HOMECOMING FALL '78

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ACCREDITATION TEAM VISITS

The Middle States accreditation visitors have come and gone. The College has passed another major hurdle, and has benefited substantially from the entire process.

The team complimented us for what we are doing well, and that included a large number of important things. They told us they were impressed, for example, with the suitability of our academic programs, the resource base we now have for supporting those programs, the quality and enthusiasm of our faculty, and even—are you ready?—our facilities! We have bright and articulate students, the group agreed, and an effective student services operation.

The team had a few caution lights to flash also. They suggested that we reexamine our arrangement with SUNY Cortland, just in case there might be a better way to accomplish the objectives of the graduate program in Education; that we try harder to document, and then to deal with, student needs in the “basic skills” area; and that we commit ourselves to shifting more policymaking responsibility to the faculty.

These remarks, which team chairman Dr. Richardson made in a de-briefing address at the end of the visit, will become part of a written report which the team conveys to the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. That report will also include the recommendation of the team on whether or not to accredit.

Strictly speaking, the College does not know what the specific recommendation will be; we simply have to sit tight until the Commission advises us of its final decision in February. Our staff does seem to be unanimous in feeling, however, that the tone of the de-briefing was very positive, and that our next catalog will carry the statement, “The College is fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.”

Cory Ciprani

ADMISSIONS RECRUITMENT EXCEEDS TARGET

The staff of the Admissions Office would like to thank all Utica/Rome alumni for their assistance in our recruitment efforts during the past year.

Extensive travel to the two-year colleges throughout New York State coupled with an expanded mass mailing/student contact program enabled the College of Technology to meet and exceed its enrollment target of 1750 “FTE” for Fall 1978. One “FTE” is one “full-time equivalent” student carrying 12 semester hours and is used as a guide-line by the State University of New York Central Administration in making budget allocations.

This year our 1750+ FTE’s include approximately 1100 full time undergraduate and graduate students.

The outlook for next year? Cautious optimism best describes the atmosphere here at the college. With the addition of the new Business/Distributive Education curriculum in the Department of Vocational-Technical Education, the Admissions Office expects an increased state-wide interest in our school. Continued competition for students in the enrollment marketplace is a constant concern.

Because of the challenges anticipated in the year and that ahead, the Admissions Office will again look to the Utica/Rome alumni for assistance in the recruitment of new students. If you know or can identify students in your community who might be interested in a program of study at Utica/Rome, please refer them to the Director of Admissions at the State University of New York College of Technology.

Our enrollment level of 1960 FTE can be achieved, but not without a campus-wide commitment to recruitment and your continued support.

Roger Sullivan
Admissions Counselor
AND THEY CAME ON HOME

Homecoming weekend events brought alumni representing all parts of the state back to the SUNY College of Technology campus, October 13th, 14th, and 15th.

Former classmates renewed old acquaintances throughout the weekend of festivities that officially began Friday night at a Student Activities Board sponsored mixer.

Some 200 alumni and students danced to the sounds of Crosswinds in the "Loading Dock" campus pub.

A dance contest highlighted the night. It ended in a tie with two couples splitting the $30.00 prize.

Saturday morning, alumni gathered in the College Center multi-purpose room for a continental breakfast.

A hot cup of coffee braced the alumni who parted late Friday night for another day's activities.

Following the breakfast, the Alumni Association held its annual business meeting.

Later in the morning alumni were taken on tours of Potter School. Stephen Love '77 remarked, "I'm glad I toured Potter. They must have some of the best equipped facilities in the state."

Because of rainy weather the picnic scheduled for the Schuyler Town Park was moved inside to the Pub Saturday afternoon.

Lots of hot food and cold beer settled well with alumni who had risen early, and it even revitalized those travel-weary alumni who straggled in throughout the afternoon.

Saturday evening some 50 alumni and guests attended an alumni dinner-dance at the Sons of Italy.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO OFFER TRAVEL PROGRAMS

The SUNY College of Technology Alumni Association is working with the Wilcox Travel Agency to offer group travel programs to alumni, their families and friends.

Wilcox Travel, located on the third floor of Sibley's in Syracuse, NY, schedules group tours to vacation spots throughout the world, as well as providing full travel agency services to individuals.

Ted Calver, the agency manager said he has dealt with schools and alumni groups for years.

"The advantage my agency offers" said Calver, "is the chance for alumni and friends to travel together."

Calver said Wilcox Travel has future trips scheduled to London, Disneyland, Cozumel, Rio De Janeiro, a Christmas Cruise to the Martinique and St. Thomas Islands, and an Easter cruise to Bermuda.

The enclosed travel schedule provides more detailed information about upcoming trips. Interested alumni should contact Wilcox Travel directly at Sibley's P.O. Box 1339, Syracuse, NY 13201. Phone (315) 474-6541.

Jerry Donovan, Alumni Association President, hosted the dinner. He announced that Anne Grossman, a '76 nursing graduate took the prize for traveling the longest distance to attend the homecoming. She came all the way from Downer's Grove, Illinois.

Dr. William Kunsela, President of the College of Technology, and Dr. Richard Quittenenton, vice president for academic affairs, were guest speakers at the dinner.

Dr. Kunsela said, "We're proud of the growth that has occurred at the College of Technology. But we're very disappointed that we haven't yet found a permanent home for our campus."

"Despite our problems, the College has made significant strides forward," said Kunsela.

Following dinner, alumni danced late into the evening. As the night wore on a few alumni got into some serious dancing — namely the tarantella. Phyll Sargent explained, "We perked up with the band."

Alumni said goodbye at a farewell brunch Sunday morning. By the early afternoon some alumni were still sitting around talking, reluctant to leave.

Jim Tripp '75 expressed their feelings, "As long as there is an alumni homecoming, I'll be back every year."
I would like to take just a moment or two to share with you a few things as we as Alumni Association have done over the past year or so, what it is we hope to achieve in the future and most importantly - why those of us who are alumni should be proud of that fact.

First of all, we should consider ourselves as preferred stockholders of a new and growing educational enterprise. An enterprise in which we have made an investment of time. This investment has afforded us the opportunity to meet new friends, have new experiences, learn new skills and yes, even acquire a taste for Utica Club beer.

Yet most importantly, our investment has hopefully given us the skills necessary to go forth and improve our individual and collective worth.

You have heard President Kunsela indicate that despite the lack of a permanent campus, the college has made many significant strides forward in a relatively short period of time. As alumni, we should be pleased, for as the college grows and prospers, we too grow and prosper.

Our alma mater is a unique institution in the field of higher education in New York. It is for that reason and because it is educating people to fulfill contemporary needs that I believe one day it will be recognized as a leader in higher education, not only in the State University system but throughout higher education.

The Division of Health Services Management is training individuals to serve as hospital administrators at a time when health care is on the verge of a crisis. The Division of Business and Public Management is in the forefront in assisting small businesses and municipalities in the Central New York area with problems for which they have neither the resources nor the expertise to solve.

The Division of Criminal Justice is training young men and women to cope with and assist those who would violate the rights of others, and we can go on and on and speak of nursing, human services and so on.

The true litmus test for us as alumni, is the marketplace. As for our placement record — it is outstanding. It is a record the faculty and administration of the college can be proud of. As for this Association, we too can be proud, for just as the college has had its growing pains, we too have had ours. Yet in a short period of time with limited resources, we have been able to keep you apprised of the ever changing status of Utica/ Rome.

As you know, the Alumni Newsletter has been our primary tool in this regard. I am pleased to note, it has been received most enthusiastically.

In the months ahead, the Association will be striving to provide a host of new programs and activities, not only for the purpose of social enjoyment but to lend a helping hand to the College in a meaningful manner.

To cite one example, we hope to initiate in the very near future a pilot program to assist the Admissions Office with student recruitment. Bill Ryan has graciously offered to head up this effort.
Since the last issue of the Newsletter, the major news of the division has been our mass migration from Court Street to Potter School. On the whole, we are happy and well.

It’s been a pleasant challenge to experience the physical reality of our paper plans for offices, classrooms, and working spaces. We think that there is a “real college” atmosphere that was relatively lacking in Building 124.

We’re glad that you all came by, on the Saturday morning of Alumni Homecoming Weekend, October 15-16, and we had a chance to show off the impressive array of scientific instrumentation in the labs, and the blinking and chattering of the data processing hardware in the Academic Center. In these respects, we have quickly become a far better equipped college than a junior college and it seems that seniority and status would suggest.

Some personal notes: We have absorbed our seven new faculty with little or no tension or strain. Quite the reverse; from my perspective it seems already that professors Bering, Goodell, Hacken, Kelly, Lavin, Sanders, and Schullman have been with us far longer than they have in actuality, that professors Bjorklund and friends, and we hope (and privately believe) that they feel the same.

Professors Barner and Nemeth are busy with the final typing (appropriately, on a text - editing terminal) of our proposal for a B.S. degree program in Natural Science. Simultaneously, Professors Jesuitts and his colleagues have drafted a “letter of intent” (which amounts to a first draft) for the central office of the University for a new B.S. program in interdisciplinary Natural Science.

The faculty and staff have some released time in 1978-79 to visit community colleges and spread the word to prospective entrants into these new fields of study.

Professors Margaret Draugia and Alice Finer are on leave for this academic year. Both are resident in Manhattan where they pursue their academic objectives.

The last entry, in two senses: I must report, not without regrets and misgivings, that I shall be leaving the deanship of the division at the end of October to become Executive Vice-President of Le Moyne College, in Syracuse. I shall truly miss all the good friends and acquaintances I’ve made here. There is indeed a special camaraderie about the College. But a promotion and various practical advantages were not turned down.

ARTS & SCIENCES FINALLY MOVED IN

It was enjoyable chatting with so many of you at the recent alumni dinner. Periodically our graduates stop in to see us while in the area and we sure like the practice. However, the alumni reunion offer even a more conducive opportunity to get together. Hope all attendees will continue to return for these events.

We are in full swing for the Fall ’78 session. Our department has added the following faculty: Dr. William Langdon, previously with Temple University, is teaching Quantitative Analysis and Finance. Mr. Allan Kell is finishing his dissertation as a candidate for PhD. from the University of Iowa, and is presently teaching Business Communication. Mr. Edward Petronio is finishing his dissertation at Syracuse University while teaching Finance and Management here at SUNY.

Some of you may recall Ray Ferris who has been an adjunct with us for the past four years. Mr. Ferris has agreed to come out of semi-retirement and become a full-time instructor for the academic year starting Fall ’78. He will replace Dr. Robert Bjorklund, who left to join a private consultant firm in New York City.

Professor Richard Wolfer joined Prof. Wallis in that elite club of persons having both a CPA and CMA certification. Know of her for her untiring efforts on behalf of the campus. And now two professors with both the CPA and CMA? Our Advanced Management Program started last month with this faculty. This is a two-year executive development program in Business Management for company selected executives. Prof. Wolfer hopes to help strengthen the MBA and is offered to those seeking advanced or updated management training. Response from the initial group as so encouraging that we decided to start a second group. If any of you or the management staff where you work are interested in the program contact Dr. John Cook, Program Director.

As we complete four years of academic life at the Court Street Campus we are all excited about our accomplishments. We are optimistic about receiving accreditation, which itself is an example of what “the Mill” can do in such a short time. More important to us is the “product” we turn out and the progress our graduates are making. Great going! Keep it up, and tell us where we can improve.

Holidays days to all from all in the Business and Professional Management Division.

Albert Mario Associate Professor, Finance

NURSING DEPARTMENT GETTING READY

Those of you who read Cory Cipriani’s article, “Let’s Get Accredited” in the Spring Newsletter might guess that we in nursing have spent the summer and early fall getting ready, of course!

In the meantime, we welcomed 130 full-time students into the program in late August and 415 new and returning part-time students. With the fall classes, full-time students, (four present seniors), this brings our enrollment to 655 students. We’re growing!

To help us in our expanded growth, we welcomed three full-time and one part-time faculty member this fall. Mrs. Judith Evers of Syracuse; Mrs. Allan Martin also of Syracuse; Mrs. Barbara Morrow of Hamilton and Mrs. Patricia Stephens of Utica. They are all graduates of the Master’s Program in Nursing at Syracuse University.

Joan Murphy Adjunct Professor, Nursing

VOCA TIONAL TECHNICAL EDUCATION UPDATE

The State Education Department has mandated that all programs leading to teacher certification in occupational subjects, are to be re-registered by February 1979 in a competency-based mode. The Vocational Technical Education Department is ready to begin to move in that direction, and is currently in the process of making all of its courses competency based.

Two more faculty members have been added to the department’s full-time roster. Mildred Swarts is a new addition to the health occupations field. Ms. Swarts earned her Master’s Degree at Rutgers University, Carla Zangrilli is a lecturer with the department and is working to complete the re-registration of the department’s program. She earned her Master’s Degree in Syracuse.

Sharon Bliss and Pat Laino were chosen from a large field of excellent candidates and are ready to graduate in this year. They will be working with the department professors on various projects ranging from workshops to re-registration of the department program.

Currently in progress is a workshop for post-secondary two-year institution educators. Two-year college teachers are developing themselves professionally by updating their skills and knowledge of student’s future curriculum development, latest teaching methods and learning assessment techniques.

The department is continuing its association with ISSOE. Professor Justice Cherry is a regional facilitator for ISSOE and is active in preparing workshops for curriculum development around the state.

F. Robert Wheeler III

HUMAN SERVICES REPORT

The Human Services Department added two new members to its staff this fall.

Prof. Gary Gordon has been appointed to the Human Services and Criminal Justice divisions. Gary, who has a background in criminal justice and counselor education, is in the process of completing his Ed.D. in Counseling Education at Boston University. For the past three years he has been working with the National Institute on an LEAA Correction Grant, to help implement the national model for a new justice model for corrections. He is currently teaching Counseling Individuals and Criminal Justice courses here at SUNY.

David Colarusso, a graduate student intern from the University of South Florida, is also working in Human Services, while completing his Master’s in field gerontology. He is supervising the laboratory of GUI 305 students and participates in class instruction.

Prof. Richard Steimer is teaching a new course this year, Human Services and the Aging. It explores gerontology and gives students a chance to sharpen their skills for future interaction with the aging.

Patricia Driscoll’s Social Service System Course will be visiting the Central NY Psychiatric Center this fall for a field experience in treatment of the mentally ill, incarcerated offenders.

The class recently attended a lecture by Dr. Louis Patrizio, Onondaga County Mental Health Commissioner. Dr. Patrizio discussed the current trend of utilizing community health support services (e.g. Catholic Charities), versus expanding the Onondaga County Mental Health Department. He stressed the value of providing service for mental health clients in a less stigmatized atmosphere.

The Human Service Club is planning a series of fund-raising events to defray the cost of attending the annual NYS Human Services Organizations Conference in New York City, in November.

Nicholas Acquaviva, associate professor, in the Vocational Technical Education Department died October 15th. He had been with the Vocational Technical program for 11 years – and with the College of Technology since 1975.
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The Alumni Newsletter endeavors to bring you news about campus changes, faculty turnover, curriculum and division news, featured alumni, student/alumni activities and nostalgic recollections of the good old days here at the College.

The Alumni Newsletter also invites reports, news, chatter and the like from all our alumni. Please contribute information about your roamings, adventures, and accomplishments. Send correspondence to Saundra Christman, c/o Alumni Relations Office at the College.

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