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From the Executive Director ...

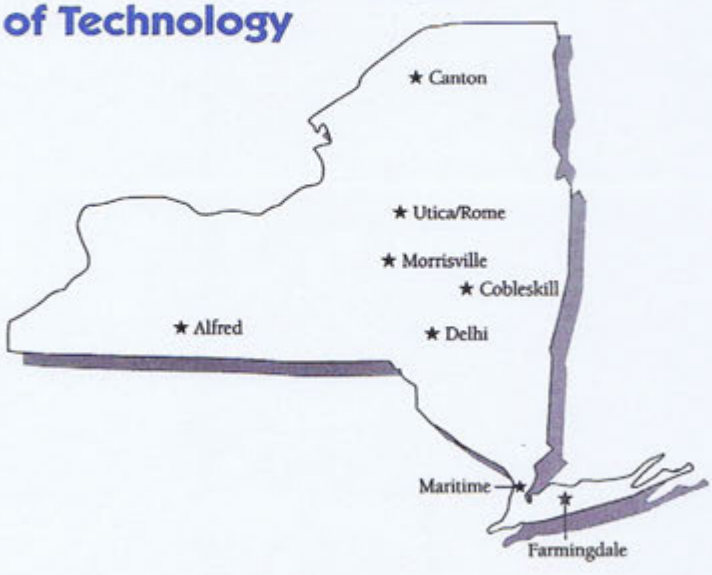
Congratulations to our campuses for the numerous achievements chronicled throughout the newsletter.

New academic programs have been approved across the sector while a number are awaiting State University and/or SED approval. The new program review process instituted by Provost Salins has met with strong support by the presidents – at a recent teleconference, the presidents reported program proposals are progressing in a timely, efficient manner through the process.

The introduction of the new baccalaureate programs has made a significant difference in the enrollment trends for the Technology colleges. Not only were enrollments up last fall, the number of applicants and applications for next fall appear strong. The increased enrollment is critical to the continued financial health of our campuses.

While each of the Technology Sector campuses is undergoing significant change, the hard work of the faculty, staff and administration is beginning to pay great dividends. Many of our colleagues readily admit that the Technology sector offers the greatest challenges, as well as the greatest opportunities.

The University Colleges of Technology



The SUNY Research Foundation kicked-off the 2002 federal advocacy program with a SUNY Day in Washington DC February 27. **Chancellor Robert King** headed the SUNY delegation of more than forty Presidents and senior staff. Presidents **Joseph Kennedy** of Canton, **William Rezak** of Alfred, **Candace Vancko** of Delhi, **John Craine** of Maritime, **Orlando Baiocchi** of Utica Rome, and **John Haight**, Development Director for the Technology Colleges attended. The day was highlighted by comments from **Congressman Sherwood Boehlert, Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Hillary Clinton,** and **Senator Ted Kennedy**. The delegation heard presentations from the Department of Education and Department of Commerce as well as a special presentation from **Sandy Kress**, Senior Advisor to the President for Education.

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* SUNY Alfred's Division of Marketing and Enrollment Management was named a Silver Award (second place) recipient in the 17th Annual Admissions Advertising Awards Competition, sponsored by the Admissions Marketing Report publication, for its entry in the placement/transfer billboard advertising campaign. Entered in the outdoor transit/billboard category among schools with enrollments between 2,000 and 4,999, the Alfred billboard entries were judged by a panel of marketing, advertising, and academic professionals for overall creativity, marketing execution and impact of message.

* SUNY Alfred's 2001 graduates distinguished themselves again this year by garnering a placement/transfer record of 98 percent. The employment and salary figures are based on an annual survey sent to all ASC graduates; 2001's questionnaire netted a 92 percent response rate from 698 surveyed. Fifty-nine percent of 2001 graduates who responded to the survey are employed, while 39 percent opted to continue their education. One percent joined the military, and one percent remain available for employment. Among those employed, 88 percent are working in jobs related to their college field of study. The average starting salaries of over $26,000 for 2001 associate degree graduates and over $37,000 for bachelor degree graduates continues the ASC tradition of success. Coupled with the fact that Alfred State has the highest on-time graduation rate of non-specialized, two-year, post-secondary institutions in New York State, the College's placement and transfer statistics indicate that Alfred State continued to offer a quality education to all students who have the desire and capability to learn.

* Officials of the Veterinary Technology program at SUNY Alfred are proud to announce that Vet Tech program graduates from the classes of 2000 and 2001 attained 100 percent pass rate on the NYS Veterinary Technician Licensing exam. Alfred State's Vet Tech program is provisionally accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association Committee on Veterinary Technician Education. "The graduates' 100 percent pass rate was well above the national average of 80 percent," said Dr. Melvin Chambliss, professor and director of the Vet Tech program, "and it is also noteworthy that all 2000 and 2001 Vet Tech graduates are either employed in their field of study or have continued their education at the baccalaureate level."

* William E. Locke, associate professor, Building Trades, School of Applied Technology, has been selected as an Outstanding Construction Craft Instructor for 2001 by the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC). Locke, who is one of three instructors nationwide to receive this honor, will be feted at a dinner at the Radisson Hotel in Corning where he will be presented with $1,000 award, a plaque recognizing his achievement, and a plaque for the College recognizing the program.

* Intel Advertising, Rochester, the agency which has created radio and television advertising for Alfred State College, has been named a winner in the Communicator Awards 2001 Audio competition for its creation of the Alfred State College "Look Forward to Your Future" jingle heard on the college's radio ads. The Communicator Award is an international award competition that recognizes outstanding work in the communications field.

* SUNY Alfred College President Dr. William D. Rezak announced that eleven engineering technology programs at Alfred were given reaccreditation this fall by the Technology Accreditation Commission (TAC) of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). Additionally, two recently established programs earned accreditation.

The programs, which received reaccreditation, include architectural engineering technology (AAS); construction engineering technology (AAS); electrical engineering technology (both AAS and BS); electromechanical engineering

Three Alfred State College Student Senate officers who attended the Albany luncheon and awards ceremony for the Student Initiative Award of the Association of College Trustees are pictured here with the State University of New York (SUNY) Chancellor Robert L. King, are l-r, Conroy Parchment, Bronx, construction management technology, academic and technology chair; Bryn Piersma, Clayville, surveying engineering technology, student life chair; King; and Kelly Vetter, Hornell, architecture technology, finance chair.

technology (both AAS and BS); mechanical engineering technology (both AAS and BS); surveying engineering technology (both AAS and BS); and mechanical design engineering technology (AAS). The newly accredited programs are computer engineering technology (AAS) and construction management engineering technology (BS). ABET accredits engineering and engineering technology programs at American colleges and universities. It represents 26 different professional technical societies and assures that the programs it sanctions meet curricular standards of the various disciplines represented by the technical societies.

* Graduates of SUNY Alfred's Health Information Technology/ Medical Records (HIT) Program achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT) national certification exam in 2001. The American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) reports a national pass rate of 78 percent. RHITs are health information technicians who ensure the quality of medical records by verifying their completeness, accuracy, and proper entry into computer systems.

* Officials of SUNY Alfred welcomed representatives from the Gleason Foundation, Rochester, as that organization was honored for its $1,000,000 contribution for the enhancement of the machine tool technology and mechanical engineering technology laboratories. The highlight of the ceremony was the naming of the Gleason Machine Tool Laboratory in the Engineering Technology Building on the Alfred campus. Gleason said, "Alfred State College has done a remarkable job in really understanding the needs of industry and is rapidly generating curricula to train students to meet those needs. At a time when the right kind of technical training and skill is in short supply, Alfred State is providing an invaluable service to the community."

The Gleason Foundation has served charitable, cultural, and educational needs of the Rochester community for over 40 years, since its establishment as a private family foundation in 1959. All of the funds of Gleason Foundation have been received from Gleason family members.

* Cyril ("Skip") E. Merrick, associate professor and chair, Automotive Trades Department, who was invited by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundations (NATEF) to review and revise automobile standards utilized in the certification process, recently spent a week in San Diego to participate on this Review Committee. NATEF, founded in 1983 to evaluate automotive programs is committed to updating its program standards in light of changing technologies and needs in the automotive industry. To this end, NATEF convened this national committee comprised of representatives from both education and the automotive industry to review and revise the current standards.

The Industry Planning Council selected Alfred's automotive program for its prestigious Award for Excellence – "Best in the Nation" for the year 2000. Merrick credits the program's success with the "hands-on" style of instruction.

Nick Sterchak, left, a senior in Surveying Engineering Technology, is the first recipient of the Campus Life Community Builder Award. Sterchak, an orientation leader in 2001, volunteered four hours of his personal time during new student arrival in August and then an additional eight to ten hours during opening week to direct students to classrooms, labs and faculty/staff offices in the Engineering Technology building. Nick is pictured with Neil Benedict, director of campus life.

* The Western New York Historical Collection at the Walter C. Hinkle Memorial Library at Alfred was recently named in honor of Jean Lang, Alfred Station, the library clerk who organized the collection and was its curator until her retirement in 1991. Ms. Lang began working in the Hinkle Memorial Library from its beginning on the new Alfred State College campus in 1964.

* Alfred State announces the creation of the Historic Restoration and Renovation Institute, which will be operated in conjunction with the Building Trades Department at the School of Applied Technology on the Wellsville Campus. The Institute was founded in response to a perceived void in the training of workers in the field of historic preservation. Students will receive instruction in the replication, repair and maintenance of the various components of historic structures. The emphasis of the program will be the use of materials and techniques appropriate to the nature and time frame of the project, and will draw on the expertise of the established carpentry and masonry programs.

* Alfred State College rededicated the newly refurbished Paul B. Orvis Activities Center in honor of the late Paul B. Orvis, president of Alfred State College from 1936-60. A plaque, presented to Orvis family representatives during ceremonies reads: "The Activities Center stands as a tribute to Paul Orvis's love of students. Under President Orvis's leadership, Alfred State College grew in academic programs, physical size, enrollment, and public esteem."

* The ornamental horticulture-landscape development program at Alfred is the recipient of an industry standard software package, "SLICEplus for Landscape Contracting," from Slice Technologies, Milford, OH, a gift valued at more than $32,000. Only the second college in the nation to receive such a gift, Agriculture and Horticulture Department officials are looking forward to implementing the software in their classrooms. SLICEplus provides the tools to handle a project from conception to completion – from estimating a project to controlling the flow

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of materials and other resources on the job, to managing the contract, to billing the client for the work and finally, to the job costing of the project.

* Alfred has received notification from Congressman Amo Houghton's office in Washington, DC, that it will be the recipient of an $800,000 grant to help train court reporting students as realtime writers, closed captioners, and CART (Communications Access Realtime Translation) providers. The award is a result of a closed captioning initiative spearheaded by the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA). Alfred joined a consortium of 18 NCRA-approved schools, which together garnered $3.9 million form the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations bill passed by Congress December 19, 2001. The request was made to help meet the federal mandate imposed by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 requiring that all new programming for television be captioned by 2006.

The Alfred State court and realtime reporting program will use the money for curriculum development, distance learning opportunities, scholarships, and job placements for graduates.

In announcing the award, Rep. Amo Houghton (R-Corning) noted: "This direct appropriation from the federal government is a ten-strike for Alfred State and for the telecommunications industry. The deadline for all television programs to be closed captioned for the hearing impaired is fast approaching, and the industry is going to be hiring more realtime reporters to bring them into compliance with federal law. This money will help their terrific program become even better, and the hearing-impaired community in the US will be the biggest beneficiary."

* John M. Anderson of Hornell, a faculty member and administrator at Alfred State College since 1981, has been named the college's provost in addition to his current title of vice president for academic affairs. James J. Grillo, also a faculty member and administrator since 1972, has been named vice president for marketing and enrollment management.

Two Alfred State College baccalaureate mechanical engineering students, Nicholas Zwack, Eden, and Timothy Bramer, Warsaw, were recipients of $500 scholarships from the International Gas Turbine Institute (IGTI) of ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers), as a result of a proposal written by Yogi Jonchhe, professor, Mechanical Engineering Technology Department. Pictured here, Bruce Fuller, assistant professor and chair, Mechanical Engineering Technology Department, far left, presents the scholarship certificate to Zwack; and Jonchhe, far right, to Bramer.

~Canton~

SUNY Canton's University Police have successfully completed several months of rigorous testing to become certified to participate in New York State's Incident-Based Reporting program (NYSIBR), announced Chief Tim Ashley. NYSIBR is part of a national effort to improve knowledge about crime to better meet the needs of the law enforcement community and the public. The new system replaces the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system, which has been the primary source of crime data for more than 60 years. According to Ashley, the main distinction between the new incident-based system and the old UCR is that NYSIBR collects and maintains data on a case-by-case basis, providing important details on each crime reported and the flexibility to do crime analysis. In the old system, case data were aggregated into a limited number of pre-set categories, resulting in the loss of the unique characteristics of the incident. In addition, the new system collects more information on victims, and the extent of the injury they suffer, weapon usage, drug seizures and the circumstances surrounding assaults and homicides. NYSIBR will also permit linking arrests and clearances back to the original crime incident.

* A new SUNY Canton project aims to encourage both men and women to consider careers in fields that are not traditionally associated with their genders.

Canton's Non-Traditional Career Challenges Office focuses on increasing the representation of women in SUNY Canton majors such as engineering technology, criminal justice and mortuary science. The office also seeks to increase interest by men in such majors as accounting, early childhood, nursing, occupational therapy assistant, and physical therapist assistant.

Claudia MacDonald, director of the new project, says her office also provides support and mentoring programs for students enrolled in non-traditional majors and works with external agencies to encourage children to consider non-traditional careers.

A group of approximately 20 Girl Scouts recently learned about careers in engineering technology. To make the learning fun, the girls received hands-on experience in the laboratories by making such items as copper wind chimes and concrete stepping-stones.

Last summer, MacDonald coordinated two weeklong camps that allowed high school girls to experience college life by living in SUNY Canton's residence halls while attending daily engineering technology workshops and activities on campus.

* Christmas was a little extra special this year for many North Country children thanks to the generosity of the SUNY Canton community. A van stocked full with gifts was delivered to the Church and Community Center in Canton as a result of the Angel Tree Program for children from low-income families. "We had 32 tags in the beginning of December," said Darren Richards, Director of Community Development and Activities. "Those were snatched up right away so we requested 32 more which went very quickly. More than 80 percent of our campus clubs, most departments, and many people came together to make this possible. I'm always impressed with the generosity on this campus." Shari Wilcox, who is the director of the Church and Community Center, expressed her gratitude for all those who participated. "This was a great undertaking and enormous generosity shown by the community to give gifts and money," Wilcox said. "I'm especially pleased with the SUNY Canton students who helped. It's amazing how the participation of the students has grown over the last several years."

* Strong enrollment at SUNY Canton for the spring semester has resulted in the annual enrollment to increase nearly 10% from last year to its highest level since 1993, according to an enrollment analysis completed by the college.

The average annual full-time equivalent enrollment at SUNY Canton stands at 1,827, compared to last year's 1,652. The figures are an average of total enrollments for each year's fall and spring semesters. This year's figure is expected to grow slightly following the mid-semester start of some additional courses. The majority of the enrollment boost resulted from a 14% increase in new freshmen for the fall semester and a 32% increase in new freshmen for the spring semester. Applications for the fall semester are up nearly 10% from the same period last year, with strong interest in SUNY Canton's allied health and criminal investigation majors.

The increase in enrollment keeps SUNY Canton on course to achieve the goals of the SUNY Canton 2006 plan. The plan calls for FTE enrollment to grow to 2,200 and headcount enrollment, which includes part-time students, to grow to 2,500. The enrollment growth will occur as SUNY Canton completes the transformation from a two-year institution to a four- and two-year college of technology.

A SUNY Canton staff member recently shared her expertise in distance learning with an international audience. Molly Mott, an instructor in Canton's Veterinary Science Technology program, presented "An Analysis of Faculty Concerns Regarding Distance Learning at Two-Year Technical Institutions." Her presentation was made at the International Conference on Leadership and Technology in Atlanta. The conference was sponsored by the Association for Educational Communications and Technology (ACET). Mott's session focused on faculty attitudes, concerns and issues related to distance learning at SUNY Canton. Mott focused on providing responses to faculty concerns using findings from several previously conducted studies on distance learning effectiveness. She has made similar presentations at state and regional conferences.

A major expansion of Canton's Massena Education Center is allowing the Center to offer 18 classes during the Spring, 2001 semester. The slate of courses is the largest since the Center was founded in 1999 in Massena's St. Lawrence Centre Mall, said Ron Meshurel, Director of Extended Studies. The announcement of the schedule follows the expansion of the Center to include a new 19-station computer classroom. When the expansion, which began earlier this year, is completed next summer, the Center will encompass 6,800 square feet. The original Center was 3,700 square feet. Several additional improvements are slated for next summer, including the addition of a student lounge. Some 165 students are enrolled at the Massena Education Center, with 63 of them attending classes full time. The Center has been most useful for individuals who work, have family responsibilities, and for those who aren't able to drive to the main campus in Canton.

* SUNY Canton's international ties were strengthened last semester as two administrators visited two partner institutions and began relationships with several others. John Crary, Coordinator of On-line Education, and Pauline Graveline, Dean of Canton's School of Liberal Studies, traveled to China to assess the effectiveness of current coursework being delivered via distance education technologies, to develop new opportunities to deliver additional coursework internationally, and to help other institutions create a college similar to Canton. The visit stems from relationships forged with a grant from the Freeman Foundation to support the international delivery of Canton courses. Crary and Graveline visited Capital Normal University and Renda Fuzhong High School in Beijing. They also shared their knowledge of American two-year technical education programs with officials from Nanjing University of Post and Technology and the Nanjing Radio Industry School. The two institutions plan on creating a two-year college, modeled after Canton, to produce highly skilled technicians, who are currently in short supply in China. Crary said, "The Chinese are tremendously impressed with the abilities, and versatility, of our students when they graduate. They want their graduates to be successful, entrepreneurial and inventive, and are willing to undergo radical changes to westernize their education."

* Students at SUNY Canton were among the best in the state in their passage rate on the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses during the past year. According to Linda Fay, director of SUNY Canton's Nursing program, 96% of students who attempted the national examination last year passed. Statewide, only 14 of the 99 institutions represented achieved pass rates in excess of 95%. The pass rate across the state averaged 81%. Canton has had several years of outstanding pass rates. Results reported a year ago revealed a 93% pass rate. Students two years ago passed at a rate of 100%. The excellent pass rates provide another boost for the nursing program at Canton, which is already seeing 50% more applications from potential students from two years ago and 15% from last year. A severe shortage of nurses has created numerous job opportunities at nearly every hospital in the country.

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* A grant from the Niagara Mohawk Foundation is assisting Canton in becoming a regional training center for a pre-engineering program with public schools in the North Country. The $2,500 grant brings Canton closer to being a New York State Educational Consortium Member of Project Lead the Way (PLTW). PLTW is a not-for-profit organization partnering with public schools, organizations in the private sector, and higher education institutions to assist in the solution of problems created by the national shortage of engineers and other technical workers. Canton is seeking several additional partners for this project. "Niagara Mohawk is creating an important partnership with SUNY Canton to help us inform and excite youth about lucrative careers in engineering technology," said SUNY Canton President Joseph L. Kennedy. "This program will also help all North Country communities to address the need for economic development in the North Country."

* The North Country Emergency Medical Services Program Agency has moved to SUNY Canton, enabling the college to serve 85 fire departments and ambulance agencies in Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence Counties. As the contractor for the Program Agency, SUNY Canton will be responsible for assisting ambulance agencies in meeting certification and staffing standards, providing staff to the Regional EMS Council and Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee, overseeing quality improvement programs, managing the regional information system and the Pre-Hospital Care Report (PCR) System, assisting in ambulance service recruitment and retention activities, and submitting quarterly reports to the New York State Department of Health.

A sunny, 70-degree day allowed the SUNY Canton community to celebrate the opening of their new Campus Center on April 12. Musicians, strolling entertainers, free food, games, and a student organization fair put the new building through its paces immediately following the official ribbon cutting. The 52,000 square foot building features a recreational gym, a 250-seat theater, student health services, a campus bookstore and convenience store, a campus post office, student activities offices and meeting areas. The building occupies the site of the former Kingston Theater, which burned in 1997. President Joseph Kennedy also unveiled a teakwood seal hand carved by Koffi Abalo-Akuvi of Togo, and a new Peace Pole in the academic plaza.

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at SUNY Canton has been ranked third in the State of New York for overall performance during the 2000-01 program year. According to SUNY Canton SBDC Director Bert A. Corey, this is the second year in a row that the Canton SBDC has been ranked third. There are 23 SBDCs across the state. The performance assessment is based on evaluations by clients, the amount of counseling delivered, the amount of funding secured, the number of jobs created, and the number of jobs saved. Approximately 90% of the clients who completed surveys ranked the services "excellent" or "very good." This compares to a statewide average of 75%.

* A SUNY Canton Assistant Professor of Sociology was selected to present the results of her study of intolerance among religious fundamentalists in America at a national conference. Victoria Rosenholtz presented her paper, entitled *'Intolerance is a Beautiful Thing:' Jerry Falwell, the Moral Majority, and Randall Terry*, at the annual conference of the Association for the Sociology of Religion in Anaheim, CA. According to Rosenholtz, "This study explored a longstanding rhetorical tradition within fundamentalism in the Christian Right." Rosenholtz's title is derived from a message delivered by the prominent anti-abortionist Randall Terry in his notorious 1993 anti-abortion crusade to 13 cities across the US. In the paper, she examines how "preached messages, tracts distributed nationally by the Moral Majority, and Randall Terry's speech all include intense antagonism toward most aspects of contemporary American mainstream culture."

* Canton will offer online two local certificate programs for parents, paraprofessionals, and teachers who deal with autistic and other developmentally disabled children. According to Dr. Stephen Ledoux, professor of behaviorology, the certificates will be offered online this summer. The courses are also offered on campus in a traditional classroom setting during the academic year. Ledoux developed the certificate programs using a grant from the Office of Vocational and Educational Services to Individuals with Disabilities. He noted that the certificates were designed in consultation with an advisory board comprised of parents, professionals, and educators, from agencies, institutions, and organizations that work with autistic and

other needy children and their families. Some of the courses comprising the certificates were designed explicitly to meet some in-service needs of teachers. All were designed to be consistent with the recommendations of the State Health Department's Early Intervention Clinical Practice Guidelines on Autism and Pervasive Developmental Disorders.

* More than 50 police officers from throughout the North Country gathered at SUNY Canton for the College's first Criminal Justice Seminar. Experts from throughout the region provided investigative updates on numerous topics relevant to law enforcement professionals. According to organizer Loren Zimmerman, assistant professor of Criminal Justice, the seminar did more than provide an educational opportunity. "The officers in the region seldom get a chance to see each other until there's a major emergency," he said. "The seminar brings them together so they can develop ties before there's a problem."

* Although one major employer of engineering technology students didn't make it to SUNY Canton this year to hire students, it went one better. Instead, Siemens Building Technologies, Inc., last month flew nine Canton students, including a local resident, to its Chicago-based North American headquarters to be interviewed and to learn about job opportunities. The students were led by SUNY Canton Air Conditioning Engineering Technology Professor Art Hurlbut and Instructor Jeff Loomis. Siemens paid for all of the group's expenses, including lodging and meals. In addition to taking a plant tour and participating in interviews, each student delivered a presentation on their particular area of expertise to Siemens officials. According to Prof. Hurlbut, "They said the students gave the best presentations they have seen from any of the colleges and universities that have come through. Siemens said they want this to be an annual event."

* SUNY Canton and Ontario's St. Lawrence College signed a partnership agreement in April to bring two and three-year graduates of the Canadian college to SUNY Canton to complete a four-year degree. The agreement also provides for faculty exchanges and cooperation in distance learning initiatives. "The graduates of St. Lawrence College are ideally prepared to thrive in our four-year degree programs," said Joseph Kennedy, President of SUNY Canton. "Both of our institutions have particular strengths in technology-based majors and have students and staff that will benefit from the international ties that this agreement will create." Kennedy noted that although the Canadian border lies less than 20 miles north of SUNY Canton, "Many of our students haven't crossed the border. Our agreement with St. Lawrence College opens up many exciting possibilities for joint activities and exchanges. While our geographic location within New York sometimes presents some difficulties, in this instance, it's a giant asset. There isn't another institution in New York that's better positioned geographically to build ties with our Canadian neighbors." St. Lawrence College (SLC) has campuses in Brockville, Cornwall and Kingston that serve approximately 5,000 full-time students. SLC also serves about 20,000 part-time students in on-campus, on-line, correspondence and contract training courses each year.

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Ward Stone instructs Cobleskill students in parasitology. The NYS wildlife pathologist is looking forward to teaching additional courses at the College.

* New York State Wildlife Pathologist Ward Stone is teaching a course on parasitology at SUNY Cobleskill this semester, and even the teachers have signed up. Professor Anne Donnelly, who teaches biology, was one of the first to enroll in the course. "We are so fortunate to have Ward Stone, a pathologist of national stature, teaching on our campus," Donnelly said. "I have admired him and the work he has done for many years. When I learned he would be teaching parasitology, I signed up immediately!"

Parasitology is the study of disease conditions caused by organisms that grow and exist on or in another organism. His Cobleskill class is comprised of students in histotechnology, wildlife management, fisheries and aquaculture, environmental studies, agronomy, equine studies, and dairy and livestock studies. Stone says it's amazing how many species are affected by parasites, and says the need for experts in the field is growing. Recent problems, both national and international, such as foot and mouth disease in European cattle and chronic wasting disease in deer, underscore the need to expand the field. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (EnCon), where Stone works, is enthusiastic about his role at SUNY Cobleskill. "They feel the need for more people and more training in the field, and the events of September 11 made that more important," Stone said.

A native of Hudson who has been an outdoorsman and naturalist all his life, Stone has been in charge of the Wildlife Pathology Unit at EnCon for more than 32 years. Among his many duties, he is responsible for diagnosing and monitoring the causes of sickness and death in the state's wildlife, and for providing expert testimony on wildlife cases. He was responsible for identifying the cause of the West Nile virus in 1999, and tying its spread to crows. Stone says the best parts of his experience at SUNY Cobleskill have been the enthusiasm of the students, and making connections with faculty members. He's looking forward to teaching more courses at SUNY Cobleskill, and has plans to teach wildlife pathology and comparative anatomy. "I'm hoping to put together a course for the future in environmental and wildlife toxicology, covering problems from dumping and spraying," Stone said. He expects to teach more courses because he says he expects SUNY Cobleskill's wildlife programs to expand due to need. "EnCon is picking up more bachelor of technology graduates, and SUNY Cobleskill has a terrific program."

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Sandy Cummings (center) of Richard Allen Scientific, instructs Dr. Pam Colony and Richard Sparling on the use of the program's new cryostat.

* Cobleskill's histotechnology program has received several gifts of funding and equipment this year that are helping maintain the program as one of the best in the country. Histotechnology, a field in which technicians prepare tissue samples and stained slides for diagnosis by a pathologist, requires extensive technical skills, and the program requires expensive equipment and supplies. Professor Pamela Colony, Ph.D., HT (ASCP), director of the histotechnology program, and Richard Sparling, HT (ASCP), an instructional support assistant for the program, are always working to ensure that, despite budget constraints, students have the tools they need to succeed.

A new Microm HM500 Cryostat (freezing microtome) was recently donated through persistent efforts of Sparling and the cooperation of Kevin B. Boykin, director of sales for Richard Allen Scientific. This very generous donation allows the program to incorporate a new piece of state-of- the-art equipment, having a market value of $25,000 to $40,000. The cryostat is used to cut (section) thin slices of tissue that have been rapidly frozen. In a hospital setting, these sections are stained and used to help a pathologist make a diagnosis, often while the patient is still on the operating table. Use of a cryostat is an essential skill for students. The certification examinations for histotechnologists require knowledge of frozen sections, but most schools can't afford to purchase cryostats. Before receiving the Microm HM500, Cobleskill students could only obtain this experience during an internship.

Clinomics BioSciences of Frederick, Maryland has hired a number of SUNY Cobleskill alumni. They have been so impressed with these graduates that they felt moved to make a donation in support of future students. Clinomics President and COO Patrick Muraca sent the college a generous donation in support of the program, and is making arrangements to sponsor an intern to work at the company.

Much of the equipment the students use has been obtained through the generosity of corporate donors. An embedding station used to place (non-frozen) tissues in paraffin to prepare them for sectioning (cutting) was donated by St. Clare's Hospital. A Cytotech centrifuge used to prepare cytology slides was also donated by St. Clare's. Bristol-Meyers-Squib of Syracuse donated a Miles Scientific VIP-2 Tissue Processor used to process samples by chemically removing water and replacing it with paraffin for embedding. Anatech, Ltd. of Battle Creek, Michigan has donated a Laboratory Safety Manual and, every year they donate over $550 worth of chemicals used in processing and staining samples.

Funding for students is especially crucial during the clinical rotation. Each histotechnology student is required to complete a 60-day, 480-hour experience in the histology laboratory at an affiliate site. Students are not paid during this rotation, and Dr. Colony hopes to find donors willing to help financially support some students during these internships. There will be 11 students completing their internships during the summer of 2002.

* Suzanne Jedrosko, a biology major at SUNY Cobleskill, is the latest student to win a prestigious place in the Rural Primary Care Physician Program at Upstate Medical University.

Suzanne, daughter of John and Sharon Jedrosko, is a straight A student, originally from Olean, New York. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa (the two-year college honor society) and is a resident assistant. She also is a member of the campus service society, Orange Key and is a tutor in the college's Writing Center. Jedrosko has shadowed and volunteered at Bassett Hospital of Schoharie and recently passed the Basic Emergency Medical Technician exam.

SUNY Cobleskill has had 100% of its applicants "early-accepted" into this unique medical college program that requires excellence in academic scholarship as its most important selection criterion.

For more information about this program, contact Dr. Michael Murphy of the college's natural sciences department, (518) 255-5445 or murphymj@cobleskill.edu.

* Johanna Duffy of Winsted, Connecticut was recently named "Outstanding Two-Year Student" by the New York State chapter of The Wildlife Society.

Duffy is a senior in Cobleskill's Wildlife Technology program, and expects to receive her associate in applied science degree in May. She is an active member of Cobleskill's student chapter of The Wildlife Society, and serves as secretary for the campus subunit of the American Fisheries and Wildlife Society. She represented Cobleskill at the New York Power Authority Wildlife Festival and the Northeast Great Outdoors Show. She is a representative to the Student Senate, has been a member of the Outing Club and the varsity track and field team.

Duffy has been president of her dormitory and a member of the Student-Faculty Judicial Board, all while maintaining a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. She is also an exceptional public speaker.

Kevin Berner and Johanna Duffy.

~Delhi~

* SUNY Delhi students ditched the sun and sand of Florida and other hot spots, and opted for a spring break with a purpose. During April break, Rev. Martha Vink, college chaplain, says students took the opportunity to help the elderly and families of low incomes in North Carolina through an organization called ReCreation Experiences. "In the wake of September 11, our students were looking for community service opportunities, which led me to consider ReCreation Experiences," says Rev. Vink. The program is very similar to Habitat for Humanity. They recruit volunteers year-round, ranging from junior high school students to adults. Our trip took us to Asheville, NC, where we got right down to business hammering, lifting, spackling – you name it!" Student volunteers came from many majors – Accounting, Computer Information, Business Administration, Marketing, and of course, Carpentry. "It just goes to show that students are always looking for a new experience," adds Rev. Vink. "I'm happy we were able to offer them one that encouraged their spiritual growth while adding some fun!" Delhi's O'Connor Center for Community Service, as well as local churches and the college's Student Senate, provided funding to cover travel expenses and registration fees.

* Delhi exceeded its spring enrollment targets by nine percent; this being the fourth consecutive semester enrollment increased at the college. "New bachelor's degrees are the biggest factor in the enrollment boom, and with plans for new four-year degrees, we expect this trend to continue," says Larry Barrett, dean of enrollment services. New initiatives are also making a difference. Outreach efforts to Schenectady and Otsego Counties have added to the success. Delhi offers courses in its Hospitality Management bachelor's degree at Schenectady County Community College, which has attracted 27 students in its first semester. Courses offered at the FoxCare Center, a healthcare hub in Oneonta, have attracted 28 students.

Student retention is also part of the enrollment success. The college reports a similar nine percent increase in returning students. "We've focused on giving our students the tools they need to succeed, and our pilot program with RetentionTrax is an example," Dean Barrett adds. Delhi is one of six colleges in the U.S. using this web-based retention software, which allows information from various campus offices to be combined in a single, centralized data source. The database has allowed the college to respond effectively to student needs while tracking their performance.

* Students from Delhi's Golf Course Operations and Turf Management programs earned half of the scholarships awarded at the New York State Turf Association's 2001 Turf and Grounds Exposition in Syracuse on November 14. Delhi students were honored with a total of seven scholarships. "Year after year, our students capture the spotlight at the Turf and Grounds Expo. This is the second year in a row that our students have earned the majority of the scholarships at the event," said Dominic Morales, dean of applied sciences and recreation division. "Our programs promote an excellence in students that is unmatched in New York State."

In photo above, high school students were evaluated in the nursing category at SUNY Delhi's Skills USA-VICA competition. Over 800 high school students from 19 BOCES centers across Central New York attended the second annual competition on the SUNY Delhi campus February 12. SkillsUSA-VICA is a national organization that connects top-notch high school and college students with employers of technical, skilled and service occupations. "Students had an opportunity to see firsthand how the skills they are learning now are the foundation of the more advanced skills that they can acquire here at Delhi," says Mike Miller, assistant professor of technology and co-coordinator of this year's. Last year was the first time the Skills USA competition was brought to the Delhi campus. The response was so great that it was expanded to include more contests this year, drawing from schools throughout Central New York. Participants competed in nursing and healthcare skills, food preparation and culinary arts, technical computer and business applications, architecture, carpentry, plumbing, welding, and public speaking.

* The Delhi men's basketball team remained undefeated in the Region III Championship, catapulting them to the NJCAA Division III Men's Basketball Championship for the second consecutive year. Finishing 32-2, the Broncos took fourth place in the tournament and were ranked number one for most of the season. Coach Anthony Evans was awarded "Coach of the Year" for NJCAA District I, and team captains Stan Bolden and Aquawasi St. Hillaire were selected for the 2002 All-Tournament Team.

* Delhi invited the best basketball stars from area high schools to compete for a $1,000 scholarship in a shootout contest held during the college's hosting of the 2002 NJCAA Division III Men's Basketball Championship. Each school selected a representative to accumulate baskets in one minute from designated areas of the court. This year's winner, Sean Whittaker, a junior from Delaware Academy, earned a scholarship that will go to a selected graduate of Delaware Academy who wishes to attend Delhi next fall.

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More **DELHI** . . .

* Delhi's student culinary team won the American Culinary Federation's state junior competition on February 17, making this the third consecutive year for the college to earn this title. The Delhi team won the competition, scoring 37.45 out of 40 – their highest team score ever – and earned a gold medal. The team had 60 minutes to demonstrate technical skills and then was challenged to prepare and serve a four-course meal for four in 1 hour and 15 minutes. Members of the winning team include: Maria Hess, a third-year student from Rochester and team captain; Tram "Ivy" Ta, a third-year student from Johnson City; Mike Hudak, a second-year student from Johnson City; Kanako Odate, a third-year student from Japan; and Shawn Hafele, a second-year student from Deposit. The team competed against three other colleges – Alfred State, New York City Technical College, and Schenectady County Community College.

* Steve Davis, a second-year SUNY Delhi carpentry student from Sherburne, won the gold medal in Carpentry at the 2002 New York State Skills USA-VICA competition held at SUNY Alfred. This is the second gold medal ever won by a Delhi student in a state VICA competition, a post-secondary contest that tests student skills in comparison to industry standards. Davis advances to the national competition to be held in Kansas City, MO in June. Delhi students also took home silver medals in the carpentry, automotive and CADD contests.

* Delhi has been selected by Noel-Levitz, the nation's premier firm for enrollment and retention consulting, as one of six pilot sites in the nation to introduce a new student retention software called RetentionTRAX™. "We are very pleased to be part of this national trial. From experience we know that an integrated approach to student retention greatly improves our outreach to students," said Dr. Candace Vancko, Delhi College President. "This type of web-based software will allow us to more effectively help our students." The TRAX software will bring student information from various campus offices together in a single, centralized data source so that faculty, advisors, support service staff, coaches, residence hall staff and others may respond to student needs and track student performance. Those who work directly with students will be able to access information from virtually all campus programs, including advising, instruction, registration, orientation, special support programs, new student transition programs, admissions and recruitment, student activities and athletics, and assessment. RetentionTRAX™ also has the ability to measure the effect of planned intervention and monitor the level of resources allocated to help each student succeed. "The software uses an array of desktop tools to accomplish this," explained Leslie Mokay, director of academic advisement and lead coordinator of Delhi's RetentionTRAX™ efforts. "It's a whole new approach to supporting student success." Students may also access portions of the system with a password. They may keep track of their goals, grades, and academic and personal schedules. Students are able to form groups, schedule appointments with ease, and may enroll themselves in the resources available at Delhi. Students can also use the system for email and as a personalized home page. Joining Delhi in Noel-Levitz's RetentionTRAX™ initiative are Jacksonville University of Florida, Loyola University in New Orleans, Ohio State University, Prince George's Community College, and the University of South Florida. Noel-Levitz currently consults with 267 institutions throughout the US and has been consulting universities and colleges since 1973.

Paul MacDonald, left, has recently been appointed to the position of annual giving coordinator for the College Foundation of Delhi, Inc. "Paul brings a wealth of experience to the table, particularly given his tenure with UCLA's annual fund," says Joel Smith, director of college advancement. "His energy and expertise is sure to expand our annual giving program and increase scholarships and other programs that support students, faculty and staff at Delhi." Mr. MacDonald recently served as the director of marketing and client services for UCLA's annual fund. Before this position, he managed UCLA's fundraising call center as the director of telefundraising. Mr. MacDonald served in the United States Army as a First Lieutenant in Fort Meade, MD before his career in fundraising. He holds a master of business administration in marketing and advertising from the Roth School of Business, Long Island University, Greenvale, NY, and a bachelor's degree in English from Norwich University in Northfield, VT.

* Delhi is accommodating those who wish to pursue a nursing degree close to home. The college is collaborating with the Delaware County Rural Healthcare Alliance, a local agency that coordinates health-related projects in Delaware County, including programs in economic development. Through the college's "Stay Close. Go Far." campaign, residents considering the nursing field are encouraged to live, learn and work in their own community. "We are marketing to area high school students, as well as adults who are looking for a career change," says Joel Smith, director of college advancement. "We wanted to make the process as easy as possible, so our Enrollment Services agreed to be the clearinghouse for the Alliance's marketing efforts." According to Diane Aznoe, coordinator for the Delaware County Rural Healthcare Alliance, "We needed to address the nursing shortage here at home. National estimates predict that the demand for RNs will increase by 20 percent in the next six years. Our county won't be immune to that statistic."

* SUNY Delhi has received a $15,000 donation to establish a scholarship endowment for adults pursuing degrees on a part-time basis. The Delaware County Incentive Scholarship Program, available in August, is the first of its type at the college, according to Joel Smith, director of college advancement. Most part-time students are only eligible for loans, he explained. "The endowment's name says it all," Smith said. "A very generous donor wanted to create a scholarship that will provide an incentive to local adults who are working hard to get a college education or to prepare for a new career." Delaware County residents pursuing a degree at Delhi College on a part-time basis are eligible for scholarships under the program. Part-time students have been one of the fastest growing segments of Delhi's enrollment, rising from 124 in 1996 to 285 last fall. The majority of part-time students are local residents.

* SUNY Delhi will offer its first online bachelor's degree program with the help of a $200,000 grant it has received from Housing and Urban Development as a member college of SUNY's University Colleges of Technology. Delhi will use its HUD dollars to develop 10 to 15 upper-level online courses in Hospitality Management, so adults holding a two-year degree in the program can obtain a bachelor's degree while working full-time. "This opportunity is just the beginning of what we may offer students over the Internet," says Dr. Candace Vancko, Delhi College president. "We've been successful with our non-credit courses online and this move will solidify our positioning as a College of Technology and our niche in Internet education." Associate Professor Patti May will serve as curriculum development coordinator to create the new series of online courses for Delhi. Professor May will spend three semesters training faculty in WebCT, an online course management system. Faculty will also use WebCT while teaching on-campus courses. E-mail access, chat rooms, online grading systems and links to the web will be some of the unique features of WebCT. From January 2002 to August 2003, WebCT representatives will offer seminars to faculty on campus, refining their role as online educators. The HUD grant will be issued for two years, and after that the UCT may secure additional funds. Delhi is a recognized leader in hospitality education, offering the only Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Hospitality Management in New York. It currently offers this program on the Delhi campus and at a satellite location in partnership with Schenectady County Community College.

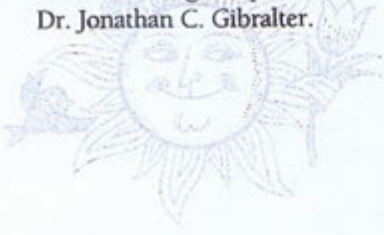
* The New York State Turfgrass Association (NYSTA) and SUNY Delhi announced a special initiative that will allow NYSTA members to earn college credit for skills they have learned on the job. Called Credit for Life, this effort will put experienced turf professionals on the fast track to a certificate and eventually a college degree, according to Candace S. Vancko, SUNY Delhi president. "This room is filled with talented professionals who have risen to the top by learning on the job," Dr. Vancko told those attending NYSTA's 2001 Turf and Grounds Expo in Syracuse. "It's clear you possess technical knowledge and skills equivalent to what could have been learned in a college classroom. So, in partnership with NYSTA, we have designed a program that will allow NYSTA members to receive advanced placement for professional and life experiences." Through portfolio assessment, program participants can earn up to half the credits required for a Certificate in Landscape/Turf Technician. Additional courses required for the certificate will be available on the Internet, at NYSTA seminars, on weekends, and during winter breaks on the Delhi campus to make them convenient and accessible. "This is exactly the type of educational opportunity that NYSTA has been looking to offer its members," said James Diermeier, certified grounds manager and chairman of NYSTA's education committee. "We approached President Vancko with our needs earlier this year and Delhi responded with a custom designed program that's right on target." The program is a way for Delhi to give back to an industry that has helped the college become a national leader in golf and turf education, Dr. Vancko explained. "NYSTA has been a major contributor to construction of Delhi's Turf Education Center and the back nine at the Delhi College Golf Course, as well as to annual scholarships for Delhi students," she said. "Our programs also receive over $100,000 in equipment donations from the industry each year." Delhi offers a unique four-year program in golf course management that prepares graduates for careers as golf professionals, golf course superintendents or clubhouse managers. Delhi also offers the only two-year golf course operations program in the northeast, and associate degree programs in horticulture and turf management.

* SUNY Delhi's men's cross-country team was named the Division III Men's "Team of the Decade" by the NJCAA Coaches Association. The team was honored for winning five national championships, claiming titles in '91 and '92 under the leadership of former cross-country coach Jerry Kilmer, and in '93, '98 and '99 with the team's current coach, Bob Backus. "This is a tremendous honor for our entire program. "I'm really proud of what our athletes have achieved," Coach Backus says.

Students of Delhi's Hospitality Management program assisted guest chefs in hosting and preparing a fund-raising dinner to benefit the college's Kevin Zraly Scholarship Endowment on the Delhi campus. Students worked alongside wine expert Gerald Pellegrino, executive chef and owner of Cork's Restaurant in Baltimore, MD, and Michael Morgan, CEC, of Sodexho/Wood Dining Services, Security Mutual Life Insurance in Binghamton, NY, to create a dining experience around the theme "Pride of New York." This year's theme highlighted the success of the Delhi culinary team, which recently won its third consecutive American Culinary Federation New York State Hot Food Team Championship and who were silver medallists at last year's ACF National Championship. "It's only fitting that we host a fundraising event while honoring an alumnus like Kevin who has done so much for the Hospitality Management program," says Rosalie Higgins, dean of business and hospitality management. "The students are thrilled to work with our wine expert and guest chef. It's an excellent learning opportunity for them." Proceeds from the evening's festivities will benefit the Kevin Zraly Scholarship Endowment, which supports Delhi students in their pursuit of a Hospitality Management education. Kevin Zraly is a 1970 Delhi graduate who has gone on to become one of the world's leading wine experts. He earned his following as wine director of the famed Windows on the World and authored *Windows on the World Complete Wine Course*, a book that has sold over 1.5 million copies.

~Farmingdale~

* Professor Harry Dathatri, director of Farmingdale's Solar Energy Center and professor of electrical engineering technology, organized Solar Long Island 2002, a conference to encourage development of solar energy on Long Island. Solar Long Island 2002 was held on April 26. In addition to Farmingdale, organizers included the Institute for Sustainable Development of Long Island. University, LI Shines & Citizens Advisory Panel, and LIPA. This conference is part of assisting the Million Solar Roofs Initiative to reach its goal by 2010. Participants were welcomed by SUNY Farmingdale president Dr. Jonathan C. Gibralter.



* The Small Business Development Center at Farmingdale celebrated its grand re-opening on Friday, February 1. Over 50 local economic development officials, small business community members, campus officials, and friends of the programs attended the event. Since September 11, the SUNY Farmingdale SBDC has assisted 92 clients in applying for SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL). As of January 31, 2002, 21 of these clients have received disaster loans, totaling $3.5 million. These efforts have resulted in the saving of over 570 jobs. The SBDC expects to assist over a thousand small businesses this year by helping them with business plans, sources of finance, management, marketing, and start up assistance.

* Dr. Jonathan C. Gibralter, president SUNY Farmingdale, is pleased to announce that the College's Solar Energy Center has received a $50,000 grant from the Department of Energy's Million Solar Roofs program to offer workshops on solar energy. According to the Director of the Solar Energy Center, Professor Harry Dathatri, "The grant will enable us to continue to conduct workshops on the installation and maintenance of photovoltaic (PV) systems. In addition, we will offer a solar energy conference in the spring of 2002." Farmingdale's Solar Energy Center opened in July 2000. Over 650 people have attended free lectures titled, "Home Grown Electricity. How to Prevent Long Island from Becoming Like California." In addition, almost 100 people have completed one of the three-day workshops on photovoltaic units. More than a third of the participants have successfully completed an exam that certifies them as installers of photovoltaic units.

* SUNY Farmingdale's new B.S. degree in Computer Programming and Information Systems (CPIS) will provide graduates with the knowledge and skills necessary to become programmers, systems analysts, and help desk administrators. The overwhelming growth in the software industry, particularly on Long Island, has evidenced a need for employees with expanded technical skills. SUNY Farmingdale has long been recognized for aligning its teaching, applied research, and extension services with the technological needs of Long Island, the New York metropolitan area, and the State. This program is neither a traditional Computer Science program nor a traditional Computer Information Systems program. The program emphasizes computer programming and information systems by providing a practical, hands-on approach to programming focused on solving business problems. State of the art technology enhanced classrooms (smart classrooms) feature wireless mouse and keyboard systems, DVD/CD-ROM drives, VCRs, document cameras, and data/video projectors.

* The College's first annual "Midnight Madness" was held on October 18. The purpose of the evening, attended by over 500 students, faculty and staff, was to introduce SUNY Farmingdale's fall athletic teams to our campus community. The night also kicked off the beginning of the Men's and Women's Basketball seasons with both teams being introduced followed by a five-minute skills demonstration. Men's and Women's Soccer, Women's Volleyball, and Cross Country also got involved by tossing giveaways into the stands and setting up some great contests. Fan competitions included a soccer shoot-out, volleyball serve it up, a tag team relay, a blindfold basketball find, and a 2 out of 3 half-court basketball shot for a 2001 Mustang Convertible.

* The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission approved Farmingdale's associate degree program in nursing for continuing accreditation for a full eight years. The program, in existence since 1962 and with one of Long Island's highest pass rates of the RN licensing exam, will next be reviewed in 2008. Dr. Marie Hayden-Miles, chair of the Department of Nursing, noted, "I am happy that the NLNAC recognizes the high caliber of SUNY Farmingdale's nursing students, faculty, and program."

* Michael Harrington, director of athletics at Farmingdale, is pleased to announce that the College has been accepted as a member of the Skyline Athletic Conference. Effective for the 2003-04 season for team sports, and the 2002-03 for individual sports, the acceptance will offer athletes a new, higher level of competition. The total number of schools in the Skyline Conference is now at 11, including St. Joseph's College, SUNY Old Westbury, Mt. St. Mary, Manhattanville, Stevens Tech, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. The Skyline Conference currently has automatic bids to the NCAA Championships for Men's and Women's Basketball, Men's and Women's Soccer, Women's Volleyball, Women's Softball and Men's Baseball. According to Mike Harrington, "We are truly excited with our acceptance into the well-respected Skyline Conference. This is indeed a positive step for our athletic program and helps to secure our place in the NCAA." Over 90% of all athletes at Farmingdale come from Nassau and Suffolk counties and represent some of the finest athletes from

local high schools. While Farmingdale is not allowed to provide any kind of athletic scholarships to students as a NCAA Division III school, academic achievement is an integral part of the athletic program. Three teams this year achieved an average cumulative grade point average of over 3.0, including the Volleyball and Softball teams. The average GPA for the Women's Cross Country team was a 3.54, evidence that academics and athletic performance go hand in hand. SUNY Farmingdale is currently in its last year of provisional status within the NCAA and will be active members next year (2002-03), making the College eligible for NCAA Championship Competition. To date, the College has also been accepted as members of the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC), Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) and the Collegiate Track Conference (CTC).

On January 30, at Farmingdale, Distinguished professor emeritus Casimir C. Rakowski was honored posthumously by family, friends, former students and colleagues when a state-of-the-art conference room at the Institute for Manufacturing Research was dedicated to his memory. A professor for 36 years who retired in 1983, Casimir Rakowski founded the Department of Mechanical Technology. In the 1960s, he understood the crucial role computers would play in mechanical technology and pioneered the College's efforts to teach computer-aided design and computer aided manufacturing (CAD/CAM). Described as a visionary by his colleagues, many of who were his students, Prof. Rakowski's influence can still be felt throughout Long Island's work force.

* Dr. Jonathan C. Gibralter, president of Farmingdale, is proud to announce that the College now offers a four-year bachelor's program in Mechanical Technology. Headed by Chairperson John Tiedemann, this program prepares students for opportunities in industry including computer aided design and manufacturing, material testing and engineering, and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) design and engineering. The program provides a core understanding in areas such as Statics, Strength of Materials, Heat Transfer, and Fluid Mechanics. Students receive hands-on experience using industrial equipment in the department's well-equipped laboratories. One senior project in progress is in cooperation with Nassau University Medical Center. Senior students are designing and developing an ergonomic wheelchair cushion to prevent bedsores. These students will graduate with analytic ability, communication skills, technical knowledge, and hands-on experience enabling them to meet the current and future needs of industry. The new program expands the current courses of the existing two-year associate degree offered in Mechanical Engineering Technology and complements the existing B.S. degrees in Manufacturing Engineering Technology and Industrial Technology. The changes incorporate theory and laboratory experience in electrical power distribution systems, which are the prerequisite courses in HVAC systems and energy management courses. The program complies with the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ACT/ABET) requirements.

~Maritime~

* Professor Robert Zubaly received the William H. Webb Medal for outstanding contributions to education in naval architecture, marine, or ocean engineering at the October 2001 Society of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineers (SNAME) awards ceremony. Professor Zubaly joined the Maritime faculty after his graduation from the Webb Institute in 1955. Over the next 45 years, he taught thousands of students and helped to develop the curriculum for the College's Naval Architecture program after its inception in 1977. Later in his career, Professor Zubaly directed the College's Naval Architecture program, the only program in the country that combines an accredited degree in naval architecture with the U.S. Coast guard-licensing program for ship's officers. A recipient of the State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, Professor Zubaly also taught at U.S. Naval Shipyards, the Webb Institute, and the American Bureau of Shipping. During his career, he has written and co-authored reports and technical papers, many focusing on the response of ships in irregular waves and ship operational economics. A second edition of his textbook, *Applied Naval Architecture*, was published in 1996 and is widely used in colleges and universities throughout the country. Professor Zubaly recently retired from his position Maritime College, but continues to teach Naval Architecture courses.

* The SUNY Maritime College Apprentice Training Program provides classroom instruction accompanied by hands-on training for apprentices in the construction industry. ORISKA Corporation partnering with Maritime College administers this project for sponsoring employers. Led by a team of industry professionals, first-year apprentices learn the core curriculum, which consists of basic knowledge of the construction industry coupled with several hands-on experiences unique to Maritime College and the Apprentice Training Program. During the second year of instruction, apprentices are able to select one of several trade specific tracks to continue their industry training. Each area of the curriculum has been approved by the ORISKA Corporation and New York State Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship Training and completed training reports have been filed with the New York State Department of Education. Under the direction of Aaron Kramer, this program produces well-trained, highly-skilled individuals ready to assume positions within the construction industry. With the help and support of the Research Foundation and the ORISKA Corporation, the Maritime College Apprentice Program will continue to produce qualified candidates ready to take on the challenges of the ever-changing job market.

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More **MARITIME** . . .

* Maritime College hosted the 26th Military School Band Festival in March for 13 military high schools and colleges from New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Indiana, Missouri, and Texas.

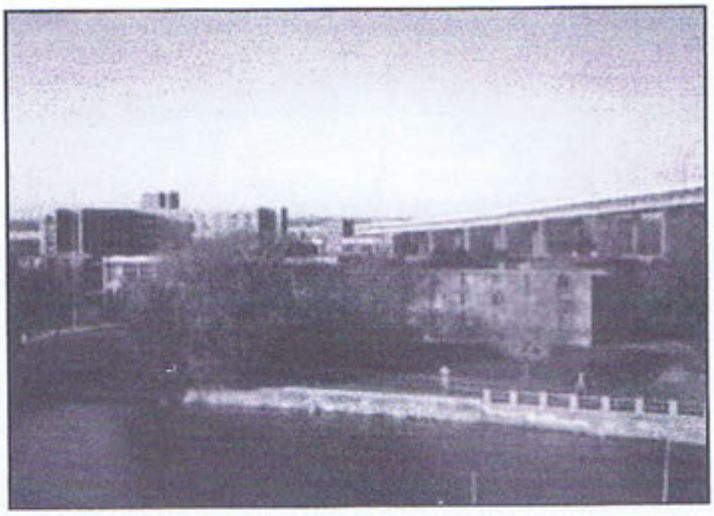
Students participated in a variety of clinics that focus on marching, pipe, jazz, and concert band technique and performance.

The weekend's sessions were led by Festival Drum Major Master Chief Musician Jeffrey C. Myers, Drum Major of The United States Navy Band Ceremonial Unit in Washington, DC; Festival Conductor CW4 Victor F. Owens, USA (Ret.); Festival Jazz Band Clinician CWO Kirk Edwards, USCG; and Festival Pipe Clinician MAF Sandy Jones, Director of the Citadel Pipe Band and former Pipe Major of the United States Air Force Pipe Band.

* Professor Julie Wosk (Humanities) recently published her second book, *Women and the Machine: Representations from the Spinning Wheel to the Electronic Age*, with Johns Hopkins University Press. The book delves into the world of machines, analyzing women's changing relationship with the male world of technology. Dr. Wosk examines various forms of art, including illustrations, cartoons, and photographs, from three centuries, looking for shifts in social acceptance of women's relationship to technology and highlighting the use of female images to sell machines.

Dr. Wosk has taught English, art history, and studio painting at Maritime College for more than 25 years. She began her teaching career by exposing engineering students to the world of art. Her desire to encourage students and to spark a greater interest in art pushed her to find new connections between engineering, business, and art, and eventually led her to extensive research and writing on the subject. Dr. Wosk received a grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation during Summer 2000 for the enhanced illustrations in this book.

Julie Wosk is Professor of English, art history, and studio painting at the State University of New York, Maritime College and is the author of *Breaking Frame: Technology and the Visual Arts in the Nineteenth Century*. Dr. Wosk's work has been published in *Art Education*, MIT's *Technology Review*, and other journals. Her second book, *Women in Technology*, was published by Johns Hopkins University Press January 2002 and was reviewed in the November 26, 2001 edition of *Publishers Weekly*.



SUNY Maritime College

* The Naval Reserve office Training Corps Unit at the State University of New York Maritime College hosted the second annual New York City Junior ROTC Drill Meet. More than 500 high school students from 16 Junior ROTC Units competed on the campus of SUNY Maritime in fifteen different events over two days.

Trophies were awarded for first, second, and third places in each event, in addition to the overall trophies. Thirteen of the sixteen schools that participated took home at least one trophy. Team events included platoon armed (with rifles) and trick drill; squad armed, unarmed, and trick drill; color guard competition; two man trick drill; individual drill knockout; uniform inspection; tug-of-war and physical fitness relay races.

Two crisp, clear days contributed to the overwhelming success of the event held at the Maritime campus in the Throggs Neck section of the Bronx; $2,200 was raised and donated to the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society, Army Emergency Relief Society, and Air Force Emergency Relief Society.

The JROTC Drill Competition is an annual event open to all area JROTC Units and is held in November. The event has grown from the original five schools and 150 cadets to 16 schools and 500 cadets. Future events are expected to be even larger.

The SUNY Maritime Naval ROTC Unit is Greater New York's only Naval ROTC Unit and one of four in the state of New York. Graduates of the Naval ROTC program receive commissions as officers in the Navy or Marine Corps Reserve, and serve on active duty upon receive their bachelor's degree. The Navy Junior ROTC instills the values of citizen ship, service to the United States, personal responsibility, and a sense of accomplishment to high school students.

~Morrisville~

* SUNY Morrisville's nationally recognized equine program added another prestigious award to its collection. The United States Harness Writers' Association announced that the college has received the Proximity Award. This award, named for a famous racehorse, is given to an individual or organization that makes a consistent and important contribution to harness racing. The award was presented to Associate Professor of Equine Science William Maddison at the Harness Racing Industry Congress in Las Vegas, Nevada on February 21.

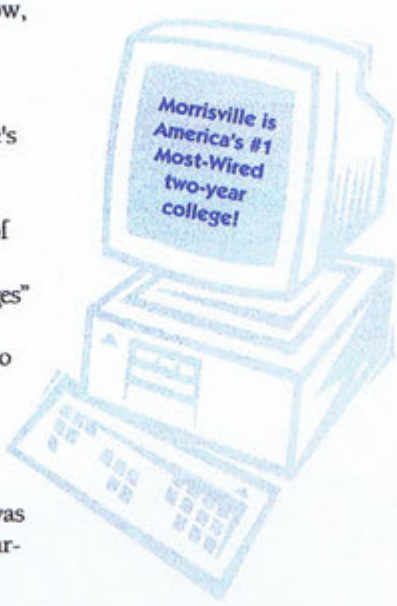
SUNY Morrisville offers a bachelor of technology degree in equine science and two associate degrees in equine racing management and equine science and management. A newly constructed Equine Breeding and Training Center includes a 34,000 square-foot breeding and hunter jumper facility, 34-stall mare barn, 31-stall hunter/jumper barn, five-stallion barn, two climate-controlled stalls, a complete breeding laboratory, collection area and laptop classroom. An indoor riding arena attached to the Equine Breeding and Training Center was completed in November.

In addition to the new facility, the college has an 80-acre Equine Center complete with paddocks, stables, an indoor riding arena and the only half-mile harness-training track on a college campus in the nation.

* Top driver and U.S. Equestrian Team (USET) veteran Chester Weber of Ocala, Florida gave a driving clinic at the College in Morrisville, New York on April 20 and 21, 2002. Sponsored in part by the Cherry Valley Carriage Association, Wild Rose Farm Horse Transportation, and C.M. Hadfield's Saddlery, the clinic benefited the Morrisville College Foundation. Recently, four-in-hand combined driving national champion Weber and his team drove to victory at the Stockholm Horse Show in the FEI World Cup Driving event. He currently leads the standings in the FEI World Cup Indoor Driving Series. "We are very pleased to have world champion driver Chester Weber come to Morrisville College," said Dr. Christopher L. Nyberg, Department Chair at Morrisville Equine Institute. "This is a wonderful opportunity for northeast drivers to learn from the best in the business. We look forward to hosting the attendees." Weber will work with beginner through advanced level drivers during the two-day clinic.

* Candice King of Wellington, Florida presented a hunter-jumper clinic at the college's new indoor riding arena in January. The leading U.S. rider at the 2001 World Cup Final, this past summer King became best known as the first American to bring the coveted Queen Elizabeth Cup home from the United Kingdom since 1968.

* For the second year in a row, SUNY Morrisville has been named America's #1 Most-Wired two-year college by *Yahoo! Internet Life* magazine's fourth annual survey. The college's pioneer programs helped propel it to the top of the magazine's prestigious "America's Most Wired Colleges" list for the first time ever in 2000, and its commitment to bringing students the most up-to-date technology to enhance their learning has helped it to remain there. This year's list of rankings was compiled from a pool of nearly 1300 two- and four-year colleges from all 50 states, making it the most competitive list ever.



In addition to receiving national recognition by *Yahoo! Internet Life*, the college's innovative programs were featured in two articles in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, a weekly national newspaper with a circulation of 500,000, and the college also received the Pioneer Award at the Fourth Annual Conference on Ubiquitous Computing.

"The recognition we have received is flattering, but it's important to remember that our real goal [with the technology] is to enhance our students' learning experience," said Ray Cross, Ph.D., president of Morrisville. "Being named the 'most wired' is a reflection of that goal."

Morrisville scored the highest of all two-year institutions, with criteria based on infrastructure, student resources, e-learning, Web portal, tech support and wireless access.

The college began its laptop programs four years ago as a participant in IBM's ThinkPad University program. Every freshman enrolled in a ThinkPad curricula receives an IBM ThinkPad, and faculty integrate the use of laptops in the teaching and learning environment. Also, in partnership with Raytheon, Morrisville has fully implemented the use of wireless technology, enabling students to access the Internet and campus network from anywhere on campus.

Student laptops are equipped with wireless cards and transmitters are located in all residence halls and academic buildings. The college's laptop and wireless programs are a part of Cross's vision of a completely digital environment. "At SUNY Morrisville, instead of appending technology onto education, our approach fully integrates technology into the learning process by putting it in students' hands and creating an environment where students can learn anywhere at any time," Cross said.

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* SUNY Morrisville has added three new associate degrees to its wide variety of programs and options, bringing the total offered to 78. The degrees are: an A.A.S in diesel technology, A.A.S. in massage therapy and A.S. in landscape architectural studies. The addition of these degrees is another example of the commitment the college has made to continued growth.

"Providing programs that prepare individuals to enter the fields of diesel technology, massage therapy and landscape architecture perpetuates our historic mission of offering workforce-ready, two-year degree programs," said Dr. Charles Blaas, Morrisville's Vice President for Academic Affairs. "We're very proud of this mission and are excited to know that graduates of these programs will secure viable employment in New York State."

The A.A.S. degree in diesel technology offers courses in electronics, hydraulics, engine overhaul, transmissions and brakes along with an emphasis on communications and management skills. The program will prepare students for direct employment in the field or to prepare for transfer to bachelor-level programs. The program is the only one of its kind in the Central New York area. SUNY Morrisville currently offers an A.O.S. degree in diesel technology.

The A.A.S. in massage therapy will prepare students to practice massage therapy. Graduates of the program will have completed the education requirement for licensure as a massage therapist in New York State. Massage therapy is the manipulation of the soft structures of the body for the prevention, remediation and treatment of physical problems and the promotion of personal well-being. Graduates of the program have a wide variety of career opportunities including self-employment, working in spas, rehabilitation centers, geriatric centers, sports teams, sports medicine clinics, hospitals, health clubs and fitness centers.

Students in the massage therapy program will take courses including anatomy and physiology, western massage, oriental massage, neurology, first aid and safety, and more. The program is the only one to offer a college degree in massage therapy in Central New York.

The A.S. degree in landscape architectural studies will teach students to plan and design the use, allocation and arrangement of land and water resources through the creative application of biological, physical, mathematical and social processes. Students will learn concepts such as: landscape design, site planning and design, land development, land reclamation, regional/urban/town planning, ecological planning and design, park and recreational planning and historic preservation.

"This program will provide SUNY Morrisville students with a unique educational and training opportunity given the already strong relationship between the horticulture, architectural technology and landscape architect programs at the college," said James Van Riper, interim dean of the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources. This interdepartmental, collaborative approach, combined with SUNY Morrisville's newly renovated horticulture complex which includes a new landscape design studio and greenhouses, will allow students to work and learn in a superior environment.

The 66-credit landscape architectural studies program includes courses in: landscape architecture, planning and design, computer aided design, architectural graphic communication, plant science, math, chemistry, physics and English.

All three programs will accept students for the fall 2002 semester. For information about the new associate degree programs, visit the college's Web site at www.morrisville.edu or call the Admissions Office at 800-258-0111.

* Morrisville is pleased to announce that Sheila Johnson, renowned philanthropist and co-founder of Black Entertainment Television (BET), will be the keynote speaker at its ninety-first commencement ceremony May 18, 2002.

"Sheila Johnson is a wonderful role model for our students," Dr. Raymond Cross, SUNY Morrisville president, said. "Her dedication to the arts and to community activities will leave a lasting impression. We're very lucky to have her join us on this special day."

A graduate of the University of Illinois School of Music, Johnson is an accomplished violinist and was concertmaster of the Illinois All-State Orchestra.

She sings the Star-Spangled Banner at sporting events, founded the Urban Nation Voice of Youth HIP HOP Choir, and has taught music for many years in private schools throughout Washington D.C., including the Sidwell Friends school.

"I am proud and honored to be SUNY Morrisville's commencement speaker for the graduating class of 2002," said Johnson, the former executive vice president for corporate affairs at BET and former executive television producer of the public affairs show *Teen Summit*.

Both the show's format and the community organizations and activities she participates in serve to prevent teen pregnancy, fight drug abuse, and seek to end youth violence.

Through the Loudoun Healthcare Foundation, Johnson helped develop a mobile health services van that provides access to quality medical care in underserved communities. In 1999, Johnson was a speaker/moderator for the National Aids Prevention Conference.

She is a past member of the board of trustees of Carnegie Hall, a current co-chairperson for Carnegie Hall's Educational Advisory Council, and serves on the board of trustees for the United States Equestrian Team, the Salvation Army, and the Community and Friends Board of the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

The one common thread woven through Johnson's widely varied projects and roles is helping young people to succeed.

"Whether it is through music, education, equestrian events or media, Ms. Johnson's commitment to the youth of America stands firm," said Cross. "She typifies SUNY Morrisville's commitment to providing opportunities for intellectual, physical, social, moral and cultural development of the whole student."

* SUNY Morrisville will add a bachelor of technology in dairy management to its program listing. The dairy management degree will bring the total of bachelor degrees offered at the college to seven. The new degree will prepare students for careers as middle managers and owner operators of profitable dairy farm businesses. The 67-credit upper-division degree program will provide advanced course work in dairy production and dairy business management.

The dairy management degree grew out of the dairy industry's need for well-trained individuals with strong technical backgrounds and understanding of production economics, who can think in terms of optimizing profitability and productivity.

"We listened to what the dairy industry told us – that it needs employees with the knowledge and skills obtained through a four-year degree," Dr. Raymond Cross, SUNY Morrisville president, said. "SUNY Morrisville has the facilities, staff and expertise to meet those needs, which will benefit both our students and the industry."

An interesting component of the degree is a one-semester required residency at Cornell University, called the Cornell Dairy Management Exchange. Students in their junior year at SUNY Morrisville will take upper-level classes at Cornell's College of Life Science and Agriculture, including those in animal science and farm management. Students in the dairy management degree program will also be required to complete an eight-week internship during the summer between their junior and senior years. "The need for an internship is critical, not only for practical on-the-job training, but to give students experience with cutting-edge technology and a taste of what the industry has to offer," Cross said."

SUNY Morrisville also offers an associate degree in animal science – dairy. Students will begin taking upper-level courses in the bachelor degree program in the fall of 2002.

* The Morrisville Mustangs ice hockey team won the NJCAA National Title. The Mustangs concluded their season with a 21-0-3 final record, claiming the conference, regional and NJCAA national titles.

In the final game of the tournament, holding a solid two-goal lead, the Mustangs held on to the undefeated season as they claimed the regional and national championships on Sunday afternoon.

Andy Reynolds had a huge afternoon as he tallied 28 saves in the win. All-tournament teams were selected, finding two Mustangs on the second all-tourney team, Rob Giambrone and Brian Goodness. First team all-tourney honors went to Mustangs Kyle Bostic, Frank Baumgardner and Andy Reynolds as Reynolds also received the MVP Goal award and Bostic the MVP of the tournament award.

The Coach of the Tournament belonged to Morrisville's Earl Utter. Bostic became the schools all-time points leader after the weekend action. As assistant captain of the team this season, Bostic felt pretty confident. "To win the entire thing is amazing, I can't explain how it feels right now. The team was pretty confident heading into the weekend. All we had to do was play six periods of hockey and that's what we did."

"Winning the national championship feels so good, having been in two previous championships and not claiming the title, this is great," said Andy Reynolds. "Coach Utter would not let us quit, if he needed to scream he screamed, he skated us until we couldn't skate anymore, he would not give up. As much as we (the team) hated it, it was all worth it and I thank him for that."

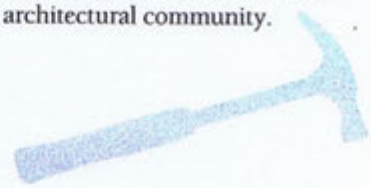
Coach Earl Utter summed it up best as he said "This is a very good day for Morrisville, the athletic department and the hockey program."

* The world of architecture and homelessness come together in an exhibit by SUNY Morrisville students at Stone Quarry Hill Art Park in Cazenovia.

The exhibit featured 11 projects – homemade shelters for the homeless, which students made in an architectural design class. Students worked in teams of two and designed and built the shelters after studying about the homeless.

Recognizing that the fundamental quality of architecture is the provision of shelter, a basic human need, the students were challenged to design and build a shelter which not only functions as a shelter, but also becomes architecture.

The class project addressed the homelessness problem, which exists in the architectural community. The objective of the project was not only for students to design an architecturally pleasing shelter, but also to address the issues of social responsibility and leadership as members of the architectural community.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MORRISVILLE MUSTANGS' ICE HOCKEY TEAM!

~Utica/Rome~

* With a transition from an upper-division to an institution with selective four-year degree programs just around the corner and the search for a new president underway, SUNY Institute of Technology (SUNYIT) is poised for a period of exciting change and growth.

SUNYIT was founded in 1966 to serve the needs of students from two-year institutions that needed to complete bachelor's degrees in professional and technical disciplines. Since its early days, when classes were offered in Utica, Rome, and Herkimer, and the move to the newly-constructed campus in the 1980s, SUNYIT's academic offerings have expanded; currently 20 undergraduate and 11 graduate degree programs are available in professional, technical, and liberal arts disciplines. Many courses and select degree programs – including master's degrees in accountancy and health services administration – are offered online, as well as on campus. More information is available online at www.sunyit.edu.

Starting in fall 2003, freshmen will be admitted to select four-year bachelor's degree programs in technological and applied studies. SUNYIT is seeking approval from the New York State Education Department to offer the following academic programs: business and public management, accounting, finance, applied mathematics, health services management, health information management, computer information systems, computer engineering technology, mechanical engineering technology, and industrial engineering technology.

The first class of freshmen is expected to total 150-200 students; enrollment at SUNYIT is approximately 2,600 students. Of that number, more than 500 live in townhouse-style residence halls. The physical campus – the newest in the State University system – was constructed starting in the 1980s; the latest addition to SUNYIT's state-of-the-art infrastructure is a $14 million library complex scheduled for completion in fall 2002.

While plans are underway to recruit SUNYIT's first freshman class, a committee representing all facets of the college community has begun the search for a new president. The search will be conducted as SUNYIT's current president, Dr. Peter J. Cayan, prepares to retire in June after 20 years as the college's chief executive.

* SUNYIT plays a role in the community beyond its traditional academic mission. Continuing Professional Education offers non-credit certification, licensing and IT skill courses to adults seeking to upgrade skills or prepare for a career change. The Marcy campus is home to the Mohawk Valley Institute for Learning in Retirement, which offers more than 750 members wide-ranging courses for a nominal fee, and the Small Business Development Center. Designed to help entrepreneurs and business owners solve business problems, the SBDC provides expert management and technical assistance to ensure their success.

With a commitment to excellence and technological advancement in all programs, SUNY Institute of Technology looks forward to continued leadership in higher education in the 21st century.

* The Institute of Technology held a two-day conference on campus safety. With nearly 300 attendees from SUNY and private colleges and universities across the state, expert presenters covered topics including disaster preparedness, dealing with disruptive student behavior in the classroom, personal safety on college campuses, and alcohol and drug abuse awareness and prevention. Richard P. Miller, Jr., SUNY vice chancellor and chief operating officer, was keynote speaker for the conference.

* SUNYIT hosted a presentation entitled "Opportunities for Public, Private and Academic Partnerships in Information Assurance and Homeland Security." Dr. Thomas Triscari, Jr., of the Air Force Research Lab/Information Directorate discussed the progress in developing a center of excellence in Information Assurance and Homeland Security at the Griffiss Technology Park in Rome, NY. The center would provide an environment for a co-laboratory among the intellectual resources of academia, industry, and government.

* SUNYIT is ranked among the top colleges and universities in the nation in a national survey of environmental practices on college campuses. SUNYIT was one of a group of colleges across the country honored for "employing environmental administrators and coordinators" in the National Wildlife Federation's "State of the Campus Environment: A National Report Card on Environmental Performance and Sustainability in Higher Education."

The Rome College Foundation presented SUNYIT President Dr. Peter J. Cayan with a plaque at the Foundation's January meeting in grateful appreciation of his "drive and dedication to providing quality education" and for his "distinguished and unselfish service to the people of the Mohawk Valley." Dr. Cayan is retiring at the end of June after 20 years as president of SUNYIT, and a total of 39 years of University service.

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Joseph L. Kennedy
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Amateur College Athletics Need an Amateur Organization

With two seconds on the clock, the point guard is fouled. She has not made a free throw all evening and now she has the outcome of the game in her hands. A time out is called and the already nervous player is now filled with even more anxiety. The team has only won a couple of games all year and this would be a really big win – one that no one expected. She goes to the line and makes the first shot. It wasn't pretty, but they all count. Three bounces, she cocks and fires. The second shot also goes in. The team goes wild, the fans go wild, and the opposing team is in shocked silence. It is overtime, and we end up winning by eleven points. It was a great game, with great suspense and total jubilation at the win.

And it was a win by true amateurs. None of the young women were over six feet, none were getting any financial aid, and none expected to make a living playing basketball. To me, this was college sports at its best.

Those young women and all true amateurs know that they are in college to get a degree and acquire the knowledge and skills that are necessary for a career. They may be gym rats, but they are student scholar gym rats. Yet, they toil under a similar regulatory burden as an NCAA Division I program. Why?

College athletics are a mess. We pretend that the professional athletic programs of big-time colleges are really amateur programs and that our truly amateur programs are just the same as the big time programs.

That's crazy. Let's face the facts. The large Division I programs in basketball, football, and to a lesser extent, baseball and hockey, are really professional preparation programs. Many, if not most of the players think that they will someday play in the "bigs," and college is where they polish their skills and market themselves to the NBA, NFL, or NHL. We should recognize this and pay them accordingly. If they also get an education, so much the better. But, they are on the campus to PLAY BALL!

To obscure these facts, we have created an incredible array of rules and regulations. We have created a policy police agency. We have created presidential committees. We have studied the problem and made recommendations – and we think that this fig leaf covers up what any objective observer already knows – that big-time programs are really the minor leagues of the major professional sports and the rest of the college players are just a bunch of kids having a good time in spite of our best efforts to prevent it!

I don't have an answer for the big-time programs, but for the rest of us, the answer seems obvious. We need a truly new athletic organization that recognizes that we really are playing amateur sports and that we just want to have fun.

I propose that this new organization have two major functions. First, this National Athletic Association for Colleges (NAAC) will help us organize ourselves into appropriate leagues – including post-season play. The leagues might be based on the sizes of the member colleges or on location. In all probability, the leagues will be based on a combination of factors. The NAAC will help us coordinate our schedules and monitor league results with an eye toward maintaining some level of competitiveness. Regardless, this is an organizing function and not a controlling function. The individual colleges make the final decisions. If the smallest college wants to play the largest and possibly endure "major" defeats, that is the choice of the colleges involved.

The organizing function could extend to the necessary role of keeping the rules of the game current. We still need to know how many penalty strokes are assessed if we hit the ball into the water. Each of the sports could organize an association to manage this task.

The second major function would be to maintain a database of student athletes

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in the association. In addition to determining how many years an athlete has been competing, this database could help us track injuries, academic success, and other factors that would be valuable to the member colleges. This new association would be focused on the student athletes and not on bringing revenue and prestige to the member colleges. Remember, this is supposed to be fun and, I hope, educational.

If these are the functions of the new association, what about the rules? I knew that you were going to ask that question. OK, we need a few rules, but really only a few. Let me give you my suggested list:

1. Each college will determine the eligibility of the student athlete. They have to be enrolled at least half-time and must meet their college's definition of being in good academic standing. Each college will establish and publish the athletic eligibility criteria.

2. Students are limited to three years of play at the two-year college level and six years at the four-year/graduate level. Students who play at both the two-year and four-year/graduate level are limited to six years total eligibility. As long as they meet the individual college eligibility criteria, there is not a limit on the number of colleges where a student can compete.

3. There shall be no athletic financial aid. All student athletes are eligible for all forms of financial aid that non-athletes receive. For financial aid, they are treated exactly like every other student.

That's it, three rules – now play ball! Now, you are wondering about cheating. Would a college or a college coach cheat? Is grass green? Since we don't have an enforcement agency, what are we going to do about it? Simple. If a college cheats, the other colleges will find out. It is just impossible to give a scholarship to a student without that student bragging to other students. If cheating happens, each college will agree that they will simply stop playing the offending college, either in the specific sport (the coach cheats) or all of the sports (the college cheats). We police ourselves, not for our benefit, but to keep the field level for the student athletes.

The "professional" intercollegiate programs would have to decide what to do about our student athletes who transfer to their colleges. I would suggest that they look down their noses at us and just not count time spent playing for our amateur programs. That is, a student who transfers from one of our programs to a Division I program would still have full eligibility to earn as much as they can in college before formally turning pro.

Can it really be that simple? Probably not. It is a good thing that God didn't have an advisory committee of college presidents or athletic directors helping him on the Ten Commandments. We would have 2000 commandments with multiple sub-sections – and a commandment police force. We would need a religious attorney to help us understand the rules and a staff of hundreds just to check on the fine points. Heaven would have to wait for the investigation.

Some on my staff have asked me whether I really wanted to write about this plan, which, in the current collegiate athletic culture might be considered naïve and overly simplistic. However, the alternative to developing a new plan is to continue to live with a divisive system that lends itself to corruption. We owe it to the athletes to create an honest and supporting system. We also owe it to ourselves.

We have spent a hundred years creating a system where compliance is often based on luck and the ability of the athletic director to read the mind of the rule writer. We can do better than that. It may take a little time, but I hope that someone will take the initiative to start the process rolling. We really don't need another 100 years in Oz.

From the Editor ...

I want to once again thank everyone who contributed to this issue of *Connections*. Due to some unavoidable delays, it became more practical to combine our winter and spring editions.The next edition is planned for distribution by early fall 2002. Please keep this in mind as events happen on your campuses. If you have any questions, you can reach me at (518) 725-2308 or E-mail me @ ggould@nycap.rr.com. Have a great summer!

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