For SUNY Utica/Rome alumnus Jeff Ledda voyages to the bottom of the sea, including hovering around the most famous shipwreck in history, didn’t seem altogether glamorous, until his name twice appeared on the credits of one of the most successful Hollywood productions of all time.

Ledda assisted in the production of those dramatic opening scenes of the $200 million epic, “Titanic.” A 1987 SUNY Utica/Rome graduate with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering technology, Ledda has worked for several underwater companies that assist in research and production of underwater projects and events.

Ledda is credited in the Academy-Award-winning movie for work which included assembling the equipment needed to film the wreck for director James Cameron’s Lightstorm Entertainment. Then, from a Russian submarine, Ledda guided a camera-equipped robot in and around the wreck, which lies more than two miles below the Atlantic Ocean surface.

As Ledda worked, Cameron directed the filming from a second submarine. “Working in close quarters in a submarine with someone, you really get to know the person. James Cameron was a normal person, making exciting movies for a living.”

While Oscar nominations are likely for the members of the cast of the movie, “some of the people I worked with feel pretty strongly that we’ll be nominated for a technical type of award,” he said. “It’s actually a very strong possibility because we developed something very unique and it worked.”

Ledda and his wife, Heidi, were invited to a private screening of the movie in Los Angeles. “It was pretty exciting to see all the work come together. When I began consulting for the movie in 1995, the cast members had not been finalized, so to see the movie in its entirety was incredible.”

**Roots in Rural Herkimer County**

Ledda grew up on a farm in Litchfield, N.Y., where his mother still resides. Ledda has three sisters and one brother. His brother Ed is also a SUNY Utica/Rome alumnus, graduating in 1984 from the mechanical engineering technology program. Ed resides in the Utica area. Jeff and his wife, Heidi, a former Utican, reside in Maryland with their three children, Megan, Julie, and Sierra.

Ledda graduated from SUNY Maritime in 1983 with a bachelor of science degree in ocean engineering. He credits his grandfather, a former Merchant Marine officer, for inspiring him to get his first degree in ocean engineering. Ledda claims his interest in oceanography may have also been the result of many Jacques Cousteau movies.

After completing his degree at SUNY Maritime, Ledda worked at Marine Hydraulic in New Jersey for a brief period then landed a job at International Underwater Contractors in City Island, N.Y. It was there that Ledda first used his ocean engineering knowledge as an ROV (Remote Operated Vehicle) technician/engineer.

His work at International Underwater Contractors was a case of “being at the right place at the right time.” His ROV projects included exploring the oil lines in California and working along the Gulf of Mexico. During his employment he had the opportunity to attend ROV Diving School at Hyperbaric Training Center to obtain training as a Life Support Technician. This particular training allowed Jeff the opportunity to provide manned submersible oil rig support for commercial oil companies. One project required one year of his efforts diving Mantis which was a one-man submarine exploring the Gulf of Mexico. In 1986, Jeff decided to get out of the industry and return to college. He enrolled in the electrical engineering technology program at SUNY Utica/Rome. His first fiber optics class at Utica/Rome proved to be very useful later on when integrating fiber optics technology into the ROV Industry. Ledda credits Associate Professor Salahuddin Qazi for making this course very interesting.

“In the late ’80s fiber optics was still new to everyone and Professor Qazi made the topic continued on page 5...
Richard Havranek, dean of the School of Business and Public Management, congratulates Al Mario on receiving the 1997 “Honorary Alumnus Award.”

Nine alumni and one retired professor were honored for service to their profession, community, and/or alma mater at the 1997 Alumni Association Awards Dinner, Saturday, September 27, 1997. The awards ceremony was held at Tom Cavallo’s Restaurant, New Hartford, N.Y. as part of Fall Fest ‘97 Weekend. Award winners were selected by members of the Awards Committee from a slate of nominations. The Alumni Association is pleased to announce the following award recipients for 1997:

**Distinguished Service Awards**

Distinguished Service Awards are given to members of reunion classes to recognize extraordinary service to profession, community, and/or alma mater.

**Class of 1986**

David R. Scharf is senior vice president of investment for Smith Barney Incorporated. David is a member of the President’s Council and the President’s Advisory Council for Rochester Municipal Funds. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Smith Barney Charitable Foundation which donates funds to five local charities that include the Make A Wish Foundation. David resides in Utica, N.Y. with his wife, Christina, and sons, Christopher, Joseph, and David.

**Class of 1987**

Timothy S. Dennison is the director of engineering for Cabletron Systems, Incorporated. Tim serves as a volunteer for the Red Cross in many capacities; he is the director of safety services and a first aid instructor. He also volunteers at his local hospital and ambulance corps. Tim served on the SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome Alumni Association Board of Directors. Tim donates his frequent traveler miles to the Children’s Miracle Network. He resides in Herndon, Va.

Kathleen M. Kelly, CPM is the owner of Good Times Publishing. Kathy serves on numerous boards and committees; she is a member of the Utica Rotary Youth Exchange Committee, and a Division Chairperson for the United Way. Board member of the Mohawk Valley Toastmasters, SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome Foundation, and the NAPM of Greater Utica. Kathy is a mentor for the Oneida County BOCES/SABA Program. Kathy volunteers for Friends of Team Sara, and is the coordinator of the Bollemaakt Pre-race Pasta Dinner. Kathy and her husband, Joe, have two daughters and five grandchildren and reside in Whitesboro, N.Y.

**Class of 1988**

J. Douglas Robinson, CPCU is the president and chief operating officer of the Utica National Insurance Group’s property-casualty insurance companies and president of the Utica National Life Insurance Company (UticaLIFE). He earned the Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) professional designation from the American Institute for Property and Liability Underwriters, Inc. He has completed the Executive Program at the College of Insurance and the advanced Executive Education Program at The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Doug is very active with the United Way of Greater Utica and is a member of the board of directors and committees of all the member companies of the Utica National Insurance Group. He also serves on the board of directors of the Rescue Mission of Utica. Doug also participated in the SUNY Utica/Rome alumni television commercial used to promote student recruitment. Doug resides in New Hartford, N.Y. with his wife, Patti, and their two sons, Eric and Mickey.

**Class of 1991**

Joyce H. Kapral, RN, MS, CNS is an assistant professor of nursing at SUNY Morrisville. Joyce is also a clinical performance nursing examiner for the University of the State of New York Regents College. She is a charter member of the Sigma Theta Tau Omicron Alpha Chapter and the New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA) District 7. Joyce is also a member of the Morrisville-Eaton Central School Budget Advisory Committee. She and her husband, Richard, reside in Morrisville, N.Y.

**Class of 1992**

Glenn Allen is a software engineer for Health Care Data Systems in Syracuse. His service to his alma mater is a model of support to the SUNY Utica/Rome Alumni Association. He currently serves as a director on the Alumni Association Board of Directors, and is active on the alumni programing committee. He is a member of the Toastmasters International group. Glenn assisted students in the Learning Center while he was a student at SUNY Utica/Rome. Glenn resides in Liverpool, N.Y.

Gregory P. Rindenello, MS is an associate territory business manager with Bristol-Myers Squibb Pharmaceuticals. He received the Pinnacle Award in 1996 for being in the top 10% in sales. He has been a Boy Scout Leader for the past six years, receiving the Boy Scout District Award of Merit in 1994. He is active with the United Way, American Heart Association, American Lung Association, American Kidney Association, and is a volunteer for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. He lives in New Hartford, N.Y. with his wife, Esther, and sons, Paul and Michael.

**Class of 1993**

Nancy A. Furlong, RN, MS, ANP is an adult nurse practitioner for Digestive Disease Medicine of Central New York. She is a member of the Nurse Practitioners of the Mohawk Valley and the New York State Coalition of Nurse Practitioners. She is a community volunteer for the Holland Patent Bicentennial Celebration and an American Cancer Society Crusader. Nancy is very supportive of her alma mater. She is frequently invited back to the Adult Nurse Practitioner graduate program to speak with current SUNY students about her experiences. She and her husband, Tom, have four children and reside in Holland Patent, N.Y.

**Honorary Alumnus Award**

The Honorary Alumnus Award was created by the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association to grant honorary alumni status to a non-alumnus of SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome who has made outstanding contributions to the Alumni Association and its members. It is awarded at the discretion of the Board when appropriate.

Professor Emeritus, Albert B. Mario retired in January 1997 after more than 20 years of service to SUNY Institute of Technology and countless numbers of students with whom he came in contact. As a faculty member, Professor Mario taught primarily in the areas of finance, entrepreneurship, small business management, and international business. He led a multitude of internships, consultancies, and funded research grants that enabled SUNY Utica/Rome students to gain valuable firsthand experience while making major contributions to Central New York’s economic development. His main strengths have been his affinity for integrating the activities of the Institute with those that fostered the surrounding business community and student development. He carefully developed and nurtured the growth of the Management Assistance Center within the School of Business and Public Management. The center provides the umbrella organization under which activities such as the Small Business Institute, Entrepreneurial Education Resource Center, and the Small Business Development Center have flourished. He also directed the Advanced Management Program which has graduated hundreds of managers from the local business community from a program that was specifically designed to upgrade the managerial skills of this important human resource. Professor Mario received his bachelor’s degree from Utica College of Syracuse University and received his master’s degree from Syracuse University. He lives in New Hartford, N.Y. with his wife, Rita.

**Alumni Humanitarian Award**

The Alumni Humanitarian Award was created by the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association to honor alumni whose humanitarian involvements clearly set them apart. It is awarded at the discretion of the Board, when appropriate.

David Caldwell ’83 is presently doing missionary work for Elim Fellowship. In January 1995 the Caldwell family went to language school in Mexico City to learn Spanish and work with a Mexican church planting team. They are now developing Christian camps in Michoacan, Mexico. David’s task is identified as developing a sustained experience which provides a creative, recreational, and educational opportunity in group living in the out-of-doors. It utilizes trained leadership and the resources of the natural surroundings to contribute to each camper’s mental, physical, social, and spiritual growth. David and his wife, Karen, and their six children live in Patzcuaro, Mexico.
Message from Assistant Director

First Year Memorable, Eventful

With the completion of my first year as assistant director for alumni relations, I look back on a very productive and successful year for our organization. None of it would have been possible without the enormous effort and support of our Alumni Board of Directors and Association members. We experienced some changes as well as the continuation of many events that we now look forward to each year. We welcome your comments and suggestions so we can always do our best to serve you.

On Sept. 27, we held our annual awards dinner at Tom Cavallo’s Restaurant in New Hartford. It was a well-attended event and an enjoyable evening. We had an opportunity to honor Al Mario for all his years of dedicated service to the Institute, as well as recognizing eight alumni for their distinguished service to their profession, community, and/or alma mater. This year the Alumni Association also presented an Alumni Humanitarian Award to David Caldwell, class of 1983.

At the annual meeting, president Janet Ciccarelli was re-elected, Joanna Locash was elected vice president, and Cynthia Fox was elected secretary. Re-elected as directors were: Glenn Allen, Rich Borges, Joseph Ruggiero and Annette Guido was elected as a director. We look forward to working with all the newly elected board members. We want to thank everyone that attended Fall Fest ’97 Weekend, it was nice to see old friends and meet some new ones. Please mark your calendar for Fall Fest ’98, Sept. 25-27, 1998. We hope to see you there.

For those of you who are out surfing the web, be sure to visit our web page at http://www.sunyit.edu/alumni for updates on the latest alumni events and news. We have enjoyed hearing from friends of “lost” alumni. In this edition you will find members of the classes of ’77, ’78, ’79, ’82, ’83 and ’84 that we are trying to locate for their class reunion scheduled as part of Fall Fest ’98.

Regional Roundup

October 1997

Six members of the Alumni Association attended the bus trip Oct. 25 and 26, 1997, to Toronto to see Phantom of the Opera. The trip included top-priced tickets to see Phantom of the Opera at the Pantages Theatre, deluxe hotel accommodations at the Delta Chelsea Inn, dinner at the Hot House Cafe, Sunday Brunch at the Hotel Restaurant, deluxe round-trip transportation was provided by Magelion Bus Tours of Rome, N.Y. Alumni from the Utica and Syracuse-area enjoyed an exciting weekend of theater, fine food, and lots of shopping.

December 2, 1997

Holiday Happy Hour at The Hook, Line & Sinker, Tuesday, Dec. 2, 1997. Alumni from Oneida, Herkimer and Madison counties gathered at The Hook for a Holiday Happy Hour. We had approximately 38 people attend the happy hour. Alumni enjoyed a variety of hors d’oeuvres, drink specials, and SUNY giveaways.

February 1998

Alumni Open Swim Sundays... Members of the Alumni Association were invited to attend a month of open swim in the newly-opened pool located in the Campus Center on Sundays during the month of February. Flyers were sent out to dues-paying members of the Alumni Association in January announcing the Alumni Open Swim Sundays. Association members were invited to swim from 1-3 p.m.

The Pantages Theatre in Toronto, site of the award-winning production of Phantom of the Opera.
Alumni Spotlight

Foreman Family Establishes a SUNY Utica/Rome Tradition

Meet the Foreman’s. Eileen (Mom) is a current student at SUNY Utica/Rome majoring in health services management. Eileen is very involved in activities on campus. She is president of the Student Association of Health Administrators (SAHA) which is a club for health services management students. Eileen received the Returning Adult Award during the 15th Annual Student Recognition Banquet, on May 2, 1997. The award was for scholarship and leadership; satisfactory academic progress; minimum GPA 3.0. Todd Foreman graduated from College at Oneonta (SUCO) as director of customer service for telecommunications. Todd’s wife, Kiki, is currently attending SUNY Oneonta and also spends time with their two children, Taylor, 6 and Aaron, 4. Tracy (Foreman) Rambo graduated cum laude from SUNY Utica/Rome in 1989 with a B.S. in health services management. Tracy is employed at the Andover Nursing Center for the last six years as a nursing home administrator. She also met her husband, Harry Rambo, Jr., at SUNY Utica/Rome. Harry graduated from the computer information science program in 1988. Harry currently works at AT&T. Tracy and Harry reside in New Jersey. Mark graduated with a B.P.S. from the health services management program in 1995. He resides in Binghamton, N.Y. Mark, like his mom, was very involved with SAHA - he was president in 1994. Mark is currently employed at Park Associates in Endicott, N.Y. as an administrator in training. Actually there is one member of the Foreman family who did not attend SUNY Utica/Rome, but her mother Eileen says Amy may be following in her mother’s footsteps and may decide to enroll in college after her children are grown. Amy is the proud mother of two children, Victoria and Joshua. Both children enjoy having their mom at home with them each day. Amy also spends a great deal of time volunteering at her church in Rome, N.Y.

The Foreman’s are part of a large group of SUNY Utica/Rome alumni and students who are part of a “legacy” in their families. Whether it is their mother, father, aunt, uncle, brother or sister, they have continued the tradition of attending SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome to obtain a quality affordable education.

As alumni of SUNY Utica/Rome you can spread the word that SUNY Utica/Rome has the tradition, faculty, and facilities that make it a place where generation after generation of students come to learn and train for a successful tomorrow.

The Foreman children: Tracy, Amy, Mark and Todd.

Your Alma Mater Is Looking For Your Help ... 

Twenty-five SUNY Utica/Rome students were dialing for dollars during the Institute’s Annual Alumni and Parent Phonathon, Sept. 21- Nov. 23, 1997. The Foundation is hoping to raise $75,000 from alumni and $7,500 from parents for academic merit scholarships, interest-free student loans, and grants for faculty development and research.

Francine Cronin, director of development is very pleased with the results of the Fall ‘97 Phonathon. The Phonathon raised over $71,000 in pledges from alumni and $6,800 in pledges from parents of current and former SUNY Utica/Rome students for a grand total of $78,389.

The Spring Phonathon began on February 22, 1998 and will conclude on April 19th. Students are calling alumni and parents that were unavailable during the fall campaign. Students are also making pledge reminder calls to all alumni and parents who made pledges during the Fall Phonathon to remind them that the fiscal year is coming to a close on June 30th. All gifts must be received by June 30th in order to be recognized in the Foundation’s annual Honor Roll of Donors.

Alumni Association Installs Officers at Annual Meeting

A slate of officers was installed at the Alumni Association’s annual meeting, held during Fall Fest ’97. The following alumni were elected to positions on the SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome Alumni Association Board of Directors:

President
Janet Ciccarelli ’75 was re-elected president of the Alumni Association, a position she has held since 1991. Ciccarelli has been active with the Alumni Association since 1985 when she served as a director. Ciccarelli is the chairperson of the Business Department at Herkimer County Community College. She is very active with the Girl Scouts and serves as Unit Cookie Chairman and Secretary for the State Business Teachers Association. Ciccarelli also serves on the College Council and Foundation Board.

Vice President
Joanna Locash ’95 was elected vice president of the Alumni Association. Locash previously served as a director on the board since 1990 and was elected to secretary in 1991, a position she held until September 1997. Locash is a library automation specialist for Madison-Oneida BOCES. She serves her alma mater well by assisting with campus activities and chairing the alumni events committee. She is a certified first aid instructor, child abuse mandated reporter, and certified stress management instructor.

Secretary
Cynthia Fox ’95 was elected secretary of the Alumni Association. Fox has served on the alumni events committee for two years. Fox is the manager of human resources for Human Technologies Corporation. She is a member of the Society for Human Resource Management, Central New York Human Resource Managers Association, Herkimer County Community College Alumni Association, and the YWCA of the Mohawk Valley.

Directors
Richard Borges ’90 was re-elected as a director on the Alumni Association Board of Directors. Borges is a principle accounting supervisor and computer systems manager for Oneida County Mental Health. He serves on the alumni events committee and has been a member of association for a few years.

Glenn Allen ’92 was re-elected as a director on the Alumni Association Board of Directors. Allen is a software engineer for Health Care Data Systems in Syracuse. He has served as a director on the board for three years prior to the annual meeting.

Joseph Ruggiero ’91 was re-elected as a director on the Alumni Association Board of Directors. Ruggiero is an engineer for Bell Atlantic. He served as a junior senator for URSA from 1989-1990 and president of URSA from 1990-1991. He was elected councilman for the Town of Wappingers Falls in 1993 and was re-elected in 1995.

Annette Guido ’85 was elected to a director position on the Alumni Association Board of Directors. Guido is the manager of human resources for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Utica-Watertown. She won the Alumni Distinguished Service Award in 1995. She is a member of the Greater Utica Sunrise Rotary Club, Beta Sigma Phi Community Service Sorority, and the Central New York Human Resource Managers Association.

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J. Douglas Robinson, president and chief operating officer of the Utica National Insurance Group, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the Utica National Life Insurance Company and director of Utica National's property-casualty and subsidiary companies, was the first alumnus of SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome to offer the keynote speech at the college's annual December Graduates Recognition Ceremony.

In 1988, Mr. Robinson earned his master of science degree in business management from SUNY Utica/Rome. He also has an associate's degree in business from Onondaga Community College and a bachelor's degree in business from Syracuse University.

Mr. Robinson is the recent recipient of SUNY Utica/Rome Alumni Association's Distinguished Service Award, and was also nominated to the State University of New York's Alumni Honor Roll.

Professionally, Mr. Robinson has earned the Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter professional designation from the American Institute for Property and Liability Underwriters, Inc., and has completed the executive education program at The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

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‘Rebel Poet’ Lectures on Campus

Dr. Sardar Anjum, of India, a renowned poet-philosopher, who has been described as a “rebel poet,” lectured students and other members of the college community during the fall semester.

Dr. Anjum is internationally recognized for his literary versatility, having published his poetry in Urdu, Punjabi and Hindi, the three major languages of the Indian sub-continent. He is a prolific author, with 18 volumes of his poetry in print.

Dr. Anjum's poetry has been described as a mixture of “fire and fragrance,” that reflects both emotional tenderness and harsh human realities. His works are regularly recorded by the most popular singers in India.

For his literary contributions, in 1991 Dr. Anjum received the prestigious Padma Shri Award from India's president — that honor is the equivalent of the Presidential Medal of Arts in the U.S. He has received 12 state awards for his literary works and has been given the title of State Poet of Punjab, his home state.

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State University Honors Outstanding Utica/Rome Alumni

Two SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome alumni were recently named to the State University of New York’s 1997 Alumni Honor Roll.

Maura Farrell Miller, Ph.D., ARNP, CS, class of 1978, was chosen in the Health and Social Sciences category; and J. Douglas Robinson, CPCU, class of 1988, was chosen in the Business and Industry category.

The SUNY Alumni Honor Roll is a joint program of SUNY’s sixty-four campuses as represented in the Confederation of SUNY Alumni Associations and the Office of University Relations. The State University of New York’s Chancellor John Ryan presented the Alumni Honor Roll Certificates at the Annual Alumni Confederation Conference held in November at the Binghamton Holiday Inn Arena.

The award is designed to honor alumni who demonstrate outstanding professional achievement and significant contributions to higher education and/or public service.

SUNY Utica/Rome is proud to have two distinguished alumni being honored by the Confederation of the SUNY Alumni Associations.

Maura Farrell Miller, Ph.D., ARNP, CS, is president of the Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs, a nationwide, voluntary, nonprofit, professional organization composed of registered nurses employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Dr. Miller is a gerontological nurse practitioner for the DVA in West Palm Beach, Fla. She also serves as a clinical preceptor for the family nurse practitioner program at Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Fla. Dr. Miller is frequently asked to speak to nursing, veteran, health care advocacy groups, and the United States Congress.

Her professional affiliations and community contributions are numerous. She has published many articles in a variety of health journals and provided co-editorial assistance for a special issue for the Journal of Gerontological Nursing. Dr. Miller received her bachelor of science degree in Nursing from SUNY Utica/Rome. She received her master’s degree in Nursing/Gerontological Nurse Practitioner/Clinical Nurse Specialist from the University of Miami and her doctor of philosophy degree in Nursing from the University of Miami.

J. Douglas Robinson, CPCU, is president and chief operating officer at the Utica National Insurance Group’s property-casualty insurance companies and is president of the Utica National Life Insurance Company. He directs the operations of Utica National’s marketing, underwriting, claims, data processing/services, and regional operations for the property-casualty insurance companies and oversees the operations of UticaLIFE.

He has completed the executive program at the College of Insurance and the advanced executive program at The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Robinson is active with the United Way of Greater Utica and is a member of the boards of directors and committees of all the member companies of the Utica National Insurance Group. He also serves on the board of directors of the Rescue Mission of Utica.

Robinson participated in the SUNY Utica/Rome alumni television commercial used to promote student recruitment and recently was awarded the 1997 Alumni Association’s Distinguished Service Award. Robinson received his bachelor’s degree in business administration from Syracuse University and a master’s degree in business management from SUNY Utica/Rome.

College Rated No. 1 in Student Survey

In the recently-released statewide survey conducted by American College Testing, students at 27 State University operated campuses ranked SUNY Utica/Rome first or second in 20 categories.

The college was rated No. 1 in terms of:
- classroom facilities,
- condition of residence halls,
- the general condition of the buildings and grounds,
- campus response to the needs of disabled students, and
- personal security and campus safety.

The college was also ranked No. 2 in the State University for:
- transfer of credit,
- financial aid services,
- access to computing facilities, and
- campus food services.

In a 1994 survey, the college also received these high rankings in several of the same categories.

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Don’t miss out on upcoming alumni events! Here’s how to find out what’s happening—e-mail: pratt@sunyit.edu or call or write: Tracy Pratt, Office of Alumni Relations, SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome, P.O. Box 3050, Utica, NY 13504-3050. You can also visit our web site at www.sunyit.edu/alumni.
‘SpeakEasy’ a Connection to Telecommunications History

By Donald Drew

Recent graduate, David Climek, class of ’94, assigned to Rome Laboratory as a research engineer and consultant to the U.S. Air Force, is part of a development team working on a project that could revolutionize the cellular telephone industry and have global significance.

In 1989, Climek was appointed to the development team at Rome Lab. The team was charged with finding a solution to one of the military’s communication problems. The U.S. Air Force could not easily communicate directly with all other branches of service by using cellular telephones, according to Climek. Each branch of service used a wireless telephone with a different set of standards. If the Air Force needed to contact the Marines and/or Army during a close air support operation, the Air Force operations officer would have to call each command’s wired equipment. In turn, that command would call their troop operations in the field using wireless equipment. This was time consuming and subject to communication mistakes.

Climek says, the team’s solution was “SpeakEasy,” a software system capable of listening for a particular standard in a cellular telephone, recognizing that standard, and re-programming itself to enable communication with that cellular telephone.

Phase I of the SpeakEasy project was to develop a new radio product that would be compatible with all products using “software defined radio” software. The equipment developed in Phase I was the size of a refrigerator, not very portable. Once the determination was made that equipment could be built for this project, Phase II began. The ultimate goal of Phase II was to get a PC-sized piece of equipment that could be attached to vehicles and used in the field. That goal was realized and, in fact, during the field testing of SDR, the unit fell to the floor and broke its “motherboard.” This is a hard flat surface containing the preprinted circuitry and other components of a computer. The simplicity and ease of repair to the test SDR was observed as a regular PC’s motherboard was used as a replacement part for the damaged board. The test unit was put back in service in a matter of minutes.

From the outset of Phase II it was determined that the open system architecture would be commercialized. None of the technology needed to commercialize SpeakEasy was classified. In fact, the commercialization and use of off-the-shelf replacement parts were encouraged by the military as a way of controlling costs.

To ensure participation in this newly-developed technology, the SDR office at Rome Lab formed an International Standards Committee. Climek said this was done so that professionals in the wireless telephone communications field were, literally, on the same wavelength. The committee is known as the MMITS, and is comprised of 35 to 40 manufacturers and users of cellular equipment.

Degree of Success

In the late 1980s, Climek recognized that the bachelor of technology degree obtained from the State University of Buffalo was not sufficient for what he envisioned for his future. He enrolled in the telecommunications program at SUNY Utica/Rome and graduated with a bachelor of science in 1994. He continued at SUNY Utica/Rome and earned his master of science degree in telecommunications in 1997. Climek has the distinction of being the first graduate of the college’s telecommunications master program. He has been employed by Mitre Corporation, a management-consulting firm, for 18 years.

During a class presentation, Climek shared the information about SDR. Eugene Newman, Ph.D., director of the master of science in telecommunications program at SUNY Utica/Rome, expressed an interest in getting involved with the SpeakEasy commercialization. Dr. Newman has since begun a feasibility survey of the Communications Managers Association in New York City and has developed a web page to survey business users in the New York City area to determine if there is a market for this product, and just how big is that market.

Dr. Newman expects to have the results of his data compiled and a final report submitted by the end of May.

A contract between the SDR office at Rome Lab, Dr. Newman, and SUNY Utica/Rome is expected in the near future. In addition to business users, Dr. Newman will be responsible for the feasibility studies of all law enforcement agencies and civil aviation facilities in New York.

Dr. Newman described SpeakEasy as “someone speaking seven different foreign languages.” He also predicted that, “there will be a handheld model by the year 2001.” If the team doesn’t develop this product, someone else will. This is a global problem he said, someone is going to provide the service.

Dr. Newman is proud of his former student’s accomplishments, “Dave and the team have done a wonderful thing. They not only attacked a major problem in the wireless telephone industry, but also have come up with a solution to that problem. This will bring national recognition to Climek, Rome Lab, SUNY Utica/Rome and the local area.”

Climek says, “This will change people’s lives in how they use equipment now available. They will be able to consolidate numerous tasks into one hand held piece of equipment. This project will influence the decision to purchase $10 to $12 billion worth of radio/cellular telephone equipment over the next 5 to 10 years.”

Donald Drew is a senior studying professional and technical communication at SUNY Utica/Rome, who is working with the college’s public relations office as part of his coursework in that bachelor of science degree program.
MVCC, SUNY Utica/Rome Reach New Agreement

Central New York residents interested in obtaining a bachelor’s degree in accounting, business or finance now have a new cost-effective opportunity to do so through a joint admissions agreement between Mohawk Valley Community College and SUNY Utica/Rome.

The agreement will streamline and simplify the application and transfer process, allowing students to know exactly which courses to take at MVCC before transferring to SUNY Utica/Rome. Also, MVCC students, who satisfactorily complete the appropriate program of study, are guaranteed entry into SUNY Utica/Rome’s School of Business programs in accounting, finance or business/public management. Those students will receive a full credit transfer.

In addition, students who complete the SUNY Utica/Rome bachelor’s degree may apply for entry into a master of science degree program in accountancy or business management, with concentrations in management accounting, finance, health services management, human resource management, and management science. A full-time student could complete both the bachelor’s and master’s degree programs in three years after completing studies at MVCC.

Nobel Peace Prize Chairman Offers Thoughts to Community

In October, Francis Sejersted, chairman of the Nobel Peace Prize Committee, appeared at SUNY Utica/Rome a few days before announcing the winner of the annual honor and spoke to the college community regarding “Peace, Politics and Technology – “Beyond Technological Determinism.”

Sejersted, chairman of the committee that is officially named the Norwegian Nobel Committee also spoke at Colgate University on “The Nobel Peace Prize: From Peace Negotiations to Human Rights.”

David Hakken, Ph.D., professor of anthropology at SUNY Utica/Rome, said, “It is a rare opportunity and a distinct honor to have Professor Sejersted offer his experiences as chair of the Nobel Peace Prize Committee and his wisdom as a renowned scholar during his brief visit to our area.”

Dr. Hakken and Nigel Young, director of the Peace Studies Program at Colgate, cooperated to bring Sejersted to the campuses. The lectures were co-sponsored by the Science, Technology and Society Program at SUNY Utica/Rome and the Peace Studies Program at Colgate.

In addition to his service on the Nobel Peace Prize Committee, Sejersted is a professor of economic and social history and the director of the Center for Technology and Culture at the University of Oslo, Norway. He is the author of 10 books and several articles dealing primarily with history, economics, democracy and political strategy.

President Peter J. Cayan presents a gift to Francis Sejersted, chairman of the Nobel Peace Prize Committee.

College May Get Additional Funds

Governor George Pataki has included $500,000 for SUNY Utica/Rome in his proposed executive budget for renovating and equipping for distance learning initiatives at the college.

Overall, the governor’s proposed fiscal plan calls for a $2 billion infusion into the 64-campus SUNY system over the next five years.

In a statement regarding the State University investment, Governor Pataki said, “On the 50th anniversary of the SUNY system and the 150th anniversary of CUNY, we must do more than celebrate and commemorate, we must seek out new and innovative ways to make New York the best state in America to pursue an education.”

SUNY Utica/Rome has been recognized for its innovative distance learning initiatives, including its project in conjunction with the Moscow Institute of Electronics and Mathematics, which made it possible for seven Moscow-based students to earn their master of science degrees from the Institute of Technology.

Business Grad Students Network

Four of the area’s business, commerce and development leaders were part of a panel discussion on “Economic Opportunities in the Mohawk Valley for Graduate Students,” when SUNY Utica/Rome conducted its first “Networking Night” this past October at the Ramada Inn in New Hartford.

The panelists included Robert Fowler, president of the Utica Area Chamber of Commerce; Robert Cardillo, director of the Empire State Development’s Mohawk Valley office; Ed Duncza, vice president of Snelling Personnel; and Andrew Biernat, general manager of Bullock Financial Services. The panel moderator was Richard Havranek, dean of the School of Business at SUNY Utica/Rome. Al Mario, professor emeritus of finance at SUNY Utica/Rome, coordinated the program along with Sanjay Varshney, assistant professor of finance.

Networking Night was organized by the Graduate Business Association, a student group that responds to the interests of graduate students in business. The association deals with issues such as curriculum, internships, job searches and placement, networking with the business community, and consulting opportunities.

SUNY Utica/Rome’s School of Business offers bachelor of science degrees in accounting, business/public management, finance, health information management, and health services management; and master of science degrees in accountancy and business management, with concentrations in management accounting, finance, health services management, human resources management, and management science.
College Prepares to Join Innovative SUNY Learning Network

SUNY Utica/Rome has been chosen to participate in an innovative high technology educational initiative that allows students to work on bachelor’s and master’s degrees from their homes, via the World Wide Web.

According to Thomas Tribunella, SUNY Utica/Rome assistant professor and director of the accounting program, the college has been provided with grant funds that will allow it to offer the master of science degree in accounting through the SUNY Learning Network.

Academic offerings through that network will use the Internet to deliver graduate courses to students anywhere in the world. State-of-the-art technology will be used to help create a virtual college on the World Wide Web, said Tribunella.

The master of science degree in accounting is a new program at SUNY Utica/Rome and allows accountants to prepare for the Certified Public Accountant examination and to meet the proposed change in the law that will re-centralize education. It is a new program at SUNY Utica/Rome and allows students to work with other students. Faculty and students can also leverage the wealth of resources available through the Internet to support this instruction.

Students may take degree programs or just a few courses in the ALN format to complement their on-campus studies.

Using computers either from home or at a local campus, students have had the opportunity to select from four courses in both fall ‘95 and spring ‘96 semesters. There were 14 courses offered in the fall ‘96 semester: five in liberal studies, five in business, and four community-college-level courses. There were 19 courses offered in the spring ‘97 semester, more than 75 courses offered in fall ‘97 and more than 100 in spring ‘98.

This growth in the course portfolio is representative of the plans to expand the SLN within the SUNY System. This innovative program also supports Rethinking SUNY, specifically, in terms of goals to increase sharing/exchange of courses across campuses, to enhance access for place-bound students and to improve learning productivity and shortened time to earn a degree.

Cultural and Performing Arts Committee Offers Musical, Dramatic Entertainment

Fiddler Williams

In November, world renowned jazz violinist Claude “Fiddler” Williams came to SUNY Utica/Rome with his unique brand of Kansas City-bred swing, blues and balladry as he performed in Kunsela Hall Auditorium before a crowd of more than 100 listeners.

Williams, who turned 91 in February, has been performing for 77 years and has developed his style while playing with musical legends such as Count Basie, Nat King Cole, Charlie Parker and Lester Young. In the past several years, Williams has been featured on “CBS News Sunday Morning,” performed at Carnegie Hall and opened Lincoln Center’s “Kansas City Swing and Shout.” He also played for President Clinton’s inaugural.

His recent recording “SwingTime In New York,” has received critical acclaim from jazz enthusiasts internationally. A “Washington Post” review said Williams plays “with infectious spirit as he cuts a wide swath through decades of swing, blues and pop.” A “New York Times” concert review last year stated, “He made the instrument a smooth-talking tease, sly and ebullient, with phrases that sounded like class, witty wolf whistles.”

The legendary musician, often referred to as “the swinging-est violinist in jazz,” also performed for area elementary and high school students during his brief stop in the Utica area.

The event was partly funded by the Central New York Community Arts Council Decentralization Program, made possible with funds from the state Council on the Arts. It is cosponsored by the Cultural and Performing Arts Committee of SUNY Utica/Rome, and the Institute of Technology Foundation at Utica/Rome.

Love to All Lorraine - Black History Month

SUNY Utica/Rome hosted the critically-acclaimed performance of “Love to All, Lorraine,” by award-winning actress Elizabeth Van Dyke, who starred in the one-woman play in February as part of the college’s observation of Black History Month.

Love to All, Lorraine, is based on the life of the late playwright Lorraine Hansberry, who earned fame as author of “Raisin in the Sun,” and “The Sign in Sidney Brustein’s Window.” Love to All Lorraine, as performed and written by Van Dyke, focuses on the emotional state of Hansberry during significant periods of her life. It includes memories of being raised in a family that refused racial prejudice, learning African history from W.E.B. DuBois, working for Paul Robeson, marrying a man of Jewish heritage and struggling to write during a losing battle with cancer.

Van Dyke’s work was applauded in The New York Times, whose critic wrote, “In Love to All, Lorraine, Van Dyke presents a portrait of Lorraine Hansberry that sums up a great range of black experience in this century ... What she evokes best is the almost terrifying intelligence and honesty of Miss Hansberry, and the peculiar mixture of humor and anger that was hers.”

Van Dyke has starred in several stage performances around the country and might be recognized for her appearances on shows such as “Ryan’s Hope,” “All My Children,” and “Saturday Night Live.”

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Attention All Health Services Management Graduates

SUNY Utica/Rome’s undergraduate health services management program is in the process of applying for membership in the association of recognized professional organization for health care management programs.

Membership will enhance the college’s visibility and prominence in the health management field and improve our ability to recruit students and assist graduates with obtaining professional positions. AUPHA membership will enhance the value of the HSM degree. Recently surveys were sent to the 1987-1997 graduates to assist in the application process in evaluating the college’s HSM program from the graduates’ perspective. A summary of the survey findings and an update of progress with the application will be published in the fall, 1998 edition of Alumni News.
Gaming Getaway, Wine Tasting On Tap

Friday, April 24, 1998
Gaming Getaway at the Comfort Suites at Vernon Downs & Turning Stone Casino

This event is scheduled for Friday, April 24, 1998. The package includes overnight hotel accommodations (check-in after 3 p.m.), happy hour at Comfort Suites from 4 to 7 p.m., dinner buffet at the Turning Stone Casino, $10 of gaming chips at the Turning Stone Casino, transportation from Comfort Suites to the Turning Stone Casino every hour, and a deluxe continental breakfast on Saturday morning before checkout. The overnight package is $62 per person double occupancy, single occupancy $110. Please contact Tracy Pratt, alumni relations office at 792-7113 for more information about this fun-filled event.

Sunday, Oct. 11, 1998
Wine Tasting New York Style

The programming committee invites you to join us on a wine tasting bus trip. A bus of alumni will depart for wine country on Sunday, Oct. 11, 1998. The bus trip includes a visit/tour of three wineries, and wine sampling at each stop. A continental breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be included in your admission fee. The trip also includes a bottle of New York wine and an Uncork New York wine glass. The cost of this trip is $85. Trip includes meals, wine, glass, and transportation. Please contact Tracy Pratt, alumni relations office at 792-7113 for additional information or to make reservations for this trip. Reservations must be made by Friday, Sept. 11, 1998.

1998 Alumni Award Nominations Sought...

The Alumni Association is soliciting nominations of alumni to be recognized for distinguished service to their professions and/or their communities.

Awards acknowledging alumni achievement and community involvement will be presented to members of the class of ‘77, ‘78, ‘79, ‘82, ‘83, ‘84 respectively, at Fall Fall ’98.

Awards are made based on promotions, contributions, or other recognition received relating to the nominee’s professional, community, or personal life.

The Alumni Association expects to recognize at least one graduate from each class, based on the Awards Committee judgments.

All nominations are welcome. The college relations and development staff will conduct a detailed follow-up to gather particulars and verify nominees qualifications.

Please complete the form below and mail it to:
   Alumni Awards Committee
   College Relations & Development Office
   SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome
   P.O. Box 3050
   Utica, NY 13504-3050

Nomination deadline is July 1, 1998.

--- 1998 Alumni Award Nomination ---

Name ________________________________
Address ________________________________
Phone (home) ____________________ (work) ____________________
Employer ________________________________
Employer's Address ________________________________
Position, Title ________________________________
SUNY Utica/Rome Degree(s) ________________________________
Promotions, Awards, Achievements, etc. ________________________________

Community Activities, Service Club Memberships, etc. ________________________________

Family Information (marital status, children, etc.) ________________________________

Other (class information, etc.) ________________________________

CPE Non-Credit Courses
Have a New Look This Spring

The CPE program is designed to match the lifelong learning interests of SUNY Utica/Rome graduates like you. That’s why we offer a discount rate to SUNY Utica/Rome alumni. We’d like to send our brochure directly to you each semester. To be added to the CPE mailing list, please contact the Continuing Professional Education office at 792-7270, send us email at cpe@sunyit.edu or visit our website at http://www.cpe.sunyit.edu. We’re looking forward to hearing from you!

Our spring ’98 brochure features popular non-credit courses - in a new format. You are invited to attend from one to seven sessions of our Internet selections, choosing only those topics that interest you. Most CPE courses now meet for two hours instead of three. We know how tired you are at the end of the day - and these courses are supposed to be fun! This new format offers greater flexibility and low cost options for busy working professionals.

Looking for ways to spend quality time with your family? Consider enrolling in a Continuing Family Education course this spring. CPE courses are specially designed for professionals and their families. Explore the Internet, build a family homepage, or learn about careers in technology.

Spring ’98 courses include:

- Session 5 - Chat Rooms, Newsgroups and Internet Telephony • Thursday, April 2, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Fee: $30 (choose 3 sessions or more and pay only $25/each).
- Session 6 - Consumer Issues • Thursday, April 9, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Fee: $30 (3 sessions or more, $25)
- Session 7 - Security & Legal Issues • Thursday, April 16, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Fee: $30 (3 sessions or more, $25)
- Sessions 8, 9 & 10 - Marketing on the Web • 3 Wednesdays, April 15, 22 & 29, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Fee: $90
- Family Homepage • 5 Tuesdays, April 21 & 28, May 5, 12 & 19, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Fee: $125 - (1 parent & 1 child, additional family members, $55 each)
- MS Word • 4 Wednesdays, April 1, 8, 22 & 29, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Fee: $90
- Introduction to Computer Networking • 3 Tuesdays, April 14, 21, & 28, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Fee: $75
- MS Excel • 4 Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20 & 27, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Fee: $90
- MS PowerPoint • 4 Wednesdays, June 3, 10, 17, & 24, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Fee: $90
- Create Your Website Using FrontPage • 4 Thursdays, May 7, 14, 21, & 28, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Fee: $90
- Introduction to J AVA • 5 Tuesdays, March 31, April 4, 13, 20 & 27, 6 - 9 p.m. Fee: $175
- Personal Financial Planning Series: Session # 1: The Stockmarket: How to Win the Losers Game. Session # 2: To Buy or Not to Buy, That is the Question. Session # 3: Personal Portfolio Management. Session # 4: Personal Finance on the Web. 4 Mondays, March 23 & 30, April 6 & 13, 7 - 9 p.m. Fee: $90
- Therapeutic Touch, An Interesting Alternative • 2 Tuesdays, March 31 and April 7, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Fee: $30

Check out our brochure and contact us to register or to share your suggestions for future course offerings. Course fees shown indicate rates for Alumni, Faculty, Staff and Senior Citizens.
Internationally renowned astronomer and author Clifford Stoll will address graduates at the college's 24th annual commencement exercises at the Utica Memorial Auditorium on Saturday, May 9.

For the first time, the college will conduct a morning ceremony, with the procession beginning at 10 a.m.

Stoll, arguably the most colorful and flamboyant contemporary high technology guru, proudly wears the crown of "cyber skeptic."

An astrophysicist and astronomer, through his insatiable curiosity -- and some would argue, his compulsive nature -- he authored one of the most critical entries in the short, but eventful, history of cyberspace.

While working as a systems manager at Lawrence Berkeley Lab at the University of California at Berkeley, Stoll discovered a 75-cent accounting error. That discrepancy alerted him to the presence of an unauthorized user of the computer system. Stoll's search for the intruder, who had deceptively and discretely maneuvered through a maze of military and research computers, led to an international spy ring that sent shockwaves throughout security and intelligence organizations throughout the world.

Stoll spent an entire year tracing the careful computer tracks of the high-level hacker and uncovered that the intruder used a variety of methods, some more sophisticated than others, to enter computers and collect critical data. Some strategies were as simple as guessing passwords; others included exploitation of software bugs, and the creation of bugs programs. Stoll's search through computer networks all over the world, led him to Hannover, Germany, where he found a hacker linked to an agent in Pittsburgh. The startling discovery was of a spy ring that sold computer secrets to the KGB for cocaine and tens of thousands of dollars. That ring was broken in March 1989 and Stoll was acclaimed an American hero on the cover of major newspapers across the country.

His experience also led to his book, The Cuckoo's Egg: Tracking a Spy Through the Maze of Computer Espionage, that quickly vaulted to the New York Times best-seller list. Part of the path Stoll followed was to try to convince the Central Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation that there existed a serious threat to military computers and the confidential data contained within their systems. After more than a year, the agencies believed Stoll.

Looking more like an anti-establishment 1960s protestors than the person who uncovered an international espionage plot, Stoll's first book contains all the suspense of a classic spy novel in dealing with what many have called the most important security issue of the 1990s. His talk to graduates proves to be inspirational and entertaining.

Also receiving an honorary degree at this year's commencement will be Oneida Indian Nation federal representative Ray Halbritter.

John A. Falcone, who served as vice president for administration at the college since 1990, retired this past February.

The Alumni Association will officially name Falcone an honorary alumnus at Fall Fest '98 in September.

Falcone was responsible for the overall administration and management of the college's business and financial affairs and served as vice chair and executive officer of the college Auxiliary Services Corporation. He also was chief executive officer and vice chair of the Institute Foundation.

Prior to his tenure at the Institute of Technology, Falcone served for nearly 20 years as vice president for finance and treasurer at Lafayette College in Pennsylvania. He also spent six years as the controller at Colgate University.

In 1995, Falcone received the Distinguished Business Officer Award from the National Association of College and University Business Officers. The award is the association's highest tribute and recognized Falcone's outstanding achievement in the field of business and financial management in higher education. A long-standing member of NACUBO, at one time Falcone served as president of that organization.

School Adds Finance Concentration

By Donald Drew

Because of the continual excitement generated by Wall Street finance, the hottest field in the world today, according to Sanjay Varshney, Ph.D., assistant professor of finance at SUNY Utica/Rome and a chartered financial analyst. Partly for that reason, SUNY Utica/Rome has added a concentration in finance to its master of science in business management.

Finance is also a very lucrative field, according to Dr. Varshney. The average salary for a person holding a bachelor of science is $35,000. If a person has an MBA from one of the top 20 business schools that number goes up to a range of $90,000 to $120,000. A chartered financial analyst or portfolio manager enjoys a base salary of $250,000 to $500,000 annually with bonuses of $1 to $2 million, he said.

"Most people looking for an MBA concentrate on accounting or finance, but our degree will be more attractive," Dr. Varshney said. He believes SUNY Utica/Rome is a better choice for three reasons. First, the college is state-supported, therefore, tuition is more affordable than at most private schools. Second, the campus is centrally located, and, finally, Dr. Varshney believes the college has a more marketable degree.

"Unlike most campuses, the credentials are on this campus," he said. "The finance program is not taught by adjuncts. Our instructors are credentialed to teach these courses. All of our instructors have Wall Street experience. That is what makes us more marketable."

Dr. Varshney, who also coordinates the finance program, will be teaching the majority of courses. To satisfy the concentration requirements a student must complete five finance core courses, including finance management problems, investment strategy, financial institutions and markets, portfolio management, and financial environments and strategies.

Students who have a non-finance or non-business bachelor of science degree and want to participate in this concentration, must successfully complete marketing, accounting, computer usage, business statistics, finance, and organizational behavior. Dr. Varshney said to make requirements reasonable for potential students in this category, one-credit-hour modules were being developed to help determine if students would require the three-credit-hour courses.

Professors Talk Business on TV

Dr. Varshney and Edward A. Petronio, assistant professor of management at SUNY Utica/Rome are featured on a television show that deals with individual investing and personal finance.

"The World of Finance," a half-hour program produced at SUNY Utica/Rome's on-campus studio, airs in the Utica area on Harron Communications cable channel 34 on Mondays at noon and again at 6:30 p.m.; on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.; Thursdays at 10 a.m. and again at 7:30 p.m.; on Fridays at 2 p.m.; and Saturdays at 2 p.m.

The show is designed for individual investors and covers terminology of investing. Viewers will learn about stocks, bonds and other financial instruments.

The shows are moderated by Mike Chalmers, the money editor at the Observer Dispatch in Utica, and Linda Murphy, money reporter at the O-D.

Dr. Varshney said that he and Dr. Petronio are planning to answer viewers' questions, submitted by phone, mail or e-mail. Viewers can contact the show at The World of Finance, c/o Instructional Resources, SUNY Utica/Rome, P.O. Box 3050, Utica, N.Y., 13504-3050; by calling (315)792-7180; or by e-mail at finance@sunyit.edu.
Wildcats Enjoy Stellar Campaign

SUNY Utica/Rome’s men’s basketball team enjoyed an outstanding 1997-98 season, ending with the Wildcats finishing second in the SUNY Athletic Conference and placing two players on the league’s first-team all-star squad. The Wildcats, who finished 8-7 in the conference and 15-9 overall, lost in the first round of the SUNYAC tournament at the Utica Memorial Auditorium to eventual champ Geneseo. Despite that setback, ’97-’98 was a season highlighted by outstanding play, especially from the Wildcats’ two all-stars, Eric Redner and Doug Caldwell, both junior forwards. Also, senior guard Eddie Bocca, was named as a SUNYAC honorable mention team. Redner, a powerful presence on the court, was also named an Eastern College Athletic Conference player of the week during the regular season.

It was a season of high expectations for the men’s squad, who were ranked first in the SUNYAC preseason poll and began with seven straight victories. Despite some disappointments along the way, Coach Kevin Grimmer’s team, often outmanned, challenged every opponent and enjoyed a successful campaign.

Randall Leads Lady Wildcats

The Lady Wildcats, in Coach John Randall’s first season as head women’s basketball coach, ended the year with a 2-13 SUNYAC record and 5-19 overall. Although the women did not qualify for post-season play, the Lady Wildcats regularly showed up among SUNYAC’s statistical leaders. Sarah Schiavone, a senior, was among the top three rebounders each week and was also a consistent scoring threat for the Lady Wildcats.

Coach Randall will have another challenge next year, after losing six seniors, including four starters, to graduation.

### Spring Schedules

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Cathryn Jones Barns has joined the dermatology practice of Dr. DeLasko as a nurse practitioner. Cathryn is also an assistant professor of nursing at SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome.

Bob Brenchley, of Herkimer, N.Y., assistant vice president and manager of the North Herkimer branch of Herkimer County Trust Company, is now managing both Herkimer offices. He graduated from the NYS Banks' Association Consumer Credit School at West Point. He is a member of Herkimer County Community College's foundation board.

Harold Hutton has joined Herkimer Area Resource Center as the director of finance and purchasing. Prior to accepting this position, he was the chief financial officer of the Reconstruction Home. Harold, originally from Herkimer, N.Y., is married and has two children.

1978

Maura Farrell Miller, of Jupiter, Fla., earned her doctorate in nursing from the University of Miami. She is employed at the Veterans Administration Hospital in West Palm and as a gerontological nurse practitioner. She serves as national president of the Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs. She is married and has a daughter.

Robert Lounsbury has been named branch manager for Amsterdam Savings Bank. Robert formerly worked for Fleet Financial Services. He and his wife, Peggy, reside in Gansevoort, N.Y.

Sharon Scheckel, of Schenevus, N.Y., has been named as supervisor of Bassett Healthcare’s New York City Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health. She has worked for the center since 1994 coordinating their Farm Family Health Hazard Surveillance Study.

1979

Alban J. Uryniak, of Whitesboro, N.Y., was promoted to sergeant by the City of Utica Police Department. He has been with the department since 1982. He served as Oneida County deputy sheriff from 1980-82 and is currently a captain with the Army Reserve’s 414th Civil Affairs Battalion. Alban and his wife, Audrey, have three children.

1981

Stephen Diehl has been promoted to sales manager at Control Experts, Inc., Utica, N.Y. He joined the company in 1995 as project manager. He previously worked with CED Baldwin Hill, and Matter, Evans and Diehl.

1982

Edward Hirt has been appointed as director of human resources at United Helpers Organization. Edward previously served as administrator of United Helpers Nursing Home in Ogdensburg for fifteen years. He is on the Board of Directors of the NYS Health Facilities Association where he serves on many committees. He is currently on the Advisory Council of Canton College of Technology. Edward and his wife, Judy, reside in Ogdensburg, N.Y., with their daughter.

Carmen Paone, of Amsterdam, N.Y., has been named vice-president for long term care services at Canton-Potsdam Hospital. He will serve as a member of the hospital management team, as well as administrator of the Community Nursing Home of Potsdam. He previously held positions at Herkimer Memorial Hospital, Valley Health Services, Amsterdam Memorial Hospital and Riverdale Nursing Home. He serves as vice-president of the New York Chapter of American College of Nursing Home Administrators. Carmen and his wife, Beverly, have a daughter, Erica.

1983

Navy Lt. Cdr. Roy Geberth is currently deployed to the Mediterranean Sea aboard the dock landing ship USS Ashland. His ship departed its home port of Little Creek, Va., in October 1997 and has had the opportunity to visit Israel, Italy and Turkey. Roy joined the Navy in February 1984.

Aldo Troiani, of Youngsville, N.Y., has met the professional certification requirements of the American College of Health Care Administrators. He is administrator at Roscoe Community Nursing Home. Aldo has been a New York State licensed nursing home administrator since 1984. This certification identifies and honors nursing home administrators who are performing at a level well above the average of their profession.

1984

Ray Atteri, of Herkimer, N.Y., is an evening adjunct faculty member at the Utica School of Commerce. He is a technology transfer counselor at the New York State Small Business Development Center. Ray has an MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Rafael Barros, of Miami, Fla., is employed by American Express TRS, Company International. He is senior manager and regional internal control coordinator of the Latin America and Caribbean Division.

Todd Fletcher, of Vestal, N.Y., earned his MBA from Binghamton University in May 1997. He is employed at IBM as the corporate accounting manager of U.S. payroll and benefits operations.

Mary Anne Hill, of West Winfield, N.Y., has joined the Utica School of Commerce main campus as an adjunct faculty member. She was formerly associate dean and an instructor at the Blake Business School in Manhattan.

Barbara Matteson, of Ilion, N.Y., has joined the Heritage Home as the director of social services. She has more than ten years of experience in long-term care and outpatient services.

David Morrier was ordained into the priesthood on November 29, 1997. He recently served as a deacon at St. Joseph Church, Hermon, N.Y. He joined the Third Order Regular Franciscans in August of 1990, and holds a master of divinity degree from Washington Theological Union.

1985

Antoine Abdallah, of Waterville, N.Y., received his master’s degree in business administration from Syracuse University in June 1997. He is the general manager and chief operating officer of the Atlanta and Oklahoma City subsidiaries of ENDOV. ENDOV is a leading health care EDI Corporation. He has more than 12 years of information technology and health care experience. Antoine previously worked as vice president of information services for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Utica/Watertown.

Linda Quarrier Culyer has joined the St. Elizabeth Network of Community Health Centers. Linda is a nurse practitioner and will work at both the Mohawk, N.Y. and Utica, N.Y. locations. She was previously employed as a nursing instructor at St. Elizabeth College of Nursing. She resides in New Hartford, N.Y., with her husband and three children.

1986

David Schafer, of Deerfield, N.Y., has been named to the Directors’ Council of Smith Barney. The directors’ council is comprised of the top five percent of Smith Barney’s domestic sales force. David has been in the financial services industry for ten years.

1987

Fred Zuccala has joined Keuka College as director of financial aid. He has been working in the area of financial aid for over 25 years. He was previously financial aid director for clients including Central City Business Institute and Mohawk Valley Community College.

1988

Raymond Beck has been promoted to the rank of fire lieutenant. He is an eight-year veteran of the City of Utica fire department. He holds certifications as an emergency medical technician and a hazardous materials technician. He and his wife, Phyllis, have two children.

Robert Borgolini has been named a partner in a new consulting company, Dynamics Inc., in Chantilly, Va. The company provides the commercial industry with engineering services and business solutions in the fields of telecommunications and information technology. He previously worked at IT Research, Rome, N.Y. Robert has a master’s degree in business from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

1989

Robert Hayes, of Amsterdam, N.Y., is employed as a hazardous waste engineer at KAF, Inc.

1991

Pat Delaney, of Rome, N.Y., is employed as personnel/office manager at Snelling Personnel Services.

1992

Glenn Allen has joined Keanee, Inc., Syracuse, N.Y., as a consultant. Glenn is vice president of public relations for the Empire Statemen Toastmasters Club.

Stephen Golembiowski, of Utica, N.Y., earned the Chartered Life Underwriter professional designation from The American College in Pennsylvania. Candidates for this designation must complete a rigorous curriculum of study and 20 hours of supervised examinations. In 1997 he also received the Chartered Financial Consultant designation for The American College.

Alissa Sollitto, of Johnson City, N.Y., is working as a manufacturing engineer at Amphenol Interconnect Products.

1993

Kevin Alder is employed as a financial analyst at Waukesha Cherry-Burrel in Wisconsin.

Andrew Bierman has been named voluntary benefits manager at Bullock Company Financial Services, New Hartford, N.Y. He is responsible for the expansion and administration of employee-paid benefits products for...
local and national accounts. Andrew has earned his health insurance license and is pursuing his life insurance license.

Dominick Ciraco, of Brooklyn, N.Y., is working as a systems analyst at Xerox Corporation.

Kristen Lappin has been promoted to assistant vice president for Research and Development at the State Employees Federal Credit Union. She has been with the company since 1993, most recently as a market research manager.

Elaine Massaro, of Clifton Park, N.Y., has been named director of the diabetes center at Northeast Health. She has been a diabetes instructor at Albany Medical since 1992. She has held positions at Saratoga Hospital, Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital and the Visiting Nurses Association of Buffalo.

Brian Mauro, of Utica, N.Y., has been named an account executive for institutions at Dean Witter. He specializes in marketing, managed funds, stocks, bonds, annuities and insurance for both individuals and businesses.

Courtney Wellar, formerly of New Hartford, N.Y., recently graduated from Albany Law School. He was the recipient of an award given to a graduate of the school who demonstrates the greatest potential in the area of corporate law and taxation. He will be working with a law firm in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Lori Zagarrelli is employed at Liberty Resources in Oneida, N.Y.

1994

Deborah Burke was promoted to chief operations officer at Zogby International, Utica, N.Y. Zogby International is a polling, research and development firm. She was previously employed by General Electric and Rome College.

Gladys Vidor, of Rensselaer, N.Y., is president of PURETRECARE, Inc.

1995

Rebecca (Reggala) Alder is employed as an intake/marketing coordinator at Wisconsin Partnership Program. She lives in Janesville, Wisconsin.

Karl Hahn, formerly of New York Mills, N.Y., has been named network manager for Citiforce. He will manage several local area networks for CITIBank North America in the western New York region.

J. Timothy Kane, of Eagle Bay, N.Y., has joined Smith Barney as a financial consultant in the firm’s Utica branch. He has been in the financial services industry for two years. He was most recently with Merrill Lynch as a financial consultant.

Adam Pareek, of Cicero, N.Y., has joined the Utica School of Commerce. He will be teaching in the Cantonana Business Research Program. Adam is a tax accountant at KPM Peat Marwick LLP, Syracuse, N.Y. He was formerly a staff accountant at Green and Stetter CPAs.

Jean Vanacore, a family nurse practitioner, is now working at the Roxbury Health Center and Mountainaire Residential Care Center, Mountainaire, N.Y.

Rebecca Wittman was promoted to managing editor at Zogby International, Utica, N.Y. She writes and edits reports, surveys and other materials. She has been with the company since 1993.

1996

Glen Cooper recently completed and passed his nursing home licensing boards. He will now be working as administrator of the Kinney Nursing Home, Governor, N.Y. He was previously assistant administrator at E.J. Noble.

Kathleen Alonte, of Franklin, N.Y., is a community consumer service assistant at the Resource Center for Independent Living. She was previously employed at the Center as a waiver support worker.

Linda Forth, of Canastota, N.Y., has been appointed human resources/place/realment coordinator at the Utica School of Commerce. Her time and duties will be divided between the main campus in Utica, N.Y., and the Canastota branch.

Susan Furmanski, of Utica, N.Y., is employed as a computer scientist at HI Research Institute, Rome, N.Y. She will be programming components to be used in automotive simulators.

Daniel Leinbach, of Spencer, Mass., has joined MCI Northeast One Center as a Technical Specialist 1.

Melissa Lupe, of Troy, N.Y., has joined CT. Male Associates P.C. as a senior development design engineer in electronics and land information services division. She will prepare foundation plots/plans, subdivision maps, and boundary/topographic maps. She was previously employed as a designer at Stewart’s Ice Cream Corporation.

Carin McGuire, of Herkimer, N.Y., has joined Technical Design Associates as a computer design and drafting specialist. She is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and served as an engineering aide for the Air Force Material Command at Rome Laboratory.

Shirin Rashid has been hired as a systems assistant at Zogby International, Utica, N.Y. She will assist the systems administrator in the implementation and maintenance of computer hardware and software, as well as data reporting.

Engagements

Robert Cerra ’90, of Endicott, N.Y., is planning to marry Kimberly Grant on August 29, 1998. Robert is an electrical engineer for E/KIN Engineering Services, Blue Bell, Pa.

James Robillard ’90, is engaged to marry Shan Pierce on July 11, 1998. Jim is employed by Philips Technologies, Clifton Park, N.Y. A September 12, 1998, wedding is planned.

Shawn Sprague ’97, of Whitesboro, N.Y., is planning to marry Laurn Marcas on December 19, 1998. Shawn is a telecom analyst III at AFSA Data Corporation.

Christopher Stark ’97, is engaged to marry Jennifer Bowser. Chris is a research engineer for Organon Teknika, Dunham, N.Y.

Richard Strom ’97, of Rotterdam, N.Y., is engaged to marry Krista Lucas. Richard works for Pacific Industries. A July 1998 wedding is planned.

Weddings

Elaine Sholett ’82, married Michael Grant on July 11, 1997. Elaine is the director of clinical services and occupational medicine at Lewis County General Hospital. They reside at Black River, N.Y.

Michael Spina ’84, and Sherr Vilete were wed on August 14, 1997. Mike is a coordinator at Nortel Networks. He is employed in Fuquay Varina, N.C. Information Technology. They make their home in Frankfort, N.Y.

Carol Batincich ’85, married David Yates. Carol is a programmer/analyst at MCI. They reside in Indian Head, Md.

Richard Signorino ’85, wed Mayne Spaito on June 14, 1997. Richard is employed by Defense Logistics Agency at Harris RF Communications. They live in Rochester, N.Y.

Barbara Balster ’86, and Gary Guertin were married on November 1, 1997. Barbara is a nurse practitioner at OB/GYN Associates of Utica. They reside in Sherrill, N.Y.

Mark Bon ’86, married Antonette Placodocaste on July 26, 1997. Mark is a staff accountant at Reinhard and Fitzgerald. They live in Whitesboro, N.Y.

Marilyn ’86, and Jon Lavery were wed on August 23, 1997. Marilyn is assistant director of medical records at Lockport Memorial Hospital. They reside in Midlopet, N.Y.

David Toussaint ’87, wed Hollie Moller on August 16, 1997. David is employed by Jyk Display. The couple resides in Oby, Denmark.

David Brzezowski ’88, married Peggy Havel on October 11, 1997. David is an engineer for Cellular One in Syracuse, N.Y.

Tammy Hyer ’88, and David Hines were married on October 11, 1997. They make their home in San Diego, Calif.

Barb Schrollen ’88, married Fred Spicer on July 15, 1997. Barb is employed as a registered nurse in the electrophysiology lab at St. Joseph’s Hospital. The couple resides in Liverpool, N.Y.

Kelly Beaton ’90, and James Seaman were married on June 12, 1997. Kelly is employed by the office of Drs. Garbo and Ento. They are residing in Trumansburg, N.Y.

Jane Kendall ‘90, wed Vincent Barrese on May 16, 1997. Vincent is employed as a pilot and a commercial pilot. They reside in Rome, N.Y.

Nancy O’Reilly ’90, married Mark Caseltini on October 11, 1997. Nancy is a vocal music teacher at Catholic Central High School. They reside in Delmar, N.Y.

Carl Ruffalo ’90, and Shari Liplin were wed on October 11, 1997. Carl is a mechanical engineer at New York Air Brake. They live in Watertown, N.Y.

Stephen Schoeneck ’90, wed Krist Yacano on June 28, 1997. Stephen is a claim representative for an insurance company. They reside in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Michele Smorol ’90, married Randolph Baum on August 29, 1997. Michele is a case management preceptor at Osten Health Services. They live in Liverpool, N.Y.

James Tubinis ’90, of Houns頓, N.Y., married Stacey Ryalson on August 30, 1997. Jim is a member of...
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