



Award-winning leadership — Aleithea Abbott helps Peter Blasioli assist a client in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, which she co-coordinates. She is one of Oswego's five recipients of Chancellor's Awards for Student Excellence.

Five Oswego students earn Chancellor's Awards

Five Oswego seniors have earned Chancellor's Awards for Student Excellence, the highest such honor in the State University system.

They are MBA/bachelor's in accounting majors Aleithea Abbott and Christopher Hill, chemistry major Andrew Camelio, biochemistry major Paul MacMahon and broadcasting major Cathleen Richards.

Abbott has served as president of Beta Alpha Psi, the honorary society for accounting and finance students, for which she has been involved in community service including the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, where she is site co-coordinator. The Kingston resident has been active in several campus theatre productions and the Oswego Festival Chorus.

She received the Patti McGill Peterson Award for Achievement from the college's Honors Program and the New York State Society of CPAs' Syracuse chapter's Academic Achievement Award and Excellence in Accounting Scholarship, and the American Society of Women Accountants Undergraduate Scholarship.

Hill's contributions to the college's Student Association include serving as director of finance for two years plus SA's director of athletic affairs and chair of the Campus Recreation Board this year. The vice president of Beta Alpha Psi, he placed second in the 2007 Accounting Jeopardy Competition and is the

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program's site co-coordinator.

The Saratoga Springs resident has been president and founder of two student organizations: the Street Hockey Club and Oswego Guitar Club. Hill earned the local chapter of the state Society of CPAs' Career Preparation Award and the Edward Austin Sheldon Scholar Award.

Camelio earned an American Chemical Society national analytic chemistry award and a federal SMART grant. The Rochester resident received two campus Scholarly and Creative Activity grants to research

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Quest bigger, features new special sessions

This year's edition of Quest, Oswego's annual day-long symposium celebrating scholarship and creative activity, on April 22 will be the biggest yet with many new features.

Around 275 talks, posters and other activities will fill the Campus Center, said Quest coordinator Jack Gelfand, Oswego's director of research administration and development. "That's a substantial increase from last year," with the rise coming "across the board" among academic disciplines, he said.

Quest's engaging students in intellectual activities is important, Gelfand said. "There's a certain type of infectious enthusiasm that gets passed around when you have an event like this," he explained. "When students see another student or group of students giving a presentation in their field, it really encourages them to start a new project or work on their projects even harder."

The college's move into engineering — with a software engineering major approved plus electrical and computer engineering in development — represents one new daylong feature in Room 209 of the Campus Center. Rachid Manseur, who spearheads the effort to develop an electrical and computer engineering major, will explain this process in the opening 9 a.m. session. Throughout the day, faculty and students working on engineering-related projects in such fields

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Entrepreneur magazine reports Oswego in top 15

Oswego's School of Business is one of 15 business schools named to the Princeton Review's "Student Opinion Honors for Business Schools" in the accounting category. The list appears in the April issue of *Entrepreneur* magazine, distributed last week.

Honors lists in six categories salute business schools that received the highest evaluations from their MBA students for career preparation.

The Princeton Review, an education services company that published *The Best 296 Business Schools: 2009 Edition* with Random House, created the lists after interviewing 19,000 graduate students at business schools nationwide.

Cited in the accounting category along with Oswego are such well-known institutions as the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Chicago's Graduate School of Busi-

ness, Boston College's Carroll School of Management, and the Simon Graduate School of Business Administration at the University of Rochester.

"We're obviously proud of this latest honor for our School of Business," said Richard Skolnik, dean of the school. "It's a testament to our faculty's dedication to students and concern for their lifelong success."

The honored business schools appear in alphabetical order on the lists. In addition to appearing in the magazine, the lists are posted at www.entrepreneur.com/topcolleges.

Oswego's School of Business has a distinctive five-year bachelor's/MBA in accounting, an award-winning chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, and a listing in every edition of the Princeton Review's guide to best business schools since the annual series began. □

— Julie Harrison Blissert

School of Education prepares for renewal of building complex

A big part of the development of the east end of campus starting next year will be renovation and expansion of the School of Education facilities.

In the next capital plan for SUNY, \$22 million has been allocated in critical maintenance funds for Park and Wilber halls, said Tom Simmonds, associate vice president for facilities.

Now connected by hallway bridges, the two buildings, totaling about 165,000 square feet, house five of the school's six departments, with the counseling and psychological services department located across campus in Mahar Hall.

At the end of the renovation in a few years, said Dean of Education Linda Rae Markert, the school hopes to have all six departments in the new complex, and to have Park and Wilber connected to each other by a three-story addition and to the new science building via new construction to the west.

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Education's home base — A program study by Ashley McGraw Architects envisions an entrance to the School of Education to be built between Park and Wilber halls. An architectural firm is expected to be hired soon to complete design of the school's facilities, with construction slated to begin a year from now.

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College trends

Giving grows, outlook dims

“Donors expressed continued confidence in American colleges and universities during the 2007-2008 academic year by increasing their contributions 6.2 percent over the previous year, according to an annual CASE-sponsored survey by the Council for Aid to Education. The Voluntary Support of Education survey reports that charitable contributions during fiscal year 2008 reached \$31.6 billion, the highest total ever reported. The record philanthropic support resulted from increases in giving from all sources—individuals, foundations, corporations and other organizations. Other trends noted in the report: . . . • A decline in alumni participation rate continues. • The number of alumni who gave and the amount they gave increased. . . . Looking ahead, VSE researchers suggest that giving to higher education in the current economic environment is likely to decline, a fact that is consistent with the latest findings of the CASE Fundraising Index. In January, respondents to the CASE CFI predicted a nearly 2 percent decline in giving for calendar year 2009. In related news, a survey by the Conference Board reveals that corporate giving by U.S. companies will likely decline in 2009 as they shift toward more critical business issues.”
— *BriefCASE*, Council for Advancement and Support of Education, March 2009

International study slips

“Applications to many overseas-study programs this summer and fall are down, and the economy may be to blame, according to a survey of study-abroad directors. More than half of the colleges and outside education-abroad providers who responded said applications to summer programs had declined from the previous year. More than one-third reported a decrease in fall applications. The survey was conducted by Chris Musick, director of international academic services at the University of Mary Washington and leader of the network for developing and managing programs abroad at Nafsa: Association of International Educators. One hundred and sixty-two international educators responded to the survey, which is the first to attempt to quantify the impact of the economic downturn on overseas study. There has been a great deal of uncertainty about the effect of the global economic crisis on student enrollments in study abroad. On the one hand, belt tightening could cause students and their families to see overseas study as an unaffordable luxury. . . . On the other hand, the growing strength of the dollar against foreign currencies makes study abroad, particularly in Europe, cheaper in comparison to the cost just a year ago. . . . During past economic slides, overseas-education enrollments have held steady or even climbed.”

— *Academe Today*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, March 26, 2009

Paper mills

“Everyone knows essay mills exist. What’s surprising is how sophisticated and international they’ve become, not to mention profitable. In a previous era, you might have found an essay mill near a college bookstore, staffed by former students. Now you’ll find them online, and the actual writing is likely to be done by someone in Manila or Mumbai. Just as many American companies are outsourcing their administrative tasks, many American students are perfectly willing to outsource their academic work. And if the exponential surge in the number of essay mills is any indication, the problem is only getting worse. . . . Go to Google and type ‘buy an essay.’ Among the top results will be Best Essays, whose slogan is ‘Providing Students with Original Papers since 1997.’ . . . Best Essays promises to deliver ‘quality custom written papers’ by writers with either a master’s degree or a Ph.D.”

— *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, March 20, 2009

People in action



Global view — MBA student Aditi Bhargava (left) shows senior wellness management majors Carol Pinela and Norvis Arias how to put on a saree as part of International Day activities last week. They were at a fair titled “Study Abroad: Give It a Semester . . . We’ll Give You the World,” sponsored by the Office of International Education and Programs.

Tom Bertonneau of the English department will participate in the Generative Anthropology Summer Conference, “The Question of Transcendence: The Shared, the Human and Modern Culture,” in three roles. He will be in charge of the “Introductory Workshop on Generative Anthropology”; he will present his paper on “Wagner and Post-Wagnerism: The Fate of the Aesthetic,” exploring the question why Wagner had no successors and the related question whether transcendence is possible after the collapse of the Late Romantic; and he will introduce the keynote speaker, Eric Gans. The conference will be held from June 19 to 21 at the University of Ottawa. Generative anthropology is a comprehensive but minimal theory of culture. Bertonneau began participating in Gans’ generative anthropology seminars in the 1980s. He has written extensively on the literary-critical implications of generative anthropology, with many articles in the journal *Anthropoetics*. Also, Bertonneau is the author of another article in *The Brussels Journal*: “*Fahrenheit 451*, Political Correctness, and Soft Totalitarianism.”

Two projects of Oswego’s alumni and development office were recognized with Gold Awards in the “Accolades” competition sponsored by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education’s District II. The awards were presented at the district conference March 23. The district represents colleges along the East Coast of North America from Canada to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The reusable grocery bag that was a favor for Reunion 2008 won a Gold Award in the “Design and Print (Specialty Items)” category. It sported a logo designed by **Jennifer Broderick**, graphic designer with the alumni and development communications team. “We particularly like the slogan ‘Our Color, Our Future,’” said judges of the entry. “Everyone is going green these days, and it was a really cool and fun way to see them doing this, and promoting that to the students.” Also winning gold

Two international scholars visiting School of Business

The School of Business is hosting two visiting scholars this semester: Yuan Hui of China and Syed Zulfiqar Shah of Pakistan.

Yuan is the director of the insurance department at Xinhua School of Banking and Insurance at the Zhongnan University of Economics and Law in Wuhan. His research interest is in risk management and insurance.

Shah is a doctoral candidate at Muhammad Ali Jinnah University in Islamabad. The Higher Education Council of Pakistan funds his visit. His area of research is corporate governance. At Oswego, he is teaching a corporate finance course while working on his research. □

honors, in the “Targeted Mail/E-mail” category, was the flash e-mail “Hot! Hot! Hot!” which promoted Reunion 2008 to alumni.

At a Founder’s Day ceremony observing the 72-year history of Lambda Kappa Mu earlier this semester, **R. Deborah Davis** of the curriculum and instruction department received an achievement award from the Xi chapter in Syracuse for exposing future teachers to the diversity of the community and in recognition of her scholarly pursuits. Lambda Kappa Mu sorority is an organization of business and professional women. Members are encouraged to assume leadership responsibility in local civic affairs for home and community improvement.

Neil Gostling of the biological sciences department is the co-author of two papers that have been published recently. He is the lead author of “Ontogeny and Taphonomy: An Experimental Taphonomy Study of the Development of the Brine Shrimp *Artemia salina*,” published in the journal *Palaeontology*. It is an attempt to better understand the way that embryos of invertebrates have been fossilized over 500 million years ago. “Scanning Electron Microscopy and Synchrotron Radiation X-ray Tomographic Microscopy of 330 Million Year Old Charcoalified Seed Fern Fertile Organs” was published online in the journal *Microscopy and Microanalysis*. It deals with some of the earliest seed plants — pteridosperms, or seed ferns — using a technique called synchrotron radiation X-ray tomographic microscopy, which is very high-resolution CT scanning. The lead author is Andrew C. Scott of Royal Holloway University of London, and co-authors from five countries are, in addition to Gostling, Jean Galtier, Selena Y. Smith, Margaret E. Collinson, Marco Stampanoni, Federica Marone, Philip C.J. Donoghue and Stefan Bengtson.

Two original films by Oswego cinema and screen studies students have been accepted for juried competition in the inaugural SUNY-Wide Film Festival, April 2 to 4 at SUNY Fredonia. The films are ‘L’Origine’ by sophomore **Elizabeth Crouch** and freshman **Christa Haley** and ‘Rolling Stoned’ by junior **Jamie Loughlin**. “Unlike other film programs, we encourage students to start making films from the first day they arrive at Oswego,” said **Amy Shore**, director of the cinema and screen studies program. The success of these students before their senior year is “proof that we’re onto something,” she said. Students from across the university system submitted about 80 films for consideration, and 15 were selected for the juried competition. A group of cinema and screen studies students from Oswego will attend the festival this weekend. For more information about the festival, go to www.fredonia.edu/swff.

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Music business class produces single for scholarship fundraiser

Oswego's "Music Business" course recently scored with an effort to create a hit song to raise scholarship funds. "Instead of reading in a textbook about 'this is how you would produce a pop single,' we've just produced a pop single," said Rob Auler, who team-teaches the class with fellow music faculty member Dan Wood.

The resulting song "You Can't Do It Alone" — performed by Closer Still, consisting of class members Maggie and Maynah Goble — debuted at the music department's "Collage" concert and is now on sale online and in the community.

The course, part of the arts management minor track, brings together those interested in performing, recording and promoting music. Auler and Wood made it a project-based class, previously promoting "Collage" and the Oswego Jazz Project's debut album.

This semester, Auler said, they kicked it up a notch. Maggie had already enrolled in the class, and Auler was familiar with Closer Still's work. By the time Maynah added the class, the idea of producing a hit single was already spinning.

"It wasn't long after that maybe we decided the best way to illustrate the music business was to simulate the music business," Auler said.

At Auler's request, "we brought a couple of lines from the song, a couple of chords . . . to show it to the class," said Maggie, a senior broadcasting major. "They seemed to like it and felt like this was a direction we could go."

It took around two weeks to develop, much faster than their songs usually come together. "This had a deadline, so we were under pressure," said Maynah, a senior sociology and cinema and screen studies major.

Since college students are a large part of the demographic buying pop records, the rest of the class provided a "lot of input about what they liked, what



Fundraising hit — Twin sisters Maynah (left) and Maggie Goble of the band Closer Still recorded a pop song titled "Can't Do It Alone" for a "Music Business" class project to create a fundraising single. The Gobles are in the class, along with students who gave feedback on developing the song, recorded it, created package design and promoted it.

they wanted to hear," playing the A&R role of a record label, Auler said. "It was really the students who were giving us a lot of the leadership. It was kind of a back-and-forth process."

Ken Barden, a junior music major in the class, recorded and mixed the single in the Tyler Hall studio. Business majors in the class helped price the single, communication majors with publicity, artists with the design.

Auler provided piano lines and Nate Felty and Andrew Friedman — music majors not in the class — played drum and bass, respectively.

The music comes with a message as well. "Technology kind of isolates us in a way and a lot of people tend not to think we need to lean on the support of our friends and relationships," Maggie said of a world where young people sometimes hide behind iPods and prefer text-messaging to talking. "I think our generation has kind of lost the idea of real community."

The lyrics by the twins, graduates of Mexico Acad-

emy and Central School, touch on the physical community with Oswego references. "With my lyrics, I like the idea of bringing in a story, bringing in specifics so that people have something to tie it into. It was a tribute to Oswego," Maynah said.

Since Closer Still plans to record more tracks for release this semester, Maggie said the experience of being in the studio, and seeing all the work that went into a marketable single, will prove invaluable.

"This class was kind of a bridge between college and the real world," Maynah said. "It gave us a lot of experience dealing with people and things that you don't really get out of a lecture. It gave all of the students a chance to explore what they're really interested in," ranging from production to publicity, "so everyone got really involved."

"You Can't Do It Alone," with proceeds supporting the Music Department Excellence Fund, sells for \$2 and is available through www.myspace.com/closerstill. □ — **Tim Nekritz**

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At a meeting of the American Physical Society in March, **Carolina C. Ilie** of the physics department presented a paper with the title "Haloform Adsorption on Crystalline Copolymers of Vinylidene Fluoride with Trifluoroethylene." Her co-authors are Jie Xiao and Peter A. Dowben of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Also, a review article titled "Adsorbate/Absorbate Interactions with Organic Ferroelectric Polymers" was peer reviewed and accepted for publication in "Molecular Materials for Electronics," a topical issue of the *Journal of Electron Spectroscopy and Related Phenomena*. Her co-authors are Xiao, Dowben and Luis G. Rosa of the University of Puerto Rico at Humacao.

Helen J. Knowles of the political science faculty discussed her new work, *The Tie Goes to Freedom: Justice Anthony M. Kennedy on Liberty*, at a book forum March 23 at the Cato Institute in Washington, D.C. The book is the first full-length look at the jurisprudence of Kennedy, who is often a swing vote on the Supreme Court (see Feb. 18 *Campus Update*). Knowles said C-Span taped her talk for an installment of the network's Book TV series.

Laker diver **Shawn Merlin** and swimmer **Jenny Van Etten** earned two first-team All-American honors, and diver **Eric Messina** two honorable mention All-Americans, at the NCAA Division III swimming and diving championships March 20 to 22 in Minneapolis. Merlin finished fifth in the three-meter springboard competition with a score of 479.80 points. The sophomore placed seventh in the one-meter springboard, where he was honorable mention last year, with 435.15 points. The top eight places earn first-team recognition. Van Etten, a junior, finished seventh in the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:20.29, breaking her own school record. She took eighth in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:05.66, after setting a school and SUNY Athletic Conference record with a time of 1:04.16 in the preliminaries. Freshman Messina twice just missed first-team recognition by finishing ninth in both the three-meter and one-meter springboard competitions.

Three members of the wrestling team earned National Wrestling Coaches Association Division III Scholar All-American team recognition for their accomplishments on the mat and in the classroom. Senior adolescent education major **Derrick Smith**, honored for his second year, compiled a 32-9 record at 141 pounds and a 3.82 cumulative grade-point average. Junior adolescent education major **Michael Howard** grappled to a 13-8 record at 149 pounds with a 3.51 cumulative GPA. Junior childhood education major **Eric Leusch**, competing at 285 pounds, posted an 18-14 record and 3.32 cumulative GPA.

Lt. Kevin Velzy of University Police was recently one of the recipients of the Oswego Elks Lodge 271 Public Safety Officer Awards for 2009. The Elks Club sponsors this annual event to honor local police, firefighters and emergency medical workers for bravery, dedication and valor in the line of duty. Last year's recipient for University Police was **Lt. Mike Taylor**. □

Education's renewal

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"This is an exciting time for facility renewal," Markert said. "A major concern right now is how are the SoE and sciences projects all going to flow together? . . . We want to make the best decisions about getting the most robust, authentic learning environment for students regardless of their major."

The expansion and renovation of Piez Hall that will bring the six science departments under one roof is scheduled to proceed at the same time as the renovations to Park and Wilber — and to connect to those buildings (see March 18 *Campus Update*).

Planners for the two projects have been working together to find where they can collaborate. "The only way to get well-outfitted, excellent teaching space is to be collaborative," Markert said.

Eric Olson from the School of Education has been meeting with the science planning committee, and Casey Raymond, chair of that committee, has begun meeting with education's facilities steering committee.

Markert said she sees some obvious interfaces between her school's programs and the sciences. For instance, she said, "We want to be the best in SUNY with regard to preparing math and science teachers.

. . . Can we work collaboratively and team teach some courses that be a new way of thinking about preparing teachers?"

Another is a need for electronics, circuitry, robotics and energy systems laboratories that could be shared by the technology department in the School of Education and engineering and applied physics programs next door in Piez, she suggested.

"Those are some examples of some specialized lab spaces that we could build . . . and co-use," Markert said. "The technology lab facilities, I think, have real potential for multiuse."

She noted that the upcoming renewal presents an opportunity of a lifetime. "We've got to get it right. You've got to get the best minds together to create spaces that are going to be forward thinking," she said.

"I keep trying to move people away from thinking 'building' and think just 'future' — you know, design instructional space and office space and shared space and open space that's going to be responsive to the program needs that we'll have." □

— **Julie Harrison Blissert**

Faculty projects receive funding

Five faculty members have received \$12,000 for their scholarly projects in the coming months.

The Scholarly and Creative Activities Committee reviewed and rated the spring round of grant proposals, and Provost Susan Coultrap-McQuin made the awards recently. Awards ranged between \$1,400 and \$3,000. The recipients with the title of their project are:

Brooks Gump of the psychology department, "Nonessential Toxic Metals and Cardiovascular Functioning in Hispanic Children"

Lucina Hernández of Rice Creek Field Station, "Non-lethal Effects of Coyote Predation on Winter Yarding Behavior of White-tailed Deer"

Neelika Jayawardane of the English department, "Wonder Weight-less: Anna Nicole Smith, Unilever and the Khomani San of Southern Africa in the Battle to Claim *Hoodia Gordini*"

Alex Pantaleev of the computer science department, "Dzver: Visual Computer Science Learning Environment"

James Seago of the biological sciences department, "Aquatic Plants Near and Far." □



Student show — The 46th annual Juried Student Art Exhibition recently opened in Tyler Art Gallery. Among those with work in the exhibition are senior graphic design major Kelly Chilton (left) and Gloria McAndrew, a senior graphic design and theatre major, here viewing one of McAndrew's pieces in the Lanigan Hall graphics lab. The gallery also concurrently hosts Robert Loring's Master of Arts Thesis Exhibition. Both exhibitions will run through April 19.

Quest 2009 grows

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as software, robotics and nanotechnology will discuss their work. An autonomous vehicle contest featuring robotic cars at 4 p.m. will culminate the track.

A daylong track on energy, environment and society will feature two keynote speakers, morning sessions in the Campus Center auditorium and afternoon talks in Room P322. Carrier Corp. Technology Fellow John Vasselli will speak at 9 a.m. about "Global Challenges to America's Future." Binghamton University professor and influential researcher

M. Stanley Whittingham, who helped develop the lithium battery, will discuss "A Cleaner and Energy-Independent America through Science and Public Participation" at 10 a.m. Other sessions will include talks on the business of sustainability, wind energy generation, campus green initiatives and student participation in PowerShift lobbying activities.

A series on student and faculty research and other activities at Rice Creek Field Station, initiated by new director Lucina Hernández, will start at 9 a.m. in Room 205 of the Campus Center.

This year, organizers decided to work with the Student Association Programming Board to find a

keynote speaker with increased appeal to the student body. After an SAPB survey found students most interested in a motivational speaker, the group booked Kevin Snyder to discuss "Passion, Persistence and 'The Price Is Right'" at 1 p.m. in the Campus Center auditorium. Snyder discusses what his pursuit of getting on the popular game show taught him about life, overcoming obstacles and meeting goals.

All Quest activities are free and open to the public. More information and a schedule can be found at www.oswego.edu/quest. □ — **Tim Nekritz**

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the total synthesis of a natural anticancer compound. He did a research fellowship at the University of Utah performing chemical research.

A three-year captain of the Laker track and field team, Camelio holds school records in the 60-yard dash and as a member of the 400-meter relay, 800-meter relay and spring medley relay teams. He twice earned Student-Athlete Awards of Excellence for having the highest team grade-point average.

MacMahon is a Merck-AAAS scholar, where his research focused on detection of the date-rape drug GHB. The Middletown resident earned the Pearle A. Monroe Scholarship for outstanding achievements in organic chemistry and the Dr. Walter Freund Memorial Scholarship for Oswego students considering medical school. MacMahon also received a campus Scholarly and Creative Activity grant.

He is captain of the Laker men's swimming and diving team, has had the highest GPA on the team and is a member of the SUNY Athletic Conference All-Academic Team. MacMahon is president of the Shaun Cassidy Fan Club Improv Comedy Troupe and an emergency medical technician.

Richards is president of Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society, and earned the William Tucker Award from Oswego's Auxiliary Services for overall campus contributions. She is a member of women's honor society Vega, communication studies honor society Lambda Pi Eta and Phi Kappa Phi.

The Nassau native is an active Oswego admissions intern and a three-year resident mentor in Johnson Hall, where she organized "Crochet for Children," which taught students the hobby while donating resulting blankets to a children's hospital. She was creator-producer-director of the WTOP-TV comedy show "C'est Cheese" and served as concert coordinator at WNYO-FM.

Presidential scholars

Abbott, Camelio, MacMahon and Richards all received Presidential Scholarships to attend Oswego.

Oswego's recipients are scheduled to receive the awards at a ceremony Tuesday in Albany. A campus reception at 12:40 p.m. Monday, April 20, in Room C114 of the Campus Center will celebrate their achievements. □ — **Tim Nekritz**

Police report

Since March 13, University Police have investigated several cases of theft, disorderly conduct and vandalism, and made four arrests. Police charged a Johnson Hall resident with possession of a forged instrument, a parking sticker. Officers charged a Cayuga Hall resident with disorderly conduct. He is accused of urinating on a door and causing damage to a carpet. They charged a Funnelle Hall and a resident of Cayuga Hall with petit larceny. They are accused of stealing chairs in Hewitt Union. □

Calendar highlights

- **Project Ion Career Fair**, today
- **Oswego State Downtown exhibition opening**, April 9
- **No classes**, April 9 and 10
- **Penfield Library book sale**, April 13 to 15

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

Spotlight

Smith brings passion for radio to WRVO's mornings

This week's Campus Update Spotlight shines on WRVO's Jason Smith, who last week succeeded John Hurlbutt as local host of "Morning Edition." Smith started in WRVO's news department in February 2008.

Q. How would you describe your job and responsibilities?

A. "Morning Edition" is a national show from NPR, and I do the local inserts every 20 minutes or so, in addition to anchoring the news at the top and bottom of the hours. I provide news, underwriters, weather, that kind of thing. I also voice-track the rest of the morning until noon. There will likely be other responsibilities tacked on once I get my feet wet.

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

A. The people I work with. This is the first place I've worked where I like everyone I work with. It's nice to look forward to going to work every day and talking to your co-workers.

Q. What first made you interested in radio?

A. Radio is just something I've always wanted to do since I was about 12 or so. The other thing I wanted to do was become a meteorologist, but you don't need to know calculus to work in radio.

Q. What is it like to fill the shoes of someone like John Hurlbutt?

A. I don't really know that it's hit me yet. When I was first offered the job in February, I don't think I realized how important it was for WRVO to find the right person. It took me some time to realize how many people listened to and love John. They are big shoes to fill, and hopefully I have a lot of time to grow into them.

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

A. When I was in news, I worked with the news interns. The ones I worked with have been great, and they've done very well here.



Q. What achievement are you most proud of?

A. Probably being hired for this job. A lot of people applied, so to be the person chosen to succeed a guy like John Hurlbutt is probably my biggest accomplishment.

Q. What can you tell us about your family?

A. I've been married to my wife Amanda for just over five years. We have a cat, Griffin, and live in Liverpool.

Q. Do you have any hobbies?

A. I'm a tech nerd. I like computers and gadgets and anything technology-related. My wife thinks I'm a dork. □