End of an Era: The Cayan Legacy
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After 20 years as President, Dr. Peter J. Cayan retires at the end of June. A look at a remarkable career that took the campus from the mills to Marcy.

Back to the Future
Our very first graduates received their diplomas there. Next month, Commencement returns to downtown Utica’s Stanley theater.

From Old World to New
Meet an alum whose journey from Europe to Utica brought her to SUNYIT.

Come Back to Campus!
It may be spring…but it’s time to make your plans for Fall Fest 2002.

Class Notes
Who’s where, since when? The latest on your fellow alums!
When Peter J. Cayan told his family in 1963 that he had been offered a teaching job at SUNY Delhi, his father had one concern: “Petie,” he asked, “is it steady?” Apparently it was, because in June Dr. Cayan will retire after 39 years in higher education, the last 20 of them spent as president of SUNY Institute of Technology.

His father’s question was a legitimate one from a textile worker in Cohoes, N.Y., who had raised his son during the Depression. Dr. Cayan’s mother worked in the mills too, earning “20 cents an hour with no fringe benefits.” Although those were hard times, Dr. Cayan says, “It was a nice life in many ways.” He grew up the only child in what he calls “a wonderful household” comprised of his mother, father, grandmother, and other extended family.

Education was important to them, so despite their limited resources Dr. Cayan’s parents came up with the $12 monthly tuition to send him to La Salle Institute, a military academy in Troy, N.Y., whose religious order—the Brothers of the Christian Schools—offered a demanding academic program.

Dr. Cayan graduated from La Salle in 1947, worked awhile, and then joined the Army in 1948. He is proud to have served in the Korean conflict, a period he sums up as “tough going.” After his discharge in 1951, he took a job as a steamfitter’s helper at General Electric in Schenectady where he worked six nights a week for $72.

Dr. Cayan was working at GE when an Army buddy proposed a double-date, and offered to fix him up with a girl from the old neighborhood. Although he and Jeri Ruddy hadn’t really known each other as children, Dr. Cayan did remember one thing from that time—her bicycle. He was “very impressed because it had white sidewall tires, which were quite a thing in those days.” Dr. Cayan says, “When I saw that bike I said to myself, ‘She must be something.’” He obviously still feels the same way: they’ve been married for 49 years.

It was after their marriage and the birth of their first child that Dr. Cayan decided to go to college. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Economics degree from Siena College in a little more than four years, taking evening classes year-round and working the midnight shift. In the meantime, he and Mrs. Cayan had two more children.

But Dr. Cayan still had no idea that his career would be in education. He was working at the New York State Department of Labor when Providence intervened. He came back from lunch one day to find a book on his desk listing all the SUNY campuses. He says, “I believe it was divine guidance that made me sit down and dash off notes to about three different schools described in the book.” He wrote that he was interested in a teaching job,
mailed the letters, and forgot all about them until one day he called his wife from work to ask if he had gotten any interesting mail. Dr. Cayan was stunned when his wife read him a letter from SUNY Delhi offering him an interview.

Dr. Cayan accepted an assistant professorship in the business school at Delhi, and has never looked back. He stayed there for 13 years, earning Master of Business Administration, Master of Science in Education, and Doctor of Higher Education Administration degrees along the way. Dr. Cayan then served as president of North Country Community College at Saranac Lake from 1976 until 1982, when he became president of SUNY Institute of Technology.

Dr. Cayan arrived at a crucial point in this school’s history. A decision had been made to build a new campus in Marcy, and Dr. Cayan was charged with getting the job done. He did it, with great results. Dr. Ronald Sarner, SUNYIT’s executive vice president for academic affairs, says, “Peter really was the right man at the right time. He brought a sense of calm and dignity that was sorely needed.”

Although Dr. Cayan believes that a similar construction experience at North Country Community College was “good training for him” and aided in the successful building of the Marcy campus, he refuses to take all the credit. “It was a co-operative effort carried out by many people.”

Construction of the new campus was not the only major transition at SUNYIT in which Dr. Cayan was instrumental. He leaves just as the school is about to undergo an important transformation—the switch to a four-year institution. Dr. Cayan says the college has fulfilled its role as an upper-division institution and the move to offer four-year programs is a national trend. “After about four years of negotiation and with the help of many people, we were able to work out the change.” The first freshmen will be admitted in fall 2003.

Beyond his commitment to SUNY, Dr. Cayan has been recognized many times for his achievements and contributions in the community. Among other honors, he has received the John T. O’Toole “Person of the Year Award” for exemplary service to the community in 1997, the Leonard F. Wilbur Kiwanis Memorial Award for Outstanding Community Service in 1995, and a Certificate of Recognition from the Russian Federation State Committee for Higher Education for his participation in the first Russian-American Distance Education Program in 1995. In addition, Astronaut Kathryn D. Sullivan nominated him for and he is now a member of the renowned Explorers Club in New York City.

Dr. Cayan himself almost can’t believe what he has accomplished. He looks back on his life and questions, “How did I get to where I am and why?” Dr. Cayan feels very fortunate and gives much of the credit to God. He strongly believes that what we have is loaned to us by God, and it is up to us to do the best we can with it.

Although he has devoted tremendous energy to his career and community service over the years, one glance at the photos on Dr. Cayan’s office bookshelves shows where else his commitment and enthusiasm lie. His whole face lights up when he speaks of his wife Jeri, sons Peter and Ruddy, daughter Mary Pat, and five grandchildren.

Mrs. Cayan was recently honored at an annual gala by the Friends of the Arc Foundation, a nonprofit agency that provides advocacy and service to people with disabilities, for her years of service to their board and the boards of the

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The Cayans’ son Peter is senior director of health foods for Alliant Corporation, where he manages hospitals’ health food needs. Their daughter Mary Pat works in the drug adherence program at the University of Pittsburgh monitoring HIV patients for compliance with the drug regimens necessary to maintain their health. Their son Ruddy (nicknamed Rudd) was a flight attendant and purser for Pan American Airlines before his tragic death from AIDS in 1987.

Even in their grief Dr. and Mrs. Cayan offer service to the community. Since Rudd’s death they have spent hours speaking to high school, college, service, and church groups about AIDS, something Dr. Cayan says means a great deal to both of them.

Many of his colleagues find Dr. Cayan’s departure bittersweet: “I feel very glad for him…glad in one sense that changes he worked 20 years to effect will now be implemented,” says Dr. Sarner. “The sad part is that several of the changes [admission of freshmen, new engineering initiatives, and the start of an MBA program] will come after his departure.”

His upcoming departure is something Dr. Cayan thinks little about. He says, “I’m still focused on the job at hand. I’m not sitting around reading travel pamphlets. There are so many exciting things happening here.”

As for what he will miss most when he retires, Dr. Cayan says, “Everything in that question can be focused on people. I like to think we have a family here.” He has made many friends at SUNYIT and through his involvement with local organizations. That has been important because, he says, “I just like being with people.”

And while the Cayans have decided to return to their home in Saranac Lake, the rest of their future is unplanned. Asked what she expects in the months ahead, Mrs. Cayan says, “I won’t know until I get there. In terms of leaving SUNYIT, I certainly have mixed emotions because it’s been a special time in our lives.” She describes their relationship with the Utica community as “a love affair that developed.” Mrs. Cayan says, “This community has been the most giving, caring community that we’ve ever lived in.” They never expected to stay so long, but no other opportunity was ever attractive enough to make them give up what they had at SUNYIT. She says, “We wish we could be here another 20 years to see things happen.”

No matter what lies ahead for the Cayans, they will maintain local ties. According to Dr. Cayan, “There are a lot of pluses to this area, so we’ll be coming and going.” He says with a smile, “Do you know how long it took to get good seats at the Broadway Theatre League? I’m not about to give them up.”

From groundbreaking (left) to construction: the Peter J. Cayan Library takes shape.
Gretchen H. Sprock (center), president of the Rome College Foundation, presented SUNYIT President Dr. Peter J. Cayan (right) with a plaque at the Foundation's January meeting in grateful appreciation of Dr. Cayan's “drive and dedication to providing quality education” and for his “distinguished and unselfish service to the people of the Mohawk Valley.” At left is William K. Guglielmo, president of the Rome Area Chamber of Commerce; the Chamber provides office space and administrative support for the Rome College Foundation.

Dr. Peter J. Cayan Endowed Scholarship Fund

In recognition of his commitment to higher education and his 20 years as President of SUNY Institute of Technology the Dr. Peter J. Cayan Endowed Scholarship Fund is being established. To help ensure that future students benefit from his leadership legacy, we are turning to our alumni, parents, faculty, staff, friends, and area employers to solicit their support of this most worthwhile endeavor. As a means of expressing our individual and collective appreciation for his service to SUNYIT, Dr. Cayan will be made aware of the names of all donors.

Dr. Peter J. Cayan Endowed Scholarship Fund

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Chancellor King to Speak at Commencement

SUNYIT’s 28th annual May Commencement promises to be a memorable occasion for several reasons:

• Chancellor Robert L. King will deliver the keynote address,
• President Dr. Peter J. Cayan will bid farewell to the campus community, and
• Commencement will take place in the Stanley Performing Arts Center on Genesee Street.

Appointed by the Board of Trustees in December 1999, Chancellor King has described his first priority as follows: to make the State University of New York “a public university that is without equal in American higher education.” Prior to his University appointment, Chancellor King served as Budget Director of New York State, a post to which he was appointed in February 1998. The Chancellor also served as Director of the Governor’s Office of Regulatory Reform. Before joining the Pataki administration, Chancellor King was the Monroe County Executive, and from 1987 through 1991, he served as a New York State Assemblyman from the Rochester area. Chancellor King holds a law degree from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., and a bachelor’s degree from Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. He spent much of his law career as a prosecutor in both California and New York.

Dr. Cayan’s last Commencement as President caps 20 years at SUNY Institute of Technology and a total of 39 years of University service. His retirement, announced last summer, is effective at the end of June (see article, p. 2). Dr. Cayan will preside over Commencement in a new location, the Stanley Performing Arts Center.

“It’s a more elegant setting, more appropriate for the occasion,” says Stewart Richards, assistant vice president for finance and a long-time Commencement Committee member. “Commencement is a celebration of the success of our students, and we believe that the Stanley is a place that lends itself to a more celebratory atmosphere for graduates, family, and friends.”

With its nearly 3,000 seats, the Stanley will be able to accommodate the May event. “Because we’ve had both December and May Commencements for several years,” said Richards, “we believe the capacity of the Stanley will be more than adequate for our needs in May.” December Commencement will remain in the Campus Center gymnasium, while May Commencement, Stewart said, will “probably remain at the Stanley until a field house is constructed on campus” where Commencement could be held twice yearly. Construction of such a facility is several years in the future.

Commencement weekend starts with the annual Academic Awards Banquet in the Campus Center gymnasium on Friday evening, May 10; Commencement is Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m. The 90-minute program is followed by a reception for graduates and their guests in the Campus Center. Shuttle buses will run between the Marcy campus and the Stanley every 10-15 minutes from approximately 8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of the event.

Additional information about Commencement weekend can be found online at www.sunyit.edu.
The SUNY Institute of Technology 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 who has made outstanding contributions to the Alumni Association and its members. It is awarded at the discretion of the board when appropriate.

**Outstanding Young Alumni Award**

This award honors the talents and personal and professional growth of a an alumnus/a who has graduated in the past two to ten years and is 40 years of age or under. The Young Alumni Award is presented to an individual who has made significant contributions and has reached a high level of professional achievement. This individual demonstrates leadership ability and community involvement, shows promise for continued success, and sets an inspirational example for future young alumni.


To nominate an individual for one of these awards, please complete the form (you may nominate yourself). Upon receipt, we will notify nominees and invite them to support their nominations. Selection of award recipients will take place before Fall Fest 2002 and those who make nominations will be notified of the committee’s decision. Please submit your nomination(s) by August 14, 2002, to the:

Alumni Awards Committee  
College Relations & Development Office  
SUNY Institute of Technology  
P.O. Box 3050  
Utica, NY 13504-3050

### 2002 Nomination Form

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Did you know that supporters of SUNY Institute of Technology can double or even triple the impact of their gifts by participating in the Institute's matching gift program? This important program provides the opportunity for a corporation or foundation to match an employee's gift to SUNYIT dollar-for-dollar.

Many employees are unaware that a matching gift program is available and that it provides a unique way for corporations and foundations to support SUNYIT. Matching gift programs also allow a corporation or foundation to direct philanthropic resources where their employees think they are needed.

Each time an alumnus makes a gift to SUNYIT, no matter what the size, it’s a cause for celebration. When a corporation or foundation matches an employee's gift, it makes it possible to double, triple and sometimes even quadruple its impact. The important role that corporate and foundation support plays at SUNYIT cannot be emphasized enough.

Some corporations offer special programs where the charitable organization can elect to receive its matching gift support in a form other than cash. IBM, for example, has an equipment matching program.

SUNYIT is at a crossroads. Less than half of our funding is provided by the state. Private support, including corporate and foundation matching, can make the difference in helping SUNYIT maintain the substantial ground it has gained in education and research, and continue to build on its excellent reputation.

To initiate a matching gift to SUNYIT from an employer, a donor must submit a matching gift form to the employer. The employee can usually obtain a form at the employer’s personnel or human resource office. Policies at some corporations even allow gifts made by an employee’s spouse or retirees and their spouses to be matched.

Last year, SUNYIT received approximately $6,000 from employees eligible to participate in a matching gift program. There are probably many more individuals eligible for such programs who are unaware of the benefits. I hope everyone who reads this will check with their company and join the other donor’s whose personal gifts result in a corporate or foundation match.

The first corporate matching gift program was initiated in 1954 by Philip Reed of General Electric Company’s board of directors. Reed and his associates created the program as a way to give back to their Alma Maters for having received a quality education. Today, thousands of companies throughout the country participate in matching gift programs.

To make a gift or for more information on matching gift programs, please contact me at (315) 792-7113 or sfac1@sunyit.edu.

Gratefully yours,
Francine A. Cronin
Director of Development & Alumni Relations
Thanks, Phonathon Partners!

Dozens of area businesses are showing their support for SUNYIT by becoming “Phonathon Partners.” Donating gift certificates, movie passes, tickets, coupons, vouchers, gift baskets, and more, these businesses were a welcome addition to this year’s program, which raised more than $100,000. The items donated were used as incentives for our student callers during the annual Phonathon. Money raised during the Phonathon is used to fund scholarships, emergency student loans, faculty and staff development, and many other valuable programs. We would like to recognize and thank the following businesses for their support:

- A Personal Touch
- All American Fitness Center
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- Parkway Pizza
- Pasquale’s Pizzeria, Inc.
- Salvatore’s
- Ultra Bronze Tanning
- U-S Cutters
- Vista Lanes
- Wanderwood Flowers & Gifts
- Wendy’s

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SUNYIT Foundation
P.O. Box 3050
Utica, NY 13504-3050

If you have any questions or would like more information about becoming a Phonathon Partner, please give us a call at (315) 792-7113 or e-mail foundation@sunyit.edu.

SUNYIT student Phonathon callers strike a pose on a recent calling night.
When 15-year-old Elzbieta Jurkowski learned that she, her parents, 17-year-old sister and 5-year-old brother had received visas to join her grandmother in Utica, she was thrilled. Then, reality intruded. She had to leave friends in Bartoczyce, Poland; she didn’t like Utica at first compared to her hometown; and, for a few weeks, American food made her sick. Speaking no English, she attended Proctor High School’s 10th grade classes, including English as a Second Language. Her adjustment wasn’t easy: “It took me a year to get comfortable with English. I wasn’t myself that first year,” she admits.

Living with her grandmother for a month, Elzbieta—now Ela, a nickname easier for people to pronounce—studied hard. An uncle spoke English daily with the family. “I was surprised how much you can pick up in two months,” Ela says in flawless English. Speaking Russian and Ukrainian helped her learn English faster.

Speaking English daily increased her confidence—so much so that she informed her guidance counselor that her assigned math class was too easy. The counselor placed her in Regents math. Ela immersed herself in English by watching television, reading “English as a Second Language” books with a dictionary nearby and observing American teens. “Learning the language was my main priority. I wanted to be like everybody else,” she recalls.

By senior year, Ela attended Regents classes and became a National Honor Society member. Graduating in 1996, she earned a Presidential Scholarship to Mohawk Valley Community College. At first, she wanted to become a teacher. As an 11-year-old in Poland, she gathered 6- and 7-year-olds together to play school, filling in empty chairs with dolls. “My mom said I was born with a paper in my hand,” Ela says. Each spring on Teachers’ Day—when teachers and students reversed roles—she taught Russian, Polish and math. She also loved to dance, performing for friends and neighbors.

But when she learned she’d need to spend additional years studying basic subjects, she changed career plans, and chose banking and insurance instead. “It sounded interesting,” she says. At MVCC, she made friends while maintaining a demanding schedule: classes, part-time jobs at Berger’s Dry Cleaners and Fleet Bank, and an internship at Utica National Insurance Group. Her days began at 7 a.m. and ended at 11 p.m.—and then there was homework until 1 or 2 a.m. “I can’t sit still,” Ela admits. In 1998, Utica National offered her a full-time job as a typist and she now works there as a state filings technician.

In 1998, Ela enrolled in SUNY Institute of Technology to further study finance and math. Robert Orilio, associate professor of finance and director of undergraduate business programs, recalls Ela was shy at first and lacked confidence. But as her work ethic took over she became a leader, organizing a group in one business management class and interacting well with other
students. “She’s well versed. She’s intelligent. She’s the consummate professional. She’s a fabulous representative of our school,” Orilio says.

In December 2001, Ela graduated with a bachelor’s degree in finance, earning the Asselta Scholarship for academics and community activities. She may return to SUNYIT next fall—this time, for a master’s degree in business management, with a concentration in human resource management. “There’s so much to it—development, payroll, hiring,” she explains. Ela’s dream job: to become a recruiter, visiting schools to help students find interesting work.

For now, she’s taking a break from school to spend more time with her husband of 2 1/2 years, Rafal Pawlowski. An industrial engineer at Kendall Company in Oriskany Falls, Rafal also takes mechanical engineering courses at SUNYIT. They live in New York Mills.

At age 24, Ela stays busy day and night. She belongs to the Polish Community Club and the White Eagle Association, talking politics and translating documents.

And she still dances. In 1999, Ela became leader of the Polish heritage dancers, a group she joined weeks after arriving in Utica. Together with her husband—also a dancer—Ela revitalized the group, putting up fliers and publicizing it on WIBX radio’s Polish program “Polonaise.” She’s also ordered authentic costumes from Poland, studied dance books, attended a choreographers’ workshop in Michigan and secured sponsors. Today, 40 of her students ages 6 to 21 dance in halls, churches, colleges, parades and at the New York State Fair as the “Little Poland Dance Ensemble.” They practice on Thursday and Friday nights at the Polish Veterans’ Club.

For these lucky students, Ela is teacher and friend, often demonstrating lambada dance routines from “Dirty Dancing” to her delighted recruits. Someday, she hopes to own a house with a dance studio. Her students—and dancing, says Ela “…opened a whole world. I love doing this!”

Rafal and Ela Pawlowski in traditional Polish dance costumes.
Plans are underway for this year’s Fall Fest Weekend, Sept. 27–29, 2002. This weekend allows alumni, parents, current students, faculty, and staff to come together for fun-filled activities and exciting sporting events. The following is a tentative schedule of events:

**Friday, Sept. 27**
1 p.m.  
Alumni Golf  
Location TBA

4 p.m.  
Men’s Soccer Game vs. Geneseo  
Soccer Field  
*Show your support for SUNYIT and cheer our men’s soccer team to a victory against Geneseo!*

4 p.m.  
Women’s Volleyball - SUNYAC Pool Play  
Gymnasium

**5-8 p.m.**  
Alumni Gathering at Babe’s

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

8 p.m.  
SUNYIT Talent Nite 2002*  
Kunsela Hall, Auditorium  
*Join members of the SUNYIT community as contestants compete for cash prizes!*

**Saturday, Sept. 28**
9 a.m.  
Alumni Association Annual Meeting  
‘Cats’ Den, Campus Center  
All alumni are encouraged to attend this annual meeting of the SUNYIT Alumni Association to find out what’s going on and become more involved in the college family.

9-10 a.m.  
Registration  
Campus Center, Lower Lobby

10 a.m.  
Presidents’ Scholarship Brunch*  
Campus Center, Dining Hall  
*The Presidents’ Brunch will kick off the day with a plentiful menu and recognition of our best and brightest students. You will be the guest of the new college President, President of the Alumni Association, and President of the SUNYIT Student Association.*

10 a.m.  
Women’s Volleyball - SUNYAC Pool Play  
Gymnasium

11 a.m.  
Alumni Lacrosse Game  
Lacrosse Field

**Noon**  
Alumni Baseball Game  
Baseball Field

Still got game? Come out and play, along with other SUNYIT Alumni Baseball and Lacrosse players. These games are sure to entertain the spectators!

1 p.m.  
Matt’s Brewery Tour*  
*Take a tour of the brewery, visit the Victorian reception area and receive two samples of Matt’s variety of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. This tour will take approximately 40 minutes. Plenty of time will be allowed for browsing in the Brewery Gift Shop.*
1 p.m.
Men’s Soccer Game vs. Brockport
Soccer Field

This is sure to be a great game. Get out and show your team spirit!

2:30 p.m.
Residential Life Reunion
The Varick, Varick Street, Utica

Re-live special SUNYIT moments as you enjoy the company of other alumni.

6 p.m.
Alumni Association Annual Awards Dinner*
Kunsela Hall, Café Kunsela

Join us for dinner as we pay tribute to some of our most outstanding alumni.

8 p.m.
Special Entertainment
TBA

11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Lacrosse 6th Annual Wildcat Fall Face-Off
Lacrosse Field

A wide-variety of teams face off against each other in some friendly competition.

Go and visit all your old favorite hangouts. 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!

How do you register?

Please check the events you wish to attend, enclose your check made payable to the College Association and return the form to Conference Planning, SUNY Institute of Technology, P.O. Box 3050, Utica, NY 13504-3050. Registration fee is $5 per person, $10 per couple or $15 per family.

This is a great opportunity for those of your who haven’t been back to visit lately. There are so many exciting changes going on around campus now; come and experience them for yourself.

*These events have limited seating.
Before starting their careers or moving on to graduate school, the Class of 2002 has the opportunity to leave a lasting impression on SUNY Institute of Technology before graduation. The “Senior Challenge” is a program developed by the SUNYIT Foundation to educate members of the graduating class about the importance of giving back.

The Senior Challenge Committee is a group of junior and senior students who meet weekly and have been working closely with the development staff to implement this new program. Celeste Scalzo and Stephanie Wilsey are leading the committee by serving as this year’s co-chairs. They have been talking to many groups on campus about the “Senior Challenge” and the SUNYIT Foundation.

Each senior is asked to participate by giving a minimum gift of $20.02 to represent their graduation year. The money raised will help fund a new campus directory for SUNYIT’s Horatio Street entrance. The directory will be a large, easy-to-read map and will also feature an electronic text display for welcome messages and current events information.

All seniors who participate in the first-ever “Senior Challenge” will be given special recognition. If you have any questions about the "Senior Challenge" please call the Office of College Relations and Development, (315) 792-7113.
Most people like you have good intentions to do something for others. But the biggest problem is to implement those intentions and turn them into action. Admittedly, we do tend to procrastinate, sometimes putting something off until it’s too late. This often happens with a charitable gift. Undoubtedly you are aware of our continuing financial needs, but for one reason or another you put off consummating a gift.

**Gift Options**

There are several possibilities when considering a gift to SUNYIT. These include:
- a cash bequest;
- a gift of property—i.e., real estate, collections, art, jewelry, etc.;
- a gift of securities;
- a share of the residue of your estate;
- the remainder of a trust after the lifetime of a family member.

**Turning Your Good Intentions Into Action**

Bequests to SUNY Institute of Technology are as easy to make as including the following words in your will or in a codicil to your will. “I do hereby give to SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome, in Utica, New York, a New York State non-profit corporation, (the sum of $_________; or (all my right, title, and interest into the following described property:_________); or (________% of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate), such bequest to be used in the manner as determined appropriate by SUNYIT as it, in its sole discretion, shall determine.”

The preceding clauses, of course, are suggested examples only. Always consult your attorney for proper legal advice.

Should you wish to make a bequest to SUNYIT that is restricted to a specific purpose, discipline or college, please contact us for examples of appropriate wording.

**Endowment**

Another important option is an endowment consisting of a gift to memorialize or honor a family member or yourself. It can be self-perpetuating in that the principal can be sustained and the income derived from it used for many significant purposes.

We can help you and your estate planning advisors develop a plan best suited to satisfy both family and philanthropic goals. We welcome your call in the College Relations & Development Office at (315) 792-7113.

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**Annual Fund Pledge/Gift Form**

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SUNYIT’s 7th annual 5K Scholarship Run is Saturday, April 27 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.

Leiter Doolittle Honored

Foundation Chair Leiter Doolittle was recognized at the Foundation Annual Meeting November 13, 2001, for his service as Chair of the Foundation Board since 1992. He will continue to serve on the Board as a Trustee. From l. to r., SUNYIT President Dr. Peter J. Cayan, Leiter Doolittle, and Francine Cronin, Director of Development and Alumni Relations.
### Wildcat Sports

**SPRING 2002**

#### Women’s Softball

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NEW PALTZ H 1 P.M.

**APRIL**

TUE. 4/02

POTSDAM H 3 P.M.

Wed. 4/03

Hamilton A 3:30 p.m.

Fri. 4/05

Fredonia A 3 p.m.

Sat. 4/06

Buffalo State A 1 p.m.

**TUE. 4/09**

ONEONTA H 3 P.M.

Wed. 4/10

Utica College A 3:30 p.m.

Fri. 4/12

Oswego A 3 p.m.

Sat. 4/13

Cortland A 1 p.m.

**WED. 4/17**

CAZENOVIA H 3 P.M.

**FRI. 4/19**

BROCKPORT H 3 P.M.

**SAT. 4/20**

GENESEO H 1 P.M.

**THU. 4/25**

UTICA COLLEGE H 3:30 P.M.

Sat. 4/27

Plattsburgh A 1 p.m.

* Denotes games being played at Sun West Tournament in Orange, California

Head Coach: Michelle DeCoursey
Assistant Coach: Theresa Synakowski

#### Golf

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**APRIL**

Fri. 4/12

Hamilton Invitational (Skenandoa Club, Clinton, NY) A 1 p.m.

Sun. 4/14

Utica College (w/Hartwick) (Valley View, Utica, NY) A 11 a.m.

Sat. 4/20

LeMoyne Invitational (Red Course, Binghamton, NY) A 1 p.m.

Sun. 4/21

Hartwick Invitational A 2:30 p.m.

Mon. 4/29

Oneonta Country Club, Oneonta, NY 9 a.m.

**MAY**

SAT. 5/04

UTICA COLLEGE H 11 A.M.

(Valley View, Utica, NY)

Head Coaches: Kevin Grimmer and Kevin Edick

#### Men’s Baseball

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UTICA COLLEGE H 1 (7) 3:30 P.M.

Sat. 3/30

Brockport A 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 12 p.m.

Fri. 4/19

Medaille A 12 p.m.

Sat. 4/20

Fredonia A 12 p.m.

Sun. 4/21

OSWEGO H DH 12 P.M.

Sat. 4/27

Hilbert A 12 p.m.

Sun. 4/28

ST. JOHN FISHER H DH 2 P.M.

Mon. 4/29

PLATTSBURGH H DH 1 P.M.

* Denotes games being played during spring training trip to Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Head Coach: Kevin Edick
Assistant Coach: Bob Richie

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Sat. 4/27

Plattsburgh A 1 p.m.

* Denotes games being played during spring trip to New Port Richey, FL.

Head Coach: Bob Leary
Assistant Coach: Jeff Schneider

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Head Coach: Kevin Edick
Assistant Coach: Bob Richie
1979
David Armstrong, Jr. president and CEO of Little Falls Hospital, has been appointed to the Herkimer County Community College Board of Trustees by Gov. George Pataki. His term will continue through June 30, 2010.

1980
Lisa Mcilwaine-Fletcher is employed at Faxton-St. Luke’s Healthcare.

1985
Craig Dahlin now owns a software company in the Philadelphia area. His company is called www.carlstowing.com.

Faith (Shea) Neal recently earned a certification as a Certified Professional in Healthcare Risk Management by the American Society of Healthcare Risk Management. She is employed as director of health information, quality & risk management at Nason Hospital in Roaring Spring, Pa.

1986
Rick Wanner has joined Dart Communications of Rome as the technical director of Dart’s new consulting group, Dart Solutions.

1987
Bruce Miller has been promoted to lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy after being a naval officer for 11 years. He is the director of finance at the Naval School of Health Sciences, Bethesda, Md.

1989
Elizabeth Wheeler, a compliance auditor for medical billing at Univera Healthcare, will also serve as director of Trocaire College’s health information technology program in Buffalo, N.Y. She will direct Trocaire’s one-year medical coding certificate program and the college’s degree program in health information technology.

1990
Enrico L. D’Alessandro started work in August at SUNY Morrisville as the new campus police chief.

1992
Robert Pells is employed at Discount Data Products.

1993
Kimberly (Molen) Warnecke is currently a human resource representative at Delta Health Group.

1994
Timothy Keane is manager, contract services at The Hartford Financial Services Group.

James Klein has been appointed as program director for Gambling Information & Counseling, a division of Human Technologies Corp. He will be responsible for program operations in the Utica, Rome, and Syracuse offices including program development, grant writing, and community education services.

Paul Mullin is employed at Taylor Made Environmental in Pompano Beach, Fla. as an engineering product manager.

1995
Allison Balduzzi of Baldwinsville is the new human resources specialist for Home Aides of Central New York. She will be responsible for recruitment, interviewing, screening and training of home health aides and administration of benefit programs.

1996
Amy Wilks (Wilson) is an accountant at Beazey Homes in Raleigh, N.C. She received her CPA license in May 2001.

1997
Victoria Gildner has just received a promotion to social worker in the non-secure detention for juvenile delinquents at the New Directions Youth and Family Services, Inc.

1998
Carlos Amaya is employed at AT&T.

1999
Toni Darling is employed at Oneonta Nursing and Rehabilitation.

2000
Darren Lallier is employed at BAE Systems.

Ryan Solette is an Analyst at Maersk Sealand in Madison, N.J.

2001
Brian Pawlikowski has joined the U.S. Army under the Delayed Entry Program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

Nancy Spina has been named community coordinator by The Home Ownership Center in Utica, N.Y. She will facilitate activities of the Association of Block Coalitions and the Utica Weed & Seed Initiative.

ENGAGEMENTS

Jeffrey Near ‘86 and Lynn Lockwood. An October wedding is planned. Jeffrey is a principal test engineer for BAE Systems Controls, Johnson City, N.Y.

William Denale ‘88 and Laura Panter. A September 7 wedding is planned. William is a senior electrical engineer with PAR Technology Corp.

Janeen D’Ambrosio ‘93 and Calvin Morrison. A March 9 wedding was planned. Janeen is a senior operation representative at Banc of America Investment Services, Charlotte, N.C.

Lisa Wright ‘93 and James Frank. A September 7 wedding is planned. Lisa is a social worker at Sitrin Health Care Center.

Susan Billings ‘94 and Gary Grabinski. A November 2 wedding is planned. Susan is employed as the vice president of finance at Fiber Instrument Sales, Inc., Oriskany, N.Y.

Paul Mullin ‘94 and Kelly Rose. An October wedding is planned.
Kutowski '98 and Dina Palumbo. An October wedding is planned. Scott is employed at Utica National Insurance Group, New Hartford, N.Y.

Raymond Poynter '95 and Kelly Maher. Raymond is employed as computer programmer/system developer with the Robert F. Driver Co., Inc., San Diego, Calif.

Shanell Blackshear '96 and Keith Johnson. A June 2002 wedding is planned. Shanell is employed at the New York State Comptroller’s office.

Nicole Brown '97 and Douglas Wilkie. An April 14 wedding is planned. Nicole is an AT&T Sr. Technical/Provision Manager at Merrill Lynch in Raleigh, N.C.

Shannon Reddy '97 and Christopher Peck. A May 18 wedding is planned. Shannon is employed at Utica National Insurance Group, New Hartford, N.Y.

Kenneth Salvi '97 and Cara Studnicki. Kenneth is an engineer with MCI Worldcom.

Jeanine Usiak '97 and Matt Thompson. An October 12 wedding is planned. Jeanine is the director of development at Manhattanville College, Purchase, N.Y.

Beth Ann Kukowski '98 and Jeffrey Kozma. A May 25 wedding is planned. Beth is a workers’ compensation specialist at Slocom-Dickson Medical Group, New Hartford, N.Y.

Nicole Romeo '98 and Keith Porcaro. An August 10 wedding is planned. Nicole is employed at Cadaret, Grant & Co., Inc., Syracuse, N.Y.


Matthew Haight '99 and Linda Kutch. An August 2002 wedding is planned.

David Jones '99 and Becky Baker. David is employed with Molecular OptoElectronic Corporation, Watervliet, N.Y.

Michael Dickerson '00 and Amy Poole '99. An October 26 wedding is planned. Michael is employed at George Martin Electric in East Greenbush, N.Y., and Amy works at the New York State Energy and Research Development Authority.

Joseph Scholl '00 and Jody Bunce. An October 20 wedding is planned. Joseph is a computer operator/programmer.

Darrel Ackroyd '01 and Sara Todd. A December 1 wedding is planned. Darrel is a quality specialist for GN Nitto in Utica, N.Y.

Ruth Crone '01 and Todd Soules. A May 4 wedding is planned. Ruth is employed by Samaritan Medical Center.

Christopher Martin '01 and Colleen Kisel. A July 13 wedding is planned. Christopher is pursuing a master’s degree in school psychology at SUNY Oswego and is a residence manager at The Arc.

Tracey Page '01 and Edward Walker II. A late spring or early summer 2002 wedding is planned.

Jenelle Peck '01 and Joseph Zona, Jr. A May 17 wedding is planned. Jenelle is employed by Paychex Inc.

WEDDINGS

James Allen '77 and Lina Andreyeva, September 14, 2001. James is a registered nurse at the Hudson Valley Veterans Hospital in Montrose, N.Y.

Faith Shea '85 and David Neal, December 29, 2001. Faith is employed as director of health information, quality & risk management at Nason Hospital, Roaring Spring, Pa.


Laurence Feasel '91 and Lori Ann Froehler, October 27, 2001. Laurence is employed by the Monroe County Sheriff’s Department.

Denise Van Dick '92 and David Perry, September 22, 2001. Denise is director of health information services for Arnot Ogden Medical Center.

Theresa Buehler '93 and Thad Abrams, October 12, 2001. Theresa is a technical representative at Sedman and Garger Associates.

Pamela McKeon '93 and Peter Halenar Jr. '93. August 25, 2001. Pamela is a senior human resources consultant at CIGNA and Peter is a strategic alliance manager at Open Solutions, Inc.
Diane Sellars ’93 and Mark Christensen, September 29, 2001. Diane is an office manager at Quadsmia.

Paul Vitale ’93 and Lisa Callahan, September 7, 2001. Paul is employed by Park Terrace at Radisson Assisted Living.


Elizabeth Skinner ’94 and James Kovacs, October 6, 2001. Elizabeth is a case management specialist at MetLife Insurance Co.

Elizabeth Cheevers ’95 and Ty Youngs Jr., July 7, 2001. Elizabeth is employed by IBM Corporation.

Samantha DiNitto ’95 and Daniel Walters, September 8, 2001. Samantha is employed in the accounts payable department at NetTest Inc.

Gina Ferraccioli ’95 and Colin Sloan. Gina is a coding specialist for Cardiology Associates, P.C., Johnson City.

Carla Scampone ’95 and Daniel Dumoulin, July 28, 2001. Carla is an elementary education teacher in Utica, N.Y.

James Bednarczyk ’96 and Maura Cashman, August 18, 2001. James is a civil engineer and architectural designer at Almy and Associates.


Michael Bates ’97 and Michelle Hollibaugh, May 19, 2001. Michael is employed with Mor Tech, Marcy, N.Y.

Chad LaDue ’97 and Becky Burdo, June 9, 2001.

Stacey Sciorilli ’97 and Brian Yager, July 7, 2001. Stacey is a sales administrator at Kutmaster, a division of Utica Cutlery Co.

Katie Sheehan ’97 and Jeremy Burch, October 20, 2001. Katie is employed by Crouse Hospital.


Erik Gronowski ’98 and Cassandra Cooke, July 21, 2001. Erik is a crew chief employed by Colorado State University cultural resources program at Fort Drum, N.Y.


Margaret Komurek ’98 and Anthony Darienzo ’98, June 16, 2001. Margaret is employed by Cornwall Hospital and Anthony is employed by Nextel.

David Christopher ’99 and Mary Marchio, September 15, 2001. David is a lead systems analyst at BAE Systems, Rome, N.Y.

Toni Darling ’99 and Matt Johnston, May 5, 2001. Toni is a registered nurse at Oneonta Nursing and Rehabilitation.

David Leiching ’99 and Paula Lutz, August 11, 2001. David is employed at Danaher Motion in Amherst.


Lisa Levy ’99 and William Street. Lisa is an infection control nurse.

Edward Niles ’99 and Amy Terenzetti ’97, August 18, 2001. Edward is a network engineer at Alcatel Inc. Amy is a nursing home administrator in training at HCR Manor Care.

Mark Zeh ’99 and Kimberly Crandall. Mark is an auditor at Hartford Insurance Co.

Matthew Brooks ’00 and Rebecca Czarnecki ’00, August 25, 2001. Rebecca is a registered nurse and Matthew is a manufacturing engineer.


Mark Rachwal ’00 and Kendel Aubel, September 1, 2001. Mark is employed as a software engineer with Lockheed Martin, Liverpool, N.Y.

Bryce Renders ’00 and Carla LaBarbera, September 2, 2001. Bryce is a network administrator at MetLife Insurance Co.

David Sadekoski ’00 and Kathryn Connolly, August 18, 2001. David is employed by the New York State Department of Transportation.

Joseph Scholl ’00 and Jody Bunce, October 20, 2001. Joseph is a computer operator/programmer at Cathedral Corp.

Matthew Snyder ’00 and Nicole Foster, October 7, 2000. Matthew is employed as a project engineer at Intertek Testing Services in Corland, N.Y.

Michael DeSantis ’01 and Karen Holcomb, August 18, 2001. Michael is a software engineer for BAE Systems, Johnson City, N.Y.

Shawna Mosher ’01 and Steven Williams, July 14, 2001. Shawna is employed by Benefit Plan Administrators of Utica, N.Y.

NEW ARRIVALS


Sean Emerson Holbrook, December 26, 2001. Parents are Jim ’96 and Rose (Wagenaar) ’96 Holbrook. Sean joins brother Joshua.

Sean Paul Rafferty, July 8, 2001. Parents are Kathleen (McGregor) ’92 and Jim Rafferty ’91.

DEATHS

Terry Burnett ’96
November 19, 2001

Richard DuRose ’76
January 13, 2002

Alfred Pacilio ’76
December 8, 2001

Donna Lee Tamburro ’79
October 19, 2001

George Zimmer ’01
December 22, 2001