

## Students Study, Sip at Library Café

Students cramming for exams in December had a cozy spot to retreat with their books – and hot coffee to keep them awake for their study sessions. The Lake Effect Café opened in Penfield Library in October, thanks to the generosity of two donors.

The 3,000 square-foot space at the southeast corner of the library's main floor features floor-to-ceiling windows looking out on the site of the future Campus Center and the main pathway to classes.

Students can spread out their books at tables, grab a quick latte at tall bistro sets or settle into cozy armchairs for a long study session.

Patrons can enjoy coffee drinks and pastries, browse racks of popular newspapers and magazines or catch the news on CNN. They can borrow a laptop for a quick e-mail check in the café's wireless-computing environment.

### Donors brew café dreams

The library café cost \$150,000 to con-



Mary Barber, a senior majoring in financial accounting, left; and Petal O'Connor, a junior majoring in corporate accounting, finish a project using a laptop in the library café's wireless network.

struct. Making the dream a reality were two sets of donors. Dr. Jack and Marion Narayan '81 at first made their \$75,000 gift as a challenge grant, offered if the library could find another donor willing to put up the other half of the cost. Lester Gosier '37 took up the challenge and made his donation in memory of his wife, Carolyn Heath Gosier. In all, Gosier pledged \$100,000, and the remaining \$25,000 of his gift will be a challenge grant to inspire someone else to support the college.

"There are not any places on campus that are just like it," said Mary Beth Bell, director of libraries, of the café.

## Kaffee klatsch

What students are saying about the library café



"It provides a relaxed atmosphere to study in, where we can meet and have a cup of coffee. Students need coffee, especially at finals time!"

Kris Rutkowsky '05  
Broadcasting  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

"It's always quiet enough to get work done. It's not too distracting. It's a good place to do group work."

Colleen Riddle '04  
Sociology  
Salamanca, N.Y.



"I think it's a good asset because they have the wireless Internet. You can get laptops out from the desk."

Jen Digby '04  
Sociology  
Rochester, N.Y.

"It's a very nice place, nice ambiance. A lot of students come here to study and have group meetings. Overall the employment is good and they try to fit it around your schedule."

Winston Gillon '05  
Café student employee  
Business Administration, Bronx, N.Y.



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- Students to Raise Disability Awareness
- Record Number of Fulbrights
- Library Café Opens

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Oswego is a family affair for the Crissy clan, from left, Kelly '04, mom Karen '01, Ryan '94 and Leanne '96.

## 'Feeling of Family' Prompts Parent's Involvement

When Karen Crissy '01 was a non-traditional student at Oswego, working as a teaching assistant in a communication studies class, the most satisfying part of her experience was helping other students. That's why now, the mother of two Oswego graduates and a current senior, she supports the college and its students through her donations and her time, as chair of the Parents of Former Students Fund.

"When I make out that check I always think of how I felt as a student. Any little bit of help is important, no matter how big or small it is," she says. "I kind of see the different students I hope it goes to – the ones you remember hearing them talk about, are they going to be able to have enough to get books. [The ones who are] juggling things."

The busy mother of three has had her own share of juggling things. After her husband, Ronald, who graduated from Oswego in the 1970s, passed away, Karen went back to college to get her degree in human development. She did it to be an example to her children. "I wanted the kids to get a good education, so I had to get one, too," she says.

She started at Cayuga County Community College and then transferred

to Oswego. "My kids were my biggest support for continuing, when I got down and thought I couldn't handle it, when things were getting stressful," she adds.

Her older children, Ryan, who graduated in 1994, and Leanne, who graduated in 1996, commuted, but Kelly '04 lived on campus. Being a student at the same time as her youngest child was an experience Karen enjoyed. Her daughter works at the movie theater on campus, and would draw Karen into various activities. A broadcasting communications major set to graduate in May, Kelly had a successful internship at [syracuse.com](http://syracuse.com). "I'm very proud of her," says Karen.

The Rome area native says she enjoyed Oswego because of its "melting pot" atmosphere. She feels the mix of non-traditional and younger students, as well as those from diverse backgrounds and different geographical areas, is what made her learning process so interesting and beneficial.

In the end, those connections are what drives this former student and parent to support the college and encourage others to join her. "It's that feeling of family. You feel like you're a member of it," she says. "It gets in your system, the pride that you feel."

## GRADS STRONG DESPITE WEAK MARKET

A year after earning their degree, Oswego's 2002 graduates reported that nine out of 10 had found employment or were continuing their education in graduate schools. The latest "Beyond Oswego" survey, coordinated by the college Office of Career Services, found that 76 percent of graduates were employed full time, an increase from 73 percent the year before. The average salary was \$30,779. See the whole survey online at [http://www.oswego.edu/other\\_campus/student\\_svcs/career\\_svcs/alumni/alumnisurvey.html](http://www.oswego.edu/other_campus/student_svcs/career_svcs/alumni/alumnisurvey.html).

## OSWEGO AMONG THE BEST



Oswego is listed among *The Best Northeastern Colleges: 135 Great Schools to Consider*, published by the Princeton Review. The Princeton series features student opinion.

Student comments for Oswego range from "good internship and foreign exchange programs" and "it seems like almost everyone gets along" to "lake-effect snow is horrible."

## COOL COMEDY ON CAMPUS

It's official: Oswego's Shaun Cassidy Fan Club Improv Comedy Troupe is not only funny, it's cool. The group was named one of 13 Cool Campus Clubs in the country by a national publication of the CollegeBound Network. The group's 20 members put in hours of education and rehearsal for two weekly comedy shows. Anyone can join. For more information, visit [www.oswego.edu/shaun](http://www.oswego.edu/shaun).

## READ ALONG WITH US

A collection of short stories by Sherman Alexie, *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven*, is the Oswego Reading Initiative choice for the campus community to read next summer. It is the third annual choice, and the first fiction book selected. ORI book selections each year inspire events programming, from films to speakers to in-class projects.



Students in Oswego's Technology Education Association may not look like Santa's elves, but they worked hard to make the holidays brighter for some of



Oswego County's neediest children. Professor Thomas Kubicki's class made about 60 wooden fish pull toys for the 16th annual campus Toy Drive using donated lumber. Senior technology education majors Cole Williams, left, and Michael Sogioian compare the nearly completed project with one illustrated in a project book. College students and employees also contributed hundreds of toys and cash donations to benefit more than 600 local children.

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## Oswego's Scholars Garner Record Number of Fulbright Awards

Thanks to a Fulbright study abroad grant, Nicole Darcangelo '03 of Vestal is spending her first postgraduate year working on a research project and taking classes at the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada. She is one of four Fulbright Program winners this year at Oswego – a college record.



Nicole Darcangelo '03

A Presidential Scholar at Oswego, Darcangelo planned to conduct a comparative study on child poverty issues between the United States and Canada for her Fulbright work. She credited psychology Professor Virginia Gregg for pointing her toward the program.

Distinguished Teaching Professor of History Dr. Geraldine Forbes is in India right now researching the historical value of late 19th- and early 20th-century photographs of Indian women.

Dr. Alfred Frederick, professor of curriculum and instruction, spent his winter break at the Universite d'Abomey-Calavi in Benin, conducting workshops for faculty at the West African university on curriculum design in a culturally pluralistic society.

Dr. John F. Lalande II '71, professor and chair of modern languages and literatures, spent three weeks in June travelling to Berlin, Rostock, Frankfurt and Mainz. His Fulbright studies

resulted in a new course at Oswego in German culture and civilization.

The Fulbright program is sponsored by the U. S. Department of State.



Dr. Al Frederick, right, discusses with graduate assistant Don Waddell preparations for his Curriculum Reform Seminar at the Universite d' Abomey-Calavi in the Republic of Benin, West Africa.

## Students Learn 'Nothing Is Impossible'

Students can choose to forgo a meal once a semester and donate the proceeds to a worthy cause. Last fall's Miss-a-Meal proceeds went to Advocacy Resources Information Services Education (ARISE), an organization offering support services

for the disabled, and the spring effort will support the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation. But that's just the beginning of a year-long Student Association campaign to increase students' awareness of those with disabilities.

The broader campaign, themed "Nothing Is Impossible," developed after Dan Preston, SA's director of disability services, convinced Vice President Greg Lawson to read an inspirational book of that name by

paralyzed actor Christopher Reeve.

Lawson gives much of the credit to Preston, who is pursuing his second degree at Oswego and has not let being in a wheelchair stop him from being a high achiever.

"Dan is a real example for students," Lawson said. "Our senators all look up to him for his work ethic."

This spring, SA will devote a whole week to disability awareness and appreciation. Such activities as a wheelchair basketball game and other interactive events helping students relate to those with disabilities are in the plans, Lawson said. The SA vice president expressed confidence that the effort would succeed because "we're a very community-minded campus."



Students donated a meal this fall to support an agency providing services to the disabled. Accepting the check is Sabine Ingerson, director of the ARISE satellite office in Oswego, seated left, presented by Daniel Preston, director of Disability Affairs for the Student Association. In back is Student Association Vice President Greg Lawson, left, and Craig Traub of Auxiliary Services.

## Seniors Have Fun, Give Back to College

What do a T-shirt, sports games, a time capsule, rummage sale and a gift to the college have in common? They are all among the activities planned for the Class of 2004 as they head toward graduation in May, say Mary Beth Beaton of Utica, a junior public relations major, and Christine Williams of Atlanta, Ga., a junior finance major, senior class coordinators.

An active Senior Committee has been busy planning events, including senior nights at Laker sporting events, a dessert reception honoring December grads, a week of activities leading up to May commencement and New York City Career Connections, a way for students and alumni to get together and share career information.

Seniors have been busy raising money for their senior gift by calling class members and asking for a gift of \$20.04. At press time, over \$930 had been pledged.



Beaton and Williams are having fun with another way to raise money for the senior gift: the Class of 2004 T-shirt. Senior graphic design major Erik Peterson of Gansevoort won the competition to design a logo for the front of the shirt. He applied principles he learned in design classes, he said, with one special added ingredient. "I also tried to imagine what I would like to see on my own shirt, being a senior after all."

The committee will survey seniors about their memories of Oswego for a "Top 10" list on the back of the shirts. Later, the shirts will be for sale. Parents will receive order forms or can go online to <http://oswegoalumni.oswego.edu/seniorclass> for more information and to order.

Whatever activities seniors seek out to commemorate their last days on campus, one thing is certain, their final semester, like their years at Oswego, will be full of opportunities.



Christine Williams (left) and Mary Beth Beaton, senior class coordinators, hope seniors and their families are as enthusiastic as they are about this year's senior T-shirt.

# Campus Clips



### PLAN NOW FOR GRADUATION

It's not too early to make reservations for May commencement. The annual Torchlight

dinner and ceremony are slated for Friday evening, May 14. Dinner tickets for graduating seniors will only be \$5 each thanks to grants from the Oswego Alumni Association and Auxiliary Services. To make reservations for graduates and their families, call the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at 315-312-2258.



### SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Now's the time for students to apply for scholarships for the 2004-2005 academic year.

Over 125 are available through the Oswego College Foundation. Find the listing of scholarships and awards, along with instructions for applying and application forms online at <http://www.oswegoalumni.oswego.edu/scholarships>. For additional information, call 315-312-3003.



### FINAL EXAM GOODIES

Right now the end of the semester may seem ages away, but it will be upon us soon.

And when it is, our students will need all the support they can get. So the Department of Campus Life offers Final Exam Goodies to help you send your student moral support – and an energy boost – to finish those papers and cram for exams. Snacker's Delight and the Lighter Snacker are offered along with other choices to mix and match to meet individual students' needs. Ordering information will be mailed to families in mid-March, or contact the Hewitt Union main office at 315-312-2301.



### COMPUTER SCIENCE AND MATH SCHOLARSHIPS

The National Science Foundation has granted

\$396,000 to fund Oswego's computer science and mathematics scholarship program for four years. About 30 Oswego juniors and seniors majoring in mathematics, computer science, information science or education with a math concentrate each year will receive scholarships of \$3,000. Students must apply by the end of the semester. For information go to [www.oswego.edu/CSEM](http://www.oswego.edu/CSEM).



### FILE TO GRADUATE!

The deadline date to file for May and August 2004 graduation is Feb. 15. Students are not placed on a graduation list until they file online. Students who cannot file online must contact the Registrar's Graduation Area for help in doing so. To file for graduation, students must access the URL: <http://myoswego.oswego.edu>, log in and click on the registration link. From there, the student must then select "Apply for Graduation" click on that link and follow the prompts. Senior check forms are then generated from the online filing application. Once the application is processed, the senior check forms will be sent to the student's major and minor advisors (if applicable) usually within two weeks. Students must then meet with each of their advisors to complete the mandatory senior form that is due back in the Registrar's Graduation Area by March 1.



### VISIT US ONLINE!

Go online for more info at [www.oswego.edu](http://www.oswego.edu).

## Calendar

### Spring 2004

Jan 26	Spring semester classes begin .....
Jan. 30- Feb. 21	"No Romance," an installation by Haleh Niazmand, and "Six Women Printmakers: Maxine Albro, Aline Fruhauf, Rosella Hartman, Jo Hyse, Barbara Shermund and Elizabeth Bush Woiceske," Tyler Art Gallery .....
Feb. 6-7	"Living Memory (Memoire Vive)," Les Deux Mondes, Artswego .....
Feb. 26-28, March 5-7	Ray Bradbury's "The Traveler and the April Witch," Waterman Theatre, Tyler Hall .....
March 5- April 5	41st Annual Student Juried Art Exhibition and Master of Arts Thesis Exhibition .....
March 13-21	Tyler Art Gallery closed for spring recess .....
March 15-19	Spring recess .....
March 20	The Kerry Strayer Septet, Artswego .....
March 25	New Shanghai Circus, Artswego .....
April 5	College Admissions Open House .....
April 16- May 15	Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibition .....
April 21	Honors Convocation and Quest '04, no classes .....
April 22-24, May 1-2	"1940s Radio Hour," Waterman Theatre, Tyler Hall .....
May 6-7	"Voices of Light, The Passion of Joan of Arc," featuring Anonymous 4, Artswego .....
May 7	Last day of classes .....
May 10-14	Final exams .....
May 14	Torchlight ceremony and dinner .....
May 15	Commencement .....



**Larry Rubinstein '81 (left)**, technical director and senior editor at Magno Sound and Video in New York City, returned to campus to share his expertise with students at Oswego's student-run television station, WTOP, this fall, sponsored by the Oswego Alumni Association's Alumni in Residence Program. Here he looks over some of the studio equipment with Matt Romano, junior broadcasting major and WTOP general manager; and Philip Rankin, sophomore journalism major and chief news producer.