

Children's Study receives \$800,000 grant from CDC agency

Four years of federal funding totaling \$800,000 will help a SUNY Oswego team of researchers to continue its study of how exposure to environmental pollutants before birth influences behavior as children mature toward adulthood.

The four-year grant from the Center for Disease Control's Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry will support a study that began in 1990 monitoring newborns who had prenatal exposure to polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

Paul Stewart, Jacqueline Reihman and Edward Lonky of Oswego's psychology department will now follow their subjects from the age of about 15 to 18, through September 2011, and they will look at the effects of two additional pollutants — mercury and lead — both alone and combined with each other and PCBs.

Stewart directs the Oswego Children's Study at SUNY Oswego's Center for Neurobehavioral Effects of Environmental Toxics in Mahar Hall. "Jim Pagano (of the college's chemistry department) did the PCB analysis for much of our study," he added.

The team's past work has shown that prenatal PCB exposure is associated with impaired impulse control. New data indicate that mercury and lead may produce the same effects and that exposure to all three toxicants has a cumulative effect, Stewart said. In the next four years of the study, the researchers will aim to confirm these findings.

They will also look for "real-world" effects of exposure to these substances, he said, including juvenile delinquency, attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder and impaired scholastic achievement.

The team will talk about the long-term study and the data it has amassed during College Hour on Nov. 13. Their presentation is scheduled for 12:45 p.m. in Room 214 of Mahar Hall.

"One of the things we will be doing at the College Hour talk is presenting a plan such that students and their faculty mentors can use our longitudinal data set as an archive for their own research projects," Lonky said.

The Oswego study is extraordinary for its length and comprehensiveness, examining many variables beyond exposure to environmental toxicants, includ-

ing geographic, sociological, economic and other factors.

"This work has brought national and international acclaim to our department and our institution," said Karen Wolford, psychology department chair, noting that the team has published and presented its work nationally and internationally over the years. □

— Julie Harrison Blissett



Happy homecoming — SUNY Oswego alumnus Al Roker, host and weathercaster for NBC's *Today* show, is surrounded by sign-waving fans as he broadcasts a live national segment from the Campus Center arena and convocation hall on Oct. 18. Millions of viewers across North America saw the college and its Campus Center spotlighted during Roker's weather segments.

Oswego offers resources for undeclareds to make major decisions

Students who come to Oswego without declaring a major are not alone. It could be considered the largest major at the college, with about 525 undeclared students starting the fall.

But this figure represents one of the college's strengths in reputation, said Kathy Evans, associate dean of students and director of the Student Advisement Center in the Compass.

"For many years, Oswego has been a place that is attractive to undeclared students because of the options we offer," Evans said. "People know we're a comprehensive institution that can help you find your path in education and in life."

To better serve this large group, Christy Huynh has joined the Student Advisement Center to coordinate

new and existing programs. These include a series of workshops, targeted to undeclareds but open to any student, that allow them to explore their strengths, interests and talents. A one-credit career exploration course and a special living and learning community are among the other tools now available.

"We acknowledge that students shouldn't just jump into a major for the sake of having a major, but we encourage students to be more intentional and proactive about their decision making," Huynh said. "We work with them on self-identification while providing support and services."

In addition, two of the student navigators at the Compass are trained especially to work with undeclared students on self-assessment and creating

resources, often high-tech. But a large focus is on empowering students to make their own decisions, and for the right reasons. "Ultimately it's about ensuring our students are more confident about the choices they're making," Evans said.

Student-athletes Amy Carey, Joe Hall and Chris Laganieri were three of this fall's more than 300 first-year undeclared majors. They found plenty of formal and informal avenues of support on campus.

"I have found the college supportive," said Carey, who spent her first semester adjusting to classes, college life and playing field hockey. "I realized that I was making the right decision for me because I didn't want to choose a major when I really was unsure what I was truly interested in."

Hall and Laganieri, both men's ice hockey players, are leaning toward wellness management.

Hall said he is "about 95 percent sure" of his choice. "The more research I do about it, the more I get interested," said the freshman from Schaumburg, Ill. "I got a lot of good information from my teammates, just asking them what they're taking."

Laganieri started with General Education classes and consulted with teammates, teachers and Ryoko Sekiguchi, coordinator of the athletic department's CHAMPS/Life Skills program.

"I'm glad they let me take my time," said Laganieri, a Binghamton native. "People were very supportive, and even sent information about attending a seminar for picking a major."

Stephanie Wasley has been through it. Now a senior sociology major, she came to Oswego unsure of

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School of Education to host re-accreditation examiners

SUNY Oswego's School of Education will host a site visit for its re-accreditation by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education from Nov. 3 to 7.

A seven-member team of NCATE's Board of Examiners will be on campus to review documents and exhibits, visit classes and conduct a series of focused interviews with students, alumni, faculty and the college's preschool through high school partners.

The visit will include two open meetings for faculty and students who would like to take an active part in the re-accreditation process. The faculty session will take place at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, in the Sheldon Hall East Conference Room. The student session is slated for 11 a.m. Nov. 6 in the same room.

A consultant from the New York State Education Department will join the team for one day during the visit.

The many topics of discussion with members of the campus community will include assessment, diversity, instructional technology, collaboration, field placements, integrative learning, professional dispositions and program design.

Many faculty members in the School of Education, College of Arts and Sciences and School of Business will participate in focused sessions with the visiting accreditation team.

NCATE accreditation is the standard of excellence in teacher education. Oswego has been an accredited NCATE member since 2001. □

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College trends

First year abroad

“An increasing number of colleges are offering semester- or year-long study abroad programs specifically for freshmen, billed as opportunities for students to start their college careers at Florida State, New York or Syracuse Universities — overseas. Only a handful of institutions offer the option, but with internationalization the buzz word on (and off) campuses these days, there seems to be growing interest in the model from the long-established leaders in study abroad and relative newcomers to the field alike.”

— *Inside Higher Ed*, Oct. 23, 2007

Second chance

“New York state officials are proposing a plan to put 12,000 potential high school dropouts in college classes. This plan, approved by the Board of Regents, would allow students to graduate from both high school and college in seven years. Studies conducted by Columbia University reveal that students who participated in programs like this were more likely to earn high school diplomas, register for postsecondary education, and stay in college for more than one semester. Legislation for the program is not required; the department will ask for \$100 million in funding, as well as seek money from private sources.”

— *Edlines*, American Association of State Colleges and Universities, Oct. 25, 2007

More lost data

“Lost data from decentralized servers is a growing problem for colleges, according to the Campus Computing Project, an annual survey of how colleges use information technology. . . . Of 555 college administrators surveyed over the last two months, 14.6 percent said their colleges had lost data that was not under the control of central IT services, up from 11.3 percent in 2006. The survey also found, among other things, that: Colleges reporting major computer viruses declined from 35.4 percent in 2005 to 14.8 percent this year. A new question revealed that 6.5 percent of colleges experienced a security breach because of employee malfeasance. The percentage of colleges reporting attacks on networks declined from 51.1 percent in 2005 to 45.6 percent this year. Three-fifths of college classrooms have wireless access, compared with half in 2006.”

— *The Chronicle of Higher Education, News Blog*, Oct. 24, 2007

Female faculty and the sciences

“Wednesday’s hearing of the House of Representatives Science Subcommittee on Research and Science Education focused on . . . the representation of women within the faculty ranks. According to 2003 National Science Foundation data, women hold about 28 percent of all full-time science and engineering faculty positions — representing 18 percent of full professors, 31 percent of associate professors and 40 percent of assistant professors. Despite growth in the Ph.D. pool, faculty appointments, particularly at the senior levels, are still lagging: While women now constitute more than 50 percent of Ph.D. students in the life sciences, for instance, and, in 2003, made up 42 percent of the entire pool of life science Ph.D. recipients within the six preceding years, they represented just 34 percent of assistant professor appointments. ‘The pools are there for the first time,’ [Donna] Shalala said. ‘It’s not the pool issue anymore. It’s our behavior.’ . . . ADVANCE Institutional Transformation awards . . . — awarded to 58 institutions since the program began in 2001 — support systemic, institutional changes that increase the representation of women in academic engineering and science positions, and several witnesses at Wednesday’s hearing lauded their effectiveness so far.”

— *Inside Higher Ed*, Oct. 18, 2007

People in action



Promoting harmony — SUNY Oswego students spoke out against, and looked to prevent, violence by participating in the annual Take Back the Night march on Thursday. It was part of Take Back the Night Week activities sponsored by the college’s Women’s Center.

Robert Card, associate professor of philosophy, recently presented a paper titled “Conscientious Objection, Emergency Contraception, and Public Policy” at the Northwest Philosophy Conference at Lewis & Clark College earlier this month. Card recently published an invited commentary on the same topic: “Sex, Drugs, and the Rocky Role of Levonorgestrel” in *The American Journal of Bioethics*.

Ana Djukic-Cocks, assistant professor of German, led a group of students to the German Studies-DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Weekend at Cornell University last month. The weekend conference focused on German mediascapes and featured a number of speakers from Germany and the United States. Oswego students participating were: **Chelsea Katz**, **Georgia Keene**, **Kristoff Jaeck**, **David J. Austen**, **Lawrence Glaser**, **Xian Vu** and **Kate Ritzko**.

Djukic-Cocks served as German program chair for the annual conference of the New York State Association of Foreign Language Teachers, held Oct. 12 to 14 in Rochester. She and **John Lalande II**, professor of German, also delivered presentations. Djukic-Cocks spoke about the positive connections between the study of German theatre and the development of German language proficiency, while Lalande spoke about the connections between selected successful extracurricular activities and the development of students’ linguistic and cultural proficiencies.

The peer-reviewed journal *Astronomy and Astrophysics* has accepted a paper by two Oswego faculty members for publication. **Shashi Kanbur** of the physics department, **Ampalavanar Nanthakumar** of the mathematics department and C. Ngeow of the University of Illinois are coauthors of “Testing the Non-Linearity of the BVlcJHKs Period-Luminosity Relations for the Large Magellanic Cloud Cepheids.”

Mark Kulikowski of the history department recently published an article, “In the Mainstream: Russian Emigre Bibliography Since 1917” in the 2007 issue of *Solanus: International Journal for Russian and East European Bibliographic, Library and Publishing Studies*. The annual journal is published by the British Library. He has a review of O.T. Bigar’s book “Russkaia Emigratsiia” (“Russian Emigration”) in the same issue.

Almost 30 migrant and English as a second language students from Oswego County middle and high schools on Oct. 8 engaged in a series of events that encouraged them to attend college at SUNY Oswego. “Discover College Day” included dining hall visits, presentations from **Gary Morris** of Career Services and **Monico Soto-Granado** of Admissions, dancing lessons from the student group El Ritmo, two class

visits, a visit to the Tyler Art Gallery, and a presentation titled “Cross Cultural Conversations,” which encouraged SUNY Oswego students and migrant and ESL students to express their thoughts on difficult and controversial immigration topics. The program involved collaboration of community members, students, faculty and staff. The planning group for the event included Paul Gugel of BOCES Migrant Services; local ESL teachers Laura Stevens and Diane Garafalo; **Jean Ann** of the college’s program in teaching English to speakers of other languages; **Susan Santana**, a senior TESOL major; and **Amanda Wilson**, an Americorps VISTA volunteer on campus. Several TESOL students volunteered their time to meet with the young visitors and talk about their experiences as college students.

SUNY Oswego and the Oswego YMCA continue their program partnership where professors give talks at the Y’s downtown Armory building, corner of West First and Utica streets. **Andy Nelson** of Rice Creek Field Station spoke at Rice Creek to open the series. **Gwen Kay** of the history department followed with a talk on “Fort Ontario: Historical Context of the Refugees,” on the one-of-a-kind shelter in Oswego for nearly 1,000 European refugees — most of them Jewish — during World War II. **Mark Cole**, chair of the theatre department, will talk about this year’s theatre season and the department’s activities on Nov. 8. Student actresses **Ariel Marcus** and **Sara Weiler** will read a short scene from Cole’s upcoming play “The Glass Coffin.” **Gay Williams**, the Oswego city attorney and a member of the School of Business faculty, will speak about estate planning on Nov. 20. The partnership began last year as an initiative to present programs of interest to community residents and strengthen college-community relationships. □

Undeclared a popular major

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her direction. Advised to start with as many General Education courses as possible, she took Sociology 100 and the field of study clicked with her.

“I didn’t even know what sociology was when I started,” she said. “I really liked the things we learned and that you could apply them to everyday life.”

Even then, her adviser told her to take more classes to be sure. “They didn’t want me to change my major six times,” she said. “Then I starting taking 200-level sociology courses, and it just kept getting better as I went up.”

She has gone from undecided freshman to deciding which graduate school to attend. “I’m going to get my master’s in sociology or criminology,” Wasley said. “But I’m in a program that gears toward Ph.D.s, so that’s definitely on my radar.” □ — **Tim Nekritz**

McNair program renewed with \$924,000 from U.S. Education Department

The McNair Scholars Program at SUNY Oswego, a graduate preparation program, this month received federal funding of \$231,000 per year for another four years, marking its first renewal since it was established in 2003.

"The ultimate goal for our McNair scholars is for everyone to receive their terminal Ph.D.," said Adrienne Morton, Oswego's McNair project director.

She said the number of scholars participating in Oswego's program has grown, from 22 students to 26, and funding from the U.S. Department of Education has grown as well.

"The bulk of the money goes toward services for the students," Morton said. "We use the money to install computer software that the school does not support, (for) visiting graduate schools, and so much more."

The national Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Award Program was created to honor the memory of McNair, who earned his doctorate in physics and became the second African-American astronaut in space. He died on the Challenger space shuttle.

Students who participate in the program receive academic counseling and tutoring. Participants also receive financial aid assistance. McNair pays half the fee for students who take the Graduate Record Examinations for graduate school. McNair also pays for prep courses for the GRE.

"McNair puts people under the perfect circumstances where you feel as if you could do this — you could get that advance degree," said one McNair scholar, Stephanie Wasley, a senior sociology major

Winter storms may cancel classes

To find out if classes are canceled because of inclement weather, members of the campus community have several options: listen to television or radio, check with the front desk of the residence hall where they live, or call 312-3333, the SUNY Oswego Information Line.

The New York Alert system will provide a new option. Students can sign up through myOswego, and soon employees will be able to sign up as well.

Among the TV and radio stations making this college's class cancellation announcements are TV Channels 3, 5, 9 and 10 in Syracuse; the WRVO Stations (FM 89.9 to 91.9 throughout Central and Northern New York); WSYR AM 570 and Y94 FM 94.5 in Syracuse; and WHAM 1180 in Rochester.

The public announcement of class cancellations only occurs when the entire campus of thousands of students and faculty are affected. Faculty members wishing to cancel their own classes should follow the same procedure used when they are ill.

Faculty teaching classes off campus should follow the weather closing policy governing the class site and inform students accordingly.

Under the state's regulations, only the governor has the authority to close a state agency such as SUNY Oswego. Unless the governor closes the college, employees who choose not to come to work or to leave work early are required to charge their time. The only exception is for instructional faculty when classes have been canceled. □

Faculty marshals wanted for December graduation

The Public Ceremonies Committee seeks faculty marshals to guide students and faculty colleagues during the December commencement ceremonies. This graduation, for those earning degrees at the end of the fall semester, will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, in Laker Hall.

Anyone interested in volunteering as a marshal can contact Richard Bush, the committee's marshal coordinator, at 312-3990 or at rbush@oswego.edu.

Training is provided, and caps and gowns are available for those without.

"New volunteers, as well as veterans, are welcome and encouraged to take part," Bush said. "We very much thank all who have participated in the past and hope to have new faces join them this year." □

who wishes to study sociology or criminology in graduate school.

Morton said that each scholar must complete an intensive research project that is published in the McNair Scholar publication. She added that McNair scholars must present their research in Oswego, at a conference in Buffalo and regionally.

Some of the scholars found the research rigorous. "I was frazzled because the research was very difficult. It taught me about time management and self-motivation," said scholar Christina Parker, a senior with a double major in public justice and psychology.

Morton said scholars receive \$400 during the semester and \$2,000 during the summer that they are required to remain in Oswego to complete the research project. She added that scholars who remain on campus during the summer receive free room and board.

She noted that McNair mentors keep track of their scholars for 10 years to assure that they are still heading in the right direction toward obtaining their Ph.D.

McNair officials will work with a scholar's institution to provide additional financial support if money proves to be a dilemma, she added.

To be eligible for the McNair program, students must demonstrate high financial need and come from an unrepresented group. Morton emphasized that the McNair program is open to students of all majors.

Potential candidates should have junior standing. However, sophomores who show a lot of potential will be considered.

Candidates must have a minimum overall grade average of 2.75. Morton noted that most scholars exceed that expectation, leaving the college with grade point averages above 3.0.

Scholar and senior Ashley Noble is a prime example. She barely had the required minimum grade point average to qualify for the program, but she has seen improvement in her grades and GPA.

"My grades went up because McNair motivates you in doing better," Noble said.

— Kadisha Gordon

Student director has had storyworthy journey

Senior theatre major Lucaya Luckey-Bethany will direct the college's student honors production "The Trestle at Pope Lick Creek," which will open Nov. 13 in Tyler Hall's lab theatre.

But Luckey-Bethany's own journey from a theatrical family in Gardnerville, Nev., to directing a play on the shores of Lake Ontario is a story in itself.

"My family, especially my grandfather, was very involved in theatre," she said. "My father was a prop master for Universal Studios for 30 years. When I was 5 years old, I told my mom I wanted to act."

Luckey-Bethany was soon putting on little plays, forcing her younger brother to play a variety of roles. "Sometimes we just performed for my stuffed animals, which is just as well because the plays weren't very good," she recalled.

While she had good enough grades to go anywhere, Luckey-Bethany said her family didn't have the finances. So she applied everywhere, including SUNY Oswego where her uncle attended.

"My father would tell stories of my Uncle Jimmy who attended SUNY Oswego," she said. The legend goes that he was an Army Ranger who returned from Vietnam but couldn't afford an increase in costs to live in the residence halls, so he just set up a tent on campus. "There were all these pictures of my Uncle Jimmy camped out in four feet of snow, having the time of his life."

While other colleges' theatre programs "wouldn't let students work on a production until their senior year," Luckey-Bethany was impressed with Oswego's

opportunities for freshmen. "I ended up getting a full-ride scholarship, and I love it," she said.

"The opportunities granted by the department are monumental," Luckey-Bethany explained. "It can sometimes be a trial by fire, but you really learn your stuff. The faculty have a quantitative amount of knowledge, and they are willing to share it."

But despite being a self-described "drama geek" in high school, Luckey-Bethany started out as a journalism major at Oswego, then became a broadcasting major.

"When I went to college, I decided I want to get a respectable job," she said. "But then I was cast in the first show I tried out for my freshman year, and I've been in every show save one ever since." Most recently, she played the title role in "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie."

"I finally realized if I'm spending all my time in Tyler Hall, why not make that my major," Luckey-Bethany said. "I was initially concerned about making that my only pursuit. Now I've made that decision and never looked back."

"The Trestle at Pope Lick Creek" will preview at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, with all seats \$5. The production will have 8 p.m. curtains Nov. 14 to 17, wrapping up with a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee Nov. 18. Tickets for the regular run cost \$12 (\$10 for seniors and students, \$7 for SUNY Oswego students).

For reservations, contact Tyler box office at 312-2141 or tickets@oswego.edu. □

— Tim Nekritz



On the tracks — "The Trestle at Pope Lick Creek," an uncompromising coming-of-age tale centering on Dalton (Mike Racioppa) and Pace (Allison Kleber), is this year's student honors theatre production. Directed by senior theatre major Lucaya Luckey-Bethany, the show will run Nov. 14 to 18 in Tyler Hall's lab theatre.

Announcements

Oswego State Downtown slates grand opening exhibition today

Oswego State Downtown will celebrate its grand opening with a ribbon cutting at 4 p.m. today and an opening reception for the gallery's first art exhibition — "Ready!" — from 5 to 7 p.m. The event is free of charge. Refreshments will be served.

Students from Julie Jubin's studio practicum course will showcase their work in the new space. They chose "Ready!" as a theme to reflect their preparedness for post-graduation life as well as their readiness for more connections between the college and downtown community, Jubin said.

SUNY Oswego has leased the main floor of the former bank building at the corner of West First and Bridge streets as a gallery and retail outlet selling college merchandise. The college's Auxiliary Services began operating the site earlier this month (see Oct. 3 *Campus Update*).

"The work in this premier show has been thoughtfully selected to suit this specific gallery site, with a conscious eye towards our efforts to bridge the community with the campus," said Michael John Sturdevant, one of Jubin's students.

"Ready!" will be on exhibit at Oswego State Downtown, 186 W. First St., through Nov. 30. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday; and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Oswego State Downtown will be closed Thanksgiving Day. □

Library to forgive fines for aid

Once again this year, giving non-perishable food items to support a local food pantry will provide forgiveness of fines at Penfield Library through Nov. 21.

The annual Food for Fines activity, with all donations benefiting Oswego's Human Concerns Food Pantry, offers forgiveness at \$1 for most items, except ramen-type noodles where four packages equal \$1 of forgiven fines.

Only pre-packaged food in cans, boxes or plastic jars will be accepted — with no glass, perishables or damaged/expired items.

Food is accepted to waive fines only and cannot apply against lost book charges.

For more information, e-mail circdesk@oswego.edu, ask at Penfield Library's Circulation Desk or call 312-2560. □

Student posters to communicate research across sciences

Sigma Xi invites students to present at the second annual Sigma Xi Fall Poster Conference in Room 102 of Snygg Hall and the adjacent Snygg foyer at 12:45 p.m. Dec. 4 during College Hour.

Sigma Xi is dedicated to the advancement of science. Presentations are welcome on all scientific topics.

The conference is designed as an opportunity for cross-disciplinary communication to showcase research done in different departments. It allows students to share their work.

Abstracts are due Nov. 27 to gump@oswego.edu or Brooks B. Gump in Room 414 of Mahar Hall in the psychology department. □

Campus awards honor faculty for teaching and scholarship

Nominations for the President's Award for Teaching Excellence (for full-time faculty) and the Provost's Award for Teaching Excellence by Part-time Faculty (for adjuncts) are due Dec. 14.

Nominations for the President's Award for Scholarly and Creative Activity (for senior faculty) and the Provost's Award for Scholarly and Creative Activity (for junior faculty) are due Jan. 31.

For complete descriptions of the awards, eligibility requirements and monetary prizes associated with them, see <http://www.oswego.edu/administration/>



Songs of the Spirit
Folk icon Odetta, described as the "Mother Goddess of Folk and Blues" by the New York Times, joins an international all-star lineup in "Songs of the Spirit," part of SUNY Oswego's Artswego series, at 8 p.m. Nov. 13 in St. Mary's Church in Oswego. Call 312-2141 for reservations.

provost/faculty_awards.html. The review process is conducted by the Committee on Learning and Teaching (COLT) and the Scholarly and Creative Activities Committee (SCAC) during the spring semester.

Each nomination requires a folio of supporting material. Nominations along with supporting materials go to the Provost's Office, Room 702 of Culkin Hall. It is the responsibility of the nominator to contact the nominee for assistance in preparing review materials. □

Gallery to feature faculty work

Tyler Art Gallery will feature two new exhibitions, Recent Work by SUNY Oswego Art Faculty and "Captured by the Lens: Selected Photographs from the Permanent Collection," opening with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday. Participating faculty members include Amy Bartell, Judith Ann Benedict, Cynthia Clabough, William DeMott, Benjamin Entner, Michelle French, Lindsey Guile, Jeremy Hughes, Melissa Johnson, Julie Jubin, Richard Metzgar, Paul Pearce, Juan Perdiguero, Michael Thomas, Cara Brewer Thompson, Kate Timm and Richard Zakin. □

Walk for lupus set for Saturday

A fundraiser to support people with lupus, a chronic inflammatory disease, will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday in the Campus Center food court. Participants can register for the walk-a-thon (a \$10 donation or \$50 in pledges) and take part in other events until the walk begins at 10 a.m. The first 100 to arrive will receive sweatshirts. □

Police report

Since Oct. 12, University Police have investigated several cases of vandalism, graffiti, theft and harassment and made five arrests.

Police charged a Funnelle Hall resident with criminal mischief. He is accused of breaking a light fixture on the ninth floor.

Two Oswego boys were charged with possessing marijuana, one at the violation level and the other at the misdemeanor level. In another incident, officers charged two 18-year-old Cayuga Hall roommates with unlawful possession of marijuana, a violation. □

Calendar highlights

- Oswego State Downtown grand opening, Oct. 31
- Flu shot clinics for faculty, staff, Nov. 1 and 6
- Tyler Art Gallery opening, Nov. 2
- Men's ice hockey vs. Plattsburgh (White Out), Nov. 2
- Faculty recital, Nov. 3
- College-Community Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble concert, Nov. 4
- Rice Creek Ramble, Nov. 10
- Latino Student Union dinner-dance, Nov. 10
- Veterans Day Open House, Nov. 12
- "Songs of the Spirit" concert, Nov. 13
- "The Trestle at Pope Lick Creek" opens, Nov. 14

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

Spotlight

Woodruff enjoys keeping college environment safe

This week's Campus Update Spotlight shines on Officer Tom Woodruff, a University Police Officer I who has served the campus since 1991.

Q. How would you describe your job and responsibilities?

A. Maintaining the safety and security of the Oswego campus.

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

A. My favorite part of working here is probably the college environment — it's more fun than what I've seen or heard of working in a city or municipality or for a sheriff's department. It's different, and I think I enjoy our campus environment more than I would working elsewhere.

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

A. The students are quite industrious, but it's really no different than it was in the mid-'80s when I was a student here. Many, many things are the same, but the main differences are the technology, both learning and non-learning.

Q. What is your educational background?

A. I have an associate's degree from Broome Community College in criminal justice and a bachelor's in public justice from here.

Q. What achievement are you most proud of?

A. Professionally, I'm really proud of our bike patrol. I've been part of the bike patrol since it started in 1994, and it's well-known and has a very good reputation around the state, where we train other departments. Personally, I'm most proud of my wife and everything she's done and how she puts up with my hours.

Q. What can you tell us about your work with the Mike Payne Memorial Softball Tournament?

A. I'm the organizer of the tournament in honor



of a former UP officer who passed away three years ago. It's a tournament for emergency services personnel and all the money we raise goes directly to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society for research. In the three years of the tournament, we've donated more than \$11,000.

Q. What can you tell us about your family?

A. I live with my wife Julie and our two dogs, Bailey and Kolby, just outside Oswego.

Q. Do you have any hobbies?

A. Cycling, camping, photography, spending time with my wife and our dogs. □