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How I Spent My Summer Vacation

The sun beat down and temperatures climbed into the 90s at Oswego this summer, as they did in much of the Northeast. But students weren't just heading to the beach. Many Oswego students spent their summer working at internships, collaborating with faculty on research projects, doing community service, or just taking a few extra classes.

- A pair of SUNY Oswego naturalists and a group of students worked to identify, protect and preserve rare habitats, animals and plants.

"It's about supporting rare habitats that support rare species," explained Dr. Peter Rosenbaum, professor of biology, who with

Robyn Butterfield '03, M'06 works on a project for an oil painting class by Glimmerglass Lagoon on campus.



Andrew Nelson, director of Oswego's Rice Creek Field Station, spearheads the effort to find and track endangered bog turtles in a region of Central and Western New York. Rosenbaum noted the continuing work with rare turtles and habitats has allowed many students opportunities for field research that may turn into independent study projects or careers.

- Two students worked at paid summer internships in Baltimore, with chemical giant W.R. Grace, thanks to the efforts of alumnus Fred Festa '81, Grace CEO. The

students, one in business and one in chemistry, were chosen for the prestigious internships through an interview process on campus. They were among 122 students who took advantage of the summer break to get hands-on experiences in their chosen fields.

- Members of an innovative new chemistry class studied the fermentation process during the last part of the spring semester and left for a tour of the breweries of Belgium right after commencement in May.



Dr. Peter Rosenbaum, a professor in SUNY Oswego's biological sciences department, and biology major **William Nichols '06** use radio telemetry equipment to track an eastern box turtle at Rice Creek Field Station. They also are part of a project that uses the process to track the endangered bog turtle in an attempt to preserve the animal, and other rare species, in biodiverse habitats.

More than 67 students took advantage of the break in classes to study or pursue internships abroad.

- About 2,500 students enrolled in more than 300 courses of various lengths, times and topics through Oswego's Summer Sessions, many in the evenings and online. Students like the condensed learning schedule and an opportunity to study by the lakeshore in summer.

Welcome from the President

Whether you are the parent of a first-year student or of an upperclassman, you may well marvel at just how much this campus is changing, as we fulfill our plan to create a truly learner-centered campus that inspires deep learning in all our students.

This summer was no exception. We enhanced safety and aesthetics for our resident students, repaved campus roads and made needed updates to academic buildings.

Of course, all this pales in comparison to our central campus project, rising in the very heart of campus. Earlier this year, we opened a totally renovated Poucher Hall, home to English and modern languages classes and offices. Its wide-open spaces encourage the student-faculty interaction so conducive to learning. Our Campus Center itself is well on its way to completion. This autumn we will celebrate the opening of the hockey arena/convocation space as our men's and women's ice hockey teams kick off their seasons on new ice.

It's all part of our Family and Friends Weekend festivities Oct. 20 to 22, and I hope you will join us. Opening the weekend will be the very exciting **Louis A. Borrelli Jr. '77 Media Summit**, focusing on the role of media in sports coverage and featuring alumna **Linda Cohn '81** of ESPN and Myles Brand, president of the NCAA.

We invite you, as part of Oswego's extended family, to take part in the life of the college— not just on Family and Friends Weekend, but all year long — by recruiting students, developing internships, creating job opportunities for graduates and supporting Oswego through *Inspiring Horizons: The Campaign for Oswego*.

Most of all, though, I hope you will visit campus, and see for yourself why this is such a wonderful place for your son or daughter to learn and grow. I hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,
President Deborah F. Stanley

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Staying Involved

The Lewit family, from left, Geoffrey Charles, Peggy, Guy and Randi Beth



Guy and Peggy Lewit have always been involved in their children's education, from kindergarten through college. "We were chaperones for everything our kids went to in this country and abroad," says Guy. "We knew every teacher." Guy even served for six years as president of the Parents Association at Brooklyn's Midwood High School.

When their daughter, Randi Beth Lewit '08 enrolled in Oswego to major in communication studies, her parents knew they couldn't be involved in the same way they were during her middle school or high school years. But they found another opportunity to improve her experience and that of countless other students — by supporting Oswego as members of the President's Circle gift club.

A graduate of SUNY Buffalo and Brooklyn Law School, Guy is passionate about education, especially public higher education.

"I love it. I'm a teacher at heart," says the attorney, who volunteered to teach science for two years at a local elementary school during a budget crunch.

He feels it's important to support

institutions of higher learning. "We all play a part in it," he says. "We all have a responsibility."

He remembers a budget crisis while he was at Buffalo. The university could not expand to meet student needs. "It had to downscale instead of upscale," he says.

Guy and Peggy wanted Randi and son Geoffrey Charles to attend SUNY schools. When Randi was visiting Oswego with Peggy, a chance encounter with Communication Studies Chair Fritz Messere '71 cemented her interest in the college. Messere had just come back from teaching in London and Randi had returned from Manchester. They traded stories. Later, at a presentation for prospective students, Messere pulled a name from a hat for a prize and called out, "Randi from Brooklyn." "That one moment made her feel like she was meant to be there," says Peggy.

Now that their family is a part of the larger Oswego family, the Lewits are happy to help out. "I just hope the money helps make the school the best experience possible for the kids," says Guy. "I hope everybody gets out of it all they can get. That's the whole point."



Family and Friends Welcome!

Visit Oswego on a weekend especially for you! Family and Friends Weekend is set this year for Oct. 20 to 22. Many activities are scheduled to showcase the academic, athletic and creative talents of Oswego students. Experience the excitement when the puck drops for the first time in our new



Be there for the excitement as the men and women Lakers kick off their seasons at the new Campus Center.

Campus Center as our men's and women's hockey teams kick off their seasons. Take in "Antigone" by Jean Anouilh in a theatre department production or enjoy a concert by Oswego's musical ensembles. Meet Oswego faculty, staff and administrators at the Faculty-Staff

Coffee Hour Saturday morning, sponsored by the Oswego Alumni Association. Look for your Family and Friends Weekend registration form in the mail. Be sure and

make your hotel reservations early as accommodations fill up quickly. For more information, call the Hewitt Union main office at 315-312-2301 or go online to http://www.oswego.edu/student/services/campus_life/mainoffice/familyandfriends.html.

KUDOS

★ To seven SUNY Oswego students who received the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence: Kelly Crahan '06, Tammie Sullivan M'05, graduate student Casey Feeny, Weston Fellows '06, Nora Gannon '06, Ryan Garney '06 and Todd Wojnowski '06.

★ To runner Weston Fellows '06 of Utica, who received the SUNY Chancellor's Scholar Athlete Award.

★ To Sarah Nesbitt '06, whose work was included in this summer's Best of SUNY Student Art Exhibition.

★ To Dr. Qiong June Dong, professor of management, for her SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarly and Creative Activities.

★ To Johan Godwaldt, technical director in the theatre department, for his SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service.

★ To Dr. Florence Kirk, associate professor of accounting, and Dr. Julie Pretzat-Merchant, professor and chair of music, who received SUNY Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Teaching.

★ To Mark Cole '73 of theatre, Dr. Geraldine Forbes of history and Dr. David Valentino of earth sciences, recognized with the 2006 SUNY Research Foundation Research and Scholarship Award.

★ To Dr. Jacqueline Reihman of psychology, promoted to distinguished teaching professor, a rank above full professor.

★ To Dr. Bruce Altschuler and Dr. Helen Zakin, who were honored as leaders by The Research Foundation of SUNY.

★ To the recipients of this year's SUNY Oswego President's Awards: Judith Belt and Dr. Joyce Smith (Excellence in Academic Advisement); Dr. T. Mark Morey and Dr. Harrison Yang, (Teaching Excellence); and Dr. Steven Abraham and Dr. Ding Zhang (Scholarly Activity).

★ To Katie Riegel, adjunct professor, first recipient of the college's Provost's Award for Teaching Excellence by Part-time Faculty.

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Campus Renewal Stayed Hot in Summer

Students and parents returning to campus this month will notice that construction and renovations continued all summer under the college's renewal plans.

Workers raised a gabled roof on Riggs Hall (right), a residence hall which, when reopened, will match its elegant lakeside neighbor, Johnson Hall.

Meanwhile, progress continues on the Campus Center, the first new building on the Oswego campus in more than 30 years. Plans call for a phased opening starting this fall on the 111,492-square-foot, \$25.5 million structure. Just east of the new building, other Campus Center enhancements include new walls and features appearing as renovations to the Swetman/Poucher complex.

In all, Oswego's campus renewal encompasses more than \$160 million of campuswide renovations, construction, technical upgrades and aesthetic improvements, mostly underwritten by state capital funds.

Established milestones include the conversion of Rich Hall into the state-of-the-art center of the School of Business, reopening a revamped Johnson Hall as home of the First-Year Residential Experience, and significant upgrades to such academic buildings as Sheldon, Poucher and Lanigan halls.

For more information and pictures of Riggs renovations, Campus Center construction or other projects and progress, visit the Renewing Oswego Web site at <http://www.oswego.edu/news/content.html?id=P107>.



Two Seniors Honored



Kelly Crahan '06 poses with her Outstanding Senior Award and Provost Susan Coultrap-McQuin.



Christopher Thuman '06 receives his Outstanding Senior award from Betsy Oberst, executive director of the Oswego Alumni Association.

The Oswego Alumni Association recognized two Oswego seniors for their academic success and outstanding achievements throughout their college career. Kelly Crahan '06 and Christopher Thuman '06 each received the 2006 Outstanding Senior Award at the annual Commencement Eve dinner May 19.

Crahan, a Presidential Scholar, graduated magna cum laude with a dual major in history and women's studies. She held many leadership roles on campus as a peer educator, through the Sheldon Leaders program, the Women's Center and the VEGA women's honor society.

Crahan used her leadership positions to reach out to surrounding communities by organizing a toy drive and clothing drive, and leading programs on campus to educate others about important women's issues.

Crahan also worked as a teaching assistant for history professor Mary McCune, who nominated her for the award. "Kelly is a model student in the classroom," McCune said in her recommendation, "and her activism in both campus and in non-campus settings has made her an asset to the broader Oswego community."

Crahan received a Scholarly and Creative Activity Grant for her independent research on "The Effect of Marital Status on Female Non-traditional College Students." She plans

to attend the University of Hawaii's William S. Richardson School of Law to study environmental law in the fall of 2007.

Meteorology major Thuman graduated cum laude after a highly successful four years at SUNY Oswego. In addition to his academic pursuits, which included a double minor in mathematics and astronomy, Thuman actively sought out ways to get involved in the campus community. He was a member of the Sheldon Leaders program, president of the Red Cross club and meteorology club and was inducted into several leadership and honor societies. Thuman was also a peer educator and worked as a resident assistant and as a student assistant at the Mary Walker Health Center.

Thuman attended and presented at meteorology conferences around the country. His research interests included urban heat islands in upstate New York, mobile Doppler radars and lake effect snow.

Dr. Scott Steiger '99 of the meteorology department and Jean Grant, coordinator of clinical services nominated him. Grant commented that Thuman is "a most exceptional example of the ideal toward which we wish all SUNY Oswego students would strive." Thuman plans to pursue a master's degree in environmental science at Rutgers University, where he was given a full scholarship.

— Meagan Smith '07



Power Lunch

Student leaders had the opportunity to break bread and exchange ideas with the head of the State University of New York. SUNY Chancellor John R. Ryan lunched with the students at Johnson Hall when he visited campus April 12. "It's clear that this is a school going in the right direction," Ryan said of Oswego. The chancellor took a hard-hat tour of the new Campus Center and met with faculty, in addition to his lunch with students. He praised Oswego's state-of-the-art academic buildings, calling them "good for teaching and learning."

ORI Author to Speak

Parents are invited to join the rest of the Oswego State community in reading Tracy Kidder's *Mountains Beyond Mountains*. The book is the Oswego Reading Initiative selection, which forms the basis of discussion in the upcoming academic year.

Renowned journalist Kidder will talk about his bestseller at 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30, in the Hewitt Union ballroom. An incredible account of one man's world-changing life work, *Mountains Beyond Mountains* follows Dr. Paul Farmer who, with perseverance and unshakable courage, fights for modern medical treatment and compassionate patient care in poverty-stricken corners of Haiti.

The free talk is presented by Office of the Provost, College of Arts and Sciences, Student Association Programming Board and Auxiliary Services.

Other activities tied in with the book will include an art exhibition, "Visions and Voices of Haiti: Photographs by Phyllis Galembo," in Tyler Art Gallery from Sept. 8 through Oct. 8. La Troupe Mankandal, featuring Haitian master drummer Frisner Augustin, will perform Sept. 23. And a "Health and Humanity" series will screen related films on Sept. 13, Oct. 11 and Nov. 15.



Tracy Kidder, author of *Mountains Beyond Mountains*, will speak on campus Oct. 30.

Campus Clips



FILE TO GRADUATE!

The Registrar's Office has sent letters to prospective graduates with instructions and information on how to file online for graduation. Once the student has signed in, the graduation application form is linked to the student's registration link from the URL <http://myoswego.oswego.edu/>. Deadline dates for filing are Sept. 30 for December 2006 graduation and Feb. 15 for May and August 2007 graduation. Students are not automatically placed on a graduation list; it is the student's responsibility to make sure he or she files online by the appropriate deadline or contacts the Registrar's Graduation Area for help in doing so. Please note: Students must file by the deadline dates in order to be sure that their names will be printed in the commencement program.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Institute for Professional and Organizational Development, headquartered at the Oswego State Education Center in Phoenix, N.Y., provides programs to update or enhance your skills, open a gateway to a new career, or pursue the pleasures of lifelong learning. A select group of courses from the American Management Association (AMA) are offered in Phoenix and online via the SUNY Learning Network. Topics range from leadership to succession planning to supervisory skills. For information and to learn what other programs and services are offered at the Institute, please call 315-312-6430.



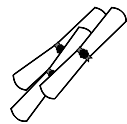
SHOP FROM HOME

If you'd like to surprise your student with a little bit of Oswego at holiday gift-giving time, you can now order from the College Store online. Just surf to http://www.oswego.edu/student/services/college_store/info.html and check out the books, computers, clothing and gift items available there.



POWERFUL NETWORK

Students looking to pursue careers in the New York metropolitan area have a great networking opportunity, thanks to Oswego Alumni Association. The award-winning New York City Career Connections 2007 is set for Thursday, Jan. 4, from 6 to 9 p.m. in Manhattan. This is an excellent networking opportunity for students to meet with Oswego alumni working in a variety of fields in the metropolitan NYC area. Alumni will answer questions, review resumes, give advice and connect the students with hiring and internship personnel. Free for students to attend! Look for information in the mail this fall.



DECEMBER GRADS FETED

The Oswego Alumni Association is hosting a Commencement Eve Dessert Reception and Senior Toast for all December graduates and their families at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15. Join us and celebrate the Class of 2006's passage from students to alumni, complete with an elegant dessert buffet, coffee, tea and a champagne toast. Call 315-312-2258 or go online to www.oswegoalumni.oswego.edu/seniorclass/ for information about this and other programs for seniors by the Oswego Alumni Association.



A LITTLE HELP FROM HOME

To send your student a sweet surprise, get a Plus Plan for snacks and other dining, check out menus in the dining halls or a host of other services, go online to www.oswego.edu/auxserv/.



HOW ABOUT A VIRTUAL VISIT?

SUNY Oswego has an award-winning Web site. Explore the campus at www.oswego.edu/ and be sure to click on Parents for news and features especially for you.



Dane Coyer '80, a project executive with IBM Global Services, returned to campus this April to present a talk on "Breaking the Chains," reflections on his entrepreneurial experiences. Here, he talks with **Andy Walker '06**, a business administration major. Coyer was invited back to speak to a broader audience after delivering the same lecture to a class during the fall semester of 2005. He is a former vice president of IBM and brings with him more than 22 years of high-tech engineering, sales and executive management experience. He co-founded eConvergent, an enterprise CRM integration firm.

Calendar

Fall 2006

- Aug. 25 Welcoming Torchlight Ceremony
- Aug 28 Classes begin
- Sept. 4 Labor Day, no classes
- Sept. 8- Oct. 9 "E=MC2 Closesound: A Musical Exploration by MASS Ensemble" and "Vodou and Carnaval: Haitian Images by Phyllis Galembo," Tyler Art Gallery
- Sept. 16 MASS Ensemble, Artswego
- Oct. 2 Yom Kippur, No classes
- Oct. 11 Eugene Friesen Ensemble, Ballroom, Sheldon Hall
- Oct. 12-22 "Antigone," Waterman Theatre, Tyler Hall
- Oct. 20 Louis A. Borrelli Jr.'77 Media Summit
- Oct. 20-22 Family and Friends Weekend
- Oct. 23- Nov. 19 "Paper Cuts: The Art of Contemporary Paper," Tyler Art Gallery
- Oct. 30 Author Tracy Kidder, an ORI event
- Nov. 4, 5 "La Traviata," Oswego Opera Theatre
- Nov. 8 Excelsior Cornet Band, Ballroom, Sheldon Hall
- Nov. 11 Mike Stern Trio, Artswego
- Nov. 14-19 "Dora: A Case of Hysteria," Lab Theatre, Tyler Hall
- Nov. 22-26 Thanksgiving recess
- Nov. 29 Blue Jupiter, Waterman Theatre, Tyler Hall
- Dec. 1-13 Fall BFA and MA Thesis Exhibition, Tyler Art Gallery
- Dec. 3 "A Christmas Carol," Waterman Theatre, Tyler Hall
- Dec. 8, 9 "Carmina Burana," Artswego
- Dec. 8 Last day of classes
- Dec. 11-15 Final exams
- Dec. 15 Dessert Reception for December Graduates
- Dec. 16 December Graduation

Spring 2007

- Jan. 25 Classes begin
- March 19-23 Spring Recess
- May 18 Torchlight Ceremony
- May 19 Commencement