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Governor, Chancellor
Make it Official: Freshmen are Coming

It was “standing room only” in Café Kunsela on March 7, as Gov. George Pataki and SUNY Chancellor Robert L. King joined President Peter J. Cayan and the area’s elected officials for the announcement: the expansion of SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome from a two-year college to a four-year college. The move, Pataki told the gathering of faculty, staff, students and other members of the SUNY Utica/Rome family, will “allow the Institute to become an even greater asset for promoting high technology job growth and economic development in the Mohawk Valley.”

The transition of the SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome to a four-year college also represents the first time in SUNY’s 53-year history that the Mohawk Valley will be home to a four-year State University.

With officials from both Mohawk Valley Community College and Herkimer County Community College present for the announcement, Chancellor King said the three institutions will work together to offer distinct and complementary degree programs. “This cooperation and diversity of educational opportunity are perfect examples of the University’s commitment to world-class higher education in the 21st century.”

Chancellor King and President Cayan recently signed a “Memorandum of Understanding” that details the procedures necessary for the mission change to occur.

The Institute of Technology was established in 1966 as SUNY’s only school for college juniors and seniors to meet the needs of graduates of two-year colleges who wanted to extend their professional and technical education. As the only public institution to offer bachelor’s and master’s degrees in the Mohawk Valley, SUNY Utica/Rome works closely with nearby Mohawk Valley Community College and Herkimer County Community College. Many students from the two community colleges continue their academic careers at SUNY Utica/Rome.

The Governor and Chancellor said SUNY Utica/Rome’s distinctive programs, integration of liberal arts education in technical and professional programs, and state-of-the-art campus – the newest in the SUNY system – make the Institute of Technology an important part of the SUNY system and an economic asset for the region.
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Alumni Reflections...

Special Reunion Year for Classes of ’80, ’81, ’96, ’97

How often do we find ourselves saying “I’ll make it back to campus one of these days”? Well, there’s no time like this year: Fall Fest 2001 will be here soon!

This is an exciting time to be a SUNY Utica/Rome alumnus. With the announcement by Governor Pataki regarding the expansion of some programs to four-year and the construction of the new state-of-the-art library now is the time to renew your ties with your alma mater. Fall Fest 2001 is a great time to return to campus to enjoy some of the activities we have planned for the weekend.

Friday night is Talent Nite, with alumni, students, staff, and faculty competing for cash prizes. Saturday features the Presidents’ Brunch, an alumni baseball game, lacrosse and soccer for the kids, and a tour of the F.X. Matt Brewery, along with a 10-year reunion for Residential Advisors.

Saturday evening’s Alumni Association Annual Awards Dinner in Café Kunsela highlights a special cluster 20-year reunion for the classes of 1980 and 1981, and a 5-year reunion for the classes of 1996 and 1997. Alumni awards will be presented to members of the celebrating classes.

Saturday night’s entertainment includes comedian Buzz Sutherland, voted “Comedian of the Year” by the NACA in 1998-2000, and Casino Night: a chance to try your luck at real gaming tables with free chips and special prizes.

So, if you’ve ever said “I’ll go back to campus one of these days,” mark your calendar now for Fall Fest 2001, Sept. 28-30. Hope to see you there!

Tracy Pratt
Alumni & Parent Relations Officer

The Transition Begins

Now that “the freshmen issue” is public knowledge, what happens next? While some work has already been done, a great deal more must be accomplished before the first class of incoming freshmen arrives in fall 2003.

“The next couple of years will be a wild ride for all of us,” says Ron Sarner, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs. While freshmen will be a relatively small factor in terms of overall enrollment—150 to 200 the first year out of 2,600 full- and part-time students—Sarner says the move to four-year programs is a milestone for the institution, and one that will require significant research and planning.

To make the move a success, Sarner, President Peter J. Cayan, and other members of the Enrollment Management Committee have begun the process of choosing one or more consultants to work with the Office of Admissions and other offices on campus; the firms chosen by the Committee and Executive Council will do the market research and offer various other kinds of expertise necessary to make the transition.

The firm or firms will work on and off campus with various groups (including the area’s community colleges) and individuals to help determine what four-year programs will be launched, with what level of selectivity, how the Institute of Technology can best recruit freshmen while continuing to attract transfer and graduate students, and what resources will be needed to ensure success.

Alumni Reflections...
The SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome Alumni Association traditionally recognizes the outstanding achievement of the Institute's most distinguished graduates through the Alumni Recognition Program. These awards pay tribute to those persons who best exemplify their alma mater's high standards of excellence and service. Please assist the awards committee in identifying individuals who qualify for the following awards.

**Distinguished Service Award:**
The Distinguished Service Award is given to members of reunion classes to recognize extraordinary service to profession, community, and alma mater.

**Honorary Alumnus Award:**
The Honorary Alumnus Award grants honorary 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.

**The Alumni Humanitarian Award:**
The Alumni Humanitarian Award honors alumni whose humanitarian involvements clearly set them apart. It is awarded at the discretion of the board when appropriate.

The Alumni Association expects to recognize at least one graduate from the classes of 1980 & 1981, and 1996 & 1997 at the Alumni Association Annual Awards Dinner to be held during Fall Fest 2001, Sept. 28-30.

To nominate an individual for one of these awards, please complete the form below (you may nominate yourself). Upon receipt of your nomination, we will notify nominees and invite them to support their nominations. Selection of award recipients will take place before Fall Fest 2001; and, you will be notified of the committee's decision. Please submit your nomination(s) by August 15, 2001, to the:
Alumni Awards Committee
College Relations & Development Office
SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome
P.O. Box 3050
Utica, NY 13504-3050

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**2001 Nomination Form**

**Type of Award:**
- [ ] Distinguished Service
- [ ] Honorary Alumnus
- [ ] Alumni Humanitarian

**Name** ____________________________________________

**Address** ____________________________________________

**Phone (home) __________________ (work) ________________**

**E-Mail (home) __________________ (work) ________________**

**Employer** ____________________________________________

**Employer Address** ____________________________________________

**Position/Title** ____________________________________________

**SUNY Utica/Rome Degree(s)** ____________________________

**Promotions, Awards, Achievements, etc.** ____________________________

**Community Activities, Service Club Membership(s), etc.** ______

**Family Information (marital status, children, etc.)** ____________

**Other (class information, etc.)** ____________________________
Piped in by the Mohawk Valley Frasers, hundreds of graduates, faculty, and staff in regalia took part in the ceremony and celebration of Commencement 2001. The 27th annual commencement ceremony took place May 5. State Senator Raymond A. Meier addressed the class of 2001, their parents, family and friends at the Utica Memorial Auditorium.

Meier represents New York's 47th State Senate District, comprising most of Oneida County, all of Lewis County, and parts of Herkimer and St. Lawrence Counties. A native of Rome and a lifelong resident of Oneida County, Meier was first elected to the Senate in 1996. He was Oneida County Executive from 1991 to 1996; an Oneida County Legislator from 1986 to 1991; Corporation Counsel for the City of Rome from 1980 to 1983; legislative counsel to his political mentor, the late Senator James H. Donovan, from 1978 to 1980; and, Deputy Onondaga County Attorney from 1977 to 1978. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in political science and a Juris Doctor degree from Syracuse University.

In addition to the degrees conferred upon the class of 2001, the family of the late F.X. Matt II accepted a posthumously-bestowed Distinguished Service Award. The DSA is presented annually by SUNY Utica/Rome to a person in the community who has contributed in extraordinary ways to his or her profession and to society. Also, two employees of the Institute of Technology received Chancellor's Awards: James H. Morey, associate professor in health services management, for Excellence in Teaching; and Edward A. Hutchinson, director of financial aid, for Excellence in Professional Service.
Before driving an hour to campus, Steven M. Schneider, SUNY associate professor of political science, begins his day in a Cherry Valley farmhouse with his wife, Laura, and daughters: Addy, 7, and 3-year-old twins, Marlise and Avery. Then, he feeds the animals: Baby, a Jersey cow; Barney, a Newfoundland/Black Labrador mix; Monte, a Jack Russell terrier; the cats: Rosie, Sky, Spike and Gaches; Pumpkin, a guinea pig; and seven geese.

Despite living on 58 acres in a Greek revival-style house the Schneiders had built to resemble their 1860s barn, Schneider is no farmer. Although he relishes country living in his wife’s hometown, his work life has propelled him from Capitol Hill to CNN to computer labs.

Born and raised in Levittown, Pa., Schneider, 41, went to George Washington University as a journalism major. “I was a Woodstein baby,” he explains, citing Washington Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, who broke the Watergate story.

After completing a sophomore year internship in Congressman Peter Kostmayer’s office on Capitol Hill, however, he changed career direction. “In college, I had the joy of taking abstract data and being the first to know something,” he recalls during an interview in his Donovan Hall office near new computer labs. Combining his love of research and politics, he chose an academic career instead.

At the University of Pennsylvania’s Annenberg School of Communication, he earned a master’s in 1989, writing his thesis on the telegraph. In 1997, he earned a Ph.D. at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, studying American politics and communication technology. At M.I.T.’s media lab, he worked on emerging communication technologies, examining how the Internet fosters political participation.

Along the way, Schneider spent a summer as a White House intern and worked for the Department of Energy, pitching conservation stories to script writers. “It was government propaganda for a good cause,” he says. He also worked as a telecommunication consultant in Cambridge, Mass., for two years.

In 1991, SUNY Utica/Rome hired Schneider as an assistant
professor of political science. In 1998, he became a tenured associate professor. Typically, Schneider teaches three classes: American public policy; American politics and communication technology; and a new graduate course beginning this fall: ethical and legal issues in the information age.

If the pace is slower here than in Washington or Cambridge, Schneider prefers it. “It’s a comfortable and collegiate atmosphere here. It’s more relaxed,” he explains.

Although he no longer works in the epicenter of politics, Schneider remains connected to it through teaching and research. In 1992, his students studied national political candidates. “That January, I got students interested in knowing the players,” he says. Former Governor Jerry Brown appeared at SUNY, addressing students in the auditorium and through studio hook up on campuses across the country. “We had a great day,” Schneider recalls.

He also organized local political debates, gathering candidates for State Assembly, State Senate, House of Representatives, district attorney and mayoral races. “It was a good service,” he says one he hopes to reactivate, focusing on candidates overlooked in local news coverage.

That service may have to wait. Schneider's immersed in a bigger project. In January, he returned from a year-long sabatical: six months in Philadelphia and six months at SUNY, directing Megabyte Politics.

Working with Helsinki-based colleague Kirstin Foot, Schneider and 20 undergraduates and graduate students studied the role of the Web in 2000 elections. Using archiving, observing, coding and interviewing, the team amassed Web data, organizing their observations into four categories: mobilization, persuasion, co-production and carnival elements.

The last category Web site jests and insults reveals the lighter side of politics. “Increasingly, politics has become less fun than it ought to be,” Schneider notes during a February lunch hour slide talk on Megabyte Politics.

One less-than-fun moment occurred on election night 2000. The computer system crashed, wiping out three days’ coverage. Still, Schneider insists, he amassed a mountain of information. “We have plenty to talk about. We have a compelling story to tell,” he says.

That telling began with his election night appearance on CNNfn, discussing politics and the Web. It continues with conference papers in Strasbourg, France, Washington, D.C. and, possibly, in Minneapolis. He and Foot are also considering publishing a book or two.

Did the Web make a difference in election 2000? According to Schneider, yes and no. “It gives people an opportunity to participate in politics in a way they can’t in other media,” he said. In this capacity, the Web was “a significant player,” he added.

According to Schneider, 90% of journalists work online, producing Web-influenced stories. Although no one has been elected yet based on Web information, Schneider doesn’t rule out the possibility in the future. “By the 2008 election, we’ll see a very large proportion of citizens using something that resembles the Internet,” he says.

Ellen Portnoy is a Utica-based freelance writer.
Thank you for pledging your financial support, during our annual Phonathon, to SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome for the 2000-2001 academic year. The annual support of alumni and parents makes a profound difference in the education of our students.

Gifts from alumni and parents assist in furthering the mission of SUNY Utica/Rome. Additionally, the level of support demonstrated by alumni and parents is an important factor in foundation and corporate philanthropic decision-making. Your personal investment in the Institute makes possible the high quality programs that have been the hallmark of the SUNY Utica/Rome experience.

The money is used to:
• fund emergency student loans and scholarships;
• purchase classroom and laboratory equipment;
• support faculty initiatives and technology upgrades;
• underwrite special academic lectures and programs.

This year, alumni have made pledges totaling close to $100,000 and parents have made pledges totaling close to $20,000. YOU’VE TAKEN THE FIRST STEP! Making a pledge to invest in the students of SUNY Utica/Rome is a great start and we are very grateful for your commitment.

It’s now time to turn all those generous pledges into cash! I hope that by the time you read this, you will have already fulfilled your pledge, but in case you haven’t let me urge you to do so.

Our goal is to minimize the cost of repetitive “reminder” mailings and to maximize the potential of your gift. Also, we want to thank you for your support and not barrage you with unwanted mail.

By fulfilling your commitment today, you put your funds to work right away on behalf of the students. With the end of the fiscal year approaching, time is running out!!! Please give this your immediate attention. All gifts received by June 30, 2001 will be recognized in this year’s Honor Roll of Donors.

If you have already made payment on your pledge, please accept our sincere thanks!

Once again, thank you for demonstrating your belief in the ongoing mission of SUNY Utica/Rome. Rest assured that you are investing in an Institute with momentum. The SUNY Utica/Rome of the future will owe a debt of gratitude to you and the other alumni and parents who invest in the Institute. If you have any questions about your commitment or our records, please call (315) 792-7113 or send an e-mail to foundation@sunyit.edu. Thanks again!

Sincerely yours,
Francine A. Cronin
Director of Development

P.S. If your employer matches gifts to education, please let us know; it can double or even triple your gift’s value to SUNY Utica/Rome.

On April 6, more than 50 MVCC and HCCC students visited the SUNY-Utica/Rome campus for Visitation Day. The annual event gives students thinking about transferring upon graduation a chance to tour the campus and meet with representatives from the Admissions, Financial Aid and Career Services offices. Programs and services at SUNY-Utica/Rome were highlighted along with a question/answer period for student concerns. The program was coordinated by the Admissions Office.
Alumni Spotlight

Pattie Mythen’s “Millionaire” Trip

“Two million Americans call every day the phone lines are up, in hopes of getting a chance to live out a dream,” according to ABC’s “Who Wants To Be A Millionaire” Web Site. SUNY Utica/Rome Computer Information Systems graduate, Patricia (Patti) Mythen ’91, was one of those Americans who had tried for over a year to have her chance of becoming a millionaire.

“I was hysterical when I got the call,” recalls Mythen. “I couldn’t believe I had been chosen and had to leave Wednesday.” Patti received the phone call one Friday night at work, “I knew no one else would be calling me that late,” said Mythen. She was right, a representative from the show was calling to inform her that she had indeed been selected to come to New York City for her chance of becoming a millionaire.

She couldn’t believe she had actually been selected on her first time making “Round Two.” In “Round One,” the potential contestants call in and answer three questions. Those who answer them correctly are entered into a drawing and ten people are selected randomly for “Round Two.” “Round Two” winners must answer five questions correctly and must be available on short notice to appear on the program. If selected for the “On-Air Program,” they fly you and a guest to New York. In Patti’s case, the show had four call-in dates; from those four dates ten people were chosen. She was one in 160 people competing to make it to the “On-Air Program.”

She didn’t have much time before leaving for New York and tried not to “over-cram.” She did read a lot of magazines and newspapers to build her knowledge about current event issues and pop culture. She also brushed up on her geography skills.

She and her husband, Patrick Mythen, a 1991 SUNY Utica/Rome graduate, flew to New York that Wednesday and went sight-seeing a bit before having a relaxing dinner. Bright and early Thursday morning they were chauffeured off to the Manhattan studios for the taping. Arriving at 7am, Patti was in for a long day. At 1 p.m., they were allowed to leave and unfortunately Patti didn’t get in the “hot seat,” but it was an experience she will never forget.

Patti is currently employed with the Bank of New York, in Syracuse, as a program analyst. She and her husband are building a house in the Syracuse area and hope to be relocating later this year.

“I was hysterical when I got the call,” recalls Mythen.
Recent Events

Alumni Open Swim was held on Sunday, January 21. Fifteen alumni and family members enjoyed an afternoon swim in the Olympic-size pool.

Defensive Driving Course was held on Saturday, February 3. Twenty-seven alumni and family members attended the six-hour training course which was conducted by the National Safety and Training Institute. Members attending received a certificate for reduced insurance premiums or a reduction of points.

Networking Night in the Big Apple was held at FIT (Fashion Institute of Technology) on March 14. Forty-five alumni enjoyed an evening of networking with current SUNY Utica/ Rome alumni. Guests enjoyed tours of The Banak of New York and The Museum at FIT as part of the event.

Career Services Alumni Week was held March 19-22. Alumni Week, a specially-designed, week-long series of workshops co-sponsored by the Alumni Relations Office and Career Services was held in an effort to address the career planning needs of SUNY Utica/ Rome alumni. Workshops began with an open house and concluded with a workshop on salary negotiation. Alumni Week was so successful last year, we hosted a similar event for alumni seeking career planning advice.

Spring Alumni Reception was held at The Hook, Line & Sinker on April 2. Alumni gathered with members of the college community to celebrate spring! Guests enjoyed light refreshments.

Upcoming Events:

May

Syracuse-area Alumni/Networking Night will be held on May 23 at the Wyndham-Syracuse, located at 6301 Route 298, East Syracuse, N.Y. Please join alumni and employers from the Syracuse area for an evening of socializing and networking. Please RSVP by May 18 by calling the Alumni Relations Office, (315)792-7113 or e-mail alumni@sunyit.edu.

June

Stocks, Bonds and Money Talk 101 will be presented June 7, 6-8 p.m., Café Kunsela, by the dean of the School of Management, Dr. Sanjay Varshney, and by Dr. Edward Petronio, associate professor of management. The program will explore investment terminology, key stock market indicators, planning techniques, and strategies for portfolio management. Please RSVP by May 25 by calling (315) 792-7113 or e-mail alumni@sunyit.edu.

August

Albany-area Alumni Networking Night will be held August 14, 6-8 p.m., at the Albany Marriott, 189 Wolf Road, Albany, N.Y. Join alumni and employers from the Capital District for an evening of socializing and networking. Bring your business cards and resumes to exchange. Please RSVP by August 10 by calling the Alumni Relations Office, (315)792-7113 or e-mail alumni@sunyit.edu. We hope you can join us!

September

Fall Fest 2001 will be held September 28-30. Please join us as we celebrate a 20-year cluster reunion for the classes of 1980, 1981 and a 5-year reunion for the classes of 1996 and 1997. The weekend events include a Talent Nite, Presidents’ Scholarship Brunch, Alumni Baseball Game, Alumni Association Annual Awards Dinner and a 10-year reunion for Resident Advisors. We hope you can join us!
Michael Palmieri '79 of Concord, New Hampshire, is the recipient of the Council for Health and Human Service Ministries 2001 Servant Leader Award, the top award for CHHSM Member Chief Executive Officers. For the past three years, Palmieri has been President and CEO of Havenwood-Heritage Heights, a ministry that provides services to the aging.

Michael is a “hands-on” administrator, known for his personal interest in and involvement with all residents. For example, using his office computer, Michael demonstrated the power of technology to skeptical residents, persuading many to use computers to connect with family and friends.

Michael's personal touch extends to members of the staff, whom he empowers to achieve excellence in their work. Central to this is a commitment to the mission and goals of the organization, and development of a team approach. He has created an environment where discussion of goals is open to all stakeholders, the annual budget process is an open forum with all departments involved in decisions and outcomes, and information is shared freely with residents and staff.

Michael serves on several boards of directors, including the CHHSM Board. He continues to be committed to personal and professional growth through participation in CHHSM’s Transformational Leadership Program.

The Servant Leader Award is presented annually to a deserving CEO chosen from among the nearly 500 CEOs at more than 340 CHHSM member organizations across the country. This year's presentation occurred March 3, at an annual awards dinner.

In these ways and more, Michael has contributed to the health and well being of persons at Havenwood-Heritage Heights and the wider community. Through his leadership, facility has become a caring, learning, giving and serving ministry.
What Skills Do Recruiters Seek?

What are the skills employers seek as they recruit new and experienced professionals? This question was asked in a survey of the 102 organizations represented at the October 2000 Career Fair. This survey, designed with the help of Lisa Calongne, assistant professor in the School of Management, asked recruiters to rate the importance of academic skills, professional competencies, and personal characteristics in their organizations’ selection decisions. Highlights of the survey results emphasize the importance of the following skills and characteristics:

- ability to learn;
- degree-specific knowledge;
- computer skills;
- problem solving skills;
- team member skills;
- personal characteristics (e.g., honesty, motivation, flexibility, work ethic), and enthusiasm.

Moderate to Strong Labor Market Persists

Speculation over the future of our economy has grown rampant with the perceived threat of a recession. The labor market, however, can still be characterized as moderate to strong. Recent surveys, conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers and Michigan State University, indicate the following trends:

- The continuous introduction of new technology in the workplace has altered the staffing patterns of nearly all businesses by increasing the demand for highly skilled, adaptable workers.
- Rapid growth continues in service employment particularly in retail, financial services, and food and lodging services.
- Manufacturing is more cautious but jobs are available in five major industries: printing and publishing, machinery and equipment, electronics and electrical equipment, instruments, and apparel.

Suggested Resources for Researching Job Opportunities and Employers

- Internet
- Commercial career Web site
- Job postings in Career Services
- Corporate Web site
- Career/job fairs

Mark Your Calendar!

Career Fair
SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome
Thursday, October 11, 2001

Match Your Calendar!

Annual Fund Pledge/Gift Form (CONTINUED)

Institute of Technology Foundation at Utica/Rome, Inc.
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- Including the Institute in my Will or Trust
- I have already included SUNY Utica/Rome in my estate plans
- Other:

The fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30. Please send your gift by June 30 to ensure listing in the Foundation’s annual Honor Roll of Donors.

MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM

If you work for a company that matches gifts to higher education, you can double or triple the value of your contribution by following your employer’s matching gift procedures. Many companies match the gifts of spouses, retirees, and surviving spouses of retirees in addition to gifts from current employees. Please contact your personnel or human resources office for eligibility information and to obtain a matching gift form. Enclose the completed form with your contribution. We will verify your contribution and return the form to your employer, who will send the matching gift directly to SUNY Utica/Rome. We appreciate your efforts to maximize the available resources to ensure a bright future for SUNY Utica/Rome and its students.
Did You Meet Your Sweetheart at SUNY Utica/Rome?

If you met your spouse at SUNY Utica/Rome, we want you to tell us your story! We’ll share it with your fellow alumni on our Web site at: www.sunyit.edu/administration/offices/cred/alumni/sweethearts.

Please send your story to:
“Sweetheart Story”
SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome
College Relations & Development Office
P.O. Box 3050
Utica, NY 13504-3050

Remember to include year(s) of graduation, major, address, phone and e-mail. Please send photographs too (old and new)!
We’d especially like pictures of you and your spouse while you were students at SUNY Utica/Rome, a wedding photo, and a current photo (maybe even a family photo).

*Photos will be returned if requested.*

You can also e-mail us your story, and send the photos as attachments. To send us your story and/or view our current SUNY Utica/Rome Sweethearts scrapbook, please visit:

www.sunyit.edu/administration/offices/cred/alumni/sweethearts

If you have any questions, give us a call at (315) 792-7113.

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**Membership Form**

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**Member Benefits:**

- Leadership Positions
- Library Privileges
- Computer account access\(^1\)
- Athletic facilities use\(^1\)
- Career Services support\(^1\)
- The Buyer’s Edge — consumer buying service
- Hertz Rental Car discounts
- Social and special events discounts
- Cellular One discounted phone service
- Liberty Mutual Insurance discount program

\(^1\)Cost for computer privilege is additional. \(^2\)Cost for athletic membership is additional. \(^3\)Costs may be associated with some services.

**MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Name ____________________________ Class Year _________
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Friday, September 28

6:7:30 p.m.
Registration
Campus Center, Upper Lobby

6-10 p.m.
Kid’s Night Out
Campus Center, Gymnasium
All kids ages 8-14 are invited! A unique chance for kids to have a great time in a big gym and pool, and for parents to have a terrific time at Fall Fest 2001. Some of the possibilities for the kids include: basketball, volleyball, whiffleball, swimming, videos, dodgeball and more. Cost is $6 per child, $4 for each additional child from the same family. Contact Kevin Edick at 792-7520 to register your child.

10 a.m.
Presidents’ Scholarship Brunch*
Campus Center, Dining Hall
The Presidents’ Brunch will kick-off the day with a plentiful menu in the Campus Center Dining Hall. You are the guest of President Peter J. Cayan; Janet Ciccarelli, President of the Alumni Association; Jerry Talerico, President of the Utica/Rome Student Association.

8 p.m.
SUNY Utica/Rome*
Talent Nite 2001
Kunsela Hall, Auditorium
Join members of the SUNY Utica/Rome community as contestants compete for cash prizes!

Saturday, September 29

9 a.m.
Alumni Association Annual Meeting
Campus Center, Multipurpose Room
All alumni are invited to attend this annual meeting of the governing board of the SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome Alumni Association.

2:30 p.m.
Residential Life 10-Year Reunion (Tentative)
“The Varick”, Varick Street, Utica, NY
Join Residential Life Advisors in celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Residential Life program at SUNY Utica/Rome. Re-live special “SUNY Utica/Rome Moments.”

6 p.m.
Alumni Association Annual Awards Dinner*
Kunsela Hall, Café Kunsela
Highlights of the dinner include a special 20-year cluster reunion for the classes of 1980 and 1981, and a 5-year reunion for the classes of 1996 and 1997. Awards will be given to members of the celebrating classes.

11 a.m.
Residential Life Barbecue*
Alumni Pavilion
Join members of the Residential Life program as they “wrap up” the alumni weekend. Stop by for good food and good conversation.

Information will be available for the following attractions:
• Baseball Hall of Fame
• Adirondack Scenic Railroad
• Boxing Hall of Fame
• Turning Stone Casino
• Utica Zoo
• And Much More!

* These events have limited seating.

How to Register (on opposite page)

Please check the events you wish to attend, enclose your check payable to the College Association and return this form to Conference Planning, SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome, P.O. Box 3050, Utica, NY 13504-3050. Registration fee is $5 per person, $10 per couple or $15 per family. Registration fee includes admission to all campus events during Fall Fest 2001 weekend.
Alumni Association Seeks Board Members

The SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome Alumni Association is seeking interested alumni to serve on the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is composed of dedicated supporters of the college, who offer assistance and suggestions for alumni programming. Members of the board work with the Alumni Relations Office to keep communications open with all constituent groups, create beneficial programs, seek advice from leaders among alumni, and work to further the college’s goals.

The Alumni Association meets four times a year on the campus. Meetings are held on Friday evenings at 5:45 p.m. The Alumni Association annual meeting takes place during Fall Fest Weekend, usually in the morning. The current board consists of:

**Officers**
Janet Ciccarelli ’75 -President
Annette Guido ’85-Vice President
Teresa Burton ’99-Secretary
Scott Gorgas ’91-Treasurer

**Directors**
Glenn Allen ’92
Chip Hadity ’84
Scott Nonemaker ’96
Michelle Manning ’99
Allen Styno ’84
Dennis Coughlin ’95
Frank Mahar ’79
Bruce Carrozza ’84
Jerry Talerico-URSA Representative

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please contact Tracy Pratt at (315) 792-7110 or e-mail alumni@sunyit.edu. Elections take place during the annual meeting which will be held this year on Saturday, September 29.

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**2000-2001 Phonathon Partners**

SUNY Utica/Rome would like to thank the following merchants for their support of the 2000-2001 Phonathon. These local businesses generously donated - gift certificates, movie passes, tickets, coupons, vouchers, gift baskets, etc. These items were used as incentives for our student-callers during our Annual Alumni & Parent Phonathon. The prizes were a welcome addition to this year’s program and helped us to raise more than $100,000. The money raised will be used to fund scholarships, emergency student loans, faculty and staff development and many other valuable programs.

If you are interested in becoming a “Phonathon Partner”, please call (315) 792-7113 or e-mail foundation@sunyit.edu.

This list includes all donors from July 1, 2000 through March 26, 2001. If we have omitted, misspelled or misplaced your name, please accept our apology and notify the College Relations and Development Office, (315) 792-7113, so we can correct the error.

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**Registration Form**

Please make reservations by Sept. 14, 2001

I will be attending Fall Fest 2001 as an/a:  (check one)

- Alumnus
- Faculty/Staff
- Parent
- Student

- Other ___________________________________________ (please specify)

Name __________________________________________________________

Name of guest(s) ________________________________________________

Class ________________________ Major ____________________________

Address ________________________________________________________

Phone Number: Home (       )________________________________________

Work (       ) ________________________________________

E-mail address __________________________________________________

A limited number of seats are available for some events. Please indicate events you wish to attend and number attending.

Number Attending Events:

- Talent Nite 2001
- Presidents’ Scholarship Recognition Brunch
- Matt Brewery Tour
- Alumni Association Annual Awards Dinner
- Residential Life BBQ

Registration fee: $5 per person; $10 per couple; $15 per family; free for SUNY Utica/Rome students

Total amount enclosed: $ _______________________

Please register by Sept. 14, 2001

Charge Authorization

- VISA
- MasterCard Card # __________________ Exp. Date _______

Authorization Signature & Date ___________________________________

Please make checks payable to the College Association
2000-01 Alumni Game

The 2000-01 Wildcat alumni game pitted the “Blue Team” (above) against the “White Team,” (below) as 35 former Wildcats took part. White beat Blue, 114-110. Alumni players attended a pair of Wildcat basketball games versus SUNY Fredonia, followed by a reception for current and former Wildcats.
Class Notes

1977
Connie Ostrander Delfino, who is married to Thomas Delfino ’78, is the assistant to the principal of Newfield Central School.

1979
Patricia L. Martinson Newland, a professor in nursing at Broome Community College, is the recipient of the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching.

1983
Albert Brandenburg has been promoted to manager, manufacturing engineering and production operations at Inficon, Inc.

1984
Leonard Popyack was this year’s recipient of the Basic Research Award of the Air Force Research Laboratory Information Directorate in Rome, N.Y.

1985
Annette Guido has been named sales and marketing supervisor at Coyne Textile Service in Syracuse, N.Y.

1986
Scott Mahardy has joined Herkimer County Trust as vice president of operations. He is responsible for leveraging technology and growth, and overseeing several departments.

1987
Wells Horton is employed at Procter & Gamble.

1988
James Hanna ’88 was part of the Air Force Research Laboratory IFTC team winning two of four awards at the 2000 HPC Games Challenge in Dallas. The Challenge was to “build the fastest supercomputer possible for $10,000 or less.” The award was presented at the IEEE Super Computing 2000 conference in November 2000.

1989
Alfred Leonetti is employed at Edgecombe Department of Social Services. He supervises the adoption, foster care, and child protective services unit.

1990
Angela Belmont has been appointed president of the Infection Control Association of the Mohawk Valley. She is employed by Faxton-St. Luke’s as an infection-control coordinator.

1991
Scott Campbell has accepted a position as director of administrative services & operations for ValueOptions in Boston, Mass.

1992
Robert Rosati is a AIEWS Software Project Manager at Lockheed Martin NE&SS – Syracuse, N.Y.

1993
Matthew Neuman is an attorney at Loguidice & Kamrle, CPAs PC. Matthew has graduated from Syracuse University College of Law and was admitted to the New York bar on January 23, 2001.

1994
Eve Cullinan (Carricato) is the administrator at Trinitas Hospital in Elizabeth, N.J.

1995
Melissa DeJohn has been appointed community coordinator of The Mohawk Valley Coalition for Tobacco Concern. She will be responsible for media relations, public relations, marketing, organizing CTC meetings and programs and communication with state field representatives.

1996
Christa Ackerman is a pharmacy analyst at MVP Health Plan.

1997
Craig Townsend works for Compaq in the server QA testing area.

1997
Peter Thayer is a reference and access services librarian at Marietta College in Marietta, Ohio. He was married to Anne Clarien, Oct. 16, 1999.

1998
James Rafferty is employed by United Parcel Service.

1999
Joseph Oczkowski has established his own law practice specializing in Intellectual Property (Copyrights, Trademarks & Patents), Product Liability, Personal Injury, and other legal areas.

2000
Margaret O’Shea has been named senior program officer at The Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties.

2001
Tony Priest is employed at DART Communications as their operations manager.

2002
Craig Townsend works for Compaq in the server QA testing area.
Elizabeth Youngs has been named nurse manager for the intensive rehabilitation unit on the Faxton campus.

1998
Dat Huynh is a junior engineer in the plumbing department at Robson & Woese, Inc.
Adam J. Passalacqua has joined the David C. Luck, CPA PC firm as a professional accountant. He will serve the business community and will prepare various types of tax returns.
Marion Walker has been appointed to the main campus day faculty of the Utica School of Commerce.
Clare Snow was named administrator of St. Joseph’s Home, Ogdensburg, N.Y. St. Joseph’s Home is an 82-bed skilled nursing facility and the only Catholic long term care facility in St. Lawrence County.

1999
Nicholas Laino has joined the Utica School of Commerce faculty.
Gary McGuigan is employed at MCI Worldcom as a network engineer in Cary, N.C.

2000
Charles Crawford is a junior engineer in the electrical department at Robson & Woese, Inc.
Paul Finocchiaro was appointed financial advisor with American Express Financial Advisors, Inc., a nationwide financial planning and service company.

Engagements
Leon Kozol ’80 and Kelly Hawse. A May 19 wedding is planned. Leon is a lawyer in Utica, N.Y.
Laurence John Feasel ’91 and Lori Froehler. An Oct. 27 wedding is planned. Laurence is employed with the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office.

Daniel Silverman ’91 and Judith Bloom. A June 3 wedding is planned. Daniel is a social worker at Central New York Developmental Disabilities Service Office.
Shell Engesser ’92 and Peter Feisthamel. A summer wedding is planned. Shell is a correction counselor at the Department of Corrections.
Jodi Bravo ’93 and Eric West. A spring wedding was planned. Jodi is an accountant in accounts payable at the Savings Bank of Utica.
Theresa Buehler ’93 and Thad Adams. An Oct. 12 wedding is planned. Theresa is a technical representative at Stedman and Garger Associates.
William DeMatte ’93 and Melanie Regan. A June wedding is planned. William is a business analyst for Worldcom.
Robert Maggio ’93 and Michelle Jacobs. The wedding is planned for June 9. Robert is employed with SAS Institute Inc. in Cary, N.C.
Gregory McReynolds ’93 and Denise Cooper. A June 2 wedding is planned. Gregory is employed with Trenton Technology, Inc.
Joseph Oczkowski ’93 and Aimee Mallory.
Darryl Osborn ’94 and Kelly Isom. A June 9 wedding is planned. Darryl is employed at The Arc of Oneida-Lewis Counties.
James Potter ’94 and Casey L. Hansen. An April 7 wedding was planned. James is employed as a golf professional by the Sagamore Golf Club.
Elaine Blauvelt ’95 and Jason Pauley. An April 21 wedding was planned. Elaine is a computer programmer at Naval Space Command in Dahlgren, Va.
Jennifer Thomas ’95 and Todd Wilson. A Dec. 31, 2000 wedding was planned. Jennifer is employed at Rinehard & Fitzgerald, CPAs, PC.
James Bednarczyk ’96 and Maura Cashman. An August wedding is planned. Jim is a civil engineer specializing in structural design. He is associated with Almy and Associates, Consulting Engineers.
Joseph Pompeii ’96 and Susie Ray. A Sept. 1 wedding is planned. Joseph is an engineer for Verizon Communications.
Richard Woodland, Jr. ’96 and Kathleen Renwick. An April 7 wedding was planned. Richard is a customer service representative at United Healthcare.

Luigi Fiorini ’97 and Carrie Overocker. An Oct. 27 wedding is planned. Luigi is employed with Plug Power in Latham, N.Y.
Antonino Randazzo ’97 and Shirley Graf. An August 18 wedding is planned. Antonino is the owner of Capri Pizzeria, Yorkville, N.Y.

Jennifer D’Alessandro ’98 and Daniel Phillips. A Sept. 29 wedding is planned. Jennifer is the manager at McHarris Gifts, New Hartford, N.Y.

Michael Delahunt ’98 and Mandy Kennedy. A Sept. 1 wedding is planned. Michael is employed at Network Data Systems.

Tammy Croniser ’99 and John Appler. A May 18 wedding is planned. Tammy is a service coordinator at Madison County ARC.

Megan Miller ’98 and Jason Leone ’99. A February 2002 wedding is planned. Megan is employed with the New York State Cancer Registry and Jason works for Einhorn, Yaffee and Prescott.
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Erik Gronowski ’98 and Cassandra Cooke. A July wedding is planned. Erik is a crew chief employed by Colorado State University Archeologists at Fort Drum.

Daniel Sovocool ’99 and Stacie Backus. A Jan. 6 wedding was planned. Daniel is an engineer at Commodore Machine Co. in Canandaigua, N.Y.

David Corrigan ’00 and Sarah Allred. A September wedding is planned. David is employed by the New York State Department of Transportation.

Tonya Nill ’00 and Russell Miller. An Oct. 20 wedding is planned. Tonya is employed with Utica National Insurance Group.

David Petteys ’00 and Jennifer Wilder. A Dec. 1 wedding is planned. David is employed by the New York State Police.

Weddings

Tina Cook ’87 and John Burns, July 29, 2000. Tina is a quality engineer at Xerox Corp., in Webster, N.Y.

Kelly Kohl ’88 and Lynn Winske, Sept. 3, 2000. Kelly is employed by the State Unified Court System.

Susan Burke ’90 and Thomas M. LaFountain.

Catherine Drake ’89 and John Mulcahy ’90. Catherine is an engineer at Carrier Corporation and John is an engineer at New Venture Gear.


Shari Acquilla ’93 and David Simon, Oct. 7, 2000. Shari is a blood donor specialist for American Red Cross, Albany, N.Y.

Christopher Lange ’93 and Billie Sue Gillette, Oct. 7, 2000. Christopher is a manager at Old Navy.

Fernando DiLello ’94 and Rosangela Pitino, Aug. 19, 2000. Fernando is a senior network engineer with Nextel Communication, White Plains, N.Y.


Stacey Smith ’94 and Christopher Lally, Sept. 30, 2000. Stacey is employed by Environmaster International in Rome, N.Y.

Carlos Vargas ’94 and Anne Davis, Aug. 25, 2000. Carlos is a packaging engineer at Tyco Healthcare.

William Giglio ’95 and Jacqueline Luhita, Oct. 27, 2000. William is a service technician lead.

Kimberly Chuchey ’95 and Steven Gibbs, June 20, 2000. Kimberly is an assistant controller at Logical Net Corporation in Albany, N.Y.

Danielle LaMontagne ’95 and Nicola Lamanna, Oct. 28, 2000. Danielle is employed at the Specialty Surgery Center of Central New York and Wegmans.

Karen Marie Montopoli ’95 and Heath Light, May 20, 2000. Karen is employed with the United States Postal Service in Utica, N.Y.

Michael Chapman ’96 and Jeray Mantle, Nov. 18, 2000. Michael is employed by PRIMUS Financial Services in their management program. They live in Nashville, Tenn.

Charles DiDonato ’96 and Gina Kistner, June 30, 2000. Charles is a software engineer for Keane in Albany, N.Y.


Lisa Natarelli ’96 and Guy Julian ’94, June 10, 2000. Lisa is employed by the MONY Group and Guy is employed with Computer Science Corp.

Michael Pytko III ’96 and Laura Downham, July 29, 2000. Michael is a data network designer.


Kristine Fisher ’97 and John E. Jantzi, Aug. 5, 2000. Kristine is a network administrator at Harris Beach LLP in Rochester, N.Y.

Lisa Koniowka ’97 and Daniel Lewza, July 28, 2000. Lisa is employed by the Eddy Visiting Nurse Association in Troy, N.Y.


Amanda Cerrillo ’98 and Robert Allison ’97, Sept. 2, 2000. Amanda and Robert are employed at the Jewish Community Center, Utica, N.Y.

Martha Zaida Harvey ’98 and Jeffrey Lucear, June 10, 2000. Martha currently practices midwifery at Bassett Healthcare, Cooperstown, N.Y.


Melissa Murphy ’98 and Michael Thompson, Oct. 24, 2000. Melissa is employed at PAR Technology in New Hartford, N.Y.


Susan Cruz ’99 and Michael Chipman, Sept. 16, 2000. Susan is a registered nurse employed by Crouse Hospital, Syracuse, N.Y.


Michael McCaffrey ’99 and Tracy Sheldon, Aug. 12, 2000. Michael is employed by Carrier Corporation in Syracuse, N.Y.

Melissa McSweeney ’99 and Markus Muckey, June 10, 2000. Melissa is employed with St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center.

Cheryl Petty ’99 and David Chomycz ’99, July 1, 2000. Cheryl is a registered nurse at the Lovely Hill Nursing Home and David is an engineer with the New York State Department of Transportation.

Eric Redner ’99 and Jessa Rollman. Eric is a financial analyst at the Bank of America.


Suzanne King ’00 and Robert Shaffer, Aug. 19, 2000. Suzanne is a caseworker at Oneida County Family Services.

Nora Miller ’00 and Christian Hadlock ’00, Aug. 4, 2000. Nora and Christian are employed at St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center, Utica, N.Y.

Marianne Staggs ’00 and Eric Piekielniak, June 10, 2000. Marianne is employed at United Cerebral Palsy.

Rosanna Sticca ’00 and Eric Linder. Rosanna is a corporate accountant at Basloe, Levin and Cuccaro, Ltd.

NEW ARRIVALS

Ryan James Creamer, Aug. 11, 2000, joining his brother Keegan. His parents are William ’92 and Koren Creamer ’92.

Cal Richard Cullinan, February 23, 2000. His mother is Eve (Carricato) Cullinan ’94.


DEATHS


Marilyn Patricia Mcliesh ’87 on December 2, 2000.