

SUNY chancellor honors seven outstanding Oswego students

State University of New York Chancellor Robert L. King last week honored seven of Oswego's most outstanding seniors with the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence.

They are Antoine Dufour, a chemistry major from Cap-Rouge, Quebec; David W. Johnson, a biochemistry major from North Chili; Lynn Halloran, a double major in history and secondary education major from Great Valley; Michael Nirsberger, a music major from Clifton Park; Paul Perrier, a chemistry major from Aurora, Ontario; Jennifer Pufky, a broadcasting major from Endwell; and Carrie Scrufari, a double major in adolescent education and English from Lockport.

Together, their average grade point average is 3.72. Dufour, Johnson, Halloran and Perrier are all Presidential Scholars and student athletes.

Dufour and Perrier are members of ice hockey team and have been active community volunteers. Dufour will present his research on an antibiotic peptide at Quest. He plans to attend medical school, according to Coach Ed Gosek.

Perrier received the 2001 Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award, presented by a member of Britain's royal family, for excellence in five areas of achievement. At Oswego, was selected to attend the 2004 NCAA Student Leadership Conference. At home, he is active in

the Sir Edmund Hillary Foundation, which involved him in community projects in the Himalayas.

Johnson has been the Lakers' starting baseball catcher since his freshman year and was named the best catcher in the SUNY Athletic Conference in 2003. He received a Native American Scholarship from Eastman Kodak Co. and an Empire State Minority Scholarship. He was a summer scholar at the University of Rochester School of Environmental Medicine. He said he plans to pursue a doctorate in biochemistry.

Halloran, captain of the women's soccer team, was a member of Oswego's Intercollegiate Athletic Board. A nationally certified peer educator, she has been an active community volunteer. She has received numerous scholarships and plans to pursue her master's in education.

After graduating from Le Moyne College with a degree in mathematics and working for Syracuse Research Corp., Nirsberger enrolled in Oswego for a degree in music. He received academic awards in both mathematics and music. A December graduate, he was president of Oswego's Jazz Orchestra and a

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First Friday Honors Convocation features professor as speaker

The first Friday Honors Convocation will feature Paula E. Bobrowski, newly named director of the Women's Leadership Institute at Auburn University, as speaker at 3:15 p.m. Friday, April 15, in the Hewitt Union ballroom.

The annual Honors Convocation is put on by Vega, the women's honor society at Oswego. For the first time in more than 20 years, it is being held separate from Quest, the annual faculty and student symposium, and on a Friday afternoon, so that students' families can more easily attend.

"There will now be a special day at Oswego that gives recognition to students with academic honors," Vega President Cindy Aquilina said last fall when the decision was made. She noted that the format will remain the same with a ceremony of about an hour and a half to "showcase academics at Oswego State and students' hard work in their academic fields."

Nearly 100 students will receive awards at Honors Convocation for their academic achievements.

Keynote speaker

Currently on leave from Oswego as a professor of marketing, Bobrowski continues to teach an online course and directs Project Globalization to develop international business education at the college.

She joined the School of Business faculty in 1996 and received both the President's Award for Teaching Excellence and the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

She has over 15 years of work experience in the health care industry, including extensive international experience. She was a researcher and consultant for a number of years in Saudi Arabia and a Fulbright Scholar in Japan. She has been invited to Prague to present a seminar to health care executives in May.

She received her doctorate from Syracuse University, her master of business administration degree from the University of Oregon, and her bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon Health Sciences Center. □

— Julie Harrison Blissert



Conservation team — Biology Professor Peter Rosenbaum and freshman zoology major Kyle Pursel observe two wood turtles, a 1-year-old and a hatchling, in a Piez Hall biology lab. They have received a grant from the Upstate Herpetological Association to help find, track and preserve the small population of wood turtles in Oswego County.

Pair earn grant to help preserve wood turtles

When biology Professor Peter Rosenbaum met Kyle Pursel at an admissions program on campus last year, the future zoology major stood out. Pursel showed Rosenbaum a photo album of pictures he'd taken of animals in the wild and shared his passion for fieldwork.

Pursel's enthusiasm and Rosenbaum's guidance earned a \$500 grant from the Upstate Herpetological Association to monitor and help preserve the small wood turtle population in Oswego County. The pair is pursuing additional grants, but the initial money helps start the project.

"I think this is another example where we're able to provide individualized instruction in a way where undergraduates might get lost in a bigger school and not get to do this until graduate school," Rosenbaum said. While having a freshman as primary investigator on a research grant may be uncommon, Rosenbaum stressed that Pursel was more prepared and motivated for this work than most people his age.

Pursel's passion for nature started as a toddler, and he has wanted to work in zoology since childhood. "I've basically had this in my mind since I was 7," he said. "I love running around in the woods, finding things, recording data." The quality of Oswego's zoology program and the bounty of nearby natural

resources cinched his college decision.

He knew of the plight of wood turtles, having seen some near his home in northwestern New Jersey and knowing they are considered a threatened species there as urbanization wipes out their habitat. Pursel volunteered for an endangered species program with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, which further prepared him for this project.

"The wood turtle is listed as a species of concern in New York state, and other states have them on their endangered list," Rosenbaum explained. "We've had just a handful of sightings in Oswego County."

Pursel and Rosenbaum hope to change that by spotting and plotting wood turtles around eastern Oswego County, as well as tracking their movements. "For part of the study, we hope to get a couple of radios and attach them to the turtles and see where they're going," Pursel said.

He will work part of the summer in the field, particularly in June when the turtles should begin nesting so he can help protect their nests to ensure the survival of this population.

"As long as we find turtles, I plan on doing the study for my whole undergraduate career here," Pursel noted. His goal is to publish by his senior year. □

— Tim Nekritz

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People in action

The spring Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibition, showing April 15 to May 13 in Tyler Art Gallery, includes work by graphic design majors **Gabriel Almanzar, Melissa Bearup, Kimberly Bolen, Katie Cerretani, William Deerfield, Kris Fisher, Deanna Ford, Jen Gallagher, Mike Garner Jr., Jeremy Hammond, Stephen Hansen, Michael Harrigan, Mark Mazzye, Jen McDonald, Andrea Parisi, Sam Querbes, Nicole Scanlon, Chris Spadafora, Christine Stenglein** and **Azrel Tanner**; and studio art majors **Marvin Arevalo, Katie Atkinson, Brad Cole, Heather Connors, Erika Eggleston, Brooke Johnson, Mike Lupa, Michael Moncibaiz, Mario Romano, Michele Scoville** and **Jessica Williams**. Participation in the exhibition fulfills graduation requirements for the bachelor of fine arts degree.

Ivan Brady, distinguished teaching professor and chair of anthropology, has published a review of historian John Zammuto's book *Kant, Herder and the Birth of Anthropology* in the January/February issue of *Philosophy Now*, a popular journal based in the United Kingdom. The upshot of the book is the birth of German anthropology and its subsequent influence on the wider world, primarily through the colossal work of Immanuel Kant and his prized student, latterly rival, Johann Gottfried Herder, in the 1760s and early 1770s. Herder was an intellectual figure of great consequence but a loser in the head-to-head struggle with Kant for cultural dominance in Germany's Enlightenment. Nonetheless, Herder has been recognized in the long run as more important than Kant in his contributions to the rise of anthropology — a classic example of historical scrutiny, Brady says, in which "the loser wins."

Twelve Oswego students will be included in the 2005 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. They will be honored at a campus reception April 16. They are **Ashley Champion, Antoine Dufour, Andrew Drogo, Emily King, Sarah Mahan, Meghan Morris, Lawrence Nadel, Paul Perrier, Ashley Pierce, Cassandra Stahlberg, Jeffrey Storch** and **Christopher Thuman**. A campus nominating committee and editors of the *Who's Who* directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

Ana Djukic-Cocks, assistant professor of German, recently published an article appearing in *Das Goethe-Netzwerk. Kreatives Lehren und Lernen*, a newsletter of the Goethe Institute, distributed to teachers of German throughout North America. The article, "Literatur im Unterricht. Eine Unterrichtseinheit mit Julia Francks Kurzgeschichte 'Streuselschnecke,'" was co-authored with Karina von Tippelskirch of New York University. It presents curricular ideas for the integration of short story into the German language curriculum.

Nick Della Penna, associate director for the Center for Business and Community Development, and Roger Locy, chair of the Workforce Development Board of Oswego County, were presenters at a workshop at the National Association of Workforce Boards' annual conference March 3 in Washington, D.C. The workshop, titled "From Strategic Workforce Planning to Implementation," described the recent strategic planning initiative in New York state. The local implementation plans for Rochester and Oswego were also featured.

John F. Lalande II, professor of German, has been awarded a partial stipend by the Goethe Institute to attend a two-week summer seminar in Munich on the literature, art and culture of Munich. The materials gathered by Lalande as part of the seminar will be used partly to enrich his German 140 course, "German Castles, Customs and Culture"; to prepare for a study-abroad trip to Munich; and possibly to lay the foundation for a new course on Munich as the cultural capital of Southern Germany.

"Formulating the 'Women's Interpretation of Zionism': Hadassah Recruitment of Non-Zionist American Women, 1914-1930" by **Mary McCune**, visiting assistant professor of history, is included in the book *American Jewish Women and the Zionist Enterprise*, edited by Shulamith Reinharz and Mark A. Raider and recently published by the University Press of New England.

The State University has established the SUNY Learning Network Cross-National Project to increase the use of distance learning technology and promote educational cooperation across international borders. **Yvonne Petrella**, director of continuing education and summer sessions at Oswego, is on the project's nine-member steering committee, which met in Albany on March 25. SUNY faculty and their overseas partners will create credit-bearing courses and use the SUNY Learning Network to deliver the classes to students around the world. The SUNY Learning Network is one of the world's leading providers of online learning with more than 86,000 student enrollments from around the globe.

Michele Reed, director of alumni and development communications, has two publications due out in April. Her story, "Cash Rewards," will be published in *Chicken Soup for the Father and Daughter's Soul*. It was originally published in *Chicken Soup for the Writer's Soul* in 2000. Her haiku, "flash of her trombone," has been chosen for the 2005 Syracuse

Poster Project, being unveiled April 7. In the project Syracuse University students illustrate haiku by local poets and the resulting posters are displayed in public places in downtown Syracuse. It is Reed's fifth poem chosen for the project in four years.

WRVO feature reporter **Skye Rohde** earned a regional Edward R. Murrow Award for excellence in electronic journalism for her August documentary "Fort Ontario Emergency Shelter." Rohde's story chronicled the shelter — the only one of its kind in North America — that accepted nearly 1,000 refugees, mostly Jewish, fleeing World War II and the Holocaust in Europe. The piece aired in time for the shelter's 60th anniversary. In all, the Radio-TV News Directors Association received 2,899 regional entries, the most ever, and presented 524 awards to 250 stations in 13 categories. Based in Lanigan Hall, the WRVO family of stations is a local affiliate of National Public Radio.

A research article on the "Development and Structure of the Root Cortex in Adventitious Roots of *Nymphoides* (Menyanthaceae)" has just been published in the Slovakian journal *Biologia* by **Jim Seago** of the biology department and **Marilyn Seago**, who retired from the Admissions Office in 2003. The issue of *Biologia* represents the proceedings of the Sixth International Symposium on Structure and Function of Roots, presented in September 2003 at Stara Lesna, Slovakia, in a special Supplement on Plant Root Development and Adaptation to Stresses. The plant genus *Nymphoides* includes the plants known as little floating hearts, which look much like tiny water lilies. They have become popular in aquatic gardens in the last decade. □

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guitar instructor at the Summer Jazz Institute. He is pursuing his master's in math education. Pufky is now studying in London and interning in the Labour Party's press office. At Oswego, she was active in student government, serving as a senator on campus and with the SUNY Student Assembly, where she organized the statewide voter registration challenge. She was vice chair of NYPIRG's board and assistant news director of WTOP. She interned last summer with Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton's office in Washington. A December graduate, Scufari is pursuing her master's in education in Maryland. At Oswego, she was a Sheldon Leader award winner, president of Vega, the women's honor society, and vice president of the Newman Club, organizing many community activities in these capacities. She was a writing tutor and a resident mentor. She student taught in Australia. In all, 264 graduating seniors from 60 State University campuses were honored with these Chancellor's Awards. □ — **Julie Harrison Blissert**



Pinning down honor — Laker wrestler Tenkoran Agyeman became a three-time All-American when he placed sixth in the national Division III championships in the 141-pound weight class. The senior became only the fourth wrestler in the program's history to rack up three All-American honors. Congratulating him are Coach Mike Howard and President Deborah F. Stanley.



Diving heights — Freshman diver Kevin Morgan started his collegiate career with a splash, recently earning Honorable Mention All-American status. He finished 13th in the one-meter board competition at the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III meet. Diving Coach John Moore and President Deborah F. Stanley congratulate Morgan.

Professor’s anthology tackles issue, image of fat in society

There may be a lot of humor in *Scoot Over, Skinny: The Fat Nonfiction Anthology*, but co-editor Ira Sukrungruang said a very serious subject sits below the surface.

The essays examine what it’s like to be fat in an image-conscience world from several different perspectives. There is “very limited discussion about fat in American society, and it’s all negative, said Sukrungruang, an assistant professor of English writing arts. “We want people to know there are other voices, other things to say.”

While society’s discussion of fat is normally limited to how to lose weight, whose fault obesity is, and the medical implications, Sukrungruang emphasized he sought a range of viewpoints. “It’s not a positive book at all, although there are some positive pieces,” he said.

The anthology, edited by Sukrungruang and Donna Jarrell, includes pieces from people learning to love their larger bodies and observational stories like humorist David Sedaris describing how his sister coming home from college wearing a fat suit flummoxed their father’s expectations of femininity.

But there are also tales from those fearful of fat, from a former anorexic to a woman ashamed of being seen in public with her 300-pound boyfriend. Sukrungruang contributes “Tight Fits,” about a series of misadventures from a visit to Thailand.

The project stems from Sukrungruang and Jarrell meeting as graduate students, both looking at how people wrote about being fat, at Ohio State University. The collaboration started as “a fun research

project,” he said, but the depth of literature convinced them they were onto something.

“We spent the next two to three years at the library looking at poems, stories, novels and essays. We were really surprised on what we uncovered,” Sukrungruang recalled. They compiled some of the best, sent it to an agent, and soon had a publishing deal.

The result, *What Are You Looking At?: The First Fat Fiction Anthology*, was such a hit among buyers and critics at the Book Expo in Los Angeles that the publisher asked for a second anthology before the first even hit bookstores in summer 2003.

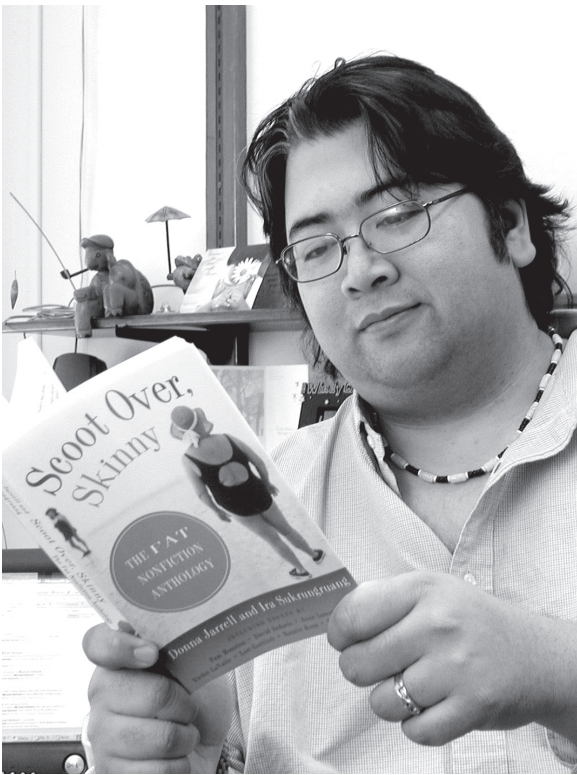
“We were taken aback by how well the first book did,” Sukrungruang said. “It did real well here, and it was just republished in the United Kingdom.” The interest continued with *Scoot Over, Skinny*’s release in January, he added.

Sukrungruang noted the text works within the context of how discussions of weight have evolved in American society. What was once a personal and private issue is now a political, public policy and social issue as debates rage over how obesity impacts the health care system and whether a “fat tax” should mitigate such costs.

“What I found really shocking and surprising for the book as a whole is that these essays are talking to each other, that this is the type of discussion we should be having, as opposed to the discussion we are having,” Sukrungruang said.

Published by Harvest Books, *Scoot Over, Skinny* retails for \$14. □

— Tim Nekritz



Weighty subject — Ira Sukrungruang, assistant professor of English writing arts, co-edited *Scoot Over, Skinny: The Fat Nonfiction Anthology*, published in January. It follows a 2003 fiction anthology which he also co-edited with Donna Jarrell. “We were taken aback by how well the first book did,” Sukrungruang said.

140 presentations at 25th anniversary of Quest symposium

‘Manic depressive genius’ anticipated discoveries

Robert Irwin of the computer science department considers Emil L. Post “America’s unluckiest logician” and will explain why in his presentation at Quest on Wednesday, April 20.

His talk at 10:30 a.m. in Room 107 of Lanigan Hall will be one of 140 presentations at Quest, the annual symposium dedicated to faculty and student scholarly and creative activity that is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year.

Post, who died in his 50s in 1954, anticipated major 20th century mathematical breakthroughs generally credited to Kurt Gödel and Alan Turing and laid the groundwork for major advances in linguistics made by Noam Chomsky, according to Irwin.

“He was a manic depressive, one-armed genius,” Irwin said in an interview last week in his Snygg Hall office.

Hampered during periods of his life by his bipolar disorder, Post spent most of his career teaching at the City College of New York, where he had no support for his research.

“He taught four courses a semester. He had no clerical help. He shared an office,” Irwin said. “He did his research at his kitchen table.”

Yet he was a founder of the theory of recursive functions, which is a basis for modern proof theory and theory of machine computation. He was also an inspiring teacher whose students further advanced the field, Irwin said.

Beating Gödel, Turing

The incompleteness proof that Gödel published in 1931, Post had worked out in 1922 while on a prestigious Proctor Fellowship at Princeton University, Irwin said. “He got there first,” he said.

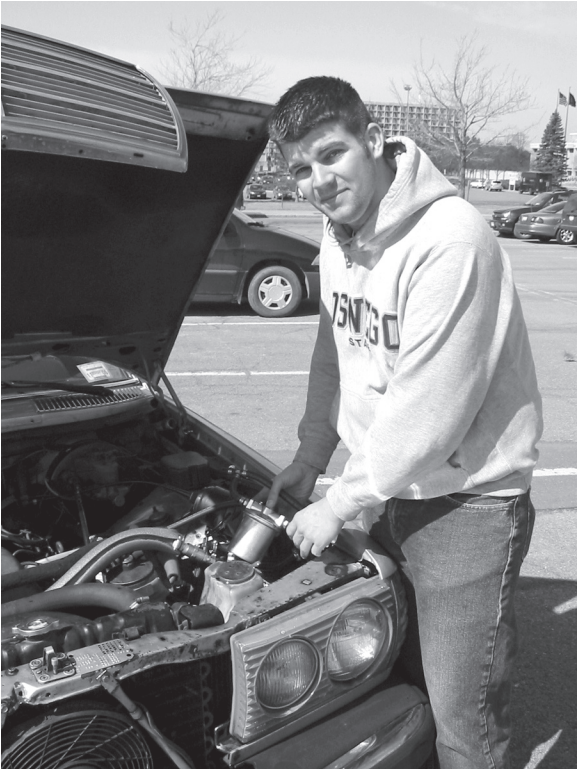
Turing, inventor of the Turing machine, is regarded as the father of computer science, yet, Irwin said, “Post beat him to that. He had the equivalent machine.” The Oswego professor allowed that “Turing took the notion a bit further.”

Irwin has presented at Quest every year since he came to Oswego in 2002. He gave a talk on Post earlier this year at a meeting of the Canadian Mathematical Society. □ — Julie Harrison Blissert



Abstracts, schedules online

Abstracts for all the Quest presentations scheduled for April 20, together with the time and room for each presentation, are now available online at <http://www.oswego.edu/~ctrteach/quest/quest.html> □



Alternative fuel — Junior technology major Dan Flanagan shows a filter he installed as part of a project to run his Mercedes with used vegetable oil from Chinese restaurants. He will explain the process at Quest.

Alternative fuel project powers student’s talk

As gas prices top \$2 per gallon, Dan Flanagan runs his car on a cheaper fuel — previously used vegetable oil he receives for free from Chinese restaurants. He will discuss this project and process during Quest at 1 p.m. April 20 in Room 103 of Lanigan Hall.

A junior technology major from High Falls, Flanagan turned the alternative fuel experiment into an independent study project under Thomas Kubicki.

“It’s really economical and good for the environment,” he said of running the 1981 Mercedes 300D, normally powered by diesel, on vegetable oil. “I think it produces about 70 percent less emissions.”

Flanagan had heard about other cars using this fueling method and began researching it on the Internet. Many users buy kits for the conversion, but he ended up making his from scratch — sometimes by trial and error. Although it took longer, “I learned a lot more,” he said. “I had to do a lot more research instead of following directions.”

He spent a lot of weekends trekking home to work on the vehicle, sometimes with his friend Bob Hogan, also a junior technology major. “We’re big car guys,” he noted. “We just kept plugging away at it.”

Recycled fuel

Getting fuel is as simple as asking Chinese restaurants for discarded vegetable oil they have used in their fryers. Flanagan improvised a large beverage cooler, placed in the trunk, as his fuel tank. “Because the cooler is already insulated, it keeps the heat in for a long time,” he explained.

While a nationwide switch to vegetable oil as an automotive fuel is not necessarily on the horizon — “As many people could do it as there are gallons produced by the restaurants,” he said — Flanagan did meet others using this process. One is even considering creating a fueling station to meet potential need.

Some hitches remain. A few weeks before Quest, he was still working on enhancing the filtering system. He also has to start the car on diesel and let it warm up before switching to vegetable oil.

But the benefits are apparent, educational and economical. Diesel is \$2.50 a gallon, he said. “The other fuel I can get for free.” □ — Tim Nekritz

Announcements

Event Thursday to celebrate launch of campus campaign

The campus portion of Inspiring Horizons: The Campaign for Oswego, the college’s first capital campaign, will have a public launch with a reception Thursday afternoon in the Lake Effect Café, Penfield Library.

The event will run 3:30 to 5 p.m. and feature a brief program, entertainment and refreshments. A group of faculty and staff members have met the past several months to lay groundwork for this first-ever campus-based campaign to raise funds for endowments, scholarships, new programs and other enhancements.

All members of the campus community are invited to attend to learn more about the campaign. For information, call 312-3003. □

Journalist schedules residency

An award-winning journalist who went from the Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel to the New York Times and is now founding publisher of the Haitian Times will be on campus Monday and Tuesday as the 2005

New York Press Association Journalist in Residence.

A reception for Garry Pierre-Pierre will take place at 7 p.m. Monday in The Forum of Hewitt Union. It will be open to the public free of charge.

During his two days on campus, Pierre-Pierre will guest lecture in classes, meet with students in informal settings and speak at the journalism program’s annual awards ceremony at Vona’s Restaurant, said Linda Loomis, director of the program. □

Cellist Julie Albers wraps series

Renowned young cellist Julie Albers will wrap SUNY Oswego’s inaugural Ke-Nekt chamber music series with a concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, in the Sheldon Hall ballroom on campus.

Albers first gained recognition as a musical prodigy when she soloed with the Cleveland Symphony as a teen-ager. Now in her mid-20s, Albers has earned prestigious music prizes and rave reviews while performing with orchestras and smaller combos across North America, Europe, Asia and New Zealand.

Her Oswego appearance will be an intimate evening of classical music. SUNY Oswego faculty members Seung hee Yang on violin, Dan Barach on viola

and Robert Auler on piano will accompany Albers.

For information or reservations, call the Tyler Hall box office at 312-2141. □

Display-to-Archives due April 30

April 30 is the date by which faculty works must be received to be in the next Display-to-Archives Program display. Faculty share their latest scholarly or creative work with the campus community through the program. Following the display, donated materials become part of the library’s permanent collection.

To participate in the program, faculty and staff should send their material to Mary Hong Loe in Penfield Library. For more information, e-mail her at loem@oswego.edu. □

Leadership nominations sought

Leadership Oswego County is looking for nominations for its 2005 Community Leadership Recognition Award. Nominations are due April 15. The winner will be recognized at the Leadership Oswego County graduation dinner in June.

A nominee must be a current Oswego County resident who is devoted to the community, has taken leadership roles in civic organizations, has shown a demonstrated impact on the growth of the community and has displayed real vision and motivated others to realize the vision, award organizers said.

Leadership Oswego County is a community development program of SUNY Oswego’s Center for Business and Community Development.

For more information, call 312-3492. □

Police report

Since March 18, University Police have investigated several cases of theft, harassment and vandalism and arrested six people.

Three Brooklyn men were charged with felony burglary, grand larceny and assault. They are accused to entering an Oneida Hall resident’s unlocked room while he was out, taking some of his possessions and punching him in the hallway as they left.

Police charged a 40-year-old Oswego woman with driving while intoxicated and driving with a blood alcohol content above .08 on Route 104.

Officers charged an Onondaga Hall resident and a Funnelle Hall resident with disorderly conduct. They are accused of skateboarding in the lobby of Johnson Hall. One was also charged with obstruction of governmental administration. □

Open House to showcase college Monday

Hundreds of prospective students and their families will learn about offerings inside and outside the classroom during SUNY Oswego’s 28th annual Open House on Monday.

Running from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., the largest admissions program of the year will feature an increased emphasis on how to make the most of the college experience, said Katie Maxwell, an admissions counselor who coordinates the event.

“We have added sessions on the college’s new living and learning communities, how to get involved on campus and how to maximize your opportunities for success after graduating,” she said.

Prospective students and their families can sit in on a cross-section of open classes that day ranging from art to zoology. A number of departments will host extensive, behind-the-scenes tours.

Bus tours of the campus remain a popular draw,

Maxwell noted. “Visitors like this tour because the buses can let them off anywhere on campus and pick them up anywhere,” she said. “Every residence hall offers tours, so families can check out student living options.”

Participants can also learn about the college’s award-winning programs for first-year students, including the First-Year Residential Experience in recently renovated Johnson Hall, and talk to faculty and students from Oswego’s more than 50 major programs.

The Office of Career Services will offer a new session, “Beyond Oswego: Where Have Oswego Graduates Gone?”

For more information about Open House or other opportunities for prospective students to explore SUNY Oswego, call the Admissions Office at 312-2250 or visit www.oswego.edu/admissions. □

Spotlight

McMichael enjoys meteorology program, friendly campus

The Campus Update Spotlight shines this week on Byron McMichael, a freshman meteorology major from Kinderhook.

Q. What made you want to come to Oswego?

A. The meteorology program. It’s one of the best in the Northeast. That was important, and Lake Ontario is always a plus due to the weather it causes.

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

A. The professors are amazing here. They get to know you very fast, and they’re willing to help you. The friends I’ve made here are great. The campus is very nice. The administrators that I’ve dealt with have been very helpful. There are a lot of great things about Oswego.

Q. What is your impression of other Oswego students?

A. I’ve made some really close friends very quickly. To know that they’ll be there, by your side, is a good thing in college. People really seem to get along here.

Q. Do you have any hobbies?

A. I play soccer here at Oswego. I’m a goalie. I’m in the Meteorology Club. That’s a great thing to do — getting into different clubs and getting to know different people. But soccer is my real love.

Q. What achievement are you most proud of?

A. Becoming an orientation leader here at Oswego is an academic and personal achievement of mine. The entire summer will be filled up with being an orientation leader. There are some tough hours, but it will be worth it in the end. Back home, I was a Sec-



tion II All-Star in soccer. That was a big deal for me because it’s for the whole Albany region and I come from such a small town.

Q. What are you interested in doing after graduation?

A. Getting into broadcast meteorology. I’d like to work at a local station around here or a local station back home around Albany as a meteorologist. □

Calendar highlights

- **Alcohol Awareness Day**, today
- **“Before the Blues”: Alonzo King’s Lines Ballet**, today
- **Campus launch of the Campaign for Oswego**, April 7
- **Art song recital**, April 8
- **Rice Creek Ramble**, April 9
- **Open House**, April 11
- **Symposium on “Launching into the Profession,”** April 13
- **Recorder Consort concert**, April 13
- **10th anniversary of the Education Center at Phoenix**, April 13 and 14
- **Honors Convocation**, April 15
- **Tyler Art Gallery opening reception**, April 15
- **Faculty recital**, April 17
- **Penfield Library book sale**, April 18 to 20
- **Quest**, April 20
- **Concert by cellist Julie Albers**, April 20

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