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State University of New York Chancellor Robert L. King conducted the investiture ceremony as SUNY Institute of Technology celebrated the formal inauguration of its fourth president, Dr. Mason H. Somerville, Friday, April 25, in a public ceremony at Utica’s Stanley Performing Arts Center.

“To lead an institution takes enormous work and the integration of that work by its leader,” King said. “We all share a common interest in the future of our students, the community, and the state. Under your leadership this institution will continue that dedication.”

In keeping with academic tradition, the ceremony included a formal procession, greetings from elected officials and other dignitaries, the investiture of office ceremony, and President Somerville’s inaugural address. Participants dressed in academic regalia included representatives of dozens of colleges and universities from across the nation.

In his inaugural address, Dr. Somerville expressed his gratitude to those who participated, from the members of the SUNYIT family to the more than 40 colleges and universities that sent delegates to the ceremony. “I am deeply honored to be your president,” Dr. Somerville told the gathering. “I look forward to the expansion of our graduate and undergraduate programs, and the continued development of our partnerships with other institutions.”

Dr. Somerville was appointed by the State University of New York Board of Trustees on May 21, 2002, and assumed the duties of President on July 1, 2002. Prior to his appointment, he served as Dean of the College of Engineering and Technology at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, and was Dean of the College of Engineering and Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Texas Tech University.

Dr. Somerville earned a Doctorate in Mechanical Engineering from Pennsylvania State University, a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering at Northeastern University, and a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. A Registered Professional Engineer in the states of North Dakota, Arkansas, and Texas, he is a member of four national professional and academic engineering societies, including the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME).

The installation ceremony was the central event of Inauguration Week, which included academic lectures, concerts, and other events at SUNYIT.

Inauguration Address

April 25, 2003

Thank you, Chancellor King, for your kind words and for the confidence you, the members of the SUNY Board of Trustees, and the members of the College Council have expressed in me. Senator Meier, Assemblywoman Destito, Assemblyman Townsend, Assemblyman Butler, Professor Dussault, Mr. Nomenclator, Mr. Stackler, President Dubner, Mayor Grillo, and Mayor Julian, I thank you each for your introduction. It is an academic tradition that colleges and university presidents send representatives to the inauguration of a colleague. Today, it is my honor and pleasure to welcome fellow colleagues from some 40 institutions.

It is my personal privilege to stand before you in this role; but, I sincerely hope we can agree that this pomp and ceremony honors SUNYIT more than it celebrates my inauguration. For this reason, I must begin by thanking the members of the Inauguration Committee chaired by Mr. Anthony Panebianco and his staff for the excellent job they have done in organizing this week’s events. I also recognize those individual members of the SUNYIT family who participated in the events throughout the week.

I recognize and deeply appreciate the members of my family who are here today to celebrate. Special recognition goes to my mother, Mrs. Eleanor Ruth Somerville, from Bradenton, Florida, who, like one of her daughters and son, dedicated her life to education. My Dad, who passed away in 1980, was also a strong supporter of education. My son, Mark, is here representing Olin College of Engineering where he is a Professor of Electrical Engineering, and my oldest daughter Meredith Catalini joins us from Santa Barbara, California. My continued on page 8
Mary Fischer is a proud SUNYIT alumna. Twice.

Like many alumni, Fischer received both a bachelor’s degree (B.S. in Computer Science, 1988) and a master’s degree (M.S. in Health Services Administration, 2001) from SUNYIT. Her path from the first degree to the second led her in some unexpected directions, including her role as a published health care researcher.

After learning about SUNYIT’s health services degree programs from a colleague in 1998, Fischer decided to begin working toward a master’s degree in Health Services Administration. Then, as now, she worked as a Practice Manager for a multi-disciplinary mental health practice in Utica, N.Y. She registered for three intensive, five-week courses in finance, accounting and economics and earned a 4.0 grade point average. The challenging program “sparked a real desire to learn,” Fischer says. As she continued in the program, she was able to apply much of what she learned to her work as a practice manager.

In the fall of 2000, Fischer enrolled in health policy, taught by Dr. Sarah Laditka, associate professor and director of SUNYIT’s Center for Health and Aging. Fischer took three more courses with Laditka: health economics, quantitative methods and the Capstone course in health services administration environments and strategies. That fall, Laditka asked Fischer to become a research assistant. To Laditka, Fischer was an ideal candidate. “She’s very smart, very creative, very personable. She works well independently. She’s a pleasure to work with and be with,” Laditka says.

That year, professor and student began a productive partnership. As a paid research assistant, Fischer performed various tasks for the Center for Health and Aging: updating the Web site, contributing to a newsletter, securing speakers, and writing articles. Started by Laditka in 1998, the Center enhances the research environment for SUNYIT faculty and students and develops community-based partnerships to address health and aging issues.

With Laditka, Fischer began an ambitious research project: to assess physician training in home care. Working with two physicians and an administrator at the St. Elizabeth Family Medicine Residency Program, Laditka and Fischer developed a survey for Family Medicine residents. Fischer and other SUNYIT graduate students used the survey to conduct in-depth interviews with all 26 residents. The data were analyzed and the results were used to write an article in collaboration with three Residency Program personnel.

The article, “There’s No Place Like Home: Evaluating Family Medicine Residents’ Training in Home Care” was presented by Fischer in fall 2001 at the State Society on Aging’s annual conference in Albany, and was published in the peer-reviewed journal “Home Health Care Services Quarterly” in fall 2002. What was it like to be published? “Except when my children were born, I was never more excited,” Fischer recalls.

Using additional data collected from the interviews, Fischer and Laditka wrote a second research paper, again collaborating with Residency Program personnel. Fischer presented the paper, “Geriatric Education and Attitudes in Family Medicine Residency: Elder Abuse, End-of-Life Preparedness and Training,” at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA), in Chicago in November 2001. Attending the meeting, Fischer says, was an incredible experience; she spent four days in the company of other researchers, many of them world-renowned in their field. The paper was recently published in “Gerontology and Geriatrics Education.”

Although she received her master’s degree in December 2001, Fischer’s connection with SUNYIT continues. She is now a Visiting Scholar of the Center for Health and Aging, and has collaborated with Laditka on two additional research projects. This fall she will begin teaching a course for the Health Services Management Program at SUNYIT, “Health Care Delivery in the United States”, twice an alum, then a published researcher, now a teacher who will share what she learned at SUNYIT with students at SUNYIT.
Dozens of dignitaries and hundreds of well-wishers celebrated the official dedication of SUNYIT’s newest state-of-the-art building May 2: the Peter J. Cayan Library. SUNYIT President Dr. Mason H. Somerville, Congressman Sherwood Boehlert, and President Emeritus Dr. Peter J. Cayan were among those taking part in a dedication ceremony in Kunsela Lecture Hall. A ribbon-cutting and reception followed in the Library. Work on the $14 million dollar project was completed early this year, and the transfer of the library collection of nearly 200,000 books and other materials from the former library wing of Kunsela Hall to the new building took place in March.

Designed by The Thomas Group of Ithaca, N.Y., and built by Murnane Construction, a Utica company, the Peter J. Cayan Library is a two-story building comprising 68,000 square feet. The building features a jewel-like vestibule entranceway that reflects light during the day and highlights the space and building interior at night. The exterior of the building is brick, with accents and glazing. The division of exterior windows reflects the influence of Frank Lloyd Wright, with exterior and interior glazed areas divided into patterns that include clear and opaque glass.

Inside, the Cayan Library exhibits a traditional layout with circulation services on one side of the first floor and reference services on the other. A café is located near the main entrance. Collections are available on the side and rear portions of the first floor and on much of the second floor, which also features a computerized bibliographic instruction room. Various size study rooms for group interaction, personal study tables, and lounge furniture are located adjacent to and in the collections area. At opposite ends of the second floor are a reading room with a fireplace, and a study room that provides a view of the Utica skyline and the Mohawk Valley.

Dr. Peter J. Cayan served as president of SUNY Institute of Technology from 1982-2002. He presided over the construction of SUNY’s newest campus and led SUNYIT as it began the transition from upper-division to four-year status.
They all remember Al Mario.

“When I was a 13-year-old paperboy in Whitesboro, he was one of my customers,” says Robert Orilio, associate professor of finance. “He was a fixture in the village of Whitesboro for many years, just the type of guy who would do anything for you.”

“Al expected his students and his employees to work hard and he set high standards for them,” says Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito of Rome. “He was one of the hardest working professors I have ever known.”

“Some people make a difference in the lives of others and Al Mario was one of them,” says Dr. Ron Sarner, executive vice president for academic affairs. “He was a true gentleman and we miss him dearly.”

Albert B. “Al” Mario, SUNYIT professor emeritus, died April 17, 2003 at St. Luke’s Memorial Hospital Center. But his legacy is evident in the continued success of the many institutions, programs, and people he touched.

Born in Utica and a graduate of Proctor High School, he was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. His professional experience ranged from Utica’s Brunner Manufacturing Co., to management trainer with the Rome Air Development Center (RADC). His academic career began at Utica College, where his role as an adjunct teaching courses in economics and finance spanned 20 years. But it was “retirement” that brought him to SUNYIT.

After a successful career at RADC he retired from the position of Deputy Director of the Center’s Procurement Division and accepted an assistant professor position at SUNYIT; he taught finance and business management courses. In addition, he founded and developed the school’s Management Assistance Center which incorporated such units and services as the Small Business Development Center, executive management seminars, and the Entrepreneurial Education Resource Center.

Destito’s first job after graduating from college was on the staff at SBDC. “Al was a kind, compassionate family man who taught his students and his employees by example,” Destito says. “He was also a true entrepreneurial spirit, and he shared his enthusiasm with everyone who came into contact with him.”

In addition to securing many grants and contracts for SUNYIT, he had a gift for networking that did a lot to spread the word about what was then a brand-new SUNY campus. “In terms of making us known in the business community locally and regionally he was key,” says Orilio. “He had enough contacts out there that he spread the word. He always told me that he saw great potential for this place; he saw public education as a real opportunity.”

In addition to his professional and academic achievements, including a master’s degree from Syracuse University and a bachelor’s degree from Utica College, Al Mario was the recipient of many awards and honors. Among them, UC’s Outstanding Alumnus Award presented in 1992 and a combined award from SUNYIT and the local union chapter in 1997. His wife of 36 years, Rita, was a constant companion and best friend.

In addition to the thriving Small Business Development Center at SUNYIT, his legacy can be measured in the many alumni and colleagues whose lives he touched.

“He had a really unique relationship with students,” says Orilio. “He was always there for the students and he always stayed in touch with graduates; he was always willing to give them a helping hand.” Sarner agrees; he says Mario was a “consummate professional” who was devoted to his students. “Al took teaching and his students very seriously,” says Sarner. “He cared passionately about teaching and invested his wisdom, time, and talent, to ensure that his students received the best possible educational experience.”

“I appreciated everything I learned from Al, from the time I was his paperboy,” Orilio says. “His work ethic inspired me.”
More than 400 graduates received undergraduate and graduate degrees at SUNYIT's 29th annual spring Commencement. The event was held Saturday, May 10, at the historic Stanley Performing Arts Center in Utica, N.Y. Sister Rose Vincent Gleason, President and Chief Executive Officer of Utica's St. Elizabeth Medical Center, delivered the Commencement address and received the SUNYIT Distinguished Service Award.

Commencement weekend began with the annual Academic Awards Banquet in the Campus Center gymnasium on the evening of May 9. Graduates were honored for academic achievement; the event was attended by 500 students, family members, faculty, and staff.

On the morning of May 10, President Mason H. Somerville led the procession into the Stanley to the accompaniment of bagpipes and drums – courtesy of the Mohawk Valley Frasers. “I encourage you to pursue your dreams,” President Somerville told graduates. “This will allow you to capture the energy, vision, and dedication necessary to be successful. It is excellence that is at the core of success... I congratulate you for your work.”

SUNYIT College Council Chair Jim Brock, Jr., presented the Distinguished Service Award to Sister Rose Vincent Gleason. “As a hospital CEO, Sister Rose Vincent has taken bold steps to bring quality health care to our region. Under her leadership for more than three decades, St. Elizabeth Medical Center has made dramatic strides to help bring quality care to the area,” Brock said. “She has worked her whole adult life at St. Elizabeth. But ‘administrator’ is only one dimension of this dynamic woman; she is a respected and loved community leader.”

Sister Rose Vincent accepted the award on behalf of the “many people at St. Elizabeth who work together to make good things happen for the people of the community.”

In her address to graduates, Sister Rose Vincent provided a guidebook for life entitled “11 Habits for a Happy Life.” Among the 11: service to God, family, job, country, and community. “Embrace the spirit of excellence,” she told the Class of 2003. “Make a habit of doing your best, no matter what you are doing...never be satisfied, keep stretching your mind, body, and soul.” (See Commencement Address, p. 7)

Also at Commencement, President Somerville presented the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities to Dr. David Hakken. Dr. Hakken is a professor of sociology and anthropology in the School of Arts and Sciences. The award is presented to faculty nominees at SUNY campuses who demonstrate “...sound scholarship and creative productivity...an excellent, sustained record of research publications [and]...participation in national and/or international conferences.” Dr. Hakken has been a member of the SUNYIT faculty since 1978. His recently published book “Cyborgs@Cyberspace? An Ethnographer Looks to the Future” was highlighted in a January article in “The Chronicle of Higher Education.” His new book, “The Knowledge Landscapes of Cyberspace,” will be published this year by Routledge, one of the world’s leading publishers of academic books.

Commencement was followed by a reception for graduates and their guests in the SUNYIT Campus Center.
First and foremost, service to God. You may need to find him before you can serve him. Look within yourself honestly. Somewhere, in that wonderful cluster of cells and spirit which is you, there exists the essence of God. He is there, working daily with you. If you align your will to his, your life will be fruitful and absolutely wondrous.

Your spiritual life keeps you whole. It’s the glue that pulls all things together. If you don’t have a spiritual focus, find one. From my personal experience, you’ll often find God in others. Perhaps it will be through your church, synagogue, temple, mosque or in some other small corner of his glorious world. Once you have found him, serve him and love him—lon he will never let you down. And if you put him first, you can never let him down for he knows you; he knows your weaknesses and strengths. After all, he has given them to you in just the right proportions—just enough to give you your uniqueness and your purpose.

By acknowledging God and remembering to serve him, you can be certain that you’ll be better able to keep yourself in perspective—just the right amount of pride in your accomplishments tempered by a generous helping of humility.

The second habit of a happy life is service to family. Your spouse, parents, your brothers and sisters, perhaps grandparents, your aunts, uncles, cousins. Each and every one of them has helped to mold who you are—sometimes by their support and love, and other times by challenging your very being. You’ve experienced rivalries and jealousies within this intimate circle, and you’ve experienced the fullness of life.

If possible, put anger aside for the sake of family unity. When you empty yourself of anger, love will often fill the void. And, find time to call or write a note to those dearest and closest to you.

When crisis strikes, find a way to be there—to hold a hand, to make a cup of coffee, to listen. As I tell my employees when a family crisis hits, you belong home. And, when a cause for celebration occurs, share your joy.

The third habit leading to a happy life is service to your job. Once God and family are taken care of, it’s time to get practical. When you are hired, you have a job to do. When you’re at work, be at work joyfully. Embrace the challenges as possibilities. Become a member of the team. Grow with the team. Succeed with the team.

In some companies, you may find a cut-throat environment—where people will do anything to make more money, to gain greater power. The world of work can be frightening and intimidating. It can strip you of your humanity. Don’t let it happen to you. Even if you become the CEO or top manager, become a servant and you will reap rewards beyond your wildest imaginations.

The fourth habit for a happy life is service to country and community. You’ve heard the saying, “no man is an island.” How true that is. We are all dependent on someone—often times it is someone we don’t even know.

The men and women of our armed forces have been demonstrating that spirit of service—some of them having made the ultimate sacrifice. Their courage, determination, stamina, selflessness and focus stand as examples for all of us, especially in a world where terrorism and violence intimidate our lives.

We, at St. E’s have a special and unique affinity with those who wear the uniform of their country. Army reserve nurses spend their drill weekends at the hospital to learn and hone critical care skills. They are prepared at a moment’s notice to travel to distant lands to care for our soldiers and civilians.

And locally, everywhere you go, there are people serving others: the police officer who protects our streets and our homes, the farmer who produces our milk, the mechanic who repairs our cars, the doctor who cares for the ailing teacher who teaches your children. We are all somehow connected in a complicated, beautiful, interwoven tapestry. We all need each other—all dependent on services and products.

And then, there are some who are struggling more than others, who, because of a crisis, illness, or other circumstance, find themselves lost, alone, and struggling with only the generosity and kindness of others to hold them aloft.

I believe we have a major responsibility to them. Each and every one of us should be able to find one hour a week to do something for our community. Perhaps it’s volunteering at a local agency—the Cosmopolitan Center, senior citizens centers, the Jewish Community Center, the Utica Rescue Mission, the Salvation Army, girls and boys clubs, the Red Cross, Catholic Charities, the food banks, the Lung Association, the Cancer Society, the Heart Association, Easter Seals, Boy scouts, Girl scouts, the YWCA, hospitals, schools...I could go on and on. The fact is, you belong somewhere. Somebody needs you. There are hundreds of friendships waiting to happen in our community and there are thousands of people who need a friend. It could be you. And, believe me, there is nothing more fulfilling and more liberating than giving of yourself.
other children are unable to attend due to work obligations or pending grandchildren. Finally, I recognize my best friend, my confidant, my partner and my love, Ann Somerville, SUNYIT’s First Lady. Please join me in recognizing my family, the Inauguration Committee, our staff, and our guests.

 Universities empower people and communities through the generation and dissemination of knowledge. And knowledge is arguably the most fundamental asset our society has. It is not an accident that every prominent country, state, and city has at its core excellent universities. To a large degree, American education owes its culture to the great universities of England. Two of the older ones are Oxford University, founded in 1201, and the University of Cambridge, which will soon celebrate 1,000 years of excellence in education. In preparing for this address, I came across an interesting story about Cambridge, and I quote:

 "... in 1209, scholars taking refuge from hostile townsmen in Oxford migrated to Cambridge and settled there. They were numerous enough by 1226 to have set up an organisation, represented by an official called a Chancellor, and seem to have arranged regular courses of study, taught by their own members. King Henry III took them under his protection as early as 1231 and arranged for them to be sheltered from exploitation by their landlords. At the same time he tried to ensure that they had a monopoly of teaching, by an order that only those enrolled under the tuition of a recognised master were to be allowed to remain in the town."1

 As this quote illustrates, some things never change: faculty are still seeking refuge, we still have Chancellors, we need government protection (and money), the faculty still have control over the curriculum, we charge tuition, and we are still discussing who has the right to teach what.

 But we must ask, why were scholars so important that they caught the attention of a King? I propose that the answer is simple. The work of scholars—individuals who teach and do research—is fundamental to the creation and transmission of ideas that ensures the continuous development of society. Academic freedom, the right and responsibility granted to scholars to research and publish, is at the core of academia’s ability to hold our societal feet to the fire. Scholars force us to test the hypotheses by which we all live our lives. Providing scholars with protected environments is fundamental to society’s survival; a society that fails to embrace this idea typically has a short life.

 Our forefathers understood this fact; they were, after all, products of the British educational system. The culture and benefits of their education survive today. Both are reflected in our constitution and in our Universities. However, The Morrill Act of 1862 separates us from the British culture of our educational heritage, especially in the following three areas:

 - National importance
 - Combining liberal and professional education
 - Education of a much broader section of the society

 It is the Morrill Act of 1862 that first recognized the need to broaden the curricula content and ensure access to higher education for a larger number of citizens. The Act, in essence, defined the expanded role of the public university. By combining liberal and practical education, the mission of the public university was differentiated from that of the private institutions.

 There are other similarities between the academies of 1209 and 2003. Most notable is the idea of curricula—courses of study—taught by “their own members.” I wonder, were the scholars who fled to Cambridge fleeing their colleagues in Oxford? Faculty control of the curriculum, its content, and discussion about who teaches the courses are still with us today. Faculty ownership is the equivalent to the branding of a product, thereby ensuring its quality to potential customers.

 In the early 1960s, Governor Rockefeller recognized the value of public education to the people of the State of New York. Just as the Morrill Act recognized nationally a need for technology transfer, the Governor recognized the critical need for access to higher education. Today’s State University of New York is evidence that his ideas were sound. Several states have taken their land grant universities and built them into state-wide organizations educating tens of thousands of students annually. The State University of New York is a flagship among these institutions.

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 Mrs. Ann Somerville threw the ceremonial first pitch at an Inauguration Week Wildcats softball game.
flags behind me represent the important players in this effort. The world. SUNY and SUNYIT are indispensable to students throughout the country. Services to students throughout the nation to offset decreased state support for higher education. It is now commonplace throughout the nation to offset decreased state funding of public higher education institutions with increases in tuition. Although subtle, this tradeoff implies that it is the individual who is the primary beneficiary of the education, rather than the society. I must ask, have we lost the understanding of the real reason why we have public higher education, namely, the continued maintenance and development of our democratic society.

Ironically, and in spite of the fifty year decline in state support for higher education, our country continues to provide educational services to students throughout the world. SUNY and SUNYIT are important players in this effort. The leaders let us initiate the discussion of the fundamental value of public higher education to our society as opposed to the individual. And to my SUNYIT colleagues and friends in the Mohawk Valley, let us develop the University needed to support the long-term economic vitality of the companies we attract to Central New York. Doing so will ensure that our children and our children’s children will have a bright future.

Finally, I am honored to be your President. I look forward to working with each of you as we define, expand, and develop SUNYIT for the next generation.

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Fall Fest

October 3 - 4

Cost: $10 per person
$20 per couple
$25 per family

Fall Fest Schedule

Friday, October 3

Noon - 6 p.m. Alumni/Family Golf with Lunch* Valley View Country Club
8 - 10 p.m. Talent Nite Kunsela Auditorium

Saturday, October 4

8:15 - 9 a.m. Alumni Board Meeting Campus Life Conference Rm.
9 - 11 a.m. Presidents’ Scholarship Recognition Brunch Campus Center Gym (All Welcome)
9:30 - 11 a.m. Alumni Soccer (Co-ed) Practice Field
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Women’s Varsity Soccer vs. Plattsburgh Soccer Field
11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Family Entertainment/Carnival Campus Center
Pool Party Campus Center Pool
Noon - 2 p.m. Alumni Baseball Baseball Field
Noon - 2 p.m. Alumni Lacrosse Practice Field
Noon - 2 p.m. Alumni Softball Softball Field
2 - 4 p.m. Men’s Varsity Soccer vs. Fredonia Soccer Field
5:30 - 8 p.m. Fall Fest Feast Campus Center
Includes Alumni and Hall of Fame Awards
8 - 8:45 p.m. Bonfire Campus Center Lawn
9 p.m. - Midnight Casino Night/Entertainment Campus Center

Notes:
• Schedule subject to change
• You may check online, www.sunyit.edu, for updates to schedule
• For additional information contact Jeff Schneider in the College Relations & Development Office at (315) 792-7113 or schneij@sunyit.edu

*Additional charge for Alumni/Family Golf with Lunch
Fall Fest 2003

Fall Fest weekend is right around the corner, October 3 - 4, 2003. This year we celebrate the arrival of freshmen on campus. We have many events planned for alumni, parents, students, faculty and staff during Fall Fest. We hope you’ll join us!

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 College Relations and Development Office, SUNY Institute of Technology, P.O. Box 3050, Utica, NY 13504-3050. Registration fee is $10 per person, $20 per couple or $25 per family.

This is a great opportunity for those of you 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.

Registration Form

Fall Fest 2003

I will be attending Fall Fest 2003 as an/a: (check one)
☒ Alumnus ☐ Faculty/Staff ☐ Parent ☐ Student
☐ Other ___________________________________________ (please specify)

Name __________________________________________________________

Name of guest(s) ________________________________________________

Class ______________ Major ______________________________________

Address ________________________________________________________

Phone Number:  Home (       )________________________________________
Work (       ) ________________________________________

E-mail address __________________________________________________

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

Number Attending Events:

☐ Alumni/Family Golf (additional fee)
☐ Talent Nite 2003
☐ Presidents’ Scholarship Recognition Brunch
☐ Fall Fest Feast
☐ Casino Night

Registration fee: $10 per person; $20 per couple; $25 per family; free for SUNYIT students

Total amount enclosed: $ __________________________

Please register by Sept. 19, 2003

Charge Authorization: ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard
Card # __________________________ Exp. Date __________________________

Authorization Signature & Date ____________________________________

Please make checks payable to the College Association

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

Fall Fest “Talent Nite” Returns!

Current students, parents, faculty, staff, alumni, and MVILR members are eligible to take part in “Talent Nite 2003,” Friday, October 3, 8 p.m., in Kunsela Hall auditorium. Performers will compete for a $500 first prize, a $250 second prize, and a $125 third prize.*

To enter, fill out the form below and send it to the address on the form. Entries must be received by 4:30 p.m., Friday, September 19. Questions? Call 792-7113 for more information.

SUNYIT Talent Nite 2003 Entry Form

Name ____________________________
Phone ____________________________
Address ____________________________

City _______ State _______ Zip _______

Type of performance: ☐ musical ☐ dance ☐ comedy
☐ other __________________________________________

Number of performers: _____  Describe your performance: ______________

I am a SUNYIT: ☐ student ☐ parent ☐ faculty/staff
☐ alumnus ☐ other __________________________________________

Please return this entry form to the College Relations and Development Office (Kunsela Hall, Room A231) or mail to:

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College Relations and Development Office
P.O. Box 3050, Utica, NY 13504-3050

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4:30 P.M. ON FRIDAY, SEPT. 19.

Twenty entries will be randomly selected. All entrants will be notified in writing on or before Sept. 26, whether or not they have been selected to perform in the show.

Additional Entry Forms are available in the College Relations and Development Office (Kunsela Hall, Room A231) or by calling 792-7113.

* no professional entertainers please

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Career Services Corner by Dr. Thomas Matthews
Director of Career Services

Career Services Wins State-wide Award

Career Services received the Award for Excellence in Programming from the State University of New York Career Development Organization (SUNYCDO). The award recognizes the development and implementation of new and innovative programming among career services professionals within the SUNY system. Career Services won the award for the PRO (Professionals Reaching Out) Tour which was held during the spring 2003 semester. The PRO Tour was designed to facilitate student/alumni and employer interaction and highlight career exploration, job search strategies, and full-time, part-time, summer, and internship opportunities.

Upcoming SUNYIT Career Fair

The annual SUNYIT Career Fair will be held on Thursday, October 9, in the Campus Center, 12:30 - 5 p.m. Employers in attendance, largely from Central New York and the Mohawk Valley, will represent a variety of industries including health care, education, information technology, financial services, state and federal governments, and engineering technology. For more information on the types of employers to be represented and the skills and majors for which they are recruiting, visit the Career Services Web site: www.sunyit.edu/sal/career_services.

Career Services Unveils New Web Site

Career Services has unveiled a new Web site currently available to students, alumni, and employers. The new site was designed to be more dynamic and user-friendly and to provide links to the most commonly used and recommended career-related Web sites on the Internet. All of the Career Services publications and newsletters have been added and easier access to the e-Recruiting site has been provided. We welcome your suggestions and feedback as we continue to upgrade our site.

Top Employers, Majors, and Salaries

The National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) frequently collects data on employer types, academic majors, and salary. Listed below are the top five entries in each category according to the NACE Winter 2003 Salary Survey report.

The top 5 employers extending offers to recent graduates are (average starting salary offer): accounting services, $42,179; educational services, $29,720; engineering services, $45,206; government/federal, $37,378; and building, developing, and general contracting, $43,212.

The top five highest-paying employer types (by salaries offered) are: (average starting salary offer): petroleum & coal products, $52,588; engineering services, $45,206; building, developing, and general contracting, $43,212; accounting services, $42,179; and government/federal, $37,378.

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The ninth habit of a happy life is to listen and look. You may think now that you are graduates, you are done with formal learning. This is far from the truth. Every day, every moment, every hour is an opportunity to learn. The sharpest windows are your eyes and ears. They have served you well, introducing you to the world. Don’t shut it out by voicing your opinion too often. On a more professional basis, listening helps keep the lines of communication open. It is the first step in conflict resolution; it is respectful and considerate of others. It is a tool to be used often.

The tenth habit for a happy life is to be present in the moment and to the moment. Have you ever caught yourself driving along and suddenly becoming aware that you don’t remember how you got to where you are? I have, and it’s not just because I’m older! We all do it. It’s called daydreaming. It’s called thinking about what you have to do next, so you don’t realize what you are doing now.

Discipline your mind to slow down – to enjoy where you are, the people around you, why you are with them. Appreciate the smells, sounds, and beauty around you. Let nature and life permeate your being. Become a part of the present and whatever you are doing – even at moments of crisis. Deal with it. Allow yourself to hurt. Embrace the pain and then let it go. It’s good mental health.

And finally, the 11th habit of a happy life: embrace the spirit of excellence. Make a habit of doing your best, no matter what you are doing – whether it’s serving God, family, job, or neighbor. Whether it’s laughing or crying, washing your hands, relaxing or playing, listening or looking, do it all the best that you can. Never be satisfied, keep stretching your mind, body and soul. And you’ll find that you will leave this world a better, happier and safer place. You will have made all the difference.

Editor’s note: the complete text of Sister Rose Vincent Gleason’s commencement address is available online: www.sunyit.edu/commencement

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A high quality educational experience is an important stepping stone for success. As you have discovered since you joined the ranks of SUNYIT’s 20,000 alumni, a college education helps people find the career and the life they love. Ultimately, it helps make a real difference – not only for individuals, but for their families, communities, and beyond.

Many of us attended college thanks to the generosity of others, in addition to our own hard work. Today’s challenging economic environment and continuing budget constraints present the SUNYIT family with unique opportunities and challenges. To continue to make a profound difference in the lives of new generations, we need your help. Your gift will mean critical support for students and faculty in several practical and visible ways, by:

- Providing scholarships to students
- Supporting a unique learning environment among students and faculty
- Helping SUNYIT to attract world-class faculty
- Ensuring the creation of a well-rounded student experience

Many of you are parents; you understand the joy of helping your children to grow and thrive, and the satisfaction of building a family. In the same way, a gift to the SUNYIT Annual Fund is an investment in the SUNYIT family, and the future of the entire region, one that will empower our neighbors to do great things as we lay the foundation for a better world.

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Sunday in SARATOGA®
A Day at the Races

Join SUNYIT alumni and faculty for a day at the Saratoga Racetrack filled with fun and excitement!

Sunday, August 17

Special Guest: Dr. Heather Dussault
Assistant Professor, Electrical Engineering

10:30 a.m. - Gates Open
11:30 a.m. - SUNYIT Lunch at Paddock Tent
1 p.m. - Post Time

RSVP to Mary Ann at (315) 792-7273 (MC/VISA only)
College Relations and Development Office
Limited seating – Reserve early

$37 Clubhouse Admission
Special Lunch & Post-Parade Program
Collar shirts required/No shorts or tank tops
“Family-friendly” Wildcats

For the Wildcat intercollegiate athletics program at SUNYIT, it’s all in the family.

The basketball season marked the arrival of Nick Grimmer, son of athletics director Kevin Grimmer. Nick earned All-SUNYAC honors in helping lead the men’s basketball program to a 17-10 record and post-season participation in the SUNYAC and ECAC Championships.

In the spring of 2003, the SUNYIT softball team was dominated by DeCourseys. Third-year head coach Michelle – at 26, one of the youngest head coaches in the NCAA – recruited her younger sisters Katie and Erin to play for the Wildcats. The result was outstanding as the women’s softball squad received their first post-season tournament invitation in SUNYIT history. (See related article, at bottom of page.)

Sports are more than a lifestyle for the Herkimer, New York-based DeCoursey family. Michelle’s parents are Carolyn and Bill, who is the long-time boys varsity baseball coach at Whitesboro High School. “It all starts with my dad,” says Michelle. “He’s coached all of us.”

The love of sports and competition was instilled early and often to the talented DeCoursey kids. The results for Michelle speak volumes – SUNY Brockport Female Athlete of the Year (1997), two-time SUNY Brockport Softball and Tennis Outstanding Athlete (1997-1998), ECAC Upstate New York Softball Player of the Year (1997) and NCAA record-holder for consecutive hits (13) and home runs in a game (3 – tied with others).

Michelle joined the Wildcat coaching staff in September of 2000 and the fortunes of the women’s softball team have risen steadily. The Wildcats challenged the top teams of SUNYAC all spring while achieving an overall record of 13-17, a vast improvement on last year’s 6-26 season.

Key to the Wildcats rise has been the arrival of many talented newcomers, including two more DeCourseys. Katie, who transferred from SUNY Plattsburgh after a stellar career at Herkimer County Community College, plays catcher and third base while Erin, who also transferred from HCCC after starring in softball, is a pitcher/first baseman.

“I’m honored to be coaching Katie and Erin in their final years of college ball,” says Michelle. “Katie has the same edge as I had – she plays with lots of heart and intensity. Erin is awakening to that level of intensity and we’ll expect plenty of that along with lots of leadership from her over the next two seasons.”

First Post-Season Appearance for SUNYIT’s Women’s Softball

The women’s softball team at SUNYIT made an impressive first-ever appearance in the post-season, capturing second place in the New York State Women’s Collegiate Athletic Association (NYSWCAA) Tournament.

The SUNYIT women advanced to the championship game after avenging an opening round 2-1 loss to Utica College with a 2-0 elimination game win over UC.

The Wildcats lost in the championship game to top-seeded St. Lawrence University, 2-1. The SUNYIT women out-hit and out-pitched the host school, but lost as St. Lawrence scored two unearned runs for the NYSWCAA softball title.

SUNYIT had nine hits, including singles by senior Brandy Napier and junior Erika Hock in the first inning to give the Wildcats a 1-0 lead, and left 10 runners on base for the game. Senior Stephanie Gajewski led the Wildcats with a 3-for-3 performance at the plate. Junior Krista Hess pitched a three-hitter and struck out seven, including setting down the side in the second inning with three straight strikeouts.

All-tournament team selections for the Wildcats, who finished the 2003 season with a 14-19 record, were Brandy Napier, Krista Hess and senior Katie DeCoursey.
### Men’s Soccer

**September**
- **Wed. 9/10** Hamilton  
  H 4 p.m.
- **Sat. 9/13** Paul Smith’s  
  A 1 p.m.
- **Tue. 9/16** Utica  
  H 4 p.m.
- **Fri. 9/19** SUNY Potsdam  
  A 4 p.m.
- **Sat. 9/20** SUNY Plattsburgh  
  A 1 p.m.
- **Fri. 9/26** SUNY Brockport*  
  A 4 p.m.
- **Sat. 9/27** SUNY Geneseo  
  A 1 p.m.

**October**
- **Fri. 10/3** Buffalo State  
  H 4 p.m.
- **Sat. 10/4** SUNY Fredonia  
  H 2 p.m.
- **Tue. 10/7** Bard  
  A 4 p.m.
- **Fri. 10/10** SUNY Oswego  
  H 4 p.m.
- **Sat. 10/11** SUNY Cortland  
  H 1 p.m.
- **Tue. 10/14** Cazenovia  
  H 4 p.m.
- **Fri. 10/17** Hilbert  
  A 4 p.m.
- **Sat. 10/18** Medaille  
  A 1 p.m.
- **Wed. 10/22** SUNY New Paltz  
  H 4 p.m.
- **Mon. 10/27** Utica  
  A 3 p.m.

### Volleyball

**September**
- **Sat. 9/6** Cazenovia Tournament  
  A 10 a.m.
- **Wed. 9/10** Russell Sage  
  A 7 p.m.
- **Sat. 9/13** Hilbert  
  H 1 p.m.
- **Wed. 9/17** Cazenovia  
  H 7 p.m.
- **Fri. 9/19** Russell Sage Invitational  
  A 4 p.m.
- **Sat. 9/20** Russell Sage Invitational  
  A 9 a.m.
- **Fri. 9/26** SUNYAC Tournament (East Pool Play) @ Plattsburgh  
  4 p.m.
- **Sat. 9/27** SUNYAC Tournament (East Pool Play) @ Plattsburgh  
  10 a.m.

**October**
- **Wed. 10/1** SUNY Oswego  
  A 6 p.m.
- **Fri. 10/3** Utica  
  A 7 p.m.
- **Tue. 10/14** Hamilton  
  H 7 p.m.
- **Fri. 10/17** Hilbert  
  A 7 p.m.
- **Sat. 10/18** D’Youville  
  H Noon
- **Tue. 10/21** Utica  
  H 7 p.m.
- **Fri. 10/24** SUNYAC Tournament (East Pool Play) @ New Paltz  
  4 p.m.
- **Sat. 10/25** SUNYAC Tournament (East Pool Play) @ New Paltz  
  10 a.m.

*Head Coach: Michelle DeCoursey (4th Year), Assistant Coach: TBA

### Women’s Soccer

**September**
- **Sat. 9/6** Medaille  
  H 1 p.m.
- **Tue. 9/9** Albany College of Pharmacy  
  H 4:30 p.m.
- **Sat. 9/13** Cazenovia  
  A 1 p.m.
- **Mon. 9/15** Utica  
  A 4 p.m.
- **Wed. 9/17** SUNY Cortland  
  A 4 p.m.
- **Sat. 9/20** SUNY Oswego  
  A 1 p.m.
- **Tue. 9/23** SUNY Oneonta  
  H 4 p.m.
- **Sat. 9/27** Buffalo State  
  H 1 p.m.

**October**
- **Wed. 10/1** SUNY Potsdam  
  A 4 p.m.
- **Sat. 10/4** SUNY Plattsburgh  
  H 11 a.m.
- **Wed. 10/8** SUNY Brockport  
  H 4 p.m.
- **Sat. 10/11** SUNY Geneseo  
  A 1 p.m.
- **Sun. 10/12** Hilbert  
  A Noon
- **Wed. 10/15** SUNY New Paltz  
  A 4 p.m.
- **Sat. 10/18** SUNY Farmingdale  
  H 1 p.m.
- **Sun. 10/19** Russell Sage  
  H 2 p.m.
- **Sat. 10/25** SUNY Fredonia  
  A 1 p.m.
- **Tue. 10/28** Utica  
  H 4 p.m.

*Head Coach: Jim Lipocky (3rd Year), Assistant Coach: Theresa Synakowski

### Golf

**September**
- **Sat. 9/13** Utica and Cazenovia  
  (Valley View Golf Club, Utica, NY)  
  11 a.m.
- **Sat. 9/20** Utica and Cazenovia  
  (Vallely View Golf Club, Utica, NY)  
  11 a.m.
- **Mon. 9/22** Oswego Invitational  
  (Oswego Country Club, Oswego, NY)  
  1 p.m.
- **Thur. 9/25** ECAC Regional Qualifier  
  TBA
- **Tue. 10/7** Mike Bello Invitational  
  (Hosted by LeMoyne, Drumlin Country Club, Syracuse, NY)  
  1 p.m.
- **Sun. 10/12** Hamilton Invitational  
  (Shenendoah Golf Club, Verona, NY)  
  11:30 a.m.
May 2003 Graduates

Graduate Degrees
School of Arts & Sciences
Candidates for the Master of Science Degree

Applied Sociology
Joanna Kathryn Baum - Litchfield
Lisa M. Burdick - Ithaca
Barbara W. Caudenh - Huntsville, TX
Donna F. Jenkins - Rome
John M. Moreau - Mohawk
Alka Vidyarthi-Sowich - Utica

Information Design & Technology
Charles Philip DeSimone - Utica
Michael T. Dodson - Clarks Mills
Bruce Gregory Lundstrom - Utica
Mandy Lynn Edmonston - Edison
Blake Alexander Pecher - Delifgeville
Melissa A. Rioli - Watertown
Beverly J. Jette - Madison

School of Information Systems & Engineering Technology
Candidates for the Master of Science Degree

Advanced Technology
Anthony Sal Benincasa - Deerfield
John R. Ciko - Herkimer
James Michael Whalen Jr. - Loundonville

Computer and Information Science
Kelby T. Amo - Sylvan Beach
Daniel T. Brown - Litchfield
Ashan Bubalo - Bosnia Herzegovina
Chunyang Chen - China
David Marc DeProspero - Rome
Satoshi Goto - Japan
Long Gu - China
Min Guo - Delhi
Zhidong L - China
Michelle Anne Manning - New York Mills
Michael J. Manno - Frankfort
William Edward Mckeever Jr. - Rome
Dale Robert Millison - Verona
Michael P. Nassif - Lansing
Sean Michael Phillips - Watertown
Sarah S. Reed - Sherrill
John Spinia - Franklin
Joseph M. Suprenant - Fort Edward
Jason J. Szczesniak - Rome
Joseph M. Suprenant - Fort Edward
John Spina - Frankfort
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Sean Michael Phillips - Watertown
Michael P. Nassif - Lansing
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School of Business Administration
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Accountancy
Karen Marie Hogan - Gloversville
William J. Boyes - New York Mills

Advanced Technology
Anthony Sal Benincasa - Deerfield
John R. Ciko - Herkimer
James Michael Whalen Jr. - Loundonville

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Biological Sciences
Jennifer K. Bloemers - Sherrill

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Accounting
Heidi R. Tribunella - New Hartford
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Engineering Technology

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Chad William Wescott - Batavia
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Mechanical Engineering Technology
Cindy Lee Mishler - Stillwater
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Todd T. Walker - Cassville **
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Dina Marie Miller - Camden
Sally Mason Kennedy - Canastota
Nevenka Milling - Verona
Erik A. Nichols - Remsen
Diana Notaro - Clinton
Renee Michele Shields - Oneida
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Dominic Maazza recently received the International City/County Management Association Credentialed Manager Designation. To be credentialed by ICMA, a member must have a significant experience as a senior management executive in local government, have earned a degree in public administration or a related field, and demonstrated a commitment to high standards of integrity and to lifelong learning and professional development.

1976
Stanley Ezman is a stadium control supervisor at Syracuse University’s Carrier Dome. Stanley is retired from both the United States Postal Service and the U.S. Army Reserve.

Rochelle Herman is sales manager at Friends Retirement Concepts in Bridgewater, N.J.

1977
Nicholas Ernst of Ocala, Fla., is employed at Lockheed Martin as a contracts manager.

1978
Charlene Mizner is a registered nurse at St. Joseph Medical Center and a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserves.

Geraldine Pozzi-Galluzzi is a professor in the Department of Allied Health and Biological Sciences at Dutchess Community College.

1979
Cathy Frank, BSN, a registered nurse with the Visiting Nurse Association of Utica and Oneida County, Inc., is a 4th certified wound care specialist in Oneida County.

1982
Philip Zaffarano of Sherwood, Ariz., is a customer service manager at Hazen Tec.

1983
Kathleen Battaglia is employed by Anheuser-Busch Co. at SeaWorld Orlando.

Paul Hederman of Hobe Sound, Fla., is employed at Tyco Safety Products as a director, human resources.

Mary Jayne Milford is a sales operations manager for Xerox Corporation.

1984
Mark Buttiglieri has been named assistant director for the crisis management & trauma response program at SUNY Upstate.

1985
Suzanne (Fiore) DeVito works at St. Clare’s Hospital and John DeVito works for the electricians’ union. They have three daughters.

Annette Guido was the winner of the first Ursula Flagg Award for Human Resource Excellence. With more than 20 years of human resources experience in education, health care and service industries, she is active in professional community associations.

Gary Roback joined GPO Federal Credit Union as vice president of member services. His responsibilities include overseeing branch and loan operations.

1986
Daniel O’Toole was named senior vice president and chief lending officer at SBU Bank.

1987
Earl Hall Jr. was sworn in as a firefighter in Rome, N.Y.

1988
John Alden is a systems analyst at Burrelli’s Information Services. He will serve as project leader for enterprise software implementation as well as program development and support.

Denise Flihan has been promoted to senior relations manager at Northland Communications.

1989
Heather Allore of Rockland, Me., is associate director of biostatistics at Yale University.

Cecile Cohen of Dewitt, N.Y., is a retired adult nurse practitioner.

Amy Kelley has been chosen as library system librarian at North Country Library System.

Carl Kelly has been named vice president, nursing home operations for Elant, Inc., health and housing systems.

1990
Rita Deal, a registered nurse at Lewis County General Hospital, Lowville, N.Y., was employee of the month. She has been the director of nursing in the residential health care facility since 2000.

Gary Roback joined GPO Federal Credit Union as vice president of member services. His responsibilities include overseeing branch and loan operations.

1991
Beverly Griffin, RN, has been named associate director of nursing at St. Camillus Health and Rehabilitation Center in Syracuse.

John Rossi is director of operations for Philip C. Antico, Inc.

1992
Todd Deragon is a metallurgist at Schlösser Forge Company.

Lori Koons was appointed public relations coordinator at the Central New York Eye Bank, a division of Upstate New York Transplant Services, Inc.

1993
Mark Clouse has joined the Desmond Hotel & Conference Center in Colonie, N.Y., as a network administrator. In this position, he will handle all aspects of computer network, hardware and software, including troubleshooting, computer problems, and assuring network security and antivirus protection.

Kevin Joyce is the team leader-business technology department at The Hartford.

Henry Lynn III of New Braunfels, Tex., is product engineer-couplings for TB Wood’s, Inc.

Gail Marsh, a member of the Air Force Research Laboratory Information Directorate support staff, has received the Operations and Support Excellence Award for her contributions to the directorate’s research and development mission.

1994
Kevin King has joined Whitmore, Dowen & Kilburn, LLP, a full-service certified public accounting firm.

Helen Rico of Rome, a senior computer scientist at the Air Force Research Laboratory Information Directorate, has been named recipient of a 2003 Department of Defense Value Engineering Award.

Laura L. Rogers ’94, formerly the Director of Children’s Services for Oneida County, has begun work at Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago, Ill. Rogers serves as a federal grant project coordinator in the Psychiatry Department of the Mental Health Services and Policy Program.

Rogers received a bachelor of arts in psychology from SUNYIT and a master’s degree in social work from the State University at Albany. She is the daughter of Wendell and Pauline Rogers of Unadilla Forks, N.Y.

1995
Mary Kay Westgate-Driscoll is a professional HIPAA consultant for Modis IT.

Stacy Graffam is a marketing manager.
at Price Waterhouse Coopers, LLP. Melvin Rivers, a chiropractor, recently relocated his practice to Utica from New Hartford.

1996

Joanna Keeler is the Herkimer High School technology coordinator. Patrick Lennon has been promoted to the position of corporate controller at MLB Industries, Inc., of Malta, N.Y.

1997

Diane Price of Barneveld, N.Y., is a nurse practitioner at Masonic Home. Steven Kamp is a software/systems engineer at Compaq. Daniel Shawcross of Plainfield, Ill., is a network technician at AT&T.

Nicole Tanner is the practice administrator of The Woman’s HealthCare Group, LLC, at Bellevue Women’s Hospital in Niskayuna. Kevin Thompson has been named director of Health Information Management at A.L. Lee Memorial Hospital.

1998

Christine Beckingham is ACT Team-Staff Social Worker at Albany County Department of Mental Health. Sharon DeVoe Chiocci has been appointed Lewis County manager. Rudy Gadziala is a contract administrator for Capital District Physicians’ Health Plan, Inc. (CDPHP) in Albany, N.Y.

Kim Intino, formerly public relations development director for the Utica Zoo, has been hired by the Humane Society of the United States in Gaithersburg, Md. She will serve as manager of the Animal Services Consultation Program. Debra Wurz is administrator of the Residential Health Care Facility at Rome Memorial Hospital.

1999

Cheryl Chomycz is employed at Lovely Hills Nursing Home as a registered nurse. Kristina Gohlke is employed by Wyeth Pharmaceuticals as a research scientist I (technical writer).

2000

Lee Brodie has been promoted to the position of Senior Manufacturing Engineer at Tyco Healthcare’s Oriskany Falls facility. Nikki Wood graduated from Officer Candidate School where she was commissioned as an ensign in the Coast Guard. She will be a deck watch officer on the Coast Guard Cutter Mackinaw, home ported in Sheboygan, Mich.

2001

Jessica Ingro is director of information services for the Mohawk Valley Chamber of Commerce in Utica, N.Y. Duane McKaig has joined the staff of Northland Communications as senior product engineer. Matthew Uryniak has joined Testone, Marshall & Discenza as a staff accountant.

2002

Jeffrey Batson has been promoted to co-leader of Rever’s new advanced shop floor control system, MESA. Karen Frye has been appointed an adjunct faculty member at the Utica School of Commerce. Ronald Moskala has joined the Zoller Group of Northwestern Mutual Financial Network as a financial representative. Mark Schmidt has joined the Syracuse office of Faglarone Group CPAs, PC., as a staff accountant with the firm’s tax team. Jason Szczesiak has accepted a position as systems integrator at Turning Stone Casino Resort, Verona, N.Y.

ENGAGEMENTS

Jeff Anthaume ’84 and Barbara Clancy. An August 23 wedding is planned. He is employed as a safety consultant by CAN Insurance, Co., of Liverpool, N.Y. Eric Kochis ’91 and Anca Rezetatu. A May wedding was planned. He is a senior network specialist with BOCES for the Owasco-Appalachian School District.

Rose Marie Taylor ’92 and Christian Porto ’92. She is a senior health-systems manager at TAP Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; he is a district manager at Pfizer, Inc. Barbara Kennell ’93 and Todd Howlett. An October 18 wedding is planned. She is employed as a senior office assistant at Four Corners Abstract in Utica, N.Y.

Jennifer Summers ’93 and Scott Handy. She is a service coordinator for Southern Tier Independence Center, Binghamton, N.Y. Jennifer Zammilli ’93 and Wayne Rabideau. She is employed as an assistant director at Arc of Oneida/Lewis Co.

Jennifer Leone ’94 and Jason Ferris. A May wedding was planned. She is employed as a trial attorney for Allstate Insurance Company. Peter Prestipino ’94 and Melissa Shuch. They plan to marry in May 2004. He is a financial planner in New York City.

Laura Allard ’95 and Timothy Teeter. An August wedding is planned. She is senior programmer/analyst at Scout Information Services, Eagan, Minn.

Eric Rose ’95 and Michele Albright. A July wedding was planned. He is an engineer at Owens Corning.

Jason Spellicy ’95 and Amanda Pasquale. A June wedding was planned. He is general manager of Uno Restaurant, Inc., Vestal, N.Y.

James Weidman ’95 and Casey Benjamin. An October wedding is planned. He is an engineer for ASML in Wilton, Conn.

Eric Beckwith ’96 and Christina Cole. A September 20 wedding is planned. He is an assistant manager at Eckerd Drugs in Utica.

Brooke Ceravolo ’96 and Robert Kopel. A July wedding was planned. She is a chemical dependency counselor.
WEDDINGS

Ralph LaLonde '78 and Mary Saulpaugh. He taught in the Ogdensburg school system for 21 years prior to retiring in 1987.

Frank Montano ‘98 and Patricia Lamando, November 2, 2002. He is a senior technical manager with WorldCorn in Rye Brook.

Scott Campbell ‘91 and Christa Matyka, September 7, 2002. Scott is employed by Value Options in Dedham, Mass.

Laurie Carey ‘92 and Christopher Kraus, June 8, 2002. Laurie is employed by Tone Warner Security.

Rebecca Williams ‘93 and Greg Fox ‘97, December 7, 2002. She is an attorney at Saxe, Doernberger and Viti in Hamden, Conn., he is a mechanical engineer at Kip, Inc., in Farmington, Conn.

Susan Billings ‘94 and Gary Grabinski, November 2, 2002. She is employed as the vice-president of finance at Fiber Instrument Sales, Inc.

Gregory Highy ‘94 and Melissa Snow, September 21, 2002. He is a maintenance engineer for Kraft, Inc., in Granite City, Ill.

Paul Mullin ‘94 and Kelly Rose, October 19, 2002. He is an electrical engineer with Taylor Made Environmental, Pompano Beach, Fla.

Richard Sents ‘94 and Stephanie Marsello, October 12, 2002. He is the nursing home administrator of Manor Oak Life Center.

Heath Allen Johnson ‘96 and Linda Blom, October 12, 2002. He is a senior engineer for Amphenol Aerospace in Sidney, N.Y.

Christopher Zimmer ‘96 and Kimberly O’Meara, October 13, 2002. She is a project manager for DiGasare Mechanical of Schenectady, N.Y.

Kurt Nordman ‘97 and Catherine Puma, September 14, 2002. He is employed with Syracuse Research Corporation, North Syracuse, and is currently deployed with the U.S. Army for a one-year tour of duty.

Sharon DeVoe ‘98 and William Cihocki, November 15, 2002. She is the Lewis County Manager.

Michael McCann Jr. ‘98 and Billie Jo McKatrick, September 14, 2002. He is employed as a sales representative at IA Systems in Albany.

Anthony Obernesser ‘98 and Dorothy Janco, September 22, 2002. He is employed as a project manager with Charles A. Gaetano Construction.

Donna Pecor ‘98 and Michael Rava ‘84, October 5, 2002. She is a supervisor of human resources at Oneida BOCES, he is a director of contracting at Slocum Dickson Medical Group.

Tammy Croniser ‘99 and John Raymond were married May 18. She is a service coordinator at Madison-Cortland ARC in Oneida.

Paul Kolodzie ‘99 and Ann Hucko, November 2, 2002. He employed by HMT, Inc.

Matthew Lewis ‘99 and Kelly Van Bortle, August 31, 2002. He is a UNIX systems administrator at Ajetix Inc., in Henrietta, N.Y.

Michael Dickerson ‘00 and Amy Poole, October 26, 2002. He worked for Martin Electric.

Paul Lee ‘00 and Megan Nightingale, October 12, 2002. He is employed by Tyco Healthcare in Hobart as a quality assurance technician.

Edward Walker II ‘00 and Tracey Page, June 22, 2002. He is a claims adjustor at Progressive Insurance, Vestal, N.Y.

Cathlene Whitehead ‘00 and David Uhl, October 12, 2002. Cathlene is a kindergarten teacher at Holy Nativity Episcopal School in Panama City, Fla.

Sara Gleasman ‘02 and Charles DeSimone ‘88, 03, October 25, 2002. She is employed as a registered nurse; he is employed as a systems analyst.

BIRTHS


Chomycz, Madison Elizabeth, April 20, 2002 (born on her mom’s birthday), to Cheryl (Petty) Chomycz ‘99 and David Chomycz ‘99.

DEATHS

Abraczynski, Joseph ‘95
Brooks, Sarah ‘90
Speciale, Aaron ‘99

Thomas Bailey, lecturer in computer science in the School of Information Systems & Engineering Technology, died March 29, 2003, at his home in Utica. A graduate of SUNY Potsdam, he taught computer science at SUNYIT from fall 1997 through fall 2002.