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Up Front
About the Cover: The College of Technology will go to any lengths to get a good photo for its Alumni Newsletter. This issue’s cover is an aerial shot of the Marcy Campus, showing the different phases of construction currently underway. The photo was taken by two professional photographers, Gale Parley and Ronald Diamond. The pilot of the plane was another heir at SUNY Tech. Flying the photographers in his own plane was James J. Cowan, vice president for academic and student affairs at the college.
College Awards Its First Honorary Degree

The College of Technology's 13th annual commencement was held at the Utica Memorial Auditorium on Saturday, May 16, 1987. Spring graduates numbered 413. Participating in the graduation ceremonies in addition to the spring graduates were approximately 200 graduates from August and December 1986, as well as a handful of those anticipating completion of degree requirements in August of 1987.

F. Peter Simmons, vice president of the Space Station Program Office of United Technologies Corporation, was the guest speaker and recipient of the honorary degree Doctor of Science, the first presented by the college on behalf of the SUNY Board of Trustees. Edward V. Mele, member of the SUNY Board of Trustees, conferred the honorary degree on Mr. Simmons.

In his commencement speech, "Dave To Be Different," Mr. Simmons encouraged our graduates to establish their goals early and to overcome impediments to reaching those goals. He said, "remember that obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off the goal you have set for yourself."

John M. Ladd, retired executive director of the Mohawk Valley Economic Development District, and William D. Matthews, chairman and chief executive officer of Onondaga Limited, received the college's Distinguished Service Awards. David N. Hurd, chairman of the Council, presented the distinguished service awards.

Carmella M. Visconte, a member of the Class of 1987 and president of the Utica/Rome Student Association (URSA), gave the student address. Charles D. Rosenthal, president of the Student Activities Board (SAB), presented to President Cayan the 1987 Class Gift of $5,000 to be used for WCOT-FM, the college's radio station.

President Cayan welcomed guests and offered remarks to the graduates. Assisting him in conferring the degrees were Dr. Theodore J. Hanley, dean of arts and sciences; Dr. John E. Cook, dean of business/public management and engineering; Dr. George Depuy, dean of telecommunications, electrical engineering, technology and computer science; and Dr. Ellen P. Cober, dean of nursing.

The invocation was offered by the Rev. Dr. Robert C. Ellison, Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of Utica, and the benediction was given by the Rabbi Henry Bamberger of Temple Emmanu-El. Elizabeth J. Bisson, a member of the graduating class, sang the national anthem.

Parents' Weekend '87: A True Family Affair

The parents and families of SUNY Tech students again got a chance to visit and enjoy the College of Technology at the college's annual Parents' Weekend on October 23-24. The combined efforts of the college's administration and the Utica/Rome Student Association (URSA) made this one of the most enjoyable campus events of the year.

According to Doug Tinder, URSA president, the weekend began with mixer on Friday night that featured the jazz of Sal Alberico, and allowed parents a chance to meet informally with the college's faculty and staff. Saturday opened with the President's Brunch at 10:00 a.m. The morning buffet was sponsored in part by the College of Technology Foundation at Utica/Rome. The brunch was followed by a series of lectures, demonstrations, an art exhibition in the Gannett Gallery, and tours of the Marcy campus. The afternoon continued tours of the Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute of Art.

The weekend closed with a dinner dance at Trinckau Manor in nearby Otsiakany. Sponsored by URSA, the evening started with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. Dinner was followed by a showcase by hypnotist John Kellisch, and dancing.

WCOT-FM Working to Increase Its Power

Students at the College of Technology are working to start an FCC-approved FM transmitting radio station. The Class of '87 gift to the college was $5,000 to help start the noncommercial, educational, FM college radio station on the New Marcy campus. The approximate total cost for the FCC-approved station is $30,000.

The student-run station will be able to provide practical, hands-on experience in various fields through its operation. It will be a source of information about the college to the community, supplying news on available programs, activities, and sporting events, as well as a forum for a variety of music and entertainment.

The college's own radio station can be tailored to the needs and wants of the students and community, while providing the information that no other public system would carry. With students living off-campus, it would be an easily accessible form of the latest information on college events.

The practical experience gained by the students involved in the radio station can be related to classes. For example, telecommunications students would be able to observe the similarities and differences of this FCC-regulated form of communications with other forms such as telephony and microwave links. Students would take an active part in the operation and organization of the radio station from making management decisions to announcing on-air, to handling routine maintenance and minor repairs of the equipment.

The startup of the college radio station is not without its problems. The FCC will not approve an application without the commitment of the proper funding, or without the properly conducted frequency search. Since a frequency search must be done immediately prior to the submission of the application, the funding is the present major stumbling block.

The use of a room in the new college center has been granted for the continued on page 5.
Building Boom in Full Swing on Campus

This fall, in the beginning of November, the third building on the Marcy Campus was accepted from the contractor. And what a change that will make in the way we lived. The new nine-million-dollar Campus Center will provide, for the first time in the college's history, a site where all of the student life and student affairs functions will be housed under the same roof.

No longer will students have to have their government, club, and activity offices in one building, the health and counseling centers in a second building, and their gymnasium in a third half-way across town. And won't it be nice to have our own swimming pool, enough handball courts, and saunas next to the locker rooms?

The Campus Center is the second major building on the Marcy Campus to go operational. Designed by Stetson-Harza, the Campus Center contains $6,000 gross square feet. Major features within its walls include a double gym, with indoor running track and bleachers to seat 1500 spectators, a six-lane pool, two handball courts, an exercise room, and associated locker rooms. In addition to the athletic facilities, the center contains a 400-seat dining hall, the college bookstore, the pub, the health and counseling center, the placement office, activities spaces, and the student life offices.

Landscaping is completed on the Campus Center site with plantings, pavers, sidewalks and benches pretty well in place as of early August. Associated with the building are eight tennis courts and two outdoor basketball courts. These facilities greatly enhance the fair weather potential of the Center.

The occupation of the Campus Center will begin in early January. It will take several months before things are running smoothly in this new building. Despite any initial inconveniences, the quality of campus life will be vastly improved by the availability of the resources comprised by the Campus Center.

The second building currently under construction immediately north of the Administration/Library/Classroom Building is the Technology Building. This very large edifice was designed by the architectural firm of Hardy, Holzman and Pfeiffer. Containing 128,000 gross square feet, the building will house instructional space and faculty offices. Included will be lecture halls, laboratories, classrooms, and divisional offices for the business/public management and technology division, for the arts and sciences division, and for the nursing division.

From outward appearances, this building looks to be as ready for occupancy as the Campus Center.

However, looks are deceiving. While work is moving along very rapidly, in fact, considerably ahead of schedule, it will still be by Fall 1988 before the Technology Building is functionally occupied. The current schedule calls for delivery in June of 1988. Now that the building is completely closed in, there is little doubt that interior work will continue throughout the year uninterrupted. These are exciting times for the entire college family, Oldtimers and newcomers alike can see solid progress and share the satisfaction of knowing that they are part of an historic achievement. The College of Technology at Utica/Rome is SUNY's newest campus, and almost certainly its last for the foreseeable future.

Industrial Innovation Service Founded

Area manufacturing firms now have access to a service which may help them become more competitive in the world market. That assistance is offered by the Mohawk Valley Industrial Innovation Extension Service Pilot Project (IIPS), recently opened at the College of Technology. This will be part of the statewide Industrial Innovation Extension Service which has additional pilot projects covering the Southern Tier, Western New York and New York City.

John E. Cook, dean of the Business and Technology Division at the College of Technology, announced that the $133,000 service project has been established with a $84,140 grant from the New York State Science and Technology Foundation. The remaining cost is derived from in-kind services provided by the college. Cook is the project director.

To implement the overall objective of the program, improvement of New York's industrial competitiveness, both current and new technology transfers will form a basis to improve manufacturing processes and introduce product line innovations. Not only can manufacturers benefit from the services through increased business and decreased production costs, but the entire region may benefit from retention and expansion of employment opportunities, according to Cook.

Individual companies can receive technical assistance in the form of diagnostic field visits and counseling by engineers, the design of worker re-training programs, the introduction of state-of-the-art equipment, and dissemination of current technology with information retrieval networks using industry and government databases.

The services will be available to manufacturers in the six-county area of Oneida, Herkimer, Madison, Fulton, Montgomery and Schenectady Counties.

Cook compared the IIPS program, operated in conjunction with the Rensselaer Polytechnic Center for Industrial Innovation, to the Cooperative Extension Service, which serves the agricultural industry. "This new organization parallels one which has been available to farmers for many years," he said. "Farmers are also small businesses and the two groups share similar problems. Both are so involved with day-to-day problems that they are unable to keep up with the innovations offered by advancing technology."

"The IIPS will supply the information to assist manufacturers in making informed decisions that can keep their businesses competitive," Cook said.

The College of Technology also houses four other business-related community services which may be beneficial to manufacturers. Centralized under the Management Assistance Center, headed by Albert B. Martin, are the IIES, the Small Business Institute (SBI), the Small Business Development Center (SBDC), the Development Center for Business (DCB), and the Advanced Management Training Program (AMTP).

Richard Henry serves as the director for the IIES and Dilendra Das, associate professor of technology, is the project's technical advisor.

A Registered Professional Engineer, Henry recently served as the Eastern New York State Region Manager of Angus Instruments, Inc., following several years with General Electric in industrial engineering management positions. He is a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

John Cook

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radio station's studio. An office will be shared with another student organization, Any working equipment, technical advice, or donations made to the Student Life Office or the College Foundation for the WCOT-FM radio station would be very helpful in the startup of this station.

The Utica/Rome area has very little space left on the Noncommercial Educational FM band. It is expected to be full within the course of two to five years. Since it takes the FCC about one year to grant the approval of an application for an educational FM license, the time available is very short. The applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis for this section of the FM band. In order to expect a fully operational FM station by the fall of 1989, the process must begin now.

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College Announces Writing Contest Winners

The written word has always been a powerful tool. To advance in any career, people must be able to communicate orally, and on paper. The College of Technology recently recognized its great student communicators through its annual Writing Contest.

Taking first prize in the Creative Writing category was Samuel Hartley. He is a telecommunications major from Esperance, N.Y. Placing second was Laurie Macer, a general studies major from Rome, N.Y.

Winning first place in the Technical Report category was William Light, a bio-technology major formerly from Williamsport, PA, now living in New Hartford, N.Y. Michael Wangerin, a business/public management student from Utica, took second place. Receiving an honorable mention in this category was Brett Trutti, a mechanical engineering technology major from Morrisville, N.Y.

The winners were presented with awards at a reception in their honor held in the Gannon Gallery on the Marcy campus. The annual writing contest is coordinated by Walter Johnson, assistant professor of humanities.

Entrepreneurial Education Resource Center Established

The College of Technology has been awarded a state grant to establish an Entrepreneurial Education Resource Center (EERC). The college's Management Assistance Center will administer the program.

The EERC will be responsible for collecting, evaluating, indexing, and disseminating entrepreneurial, business, and economic information to educators in the sixth to twelfth grade levels, through the most appropriate means of presentation. Video tapes, and speakers from the Center and the area may be used to supplement literature generated by a teacher. The literature itself can be obtained from the Center, or from the original source.

High School Students Attend SUNY Program

Thirty-four gifted and talented juniors and seniors from 17 area high schools earned college credit in a summer program at the College of Technology this year. Funded through a special legislative grant obtained by State Senator James H. Donovan (R), 47th Senatorial District, the program was designed to provide opportunity for advanced study. College credits were earned by Empire State College of the State University through a cooperative arrangement with the College of Technology, Susquehanna Valley Central High School, where one of the courses was taught, also participated in the program.

All students enrolled in the program were nominated by teachers or administrators from the high schools they attend. Tuition for college credits, study materials, and use of personal computers were all covered completely by the grant at no cost to the students.

Participants attended one of two courses: "O.R." was an introduction to the uses of EERC...Continued from page 6.

In addition, regional seminars and workshops will be scheduled also to supply information. An Entrepreneurial Institute, offering seminars at different regional educational areas throughout New York State, is being planned.

According to James A. Kadamus, assistant state commissioner for occupational and continuing education, the College of Technology was awarded the competitive grant because of its "excellent proposal," and for its educational programs including a Small Business Development Center, an Industry Innovation Services program, and an Advanced Management Training program. These are all part of the college's Management Assistance Center.

The EERC Newsletter will announce details of future EERC activities. Brochures will also be designed for specific programs.

Telecommunications Equipment Donated to College by Redcom Laboratories

Redcom Laboratories, Inc., has presented the College of Technology with telecommunications equipment which will be utilized by the college's students as well as participants in Telecommunications Institute seminars.

Announcement of the equipment donation to the College of Technology Foundation Utica/Rome, Inc., was made by Thomas E. Reddington, Redcom executive vice-president.

The equipment includes the Redcom Modular Digital Exchange (MDX), and a TeleTraffic Generator (TTG).

The MDX is a portable telephone central office, specifically designed for small to medium applications in rural areas and can be installed quickly to respond to emergency situations. It features integrated voice/data capability and is expandable to 1,200 lines. Toned a "go-anywhere" central office with "sophisticated simplicity," it does not need air conditioning and has no tape or disk drive.

The TTG is a testing equipment featuring transmission checking facilities used in production, installation and evaluation of switching systems.

It is portable and programmable and can generate and answer calls.

Redcom Laboratories was founded in 1978 as a design, consulting and manufacturing company, specializing in turnkey telecommunications and information handling systems. It is headquartered in Victor, near Rochester.

With leading edge telecommunications switching technology, Redcom boasts quality and reliability as its goals. Much of its equipment is in use in remote locations where ease of installation and minimum maintenance is essential.

Equipment donated by Redcom Laboratories is demonstrated at a press conference.

SUNY Tech Seniors Take First Prize

In a competition with professionals as well as other college students, three seniors from the College of Technology took the top prize for their design of an electronic financial planning model.

Members of the winning team were John Harper, Glen Korac, and Ralph Schmidt Jr. Held in Syracuse, the Electronic Financial Planning Model competition was sponsored by the College of Technology and Chapman College of Orange, California. Representatives from the College of Technology, State University of New York, and the College of Technology, Chapman College of Orange, made presentations to the business, banking and service industries were judged. Competition included professional employees of Carrier Corporation, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation and Crouse Hinds Company.

Harper received a Bachelor of Professional Studies degree from the College of Technology and completed requirements for a bachelor's degree in finance last spring. The son of Joan and Jack Harper, 12 Hilson Drive, he is a 1984 graduate of Mohawk Valley Community College.

Kovac, also a 1984 graduate of MVCC, is the son of Margaret and Harold Kovac of 827 Northgate Drive. He is also a business and finance major at the College of Technology.

The son of Carol and Ralph Schmidt Sr., of 122 Glen Road South, Schmidt was awarded an Alumni Scholarship at the College of Technology. He is a 1985 graduate of Utica School of Commerce. As an operations specialist in the Navy, he served in Australia, Korea, Singapore and Hawaii. During his five year tour, he received the Secretary of the Navy Achievement Medal and several Commanding Officers' Comendations.
There's No Age Barrier to Learning at SUNY Tech

Ronald Aubin received a Bachelor of Technology degree with a major in industrial technology at this year's commencement ceremonies. Now he's eager to enter a new career as a product or process engineer or possibly as a plant layout manager. This is not Aubin's first career, or even his first career change. Immediately out of high school, he went into the Navy and was assigned to personnel. He was employed in retail sales and then was a machine operator for 12 years. He also became involved in politics at the town and county levels as supervisor of the Town of Strafford.

Returning to college in 1983, Aubin's original intent was not to enter another career field, but to prepare for a different position at Remington Arms Inc. In Ilion, where he had been a machine operator since September 1974.

Those plans came to a abrupt end when he was laid off in October 1986. With his goal of a four-year degree complete, he did not become discouraged, but just shifted direction to locate another employer where his new skills could be put to use. He has worked hard to attain his goal and is confident his maturity and education will be a vital asset in his new career.

Aubin was hesitant about returning to college. He began by taking one course at Fulton-Montgomery Community College, "to see what it was like." In his 50s, he wondered how he would be accepted since he was older than most students and the professors as well. With no previous college experience, he was also not sure if he would be able to keep up with his classes while working full-time and attending to family responsibilities. He worked second and third shifts so he could attend day classes. After transferring to the College of Technology, he was also faced with a daily commute of 80 miles. He soon found his concerns were unfounded, he got along well with everyone and even found time for school-related activities. At Fulton-Montgomery, he was inducted in Tau Alpha Pi, engineering honor society, and F Theta Kappa honorary society. He was also a student in "Who's Who in American Junior Colleges and Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities." He is also a member of the Institute of Industrial Engineers (IIIE).

For the academic year of 1984-85, he was a student trustee on the Fulton-Montgomery Community College Board of Trustees. At the College of Technology, he has served as both junior and senior senator in the Utica/Rome Student Association (URSA). He has also been a laboratory assistant at SUNY Tech.

With a 3.6 average, Aubin has been named to the President's List. "Maybe the information doesn't sink in as fast for me, but I've had no trouble keeping up," he said.

"Some of the younger students have an attitude different from mine," he said. "They don't strive as hard for top grades and are not as in much of a hurry to find a job." I will miss going to school now. I can't say that I'm in the habit," he said. He hopes he may not have to break the habit entirely, if he secures a position with a company which offers tuition assistance, he said he would like to continue for a master's degree in industrial engineering.

As he seeks a new position, he said, "I don't even intend to retire. I was very happy when the mandatory retirement age was raised to 70." Aubin said his wife, Sherly, is supportive of his college career, "even when she doesn't see much of me." He's five children were happy with their father's decision to return to school. "The younger ones bring their homework to me now that I'm a college student," he said.

Aubin's children are Richard, serving with the Navy in Scotland; Robert, a student currently at the Lexington Training Center in Gloversville; Bonnie, who graduated one day later than her father from SUNY at Albright; David, 14, a student at Dolgeville Central School; and Nancy, age 12, a student at Dolgeville who says she's "almost 13." Although his previous careers have taken him to Guam, Boston, Virginia and Washington, D.C., Aubin is a native of Stratford and is a graduate of Stratford High School.

About 120 alumni and guests, along with nearly 30 faculty and staff, "recaptured the magic" on May 1 and 2, 1987. "ReCapturing the Magic" was the theme for Alumni Weekend, 1987.

It all began with the traditional Friday night mixer at which approximately 100 hardly souls braved the chill of a Mohawk Valley spring evening. Originally planned for the ALC building on the Mercy Campus, the mixer was moved to the 12 North Tavern and recreation center adjacent to the campus. The facilities were great; the only problem was that there was no heat! And it was a cool night.

Un leased, in true "upper divi- sion/SUNY CITF" frontier tradition, alumni coped with the condition by generating their own heat. The warmth of renewed friendships and the mellowness of the evening helped everyone forget the cold. Free-flowing spirits also eased the pain a little.

Picking up on the weekend theme, Joe Sehmack, well-known area magician, provided "Magic with Style." To the merriment and amusement of the party-goers, Joe and his comely assistant, performed their feats of prestidigitation and legedomin to brighten the evening. Some alumni even "volunteered" to assist with some of the illusions.

At 10:30 the next morning, retrieved with whatever rest they could catch after the mixer, approximately 30 alumni gathered in the cafeteria of the ALC Building for the annual business meeting. In addition to the usual routine matters, a report was made by Leon Kozlack recommending that the Alumni Association incorporate as a not-for-profit corporation to protect members from liability. It was moved to refer this and revision of existing bylaws to the board of directors.

During the period devoted to elections, Dick DuRose announced his resignation from the board of directors for reasons of health and work load. This left open a term to be filled for one year. The election results were as follows:

Vice President: Allen Styno
Secretary: Lois Davis
Director (3 yr.): Vincent Smith
Director (1 yr.): Francesca Deierlein

Richard Sherman continues on his two-year term as president as do Janice Ciccarelli and Dick DuRose as respective chairs of the Long-Range Planning and of the Awards Committee. Garry Cuda and Leon Kozlak were appointed as co-chairs of the 1988 Alumni Weekend planning committee for which were set as June 4-5, 1988.

Upon the conclusion of business, most of those attending the business meeting adjourned once again to 12 North to attend the annual picnic and the traditional flag football and soccer matches. Though the temperature was still a mite cool and the wind blew briskly, the sun shown bright as the contests of brawn and skill unfolded. The record shows that in flag football the alumni beat the undergraduates, and in soccer the alumni again emerged victorious. In all, it was a rowing good afternoon.

The evening, and the weekend, were capped by an Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony held at the Ramada Inn (now a dormitory for Utica College). An excellent buffet was followed by the recognition of outstanding alumni and the conferring of honorary alumni awards. Acknowledged for distinguished service to their professions and communities were:

Class of 1977 Catharyn Barns, assistant professor of nursing at the College of Technology; Mattie Brown, executive director of Utica Head Start Children and Families, Inc.; Jeanne Loe, assistant professor of nursing at Jefferson Community College; and Robert Schahmel, vice president of Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company of Buffalo.

Class of 1982 Bill Carroll, news reporter and anchor for WKTV; Christine Hanna, community health nurse; and Kathleen Van Vechten, nursing supervisor, Syracuse University Health Service.

Inducted as honorary alumni were Alice Pender OSS, member of the College Council and former personnel officer for the college, and Charles T. Lanigan, former Oneida County Executive who initiated the study which justified the establishment of the College of Technology.

The awards ceremony was a fitting climax to the most successful Alumni Weekend in the history of the college.
A Look At Alumni Weekend
Bill Kusnela: Now a Part of SUNY Tech Forever

It was old home day at the college on Friday, October 30. Among a crowd of about 300 well-wishers were more than 50 of Bill Kusnela’s former colleagues who came to celebrate the renaming of the ALC Building in his honor.

The formal ceremony, presided over by David N. Hurd, college council chairman, was the keeping of a promise made by Hurd two years earlier when the Marcy Campus was dedicated. At that time the chairman revealed that the college council had petitioned the SUNY board of trustees to name the building after Kusnela. In accordance with their policy, the trustees insisted that five years elapse before they would consider the council’s request. All requirements were met in August of this year and plans were begun which culminated in the dedication observance.

Among Bill’s returning colleagues were all of the original members of the executive council of the Upper Division College: John Brophy, vp, academic affairs; Robert Kopecek, vp, administration; and Shirley Wura, vp, student affairs. Milt Smith, assistant to the president, who chaired the building dedication committee, was also a member of the original council. Many other former employees and council members also joined in the festivities.

Senator James H. Donovan, the featured speaker, recalled the early days of the college’s emergence under President Kusnela’s leadership, crediting him with sustaining the drive to build the Marcy Campus. For his response, Dr. Kusnela recognized the many people in attendance who helped him make his dream a reality. Others offering remarks were James J. Countryman, acting president; Ralph Eannace, assemblyman 116th district; Victor T. Ehre, chairman of the College of Technology Foundation; Edward V. Mole, SUNY trustee; Emil L. Griffith, New York State regent; and John D. Plumley, Oneida County Executive. Father David G. Looney, college chaplain, offered the invocation and benediction.

Immediately following the formal ceremony, everyone adjourned to the main lobby where Kusnela unveiled a plaque bearing his name. A public reception followed in the cafeteria. Music was provided by the Carmen Caramanica trio.

Members of the dedication committee who planned and carried out all the events related to the dedication were: Mark Atchison, John Bach, Eileen D’Agostino, Dawn Ferry, Irene Fluty, Malcolm Harris, Barbara Hays, David Keymer, Ronald Majola, Rose Mazzei, Frank Pauletellii, Stewart Richards, James Ross, Daniel Schaber, Douglas Tinter, and Monte Welker.

Learning More at the Sagamore

Four of our Association directors, our immediate past president, and the director of alumni affairs attended the fall conference of the Federation of Alumni Associations of the State University of New York on Saturday, November 14, 1987. Held at the Hotel Sagamore on Lake George, the conference was entitled “Investing in SUNY Through Alumni Leadership.”

More than 130 alumni volunteers and professionals from 24 campuses attended the conference—the largest turn-out in history. Attending for the College of Technology were Joann Brochu, Janet Cecarelli, (and their spouses), Dan Evans, and Allen Styne. In addition, Glen Thompson, immediate past president, and Milt Smith, director of alumni affairs, both members of the Federation Executive Council, attended.

President Peter Spina of Monroe Community College offered the keynote address. He challenged alumni officers to take a greater interest in SUNY as a university, as well as in their own campuses. He indicated the need to increase among the state legislature and the general public awareness of the greatness of SUNY. The State University is a powerful resource which is growing in stature. Alumni need to be aware of and to tell others about the strength of SUNY, which now has well over one million alumni distributed throughout the world.

Other topics discussed at the conference were alumni volunteerism and the interaction between professionals and volunteers. Presenters were Donald Favreau, emeritus professor of SUNY Albany, and Dan Ticknor, director of the intern program at SUC Ononta. Professor Favreau is a professional trainer and motivator who discussed the motivations and barriers to the development of alumni volunteerism within the general context of current motivational theory. He used Maslow’s needs hierarchy as a general framework for his presentation.

Dan Ticknor, an accomplished artist and former Big Eight football lineman, closed the day with a session on profiling classic volunteer types. For each archetype he had prepared a cut-out figure done in various materials. The presentation was both informative and amusing.

As is often the case, one of the benefits of attending the conference was the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with alumni volunteers and professionals from other campuses. “What I discovered,” said Dan Evans, who was attending his first alumni conference, “was that other campuses have the same kinds of problems we have. It helps to know we aren’t alone in developing student alumni interests.”

Eager, dedicated alumni volunteers like Joann, Janet, Dan, and Allen, are at the heart of every successful alumni program. “No matter how hard the ‘hired guns’ may work; no matter how smart the professionals may think they are, alumni programming is bound to flop without the enthusiastic input and support of the volunteers,” according to Milt Smith. “That’s why I’m so grateful for the current board of directors who have volunteered to help their association prosper.”

The Hotel Sagamore was an ideal place for the conference. Glenn and Milt met with the Confederation executive council on Friday night and participated in the conference the next day. With a total of eight attendees, the College of Technology was among the campuses with the least delegations at the conference.

The spring conference is scheduled for April 15-17 at Kutsher’s in the Catskills. Interested alumni should mark their calendars now. Reservation deadline is March 6, 1988. Please notify the alumni office if you would like detailed program information sent to you when it becomes available.
Wildcat Basketball:
Bidding Bye-bye to Beekdome

The 1987-88 basketball season is a season of significance for the SUNY College of Technology men's basketball team. The Wildcats will finally achieve a higher level of legitimacy as they leave the high school confines of the old Beekmantown Junior-Senior High School. The new facility, SUNY Tech, will be their home court for the next year. The team is one of the few to make the transition from high school to college basketball.

The 1987-88 season began with high hopes for the Wildcats. They had a strong team, with a mix of veterans and talented freshmen. The team was led by the return of senior guard Sherry Dubben, a key member of the previous season. Other returning stars included Rob Blair, a senior guard, and Paul Rivers, a senior forward.

The team had a great start to the season, winning their first five games. However, they faced some challenges in the middle of the season, including a loss to the University of Buffalo. Despite this, the team continued to play well and finished the regular season with a record of 18-6.

In the playoffs, the Wildcats faced tough competition. They reached the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division II tournament, where they were defeated by the eventual champion, the University of Connecticut. The team's performance in the tournament was a testament to their hard work and dedication.

The 1987-88 season ended with the team graduating many of its key players, including Dubben, Blair, and Rivers. However, the team had a bright future, with the return of some experienced players and the addition of some talented freshmen.

As the team prepares for the 1988-89 season, they hope to build on their success and continue to grow as a team. With the support of their fans and the community, the Wildcats are ready to take on the challenges of the upcoming season.
Directors' Dossiers: An Inside Look at Two

As part of an on-going feature, the Alumni Newsletter continues to introduce you to the members and officers of the College of Technology Alumni Association Board of Directors.

The current No. 2 man on the board definitely tries harder. Allen Styroo, '84, takes his duties as vice president seriously, and that comes as no surprise. Allen graduated with a bachelor of professional studies degree in business/public management. He currently works as a technical assistant in the computer center of SUNY Central Administration. He is a medical services technician with the 139th Aeromedical Evacuation Flight of the Air National Guard. Allen now holds the rank of staff sergeant in the National Guard. Being in the reserves does mean travel in Allen's case. He participated in the Desert Exercise in Germany in September and maneuvers in Lakenheath, England last May as part of his job.

Allen's been actively involved with SUNY Tech since he came here. He is the founding president of the Student Alumni Council (SAC) and was a member of the Student Activities Board (SAB). He worked as a student assistant in the Alumni Office in Summer '83 and as a student assistant in the Personnel Office from '82-'84. He's been a member of the alumni association since 1982.

DuRose Resigns

Dick DuRose, life member of the Alumni Association, former director and distinguished service award winner, has notified President Cayan of his resignation as a member of the College Foundation, as chairman of the bell tower committee, and as chairman of the alumni association awards committee. He did so based on doctor's orders to eliminate all outside activities. Dick suffered a severe heart attack in August and is recuperating slowly. His active participation will be missed, and we wish him well.

First Alumni Directory to be Printed by College

The Alumni Association has contracted with Spectrum International to collect and compile data for inclusion in the first alumni directory to be published for the College of Technology. Within the next few weeks you will receive a questionnaire requesting information for inclusion in the directory. Please help by taking a few minutes to complete and return the questionnaire. This project has been authorized by your board of directors to help us all remain in contact with one another. Once the directory is prepared, the publisher will contact you directly to take your order, if you wish to purchase one.

Mark Your Calendars Now

1988 Alumni Weekend
June 4-5, 1988

Note the change in month!

Class Notes

1975

Jerome Donovan and his wife Donna are proud to announce the birth of their son, Andrew William, born on Wednesday, September 2, 1975. Andrew weighed 5 lbs, 15/2 oz. and was 19 inches long at birth.

1976

Charles Farrar and his wife Dale, become the parents of their third daughter, Christine, on March 6th. They reside at 27 Pershing Road, Glen Falls, NY 12801.

1977

Arthur Broccolo, a senior investigator with the New York State Police, has been promoted to lieutenant and reassigned to Albany.

Pat Gasparini has been appointed Director of Electrophysiology Testing for Community-General Hospital. She has been with the hospital for 10 years and is pursuing a master's degree in nursing.

William Handrasky now resides at 685 Lakeview Street, San Francisco, California 94112. Congratulations to Waterville's new mayor. David Upercuff, a business/public management graduate, was elected this spring. He says his task is to make a well-run village run better. "I will try to find ways to do things better, cheaper and in less time," said Upercuff.

Martha Woznicki Pilley is a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. She is now stationed with her husband, Boyd, on Guam. Her address is Lt. Martha J. Woznicki Pilley, 103 2nd Street, N.A.S., P.O. San Francisco, CA 96637.

1981

Michael Naasto has been appointed to the position of vice president - lending, at Seneca Federal Savings. Michael is responsible for mortgage and consumer lending and mortgage servicing. Previously, he has been employed at the Savings Bank of Utica as mortgage analyst and data-processing manager. He resides in Clay with his wife and daughter.

1978

Harold Yagoda has been promoted to senior health care consultant with Cooper and Lybrand, an accounting firm he joined in 1984. He lives with his wife and daughter in Glen Falls.

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Ida Creedon has been named ad

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Winnie Endow-King has been promoted to administrative assistant of the First National Bank of Norfolk. She has been employed at the bank since January 1983. Mrs. King is in charge of the new data processing department.

Michael Shaheen of Elmirra is a registered nurse anesthetist. He completed his anesthesia training at the VA Medical Center, Albany. He was a student nurse in intensive care, operating room and recovery room.

Salvatore Troiano has been chosen by County Executive John D. Plumley as new administrator for Broadacres Skilled Nursing Facility, Deerfield. Aldo served as a one-year administrative intern at the nursing home four years ago. Before being appointed, he was a supervisor of the Cattaraugus County Home and Infirmary in Machias.

lt. Brian VanKuilenburg has been decorated with the Air Force Achievement Medal at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida. Brian is a pilot with the 822nd Interceptor Training Squadron. The medal is awarded to airmen for meritorious service, acts of courage, or other exceptional accomplishments.

1984

Joanna Brochu, now resides at 37 Saratoga Avenue, Ballston Spa, N.Y. 12020.

Marilyn Betton Gandy has received the Whitney Young Award for academic excellence from SUNY University. She is a second-year graduate student at the School of Social Work and expects to get her master's degree next May.

Vincent Gramaglia has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Army from Officer Training School at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Kathryn Koon has been employed as a program analyst in General Instruments in Huntsville, Ala. Her address is 8563 Graffiti Drive, Ballston Spa, N.Y. 12020.

Susan Macfadden has been named director of nursing services for Loretto Neriatric Center's skilled nursing and intermediate care facilities. She joined the Loretto staff as a nurse aide in 1975. Most recently, she was the assistant director of nursing for the Loretto Intermediate care facilities since January 1981. Ms. King is in charge of the new data processing department.

Jeffrey C. Mark recently accepted the position of assistant director and managing director for Oneida City Hospitals. Most recently Mark was administrator at the Gertt Smith Infirmary in Eaton. He is currently completing requirements for his master's degree in management science through a weekend study program at SUNY Binghamton.

Daniel W. Merritt has been appointed patrolman for the Cortland Police Department. He has been a police officer for the Delaware and Hudson Railway Police Department and for the State University of New York at Binghamton when he entered police school.

Janice Morey-Pederson has been appointed assistant recovery room supervisor at Community-General Hospital. She has been employed by Community-General since 1966, and has held a number of supervisory positions. Janice resides in Camillus.

Michael Villochio who resides at 115 Ramee Avenue, Syracuse, New York has been named General Account Manager of Magrino Corporation in Syracuse.

1985

Mark Becker, who now resides at RR. 2, Box 1303, Fenner Hill Road, Fort Anne, NY 13383, is employed in the Painting Division at Bang- erLink Flight Simulation Division, Binghamton.

Patricia A. Owen has been named assistant director of Leather- stocking Country, NY, a regional tourism agency serving nine counties. Her duties will include management recruitment and retention, as well as assistance in all phases of operations.

Paul Guevara has accepted an active duty assignment with the U.S. Army as an Airborne Ranger with the Army Nurse Corps. His address is Bunker Dr., Ft. Benning, GA 31905.

Maureen O'Dell is now a Bank Examiner with the FDIC. Her new address is 210 W. Byron, Apt. 218, King of Prussia, PA 19406.

Meg Keane has been named a nurse for, has arrived for duty with the 2nd Infantry Division, South Korea. Bil is an Army Lieutenant and a platoon leader.

David Scharf has been named chairman of the YMCA's 1987 membership drive. Scharf is employed as a computer sales executive with Business Services Company and has been a long-time Utica YMCA member.

Michael Svendsen has been appointed as Mercy Hospital's new director of dietary services. Previously he was employed at Boulevard Manor in Palm Beach, Florida. Michael, a Watertown native, said he was pleased to be living in Watertown again.

Christopher Hales has accepted a position with the Carrol Corporation. His address is 8292 Northgate Drive, Rome.

Teresa Cammaro Woodward has accepted the position of director of medical records at E.J. Noble Hospital, Governor, Teresa and her husband, James, will be residing in Lowville.

A Message For All Theta Omegas

Calling all Theta Omega alumni. The following is a message from Joanna Brochu, '84.

"With the help of this Alumni Newsletter, I am hoping to contact all alumnae of the Theta Omega Sorority, but I need your help. I am trying to plan a weekend event in the summer of '88. I am having trouble finding all of you. If you could take the time, please call me and your name, address, and phone number to: Joanna Brochu, Saratoga Avenue, Ballston Spa, N.Y. 12020.

A correspondence will be sent to you at a later date about all the plans for the summer."

James Allen '77, married Meg Keane in November. Meg is a nurse for, has arrived for duty as an assistant registered nurse at the FDR. Veteran's Administration Hospital, Montrose.

Nicholas Alteri '86, and Va- lerie Sanges exchanged marriage vows on June 20. He is employed as an Atlanta sales engineer for the company.

John Bernard '83, and Rhonda Whitfield were wed on September 12. John is employed with Springs Chemical Company. JD is a Systems Analyst for the company.

Michael Buttim '85, married Monica Massoud on June 5. Michael is a claims representative for Allstate Insurance Company.

Michael Cataldo '84, married Catherine VandenBoch in August. He is employed at Cataldo Bros. and Sons.

Daniel Cleary '77, married Natalie Spytko on June 20. Daniel is presently employed by the U.S. Government in Rome.

Susan Defendio '78 and Andrew Elmore exchanged marriage vows on April 25.

Deborah Dollars '86, and Mark DeNicola were married on September 19. She is employed at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Syracuse.

Jan Dobek '79, married Mary Hidding on May 12. He is a self-employed realtor.

Terry Elzinga '83, and Susan Jackson recently exchanged marriage vows. Terry is a NATO Radar System Field Program engineer for General Dynamics.

Melissa Fabbio '85, married James Nuse this past fall. Melissa is an accountant at Kelco-Hayes Company.

Lisa Foreman '87, became the bride of James Earl on May 23. She is a senior accountant at House- hold Finance, Utica.

Elizabeth Forth '81, and David Potenzio were wed on Au-
gust 1. She is a community health nurse at Binghamton.

Lisa Gemaides '85, and David Weber were married on May 23. Michael works as an electrical engineer.

Irene Muldoon '82, married on November 8 to Kevin Mur- ray. She is employed as an office manager at the firm.

Nancy Negele '84, and Thomas Metz exchanged marriage vows on October 3. Nancy is an accountant at the Custom Tool and Model Shop, Franklin Park.

Anita Northrup '81, and Charles McNeil exchanged marriage vows on May 16. Both are employees of the Oneida County Social Services Department.

Robert Paddock '86, and Jo- anna Grace exchanged marriage vows on June 13. He is employed at Utica Vois Company.

Colleen Peterson '86, and Tim Saathie '86, were wed on September 12. Colleen is employed at Dun and Bradstreet in Albany, while Tim is employed at the New York Law Enforcement Group, Albany.

Lisa Piccone '86, was recently married to Paul Ciceni. Lisa is employed by Catholic Family and Community Services of Amsterdam as a substance abuse counselor.

Desiree '84, and Suzan- ne Jordan '85, were married on May 23. Leonard is employed by General Electric Co., Syracuse and Suzanne is employed by the Martin Luther Nursing Home.

Richard Rava '81, married Karla McCord on December 22. He is an Assistant Professor of Computer Science at Cornell College.

Elaine Raymond '83, became the bride of Lewis Slawsky on Oc- tober 3. She is a registered nurse at the SUNY Health Science Center.

Edward Slade '83, and Brenda Dawsley were married in September. Slade is employed at Singer Corpora- tion in New Jersey.

Edward Snow '82, and Lynn Quackenbush exchanged marriage vows on June 26. Lynn is employed at the firm.
Wildcat Weddings


Gary Stewart '84, and Jean Clark were married on May 2. Gary is a programmer for computer applications with General Electric in Syracuse.

Billie Williams '83, became the bride of Kenneth Keller on March 22. She is currently employed as an instructor at Bryant & Stratton Business Institute.


Alice Zimmermann '82, became the bride of Dan Begdan on August 29. Alice is a nurse at St. Elisabeth Hospital.

Engagements

Christopher Campbell '85, became engaged to Lori Brown. An April wedding is planned. Chris is a plant supervisor at Barrett Paving Materials, Bovina.

Mary Jo Giovannini '84, is engaged to Raymond Rutz, Jr. An October 1988 wedding is planned. She is a business manager for Happiness House in Geneva.

Shelley Scanlon '84, is engaged to Paul Palitos. No wedding date has been set. Shelley is a rehabilitation specialist at Monroe Developmental Center, Rochester.

In Memoriam

Robert Kritzer '74, 7602 Fitzpatrick Dr., Liverpool, NY died March 26, 1987. Robert was employed as assistant director of business affairs of the SUNY Health Science Center.

George Orsino '79, died Wednesday, April 22, 1987. George resided in East Aurora, NY and was employed by Anderson-Little Clothing Store.

Chapter Updates

Three regional alumni chapters have been active in the last six months or so. Albany, Syracuse, Rochester, in that order, have had get-togethers. Taking the initiative in the Albany area were Allen Styro and Joann Brochu, both members of the board of directors of your association. Allen is vice president, as well.

On June 5, 1987, about 20 alumni from the Capital District got together at Day's Inn (the former Holiday Inn) in Menands. The reception was a follow-up to an earlier meeting attended by a dozen, or so, in late February.

Another meeting is now planned for Albany area alumni, preceding the basketball game between the SUNY COT Wildcats and the College of St. Rose on January 27. Albany alumni, mark your calendars! Time and place will be sent by direct mail.

Syracuse area alumni were able to get together as part of the annual conference of the SUNY Council for University Affairs and Development held in Syracuse on October 26, 1987. A multi-campus reception involving 11 other campuses was held in the ballroom of the Hotel Syracuse. The program was enthusiastically received by several hundred alumni from all the participating colleges. About two dozen COT alumni stopped by our association table to chat.

Thirty Rochester area grads met on Friday evening, November 13, for a reception and dinner with Jim Countryman, and his wife, Kathy. Jim and Kathy flew their own airplane in for the event. In addition, Dr. John Brophy, the first academic vice president, attended. The affair was coordinated by Eileen Lamb, Sue Bowler, and their hard-working spouses, Greg and Bob.

Wolf Named New NYNEX Exec-On-Loan

David Wolf of West Monroe, NY, has recently been named director of the Telecommunications Institute at the College of Technology. Wolf's appointment is part of a NYNEX executive-on-loan program with the college.

According to James J. Countryman, acting president, the executive-on-loan program is part of the support services provided to the college through a joint industrial/educational venture between the college and NYNEX Business Information Systems, Inc. This venture established the Telecommunications Institute at SUNY Tech.

As director, Wolf will oversee the institute's efforts to provide training, applied research, and consulting services in the field of telecommunication to business, industry, government, health care, and educational agencies.

Wolf is the third NYNEX member to hold the director's position since the program began. He is a 1983 graduate of the University of Dayton, where he earned a bachelor of technology degree in chemical engineering technology. For the first two years after graduation he worked as an implementation engineer for Lambic Telecom and New York Telephone. For the past two years he's worked as a transmission engineer for New York Telephone, solving transmission troubles and designing and testing fiber optic networks.