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from the President's office

EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA!

Dear Alumni:

Those of you who reside outside of the Mohawk Valley will be delighted to learn that the SUNY Board of Trustees on April 22, 1981 at approximately 11:00 a.m. decided to construct the Marcy Campus. The decision to provide the College of Technology with a permanent campus has been fifteen years in the making. While I have been nurturing the cause for only eight years, it seems like a lifetime.

Much of the credit for this achievement must go to the citizens and leaders of the Mohawk Valley. For the first time the greater Utica-Rome-Herkimer community reached consensus. The major employers, legislators, politicians, labor leaders, chambers of commerce, civic and professional organizations, and the media spoke with one voice. Our State Senator, Jim Donovan; Assemblymen Ruggerio and Sears; the Rome and Utica Chambers carried the ball throughout the deliberations.

There are still many hurdles to be overcome. The Board of Regents must still approve a more specific academic and construction plan. The Legislature must approve authorization for additional construction dollars and the Governor must approve the legislation and then authorize the sale of bonds. At this writing Senator Donovan's bill has passed the Senate. We have assurances that the money bills will be supported by the Assembly and the Governor.

In the next chapter of this saga we will know more about the University's plans for our academic mission and construction plans. We know now that our mission may be restricted and that the scope of our educational service may be reduced.

Incidentally, the Class of 1981 consisted of approximately 700 graduates making a total of more than 3,000 alumni in these seven short, exciting years. Come back to see us while we are still in the "Old Mill." It may have more charm and sentimental memories than the spanking new Marcy Campus.

Sincerely yours,

William R. Kuefela
President

FRONT COVER: Photos from 1981 Commencement ceremonies taken by Thomas J. McKenna.
Business/public management

At the time this column was being written, the spring 1981 class sessions were over and final exams in process. Instructors are busy correcting papers, tests, and some preparing for summer teaching assignments.

In April, Dr. William Langdon co-authored and presented a research project before the Eastern Finance Association at the University of Rhode Island. The research is entitled, "A Proposed Model for Industrial Bond Evaluation." Criteria used for the model resulted in a greater probability for success in evaluating bonds than traditional financial rating services.

The Advanced Management Program will graduate its third class on June 1, 1981 with a reception at the Towne and Country Lodge. To date, the program has been a very effective vehicle, by making our business community aware of the College of Technology's service potential. On March 9, Advanced Management alumni and present enrollees attended a joint conference where New York State Lt. Governor Mario Cuomo was the guest speaker.

Two of our May 1981 graduates received outstanding offers. Mark Higgins was offered a position with Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company, and also acceptance to Syracuse University's MBA program. Cole Hickland was accepted to Clarkson's Graduate School of Management and also received an Instructor Assistantship.

Willie Boston stepped by recently. He has been relocated to Rome, New York by his employer All-State Life Insurance. Willie tells me he Robin, John Garver, is in Atlanta, Georgia, and Mario Alemo Jones is wandering around the "Big Apple".

John Kacuwa, Barrows, informs us that Gurney is with Corning-Owens in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and Walter Ego is an insurance broker in Massachusetts.

Nancy Scanzio wrote to obtain a report of her work on the Small Business Institute. She recently returned from a Florida vacation where she visited Cory Johnson. Nancy is an internal auditor for Niagra First Savings and Loan Association in North Tonawanda, New York. Have an enjoyable summer. Please stop in when in the area.

Albert B. Mario
Business/Public Management

Homecoming spells fun!

Alumni Homecoming on October 3 spells fun, fun and MORE FUN behind the following agenda set for the fifth annual event. Mayfair Park (home of our permanent campus) will be the scene for most of the day's festivities.

11am - Business meeting on campus
1pm - Lunch on sit-down roast beef dinner awards, speaker (yet to be named) Place: Mayfair Park $6.50 each
3pm - Soccer game SUNY vs. St. Rose @ Mayfair Park
4pm - Clam Bake! raw and streamed, corn on the cob, salad, bread, coffee, and hamburgers, sausage and peppers, and much more PLUS ALL THE BEER YOU CAN DRINK Place: Mayfair Park $15 each

If you attend both the luncheon and the clam bake you pay only $20 each!

You will be receiving additional information through the mail.

See you there...

Yo-tech news...

The 1981-82 academic year has been a challenging one in vocational teacher preparation with many key issues moving to the forefront such as: Teaching as a Profession; Basic Skills and Regents Competency Testing Program; and the Federal proposal for Vocational Education Act of 1976 (PL94-482) funding revision implication to vocational teachers; and future vocational education, to mention a few of the key issues and concerns.

The Teaching as a Profession proposal has recommended that teaching be recognized as a licensed profession and that a teacher education certification and practice board be established. This board would oversee examination for licensure, supervised internships, and in-service education programs in cooperation with the state education department. On April 4, the Board of Regents voted to require all prospective teachers to pass the examination that would evaluate communications and computation skills; educational knowledge; and knowledge of a teaching specialty before receiving a certificate or license to teach in the public schools of New York, effective September 2, 1984. To provide ample notification lead time, teachers currently holding provisional or permanent certification will not be affected, but should be aware of the new testing requirements for teaching, guidance, and counseling, administrative, etc., provisional certificate or license in New York State.

Each student in New York State must pass the Regents Competency test to earn a high school diploma. There has been much concern that occupational center program enrollments might be affected adversely if students couldn't meet basic competency requirements and were advised to remain in their home school for basic skill development coursework. Vocational teachers are questioning their role in providing students with basic skills to guard against potential enrollment decline because these students need remedial skill development work and at the same time, desire to enroll in a vocational program. As vocational teachers we cannot afford to proliferate occupational program curriculum time to satisfy an immediate need that exists in a phase-in testing period, but must look to provide individual students with an integrated basic skills component within each occupational curriculum area based on their specific needs. This can be achieved by assessing students' skill levels and utilizing a variety of resources, teaching techniques, and appropriate technical and vocabulary lists to aid in improving students' basic communication and occupational skills.

The Vocational Education Act appropriations for fiscal year 1981 are not firm at this date. President Reagan has recom
Continuing education

The Division of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education served 4,003 students who enrolled in credit courses (1,228 graduate and 2,775 undergraduate) in 1980-1981.

This fall the College of Technology will offer courses off-campus in the following fields: computer and information science, business and public management, criminal justice, human services, hospital services management, engineering technology, nursing, and vocational-technical education. These courses are offered at sites in Rome, Syracuse, Rochester, Elmira, Albany, New Paltz, Plattsburgh, Canton, Oswego, and Binghamton. For information about courses in your area, call (315) 792-3333.

The Provisional and Permanent Teaching Certification extension course sequence for coordination of diversified cooperative education experiences will be offered in the fall 1981 semester and the spring 1982 semester on Saturday mornings. The two-course sequence will enable occupationally certified teachers to earn this additional credential and make them eligible for cooperative education positions. For registration information, please contact our department (792-3322) before September 8, 1981. Best wishes for an enjoyable summer!

Dr. John W. Glenn, Jr.
Vocational-Technical Education

Engineering technology

The society is a national organization of manufacturing engineers. The student chapter at the college will plan a variety of special programs featuring guest speakers. Selected as officers were: Larry Morris, president; Tim Lynch, vice president; Scott Malastern, treasurer; and Cheryl Knight, secretary.

The Mechanical Engineering Club at the College of Technology has officially become affiliated with the prestigious American Society of Mechanical Engineers, according to the club's advisor, Dr. Blaise Doy, associate professor of engineering technology.

Dr. Earl L. Madison, Jr., director of eastern field services for the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, recently visited the college to announce the formal alignment and to advise the club of its participation in ASME activities. The ASME is a national organization of mechanical engineers engaged in public service with its participation in industry and education.

Dr. David Kaymer
Graduate Studies and Continuing Education

CO-OP positions are needed for electrical and mechanical technology students. Your help is needed to locate established CO-OP positions. Call Dean Calbiati at 792-3505.
The College of Technology graduated its largest class yet at its seventh annual commencement exercises in May. College President William R. Kunsela presented degrees to some 700 students.

Emlyn I. Griffith, member of the New York State Board of Regents, addressed the class.

John D'Alessandro, president of the Utica/Rome Student Association, delivered the student address.
News from the director...

On Friday, April 10, the Albany-area alumni attended a get-together at the American Inn in Albany. This was sponsored as part of the Conference of Alumni Association’s 14th Annual Conference. We used the opportunity of the Alumni Conference to invite the grades in the three-county area surrounding Albany.

You will be pleased to note that we had one of the larger turnouts of alumni and probably had the best party. (That’s an unbiased opinion secured through a brief survey on Saturday based on the noise level of our group.) We may have been one of the smaller colleges and certainly one of the fewest number of alumni in attendance, but we had a good turnout and an excellent time.

The following grades, who took part in our cocktail party, want to extend their invitation to fellow alumni in the area to join us next April at the same conference:

Lisa Miller, ’80, mkt/mgt;
Thomas Marsilletti, ’79, criminal justice;
Paulo A. Correa, ’80, criminal justice;
Phyllis J. Pulone, ’80, criminal justice;
Kathleen F. Levine, ’76, business;
Jerome Donovan, ’75, business;
Jeffrey S. Lowe, ’75, business;

We shall send advance invitations, as we did this year, to the Albany-area grades. We would like to have some more area get-togethers in the near future and look forward to the Alumni Association sponsoring parties in other parts of the state. This one was a tremendous success and I want to thank everyone for responding.

Dan Nolan has agreed to become the Syracuse Chapter organizer for the SUNY College of Technology alumni for the Syracuse area. You will be receiving information on a picnic/get-together before our Homecoming in October. So, watch your mail and let’s look forward to seeing each other at the Syracuse Alumni Chapter’s first rally.

We are in the process of setting up your fall homecoming and are interested in your comments, ideas, concerns. If you would like to participate on the homecoming committee, contact Jerry Donovan or this office for notices of our homecoming committee meetings. As part of our continuing effort to get more of you involved in the planning of this annual event, the following people have been added to the homecoming committee. We thank them for their time and support in planning this event for you — their fellow alumni: Daniel T. Nolan, Joseph D. Zilvinskis, and William Connors.

David G. Bauer
Director—Alumni Affairs

CLASS NOTES

’78

CHARLES EDWARD BRENNAN
was graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, in May. He received a Diploma in theology.

’79

DOROTHY PALMONI received her master’s degree from Syracuse University in May. She was graduated with Honors.

CHRISTOPHER M. STAATA has been commissioned 2nd Lieutenamt in the U.S. Air Force and assigned to Mather Air Force Base in California for training in navigation.

’80

CHERYL K. SEYER, now in Fremont, California, is an administrative assistant at Lockheed Missile and Space Company. “I am happily living in sunny California. I am in a beautiful area, in a beautiful and exciting state. I recommend the move to any SUNY grad. There are tons of jobs out here if you’re willing to look.”

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Philip Montalbano
Rita Simone
Mary T. Napp

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If you know their whereabouts, where they’re working, or any information, please send it in to the Alumni Affairs Office:

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Next year, we would like to have our alumni celebrate with the college community through a pre-ball cocktail party.

We will be sending more information on that next spring.

David G. Bauer
Director, College Foundation

nominations...

The Nominations Committee of the Alumni Association is seeking nominations for alumni board positions which need to be filled this year. The following positions will be up this year: president, vice president, secretary, and one director. The officers’ terms are for two years and the director’s term is for five years. Mail your nominations to Alumni Affairs at the college. Mark the envelope "Nominations".

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The Ball...

Pictured are: l-r, top
Victor T. Ehre, Chairman of the Board at
Utica Mutual Insurance, college President
William R. Kunsel,
Bottom, attorney Murray Kibbe, Oneida County
Executive Sherwood Bock-
ert, Senator James
Donovan and President
Kunsel.

Pictured: Cynthia Wright, secretary to Dr. Kunsel; former Assemblyman Nick
Calogero, Mr. E. Stevens
Wright.

Assemblyman and
Mrs. Richard Ruggiero

Milt Smith, assistant to the president; "Buck"
Buckley, WIBX talk show
host; realtor Thomas
Massotta

Photos by Thomas J. McKenna
AMP graduates third class

Twelve area business executives recently received Certificates of Advanced Management from the College of Technology following completion of the college’s two-year Advanced Management Program. This was the third group to complete the executive development program.

The Advanced Management Program provides advanced training for middle- and upper-level executives. It includes six, 10-week courses addressing key areas of management decision-making. Members must be nominated and sponsored by their companies to participate in the program.

A formal ceremony was held recently at the Towne and Country Lodge where President William M. Kumaek presented certificates to the following graduates of the program:

Joseph Catera of Utica, Partlow Corporation; Homer Goodier, Partlow Corporation; Richard R. Griffith of Utica, Sturgis Manufacturing; Dana P. Higgins of Rome, Higgins Insurance; Floyd J. Biggs of Verona, Oenida Ltd.; Donald A. Jackson of Rome, Reever Copper; Thomas E. Jenny of Utica, Smyth Deardor; Eric Luft of Sherrill, Oenida Ltd.; David S. Pangborne of Rome, Oneida National Bank; Robert Schwanekamp of Sherrill, Oenida Ltd.; Charles F. Seifert of New Hartford, Partlow Corporation, and Elwin Weathersbee, Jr., of Sherrill, Oenida Ltd.

Where there’s a will...

There is no gymnasium, but there are basketball teams. There is no baseball diamond, but there are softball teams. There is no playing field, but there will soon be a soccer team.

Magic?

Determination!

While awaiting construction of its permanent campus, the College of Technology has, for the past eight years, operated out of temporary buildings. Though sufficiently converted into classrooms, laboratories, and offices, one thing the buildings don’t contain is an athletic facility. Nor does the college, located in downtown Utica, have any playing fields for outdoor sports.

Recognizing the importance of athletics to the educational experience, however, the College of Technology took a creative approach to its predicament and looked to the community for alternatives.

Perhaps no college community in the state is as central to the existence of the athletic program of its hometown college, as is Utica, N.Y., to the College of Technology.

Athletic Director Lee Ellis explains that in an effort to compensate for the lack of a recreational facility on campus, the college has secured 20 memberships annually at the local YMCA and YWA that students may use interchangeably, showing college ID. Students, therefore, have access to swimming, weight lifting, racquetball, tennis, handball, and the other activities that a college athletic complex would offer.

As for a gymnasium, the college has made arrangements to use the gym of area high schools and neighboring colleges, in addition to using a small gym in a converted elementary school which houses the college’s arts and sciences division.

Then there is the “problem” of outdoor sports. No problem. Ellis reports that the students use public parks throughout the city for intramural competition. He adds that they have even used the grounds of a nearby health facility at times.

The status of the actual competitive program at the college is one of development. In 1979, the upper division college initiated an intercollegiate athletic program in men’s and women’s basketball and women’s softball.

The last basketball season saw the SUNY Tech men finish with a determined 12-9 record despite having only seven players on the team. The women’s team posted an 8-10 overall mark. Both squads compete in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

The college’s program will expand in September when the Wildcats field their first men’s soccer team. Ellis says the new team will play a 12-game schedule, which includes contests against Skidmore, Bard, and Daemen Colleges. Home games will be played at Utica City Park, he adds.

The intramural program at the College of Technology generates a high degree of student and staff participation by both men and women in a variety of sports. Over 180 students took part in co-ed softball intramurals this spring. Other intramural sports which are popular include flag football, basketball, volleyball, bowling, and floor hockey.

Eventually the College of Technology will have its own athletic complex when its campus in nearby Marcy is completed, which could be as soon as three years. Then the athletic division will have 28,000 square feet of its own to “play” in. It will include a double gym, a pool, handball courts, and locker areas. The new campus will also have playing fields outside.

Until then ... where there’s a will, there’s a way.
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY AT UTICA/ROME

IF YOU ARE MOVING OR HAVE MOVED... 

Please send us your new address so that you will not miss any copies of the Alumni Newsletter. Send correspondence to the Alumni Staff in care of the Governmental Affairs Office, 811 Court Street, Utica, New York 13502.

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CLASS YEAR GRADUATED CURRICULUM

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