Dear Alumnus:

Congratulations are in order. They go to Jerry Donovan, President; Bob Goering, Vice President; and Liz Kroll, Secretary, on their election to office of the Alumni Association. Kudos also go to Tom Camino, Ed Kitchin, Claire Martin, Bill Ryan and Tim Sargent for election to the first Board of Directors. Special accolades are due Cathy Glennon and Lillian Leffert for putting together the first Alumni Newsletter which elicited favorable comments far and wide.

Of prime interest and importance to you will be Tony Belmonte's report from our Placement Center. All of us at the College are pleased and proud of your ability to get an appropriate job related to your preparation. To me it's incredible that: 78 percent of the Class of '75 and '76 are employed in their career field; another 10 percent are pursuing advanced studies; only 6 percent of you are unemployed. I am sure that many of you have taken positions for which you are underemployed, but I am confident that you will soon find the position that offers opportunity, challenge and commensurate rewards. We have already started bragging about your achievements and are looking forward to learning of your progress. We think that you can compete effectively with the graduates of any other college in the state or nation!

At the moment our future is being studied by a task force appointed by the State University Trustees. The Trustees in turn will make their recommendations to Governor Carey on or about June 1. We hope they will urge the Governor to move ahead with construction of the Marcy Campus and to permit the academic development envisaged by the Trustees when the College was founded. The resolution passed by the Association in March was greatly appreciated. Incidentally, the students and professional staff adopted resolutions similar to the one passed by the Alumni Association. Supporting resolutions have also been put forth by the County Board of Legislators, Senator Donovan, Assemblyman Calogero, the College Council, Rome and Marcy Chambers of Commerce. Other forces in recent months have been advocating co-location, co-habitation and contracting with Utica College.

Before the end of the current academic year, we are looking forward to visits from Dr. Richardson of Middle States Association, Senator Warren Anderson, and perhaps the Governor. The Flea Market will be repeated and we will be holding an Open House for prospective students and the general public. We will be returning to the Utica Memorial Auditorium for our 3rd Annual Commencement. Ms. Shirley Wurz and Joe Eberle '77 will be our speakers. Incidentally, Dr. William Murabito will succeed Shirley as Vice President for Student Affairs.

I have rambled on for much too long! Come to see us! We are proud of you.

Sincerely yours,

William R. Kundela
CLASS NOTES

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Robert E. Goering, Vice President of the State University College at Utica/Rome Alumni Association, is currently an Instructor at Mohawk Valley Community College in Mechanical Technology. He lives at R.D. 1, Brielle, New York 13061.

Keith C. Kent is currently employed as a night auditor with the Treadway Hotel in Binghamton, New York. He lives at 32 Seymour Street in Binghamton and is currently considering returning to school for a master's degree.

Richard Rice is living at 1011 North Palm Avenue in W. Hollywood, California 90069.

Charles R. Spain is a staff sergeant and communications technician at Griffiss Air Force base with the 209th Communications Squadron.

William F. Acto is employed as a Machine Shop Instructor at Auburn Correctional Facility and lives at 14 Yale Avenue, Auburn, New York 13021.

Vincent Collevecce is currently a Security Supervisor in charge of District 7 of Great American Food Stores. Vince is moving to Monticello, New York, and is going to be married on July 2, 1977.

John M. Derby is returning in May from a camping vacation in Europe. He is employed by Leisure Dynamics in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as a Seasonal Factory Representative. He lives at 9 Biessin Road, Bellport, New York 11713.

Richard N. Duchesne is employed as an Assistant Administrator at the Rome Hospital and Murphy Memorial Hospital. He lives at R.D. 1, Rte. 26, Vernon, New York 13476 and is a master's degree candidate in Human Resources Management and Public Administration at SUNY Plattsburgh.

John Dudinski, Jr. is a buyer for Carrier Corporation in their Purchasing Department and lives at 7335 Island Road, Clay, New York 13041.

Glenn Goodfellow is a Zone Service Training Administrator in the Machinery and Systems Division of the Carrier Air Conditioning Company in Chicago, Illinois. His address is 5940 S. Cass Avenue, Apt. 1-G, Westmont, Illinois 60559.

Richard Halstead does technical writing and employee teaching for R. P. Communications, Harris Division, in Rochester, New York. He resides at 8 Heath Drive, Marion, New York 14505.

Rochelle Herman works as Staff Nurse at the Adult Intensive Care Unit at St. Vincent's Hospital. Her address is 55 Perry Street, Apt. 3C, New York, New York 10014.

Robert Lewis has received a full scholarship to pursue a four-year course of study at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School leading to a master's degree. He is resigning his current position as Director of Social Services at Ira-Davenport Hospital in Bath, New York. Bob's address is Box 174, Kamona, New York 14856.

Bruce Luce is employed as a Technical Writer in the Publications Department at General Dynamics Corporation in Rochester, New York, and lives at 208 Colonial Drive, Webster, New York 14580.

Robert Robinson who was St. Luke's Hospital's first intern through the Health Services Management Program at Utica/Rome is now employed full-time as the Acting Director of Environmental Services.

Graham S. Straus is currently working as a Vocational Food Services Instructor at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility with the New York State Department of Corrections.

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VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION

The Department has nineteen seniors in the field student teaching at eight schools throughout Central New York in twelve occupational specialization areas during the Spring 1977 semester. If any of the student teachers are assigned to your school, please take time to share your professional knowledge and experience with them. In return, I think you will enjoy discussing the perceptions, experiences and educational techniques the beginning teachers bring with them to your school.

The Department staff has been busy working on the development of the competency-based education curriculum proposal mandated by the State Education Department for implementation by September 1, 1980.

To date we have determined how we will approach this enormous task and have begun to develop the conceptualization statement describing what initial competencies a vocational-technical teacher needs for certification. Assistance will be needed from all of you in the vocational-technical teaching field, and you can be assured that we will be calling on you for help and guidance as we proceed. Professor Acquaviva and Dr. Glenn attended a national workshop at Ohio State University on competency based teacher education and then conducted a workshop in December for our department's full-time and part-time teacher educators. Any comments or questions you have on competency based teacher education are welcomed.

Attention during the year has been focused on implementing elective courses in the field in response to needs that our graduates in the field have expressed. We are delighted with the response of graduates and look forward to continuing to meet educational needs in the field.

There has been emphasis throughout the State on infusing Career Education into the curricula during the past year. Professors Krall and Basualdo attended workshops in Niagara Falls along with Mr. Braun from the Department's Albany Regional Office. We will be sponsoring two workshops for our teacher educators in June; one in Geneva and the other in Albany. We look forward to continuing our discussion and dialogue with our teachers on a subject that we have been working with for many years with great interest.

BUSINESS/PUBLIC MANAGEMENT

The Business/Public Management Division will make some changes in our programs officially commencing with the Fall Semester 1977. BUS 451, Issues in Business & Society; BUS 411, Financial Management Problems and MKT 312, Marketing Management Problems will be electives in lieu of requirements. Our objective is to offer the student greater flexibility in selecting electives and supported by the introduction of more subjects. BUS 375, Entrepreneurial Functions; MKT 365, Salesmanship; MKT 465, Consumer Behavior; MKT 470, Consumer Research and NRT 407, Organizational Development are among the new offerings.

Please keep the communication channels open. We like to hear from the people you pursue at Upper Division provided meaningful information and training for your job? Would you suggest any other constructive changes to our requirements base? Are there any subjects you believe are not being given proper emphasis for your professional growth? Tell us what you do in your Division office and tell the Dean what changes you would recommend.

DIVISION OF CONTINUING AND GRADUATE EDUCATION

Information on Summer programs can now be obtained through the Division Office. Information on Fall Programs will be available by July 15.

Through its Division of Continuing and Graduate Education, the College will be opening an extension center in Rome, New York. The Rome Center will bring together all courses previously located throughout Rome. In addition, complete services such as academic advisement, student lounge, administrative office, counseling, etc., will be available to students.

The Rome Center is scheduled to begin classes June 27, 1977.

If you wish to be placed on the mailing list to receive information on courses and programs of the Division of Continuing and Graduate Education, please send your name and address to that division, 811 Court Street, Utica, New York 13502.
Dear Fellow Alumni:

We were all pleased by the great enthusiasm and unanimous support given to our Association's first official resolution by those of you who attended our First Annual Alumni Homecoming. This timely resolution calls upon the Board of Trustees Task Force on the Future of the Upper Division College to build forthwith our long-promised and badly needed campus at Marcy. I look forward to the day when we can hold our Homecoming at the new campus.

For those of you who will attend the Homecoming, a good time was had by all. Since then, your officers and Board of Directors have been working tirelessly at questions concerning for next year. We have been addressing ourselves to questions of planning the partial funding of a staff position for Alumni Relations, establishing the partial funding of a staff position for Alumni Relations, and designing an appropriate logo and Association emblem.

In addition, we are working closely with the various sectors of the College community (U.B.S.A., College Council, Administration and others) in an attempt to better serve you and keep you abreast of the ever-changing status of your alma mater — the U.B.

Presently, we are concentrating our efforts with the Placement Office and its Director, Mr. Tony Belmonte, who incidentally also serves as Director of Placement Affairs. In attempting to alert alumni of employment opportunities, like any emerging entity, we need and solicit both your help and suggestions.

So that this Association can serve you in a meaningful fashion, As your charter president and on behalf of your officers and directors, I look forward to the days ahead and welcome your active participation and support.

Sincerely,

Jerome V. Donovan '75
President

April 21, 1977

Dear Alumni:

It is with pleasure that I accept the added responsibility on the premise that its most important function is to service to students of Alumni Relations.

As Director of Placement, I established the Placement Office and graduates. I intend to follow that premise in establishing the placement office of Alumni Relations.

Sincerely,

Anthony J. Belmonte

Placement Report

A recent survey of its graduates through May 1976 conducted by the Upper Division College has revealed that 93 percent of those responding are either employed or in graduate school. "Although the numbers are relatively small because we have only graduated students for a period of two years," said Tony Belmonte, Director of Placement. "We are extremely proud of the track record as far. One of the things I'm happiest about is that we were able to follow the activities of all but 10 out of 369 graduates."

Belmonte went on to point out that 334 of the 359 responses are either employed, in graduate school, or not seeking employment. "A few of our female graduates who are married are not seeking employment at this time," said Belmonte, "and about five percent of the total number of graduates has sought part-time employment."

Of the graduates surveyed, 28, or approximately eight percent, are pursuing graduate degrees on a full-time basis at such institutions as the State University Center at Albany and Binghamton, the State University Law School at Buffalo, the Maxwell School of Syracuse University, Syracuse University Law School, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, the University of Rochester, Southern Illinois University and the University of Southern California.

"Our primary job is not the preparation of students for postgraduate studies," said William R. Kunsela, President of the college. "But the fact that many of those who wish to continue are being accepted into graduate programs at prestigious institutions from both public and private sectors of higher education is an indication of the quality of our academic programs here at the Upper Division College."

President Kunsela went on to point out that the college's primary objective is to provide baccalaureate level education for students with associate degrees from two-year colleges. By choice, those students have elected to continue study at the baccalaureate level, and because the great majority have expressed their intention to go to work as soon as they receive their bachelor's degree, our curricula are designed to help the majority to meet their work objectives. So, while I am pleased to see those who wish to continue study are being accepted in graduate school," Kunsela continued, "I'm absolutely delighted at the very high percentage who are finding employment, most of them in the field of their choice, within a year of graduation."

New Student Affairs Officer

Dr. William R. Kunsela, President of State University College at Utica/Home, Upper Division College, has announced the appointment of Dr. William J. Murabito as Vice President for Student Affairs, effective August 1, 1977.

Dr. Murabito succeeds Ms. Shirley E. Wurs who is retiring this July after 30 years of service to State University.

Murabito, a native Utica, came to the Utica College in 1973 as Director of Admissions, the position he now occupies.

He was awarded his Ph.D. in Higher Education from the University of Illinois. He earned his master's degree at SUNY Albany and his bachelor's degree at State University College at Buffalo.

He came to the Upper Division College from Alfred State College where he was Director of Counseling Services. He served from 1967 until 1969 as Director of Financial Aid at Mohawk Valley Community College. He is a member of the Kiwanis, State University of New York College Admissions Personnel (treasurer), Our Lady of Lourdes Parent's Advisory Council, National Association of Student Personnel Administrators and serves on the University Faculty Senate. Among his published works is "A Model Community/College Program for the Potential Successful Student."

In addition to his professional activities, he is a registered softball umpire. He is married to the former Mary E. Simone of Amsterdam, New York, and resides in Utica.

Student Tenants Association

State University College at Utica/Home students have recently organized the Student Tenants Association. The goals of the Association are to better acquaint students and landlords with aspects of renting in the Utica area and to create mutual understandings between tenants and landlords.

The purpose of the organization is to educate students and landlords about off-campus living and to improve conditions of rental facilities in and around the Utica area.

The Student Tenants Association is a service-oriented committee that has been organized to serve the total student body, all of whom live off campus.
ALUMNI HOMECOMING

The first Alumni Homecoming for Upper Division College graduates was held March 12, 1977. Most of the activities were held in the "car wash building," which has been remodeled inside with a recreation area and pub. Activities for the day included a brunch, business meeting and dance in the evening with entertainment sponsored by the Student Association.

The day centered around renewing old friendships and the afternoon business meeting. At the meeting Ms. Wurz welcomed alumni back to the College and introduced Cathy Glennon, the Student Affairs Intern. Ms. Glennon was instrumental in the conception of the Alumni Association. Dr. Kopecek spoke briefly on the subject of the current situation with Utica College's proposal for both colleges to co-exist on the Utica College campus.

The heart of the business meeting, however, comprised of the unanimous ratification of the constitution followed by approval of the slate of officers: President - Jerry Donovan, Vice President - Robert Goering, Secretary - Elizabeth Kroll, Board of Directors - Timothy Sargent, William Ryan, Claire Martin, Thomas Camino and Ed Kitchin. Also passed at the meeting were two resolutions presented by newly elected President Donovan. Resolution No. 1 in essence states that the State reaffirm its commitment to the Upper Division College, its construction and this area. Resolution No. 2 names Ms. Wurz the first honorary member of the Alumni Association. The business meeting was then brought to a close.

1977 COMMENCEMENT

Commencement exercises for 1977 graduates will begin at 1:00 PM on Sunday, May 22, 1977, at the Utica Memorial Auditorium. The main speaker will be Ms. Shirley E. Wurz, Vice President for Student Affairs at the College, who will be retiring this July after 30 years of service to SUNY and who has been with Utica/Rome since it began in 1973. Joseph Eberle, past president of the Utica/Rome Student Association, will be a speaker on the program as well. The invocation will be by Reverend Robert W. Bird of the First United Methodist Church in New Hartford. Father James P. Lang of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Utica will conduct the benediction.

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