



Next stage — Senior theatre major Ryan Sprague (center) is one of many SUNY Oswego May graduates with a job lined up after Commencement. Sprague will join the touring troupe for the National Theatre for Arts and Education, performing at schools across the country. He is shown directing Jennifer Caruana and Ryan Powers in “Some Do It Naturally,” a one-act play he wrote that will be performed May 12 and 13 in Tyler Hall’s lab theatre. See page 4 for more on the play.

Many grads find doors open to opportunity

Many of the more than 1,200 students eligible for Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 20, will trade their caps and gowns for jobs in the coming weeks.

They enter an expanding job market. The National Association of Colleges and Employers found employers expecting to hire 14 percent more new college graduates than last year. (See “College Trends,” page 2.)

“We have seen an upturn on the level of recruiting on campus and in the number of companies making offers to students,” said Bob Casper, director of career services.

Theatre major Ryan Sprague will take his show on the road, joining the touring troupe of the National Theatre for Arts and Education. The organization provides school performances of classic works that teach literature, history, science and language.

Sprague received the offer — and three others — when he and some classmates auditioned for different theatre companies in Boston. He credited classes, performances, guest artists and audition workshops at Oswego. “Because of the audition workshops, I know what to look for and how to avoid the pitfalls of auditioning,” he said. “We’ve also had an opportunity to perform for all types of audiences.”

Central New Yorkers will see another graduate, Kevin Torres, on TV as a reporter for Syracuse’s NewsChannel 9. He received his start at WTOP, took internship opportunities and later earned a part-time job at WWNW in Watertown.

“It’s not very often that a student gets hired into such a position while in college, but through hard work I pulled it off,” he said of his WWNW work, for which he won two Associated Press awards and a Syracuse Press Club honor.

Business owner

Jenna Kain may have found a picture-perfect situation, as she and her husband started their own business, Kain Photography, in downtown Oswego. It combines her art major and business minor with what she has learned through experiences like starting the women’s club hockey team.

Lawrence Nadel plans to move to the front of the classroom, teaching either English language arts or theatre for the New York City Department of Educa-

tion. The adolescence education and English major will also teach theatre courses in a professional drama studio part time.

Finance major Matthew Collins was ranked fifth out of Northwestern Financial Insurance Co.’s more than 1,200 interns. He will look to continue this success as he attends training to begin a full-time career with Northwestern immediately after graduation.

“SUNY Oswego is a great business school, but I feel that nothing can prepare someone for the real world like that of a high-quality internship,” Collins said.

The morning ceremony in Romney Field House, for graduates of the School of Business and School of Education, will begin at 9 a.m. and feature prominent lawyer Errol B. Taylor as guest speaker. Christian Mensah, a legal officer with the United Nations, will address the afternoon College of Arts and Sciences ceremony at 1:30 p.m. Both are SUNY Oswego graduates who will receive honorary degrees. □

— Tim Nekritz

Three earn RF research, scholarship awards

Three Oswego professors were among 43 outstanding SUNY faculty members recognized with the 2006 Research Foundation Research and Scholarship Award.

Mark Cole of the theatre department, Geraldine Forbes of the history department and David Valentino of the earth sciences department were to be honored today in Albany at a ceremony recognizing outstanding research activities, teaching, publications, community activities and academic reputation.

Cole has directed more than 30 productions, including the world premiere of “Alchemist of Light” and the American premiere of the English National Theatre’s “Hiawatha.” The professor and chair of Oswego’s theatre department was also noted for his adaptation of two Ray Bradbury short stories into an original production, “The Traveler” and “The April Witch.” His versions of “The Tempest” and “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” earned recognition from the Kennedy



Mark Cole



Geraldine Forbes

Center American College Theatre Festival. Cole has written nine dramatic works, including the award-winning pieces “On the Terrace of the Pontiac Hotel” and “Poe/Play,” one of three North American plays chosen for performance at a London festival.

Forbes, a distinguished teaching professor, was especially noted for her influential research on women in India. She has published several books, including *Women in Modern India* in the New Cambridge History of India series and *An Historian’s Perspective: Indian Women and the Freedom Movement*, plus more than 30 articles over the past 30 years on the history and lives of Indian women.

She also serves as series editor of *Foremother Legacies: Autobiographies and Memoirs of Women from Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America* and on various editorial boards and advisory committees, including those

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Four faculty, staff get Chancellor’s Awards

Qiong June Dong, professor of management, has received the first SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Scholarly and Creative Activities to be awarded at Oswego. In addition, Florence Kirk, associate professor of accounting, and Julie Pretzat-Merchant, professor and chair of music, have received Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence in Teaching, and Johan Godwaldt of the theatre department has received the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Professional Service.

Word of the honors arrived late last week. Full stories on the winners with photos will appear online and in news releases to local newspapers in coming days.

In the past five years, Dong has published a book and 23 other papers. According to Anna Nagurney, her collaborator at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, she “has established an international reputation through her . . . path-breaking research on a variety of network systems which underlie our economics and societies. . . . She excels in an area which is interdisciplinary and highly competitive and she does so with elegance and class.”

Teaching excellence

Kirk received the President’s Award for Teaching Excellence last year at Oswego. “Florence takes every student under her wing, not just the ‘smart ones,’” wrote Charles Spector on behalf of the award selection committee. “Not only does she excel in the classroom, but she also displays an indefatigable energy to enhance the curriculum within the School of Business.” Her innovations include accounting laboratory classes and a graduate class in accounting theory, which are now program requirements.

Pretzat created the new arts management minor and provides major cultural events for the campus and community, in addition to excelling as a teacher. “Students write about her passion for teaching, . . . high standards, and her ability to bring out the best in each,” wrote Marilyn Smiley for the award selection committee. David Belles, her former student who now heads the choral program at Eastern Connecticut State University, credited “her guidance and superlative teaching” for his success.

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College trends

Job prospects improve

“Employers expect to hire 14 percent more new college graduates in 2005-6 than they did in the previous year, according to a report . . . by the National Association of Colleges and Employers. The report, which is based on a survey of employers, said that more than 60 percent of them plan to hire more new college graduates this year than last year, with 22.5 percent planning to hire at last year’s level. Service-industry employers reported the most ambitious hiring goals, expecting to hire 16.4 percent more new graduates than they did last year. Manufacturers plan to hire 11 percent more, and government and nonprofit agencies predicted a 9-percent increase. Twenty percent of employers surveyed said they had raised or planned to raise starting salaries. . . . Employers in the Northeast projected a 24.8-percent increase in hiring new college graduates, leading all other regions.”

— *Academe Today, The Chronicle of Higher Education*, April 21, 2006

Instructional costs stable

“Rising operating costs are a brewing crisis for colleges, according to several speakers [at] . . . the annual meeting . . . of the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges. However, one expert told attendees that faculty pay was not to blame. ‘Faculty instruction has been managed and managed well,’ said Michael F. Middaugh, assistant vice president for institutional research and planning at the University of Delaware. ‘It’s the other stuff that’s killing us,’ Mr. Middaugh said, citing spikes in the costs of health care, energy, and complying with federal laws like the Americans With Disabilities Act and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. In fact, instructional costs, which typically account for 40 percent of total expenditures, have been relatively stable in recent years, he said.”

— *Academe Today, The Chronicle of Higher Education*, April 4, 2006

Controversial speech

“The American Association of University Professors has published a policy statement that defends the right of campus groups to invite provocative speakers to their universities. The statement . . . comes a year and a half after a U.S. presidential campaign that was rife with campus-speaker controversies and cancellations. . . . ‘The university is no place for a heckler’s veto,’ the AAUP statement says. But it reserves most of its criticism for administrators who clamp down on outspoken visitors.”

— *Academe Today, The Chronicle of Higher Education*, April 28, 2006

Lectures free on iTunes

“The University of California at Berkeley is making audio and video recordings of many course lectures available free to anyone — on campus or off — through Apple Computer’s popular iTunes music store, campus officials announced on Tuesday [April 25]. . . . Berkeley’s project is the latest evidence of colleges’ growing interest in offering podcasts of course material — and in using iTunes to deliver those recordings. Several other institutions, including Stanford University and the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor’s dental school, have also struck deals with Apple to distribute course recordings on iTunes. . . . But Berkeley is unique among those universities distributing through iTunes in making its podcasts free to the public instead of restricting them to students and alumni. . . . Berkeley’s public face on iTunes . . . suggests that the project is an exercise in both pedagogy and public relations. In addition to the course recordings, officials have posted speeches and events, campus tours, and sports footage.”

— *Academe Today, The Chronicle of Higher Education*, April 26, 2006

People in action



Empire scholarships — Several Oswego students have earned SUNY Empire Honors Scholarships, presented to African-American, Latino-American and Native American students who have shown great promise for high academic achievement. Provost Susan Coultrap-McQuin (left) and Howard Gordon (right), executive assistant to the president, congratulate, front row from left, Jessica Bautista, Shonda Cruz, José Valdez, Christine Hernandez and Noelle Dor; and, back row from left, Jeremy Lombardo, James Strail and Robert Johnson. Missing are additional scholarship winners Lauren Galory, Paul MacMahon and Marie Muniz.

Oswego’s spring Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibition opened Friday in Tyler Art Gallery. Participating graphic design majors include **Jamie Ayers, Ashley Ball, Marci Barber, Ryan Braden, Devon Burns, Charlie Doughty, Mike Garner Jr., Grace Gorglione, Heather Gorman, Lori Gratz, Sarah Haig, Patrick Hasselwander, Jessica Housen, Matt Loughlin, Joshua Macy, Matt McAfee, Heather McBride, Geoff Queck, Alexandra Schnurr, Vanessa Vair and Sarah Vroman**. Studio art majors with work in the exhibition include **Sara Alexander, Jenna Barnhart, Ian Cappello, Megan Diriwachter, Erica Jones, Charity Murphy and Sarah Nesbitt**. The showcase of artwork by graduating seniors will run through May 19.

Ivan Brady, distinguished teaching professor and chair of anthropology, has published a chapter on the impact of a famous text on Pacific Islands history in a new book titled *Texts and Contexts: Reflections in Pacific Islands Historiography*, edited by Doug Munro and Brij V. Lal and published by the University of Hawaii Press. The book examines the foundational texts that pioneered and consolidated the new subdiscipline and served as the building blocks for further developments in the field. The chapters assess each text in the context of its times and in the context of the texts’ authors, demonstrating that historians are not neutral observers but work within, or react against, the political and intellectual climate of which they are a part. Brady’s chapter focuses on historian Greg Denning’s groundbreaking work *Islands and Beaches: Discourse on a Silent Land: Marquesas, 1774-1880* (first published in 1980). Brady says it has an important measure of what makes the anthropological mode of history literary in its composition while incorporating the artful interpretations and rigor of thought and method that cultural anthropology covets in its own humane science.

Tim Delaney of the sociology department presented two papers at the 77th annual Pacific Sociological Association conference in Los Angeles: “Sports Heroes as Representatives of Culture” on April 20 and “A Qualitative Analysis of Seinfeld” on April 23.

Astrophysical Journal Letters has accepted for publication an article co-authored by **Shashi Kanbur** of the physics department and titled “The Hubble Constant from Type Ia Supernovae Calibrated with the Linear and Non-Linear Cepheid Period-Luminosity Relation.” Hubble’s constant is the expansion rate of the universe and governs the size of the universe as well as its possible future. Kanbur and his colleagues used an improved technique to estimate this value — at 74.37 plus or minus 2.27 (random) plus or minus 4.92 (systematic) km/s/Mpc — which is about 1 to 3 percent different from previously estimated values.

The “change is important,” Kanbur said, “because now we are in the age of ‘precision cosmology.’” The improved technique the researchers used to arrive at the new estimate has significant implications for future investigations. The Space Telescope Science Institute funded the research. (See Nov. 30, 2005, *Campus Update*.)

William Waite, professor of technology, was presented the “Laureate Citation” by Epsilon Pi Tau, the international honor society for professions in technology, at the annual New York State Technology Education Association conference on March 30. The citation is the second highest level of membership awarded by this organization. It was awarded for his “32 years of excellent technology teaching and service to undergraduates at SUNY Oswego . . . impressive leadership and professional service as associate department chair (10 years), recipient of the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching (2002), committee leader for Mexico School District building project, Onondaga Community College curriculum program evaluator, (and) editor of *The Technology Educator* (NYSTE journal).” After serving SUNY Oswego over the last 32 years, Waite will retire at the end of this academic year. □

Scholar-athlete award goes to Weston Fellows

Laker cross-country runner Weston Fellows received the SUNY Chancellor’s Scholar Athlete Award in a ceremony Monday at Westchester Community College. The award recognizes a combination of academic excellence and outstanding athletic achievement. A total of 70 student athletes in 19 sports from 28 SUNY schools were selected.

Fellows, of Utica, is a senior majoring in adolescence education and English. He also received a Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence and, at Oswego, a student grant for scholarly activity. A student-athlete mentor, he has been repeatedly recognized as an athlete who excels both academically and on the field.

“The Scholar Athlete Award is one of the most selective and prestigious awards bestowed by SUNY, because it speaks to the hard work and dedication our student athletes put forth in classrooms and on the fields, courts and courses where they compete throughout the year,” said Chancellor John R. Ryan. “Their success also speaks volumes about the quality of programs and curriculum of SUNY’s campuses, coaches, faculty and students. I commend the recipients as well as their coaches for this extraordinary achievement.” □

President’s advisement awards bestowed on two professors

The recipients of this year’s President’s Award for Excellence in Academic Advisement are Judith Belt of the technology department and Joyce Smith of the curriculum and instruction department.

Students nominate their advisers for the award, which aims to honor “wise and trusted counselors who aid students in the formation and development of their academic and life goals,” according to the nomination form.

Smith has been the advisement coordinator for her department since 1995 and graduate coordinator since 1998. She currently works personally with 669 undergraduate advisees and 172 graduate advisees.

“Dr. Smith carries the heaviest advisement load of anyone I know and is widely perceived by students as concerned and dedicated,” wrote Pamela Michel, depart-



Joyce Smith

ment chair, in support of the student nomination.

Smith established an advisement center for her department to help both faculty and students.

Her student nominators, Sarah McFadden and Jennifer Taylor, wrote, “She leaves no question unanswered. Her main priority is to help students succeed. . . . Her knowledge of the programs and majors combined with her passion for helping students makes her exceptional.”

Belt is also advisement coordinator for her department. She personally advises about 30 first-year students and 30 other undergraduates. Alan Pedisich nominated her for the award.

“My biggest accomplishment is seeing the students

from this program successfully complete their studies, enter the ‘real world,’ and know that I had a part to play in their success,” Belt wrote.

Phil Gaines, department chair, noted that students in technology programs often seek Belt out whether or not she is their assigned adviser. “They are . . . aware that Judith will take the time to provide quality advisement,” he wrote. Belt and Smith will be recognized at the December commencement ceremony. □



Judith Belt

Announcements

Lakeside Dining Hall slated to close for renovations

Renovations to Lakeside Dining Hall will temporarily take the eatery off the campus menu, starting this summer. Plans call for Lakeside to go offline June 1. Target date for reopening is July 1, 2007, with full service for that fall’s semester.

The work in Lakeside will cover equipment upgrades and updating such infrastructure as plumbing, heating, air conditioning, ventilation and electrical services. The building will also receive exterior upgrades, which will match work on neighboring Riggs Hall. When renovations are complete, Lakeside will have an indoor connection to this residence hall, similar to its relationship with Johnson Hall.

Other dining areas will increase services to compensate. Mackin will offer an “all-you-care-to-eat” option seven days a week, Cooper Dining Hall will have expanded hours and Hewitt Union’s Main Level Food Court will add dinner service five days a week. In addition, Waterbury, Scales and Johnson halls will offer weekday continental breakfast for residents and special dinners once a semester.

Because of anticipated increased demand at other campus dining centers, there are no plans to lay off any CSEA employees, said Mike Flaherty, director of Auxiliary Services. “We expect the current student employees at Lakeside to reallocate to Cooper, Mackin or Hewitt,” he said. □

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for the *Journal of Women’s History* and *Modern Historical Studies*.

Valentino was recognized for his prolific activities in less than a decade at Oswego. He has published 13 peer-reviewed journal articles, authored or co-authored more than a dozen papers in *Proceedings to Field Conferences* and contributed more than 60 conference abstracts (half for papers he also presented). He co-edited the book *The Mid-Atlantic Piedmont: Tectonic Missing Link of the Appalachians*. Valentino has received three dozen research grants, contracts and awards. The associate professor of geology has supervised research projects for 30 undergraduates and directed the college’s summer geology field camp for the past six years. Last year he was president of the New York State Geological Association.

SUNY’s Research Foundation is a private non-profit corporation that supports the advancement of education, research and discovery among the university system’s 64 campuses. □ — Tim Nekritz



David Valentino

Seniors to celebrate 70th Torchlight Ceremony

SUNY Oswego’s newest graduates will take part in one of its oldest traditions as seniors celebrate Commencement Eve Friday, May 19.

The 70th annual Torchlight Ceremony, which welcomes graduating seniors into the Oswego Alumni Association by passing the torch of learning, will take place at 9 p.m. in Sheldon Park, between Culkin Hall and Hewitt Union.

Michael Cassidy, a 1998 Oswego graduate who founded Intercept Interactive in 2001 and is its president and chief executive officer, will be the master of ceremonies. Intercept is an interactive advertising and marketing services firm that was recently ranked 140th among the 500 fastest-growing private companies in the country by *Inc.* magazine.

Alumni and members of the faculty and staff who wish to participate in the Torchlight Ceremony as members of the inner circle may call 312-2258 to volunteer.

Torchlight is the centerpiece of Commencement Eve activities, which will begin with a reception at 5 p.m. in The Forum of Hewitt Union and dinner in the ballroom at 6:30 p.m.

Outstanding Senior Award

Two seniors will be honored with the Outstanding Senior Award at the dinner. Kelly Crahan of Fulton is a history and women’s studies major who received a SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence. Christopher Thuman of North Tonawanda is a meteorology major with minors in mathematics and astronomy and is president of the Meteorology Club.

At 8:30 p.m., State Singers will lead the Senior Sing in Sheldon Park.

Members of the class of 2006 who will participate

in the Torchlight Ceremony at 9 p.m. will include Kevin Sutherland, who will deliver a special message to students. Student mistress of ceremonies at the ceremony will be Jennifer Bender. The torchbearer will be Glenn Margolis, and class of 2006 inner circle representatives will be Kelly Gardner, Nick Isgro and JoAnna Thayer.

All activities except the dinner will be free and open to faculty, staff, seniors, their friends and their families.

Dinner cost is \$25 or \$30, depending on choice of entrée. Graduating seniors can purchase their own ticket for \$5, thanks to a grant from Auxiliary Services. Reservations are required for dinner and may be made by calling 312-2258 or through OsweGo-Connect’s events registration link by May 12. □

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Godwaldt, a technical director in theatre, builds scenery for theatre productions, oversees theatre facility maintenance and teaches classes in stagecraft in addition to supporting campus-wide special events. “In all of his work as a teacher and technician, artist and craftsman, he combines discipline, responsibility and commitment in a spirit of collaboration,” Mark Cole, theatre department chair, wrote in support of the nomination.

SUNY Chancellor John R. Ryan said that the awards “provide much-deserved university-wide recognition of extraordinary professional achievement. I commend this year’s recipients and the campus presidents, faculty and staff who aid and support them in their success throughout the school year.” □



Cruisin’ — Chris Jenkins, a junior business administration major, sits on a Campus Cruiser bike while talking to senior psychology major Yabbee Woods (left) and senior marketing major Jacqueline Calcano. The new bright yellow Campus Cruiser bicycles, which are free to ride from place to place, have been a familiar sight during the warm weather. The student Campus Cruiser Club gathered, fixed and painted around 100 bikes to provide a quick transportation option that members of the campus community ride and leave at their destination for anyone else to use.

Announcements

‘Night of Broadway’ features musicals next week in Waterman

The music department will present “A Night of Broadway” at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, in Tyler Hall’s Waterman Theatre.

The concert will feature several choral medleys from “Phantom of the Opera,” “Les Miserables,” “Jekyll and Hyde,” “Wicked,” “Mamma Mia” and “Rent,” performed by the College Choir and State Singers. Julie Pretzat will direct the choirs and accompanying instrumental ensembles.

Tickets will be available at the door for a suggested donation of \$5. SUNY Oswego students can attend the performance free. □

ORI open for suggestions, again

Members of the campus community this summer will select a book for the summer 2007 Oswego Reading Initiative. All are welcome to nominate books for the selection by clicking on “Suggest a Book” at www.oswego.edu/ori and to participate in the reading and selection process this summer by writing whiting@oswego.edu. □

College ensembles to play May 12

The Concert Band and College-Community Orchestra will feature two college students during an evening of music at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 12, in Tyler Hall’s Waterman Theatre.

The orchestra will perform works by Bach, Mozart and Brahms. The Bach Orchestral Suite No. 2 in B Minor will feature flautist Holly Richer, a senior music major. The Concert Band will perform works by Shostakovich, Milhaud and Sousa as well as “Celebration Suite,” composed by junior music major and trombonist Jayson Keeton.

Admission is a suggested \$5 donation to support the music department scholarship funds. SUNY Oswego students may attend free. □

Senior writes, directs one-act play

Friendship, passion and ideals collide in senior theatre major Ryan Sprague’s original one-act play “Some Do It Naturally.” The production will unfold in Tyler Hall’s lab theatre at 6 p.m. Friday, May 12, and 8 p.m. Saturday, May 13.

“It’s a psychological play,” Sprague explained, “a journey of these confused adults trying to find what makes them happy. Each of them wants to be in control of their own lives, but unknowingly they each affect the other’s ability to maintain control.”

“Some Do It Naturally” is Sprague’s senior capstone requirement for graduation. The cast includes Jennifer Caruana as Deidre, Ryan Powers as Brent, Michael Racioppa as Cody and Steven Screws as Johnny. The student crew includes lighting designer Heather Berg and sound designer Matthew Boudreau.

“Some Do It Naturally” is a free performance with a suggested donation at the door to support Oswego students attending the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival next January. The play is intended for mature audiences.

For more information, call Tyler box office at 312-2141 or e-mail Sprague at sprague@oswego.edu. □

Raygor will speak at the journalism program’s annual senior banquet today, meet with students in journalism classes and talk with members of the student chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists about careers in community journalism Thursday.

For more information about the banquet and Raygor’s appearance on campus, call Linda Loomis, director of the journalism program, at 312-2617. □

New ambulance serves campus

The Student Association Volunteer Ambulance Corps at SUNY Oswego acquired a new ambulance last month, a 2005 model replacing one from 2001.

“This new ambulance will allow SAVAC to continue to provide top-notch emergency medical services for members of the SUNY Oswego campus community. This will be SAVAC’s seventh ambulance since becoming the nation’s first student-run ambulance service in 1972,” said Steve Leeper of SAVAC. □

Senior Luncheon offers bonding opportunity for alumni-to-be

Senior Week next week will include a luncheon with faculty and staff from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, in The Forum in Hewitt Union.

Seniors can invite faculty and staff members, and faculty and staff can invite seniors to this event. The complimentary buffet luncheon is funded through the Oswego Alumni Association and an Auxiliary Services grant.

Community newspaper editor meets with journalism students

Journalism students will learn practical skills in their profession when Jill Raygor, managing editor of the Ithaca Times, visits campus today and Thursday.

Raygor is this year’s New York Press Association Journalist in Residence at SUNY Oswego. The Ithaca Times is a 20,000-circulation newsweekly.

“It is a special time for faculty and staff to bond closely with the seniors before their transition from students to alumni,” said Kendra Kuehnle of the Senior Class Planning Committee.

Reservations are due Friday. For information, call 312-6441. □

Spotlight

Saraydar enjoys digging up past, connecting it with present

This week’s Campus Update Spotlight shines on Steve Saraydar, an associate professor of anthropology and director of the Native American studies program. He has been teaching at Oswego since 1998.

Q. What classes do you teach?

A. Right now I teach a 300-level course called “Digging Up the Past.” I’m also teaching a brand new SLN online course called “Experimental Archeology.” I teach an advanced archeology course, and every fall I teach a course called “North American Indians.”

Q. What is your educational background?

A. I did my undergraduate and graduate work at Cornell in anthropology.

Q. What are your research interests?

A. I had a sabbatical last year and worked on a book manuscript on experimental archaeology. It’s a brand of archeology in which we try to understand better how civilizations did such things as make and use stone tools all the way up to how the people on Easter Island made and moved those statues. We attempt to replicate the past.

Q. What is your favorite part of teaching at Oswego?

A. What I enjoy the most is exposing people to ideas and information that are new to them and getting them to look at themselves and their world differently from how they did before they walked into my class. I like showing them connections to the past and how that puts the present into perspective.

Q. What is your impression of Oswego’s students?

A. I have students who are very eager and willing to embrace what I offer them. I find that they really embrace key issues and often ask very insightful questions. I have students who come to me outside of class to learn more and see what else they can do in the field.

Q. What achievement are you most proud of?

A. In terms of archeology, it’s creating the experi-



mental archeology facility we have adjacent to Mahar and the newer indoor archeology lab in the basement of Mahar. This has allowed students to have opportunities they wouldn’t normally have. The other thing I feel really good about it being able to remake the Native American studies program and see it do so well. I would rate our curriculum and faculty with anyone’s at this point.

Q. Do you have any hobbies?

A. Tinkering with electronic equipment is something I enjoy doing. And sitting back and enjoying some baseball when the weather is nice.

Q. What can you tell us about your family?

A. My wife, Mary Rolland, is an artist. She specializes in ceramics but also does painting and sculpture. We live in Danby, just south of Ithaca. □

Students needed as dune stewards

New York Sea Grant is looking for college students to fill nine seasonal environmental steward positions with the Salmon River and Lake Ontario Dune Stewards Programs. For more information, contact Sandy Bonanno of New York Sea Grant’s Great Lakes Program in Oswego. She is in Room 62B of Mackin Hall and can be reached by e-mail at seb84@cornell.edu. □

Police report

Since April 14, University Police have investigated several cases of theft, harassment and vandalism and made two arrests.

Officers charged a Seneca Hall resident on Iroquois Trail with driving while intoxicated, driving with a blood alcohol content above .08 and failure to keep right.

They charged an Oneida Hall resident with criminal mischief. He is accused of kicking the doorknob off the door of another room. □

Calendar highlights

- **Forum on alternate energy**, May 4
- **Jazz Orchestra concert**, May 5
- **Star shows**, May 7, 14, 21 and 28
- **General faculty meeting**, May 8
- **“Night of Broadway” concert**, May 10
- **Band and orchestra concert**, May 12
- **“Some Do It Naturally,”** May 12 and 13
- **Rice Creek Rambles**, May 13 and 20
- **Torchlight Ceremony**, May 19
- **Commencement**, May 20
- **Employee Recognition Ceremony**, May 25
- **Summer sessions begin**, May 30

For a more complete calendar, see SUNY Oswego Events online at www.oswego.edu/news/calendar/. □