Dear Alumni:

Everything new that we do seems to have historical significance including this newsletter. A few of your classmates assembled recently to "chew over" the notion of an Alumni Association. In true Upper Division College fashion it was done.

Since that eventful occasion, a tentative constitution was formulated, criteria for membership were proposed and a set of officers nominated. All of this took place amidst an avalanche of snow and in sub-zero environs. This must be considered dedication. Congratulations are in order and offered to our pioneers. Other sections of this newsletter will bring you up to date with respect to the Alumni Association.

Following your departure many significant events have occurred. The car wash is a College Center. The boiler house is a student activities center. We now operate a full-fledged "Pub." The Campus Store is greatly expanded and the library occupies most of the first floor of Temporary #1. Our current expansion plans include: partial occupation of the Potter Elementary School (near the Utica Auditorium) and the Barringer Elementary School in Rome. Our enrollment has grown to 3,000 students comprised of 1,000 full-time undergraduates, 1,000 part-time undergraduates and 1,000 part-time graduate students.

We are still looking for a solution to our campus problem. The Governor's proposed budget for 1977-78 includes funds for the construction or acquisition of a campus. The Oneida County Executive has offered to make available County funds for this purpose in the event State funds are in short supply. We are anxiously waiting for the Governor to respond to Mr. Bryant's offer.

I hope that all of you sons and daughters of the Upper Division College will take the time to return for a visit. We want to know of the mountains you have climbed and the rivers you have swum. You are our most important product. Let us hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

William R. Kunsela
President
The transfer of the Master's Degree Program in Vocational-Technical Education from Utica to Utica/Rome campus, September 1976

The transfer of the Master's Degree Program in Vocational-Technical Education from Owsego to Utica/Rome campus, The graduate program has been designed with sufficient flexibility to permit each student to pursue an individual career objective in Vocational-Technical Education. In addition, course regulations make it possible for vocational-technical teachers to become permanently certified at the undergraduate level, the graduate program in many cases with experienced and permanently certified teachers who wish to prepare for other staff responsibilities in Vocational-Technical Education. Among such career objectives include Vocational-Technical curriculum coordinator, work-study coordinator, supervisor and administrator of Vocational-Technical Education. In addition to seeking these local school superintendents and administrative opportunities, many of the graduate students in Vocational-Technical Education have been promoted to master teachers at educational institutions at the secondary school level or community college instructors. With few required core courses, the student may become involved in interdisciplinary studies in the Arts and Sciences, as well as other related areas of education.

FOUR PROGRAMS COMBINED IN ONE DIVISION

Graduates of Nursing, Health Services Management, Criminal Justice and Human Services will be interested to learn that those programs have been combined into one division under the direction of Dr. Edward J. Sabol, former Dean of Public Service programs. The new division has been designated as the Division of Health Services and Public Services.

The reorganization was prompted by the resignation of Dr. Frank Cianci, Dean of Health Sciences, who accepted a position at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, North Carolina. At the same time Dr. Ellen Cohoon, has been promoted to Associate Professor of Nursing and has been designated as Director of the nursing program, a post she held as assistant professor during the previous year.

With regard to the merger, Dean Sabol stated that the faculty of the various programs have already discovered a number of mutually shared interests and anticipate developing both formal courses and special workshops appropriate to different student needs. The program has been accepted by Associate Professor of Nursing and has been designated as director of the nursing program, a post she held as assistant professor during the previous year.

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SUB-INFOS/PUBLIC MANAGEMENT NEWS

The Business and Public Management Division is grateful for the opportunity to say hello to our former students in their "Wombo Uno" issue of Alumni News. We also want to inform you of a few changes and additions since your graduation.

Dr. Robert Leidig was selected Vice President for Administration, succeeding Dr. Robert Kopkeck. Most of you know Dr. Kopkeck was appointed Vice President for Academic Affairs, following the retirement of Dr. John Brophy.

Dr. Martin Schumacher, New York Business and Public Management Division, effective August 1976, succeeding Dr. Leidig.

K.T. O'Day accepted a position at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa.

Dr. John Graham will be leaving following the Spring '77 semester, to become an Associate Professor at West Kentucky University.

Our new additions are: Dr. Robert Smith, Associate Professor, Marketing; Robert Orilio, Visiting Assistant Professor, Finance; Richard Wolber, Visiting Assistant Professor, Accounting.

Professor K. Vallis qualified for the Certified Management Accounting (OMA) award this past fall. With the awards, a faculty member with both the CPA and OMA designations.

Dr. Cook, Professors King and Mario are still missing the "hanging" from our adjourned list. We are sure you must have continued on with us; specifically, Messrs. Randazzo, Honda, Hanley, Livingston, Walthall. Yes, of course, Mildred Zarek and all our other secretaries.

All of us are anxiously looking forward to meeting with you at the first Annual Homecoming.

TO UTICA/ROME ALUMNI/ALUMNAE IN ARTS/SCIENCES

Greetings to our new alumni/ae in a new association from a new dean! One of the several appeals of Utica/Rome for someone transferring here from a more static city, is that institution is to show them the strength of our college. I hope you feel some of that same excitement that goes with pioneering. As you may have heard, we are much concerned about your responses to your experience here; we want you to be happy in any event, but we have a special, external motive as we prepare for our first three-year accreditation evaluation. Professor Cory Cipriani (Economics) is running the whole preliminary self-study for the College. Under his direction, we’ll be questioning each of you about our present thoughts on your education here, so we hope you will take the brief time necessary to respond.

Otherwise, there have been some changes in the Arts/Sciences Division which should interest you. First, with respect to faculty (people being always in first priority) we have four new instructors in 1976-77. (All have doctorates and previous teaching.) They are: Eleanor Block-Horovitz in Sociology; Bill Harrell, also a sociologist; Evi Nemeth, Mathematics and Computer Science; David Weingarten, Educational Psychology. Professor Stone, who was in visiting replacement for Alwin Tinkham, while she completes her dissertation, has just given us a "wait-until-next-year" spirit of resignation. One other short-run change: in the last month Professor Bob Feldman, our social psychologist, has left us for a two-year post-doctoral research grant at the University of Connecticut Medical Center. We have replaced him, for the spring, with Michael Macht, who has just completed his doctorate at S.I.N.Y. Duchess. Finally, Professor Robert Meijer, who just knew as Dean, has returned to teaching physics and computer science.

On another front, there's also change and progress to report. In curriculum, we have an organized, rational scheme (thanks mostly to Professor Nemeth) for a structure of courses in Computer Science, and we are nearer than before to a full-scale program in that field. For the first time we are offering courses in speech, which should develop into a two-year program, taught by two well-qualified graduates of the Syracuse University Speech Program. Also, in this semester we are launching an experimental course called "Translation and Communication," designed and chaired by Professor David Novak. He is a mathematician who has enlisted, for cooperative coverage of weekly sessions, twelve faculty members both in and out of the Arts/Sciences division. I.D.C. 395 (the coded label) may become the prototype for other courses of similar design as we continue to study the general education component of Utica/Rome curricula.

On another front, we are at last on the point of a temporary solution to the problem of laboratories in our science courses. After long study, the committee has finally authorized the sharing of part of the "Potter Elementary School," down at the eastern end of Van Stuyve Street. The result will allow space for student activities (sports, drama, etc.) and also for four labs (two chemistry, one biology, one physics) and associated preparation and instruction. For the fall term, Professor Alwin Tinkham, Professor Joseph Neitzel will look forward to setting up the equipment already purchased or to be acquired by various grants, and to giving customary class-and-lab courses in the sciences.

This is the top of the news from the second floor of Building "Temporary B" for the half of the 1976-77 academic year. We'll look forward to hearing from you about your new Alumni Association publications. If you can brave the cold and snow, please stop in and chat with old and new friends here, and that way we'll say some touch, leave with us your current address and a note about what you are doing.
CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

The opening of the second half of the College Center has nearly doubled the space available for student activities on the Upper Division campus. The new part of the College Center is located in the former boiler house and is attached to the lounge and vending area which opened last year. In addition to the lounge and vending area, the College Center now includes a pub, game room, television lounge, reading lounge, mail area, a large multi-purpose room, and the Offices of Activities & Housing, U.R.S.A., the Student Activities Board, the Sports Coordinating Board, the Performing Arts Board, and the Publications Board. A conference room available for student and staff use is also located in the new center.

The multi-purpose room, which is located on the second floor, has built-in tiered seating and has provided much needed space for a variety of activities. Already the room has been used for art events, formal receptions, health clinics, coffee houses, Performing Arts Board productions, workshops and meetings. The new center has provided a valuable area for events, faculty and staff and has become an important part of campus life at Upper Division.

The Upper Division College will hold its Third Annual Flea Market and Craft Fair on Saturday, May 1, 1977, on the College campus. As well as having the booths and exhibits of private craftspersons from the area, there will be special sales of books, plants and donated items for the Barn & Attic sale. As alumni of Utica/Rome, you know how important the Emergency Loan Fund is for students here. It is hoped that those of you planning to attend the Flea Market and Homcoming Registration in the College Center on March 12, 1977. All proceeds from the Flea Market and Craft Fair will be donated to the Emergency Loan Fund.

ALUMNI JOB PLACEMENT SERVICES

Tony Belmonte, Director of Placement, reminds us of the services available through his office to alumni searching for employment.

Alumni are invited to stop by and read the want ads in the several trade journals and nation-wide newspapers subscribed to by the Placement Office.

Interested alumni are reminded that they can receive job leads and help in preparing and producing resumes and credentials folders. Individuals seeking aid in developing interviewing techniques are also invited to contact the Placement Office.

The Placement Office is located in Rooms 225 and 225A, Building 4. For further information or aid, telephone 315/792-3466 or visit the Placement Office.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS

A steering committee began meeting on December 4, 1976, to plan and develop an Alumni Association for the Upper Division College. This effort has been headed by Shirley E. Wurz, Vice President for Student Affairs, Cathy Babij Glennon, Student Affairs Intern, and interested alumni. These alumni include: Janet Clark, Bill Ryan, Jerry Donovan, Liz Kroll, Debbie Kogut, Claire Martin, Nancy Snyder, Tim Sargent, Ed Kitchin, Bob Garson, Charles Farrar. Professor Al Maro (Business), Professor Corey Cipriani (Arts/Sciences), Professor Dick Stenmer (Public Services), and Professor Nicholas Accara (Vocational Education) have represented the faculty.

The first annual meeting of the Alumni Association will be held Saturday, March 12, 1977, at the College Center. All alumni are urged to attend.

At this meeting the State University College at Utica/Rome Alumni Association will be asked to ratify a constitution developed by the steering committee. Alumni will also vote for officers of the association. The following nominations have been made by the steering committee:

President: Jerry Donovan '75
Vice President: Bob Goering '75
Secretary: Liz Kroll '75

Board of Directors: Tom Camino '76
Ed Kitchin '76
Claire Martin '76
Bill Ryan '76
Tim Sargent '76

Other nominations are welcome and urged by the steering committee. Please send nominations to: Shirley E. Wurz, Vice President for Student Affairs, by February 12, 1977. The term of the three officers is for two years. The Board of Directors serves five-year terms.

FIRST ANNUAL ALUMNI HOMECOMING MARCH 12, 1977 --- COME AND BE PART OF COLLEGE HISTORY
STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AT UTICA/ROME

FIRST ANNUAL ALUMNI HOMECOMING

March 12, 1977

All graduates of State University College at Utica/Rome are urged to attend the First Annual Homecoming at the Upper Division College. The following program is planned:

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM  WELCOME BRUNCH for all Alumni at the College Center

1:00 PM - 3:15 PM  ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BUSINESS MEETING in Multipurpose Room of College Center

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM  ALUMNI MIXER with Faculty, Staff and Guests in Multipurpose Room

9:00 PM  MARDI GRAS/JAZZ BAND sponsored by Utica/Rome Student Association in College Center

Tickets for the Brunch and Reception are $4.00 per person or $7.00 per couple. Please fill out the form below, enclose the reservation fee and mail to:

ALUMNI HOMECOMING c/o Ms. Shirley Wurz
Upper Division College
811 Court Street
Utica, New York 13502

FIRST ANNUAL ALUMNI HOMECOMING

Name ____________________________

$4.00  ☐ Individual Reservation
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