



Screening candidates — Around 100 students gathered in the Hart Hall basement lounge on Thursday night to watch and discuss the first televised presidential debate. It was one of several events on campus tied into political involvement last week. NYPIRG's Voter Empowerment Week activities had signed up 1,123 new student voters at Oswego as of Friday afternoon.

Election fueling civic engagement on campus

With the 2004 election just a few weeks away, the level of political engagement on campus is on the rise through a voter registration drive and special awareness activities.

Several Voter Empowerment Week events, led by the Oswego chapter of the New York Public Interest Research Group, brought the message of involvement to students last week. The campus is one of 29 around the state taking part in the SUNY Rock the Vote Challenge, a student voter registration drive founded by Oswego senior Jen Pufky.

Voter Empowerment Week is a "last hurrah" for the statewide "friendly competition" among student leaders to find creative ways to engage their campuses, Pufky noted. "I think students are really starting to realize the importance of their involvement and engagement. The idea is that once students become involved, it could become a lasting habit."

As of Friday afternoon, 1,123 new voters had enrolled on the Oswego campus, Kate Evanciew of Oswego's NYPIRG office said.

The steering committee of the American Democracy Project has joined several student organizations and United University Professions in promoting a series of pre-election events. The project is part of a nationwide push to increase civic engagement on college campuses, said Doug Deal, who convenes the committee of administrators, faculty and students.

On Monday of last week, the message of the American Democracy Project took to the airwaves. For his WNYO radio show, Student Association President Kevin Sutherland interviewed David King,

special assistant to the president and interim director of graduate studies, about student engagement.

King pointed out that for the last election, 64 percent of those 25 or older voted, while only 38 percent of those 18 to 24 showed up at the polls. "That's a rather stunning statistic," King said.

Since only a few hundred voters in Florida influenced the 2000 presidential election, who participates really can have a large impact, King noted. "There's a very compelling reason for getting involved" and voting this year, King said, "because college students . . . will live with these decisions for quite some time."

All week, NYPIRG sponsored a table in Hewitt Union to register students to vote. Additional special events included a Rock the Quad event featuring a

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Weekend welcomes family and friends

Comedy, drama, athletic events, art exhibitions and other activities will greet visitors to campus for Family and Friends Weekend, Oct. 15 to 17.

"This tradition welcomes the family and friends of our students to share their experiences, meet their new friends and see what Oswego has to offer," said Rich Hughes, director of campus life.

The traveling one-man physical comedy act The Jim Show will set down in Hewitt Union's main level food court at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16. Visitors will also have the opportunity to see the college's own Shaun Cassidy Fan Club Improv Comedy Troupe, named one of CollegeBound Network's 13 Cool Campus Clubs nationwide, perform at 8 p.m. Saturday in the OZone.

College musicians and singers will come together for a concert at noon Sunday, Oct. 17, in the Hewitt Union ballroom. The College Choir, Chamber Singers, State Singers, College Orchestra and Concert Band will all perform.

Three performances of the modern drama "Infinity's House" will unfold in Tyler Hall's Waterman Theatre over the weekend. Visitors also can view two art exhibitions in Tyler Art Gallery, American Indian Baskets and the Adirondacks National Exhibition of American Watercolors.

Athletics on display

Oswego's nationally ranked ice hockey team will return with an exhibition match against Canadian college Waterloo at 7 p.m. Saturday. The Oswego Women's Volleyball Invitational will bring in teams from seven Upstate colleges for a tournament Friday and Saturday. The women's soccer team will host Potsdam on Friday and Plattsburgh on Saturday.

Other activities will include a used-book sale in Penfield Library from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, open ice skating from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday at Romney Field House and self-guided tours of Rice Creek Field Station.

For a full schedule, visit <http://campuslife.oswego.edu/ffw>. □ — **Tim Nekritz**

Oswego's business school named among best

The Princeton Review has named SUNY Oswego's School of Business one of the "best 143 business schools" in its new graduate school guidebook of that name.

"Students who enroll in the School of Business at SUNY Oswego can expect several things: excellent value for their money, intimate classes, knowledgeable professors, state-of-the-art facilities, and an excellent hockey team," the guide says.

In Central New York, only Syracuse University's Whitman School of Management and Cornell University's Johnson Graduate School of Management are included along with Oswego in the best 143 schools. In SUNY, only the University of Buffalo and Oswego are included in this top category.

"This listing is further confirmation of the high quality of our business programs," said SUNY Oswego President Deborah F. Stanley.

Among the criteria for inclusion in the Princeton



Review's *Best 143 Business Schools* are AACSB International accreditation and graduate degree programs in business.

"This book helps us spread the word that Oswego's business students receive exceptional preparation for careers in the competitive world of business," said Dean Lanny Karns of the School of Business.

The Princeton Review is known for its annual "best colleges" guidebook rankings based on surveys of students who rate and report on their college experiences. Among the comments from Oswego students who are quoted in the *Best 143 Business Schools* are:

- "In most areas, the school of business is at the top of its class. The classes are challenging and worthwhile. Most professors are really good at their areas. They are also widely available to help students both inside and out of class."
- "Very small classes promote learning and student-professor interaction."
- "I would suggest Oswego to all prospective business students (undergraduate or graduate)."
- "... there is every resource that you could possibly need available on campus."
- "The professors are excellent, and the classes are fun and challenging." □ — **Julie Harrison Blissert**

Campus Update now online

Campus Update is now posted online, generally a day or two before the printed issue is distributed on campus every other Wednesday. The current issue is available as a downloadable pdf under the "Timely Links" bar on both the Faculty & Staff gateway page (www.oswego.edu/faculty_and_staff/) and the SUNY Oswego Students gateway (www.oswego.edu/suny_oswego_students/), both linked from the home page. □

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People in action

“Layoff Announcements and Employment Guarantee Announcements: How Do Shareholders Respond?,” an article by **Steve Abraham** of the School of Business, will appear in Vol. 25, No. 8 of the *International Journal of Manpower*. The expected publication date is late November.

Todd Graber of the music faculty and **Anthony Crain**, emeritus professor of music, will be among the professional musicians taking part in the second annual Grace Moore Concert at 7 p.m. Saturday at Mexico High School. Among the other performers will be a string trio from the Eastman School of Music and the Syracuse Chamber Singers. Tickets are available in advance at Tyler Hall box office as well as at the door on Saturday.

Several SUNY Oswego professors and students will present their work at “Terrorism and Responses to Global Uncertainty,” the New York State Socio-

logical Association annual conference that will take place Friday and Saturday on campus. (*See related story, page 3.*) Oswego faculty leading sessions include **Kimberly A. Reed** discussing “Structural and Cultural Implications of Women’s Employment in Small Businesses: The U.S., the U.K. and Germany as Contemporary Cases in the Deregulation and Re-regulation of Labor and Social Welfare,” **Ed Thibault** detailing “The Honorable Police Officer,” **Timothy Delaney** exploring “Domestic Terrorism: The Continuous Threat of Street Gangs,” **K. Brad Wray** probing “Collaborative Research and the Death of the Author,” **Jean Chambers** looking at “A Darwinian Leftist View of Terrorism” and **Stephanie Bennett** pondering “The Importance of Education Level on Cohabitational Fertility.” Oswego student presenters will include **Rod Carveth**, “The Significance of the Frontier in Cyberspace: Frederick Jackson Turner, Music File-Sharing and the Recording Industry Association of America”;

Tammy Cummings, “An Age of Electronic Terrorism”; **Claire Speedling**, “Major Causes of the French Revolution”; **Joseph Chirichella**, “Social Effects of the Enlightenment and the Industrial Revolution”; **Gary Holland**, “The Middle East Conflict: Public Relations Is No Substitute for Moral Justification”; **Naomi Stern**, “International Piracy”; **Sara Dapson**, “Women’s Medical Placement”; and **Muriel Cook**, “Pace, CNY. Can It Keep Pace with the Seniors of Central New York?”

Evgeny Steiner, visiting associate professor of art history, gave two speeches in Berlin this summer, one at the opening of the exhibition in the gallery “Galerie Kunstbrücke Osteuropa” on May 18 and the other at the exhibition “Der rote sakrale Raum” in the Museum of Wax Figures on May 27. He also took part in the international conference on “The Post-Communist Condition” organized June 10 to 11 in Berlin by the Center for Art and Media of Karlsruhe University.

In July, while teaching an intensive three-week course in Moscow for Oswego’s Office of International Education and Programs, Steiner delivered an invited talk in a House of Tea Culture on Chinese-Japanese calligraphy and its contemporary Western counterparts. Also, he gave an interview for a Moscow Internet-based political magazine about the present cultural situation in the multicultural world (published at www.polit.ru).

In Memoriam

Jeffrey Brown, 18, of Volney, a freshman majoring in accounting, died in a car accident Sept. 27 in the town of Schroepfel. □

Professor receives NEH grant for Yeats seminar

Schoolteachers from across the United States will spend four weeks in Galway, Ireland, studying the works of poet William Butler Yeats with SUNY Oswego Professor Ed O’Shea next summer.

O’Shea, a professor of English, has received a \$94,345 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to offer the summer seminar at the National University of Ireland at Galway. It is his fifth grant from the NEH since 1992.

The Oswego professor’s seminar is one of just 14 NEH Summer Seminars for School Teachers funded for 2005. O’Shea’s proposal was selected along with projects by professors from such institutions as Yale University, Amherst College and SUNY Binghamton and Geneseo.

O’Shea’s first three summer seminars took place on the Oswego campus. He took the program to Ireland for the first time in 2003.

“Galway is an ideal place for a Yeats seminar since it is a delightful city in itself, but it is also close to

important Yeats sites at Thoor Ballylee, Coole Park, and somewhat further, Sligo,” O’Shea wrote on his Web site on the seminar — www.yeats2005.org.

The 2005 seminar, “W. B. Yeats and the Two Irelands,” will focus on “Yeats’ often problematic relationship with both Celtic Ireland and Anglo-Ireland,” O’Shea said.

The seminar will begin July 4 in Galway. It is open to full-time American schoolteachers. Participants are competitively chosen and receive a \$3,000 stipend, which covers most expenses.

NEH seminars provide opportunities for teachers to be “re-energized intellectually,” O’Shea said.

He has been teaching and writing about Yeats for over 20 years. He wrote his doctoral dissertation on Yeats, at Northwestern University, and Dolmer Press in Dublin published it under the title *Yeats as Editor*. He also compiled *A Descriptive Catalog of W. B. Yeats’s Library*, which has become a standard reference work in Yeats studies. □

Spotlight

Laboratory work focus of Kristin Gublo’s position

The Campus Update Spotlight shines on Kristin Gublo this week. She has been an instructional support specialist in the chemistry department since fall 1998.

Q. How would you describe your job and responsibilities?

My main responsibility is to set up the chemistry experiments for our lab instructors. I make sure the students have all the necessary reagents and equipment to perform their experiments. We have nine different laboratory courses, and they each carry out a different experiment each week. . . . The job requires a lot of planning ahead and good organizational skills. . . . I also work closely with the Environmental Health and Safety Office training our students and staff in laboratory safety.

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

I enjoy the close interaction with the students and the chemistry faculty. I supervise four undergraduate students. . . . I also mentor graduate students, tutor organic chemistry students, and occasionally I will teach a night course. My job requires daily interaction with the faculty. I could not ask for better co-workers. They are all fantastic to work with.

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

Our students are very respectful, and their motivation to succeed is impressive.

Q. What is your educational background?

I received my B.S. degree in chemistry and my M.S. degree in chemistry from Oswego.

Q. Do you have any hobbies?

I enjoy baking cookies for family functions, working in my flower gardens, scrap booking, spending



time with family and friends, and attending Syracuse University basketball games. My husband and I never miss a game at the Carrier Dome.

Q. What can you tell us about your family?

My husband Ed is also an Oswego grad. He works as a process and development chemist for Bristol-Myers Squibb in Syracuse. We met back in 1992 while residents in Riggs Hall. We have been married for four years and own a home in Liverpool. We have a little dog, Trevor, and our first baby is on the way, due in January. □

Oswego Athletic Hall of Fame to hold fourth annual inductions

The fourth annual Oswego Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner will recognize outstanding collegiate achievements at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Sheldon Hall ballroom.

This year’s honorees, followed by their sport in parentheses, are: Karann Andrusky Durr of the class of 1993 (swimming); Milton Brown of the class of 1965 (soccer, basketball and baseball); Grace Mowatt Burritt (swimming coach emerita); Walter Jaskot of the class of 1971 (wrestling); Daniel Johnson, a 1985 graduate (swimming); Michael Picciano, a 1962 graduate (basketball); and Glenn Sisman, a 1975 graduate (ice hockey).

Honored posthumously will be Gardner “Tully” Wells, former associate professor and director of the health and physical education program.

The cost of the dinner is \$30 per person. Reservations are required. For more information see <http://oswegoalumni.oswego.edu/halloffame/>. □

Campus recreation options abound

Lee Hall offers many open recreational and intramural activities for students, faculty and staff.

Registration for swimming lessons is open until Oct. 13. Lessons will be held Saturdays, from Oct. 16 to Nov. 20. People may register for lessons in Room 101 of Lee Hall between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m.

Open gym is held 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday to Wednesday, 9 a.m. to midnight Thursday and Friday, noon to midnight Saturday and noon to 11 p.m. Sunday. Open swim is held 5 to 7 p.m. and 8 to 11 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, 5 to 11 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and noon to 2 p.m. and 5 to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Water aerobics is offered 7 to 8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday. Lap swim is available 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

The gym and pool can also be reserved. Reservations can be made at www.oswego.edu/campuslife/intramurals. Sports equipment can be checked out at Room 101 of Lee Hall.

Those who have any questions may call the Lee Hall front desk at 312-3114.

The Intramurals and Recreation Program is sponsored by Campus Life and Student Association. □

Conrad publishes ‘richer’ version of African epic

For the past 10 years, history Professor David C. Conrad has been working to bring to print “one of the biggest finds of my research in Africa” — the fullest recorded version of a great medieval oral epic from West Africa.

While the publication of the fully annotated scholarly edition of *Sunjata* remains years away, Conrad said, Hackett Publishing Co. has just published his abbreviated version for use in college classrooms.

Conrad called the Sunjata epic “the Iliad and the Odyssey of sub-Saharan Africa.” It is the story of a Mande hero, Sunjata, who liberates his people from a sorcerer and establishes the empire of Mali, an actual civilization that flourished from the mid-13th to the early 15th centuries.

The longest previously printed version was 3,080 lines, while the version that Conrad taped in a performance by Djanka Tasseý Conde in 1994 amounted to nearly 17,000 lines. It took Tasseý Conde a total of seven days to narrate the text, Conrad said last week. In the book’s foreword, he calls it is “the single most comprehensive, colorful, dramatic version available.”

Tasseý Conde came from a long line of griots, or bards, who have passed the narrative down through the generations. Conrad met him during a year he spent as a Fulbright senior researcher in Mali and northeastern Guinea. He traveled to Tasseý Conde’s village of Fadama in Guinea by dugout canoe, and the Conde family came to accept him as an honorary member, he said.

The Conde version of the Sunjata epic “turned out to be one of the biggest finds of my research in Africa,” Conrad said. “Researchers dream of finding something like this. It was like a bonanza for me.”

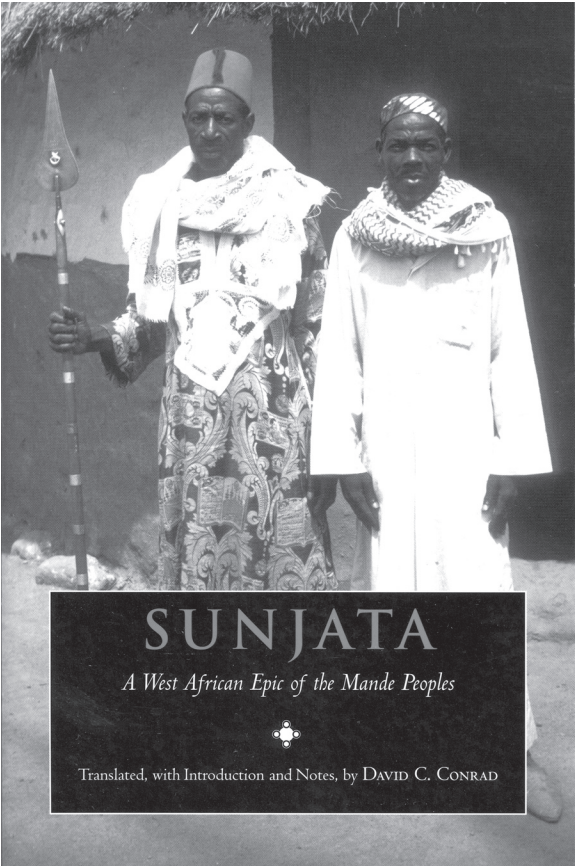
When Hackett Publishing Co. invited Conrad to provide an African classic for its line of classic texts for college courses, he said he was at first reluctant to use this “extraordinary” Sunjata version because of all that he would have to leave out.

But he saw that the abbreviated translation that Hackett wanted (the new book excerpts less than a third of Tasseý Conde’s Sunjata narrative) would fill a need for a version that was both approachable and inexpensive enough for classroom use and representative of the poetic performance values of the Mande bards who have recounted the epic through the ages.

Conrad predicted that this book would remain in print for 40 to 50 years.

Robin Mitchell-Boyask, a professor of classics at Temple University, said that the new book “communicates a richer, more complex, and more compelling version of the Sunjata story” and “is much more worthy to be placed among the great epics of world literature” than any version previously available in print.

Conrad began collecting narratives in the Mande oral tradition in 1975 and is president of the international Mande Studies Association. He has published several scholarly books on West African culture and tradition.



Sunjata: A West African Epic of the Mande Peoples consists of 195 pages of the narrative itself as taped, transcribed and translated by Conrad plus 48 pages of introductory materials. It is priced at \$9.95. □
— Julie Harrison Blissert

Online journal promotes Oswego’s take on learner-centered education

SUNY Oswego is home to a new professional journal, the online Journal of Authentic Learning, which comes out of the curriculum and instruction department.

Founded by Professor Audrey Rule and Assistant Professor Faith Maina, the journal’s first issue came out last month and can be seen at <http://www.oswego.edu/jal/>.

Maina and Rule said they volunteered to produce the journal originally with the idea of providing a home for work by graduate students and new faculty members. They said they were pleasantly surprised when their call for papers resulted in publishable submissions from professors as far away as San Diego and Kenya.

Co-authors of articles in the first issue include a second-grade teacher from the Schoharie Central

School District and a third-grade teacher from Syracuse.

“For this first issue, we relied on word of mouth” to attract submissions, Maina said. They received 10 manuscripts and published five.

The editors are now seeking manuscripts for the second annual issue to come out next summer. The deadline is Dec. 31.

Although the editorial board for the first issue comprises nearly 30 people, Rule and Maina are also seeking more associate editors and reviewers to help solicit papers and review them for the next issue.

They chose “authentic learning” as the unifying concept for the journal because it is part of the School of Education’s conceptual framework. “It’s a current buzzword term,” Rule added, and “there didn’t seem to be any other journals that focused on it.”

She further noted that it provides “an opportunity to pull everybody along.” She and Maina saw authentic learning at work in every discipline within

Oswego’s School of Education and felt it was applicable to the College of Arts and Sciences and School of Business as well.

Maina wrote an opening piece for the first issue that explains that there are many ways to define “authentic learning.”

“Authentic learning involves increasing motivation and enthusiasm, helping learners to make decisions concerning their learning, as well as identifying non traditional ways learning is enhanced and accounting for such learning,” she wrote. “The Journal of Authentic Learning provides a welcome home for such documentation.”

Many members of their department pitched in to make the first issue a reality and, now that they see the finished product, more are interested in helping in what continues to be an all-volunteer effort, Maina said. “It has really energized people in our department,” she said. □

— Julie Harrison Blissert

SUNY trustees schedule meeting

The board of trustees of the State University of New York will hold a public hearing Oct. 26 in conjunction with the October board of trustees meeting in Albany. It will be held in the State University Plaza’s Federal Courtroom at 3 p.m.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony and statements from concerned individuals about university-wide issues.

People wishing to present prepared testimony are asked to get a letter to John J. O’Connor, vice chancellor and secretary of the university, State University Plaza, Albany, New York 12246 no later than noon Friday, Oct. 22. Letters should identify the subject of testimony and provide a telephone number and an address. Such testimony will be limited to five minutes, and the speakers are asked to provide six copies of their written testimony on the day of the hearing.

People who wish to make extemporaneous comments of no more than three minutes are asked to file their names with the hearing registration officer on the day of the hearing. □

SATB to continue chamber series

SUNY Oswego’s Ke-nekt’ chamber music series will continue with the four-part choral harmonies of SATB at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, in the Sheldon Hall ballroom. SATB consists of classically trained musicians, including Oswego music faculty member tenor Todd Graber, who can tackle such styles as chamber music, vocal jazz, baroque or Broadway. For reservations, contact Tyler Hall box office at 312-2141. □

Terrorism and global uncertainty top themes of sociology conference on campus this week

With a theme of “Terrorism and Responses to Global Uncertainty,” students and faculty from the New York State Sociological Association will probe timely topics during their annual meeting this weekend at SUNY Oswego.

Around 100 attendees from more than 30 colleges around the state are expected to attend the 52nd annual conference, noted Timothy Delaney, the association’s president and an assistant professor of sociology at Oswego. Of the nearly 60 presenters, some are coming from as far as Canada and India. Fifteen of those leading sessions are students.

“We expect a great range of presenters,” Delaney said. “Our keynotes and most sessions are led by some of the top professional experts in the field. Having student presenters is always an excellent way to inject youthful energy into the mix and cultivate the next generation that will provide the future of this study. I’m especially proud that several of those student presenters are from SUNY Oswego.”

Jonathan H. Turner, distinguished professor of sociology from the University of California at Riverside, will deliver the keynote presentation on “The Micro-Emotional Basis of Terrorism” at 7 p.m. Friday in the Forum in Hewitt Union. A greeting and reception hosted by President Deborah F. Stanley,

starting at 6 p.m. in the Forum, will precede the keynote address and banquet.

Turner has authored or co-authored 26 books, including *On the Origins of Human Emotions*, *Human Institutions: A Theory of Societal Evolution* and *American Ethnicity: A Sociological Analysis of the Dynamics of Discrimination*. Some of his books, such as *The Emergence of Sociological Theory* and *The Structure of Sociological Theory*, have been reprinted many times and used widely as textbooks in colleges and universities across North America.

Madonna Harrington Meyer, director of Syracuse University’s Gerontology Center at the Maxwell School, will keynote a luncheon and awards ceremony at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Forum. She will discuss “Retrenching Welfare: Old Age Security in the U.S.”

Delaney said students from Oswego and other colleges from around the region are encouraged to attend the presentations by Turner and Meyer. There is no admission charge for students to attend.

Other topics tackled by sessions at the two-day conference will include “Terrorist Threats and Response,” “Technology and the Information Age,” “Philosophy and Terrorism,” “Domestic Terrorism” and “The Nature of the Insurgency in Iraq.” □

— Tim Nekritz

Announcements

Theatre season opener juggles characters, time periods

The SUNY Oswego theatre department will open its 2004-05 season with “Infinity’s House” Friday in Tyler Hall’s Waterman Theatre.

The play by Ellen McLaughlin blends three time periods as settlers, lost in the desert of New Mexico, struggle with love, friendship and survival. The story takes place against the backdrop of scientist J. Robert Oppenheimer and his associates debating morality and science on the eve of the first atomic bomb test.

“It’s a humorous and dramatic look at science and history, while exploring the great psychological quandaries and ethical quagmires of the time,” said the play’s director, Paul Savas of the theatre faculty.



Across time — Michael Climek, left, as atomic scientist J. Robert Oppenheimer, Brian Heyman as Grat and Samantha Mason as Annie rehearse time-bending play “Infinity’s House.”

Denim Day on Friday to observe Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and Friday is Denim Day. Employees donate \$5 to wear denim to work and receive a pink ribbon pin. All proceeds will go to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

The day will begin at 8:35 a.m. with a group picture on the north steps of Culkin Hall (or the Hewitt Union food court in the event of rain). After a walk around the quad, there will be a reception at 9 a.m. in Room 601 of Culkin Hall. Throughout the day people can purchase chances to win a “Button & Bows” quilt for \$1 each, or six for \$5.

This year there will be a special tree in Culkin Hall. People can purchase a piece of pink ribbon for \$1, write a name or special message, and then hang the ribbon on the tree.

Call Debbie Arduini at 312-3654 for more information or to make a donation.

Calendar highlights

- Depression screening, today
- SEFA campaign kickoff, Oct. 7
- “Piensa Grande” traveling museum, Oct. 7
- “Infinity’s House” opens, Oct. 8
- New York State Sociological Association annual meeting, Oct. 8 and 9
- Oswego Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner, Oct. 9
- Tyler Art Gallery reception, Oct. 10
- Family and Friends Weekend, Oct. 15 to 17
- United Way campus walk-a-thon, Oct. 16
- Rice Creek Ramble, Oct. 16
- Concert by SATB, Oct. 19
- Career and Internship Fair, Oct. 20
- Etiquette Dinner, Oct. 20
- “Take Back the Night” march, Oct. 21

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

McLaughlin is best known for having originated the role of the Angel in Tony Kushner’s “Angels in America.”

A preview of “Infinity’s House” will be at 8 p.m. Thursday. The show’s main run will feature 8 p.m. performances Oct. 8, 9, 17 and 18, with a 2:30 p.m. matinee Oct. 19. Call 312-2141 for tickets.

Time to vote for next ORI selection

The Oswego Reading Initiative has whittled the list of nominations for the next ORI selection down to five choices. They are:

- *Times Eye* by Arthur Clarke and Stephen Bactor
- *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down* by Anne Fadiman
- *The Speed of Dark* by Elizabeth Moon
- *Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi
- *Living Downstream* by Sandra Steingraber

The ORI selection will be promoted for campus-wide reading this summer with a number of performances, special events and course activities expected to tie in thematically. This year’s ORI choice, *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven* by Sherman Alexie, has spawned activities that include a campus appearance by the author, an artistic and cultural residency by Native American singer/songwriter Bill Miller and an American Indian Basket exhibition in Tyler Art Gallery.

To find out more about the ORI finalists and to vote, visit www.oswego.edu/ori/.

Political clubs organize

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live WNYO broadcast on Wednesday afternoon and a Rockin’ Out the Vote Bash with live music and comedy on Thursday night.

A Debate Watch on Thursday night allowed nearly 100 students to gather in the Hart Hall basement lounge to watch the first televised presidential debate and discuss it afterward.

Both political parties have become more active at Oswego, as last week the College Democrats of America and the SUNY Oswego College Republicans both registered as official campus organizations.

Because of concerns in some communities about poll workers trying to disenfranchise young voters, members of the American Democracy Project steering committee will monitor activities on Election Day to smooth the way for students who are eligible to vote. “We’ll have people at local polling spots who will make sure nothing comes up that shouldn’t come

up,” said Deal, professor and chair of history.

While registering and voting are important activities, the goals of the American Democracy Project go beyond the election season to creating a permanent culture of civic engagement and community service on campus, he explained.

The steering committee plans to host more fall events including speakers, debates and films.

“I hope through all of the fall activities, our students will get a more enriched outlook and can become more involved in civic engagement,” Deal said.

— Tim Nekritz

SUNY Oswego to host walk-a-thon

The United Way of Oswego County and SUNY Oswego’s “Advanced Public Relations” class are planning the 14th annual United Way Walk-a-thon to be held Oct. 16 on campus. The event raises money for local recipients of United Way funding.

The “Advanced Public Relations” class, taught by Professor Tina Pieraccini, has worked on this event for the past 13 years. Each year campus and community members come together for this worthwhile cause. The major sponsor for the event is SUNY Oswego’s Auxiliary Services.

Registration will begin at 1 p.m. in front of Lani-gan Hall at the sundial, and the walk will begin at 2 p.m. Prizes, refreshments and awards for first through third place will be given. Registration is a \$10 donation to the United Way.

Police report

Since Sept. 17, University Police have investigated several cases of theft, vandalism and harassment and made seven arrests.

They reported that a 23-year-old Albany man who seriously injured his right arm by punching a window at a party on Baylis Street drove to campus and tried without success to enter Oneida Hall. The man was treated at Oswego Hospital and then at Upstate Medical University in Syracuse. No charges were filed.

Officers charged a 22-year-old Onondaga Hall resident with criminal possession of a controlled substance — hallucinogenic mushrooms — and criminal possession of marijuana.

They arrested three people — a Liverpool man, a Fulton man and a 19-year-old student — on charges of driving while intoxicated, driving with a blood alcohol content above .08, and various other offenses.

Police charged an 18-year-old Scales resident and a 20-year-old Funnelle Hall resident with unlawful possession of marijuana. They charged an 18-year-old Johnson Hall resident with disorderly conduct.



Wonderful watercolors — This detail from “Vigil at the Trails Head” by Carlton Plummer (copyright 2004) is among some 20 works in the Adirondacks National Exhibition of American Watercolors that will open with a reception from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Tyler Art Gallery. The juried exhibition, organized by the Arts Guild of Old Forge, includes portraits, still lifes, landscapes, narratives and abstract images chosen from more than 700 entries. The exhibition will run through Nov. 19. For information, call Tyler Art Gallery at 312-2113.