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## **Celebrating Success**

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# 1970s - 80s "Globe Mill Group" Reunion

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Register today for this Saturday, April 22 event for alumni and faculty/staff members who were at the college in the 70s-80s, including those on the original Utica campus. Recount days spent at the Upper-Division College / College of Technology during its early years – including the old Globe Mill at 811 Court St., Mill Square on Court and State Sts., Potter Center on Whitesboro St. – and area hangouts such as the Pub, Brewery, Kozar's, Spilka's, 11<sup>th</sup> Ward, Gladstone's, Lily Langtry's, Sunset, Bearded Dolphin and Shakers.

Reunion activities begin that afternoon on the new Marcy campus where the final day of "Apocalypse" week will be celebrated 2006-style, and then continue with a Brews-and-BBQ event in the old-campus area, followed by a 70s-80s party.

E-mail [alumni@sunyit.edu](mailto:alumni@sunyit.edu) if you are interested in serving as a Contact Committee member to encourage classmates or other alumni to attend, or to inquire about a particular faculty/staff member.

## Reunion Schedule

### 1 to 4 p.m. – Check-in & Campus Activities (new Marcy campus)

Check in on the new Marcy campus and enjoy pizza and soda in the alumni hospitality room. Tour campus and participate in Carnival Day, part of "Apocalypse" week 2006-style. Visit the Genesis Remembrance Room (copies of all yearbooks available). View the SUNYIT memorabilia display, Alumni Association Wall of Memories, and Sculpture Space exhibit on campus.

### 5 to 7 p.m. – Brew-and-BBQ (old-campus area)

The reunion moves to one of the old-campus hangouts, the Brewery, located across from the Globe Mill building. Socialize, take a tour, and enjoy food from the famous Dinosaur Bar-B-Que, Saranac bottled and draft beer, Saranac sodas, coffee, and bottled water.

### 7:45 to 10:30 p.m. – 70s-80s Party (Hotel Utica)

Current, former and retired faculty/staff who were at the college in the 1970s-80s have been invited to come and reconnect with alumni (e-mail [alumni@sunyit.edu](mailto:alumni@sunyit.edu) to inquire about a particular faculty/staff member). Party features a DJ playing 70s-80s music, karaoke, games such as 70s-80s trivia, light snacks/hors d'oeuvres, coffee service. Cash bar available.

**Special Early-Bird Hotel Rate:** Rooms are available at the historic, fully renovated Hotel Utica (<http://www.hoteluticany.com>) for Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22 for \$89 per night (\$10 savings off rack rate) plus taxes. Hotel Utica offers guests a complimentary continental breakfast and rooms with free wireless high-speed Internet access, among other amenities. To reserve at the special rate, call 1-877-906-1912 or 315-724-7829 and request the "SUNYIT Weekend" rate.



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# December Graduates Honored at Commencement

**Date Set for May 2006 Ceremony**

Hundreds of graduates and their guests celebrated at Commencement in the Campus Center Gymnasium on Saturday, December 17, 2005, recognizing the achievements of more than 300 students who completed their undergraduate and graduate degrees in the fall 2005 semester.

“This is truly a beginning for you, as you mark a significant life accomplishment and prepare to move forward,” President Peter A. Spina told graduates. “You can be proud of this achievement. And we—the faculty, staff, alumni and all of us who make up the SUNYIT family—are proud of you.”

Dr. Ronald Sarner, distinguished service professor of computer science and chair of the SUNYIT Faculty Assembly, led the procession of faculty and staff. Family and friends of graduates took part in the ceremony and offered congratulations at a reception in the Campus Center Dining Hall.

SUNYIT’s 32nd annual spring Commencement is scheduled May 6, 2006, at the Utica Memorial Auditorium. The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m.



*Below, Left: Alumni Association board members Patricia Connolly '87 (left) and Jerry Talerico '01 (right) and Alumni & Parent Relations Officer Brenda Dow were on hand to welcome SUNYIT's newest alumni.*



# It's Great to be Among Winners

By Brenda Dow,  
Alumni & Parent Relations Officer

It's no secret that people like to associate with winners. Whether it's buying a house in a good school system, supporting the team that will come out on top, or being part of a life-changing movement, people want to succeed at what they do and be associated with successful organizations. In the 10 months I've been at SUNYIT, I've met numerous winners and learned about many achievements that – points of pride for alumni, students and friends of the college.

Some recent SUNYIT accomplishments are highlighted in this issue. They include institutional and departmental successes such as SUNYIT being selected to house a Reliability Information Analysis Center (see page 14), a third award for the Digital Towpath project (see page 7), and funding approved for a high-tech research incubator to be led by SUNYIT (see page 14). Of central importance to SUNYIT's mission are the personal achievements of students completing degree requirements (see page 2) and alumni and friends who have made possible scholarships to assist incoming and continuing students in pursuing their dream of a SUNYIT degree (see page 6).

As part of Fall Fest/Parent Weekend, the Alumni Association awarded four \$250 ExperienceIT™ grants to student clubs and organizations that are among those making a difference on campus with their service and programming. Recipients were the **Genesis** yearbook, **IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers)** that produces contest-winning Micromouse robotic creations, **Roleplayers Guild Club** which promotes fantasy board-game playing, and the SUNYIT student chapter of the **Society of Automotive Engineers** that builds off-road vehicles and hopes to soon

compete in its first national Mini-Baja Competition (see [www.sunyit.edu/apps/news](http://www.sunyit.edu/apps/news)).

The student newspaper, **Factory Times**, (online at [clubs.sunyit.edu/ftimes](http://clubs.sunyit.edu/ftimes)) was named a Silver Medalist by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, a program of the Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University in New York, N.Y. Three **Phi Beta Lambda** club members captured top place regionally to advance to the organization's 2005 National Leadership Conference competitions. SUNYIT student winners were: **Sheri Warner '05**, first in business management; **Audrey Henderson '05**, first in human resource; and **Sarah Devins '05**, first in economics. **Hillary Kelly '06**, a student in SUNYIT's **School of Nursing & Health Systems**, was honored with the statewide Sandra F Shaw Student Nurse Practitioner of the Year Award.

The SUNYIT faculty includes **Steven M. Schneider**, associate professor of social sciences and humanities, recently recognized for a research innovation leading to a license agreement (see page 6), headline-making author **Veronica Jaris Tichenor**, assistant professor of sociology (see page 7), and two-time Fulbright Award recipient **V.K. Kool**, professor of psychology (see page 6). **Ron Sarner**, distinguished service professor in computer science, was formally recognized for this achievement along with other SUNY colleagues from across the state who have been awarded distinguished rank as faculty whose extraordinary service to and far beyond SUNY have contributed to the improved health, education, culture,

economy, and overall public good of New York State and the nation.

**Sema Dube**, assistant professor of finance, is a 2005-2006 recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Internationalization. **Eugene J. Newman**, professor of telecommunications, was appointed by Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver to serve on the 27-member Statewide Wireless Network Advisory Council, which was created by the New York State Legislature as part of the Anti-Terrorism Preparedness Act of 2004. **Kevin R. Lefebvre**, assistant professor of telecommunications, is the co-author of an article published in the 2004 Encyclopedia of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, which was named the 2005 Best Reference Work by the American Society for Engineering Education. **Kevin Grimmer**, director of athletics, has been elected president of the State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) for 2005-2006.

Also highlighted in this issue are **Alumni Award winners and Hall of Fame inductees** who were honored during Fall Fest/Parent Weekend (see page 10-12). In addition, the Alumni Association has an impressive group of volunteers serving on its board. Officers are President **Janice "Jan" Welker '79**, Vice President **Glenn Allen '92**, Treasurer **Scott Gorgas '91**, and Secretary **Joanne Freeman '04**. Alumni directors are **Patricia Connolly '87**, **Rebecca Fuller '98**, **David Larkin '99**, **Jerry**



The Wildcat mascot and Brenda Dow, Alumni & Parent Relations Officer.

**Talerico '01** (terms expire 2008); **Vanessa Blasé '94**, **Anita Brown '98**, **Nathanael Wootten '03** (terms expire 2007); **Anuj "AJ" Pandey '05**, **Ernest Shand '04** and Past President **Janet Ciccarelli '75** (terms expire 2006). Student Association President **Nick Gorzynski '06** also serves on the board with another student representative.

These are some of the many recent accomplishments of SUNYIT and its alumni, students, and faculty/staff members that add to the college's legacy and enhance the value of a SUNYIT degree. It's great to be associated with such winners.

# New Faces on Campus (and some familiar ones, too!)

## Director of Development and Major Gifts

**Pamela G. Matt** has joined SUNYIT as Director of Development and Major Gifts.

"I am pleased to welcome Pam to the SUNYIT family," said Peter A. Spina, President. "Developing the resources necessary to support the continued improvement of our



*Pamela G. Matt*

students' educational experience is a top priority, and she will be an important part of that effort."

Matt comes to SUNYIT from CTR Systems, Inc., in Warrendale, Pa., where she served as general counsel. Previously, she was an attorney in the legal department of the Aluminum Company of America in Pittsburgh, Pa. She holds a J.D. from Duquesne University School of Law, Pittsburgh, and a B.A. in economics from Trinity College, Hartford, Conn. A resident of New Hartford, N.Y., Matt serves on the boards of the Landmarks Society of Greater Utica and the Sadaquada Golf Club.

## Vice President for Academic Affairs

A longtime faculty member who has held several administrative positions is serving as SUNYIT's Interim Vice President for Aca-

demical Affairs (VPAA). Peter A. Spina, President, announced the appointment of **Rosemary Mullick '83** to the position in August 2005.

"I'm pleased that a member of the SUNYIT family as experienced as Mullick agreed to serve as our chief academic officer," Dr. Spina said. "Her extensive experience as a member of the faculty and as an administrator make her uniquely qualified, and we are fortunate to have her as our VPAA."

Mullick, a professor of computer science, has been a member of the SUNYIT faculty since 1977 and has also served in several administrative capacities on the campus, including: Interim Director of the Learning Center, Interim Dean of the School of Information Systems and Engineering Technology, and Interim Director of SUNYIT's Computing Services department; most recently she served as Assistant to the President for Transition to Four Year Programs.

Mullick holds degrees in psychology from Wayne State University (Ph.D.), San Diego State University (M.S.), and The College of Idaho (B.A.), and degrees in computer science from Syracuse University (M.S.) and SUNYIT (B.S.). She succeeds Dr. Kenneth L. Kraft who has accepted a faculty position in SUNYIT's School of Business.

As Interim VPAA, Mullick oversees SUNYIT's four academic Schools: Arts & Sciences, Business, Information Systems & Engineering Technology, and Nursing & Health Systems.

## Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences

Peter A. Spina, President, announced the appointment of **Thomas C. McMillan** as Dean and Professor of the School of Arts & Sciences. The appointment was effective July 1, 2005.



*Thomas C. McMillan*

McMillan comes to SUNYIT from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, where he was Professor and Chair of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. He also held several faculty and staff positions at Radford University in Virginia. McMillan holds the following degrees: a Ph.D. and a M.A. from the University of Utah, and a B.S. from the University of Idaho, all in mathematics, and a M.S. in computer science from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

The School of Arts and Sciences offers undergraduate majors in applied mathematics, general studies, professional and technical communications, psychology, and sociology, and two graduate degree programs: applied sociology, and information design and technology. In addition, the School of Arts and Sciences has primary responsibility for the general education component of all curricula.

## Interim Dean of the School of ISET

**Raymond Jesaitis**, professor of computer science, was appointed Interim Dean of the School of Information Systems & Engineering Technology (ISET), effective September 1, 2005. A member of the SUNYIT faculty since 1974, Jesaitis holds a Ph.D. from Cornell University, and a bachelor of

chemical engineering from The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art.

Degree programs offered by the School of ISET provide students with a wide variety of technology and engineering-oriented courses. Bachelor's degrees can be earned in: civil engineering technology, computer and information science, computer information systems, computer engineering technology, electrical engineering, industrial engineering technology, electrical engineering technology, mechanical engineering technology, telecommunications. The School of ISET also offers master of science degrees in advanced technology, computer and information science, and telecommunications.

## Dean of the School of Nursing & Health Systems

**Esther G. Bankert** has been appointed Dean of the School of Nursing & Health Systems, effective August 11, 2005. A member of the SUNYIT faculty since 1980, she previously served as Interim Dean. Bankert earned a Ph.D. in education, curriculum, and instruction at SUNY Albany, a master's degree in nursing education from New York University, and a bachelor's degree in nursing at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, N.Y.

The School of Nursing & Health Systems offers bachelor of science degree programs in nursing and health information management; a master of science degree in adult nurse practitioner, family nurse practitioner, and nursing administration; and advanced certificates in nursing administration, adult and family nurse practitioner.

# Upcoming Events

For more information, refer to SUNYIT's online **Events Calendar** at [www.sunyit.edu](http://www.sunyit.edu) or contact Alumni & Parent Relations at [alumni@sunyit.edu](mailto:alumni@sunyit.edu) or (315) 792-7110, unless otherwise indicated.



## 2006

SUNYIT's 40th Anniversary celebration begins in 2006. Watch for details on happenings and events.

## Now – April 30

**Alumni Award Nominations:** Categories and online submission form posted at [www.sunyit.edu/alumni](http://www.sunyit.edu/alumni) and 2005 winners listed on page 10.

## Now – June 1

**SUNYIT Sculpture Space Exhibit:** "Technology Radiates Art: Solo Installations by Rainer Maria Wehner," Peter J. Cayan Library, hours posted at [www.sunyit.edu/library](http://www.sunyit.edu/library).

## Friday, April 21

**Health Services Management Event:** A special evening honoring Professor Jim Morey and former Professor Monte Welker, a co-founder of the program, and celebrating the accomplishments of HSM alumni.

## Saturday, April 22

**Alumni Association Board Meeting:** Meeting is for officers, directors and interested alumni volunteers.  
**1970s-80s "Globe Mill Group" Reunion:** A special event for alumni, faculty and staff members who were at the college in the 1970s and 1980s. See inside front cover for details and inside back cover for registration form (refer to "Late Registration" details after April 12). Contact Alumni & Parent Relations for information on becoming a Contact Committee member to call and/or e-mail classmates/friends to encourage them to attend.

## Tuesday, April 25

**Computing Services for Alumni:** Brown-bag presentation at 12:15 p.m. in Kunsela Hall (Room C212) for graduating students, alumni, and other interested individuals.

## Friday, May 5

**Sendoff/Alumni Welcome:** An evening mixer for SUNYIT Alumni and the Class of 2006 to "send them off" to graduation and welcome them to the alumni group.

## Saturday, May 6

**Commencement:** Utica Auditorium, 10 a.m.  
Alumni Association flower sale begins at 8:45 a.m. along with SUNYIT merchandise.

## Thursday, May 11

**Oak Hill Rochester-Area/Western N.Y. Alumni Event:** Join SUNYIT President Peter Spina at the nationally recognized Oak Hill Country Club.

## Saturday, June 3

**Wildcat Golf Outing:** An annual captain-and-crew Athletic-program fund-raising event. For information or to register, contact the Athletics Office at (315) 792-7520.

## September 29-30

**Fall Fest Alumni Weekend & Parent Weekend 2006:** Includes Talent Night on Friday, the Alumni Awards and Hall of Fame Presentation on Saturday evening, and the Alumni Baseball Game and Alumni Lacrosse Game on Saturday afternoon.

### Annual Fund Gift Form



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# Schneider Recognized for Research Innovation

## Research Foundation Honors SUNY Faculty from Across the State

A member of the faculty in the School of Arts & Sciences has been recognized for his accomplishments as part of a statewide tribute to SUNY faculty engaged in "Innovation, Creation and Discovery." Steven M. Schneider, associate professor of social sciences and humanities, is one of 60 SUNY faculty whose research innovations led to a license agreement.

SUNY Chancellor John R. Ryan presented awards to honorees November 3, 2005, during the Research Foundation tribute in Albany. Schneider was honored for his work on WebArchivist.org, which he co-directs with Kirsten Foot of the University of Washington. The mission of WebArchivist.org, a project of SUNYIT and UW, is to develop systems for identifying, collecting, cataloguing and analyzing large-scale archives of Web objects. WebArchivist works with scholars, librarians and archivists interested in preserving and analyzing materials created for and



Steven M. Schneider

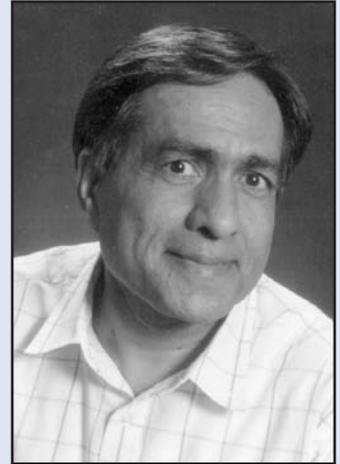
distributed on the Web. Among the projects undertaken by WebArchivist and its partner organizations are archives related to the Asian Tsunami, international elections, the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in the U.S., and the 2002 U.S. elections.

The Research Foundation is a private, nonprofit educational corporation whose primary responsibility is the administration of externally funded contracts and grants for and on behalf of the State University of New York. Schneider has been a member of the SUNYIT faculty since 1991.

# Kool Receives Fulbright Award

A member of the SUNYIT faculty is among the 800 U.S. faculty and professionals traveling abroad to 140 countries for the 2005-2006 academic year through the Fulbright Scholar Program.

V.K. Kool, professor of psychology, has received a Fulbright Award—the second in his career—and is in India for the 2005-2006 academic year to collaborate on a book concerning the psychology of nonviolence. Kool's most recent book, *Applied Social Psychology: A Global Perspective*, will be published this summer. A Utica resident, he has been a member of the SUNYIT faculty since 1990.



V.K. Kool

"All of us at SUNYIT extend our congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Kool," said Peter A. Spina, President. Fulbright grants are awarded each year to leading researchers, teachers and administrators at universities worldwide, allowing the recipients to travel, conduct research and teach abroad at host universities for up to one year. Recipients of Fulbright Scholar awards are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement and because they have demonstrated extraordinary leadership potential in their fields.

The Fulbright Scholar Program is sponsored by the United States Department of State with additional funding coming from participating governments and host institutions in the United States and abroad. Since its inception in 1946, approximately 87,500 U.S. and foreign scholars have participated in the program.

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# Annual Report Released, Scholarship Dinners Held

SUNYIT hosted scholarship recipients, parents and donors at two events in November 2005 in Café Kunsela. Recipients invited to the events were awarded more than \$211,000 by the Institute of Technology Foundation at Utica/Rome, Inc. The amount represents 180 scholarships and grants for incoming freshmen, upper classmen and graduate students.

Since it was established in 1974, the Foundation has given thousands of students a chance to achieve their education goals thanks to the generosity of alumni, faculty, staff, parents, community business, organizations, and other friends. In each of the past five years, more than \$200,000 has been awarded for student scholarships.

The Institute of Technology Foundation at Utica/Rome, Inc. published its Annual Report in December 2005 for all donations made to the Foundation from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. Go to [www.sunyit.edu/foundation](http://www.sunyit.edu/foundation) and follow the link to view the 2004-2005 Foundation Annual Report online.

# SUNYIT Wins Third Award for Digital Towpath

## Project Creates Web Presence for Local Governments



*L to R: Deborah Tyksinski '75, director continuing professional education; Jeanne Brown, program coordinator of the Institute for Local Government; Joe Aiello, Northern Publishing.*

The Institute for Local Government, part of the Office of Continuing Professional Education at SUNYIT, has received a third award for its Digital Towpath project. The Award for Municipal Website Development and Maintenance was presented at the recent Government Technology Conference (GTC), the largest and most respected technology conference in the country for state and local government.

"The award was presented in recognition of innovative government solutions by the 2005 Eastern Regional Government Technology Conference Advisory Board," said Deborah Tyksinski '75, director of continuing professional education. The Government Technology Conference (GTC) is the largest and most respected technology conference in the country for state and local government. Held annually in Albany, N.Y.; Atlanta, Ga.; Austin, Tex.; and Sacramento, Calif.; GTC

hosts over 25,000 public sector professionals across the country every year.

The previous awards for the Institute for Local Government project were: the 2005 Best Practices Award, an annual program of the New York State Forum, Rockefeller Institute of Government, that recognizes outstanding work in information resource management by New York state and local government organizations, and a 2005 Best of New York Award presented by the Center for Digital Government and "Government Technology" magazine.

Digital Towpath is a program that gives municipal governments a Web presence so they can easily interact with their communities; websites constructed and maintained through the program also act as a resource for people from outside the area to learn more about its cities, towns and villages.

# Sociologist's Work Looks at Husbands, Wives & Money

## New Book Explains Why Bigger Salaries Don't Equal Power at Home

A member of the SUNYIT faculty is the author of a newly published book that looks at the power dynamics in marriages where wives earn substantially more than their husbands. Published by Rutgers University Press, *Earning More and Getting Less: Why Successful Wives Can't Buy Equality* is the



*Veronica Jaris Tichenor*

work of Veronica Jaris Tichenor, assistant professor of sociology in the School of Arts & Sciences.

The book has attracted media attention in both the U.S. and Canada, where it was featured in a nationally circulated newspaper. A front page story published in Canada's National Post appeared under this headline: "Women who are winning the bread are also baking it: Studies find roles stay same even when wife makes more money."

The book details how the wage gap between men and women has persisted over the last 20 years, with women still earning an average of 80 cents for every dollar that men earn. At the same time, nearly a third of working women across the country make more than their husbands—those women have become the chief breadwinners in their families. Does more money equal more power at home?

"The short answer to this question is no," Tichenor writes. "The higher-earning wives profiled [in the book] are unable or unwilling to use their substantial incomes to dramatically alter the balance of power in their marriages." Through personal accounts and in-depth interviews, Tichenor's book describes how financial superiority has failed to bring women more power over financial and household decisions, leading to continuing male dominance within the family.

More information about "Earning More and Getting Less: Why Successful Wives Can't Buy Equality" is available at <http://rutgerspress.rutgers.edu/tichenor>.

# Alumni Association Round-up

Alumni commitment to the Alumni Association as demonstrated through dues payment is essential to the Association's success. Because dues are the single largest source of Alumni Association revenue, none of the important work of the Association would be possible without loyal alumni



*Business Basketball Night on Jan. 19 brought together School of Business alumni, students and faculty, including Alumni Association President Jan Welker '79, assistant professor of health services management (left), and Kim Jarrell, assistant professor of marketing. This event and the September 2005 Professional and Technical Communication Reunion were two academic-related events recently sponsored by the Alumni Association.*

dues-payers. So what exactly does the Alumni Association do and how does it fund events and programs?

The Alumni Association board represents all SUNYIT graduates and is responsible for reviewing the Association's budget and Association-sponsored programs (board members listed on page 3). The Alumni & Parent Relations Office manages all Alumni Association dues, events and programs on behalf of the Association. A snapshot of the past 12 months shows that Alumni Association revenues, excluding interest income, were

as follows: Dues 47.4%, Fund-raising 32.2%, Programs 12.6%, Event fees 7.8%.

All fund-raising revenues came from two popular Alumni Association services: Study Buddy finals-week packages purchased by family members for SUNYIT residential students, and flower sales at May and December graduation ceremonies.

Ninety percent of the revenues collected by the Alumni Association over the past 12 months were spent, with expenses, excluding account fees, as follows: Events and activities 83.8%, Fund-raising 9.4%, Meetings and conferences 6.9%. As it is most years, the top expenditure of the Association for this 12-month period was events and activities, which supported various areas of the college as follows: SUNYIT community 31.6%, Future alumni (students) 27.6%, Current alumni 23.4%, Athletics 14.3%, Schools and academic departments 3.2%.

Offerings for current alumni over the past 12 months included three regional events: A Day at the Races in September for Albany-area alumni, and Shoppin' Stop-in gatherings at Rochester-area and Syracuse-area malls in December. Fall Fest/Parent Weekend, co-sponsored by the Alumni Association and Student Association for alumni and students and their families in September, included traditional activities such as Talent Night, Casino Night and entertainment for all ages. Send-off/Alumni Weekend, which was re-established in May by the Alumni Association at the request of seniors, was revamped as an upscale on-campus event and was well received by the alumni and graduating students who attended.

The Alumni Association also makes possible the annual Alumni Awards program. The Association partnered for the second year in a row with Athletics on the 2005 Alumni



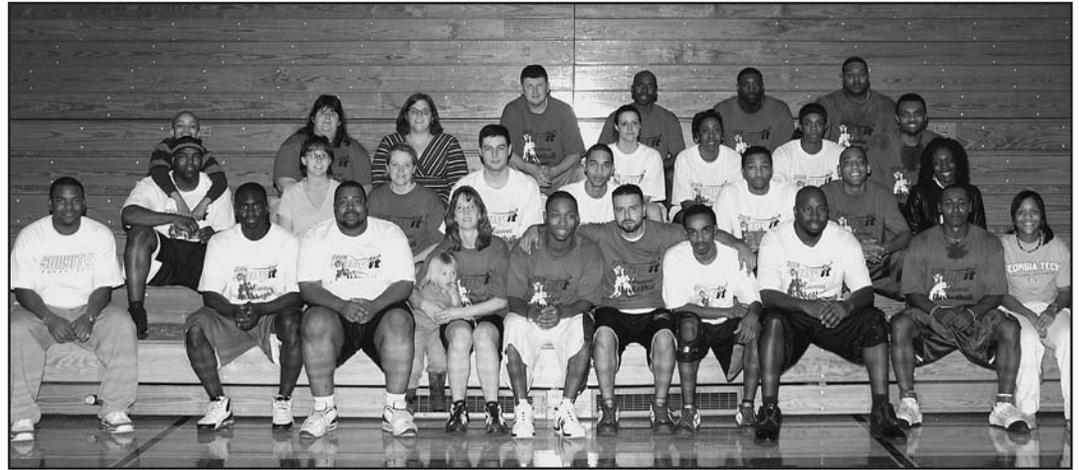
*Winning acts at Talent Night 2005, co-sponsored by the Alumni Association and Student Association during Fall Fest/Parent Weekend, included a barbershop quartet consisting of staff member David Mallen, Dr. Jim Tichenor, Richard Schlaegel '94 and Steve Schorer '94. Activities that could be enjoyed by the entire SUNYIT community accounted for 31.6% of Alumni Association events expenditures over the past 12 months.*

Awards and Athletics Hall of Fame Presentation and Reception (see pages 10-12).

In addition to this event, Alumni Association support of Athletics over the past 12 months included a hole sponsorship for the Wildcat Golf Outing, hosting a Half-time BBQ Break during a men's soccer game, support for the Baseball Alumni Game and Lacrosse Alumni Game, co-hosting the Wildcat Classic Tailgate, and sponsorship of the Basketball Alumni Game.

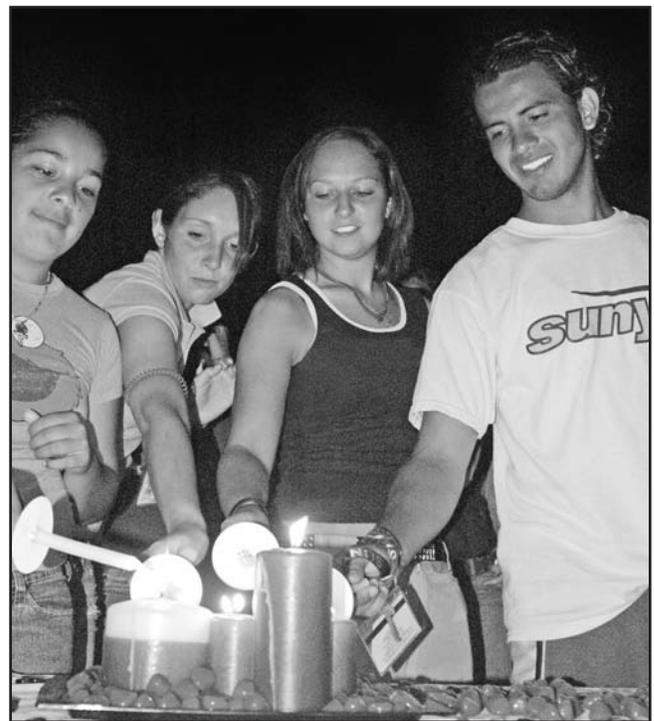
In past years, the Alumni Association has made large expenditures to support special initiatives at the college, including funding of the Wall of Memories college-history exhibit permanently located in the Campus Center, and support for construction of the Ropes Course on campus. The Alumni Association also established and endowed the Alumni Association Scholarship that was awarded for the first time this fall, and it went to a freshman who is the son of a SUNYIT alumnus.

The Alumni Association is working to make the next 12 months even better (see Upcoming Events on page 5). Alumni and future alumni who want to learn more can visit [www.sunyit.edu/alumni](http://www.sunyit.edu/alumni) or contact the Alumni & Parent Relations Office at [alumni@sunyit.edu](mailto:alumni@sunyit.edu) or (315) 792-7110.



*Among Alumni Association expenditures for events, 14.3% went to support Athletics over the past 12 months, which included sponsorship of the pizza party following the Alumni Basketball Game on Jan. 28. Shown here are alumni who participated in the game.*

*Bridge Crossing, a new event co-sponsored by the Alumni Association and Student Association, formally welcomed freshmen to campus and introduced them to both organizations. Bridge Crossing, the return of Send-off/Alumni Welcome and Experience!™ grants (see page 3) were among the "future alumni" programs that comprised 27.6% of total Alumni Association events expenditures.*



### MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Work E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Membership:

- Lifetime (\$325)
- 3-Year (\$65)
- 1-Year (\$25)

# Alumni Awards Presented at Fall Fest

The Alumni Association presented a number of awards on September 24 during Fall Fest 2005, recognizing professional accomplishments and service to the community, the college and the Association. The top award, Outstanding Alumnus, went to **Michael A. Barody '80**. The Distinguished Service Award was presented to **Malcolm "Bud" Harris '82** and **Deborah J. Tyksinski '75**, the Alumni Humanitarian Award for the late **Ismail N. Zebari '03** was accepted by his family members, and **Stacy Graffam '95** received the Outstanding Young Alumni Award. **Dr. Theodore C. Max** and **Mrs. Melva S. Max** were named Honorary Alumni. Nominations for the 2006 awards are now being accepted online at [http://web.sunyit.edu/alumni/alumni\\_awards.inc](http://web.sunyit.edu/alumni/alumni_awards.inc) or via mail.

## **Michael A. Barody '80**

The Outstanding Alumnus (Alumni Achievement) Award, the highest honor for SUNYIT alumni awarded only twice previously, was presented to Barody, of Queensbury, N.Y., who formerly served on the White House Council on Aging, and is the founder of MedCere LLC, an advanced healthcare information technology company headquartered in Clearwater, Fla.

A human services graduate, Barody advanced in the nursing-home administration ranks to become a partner and senior vice president, developing \$300 million in retirement homes, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities. He then went on to serve as president of Medicare Services, a national electronic billing company and medical supply company.

While climbing the corporate ladder, Barody also rose in his field's state and national professional associations, becoming president of the Florida Health Care Association and vice president of the American Health Care Association. Through his professional associations, Barody acted as a lobbyist on behalf of the industry for reimbursement, allowing him to meet U.S. Senators, House Speakers, and Presidents, including Ronald Reagan, George Bush, Bill Clinton, and George W. Bush.

Having reached such professional achievements, Barody decided in 1999 to return to his hometown to provide his three children with the same small-town environment he enjoyed growing up. However, he continued to make his mark in the professional world, and in November 2001 he founded MedCere LLC and serves as one of its four managers, telecommuting from his home. MedCere spent three years in research and development before rolling out

publicly and being selected for a nationwide agreement with the American Chiropractic Association making the "revolutionary" "Medcere Web-based ASP practice management service" its software of choice. He also is a partner in a Chicago manufacturing operation that makes sound abatement material for appliances and vehicles, using recycled materials and a polymer that is less expensive and more acoustically viable.



*Michael A. Barody '80*

Barody has also served in county government, supported numerous charitable causes, and was recently elected president of a local not-for-profit business incubator that is working to attract businesses and create jobs.

## **Stacy Graffam '95**

As the Outstanding Young Alumni Award recipient, Graffam, of New York, N.Y., has demonstrated exceptional talent, personal and



*Stacy Graffam '95 and her former faculty member Daniel J. Murphy*

professional growth, and promise for continued success as an alumna who has graduated within the last 10 years and is 40 years of age or under. She is Proposal Team Management Lead, Americas, for IBM Sales and Distribution's Complex Opportunity Business Unit. Each day she applies her Technical Communication degree to the task of managing people who develop

solutions for potential customers using a vast array of hardware, software and services. She heads a five-person team responsible for a pipeline of business proposals with potential revenues of nearly \$1 billion. In just the first eight months of 2005 her team brought in nearly \$30 million of business, helping customers achieve their goals while successfully contributing to IBM's bottom line.

Graffam began her career 10 years ago as a technical writer at Philips Broadband Networks, Inc., in Syracuse and then relocated to the New York City area, joining the consulting firm of PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP as a proposal manager. Shortly after, the division Graffam was part of was acquired by IBM, where she served first as proposal team manager and then manager. While her career was advancing despite redesigns in IBM's sales support, things really took off when Graffam found herself in the position of having to justify the value of her work. She proved that her contributions were so effective that her area is now in high demand among internal constituents who know that a proposal developed through her team is significantly more likely to result in increased business.

## **Malcolm "Bud" Harris '82 & Deborah Tyksinski '75**

The Distinguished Service Award is given to recognize extraordinary service to profession, community, and/or alma mater.

Harris has held the top University Police position on two SUNY campuses, and is a recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service, which recognizes outstanding administrators in the State University of New York system. He has been on the executive board of the SUNY University Police Chiefs Association for 16 years, serving as President, Past President, and Treasurer/Secretary; he has also been a member of the Awards and Recognition, Scholarship, and Personnel Committees.

His service on statewide committees also includes the Chancellor's Task Force on Alcohol and the Search Committee for Assistant Vice Chancellor for University Police. His memberships include the Central New York Police Chiefs Association, the Oneida County Coalition of Police Chiefs, the International Association of Law Enforcement Administrators, and the Northeast Association of Directors of Public Safety.

Harris has taught in 20 sessions of the SUNY Police Officer Academy in Albany, where he was voted top instructor and received the Excellence in Training Instruction award. He has served on numerous



*Deborah Tyksinski '75 & Malcolm "Bud" Harris '82*

SUNYIT event-planning committees, including those designed to recognize fellow employees and collect items and raise money for area charitable organizations. He served as past chair of the ministry team and on the Pastor Parish Relations Committee at Newport Methodist Church, and on the executive board of the Mohawk Valley Federal Credit Union.

Tyksinski has helped position SUNYIT as an educational leader by cultivating opportunities both inside and outside of the college's more traditional credit-bearing curricula. Starting SUNYIT's Continuing Education Program in 1996 with limited resources, each year she has moved the operation forward so that the activity of her combined areas (Continuing Professional Education, Conference Services, Small Business Development Center and Sponsored Re-

search) has increased significantly both in number of projects and in revenue. Over the years, Tyksinski has collaborated on a number of projects in areas involving research and education and on technology and training initiatives, some of which involve organizing the complicated intersections of many groups with different interests and needs. For example, she was instrumental in establishing SUNYIT as the home to a U.S. Department of Defense Reliability Information Analysis Center (see page 14).

Tyksinski has served as President of the Clinton Central School Foundation; as Chair of the Dollars for Scholars for Clinton School District; as President-Elect of the Rome College Foundation; as Secretary of the Continuing Education Association of New York; as Regional Chair, Awards Chair, and Membership Chair for the Mid-Atlantic Region of the University Continuing Education Association, and as a Proposal Reviewer for NTIA

program of the U.S. Department of Commerce and the National Science Foundation.

**Ismail N. Zebari '03**

The Alumni Humanitarian Award is presented at the discretion of the Alumni Association board to recognize alumni whose humanitarian involvement clearly sets them apart. Zebari, a civil engineering technology graduate, was killed November 12, 2004, while volunteering as a civilian translator for the U.S. military. He had become a U.S. citizen only a few months before returning to Iraq to help others.

Ismail and his family — his parents and 13 younger brothers and sisters, including **Karwan Zebari '06**, now an electrical engineering

technology major — fled Iraq following the crushing of the Kurdish uprising against Saddam Hussein's government in 1991. In 1996, the Zebari family came to the United States, eventually joining the small community of Kurdish exiles in Binghamton, N.Y. Following his dream of a college education, Ismail transferred to SUNYIT, where faculty members recognized him as a very conscientious and helpful student, who often helped other students on subject material and understanding the U.S.-led Iraq war. After graduation, he established his career as a civil engineer, used his salary to pay the college tuition of several siblings, and advised other immigrants in his community on their educations. Ismail also wrote articles for the Binghamton newspaper and TV stations. According to his parents, he was a role model for the Kurdish community in Binghamton — especially his siblings.

**Dr. Theodore C. Max & Mrs. Melva S. Max**

As long-time supporters of SUNYIT, Dr. and Mrs. Max of Holland Patent, N.Y., were a logical choice for the Honorary Alumnus Award, which grants honorary alumnus status to a non-alumnus of SUNYIT who has made outstanding contributions to the Alumni Association and its members. They are among SUNYIT's major benefactors, providing scholarship funds and other financial assistance to support future and current alumni. Dr. Max is a member of the SUNYIT College Council and is on the board of the Institute of Technology Foundation at Utica/Rome Inc., the non-profit organization that solicits, receives, and manages donations on behalf of SUNYIT. In addition to such leadership roles at the college, he is often seen on campus at various events, including cheering on the Wildcats at athletic contests.



*Dr. Theodore C. Max & Mrs. Melva S. Max*

# Four Alumni Join Wildcat Hall of Fame

Four SUNYIT alumni were inducted into the Wildcat Hall of Fame during Parents Weekend/Fall Fest 2005 September 23-24.

## Harry Jaime '00

A native of Manhattan, N.Y., and a transfer from Westchester Community College, Harry majored in Computer/Information Science. As a student-athlete, he led the baseball team to its best record (14-19) at that time. The fleet outfielder ranks first all-time in slugging percentage (.756), home runs (10) and triples (7) and is second in career runs batted in (57), total bases (133) and stolen bases (18). He was honored after both seasons by the American Baseball Coaches Association as an All-Region performer and also achieved All-SUNYAC honors in 1999.

## Theresa (Lindsay) Synakowski '98

A native of Poland, N.Y., Theresa graduated with a B.S. in business/public management. She joined the Wildcat coaching staff in 2001 and took over the softball program as head coach in 2004. As a student, Theresa led all SUNYAC catchers in hitting (.462 BA) in 1997 while propelling the softball squad to its most wins (11) in a season, and followed that performance by boosting the Wildcats to their best record ever (13-11) in 1998. She was named All-ECAC that season after batting .516 as a senior. Theresa is SUNYIT's career leader in slugging percentage (.703), runs batted in (55) and doubles (19), is tied for home runs (5) and is second in career batting average (.469) and total bases (102).

## Eddie Bocca '00 '02

A native of Astoria, N.Y., and a transfer from Queensborough Community College, Eddie graduated in 2000 with a degree in business/public management and in 2002 with a degree in computer information systems. During his athletic career, Eddie emerged as the excellent all-around point guard for one of the strongest basketball teams in school history. The 1997-98 Wildcats tied for first place in the SUNYAC East Division with Eddie leading the way in assists, steals and a double-digit scoring average and was named to the All-SUNYAC team as a result. He closed out his career as the Wildcats' all-time assist leader (4.5 apg), tied for the highest steals per game average (2.9) in SUNYIT history and was 12th on the career scoring list with 515 points.

## Kevin Roman '90

A native of New York Mills, N.Y., Kevin has been employed as a golf professional since graduating with a B.S. in business/public management. He is the best golfer in SUNYIT history, and the golf program reached unprecedented heights during his two years as a Wildcat. Highlights of his junior year include medalist performances in both the 15-team Kiwanis Invitational and the prestigious Engineers Cup Match hosted by MIT, which featured

technology schools from across the eastern seaboard. As a senior, Kevin led the Wildcats to a 7th place finish among 18 teams in the ECAC qualifiers. In the ECAC championships, which included conferences like the Big East and Ivy League and independents from Maine to Maryland and was held at the famous Bethpage State Park Black Course, Kevin finished 8th among over 100 golfers competing in NCAA Divisions I, II and III.



(top) SUNYIT Hall of Fame inductee Harry Jaime '00. (bottom) SUNYIT Softball Coach Theresa (Lindsay) Synakowski '98 is joined by Director of Athletics Kevin Grimmer (left) and Associate Director of Athletics Kevin Edick (right) as she is inducted into the Wildcat Hall of Fame on September 24, 2005.

# SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES



## Baseball

### March

Sun.	3/5	Anna Maria#	A	(DH)	NOON
Mon.	3/6	Widener#	A	(1)	11 a.m.
Tues.	3/7	Waynesburg#	A	(DH)	2 p.m.
Thurs.	3/9	Penn Tech#	A	(DH)	9 a.m.
Fri.	3/10	John Jay#	A	(1)	2:30 p.m.
Sat.	3/18	Old Westbury	A	(1)	2 p.m.
Sun.	3/19	Farmingdale	A	(1)	11 a.m.
Sat.	3/25	Vassar	A	(DH)	1 p.m.

### April

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>4/1</b>	<b>Oneonta*</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>(DH)</b>	<b>12 p.m.</b>
Sun.	4/2	Plattsburgh*	A	(DH)	12 p.m.
Tue.	4/4	Cazenovia	A	(DH)	2 p.m.
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>4/7</b>	<b>St. John Fisher</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>(DH)</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
Sat.	4/8	Cortland*	A	(DH)	12 p.m.
Sun.	4/9	Oswego*	A	(DH)	12 p.m.
Wed.	4/12	Hamilton	A	(1)	4 p.m.
Sat.	4/15	New Paltz*	A	(DH)	12 p.m.
Wed.	4/19	Utica	A	(DH)	2 p.m.
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>4/22</b>	<b>Brockport*</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>(DH)</b>	<b>12 p.m.</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>4/23</b>	<b>Fredonia*</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>(DH)</b>	<b>12 p.m.</b>
Tues.	4/25	Hartwick	A	(DH)	6 p.m.
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>4/28</b>	<b>Hilbert</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>(DH)</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>4/29</b>	<b>Union</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>(DH)</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>4/30</b>	<b>Medaille</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>(DH)</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>

\* Denotes SUNYAC Conference Game # Spring Trip- Tampa, FL  
 Head Coach: Kevin Edick (14th Year)  
 Assistant Coaches: Bob Richie and Matt McLean

## Golf

### April

Wed.	4/12	Hamilton College Invitational	11 a.m.
		(Skenandoa Golf Club, Clinton, NY)	
Sat.	4/15	Utica College	11 a.m.
		(Valley View Golf Club, Utica, NY)	
Sun.	4/23	Hartwick Invitational	9 a.m.
Mon.	4/24	(Oneonta Country Club, Oneonta, NY)	
Fri.	4/28	Elmira Invitational	9 a.m.
		(Elmira Country Club, Elmira, NY)	
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>4/29</b>	<b>Utica, Cazenovia and Hamilton</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>
		<b>(Valley View Golf Club, Utica, NY)</b>	

Head Coach: Tim Cox (3rd year)  
 Assistant Coach: Kevin Edick

## Softball

### March

Sun.	3/5	La Sierra (CA)#	A	(1)	3:30 p.m.
	3/5	Lake Erie(OH)#	A	(1)	8 p.m.
Mon.	3/6	Northwestern (IA)#	A	(1)	8:30 a.m.
	3/6	Harris-Stowe State (MO)#	A	(1)	10:45 a.m.
Wed.	3/8	Waldorf (IA)#	A	(1)	8:30 a.m.
	3/8	Greensboro (NC)#	A	(1)	10:45 a.m.
Thur.	3/9	Greensboro (NC)#	A	(1)	1 p.m.
	3/9	Methodist (NC)#	A	(1)	3:30 p.m.
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>3/31</b>	<b>Buffalo State*</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>(DH)</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>

### April

Sat.	4/1	Fredonia*	A	(DH)	1 p.m.
Tue.	4/4	Oneonta*	A	(DH)	3 p.m.
Wed.	4/5	Oswego*	A	(DH)	3 p.m.
Fri.	4/7	Utica	A	(DH)	3:30 p.m.
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>4/8</b>	<b>Cortland*</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>(DH)</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>4/12</b>	<b>Potsdam*</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>(DH)</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
<b>Tue.</b>	<b>4/18</b>	<b>New Paltz*</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>(DH)</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
Fri.	4/21	Geneseo*	A	(DH)	3 p.m.
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>4/22</b>	<b>Brockport*</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>(DH)</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>4/23</b>	<b>Utica</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>(DH)</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
Tue.	4/25	Russell Sage	A	(DH)	3 p.m.
Wed.	4/26	Hamilton	A	(DH)	3:30 p.m.
Sat.	4/29	Plattsburgh*	A	(DH)	1 p.m.

\* Denotes SUNYAC Conference Game # Sun West Tournament (Orange, CA)  
 Head Coach: Theresa Synakowski  
 Assistant Coach: Jessica Skelton



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# Federal Data Analysis Center at SUNYIT

Department of Defense Awards \$19 Million, Five-Year Contract



Lesley Paul helped organize SUNYIT's Reliability Information Analysis Center in 2005.

SUNYIT is now home to a U.S. Department of Defense Reliability Information Analysis Center (RIAC).

In 2005, the Defense Information Systems Agency announced the award of a five-year, \$19 million contract to operate the Center to a team comprising: Wyle Laboratories, Inc., of Huntsville, Ala., SUNYIT, Quanterion Solutions Incorporated of Utica, N.Y., the University of Maryland, and The Pennsylvania State University. The Center is located in Kunsela Hall. Wyle Laboratories is one of the nation's leading engineering firms specializing in high tech testing, life sciences and technical support services. Quanterion provides quantitative analysis for decision making, particularly in reliability, maintainability and quality.

The Reliability Information Analysis Center is the Department

of Defense center of excellence in data, information, and expertise related to product/system reliability, maintainability, quality, supportability, and interoperability. As one of a family of Defense Department Information Analysis Centers, its mission is to improve the productivity of researchers, engineers, and program managers in government defense research, development, and acquisition. The Centers support accurate decision-making and cost-effectiveness by providing information, tools, training, and technical expertise.

SUNYIT's project director for the Center is Heather Dussault, assistant professor of electrical engineering; the contract is technically managed by Richard Hyle of the Air Force Research Laboratory's Information Directorate in Rome, N.Y.

## High-tech Research Incubator Funded

Schumer, Boehlert Announce \$750,000 for Project

Congressman Sherwood Boehlert and U.S. Senator Charles Schumer recently announced Congressional approval of \$750,000 in funding for a high-tech research incubator, to be led by SUNYIT, in the emerging field of nano- and bio- information technology.

The New York Nano-Bio-Molecular Information Technology Incubator (NYNBIT) at SUNYIT will comprise research efforts at seven universities: SUNYIT, SUNY Geneseo, SUNY Binghamton, SUNY Oneonta, Rochester Institute of Technology, New York University, and Cornell University. "We're grateful to Congressman

Boehlert and Senator Schumer for their support of this important project," said Peter A. Spina, President. "SUNYIT's technology programs and the research activities of its faculty make it the ideal site for the incubator project."

NYNBIT will work to establish a Center for Advanced Technology (CAT), to foster an environment of research, development, and education. The goal is to create a new industrial base in New York State in a unique technology area.

"Computing at the nano-bio-molecular level is an intriguing area of research, with many potential benefits for society," said

Digendra Das, professor of mechanical engineering technology at SUNYIT, and director of NYNBIT. "We are very excited about this important first step."

NYNBIT will enhance and expand ongoing research relationships SUNYIT and partner institutions have with the Air Force Research Laboratory in Rome, N.Y., Das said. Its other goals include the development of collaborative distance learning course work at participating institutions and an educational program for K-12 outreach, as well as exploration of commercial start-ups with interested New York industries and

commercial partners.

Nanotechnology is the science of building electronic and other devices from single atoms and molecules. Three practical examples are: tiny drug delivery systems, energy-efficient components that could improve the power of computers by a factor of one million, and medical probes that won't damage tissue.

## 1975

**Maryann Hynes** is juvenile detention supervisor at Oneida County Department of Social Services in Utica, N.Y.

## 1976

**Jerry Barocas** is a computer technician for Southern Data Communication in Largo, Fla.

## 1977

**Janice Barocas** is working for Hospice of the Florida Suncoast in Clearwater, Fla., as an insurance reimbursement manager.

**Kevin Dwyer** is an administrator at Albany Cardiothoracic Surgeons in Albany, N.Y.

## 1978

**Pat Sterling** has been named coordinator of the StrokeSense program at Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare.

**Sharon Zalatan Klaiber** is director of orthopedics, physical medicine, rehabilitation, and neurosciences at University Hospital in Syracuse, N.Y.

**Patricia K. Laino's** book *Women and Wealth* was published recently. She received the "Outstanding Women of the Year" award from the Metro Utica BPW and the "Women in Business Advocate of the Year" award from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

## 1979

**Frank Mahar** is director of Financial Operations at SUNY Press. He lives in Scotia, N.Y.

**Carol Zygo** was appointed superintendent for the Herkimer Central School District, effective January 4, 2006.

## 1980

**John Mathews** has been promoted to general manager of operations for Armstrong Mold Corporation in East Syracuse, N.Y.

## 1982

**Kathleen Woodruff**, a full-time graduate student at SUNYIT, is a per diem staff RN in the ambulatory surgery unit at Carthage Hospital, Carthage, N.Y.

## 1983

**Randy Bonville** works for the United Parcel Service.

**William DeLuca** has retired from the Catskill Police Department and is a criminal justice instructor at Columbia-Greene Community College.

**Jeffrey Sicklick** was featured in Crain's New York Business on September 5, 2005.

**Gary DeMatteo** is the City of Rome's 16th Chief of Police.

## 1984

**Judith Sweet** is director of development at the Oneida Healthcare Foundation, Oneida, N.Y.

## 1988

**Jim Fuller** has been promoted to administrator of The Waters of Three Rivers facility in Painted Post, N.Y.

**Lisa A. Seaver** has been promoted to Mohawk Valley mortgage loan officer/AVP for Adirondack Bank.

## 1991

**Carol Gacioch** has moved to Pinebluff, N.C.

## 1992

**Bryan Alguire** has been promoted to assistant professor in the engineering technologies and trades department at Mohawk Valley Community College.

**Jeffrey Monge** is employed by Urban America, LP.

## 1993

**Catherine Culican** was promoted to project engineer at C&S Engineers, Inc.

## 1994

**Helen M. Rico** is president of the New York State Business and Professional Women's organization.

**Jerome C. Burnham** was named principal with D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP, Certified Public Accountants.

## 1996

**Eleanor Moran** received the 2005 Alumni of Merit Award from Mohawk Valley Community College.

## 1997

**Nicholas F. Laino** is dean of administration at Herkimer County Community College.

**Rebecca Ruffing** is assistant director of public relations at Herkimer County Community College.

**Angela Semo**, director of human resources at Herkimer County Community College, received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service in 2004.

**Brett C. Biel '97** is a project manager for Gary C. Wyatt, LLC, in Alabama. He and wife Elizabeth have a daughter, Grace Ann Biel, August 25, 2004.

## 1998

**Jovan M. Ormsby** is a public health representative II for the New York State Cancer Registry.

**Marion Walker** has been named chair of the administrative studies department at Utica School of Commerce.

**Rebecca A. Fuller** is assistant director of admissions at St. John Fisher College, Rochester, N.Y.

## 2000

**Svetlana Bykovich** is a nurse practitioner with Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare's north Utica medical office.

**Thomas E. Davis** is manager of mechanical and electrical engineering at Nelson Associates Architectural Engineering in Clinton, N.Y.

**Marjorie Horner** is director of nursing services at Robinson Terrace, Stamford, N.Y.

**Michael Phillips** is an accountant with the State of North Carolina.

**Bryan Purtell** is an information technology specialist 2 in the Office of the State Comptroller, Albany, N.Y.

**Maria Roche-Dean** is assistant director of nursing at Heritage Health Care Center.

## 2001

**Cindy Close** is an instructor in the radiologic technology program at Fulton-Montgomery Community College, Johnstown, N.Y.

**Robert Grimaldi II** is account manager for the General Herkimer Corporation in Oriskany, N.Y.

**Evelyn Lester** graduated from the College of Saint Rose with a degree in school psychology and will be working in Clinton, N.Y.

**Jordan Ross** has joined Indium Corporation as an engineered solders product specialist in Clinton, N.Y.

**Michelle Tuttle** has been named marketing manager for the Rome-based credit union. She lives in New Hartford, N.Y.

## 2002

**Donald Dutcher** is director of athletics and physical education at Herkimer County Community College.

**Ron Moskala**, financial representative of Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, has qualified for the 100 Lives Club.

## 2003

**Colin A. Maher** is a social worker at Lutheran Care in Clinton, N.Y.

# Class Notes

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## 2004

**William Badinelli** is employed at John T. McGuire & Associates in New York, N.Y.

**Iris Buczkowski** is a retirement plan coordinator at Adirondack Financial Services Corporation.

**Mike Tedesco** is a sales assistant for Crain Communications in New York, N.Y.

## ENGAGEMENTS

**Christian John Winfield '96** and Jaime Lynne Slaga. A June 3 wedding is planned. He is a mechanical engineer with Holley Performance Products in Bowling Green, Ky.

**Joseph Speciale '97** and **Kristin Custodero '95**. A September 2 wedding is planned. He is a financial advisor at Leigh Baldwin and Company; she is employed by MetLife Insurance Co.

**Douglas Yeager '97** and **Jeanne Meaney '97**. A September wedding is planned. He is employed by Goodrich Aerospace in Danbury, Conn.; she is employed by J. Crew, Inc., in New York, N.Y.

**Rebecca Ann Fuller '98** and Bryan C. Hensel. An October 21 wedding is planned.

**Matthew E. Dziedzic '01** and Nicole E. Adamo. A July 22 wedding is planned. Matthew is vice president and bank manager of HSBC Bank.

**Brenton Klik '01** and Kathleen Lange. A September 17, 2005 wedding was planned. He is employed at Applied Security in Reston, Va., in graphic design and web application development.

**Glenn E. Riemenschneider '02** and Amy Ellen Silvers. A June 25, 2005 wedding was planned. He is a manager with Swift Transportation in Syracuse, N.Y.

**Joseph M. Parisella '02** and Renee F. Chidester. An October 21 wedding is planned. He is a junior engineer with Delta Engineers in Binghamton, N.Y.

**Adam Kent Estabrook '03** and Melissa Sue Rivers. An August 19, 2006 wedding is planned. He is employed as a programmer for Wurd Media, Inc., Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

**Johanna Emrich '03** and Salvatore Barbero. She is employed by Pharmacy Solutions.

**Sheila Furgal '03** and Daniel Marmon. A July 8 wedding is planned. She is employed at the Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency.

**Benjamin O. Gardner '03** and Paige A. Shebat. A July 1 wedding is planned. He is an account executive at Paetec Communications.

**Ryan S. Barth '04** and Kathryn R. Riley. An October 1, 2005 wedding was planned. He is working in claims at Preferred Mutual Insurance Co.

**Mark DePalma '04** and Lynn Kelly. An April 1 wedding is planned. He is employed as a computer technician by ViTel Net.

**Jillian L. Rumrill '05** and Henry T. Henderson. A September 28, 2007 wedding is planned. She is employed by the Enea Family Funeral Home.

## WEDDINGS

**Richard Hooker '79** and Marcia Campbell, June 31, 2004. After 10 years with IBM, Richard has an engineering management position at Westrex, Boston, Mass.

**Christopher V. Grieco '93** and Lori Ann Borasky, October 1, 2004. He is employed by Madison Oneida BOCES.

**Maria Ann Riolo '96** and David A. Forbes, June 4, 2004. She is a contract recruiter in Washington, D.C.

**Bruce W. Gowing '97** and Kimberly A. Puetzer, Sept. 3, 2005. He is a product engineer at Kilian Manufacturing Corp. and part owner of Metro Java: Coffee & Espresso Bar.

**Kevin Mitchell '97** and Beth Schrage, July 9, 2005. Kevin is employed at Delphi Thermal Systems as an electrical technician.

**Cheryl Rebecca Murphy '97** and Todd M. Sweet, October 16, 2004. She is a telecommunications engineer for Verizon in Endicott, N.Y.

**Kristen Michele Palmo '97** and David J. Brisson, March 31, 2005. Kristen is a computer programmer for Real Property Services in Albany.

**Matt Robinson '98** and Deirdre O'Brien, September 2005. The wedding ceremony took place in Ireland. He is CEO of Recruit-force.com in Mountain View, Calif.

**Rachel E. Seeber '98** and Kevin W. Conine, October 2005. She is the victim awareness coordinator for the U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of New York.

**Kathrine A. Bordiuk '99** and Gale A. Lytle, April 30, 2005. She is an office manager for the Auburn unit of Empire State College.

**Tanya Currie '99** and **Josef Mazurkiewicz '98**, February 2, 2005. She works for ACS, Inc./U.S. Investigations. He works for IM Supervisor / Investigator.

**Jared Andrew Limberg '99** and Leasen D. Short, October 2, 2004. He is an advisory IT specialist for IBM.

**Amy Thompson '99** and Francesco Fiozzo, November 5, 2004. She is employed by RN Baycare, Tampa, Fla.

**Gerald Morton Jr. '00** and Kelley Holmes, Aug. 7, 2005. He is pursuing a master's degree at Empire State College and is employed by the State of New York.

**Lori Wirth '00** and Erich Asperschlager, November 6, 2004.

**Jon-Paul Kidwell '01** and Kimberly Jo LaPorte, July 23, 2005. He is an insurance adjuster at Utica National Insurance Co.

**Mathieu Jay Marceau '01** and Crystal Lynne Jennings July 9, 2005. He is a web application developer at Utica National Insurance Co.

**Melanie L. Tanner '01** and John Gilmore Jr., July 16, 2005. She is a medical records coder at Auburn Memorial Hospital, Auburn, N.Y.

**Courtney Churchfield '02** and Amy Rigoni, Oct. 15, 2005. He is employed as a service writer at M&R Automotive in Geneseo, N.Y.

**Ellen E. Klamm '02** and Eric M. Fitchette, June 12, 2005. She is an academic administrative assistant at Cornell University.

**Shawn R. Gaffney '03** and Suzanne K. Reifsteck, June 18, 2005. He is a member services representative at the Summit Federal Credit Union in Greece, N.Y.

**Kelly L. Johnson '04** and Cordell Musselman, July 22, 2005. She works for the Victim Assistance Center of Jefferson County in Watertown, N.Y. He was recently deployed with the 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, from Fort Drum to Camp Liberty in Baghdad, Iraq.

**Patricia Bialock '05** and Harvey Gibson, June 18, 2005. She is a legal secretary in the Office of the New York State Attorney-General.

## NEW ARRIVALS

Katelyn Arlene Nash to **Suzanne Nash '04** and Sean Nash, June 24, 2004.

## DEATHS

**Kevin T. Cook '78**, December 9, 2005

**Robert L. Hyde '79**, June 4, 2005

**T.C. O'Connor-Slater '90**, October 23, 2005

**Scott Premo '95**, November 26, 2005

**Joseph R. Wallace '83**, December 21, 2005



# 1970s - 80s "Globe Mill Group" Reunion

Sponsored by the Alumni Association

## Registration Deadlines, Fees & Cancellations

Registrations with payment in full will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis; however, all registrations should be received by SUNYIT no later than **Wednesday, April 12** in order to meet vendor deadlines (see "Late Registration" below). Thanks to the financial support of the Alumni Association, registration is offered at one special per-person price that includes participation in all Reunion activities from 1 to 10:30 p.m., food and beverages in the alumni hospitality room, food and beer/soda/beverages at the Brew-and-BBQ, light snacks/hors d'oeuvres and coffee at the 70s-80s Party (cash bar available). An additional registration discount is offered to current dues-paying members of the Alumni Association.

**Late Registration:** Registration forms received with payment in full after Wednesday, April 12 will be permitted on a space-available basis.

**Cancellations:** The Alumni Association is required to make advance arrangements and provide final counts to vendors many days prior to Reunion, resulting in financial commitments it must honor even though registrants may not attend as planned. As a result, it is generally not possible to offer refunds after the regular registration deadline. However, if extenuating circumstances arise that require cancellation, immediately contact the Alumni office at 315-792-7110 or alumni@sunyit.edu to determine what, if any, refunds may be possible at that time.

## Registration Form: 1970s-80s Globe Mill Group Reunion

Register ASAP – no later than **Wednesday, April 12** as space is limited (see Late Registration details above). Complete and return this form with payment in full (via mail with check, or via mail/fax or call with credit card payment) to: SUNYIT Alumni Office, P.O. Box 3050, Utica, NY 13502-3050; Fax: 315-792-7266; Phone: 315-792-7110

Registrant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

Last four digits of Soc. Sec. #: \_\_\_\_\_



Guest/Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

Guest #2 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Guest #3 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Guest #4 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Here is full payment for \_\_\_\_\_ tickets/registrations at \$30 per person: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

One discount of \$8 per dues-paying Alumni Association member is allowed as follows (check all that apply):

I am a current dues-paying member (subtract \$8) - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

My guest/spouse is a current dues-paying member (subtract \$8) - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed are my dues as follows:  \$25 (1 year)  \$65 (3 years)  \$325 (lifetime) + \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is provided as follows (check one):

Check payable to SUNYIT

Credit Card (circle one): Visa MasterCard

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty/Staff I'd like to see: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**■ Employment Information**

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

- This is a promotion/new position, please announce.**
- I would like to be a contact person for students interested in my field or company.**
- I would like to be a contact person for possible internships at my organization.**

**■ Family Updates**

Engagement to \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Marriage To \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**■ Events and Ideas**

**An idea or event I would like to see the Alumni Association pursue is:**

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- I would volunteer to help with such an activity.

**■ Legacy Information**

**Please provide full name, address and relationship to an alumna/us who graduated from SUNYIT.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Alumna/us \_\_\_\_\_

**■ Miscellaneous**

Honors/Awards \_\_\_\_\_

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