

May graduates moving forward

More than 1,400 students are eligible to take part in Commencement on May 16 and, despite the tough economy, many are already making strides into their chosen careers.

Christopher Hill will take his combined master's in business administration/bachelor's in accounting to work as an associate at PriceWaterhouseCoopers in Albany. He got his foot in the door interning last summer, which he said was made possible by professors who helped him network at events like the annual Meet the Accountant Night.

Hill spent two years as director of finance for the Student Association, where he oversaw a \$1.5 million budget and developed management skills training and working with treasurers for some 150 student organizations. Helping manage the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program meant "working with the IRS and individual taxpayers, and doing accounting as opposed to just studying it," providing vital experience, the Saratoga Springs resident said.

"The opportunities here are endless," Hill said. "If you want to excel, you will if you just put forth the effort."

New teacher

Tasia Sawyer will move to the front of a classroom, teaching biology at the middle or high school level in Norfolk, Va. She amassed plenty of leadership and communication skills the past three years working with the Student Association Programming Board, most recently as director.

While earning a master's in literacy and bachelor's degrees in biology and education from Oswego, the Brooklyn native also spent three years as a resident assistant and one as a graduate resident mentor. As a McNair Scholar, she had research and presentation opportunities.

"Working with all these people has helped me prepare to work with all kinds of people and different situations," Sawyer said. "I have grown as a person. My eyes were opened and I had learned a lot of valuable lessons."

Katie Rabent will become an executive team leader for Target, starting with an intensive six-week training session this summer. The human resource management major from Lancaster feels that on-campus leadership opportunities helped prepare her for the experience.

Rabent has been co-president and secretary of Oswego's Society for Human Resource Management student chapter. "That really gave me the ability to

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Adding up — Christopher Hill, who has spent the past three years in executive positions in the Student Association, is among the Oswego graduates moving on to jobs in their field. Shown at his workstation at The Point, Hill accepted a position as an associate at PriceWaterhouseCoopers in Albany.



Stand and deliver — Jeanette Wagner, a senior geology major, discusses a poster she presented at Quest last week on her research in the southeastern Adirondacks. It was one of about 25 poster presentations Wednesday afternoon in the Campus Center corridor. In all, 467 students, faculty and staff shared their work at Quest in paper and poster presentations, panels, concerts and demonstrations.

Four faculty, staff win Chancellor's Awards

Two faculty members in business and education, a technology operations professional and an administrative assistant will receive 2009 Chancellor's Awards for Excellence, SUNY announced last week.

The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching goes to Harrison Yang, professor of curriculum and instruction, and the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities to Ding Zhang, professor of management.

Robert Hageny of Campus Technology Services has won the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service, and Kristine Bushey in the office of the dean of students receives Oswego's first Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service, a newly established honor.

The awards will be presented officially at Oswego's December commencement ceremony.

Yang "is legendary among colleagues and students alike for his boundless energy, limitless patience and ever-present good humor," wrote President Deborah F. Stanley as she endorsed his nomination for the award. "He sets a fine example for other teaching faculty, drawing out the very best from his students."

A technological innovator, Yang came to Oswego in 1997 to help establish avenues for graduate students to become expert in using technology in teaching. His colleagues supporting his nomination wrote

that "he is able to help even the most apprehensive students to gain competence and confidence as they prepare to use technology to support student learning in their own K-12 classrooms."

Yang has received numerous awards and recognitions for his teaching and scholarly contributions, including the SUNY Oswego President's Award for Teaching Excellence. He has served the Society of International Chinese in Educational Technology in several capacities, including president, and is editor of the Journal of Educational Technology Development and Exchange. He received his doctorate in vocational-technical education leadership from Florida International University.

Zhang "has a reputation as a world-class scholar and as an expert in transportation science and supply chain management," President Stanley wrote. "He inspires students by serving as a role model for high achievement through persistence and hard work."

He has published 25 articles in top competitive journals such as Transportation Science and the Journal of Optimization Theory and Its Applications. He has co-authored one book and contributed chapters to others. Scholars ranging from economists to game theorists cite his publications. One paper he co-authored in Transportation Research is listed by Elsevier Publishers as one of the top 10 papers for number of citations in the history of that journal.

He previously received both the Oswego President's and Provosts Awards for Scholarly and Creative Activity. He has received major grants from the National Science Foundation of China. He earned his doctorate in industrial engineering from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and came to Oswego to teach in 1997. In the community, he is principal of

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Harrison Yang



Ding Zhang

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People in action

A review-essay by **Thomas Bertonneau** of the English department on “Rome’s Collapse,” discussing James O’Donnell’s *Ruin of the Roman Empire* and Peter Heather’s *Fall of the Roman Empire* appeared in the March 13 issue of *The Brussels Journal*. His essay on “Ideology and Literature: Hawthorne’s *Blithedale Romance* and Dick’s *VALIS*,” appeared, in the April 20 issue of *The Brussels Journal*. The argument of the Hawthorne and Dick essay is the common critique of Puritanism that lies at the symbolic center of both *The Blithedale Romance* and *VALIS*. Bertonneau finds that Dick, though not usually considered in the context of the mainstream of American letters, he has a great deal in common with Hawthorne.

The book *Pedagogy, Not Policing: Positive Approaches to Academic Integrity at the University* edited by Tish Eshelle Twomey, Holly White and Ken Sagendorf and published by the Graduate School Press of Syracuse University earlier this year contains 19 essays, five of which were written by people affiliated with SUNY Oswego. They are recent alumnus Matthew Bertram, Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences **David Bozak**, **David Horacek** of the philosophy faculty and **Michael Murphy** and **James Pangborn** of the English faculty.

Science faculty and judges from Sigma Xi, the scientific research society, selected the best student presenters at Quest: **Andrew Camelio** in chemistry, **Jeremy Heiler** and **John Kane Jr.** in computer science, **Frank Ripple Jr.** and **Charles Morgan** in physics and mathematics, **Kim Wahl** in biological sciences, **Brennan Payne** in psychology and **Ted Letcher** in meteorology and earth sciences. Awards were presented in a ceremony on Friday.

Three students who are majoring in German took and passed the Goethe Institute’s C1 level international examination of German language proficiency: **Michael Engler**, **Alycia Rivet** and **Elena Schermerhorn**. The Goethe Institute is an arm of the Federal Republic of Germany tasked with promoting the study of German language and culture. Their certificates of language proficiency carry international prestige and testify to a student’s high level of skill. The examinations were administered by professors **Ana Djukic-Cocks** and **John Lalande**, both certified examiners for the Goethe Institute.

Works of folk art from the private collection of Distinguished Teaching Professor **Geraldine Forbes** will be exhibited in “Folk Art: Stories of Bengal Pats” beginning April 30 at the Gandhi Memorial Center in Bethesda, Md., and continuing to May 3.

Forbes is a historian of colonial India and has been visiting the villages of Bengal for the past 30 years. Scrolls or *pats*, sheets of cloth or paper, are painted with natural vegetable dyes by artists whose trade has been handed down from generation to generation.

The Syracuse Press Club’s Gus Bliven-Joe Ganley-Mario Rossi Career Achievement Award will be presented to **John Hurlbutt**, newly retired as morning host of the college’s National Public Radio affiliate WRVO FM, on May 9 at the club’s annual Scholarship and Awards Banquet. **Jasmyn Belcher** of WRVO will receive one of three A. Brohman Roth Newcomer Awards at the ceremony.

Taejin Jung of the communication studies faculty presented results of a recent study at the Eastern Communication Association’s 100th annual conference, which took place April 22 to 26 in Philadelphia. His study used a theory-driven approach to develop discriminate messages. It then used those messages to change the beliefs of undergraduate college students. The study showed that students exposed to discriminate messages were more likely to report positive changes in their self-efficacy and behavioral intentions related with physical activity.

The international community of researchers who study pulsating stars will gather at Los Alamos National Laboratory May 31 to June 5 for their biannual conference, “Stellar Pulsation: Challenges for Theory and Observation.” A paper submitted by **Shashi Kanbur** of the physics department, “Multiphase PC/PL Relations: Comparison Between Theory and Observations,” has been selected for an oral presentation. Part of this work was done by students, **Stephanie Magin** and **Jessica Halsey**, in his “Special Topics: Astrophysics” class this semester. The work is also a collaboration with researchers in Italy. Also, **Robin Dienhoffer**, a senior physics major, will present a poster — “A Preliminary Estimate of Hubble’s Constant Using SNIa Data and OGLE III Cepheids in the Large Magellanic Cloud” — at the American Physical Society, Division of Astrophysics meeting in Denver in May, and Kanbur will present the same poster at the Los Alamos conference in June. Kanbur, Chow-Choong Ngeow of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Dienhoffer are the authors.

Findings from the study “Lead Exposure and Cardiovascular Dysregulation in Children” conducted by **James A. MacKenzie**, **Brooks B. Gump**, **Kristen Roosa**, **Kestas Bendinskas** and **Amy Dumas** of SUNY Oswego, Robert Morgan of Oswego Family Physicians and Patrick Parsons of the New York State Department of Health were presented during the an-

nual meeting of the American Physiological Society held April 18 to 22 in New Orleans as part of the Experimental Biology 2009 conference. They found that even low levels of lead in the blood during early childhood could adversely affect how the child’s cardiovascular system responded to stress and could possibly lead to hypertension later in life. The United Press International and Reuters wire services reported on the study, resulting in news stories appearing around the world.

Rice Creek Associates has announced winning projects in its small grants program. They are: “Evolutionary Mechanism via Invasion and Hybridization in Conspecific Typha (cattail) at Rice Creek Field Station” by Clara Kim and **Kamal Mohamed** of the biological sciences department; “Interactions Among *Lythrum salicaria*, Native Bird Species and Bio-Control Beetles” by Kristi Wilkinson (associated with **Eric Hellquist** and **Karen Sime** in biological sciences), “Characterization of Glacial Deposit and Soil Types at Rice Creek Field Station: A Cross-Disciplinary Collaboration on Geospatial Collections, Synthesis, and Exhibits” by **David Valentino** of the earth sciences department with cross-disciplinary artist Paul Bartow and **Richard Metzgar** of the art department.

At the Northeast Student Sigma Xi Poster Conference April 18 at SUNY Oswego, **Charles Morgan**, a mathematics major, won the third-place award for his poster “Cubic Polynomial Fits to M31 RR Lyraes.” It was in competition with about 70 posters from institutions around the Northeast including major research universities like Cornell, University of Rochester and SUNY Stony Brook. Morgan was supervised on this project by **Steve Reyner** of the math faculty and **Shashi Kanbur** in physics.

Paul Roodin, director of experience-based education, has been invited to serve as a member of a review panel for the 2009 Thomas Ehrlich Civically Engaged Faculty Award presented by the national Campus Compact.

Lawrence Spizman, professor of economics and principal of Forensic Economic Associates, recently presented “Assessing Economic Damages in Personal Injury and Wrongful Death Litigation: The State of New York” at the Eastern Economic Association’s annual conference in New York City.

Lewis Putnam Turco, professor emeritus of writing, will receive the honorary degree of doctor of humane letters May 9 at the University of Maine at Fort Kent and will deliver the commencement address. Turco appeared as a writer of fiction during the Newburyport Literary Festival Friday and Saturday in Newburyport, Mass.

Ellen Wahl, RSVP director based at the Office of Business and Community Relations, will co-present a seminar, “Osteoporosis Bone Builders Program,” at the 2009 Aging Concerns Unite Us Conference on June 2 in Albany. The conference is presented by the New York State Association of Area Agencies on Aging. Joining her will be Virginia Gilbert, former director of RSVP of the Capital Region in New York State and currently a consultant based in Washington, D.C., who travels the country implementing Bone Builders programs and training the trainers, and Jerry Palazzo who has been a Bone Builder instructor for two years and produces a TV show that airs on a cable network in Maryland called “Getting Fit.” The Oswego County Bone Builders program run by RSVP now has 22 sites, 67 instructors and 275 participants.

Dale Zych and **Shashi Kanbur** of the physics faculty took physics students **Wes Laurion** and **Martin Berke** to the annual Rochester Symposium for Physics Students at West Point. Two University of Rochester students, Isaac Richter and Tim de Haas, gave talks on work they had done as part Kanbur’s National Science Fund-supported summer program in Brazil last year. □



All-Americans — Three members of the Laker swimming and diving teams earned All-American honors at the NCAA Division III championships in Minneapolis. Junior Jenny Van Etten earned two first-team All-American recognitions for the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke, sophomore Shawn Merlin captured first-team All-American honors in both the 1-meter and 3-meter springboard, and Eric Messina (not pictured) scored honorable mention All-American status in both the 1-meter and 3-meter springboard. Congratulating them are, from left, diving coach John Moore, head coach Mike Holman and Joseph Grant, vice president for student affairs and enrollment.



New wheels — Christina Ballesteros, Student Association president, and Andre Fields, former SA vice president, show off the new Zipcars soon after their arrival on campus.

College adds Zipcars to sustainability efforts

SUNY Oswego and Zipcar, the world's largest car sharing service, this week launched a new program that brings two self-service Zipcars to campus.

The service benefits the college by helping to reduce demand for parking and associated congestion while offering students a convenient, economical and environmentally friendly alternative to owning a car. The partnership continues Oswego's commitment to invest in sustainable solutions on campus and marks Zipcar's entry into Oswego.

The vehicles, a Toyota Matrix and a Toyota Prius, are available for online reservations (www.zipcar.com/oswego). Parking in reserved spaces in the parking lot between Penfield Library and the Campus Center, they are available to all staff and students age 18 and over. Gas, maintenance, insurance and reserved parking are included in low hourly and daily rates.

The partnership with Zipcar is part of the college's sustainability initiatives, launched when President Deborah F. Stanley signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment in 2007.

"We see this as one of many steps to reduce the campus community's carbon footprint," Stanley said. "We have an inherent duty to make the planet a better place, through education, research and actions that support sustainable living."

Faculty, staff and students can join Zipcar for \$35

and can drive for as little as \$8 per hour or \$66 per day. Local residents age 21 and older can join for \$75 (\$25 one-time application fee and \$50 annual fee). As a special promotion, new members will receive \$35 in driving credit when they sign up. All members 21 and over will have access to Zipcar's network of more than 5,500 vehicles throughout North America and the United Kingdom.

"Zipcar is a perfect solution for universities, given that most people who live and work on campus don't need a car full time," said Matthew Malloy, vice president of global university operations for Zipcar. "Now, people have access to a car when they need one, without having to bring one to campus."

The aim is to provide ability to get off campus for errands, entertainment or road trips without the associated burdens of owning a car. Zipcar representatives said members can save an average of \$600 per month or \$7,200 a year when compared with car ownership.

The service also benefits anyone who bikes, car-pools or takes a bus to work by providing access to a car during the day if needed.

Among the dozens of colleges that have partnered with Zipcar to reduce traffic, noise and parking demands are MIT, Columbia, Georgetown, Harvard, University of Minnesota, University of Toronto, University of North Carolina, UCLA and Amherst. □

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exercise my leadership abilities and time management skills," she said. Rabent also worked for the Office of Career Services, which tipped her off to the opportunity with Target, and gained additional networking opportunities as a member of the School of Business' Student Advisory Council.

Her human resource classes helped her "learn the lingo," she said, so "I was more confident going into interviews with the knowledge."

Melanie Shaffer-Cuttillo has accepted a five-year full fellowship to enter Binghamton's Ph.D. program, one of eight Ph.D.-track programs where she was accepted. Through Oswego, the McNair Scholar did a major research project on the origins of human trafficking at the turn of the 20th century and presented her work at Marist College, Buffalo and Oswego.

She also received a campus-funded grant to travel to Ecuador to study women's rights issues. "It was just phenomenal, as a historian to go to Ecuador to meet and talk to women about what they're doing," Shaffer-Cuttillo said, in addition to presenting the research at an International Studies Association conference in New York City attended by some of the world's top scholars.

The history major from Mexico said she benefited from many professors who encouraged her with a "why not?" when she brought up an idea. "I've been

very fortunate that the professors that I've had have all been very supportive," Shaffer-Cuttillo said.

Oswego's dual Commencement ceremonies — 9 a.m. for the School of Business and School of Education, 1:30 p.m. for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and School of Communication, Media and the Arts — will stream live at a link on www.oswego.edu and air on Time Warner Cable channel 96. □

— Tim Nekritz

HS juniors get early peek Saturday

For the first time, SUNY Oswego will hold an open house Saturday just for high school juniors — 16- and 17-year-olds who are just beginning their search for a college that suits their needs, tastes and life goals.

"We felt that we had enough juniors that wanted to visit at this point in the year to hold an open house just for them," said Katie Maxwell of the Admissions Office, who is organizing the morning program.

She said last week that about 110 interested people had registered for the program.

Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Joseph Grant will welcome the teens and their families who will also hear an admissions presentation, tour the campus, attend an information fair and choose among workshops.

Maxwell noted that juniors will have plenty of additional opportunities to check Oswego out, with open houses scheduled in the summer and fall. □

Green transportation innovator to speak at Commencement

Robin Chase, the CEO of carpooling venture Go-LoCo.org and co-founder and former CEO of Zipcar, will speak at SUNY Oswego's dual Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 16.

Chase will speak at both the 9 a.m. ceremony for the School of Business and School of Education and the 1:30 ceremony for the School of Communication, Media and the Arts and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Both will take place in the Campus Center arena and convocation hall.

In 1999, Chase and friend Antje Danielson created Zipcar, a car-sharing service that aims to mitigate the impact of automobiles on society by providing them to drivers on an as-needed basis. SUNY Oswego rolled out its first two Zipcars this week in partnership with this innovative company.

Chase moved on to head GoLoCo.org, which combines online carpooling with social networking. This venture marks a continuation of her passion for using Internet technology to raise transportation efficiency while minimizing its impact on the environment.

She earned a bachelor's degree from Wellesley College and a MBA from MIT's Sloan School of Management. Chase also served as a Loeb Fellow at Harvard University.

Chase lectures widely and has shared her zeal of connective technologies, entrepreneurship and sustainability in such media as NBC's "Today" show, the New York Times, National Public Radio, Wired, Fast Company and Time magazine.

Oswego's Commencement activities will stream live at a link on www.oswego.edu and Time Warner Cable channel 96. □

Faculty, staff have place of honor at Torchlight

The Oswego Alumni Association is recruiting faculty and staff as well as past graduates to take a seat in the inner circle at the Torchlight Ceremony May 15.

Public relations executive and 2001 Oswego graduate Saleem Cheeks will emcee the 74th edition of the ceremony, which officially welcomes graduating seniors to the alumni association. Members of the inner circle will symbolically pass the flame of learning to students with candles on the eve of Commencement.

The event will take place in the Campus Center this year for the first time. It will begin with the traditional Senior Sing at 8:30 p.m. The 9 p.m. ceremony will feature comments from Cheeks, a one-time deputy press secretary for the governor's office.

As an appointee of former New York Gov. George Pataki from 2001 to 2006, Cheeks held titles including policy analyst and deputy director for legislative affairs. He now serves as a senior account supervisor for public affairs in the Albany office of Eric Mower and Associates, an integrated marketing communications firm.

Following remarks by senior Jamie Burgess, participants will set the park aglow with candlelight accompanied by a rendition of the alma mater.

There are a limited number of tickets available for the dinner preceding the ceremony.

Visit www.oswego.edu/alumni/torchlight or call 312-2258 for more information or to volunteer for the inner circle. □

Gallery showing BFA exhibition

Tyler Art Gallery is showcasing the original work of Oswego art students in the Spring Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibition, running to May 16.

Participation in the exhibition fulfills graduation requirements for the bachelor of fine arts degree offered through the art department.

All Tyler Art Gallery events are free and open to the public. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays and 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. weekends. For additional information, call 312-2113. □

HR major wins recognition

The Society for Human Resource Management has endorsed Oswego's bachelor's degree program in human resource management.

The society is the professional organization for those employed in the human resources field, and its mission includes advancing the profession. In 2006, it launched an education initiative to advise colleges on a model curriculum to prepare students for careers in human resources.

"It's an external validation," said Barry Friedman, an associate professor in Oswego's program. The results of the society's assessment show that "we conform to a model that's well researched and that's deemed to serve HR students best."

The society worked with Oswego's faculty in the human resources major to assess the topics, courses, business context and delivery methods of the program and confirmed that it follows the society's recommended guidelines for human resource education, according to Debra J. Cohen, the organization's chief knowledge officer.

"We have this stamp of approval now," Friedman said. "It's actually quite an accomplishment, and we're proud of it." □

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the Central New York Chinese School in Manlius.

As advanced technology operations manager, Hageny manages day-to-day operations of advanced technology classrooms on campus. Over his nearly 10 years on campus, he has supervised the expansion of these facilities from five to 90.

"Mr. Hageny's approach to customer service facilitated the expansion of faculty use of advanced technology classroom environments and thereby fueled progressive curricular change that kept pace with advances in technology," the nominating committee wrote, adding that he "always receives accolades for his professionalism and rapport with students and faculty."

Faculty supporting his nomination echoed the sentiments of students who supported Yang's, citing his "rare ability to combine competence with empathy for the 'newbie.' . . . he is patient, and always friendly," helping to instill confidence in using teaching and learning technologies.

Hageny holds two bachelor's degrees, an MBA from SUNY Oswego and numerous certifications in various instructional and communications technologies.

Bushey has been assistant to the dean of students for more than 20 years and was nominated by him, James Scharfenberger, as well as Kathleen Evans, assistant vice president for student affairs, and Robert Casper, director of career services.

"She is well organized, intellectually engaged and exceptionally good humored" as she participates in the division of student affairs' committees and work teams, they wrote. "She devotes her professional experience to helping students and families resolve issues and connect with appropriate resources across college divisions and in the community." □



Robert Hageny



Kristine Bushey

Newman anniversary, Pan Am remembrance part of Reunion

Oswego alumni and friends planning on attending Reunion Weekend 2009 are welcome to join in the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Hall Newman Center. A Newman Center open house is planned for 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 6.

A Mass at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 7, also will dedicate time to memorialize Lynne Hartunian and Colleen Brunner, two Oswego students who were among the 258 passengers who perished in the Pan

Am Flight 103 bombing Dec. 21, 1988. Many of the students who traveled to London with Hartunian and Brunner in 1988 have helped to plan a separate remembrance ceremony in conjunction with the 20th reunion of the classes of '88, '89 and '90, scheduled for June 5 to 7. This ceremony will take place at 9 a.m. June 7 in the Penfield Library lobby in front of the memorial for Hartunian and Brunner.

Details of the events will be provided in the Reunion Weekend 2009 reservation mailer. Advance reservations are required. For more information, visit www.oswego.edu/reunion. □

Conference on Instructional Technologies here May 19 to 22

SUNY Oswego will host the annual Conference on Institutional Technologies, with around 500 attendees expected to discuss trends in higher education and technology May 19 to 22. It was last held here in 1996.

This year's conference, "Engaging Minds: Innovative Teaching and Learning," aims to attract faculty, instructional support professionals, librarians and administrators from across the 64-campus SUNY system, as well as private colleges around the nation.

The conference provides attendees an opportunity to share experiences and expertise, discuss common problems, brainstorm solutions and explore ways to improve learning with technology.

For more information, visit www.cit.suny.edu. □

Memorial service set for Thursday

A memorial service for Gary Klatsky, associate professor of psychology and founding director of Oswego's master's program in human-computer interaction, will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the ballroom of Sheldon Hall. Klatsky, 59, died April 3 while on medical leave battling brain cancer. □

Police report

Since April 10, University Police have investigated several cases of marijuana possession, theft and vandalism, and made nine arrests.

Police charged an Oneida Hall resident with trespassing, disorderly conduct, harassment and resisting arrest in connection with an altercation in which two officers suffered minor injuries.

State police transported a San Diego man to Oswego's University Police custody because he was wanted here on a charge of criminal possession of marijuana. Oswego's University Police arrested a Rochester man visiting campus because a bench warrant from police in New York City accused him of robbery and criminal possession of stolen property.

A Seneca Hall resident was charged with driving while intoxicated, driving with a blood alcohol content of .08 or above, unlawful possession of marijuana and a traffic violation. Four students and one Fairport woman were charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. □

Spotlight

McDonald enjoys exciting experiences, passionate people

This week's Campus Update Spotlight shines on Jonathan McDonald, a freshman adolescence education major, with a concentration in history, from Champlain.

Q. What made you want to come to Oswego?

A. A friend of mine was a freshman here when I was a senior in high school and said how much she loved Oswego. I knew it has a good education program so I checked it out, and loved it here. The campus was very comfortable. I'm a very involved student and had a conversation with Student Association President Daniel Nau. His talking to me about all the opportunities Oswego gives you kind of reeled me in.

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

A. I'd say the experiences and the people. I've met some truly amazing people. I've made some very strong friendships. A year ago, I would have never guessed all the things I've been able to do. I'm going to be a resident mentor in Johnson next year. Oswego's a place where if you look for the opportunity, it's there.

Q. What can you tell us about your work with sustainability and the green-energy lobbying effort Power Shift?

A. I was intrigued about going to D.C. because I always wanted to make an impact, help make a change. I met so many people from around the country with a similar interest in making an impact in the world. I had a chance to meet our elected representatives, understanding that I represented many of my fellow students from Oswego and my hometown.

Q. What are your future plans?

A. I'm still figuring out what I want to do. I'd like to be a teacher because I like helping kids and working with kids. But there may be other opportunities in the future that I won't necessarily foresee.

Q. What is your impression of other Oswego students?

A. I feel that you can talk to any Oswego student



and they will have a passion for something. It may be academics or sports or politics, but you can find common ground by talking to each other and respecting each other.

Q. Do you have any hobbies?

A. I'm producer of "Street Magic," a show on WTOP. I'm a DJ on WNYO. I'm part of Students for Global Change. Grace Maxon and Jason DeMauro have done an amazing job with that group.

Q. What achievement are you most proud of?

A. I take advantage of what life gives me. I see every day as a gift. I feel like that's a strength of mine — being positive, taking everything, whether positive or negative, and learning from it and becoming a better person. □

Calendar highlights

- College Council meeting, today
- Student Involvement Awards, today
- Concert: Matt Wilson's Arts and Crafts, today
- Indy Series concert, May 1
- "Into the Woods," May 2 and 3
- College-Community Orchestra concert, May 5
- Torchlight Ceremony, May 15
- 148th Commencement, May 16
- Forum on homelessness, May 19
- SUNY Conference on Instructional Technology, May 19 to 22
- First Summer Session begins, May 26
- Employee Recognition Luncheon, May 27

For a more complete calendar — including Artswego, College Hour and athletic events — see SUNY Oswego Events online at www.oswego.edu/calendar/. □