fair, Sept. 27
- Symposium on Learning and Teaching, Sept. 29
- Kingston Chilifest, Sept. 30
- Yom Kippur: No classes, Oct. 2

For a more complete calendar, see SUNY Oswego Events online at www.oswego.edu/news/calendar/. □