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Alumni Spotlight
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Author, Teacher, Curator
One member of the faculty new to SUNY Institute of Technology is making her mark in graphic design.

Class Notes
Find out what your fellow alums have been up to.
Starting with Talent Nite, Fall Fest weekend was a big hit for hundreds of alumni, students, family, and friends. The last weekend of September has become a tradition for the college family, with events such as the Presidents’ Scholarship Recognition Brunch, the Alumni Association Annual Meeting, Casino Night, and the annual Alumni Association Awards Dinner bringing old friends and new to the campus.

“Talent Nite,” a talent contest that was a big hit with contestants and the audience alike last year, returned with a variety of acts—from music and dance, to comedy and more. The top three winners were Elisa Fernandez, 1st prize ($500); Eric Wilcox & Eric Sarner, 2nd prize ($250); and, Antonius Rivera, 3rd prize ($125). With family members and fellow students on hand to watch the competition, Kunsela Hall auditorium was full on Friday night. For those who missed this event, plans are already underway for next year’s Talent Nite.

The entire array of events that make up Fall Fest weekend gets better each year. Mark your calendar now for Fall Fest 2002, Sept. 27-29!
A sampling of photos from Fall Fest 2001 events including Talent Nite, the Presidents’ Scholarship Recognition Brunch, and the Alumni Baseball Game.
Alumnus Crosses Borders to Fulfill a Vision

by Ellen Portnoy

David Caldwell loves skate sailing on Lake George. What’s it like, skimming over black ice at 40 miles an hour? “It’s a thrill. It’s you against the world,” Caldwell explains.

For now, it’s a thrill that Caldwell, 43, has put on hold. He’s taking on a new challenge: organizing a group of Christian youth camps in Moralia, Mexico, called “Retiros Y Campamentos Con Aventura A.C.” (Retreats and Camps with Adventure). Caldwell and his wife, Karen, are missionaries, working with Elim Fellowship, a worldwide revival group. In October, the Caldwells and their six children, ages 4 to 15, left the New Hope Church parsonage in Oneida, N.Y., for a 30-hour trip to Dallas. Then, they drove 11 hours to the Mexican border, and another 16 hours to Moralia in Central Mexico.

The missionary life is hardly what Caldwell envisioned. He grew up in Rexford, N.Y., outside Schenectady, on a 60-cow, fifth generation dairy farm. Up at 4:30 a.m. daily to feed livestock and fix machinery, Caldwell—and his three brothers—expected to become farmers. None did.

One day, in the family’s music room, his mother told Caldwell he didn’t have to take over running the farm. “It let me loose,” he recalls. Caldwell remembers that his father, a pillar of Clifton Park Center Baptist Church, prayed regularly. “That’s how I caught the values and vision of what I’m doing now,” Caldwell says. Today, the farm is “still a tight home place,” he adds.

In high school, Caldwell learned leadership skills from teacher Frank Basil. “I was put in roles of responsibility, and he walked us through,” he recalls. Caldwell served as president of the 120-member Future Business Leaders of America.

Although he considered studying horticulture, Caldwell instead majored in business management. In 1980, he earned an associate’s degree in data processing and marketing from SUNY Cobleskill. In 1983, he earned a bachelor’s degree in management from SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome. In the mid-80s, he acquired math certification and business credits from Siena College and Schenectady County Community College. He also earned a master’s degree in human resource leadership from Azusa Pacific University.

In 1984, Caldwell taught math and science to middle and high school students at the former Marcy Christian School while his wife, a nurse working at St. Luke’s Memorial Hospital Center, saved her salary. In June, they left for Papua New Guinea, a large island north of Australia.

For 11 months, the Caldwells worked as volunteer Bible translators, along with Karen’s missionary parents. Caldwell recalls New Guinea as a gorgeous, tropical place where he explored caves and coral reefs. “It was the most exciting thing I ever done,” he remembers. After that experience, the Caldwells decided to become missionaries.

Despite his zeal, Caldwell has encountered setbacks. Four years ago, he and his wife became ill—first with Hepatitis A, later with Epstein-Barr disease. Throughout this period, the church community helped care for their children. A Texas Sunday school class took on the Caldwell family, celebrating birthdays and bringing bicycles. Healthy since June, Caldwell admits he still must be careful. Yet, he values this difficult period because it gave him time to read and develop the camp project. “I can look back and see enrichment and character development,” he explains.

In Mexico, Caldwell envisions his job as a facilitator, helping Mexicans develop Christian
children’s camps for 9 to 16-year-olds. He’ll use his customized computer for on-line registration. “People need to feel ownership,” he says. “It requires someone to bring their needs and abilities together.” If interest builds, he hopes to hire a Mexican administrative assistant to help run seven camps.

The Caldwells are not new to the region. In 1995, they attended language school in Mexico City to learn Spanish and work with a church “planting team.” That experience intensified their desire to return to launch the camp project.

Despite his optimism, Caldwell admits to fears for his family’s safety. Kidnapping is uppermost in his mind. Homeschooled in this country, the Caldwell children may attend public or private schools in Mexico. Disaster plans are in place: the Caldwells are prepared to leave Mexico on a day’s notice.

Every two years, they’ll return to the States for a three-month summer visit, or Caldwell will return alone for one month. He predicts it’ll take 20 years until the camp belongs to Mexicans. As for Caldwell, he plans to stay in Moralia as long as needed.

“I have no Plan B. It would dilute what I’m doing. I’m here to give my life, if it takes that,” he says.

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Your mailbox is probably filled, as is mine, with appeals for contributions. We shuffle through the stacks of letters, and an earnest and persuasive request usually gets our attention. We respond with support.

Seven years ago, when I was hired as Director of Development and Executive Director of the Foundation, I accepted responsibility for encouraging SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome’s many constituencies to support the Institute’s Annual Fund. As the holidays approach each year, I think about why so many people respond so freely and generously to the Institute’s appeals for funding.

You know that in an era of tightening resources and rising costs, the Institute needs help to continue to provide students with academic programs of the highest caliber. Your contributions are investments in education that will be returned many times over during the 21st century, as the Institute prepares men and women to go forth in their careers.

Your support of the Annual Fund is urgently needed to help ensure that these students get a first-class education that has been synonymous with SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome.

Last year, gifts to the Annual Fund totaled approximately $360,000. This money enabled the Institute to provide scholarships, purchase books for the library in all subject areas, enhance campus safety, attract excellent faculty, and fund special opportunities throughout the Institute.

Today I ask that you consider making a pledge of $25, $50, $100, $250, or even $1,000 and a first payment against this pledge by year end. The balance of such a pledge could be paid on or before June 30, 2002. Regardless of what you choose to pledge or give, you will help us maintain the quality of education for students attending SUNY Utica/Rome.

Please know that any support that you can provide will be gratefully accepted. Gifts of cash, checks made payable to Institute of Technology Foundation, Visa or MasterCard and gifts of appreciated real estate, stocks or bonds are accepted. Please call me in the College Relations and Development Office at (315) 792-7113 if you have questions or would like to make special gift arrangements.

As Director of Development & Alumni Relations, I believe the support of education is one of the soundest and most responsible investments you and I can make. I hope you agree. Please join me, during this holiday season of giving, by making the largest gift or pledge you can to the SUNY Utica/Rome Annual Fund.

I wish you the very best for the holidays.

Yours sincerely,

Francine A. Cronin
Director of Development & Alumni Relations
Endowment funds are like blocks of granite. They last...and last. And one way you can extend your influence into the future is by “carving your name” in an endowment fund at SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome.

Generations from now, the leadership and staff at the Institute of Technology - and the people they serve - will benefit from your foresight and generosity. They will see your name on your endowment and know that you once walked the hallways of our campus, and that you cared enough to support our ongoing mission.

You can create an endowment in your own name or you can memorialize a loved one or someone else who has strongly changed your life for good, such as a professor, spouse, parent, or trusted friend. An endowment can provide scholarships for students, support an academic program, or provide funding for ongoing campus priorities.

Endowments can be established now, while you are alive, so that you can begin to see the smiles on the faces of students who benefit. You can use cash, securities, real estate - almost anything of value. Or you can arrange for an endowment to be established through your will.

Some people do both. You might consider establishing an endowment now, so you can watch it grow and enjoy the satisfaction of seeing your gift benefit others. You can add to the investment each year with Annual Fund gifts and encourage family members and friends to get involved. As you begin the estate planning process, through your will, you can make a provision for a final and often larger contribution for the same or other purpose.

One reason for establishing an endowment now is to have in place a means whereby friends and loved ones can tangibly express their thoughtfulness during bereavement. Being able to give to something permanent that represents your ongoing influence and priorities can mean a lot to the people who are close to you.

When you establish an endowment, you accomplish several things: You express confidence in the future of the Institute of Technology; you create a lasting legacy; you encourage present and future leadership; and you make a difference!

You can also request a meeting with the Director of Development & Alumni Relations at your convenience to discuss the possibilities. This process is conducted in the strictest of confidence.

Carving your name in “granite” may be one of the most important things you do for yourself, your family and for future generations of students. If you are interested in learning more, please send in the form below or call (315) 792-7113.

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Please contact me about a personal visit. The best time to call me is:_______________.

I have already named the Institute in my will or estate plan. Enclosed is a copy of the declaration naming SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome as a beneficiary.

I have already named the Institute in my will or estate plan. I would like to share this information with you. Please contact me.

Name: _______________________________________________________
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I am a SUNY Institute of Technology:
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Other: _________________________________________________________
Room 1173, tucked into the corner of a suite of faculty offices on the first floor of Donovan Hall, is home to a new faculty member in the School of Arts & Sciences. She’s Dr. Wendy Siuyi Wong, assistant professor of graphic design.

A native of Hong Kong, Dr. Wong says she’s enjoying her new home. “I like it here very much so far,” says Dr. Wong. “My colleagues and my students are very friendly and helpful.” Dr. Wong also appreciates the campus accommodations, she says. She’s living in Mohawk Hall this semester, while she gets to know the neighborhood and acquires her New York State driver’s license.

With a B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University School of Design, Dr. Wong’s creative and teaching interests center on “the creative visual thinking process, the use of digital media in desktop publishing, digital publishing online... and exhibition curatorship.” Her work and her life have been closely intertwined over the last number of years; she began teaching full-time in 1997, finished her doctoral dissertation in 1998, served as a visiting scholar at Harvard University from 1999 to 2000, and was the Lubalin Curatorial Fellow at The Cooper Union School of Art in 2000.

She is the author of two books for Chinese readers, “Advertising, Culture, and Everyday Life I: Hong Kong Newspaper Advertisements, 1945-1970,” and “An Illustrated History of Hong Kong Comics,” both published in 1999. She is currently working with Princeton Architectural Press to produce an English version of the history of Hong Kong comics. “The translation requires more background information to explain Chinese culture to readers who are not familiar with it,” she says.


In addition to starting work at SUNY Utica/Rome this fall, Dr. Wong recently prepared for the opening of an exhibit at The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art in New York City. The opening of the show was delayed because of the terrorist attacks on September 11, but is now underway.
The show is entitled “Chinese Graphic Design towards the International Sphere,” and runs until December 1. Dr. Wong traveled to New York City for the opening reception in October, and gave a lecture on the development of Chinese graphic design. “The exhibition is one of the first to present a survey of Chinese Graphic Design history,” says Dr. Wong.

The show includes works from the Greater China region, including mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Macau. According to The Cooper Union, “The exhibition represents the culmination of her scholarship on Chinese graphic design and her work as the 2000 Lubalin Curatorial Fellow.”

To find the pieces showcased in the exhibition, Dr. Wong searched throughout the Greater China region, interviewing over forty different designers to learn about their creative paths and to collect their work. In Beijing and Shanghai, she found propaganda posters from the 50s and 60s, and uncovered a shop that sold old magazines. In Taiwan, she found graphic art dating from the 1980s; she was unable to find earlier works. “Hong Kong was easier,” she says, because it is so culturally rich and because she is familiar with the area. She tried to assemble pieces that show the transformation of culture as illustrated through cultural and historical images, without becoming bogged down by political or ideological bias.

Dr. Wong’s interest in researching international communications and culture is a natural fit, she says, a culmination of her Hong Kong roots and her study of Western thought on communication and design. “Hong Kong is a mixture of Eastern and Western culture and religion,” she says, “So I think it helps me to look a little more objectively at other regions.”

The exhibit is at Cooper Union’s Herb Lubalin Study Center of Design and Typography, East 7th Street at 3rd Avenue; 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., Monday-Friday; noon-5 p.m., Saturday. A Cooper Union School of Art representative says the show is open for visitors, and that parking space around the campus has not been affected by the recent events. She did caution potential visitors to keep abreast of the travel limitations in effect around Manhattan, and suggested that visitors check current travel restrictions through New York City’s Web site, http://home.nyc.gov.

After attaining her bachelor’s degree in graphic design, Dr. Wong worked in the design industry for three years before returning to the Hong Kong Polytechnic University School of Design to continue her education in design theory and critique. She began teaching in 1995; she has compiled some of her favorite student work on her Web site, www.sunyit.edu/~wongw/home/wsywong/index.html.

Dr. Wong’s only regret concerning the pace of her life and work? She would like just a little more time to exercise.
More than two dozen students are helping “Plant the Seeds of Change” during this year’s Alumni/Parent Phonathon. The efforts of these students along with the generosity of alumni, parents, and friends help provide scholarships to students, assist faculty research and staff development, and offer opportunities to enhance student life.

During the fall portion of the Phonathon, Sept. 23 to Dec. 2, current students had the opportunity to discuss career and post-college experiences with alumni, and alumni were updated on the latest campus news and events. Each night, five nights a week, every caller made 80 - 100 calls, receiving pledges and updating alumni records.

The Planting the Seeds of Change Annual Fund Campaign will continue in the spring, from Feb. 3 to April 28, 2002. In order to be recognized in the Foundation’s Honor Roll of Donors, gifts must be received by June 30, 2002. Please remember your gift to this year’s campaign is an investment in the future of the Institute of Technology and regardless of size, will make a difference in the lives of our students.

This year’s callers include Ramadhani Amani, Francis Chimenti, Kyle Collegian, Anab Egal, Ian Fawcett, Anthony Florestal, Kelly Framarin, Christina Markoulis, Sarah McCoy, Nicole Misso, Mitsuko Muramatsu, Elba Nash, Jovanna Nivar, Prisleyda Nunez, Joseph Portipilo, Dan Powell, Nina Prumo, Celeste Scalzo, Jennifer Snell, Adam Stroud, Donovan White, and Stephanie Wilsey.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Office of College Relations and Development at 315-792-7113. Your support is deeply appreciated.

Helping us grow is only a click away!

We invite you to join alumni, parents, faculty, staff, and friends in helping SUNY Utica/Rome grow. With our new secure On-line Gift Form, making your gift or pledge payment to help “Plant the Seeds of Change” is easier than ever.

Log onto www.sunyit.edu/alumni/giving/online and make your gift to the 2001-2002 Annual Fund today. Your gift, regardless of size, really makes a difference and is greatly appreciated. All gifts received by June 30, 2002, will be recognized in this year’s Honor Roll of Donors.
Lending a Helping Hand: Alumni Student Mentor Program

You’ve been there. Remember when you were approaching your departure from school? Chances are good that you faced it with mixed feelings of pride in your accomplishments, fear of the unknown, and hope for your future. Better than any other person or group, our alumni understand the anticipation, fear and expectation that departure from SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome brings.

When you graduated, you were faced with many new questions, large and small, that needed answers. Perhaps your career decisions took you in directions you never planned or imagined. Many of these same challenges and decisions now face our emerging graduates. You could be one of the most important and valuable contacts a student makes as they face life after SUNY Utica/Rome. Why? Because you’ve been there, too.

The SUNY Institute of Technology Alumni-Student Mentor Program was created to assist current SUNY Utica/Rome students in making the transition from school to career through the valuable and varied experiences of our alumni. The program is entirely voluntary and is designed to allow the alumni mentor to choose the level of commitment, time, and energy they are able to contribute in assisting a current student.

Upon registering in the program, your mentor portfolio will be included in a directory in the Alumni Relations Office. We will refer to the directory in appropriately matching a student with an alumni mentor. The program is not intended as a job placement service for students, but as a network to provide a “first contact” for the student as they make the transition from school to career.

Please take a moment and consider how you could assist us in creating this network of SUNY Utica/Rome alumni with a special purpose. Simply fill out the form below and submit it to the Alumni Relations Office.

If you have any further questions on the program, please call (315) 792-7113 or e-mail alumni@sunyit.edu.

Thank you for your interest and participation in this program.

Alumni-Student Mentor Program Information Request Form

Please let us know how you would be willing to assist new graduates through the SUNY Utica/Rome Alumni-Student Mentor Program.

SERVICES YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PROVIDING
(Please check all that apply):

- [ ] Provide SUNY Utica/Rome students with general career advice and information about my career by becoming an Alumni Mentor
- [ ] Return to campus to participate in career training seminars
- [ ] Help identify placement opportunities such as:
  - [ ] Internships
  - [ ] Summer Employment
  - [ ] Permanent Employment

Please return this form to: SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome Alumni Relations Office
ATTN: Alumni-Student Mentor Program
P.O. Box 3050
Utica, NY 13504-3050
The holiday season is upon us and you are probably doing some last-minute shopping for friends and family. This year, give yourself a gift – give yourself the confidence that comes with being prepared and having a strategy in achieving your career goals.

Whether student or alum, currently employed or looking for a job, no one knows when career-related opportunities will materialize. It could be that promotional opportunity with your current employer that you have been waiting for. Or maybe it’s a position with a different employer that provides ‘just the challenge I’ve been looking for.’

Are you prepared? Do you have a strategy for pursuing this opportunity? When was the last time you sat down and conducted an assessment of your skills, interests, and abilities? Do you have a resume that is current and clearly reflects your career goals, skills, and accomplishments? Career Services is available to guide and counsel you in responding to these and other career-related questions and concerns.

### On-line Internship Plus Fair

Held for the first time last spring, the On-line Internship Plus Fair proved to be an excellent opportunity for students and alumni to search on-line for internship and full-time positions. More than 120 resumes were posted for employers to review in response to 52 listed positions. In order to enhance the visibility and importance of internships, two academic scholarships were awarded by Career Services last spring to students who secured internships for summer 2001. The fair this year is scheduled for March 1 through May 1, 2002. The fair presents a win-win proposition for both students/alumni and employers.

For employers, it allows for cost-effective method of reaching hundreds of potential candidates. Interested students and alumni send on-line resumes to employers; employers, in turn, can search the database for resumes. All this can be done without leaving the office. Career Services suggests alumni encourage their employers to consider SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome students when recruiting.

For students, the importance of internships is becoming more evident each semester. The opportunity to experience the practical application of those techniques and theories that were discussed during class is exciting. At the same time, students expand their knowledge of a chosen field or profession by working alongside people who have chosen to do this type of work as a career. In addition, an internship experience often can translate into a better starting salary in the job market.

For alumni, the ‘Plus’ part of the Internship Plus Fair is the full-time positions that are posted. Find a position that offers a new challenge, and/or is located in an area of the country to which you can relocate.

### Alumni Week

Plan to attend the programs scheduled for March 2002. Visit Career Services, meet staff and learn about our services, participate in practice interviews, develop a resume that does justice to your post-graduation career and experiences, and find out how to negotiate a better salary offer. Specific workshops and programs will be posted on the Career Services Web site in January with the opportunity to register on-line.
If you are an alumnus and have thought about giving something back to SUNY Utica/Rome, this is your chance. One aspect of Alumni Week that makes it so rewarding is the fact that alumni return to campus and participate in the delivery of workshops or other programs on behalf of Career Services. Plan to return to campus and share your expertise with fellow alums during Alumni Week.

Contact Career Services for more details.

**Interview Week**

Interviews for internships, full-time positions, on-campus recruiting—all efforts seem to intensify during the spring semester. Interview Week, to be held in March, will help students prepare for these events.

Effective interviewing workshops for new professionals, international students, and experienced professionals will be held. In addition, programs addressing effective salary negotiation, financial planning, and ethics in business are planned. The highlight of the week is “Interviewmania,” in which more than 40 students experience half-hour practice interviews with business professionals.

Once again, Career Services welcomes alumni to join us as we prepare students for the world of work. If you have a special area of expertise you would like to share with students during this week, or at any time during the semester, contact our office.

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**2001 Alumni Association Annual Awards Dinner**

**Distinguished Service Award**

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

**Class of 1980**

Joan M. Farmer, RN, is nursing informatics coordinator at Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare. She is active in the Iota Delta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society, serving as Research Day Committee Chair and Committee Treasurer. Joan is a member of the New York State Nurses Association, District 7. She has been a volunteer for the Special Olympics, Boilermaker Medical Crew (1988-2001), Festival of Trees (1998-2001), National Cancer Survivors Day (1996-2001), and Relay for Life (1996-2001). Joan is a frequent guest lecturer for the graduate Nursing program at SUNY Utica/Rome and Utica College. She resides in Yorkville, N.Y.

**Class of 1981**

Patricia M. Minkler, RN, MS, OCN, CWOCN, is clinical nurse specialist in oncology at the Albany Medical Center. She is a member of Oncology Nursing Society: National and Local Chapter (New York Capital District), Editor for Oncology Nursing Society Chemotherapy SIG Newsletter, New York State Nurses Association, Albany Ostomy Association, and Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society. Patricia is also a member of Local Chapter Clinical Practice Committee, American Cancer Society, and Wound Ostomy Continence Nursing Society, National and Local. She received the 2000 Oncology Nursing Society Leadership Development Institute Award, 1998 Role Model for Patients with Cancer, 1996-1997 Oncology Mentorship/Fellows Scholarship Award by GlaxoWellcome, and 1987 American Cancer Society Award for supporting cancer care and nursing. Patricia is a lector at The Immaculate Conception Church and a volunteer at St. Patrick’s Food Pantry. She and her husband reside in Troy, N.Y.

**Class of 1996**

Melissa M. Robertson is a senior associate director of admissions at Sage Graduate School. Melissa was an admissions counselor, graduate assistant and student admissions assistant while attending SUNY Utica/Rome from 1993-1996. She provided support in the admissions office by interviewing prospective students, evaluating applications, corresponding with prospective students, parents and two-year college professionals. She is a member of National Association of Graduate Admissions Professionals (NAGAP) and a former member of the State University of New York College Admissions Professionals (SUNYCAP). Melissa volunteers at Bible school at her local church, and plays in charity golf tournaments. She received a bachelor’s degree in business public management from SUNY Institute of Technology in 1993 and a master’s degree in 1996. Melissa resides in New Lebanon, N.Y.

**Class of 1997**

David M. Climek is site director of the MITRE Corporation office at the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) Rome Research Site. He has been an adjunct lecturer in Telecommunications at SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome since 1999. David is a member of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA), Software Defined Radio Forum (SDR), and the SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome Telecommunications Advisory Board. He has published a variety of MITRE publications as well as non-MITRE technical publications. David participated in an alumni television commercial designed to assist with recruitment efforts at SUNY Utica/Rome. David received his master’s degree in business management in 1999 from SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome as well as a (cont. on page 14)
bachelor's degree in telecommunications in 1993. David and his wife Sandy have four sons: David Cefaly, Jr. of Connecticut, Joseph Cefaly, of Utica, Michael Climek, and Joseph Climek of Rome, N.Y.

Rebecca J. Ruffing is the assistant to the president at Herkimer County Community College. Rebecca served on the American Heart Run & Walk Planning Committee from 1998-2001. She served as the chairperson of the VIP Reception for the American Heart Run & Walk from 1999-2001. Rebecca has served as a coordinator for the 2001 New York State Empire Games, Arts & Crafts Fair Committee, American's Greatest Heart Run & Walk team coordinator, and pre-registration at Herkimer County Community College. Rebecca served as chairperson for HCCC's lead coordinating committee. She served as the assistant director of financial aid at SUNY Institute of Technology from 1996-1998. She coordinated the State Employees Federated Appeal at SUNY Utica/Rome and participated in the 1998 Adopt-a-Highway Program with the SUNY Utica/Rome Financial Aid Office. She resides in Whitesboro, N.Y. with her husband Jim, and twin sons, Zachary James and Joshua Edward, born on August 7, 2001.

Michelle A. Vaeth, RN, is TB coordinator for the Oneida County Health Department. She holds certification in CPR-Basic Life Support and ACRN-AIDS Certified Registered Nurse. She is the President of Sigma Theta Tau, International Honor Society. Michelle is a member of the New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA), and a past board member of the New York State Nurses Association, Local District 7. She is a member of the Association for Nurses in AIDS Care and attends Westminster Presbyterian Church. She and her husband, Chris, expect their first baby in March 2002. They reside in Whitesboro, N.Y.

Outstanding Young Alumni Award

The Outstanding Young Alumni Award was created by the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association to honor the talents and professional growth of an alumna who has graduated in the past two to 10 years and is 40 years of age or under. The Young Alumni Award is presented to an individual who demonstrates leadership ability and community involvement, shows promise for continued success, and sets an inspirational example for future alumni.

Rachel E. Rennells ’01, R.N., is currently a first year graduate student in the Master of Science in Nursing: Family Nurse Practitioner program and the post-master's Certificate in Nursing Education Program at Syracuse University. She participated in a three-week trip to Uganda and Kenya in July 2000. She worked with other medical professionals to conduct medical clinics in needy areas. She worked on a community development project and camp with a long-term team in Kyrgyzstan from June 5-August 2, 2001. Rachel provided community nursing assessment and worked with a local nurse to plan a health lesson to present to village women. She is a member of Iota Delta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society for Nurses, Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association. She is a volunteer vocal soloist for community and church groups, active at Loudonville Community Church as the Children’s Choir director, Sanctuary Choir member, and Worship Team.
member, piano and organ accompanist, Missions Board member and Worship Committee member. Rachel was the recipient of the Dean’s Medallion: State University of New York at Utica/Rome in May 2001. She received a certificate for maintaining a 4.0 Cumulative Grade Point Average in May 2001.

**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.

**Pat Zawko ’99 and ’00, RN, MS,** is a nursing instructor at Mohawk Valley Community College. During 2000, she organized a 19-day medical mission to Mundai, Ceara Brazil. Her trip focused on working with women and children living in domestic violence. Pat is planning on a return trip to Brazil in June 2002. She also oversees a program through her local church called “Children Helping Children.” This group of four children collected returnable cans and bottles and the money was used to purchase food baskets and Christmas presents for disadvantaged youth. Last year the program provided food baskets for three families and gifts for one family. Pat is a member of the New York State Nurses Association, Sigma Theta Tau, International Honor Society of Nurses. She volunteers in Mission Association of the United Methodist Church. She was recognized as the Outstanding Nursing Administration Graduate Student during the Academic Awards Banquet held prior to May Commencement at SUNY Utica/Rome. She and her husband Peter reside in Rome, N.Y., with their three children: Jeremiah, Aaron, and Skyler.

**Honorary Alumnus Award**

The Honorary Alumnus Award was created by the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association to grant honorary alumnus 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.

**Ellen P. Coher**, Ed.D., began her tenure at SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome in 1974 as a faculty member with the rank of assistant professor in the nursing department; in 1976 she began serving as the director of the nursing department; in 1978 she became the department chair of nursing, and was promoted to Associate Dean in 1979. She was instrumental in the formation of the School of Nursing and became its first dean in 1984. Dr. Coher is credited with achieving the first National League for Nursing accreditation for the undergraduate nursing program, as well as the nursing administration graduate program. She was instrumental in establishing the Nursing Honor Society at Utica/Rome and moving this to become chartered as the Iota Delta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. Dr. Coher also orchestrated the state approval process of the adult nurse practitioner program in 1992. She was a contributing member and chair of numerous college-wide and state committees and task forces. She served on the boards of the Professional Nurses of Central New York, the Mohawk Valley Health Education Council, and Central New York Health System Agency. She was an active member of the American Lung Association, American Heart Association, and the American Cancer Society in the central New York area. During her tenure as Dean, she saw more than 2,000 students graduate from the nursing baccalaureate program. Dr. Coher retired in 1992 and holds the title “Dean of Nursing Emeritus.” She and her husband Louis (“Red”), live in Florida.
Mark Your Calendar

SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome will hold an open house Saturday, April 13, 2002. The event will feature information sessions from the Schools of Arts and Sciences, Management, Information Systems and Engineering Technology and Nursing.

Representatives from each of the college’s 20 undergraduate and 11 graduate programs will all be available to answer questions for prospective students and their families. Financial aid, admissions and career services staff will also be available for counseling. Campus and residence hall tours will be available and lunch will be provided.

The Institute of Technology is currently a transfer and graduate institution; freshmen will be admitted into select programs starting in fall 2003. The campus has been rated #1 by students for its classroom facilities, residence halls, resident hall services and programs, and the general condition of buildings and grounds. “Yahoo! Internet Life Magazine” named the Institute one of the “100 Most Wired Colleges” in the nation for two consecutive years.

For more information, contact the Office of Admissions. Phone: 792-7500 or 1-800-SUNY TECH or e-mail: admissions@sunyit.edu.

Ten Easy Ways to Say “I’m Proud to be an Alum!”

1. Put a SUNY Utica/Rome decal on your car window.
2. Wear a SUNY Utica/Rome sweatshirt, t-shirt, jacket, or cap.
3. Use a SUNY Utica/Rome mug at work.
4. Submit names and addresses of outstanding students in your area to the Admissions Office.
5. Encourage family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers who have college-bound children to take a look at SUNY Utica/Rome - and tell them why!
6. Accompany a prospective student for a campus visit.
7. Volunteer for the Admissions Office.
8. Get involved with the life of the Institute and sponsor activities and events that will increase the visibility of SUNY Utica/Rome.
9. Promote SUNY Utica/Rome programs, faculty, and facilities as resources.
10. Talk about SUNY Utica/Rome!
Men’s Basketball

NOVEMBER
Fri. 11/16 WILDCAT TIP-OFF H 6 & 8 P.M.
Sat. 11/17 BASKETBALL CLASSIC H 1 & 3 P.M.
Mon. 11/19 St. Joseph’s (NY) A 7:30 p.m.
Thur. 11/29 Utica College A 8 p.m.

DECEMBER
TUE. 12/04 GENESSEO H 8 P.M.
Fri. 12/07 Medaille A 8 p.m.
Sat. 12/08 Buffalo State A 4 p.m.
Tue. 12/18 Adidas D-3 A 8 p.m.
Wed. 12/19 Desert Shoot-out (Las Vegas) A 8 p.m.

JANUARY
Tue. 1/08 Potsdam A 8 p.m.
Fri. 1/11 Brockport A 8 p.m.
TUE. 1/15 NEW PALTZ H 8 P.M.
Fri. 1/18 Oneonta A 8 p.m.
Sat. 1/19 OSWEGO H 8 P.M.
Tue. 1/22 Geneseo A 8 p.m.
Fri. 1/25 St. Joseph’s (VT) A 7:30 p.m.
Sat. 1/26 Castleton (VT) A 4 p.m.

FEBRUARY
TUE. 2/01 FREDONIA H 8 P.M.
Sat. 2/02 BROCKPORT H 4 P.M.
Fri. 2/08 Oswego A 8 p.m.
SAT. 2/09 BUFFALO STATE H 8 P.M.
Tue. 2/12 Cortland A 8 p.m.
Fri. 2/15 Plattsburgh A 8 p.m.
SAT. 2/16 POTSDAM H 8 P.M.

Coach: Kevin Glimmer
Assistant Coach: David Speers

Women’s Basketball

NOVEMBER
Fri. 11/16 Utica College A 6 & 8 p.m.
Sat. 11/17 Basketball Classic A 1 & 3 p.m.
Tue. 11/20 New York University A 6 p.m.

DECEMBER
Sat. 12/01 UTICA COLLEGE H 7 P.M.
TUE. 12/04 GENESSEO H 6 P.M.
Fri. 12/07 Medaille A 6 p.m.
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Coach: Shawn Lincoln

Men’s Baseball

MARCH
Sat. 3/09 Clarion College A DH 1 p.m.
Mon. 3/11 Vassar College A 1 (9) 1 p.m.
Tue. 3/12 Voorhees College A 1 (9) 1 p.m.
Wed. 3/13 Beaver College A 1 (9)
Thu. 3/14 Vassar College A 1 (9)
Fri. 3/15 Beaver College A 1 (9)

Sat. 3/16 Morris College A 1 (9) 2 p.m.
Fri. 3/22 Maritime A 1 (9) 3 p.m.
Sat. 3/23 Farmingdale A 1 (9) 1 p.m.
Tue. 3/26 Utica College A 1 (7) 3:30 p.m.
WED. 3/27 UTICA COLLEGE H 1 (7) 3:30 P.M.
Sat. 3/30 Brockport A DH 1 p.m.

APRIL
SAT. 4/06 ONEONTA H DH 12 P.M.
SUN. 4/07 NEW PALTZ H DH 12 P.M.
Tue. 4/09 Cazenovia A DH 2 p.m.
Sat. 4/13 Keuka A DH 1 p.m.

Sun. 4/14 HILBERT H DH 1 P.M.
Wed. 4/17 Cortland A DH 12 p.m.
Fri. 4/19 Medaille A DH 12 p.m.
Sat. 4/20 Fredonia A DH 12 P.M.

SUN. 4/21 OSWEGO H DH 12 P.M.
Sat. 4/27 Hilbert A DH 1 p.m.

Sun. 4/28 ST. JOHN FISHER H DH 2 P.M.
MON. 4/29 PLATTSBURGH H DH 1 P.M.

Coach: Shawn Lincoln
Assistant Coach: David Speers

5K Scholarship Run

SUNY Institute of Technology’s 7th annual 5K Scholarship Run is Saturday, April 27, 2002, starting at 9 a.m. The course follows a trail through the campus, into the woods and out again and past the residence halls, ending at the Campus Center where a complimentary all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast will be provided by Sodexho Food Service. Each participant will receive a t-shirt while supplies last. For race information, call Scott Gorgas at (315) 792-7341.

5K Scholarship Run

The Bridge 17
1986
Richard Virgil is a lead engineer in the comprehensive Everglades restoration program at the South Florida Water Management District in West Palm Beach, Fla. He and Cecelia Virgil ’85 recently celebrated their 14th wedding anniversary; she is an oncology nurse in Delray Beach, Fla.

1987
Donna Trerise is a care management representative for Saratoga Hospital.

1989
Steven Jones is currently employed at Choice One Communications.

Elizabeth Wheeler has been named director of the health information technology program at Trocaire College in South Buffalo, N.Y.

1990
Sue Beaulieu has joined Massena Memorial Hospital’s administrative team and has taken on the role of nurse executive for the 50-bed community hospital.

Enrico D’Alessandro ’90 has been named chief of University Police at SUNY Morrisville.

Theresa Flemma has been promoted to vice president at M. Griffith Inc., New Hartford, N.Y.

John Steele was recently promoted to director, engineering and construction at Albany Medical Center.

1991
George Veeder has taken a position at the University of Georgia in Athens, Ga., as coordinator of Cable TV operations.

Diane (Jacobson) Desmond is currently employed at Kids Care/Thomas PT Associates as an occupational therapist.

1994
Paul Mullin is an engineering product manager in electrical products for the Taylor Made Environmental Company in Pompano Beach, Fla.

Norman Terry is employed by ATTO Technology, Amherst, N.Y.

1995
Judith Bender is employed by Catholic Health Services as a credentialing coordinator.

1996
Scott DeHollander, who is employed at Fisher Associates, has earned his professional engineering license. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Deborah Morris has joined the staff at Count Street Family Health Center as an adult nurse practitioner.

Mary Zarnoch is a 5th grade teacher at Holy Trinity School in Utica, N.Y.

1997
Russ Cahill has been appointed to the St. Elizabeth Medical Center Foundation.

Darren Miller is employed at Travelers Insurance as an Internet integration engineer.

Mark Reichman, an Ohio native and a 19-year Air Force veteran, has been assigned to the Air Force Research Laboratory in Rome, N.Y., for the past seven years.

1998
Mark Arner has been promoted to engineer in the highway/bridge services group of C&C Companies.

Rebecca Fuller is the director of grants development for Finger Lakes Community College in Canandaigua, N.Y. She is responsible for the planning and implementation of a comprehensive grants program.

Barbara Talarico has formed a professional recruiting business, Recruiting Relations, in New Hartford, N.Y.

Edwin Weibel is currently employed at General Dynamics DS.

1999
Stephanie Gee graduated from SUNY Albany in May 2001 with a master’s degree in social work. She is a mental health clinical therapist at Fulton County Mental Health Clinic.

Deborah Ann Morris has joined Court Street Family Health Center as an adult nurse practitioner.

2000
Marjorie Horner is the director of staff education and infection control at Child’s Nursing Home in Albany, N.Y.

Martin Lyon, a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserve, has arrived for duty in Durham, N.C. He is a licensed practical nurse with the 3274th U.S. Army Hospital.

Jessica (Waterman) Pagliaro is the business manager for MacClark Restaurants Inc.

Peter Pagliaro is a commercial lines underwriter for The Hartford Insurance Company, New Hartford, N.Y.

2001
Kate Caskey is a financial advisor with American Express. She has received the following licenses: NYS Life & Health Insurance, Series 7, and the Series 66.

Pat Ellis recently received certification as a family nurse practitioner and for the past three years has been seeing patients at PrimeCare.

Michelle Kitchen of Rome, N.Y., has been named programmer manager for Buddy Mentoring in Madison County, a component of the Peacemaker Program Inc.
**Class Notes**

**Scott Penpraze** of Ballston Lake, N.Y., is a facilities engineer, responsible for engineering and designing outside plant facilities, with TACONIC Telephone Corporation.

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<td><strong>Russell Dack ’84</strong> and Kristen Heers. A September 29 wedding was planned. Russell is currently employed by Xerox Corporation as an IT project manager.</td>
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<td><strong>Chad Juby ’95</strong> and Susanne Reesen. A summer 2002 wedding is planned. Chad is a software engineer at Click To Learn in Rochester.</td>
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<td><strong>Christopher Scott ’95</strong> and Amy Levesque. An October wedding was planned. Christopher is a regional hotel manager with Highpointe Hotel Corp. in Peabody, Mass.</td>
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<td><strong>Barbara Eder ’96</strong> and Shaun McCauley. A July 28 wedding was planned.</td>
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<td><strong>John Gates ’96</strong> and Christina Schirber. John is a senior systems analyst for BAE Systems, Air Force Research Laboratory, Rome, N.Y.</td>
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<td><strong>Ted Hudson ’97</strong> and Lori Russell, July 7, 2001. Ted is a project engineer at Ethan Allen, Boonville, N.Y.</td>
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<td><strong>Nicole Romeo ’98</strong> and Keith Polcaro. An August 10, 2002, wedding is planned. Nicole is employed with Cadaret Grant, Inc., Syracuse, N.Y.</td>
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<td><strong>Jaclyn Boerman ’99</strong> and Brian Newell ‘98. An October 2002 wedding is planned in Lake George. Jaclyn is group rooms coordinator/supervisor at the Sagamore Resort in Lake George. Brian is sales manager for Beckley Boats in Albany.</td>
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<td><strong>Lisa Levy ’99</strong> and William Streeter Jr. June 30 wedding was planned. Lisa is an infection control nurse at Heritage Health Care Center.</td>
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<td><strong>Brett Nordman ’99</strong> and Ann Marie Jackson. An April 6, 2002, wedding is planned. Brett is employed with Mitre Corporation, Rome, N.Y.</td>
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<td><strong>James Messa ’00</strong> and Kristin Motyl. A fall wedding was planned.</td>
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<td><strong>Bryce Renders ’00</strong> and Carla LaBarbera. A September 2 wedding was planned. Bryce is self-employed.</td>
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<td><strong>Christopher Hullar ’89</strong> and Rebecca Good, June 2, 2001. Christopher is an assistant coordinator at William Morris Learning Center at the Rescue Mission of Utica, N.Y.</td>
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<td><strong>John Steele ’90</strong> and Amy Lyons, August 2000. John is employed at Albany Medical Center as director, engineering and construction.</td>
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<td><strong>Timothy Heck ’91</strong> and Alison Willibrant, December 30, 2000. Timothy is employed with Mapinfo, Troy, N.Y.</td>
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<td><strong>Daniel Silverman ’91</strong> and Judith Bloom, June 3, 2001. Daniel is a clinical social worker at Mohawk Valley Psychiatric Center-Pinefield.</td>
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DEATHS
Brian Abel ’95, September 18.
Vivian Bogdanowicz ’91, May 14.
Scott LeRoy Carter ’92, July 20.
Edwin O. Hannah ’82, July 20.
Donna Lutz ’85, May 6.

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