

BULLETIN

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INVITATION TO CAMPUS RETIREMENT RECEPTION FOR JIM SMALL - TODAY

A retirement reception in honor of **James Small**, University Police, is scheduled for **today, Wednesday, January 14**, from **3PM-5PM** in the **LeCafe', Morris Hall**. Captain Small has served the College for the past 33 years. Please stop by and pass along your best wishes.

The Official College Newsletter

BULLETIN TO GO "ONLINE-ONLY"

A tremendous amount of paper is consumed in the production of announcements, memos, newsletters and other general information that is delivered to 1,247 employees of the college. Several recurring publications have gone to electronic-only versions over the last few years, and the President's Cabinet has approved a plan to do the same with the College Bulletin. Starting on **Wednesday, January 21, 2009**, an email will be sent to all faculty and staff with a link to the online College *Bulletin*. This change will significantly reduce the consumption of paper and other resources. It is estimated that electronic distribution will save six hundred reams of paper annually, in addition to the hours of labor involved in the printing and distribution. A small number of staff members do not have ready access to computers and will need to continue to receive a paper copy. To request a paper copy, contact **Mona Hughes** at **x2490**, hughesml@oneonta.edu.

INVITATION TO RETIREMENT RECEPTION FOR SHIELA ELDRÉD

A retirement reception to honor **Sheila Eldred** of the Print Shop is scheduled for **Friday, January 23** from **2-4PM** in the **Print Shop (Netzer B-7)**. Sheila has served the college for the past 41 years. Please stop by to say goodbye and wish her well.

RED DRAGON RENDEZVOUS

Enjoy a cup of coffee, tea or other beverage, and pastries, and informally interact, connect and meet members of the Campus Community (faculty, staff and students). Stop by the **International Lounge, Hunt Union**, any time on the following dates and times:

Monday, January 19

2:30 – 4PM

Monday, February 16

8:30 – 10AM

Monday, March 23

2:30 – 4PM

Together, we continue building community.

HUMAN ECOLOGY CHAIR NAMED

The Human Ecology Department is pleased to announce that **Katherine Angell** is the Department Chair effective December 25, 2008. You may reach Dr. Angell at **x2705** or **x2068**.

APPLICATIONS FOR EMPLOYEE TUITION ASSISTANCE

Applications for Employee Tuition Assistance for Spring 2009 will be accepted through **Tuesday, January 20**. Applications are available at the **Human Resources Office, Netzer 208** and after completion, the form should be returned to the Human Resources Office. UUP employees have a one-course tuition waiver as part of their negotiated agreement, so the SUNY waiver should only be submitted if taking two courses. All other employees qualify to apply for up to two courses at any SUNY school if employed on a continuing appointment. If you have questions, phone **Denise Straut** at **x2583**. *(Please note: only employees on a continuing appointment are eligible to apply for this assistance. Part-time employees may apply, but awards will be adjusted to reflect their percent of time.)*

UUP COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

UUP College Scholarships are awarded annually to outstanding SUNY undergraduates who exhibit dedication to the goals and ideals of the labor union movement. Recipients of a UUP scholarship receive \$2,000. To qualify, a student must display both personal and academic achievement with a minimum grade point average of 3.75, and have a

strong record of community service. The process is competitive and is open to fulltime undergraduate students attending a state-operated SUNY campus. Applicants must have completed at least 16 credit hours at a SUNY campus. Only a limited number of applicants will be selected. The application deadline is **Monday, March 2**. Faculty are encouraged to inform qualified students of UUP College Scholarships. To obtain an application and learn more about UUP College Scholarships, visit www.uupinfo.org/scholarships/scholarship.doc. Applications can also be obtained by phoning the administrative office of statewide UUP at **1-800-342-4206** and requesting the document.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT/ UUP CHAPTER MEETING - JANUARY 26

The next *Food for Thought/* UUP chapter meeting will be at the **Butternuts Room, Hunt Union** on **Monday, January 26** at noon. Attorneys will discuss when and how to hire a lawyer—as well as what to expect from the process. Clients may retain attorneys in circumstances related to family (including divorce and child custody), work-related situations, workmen's compensation, personal injury, wills and estates, traffic charges, criminal accusations, house closings, SSI, and other diverse matters. Participating attorneys will include **William H. Schebaum** and **Richard Rothermel**. Former School Board Member, Otsego County Democratic Party Chair, Delegate to the Democratic National Convention, and Democratic nominee for Otsego County Judge, Schebaum maintains a general practice with specialties in Family and Criminal Law. In addition to maintaining a private practice, Rothermel is the Otsego County Public Defender. After the formal presentation by attorneys, audience questions and comments will be welcome. The information provided may prove to be invaluable at some point in you life. Although *Food for Thought* has important content, it is also an occasion for respite from the workweek, relaxed collegiality, and fine food. Join your colleagues for a convivial gathering and an expression of solidarity. *Food for Thought* is an occasion to renew old ties and to forge new ones. This program was organized by UUP Oneonta Vice President for Professionals **Norm Payne**. In addition to Norm at **x2021**, please contact President **Bill Simons** at **x3498**, Vice President for Academics **Rob Compton** at **x3048**, or Secretary **Tom Horvath** at **x3899** for further information. Your union looks forward to greeting you.

2009 OUTSTANDING PART-TIME INSTRUCTOR AWARD APPLICATION DEADLINE - FEBRUARY 16

The Committee on Instruction is now accepting nominations for the 2009 Outstanding Part-Time Instructor Award. The Simphiwe Hlatswayo Award for the Outstanding Part-Time Instructor was created by the College Senate to recognize outstanding adjunct instructors as well as to encourage excellence in teaching. The award was named to honor the memory of **Simphiwe Hlatswayo**, who was a graduate of SUNY-Oneonta from South Africa, and taught at the college first as an adjunct, then later as an assistant professor. *Those eligible for nomination are all part-time instructors who have taught at least one course in either: 1) each of the previous two semesters (Spring & Fall 2008), 2) each of the previous two fall semesters only (Fall 2007 & Fall 2008), or 3) each of the previous two spring semesters only (Spring 2007 & Spring 2008).* Part-time instructors may nominate themselves or be nominated by other members of the faculty regardless of rank, and may also be nominated by students. Nomination folders must include the following: 1. Student Perception of Instruction results and/ or other standardized student evaluation of instruction instrument for each course taught in the last two eligible semesters. Quantitative data as well as typewritten free-response student comments are expected; if desired, instructors may include their response to student evaluations. 2. Five recent letters of recommendation including three letters from full- or part-time peers (two of whom should teach at SUNY-Oneonta) and two letters from students (preferably not currently enrolled with this instructor). 3. A statement of teaching philosophy. 4. Syllabi from the last two eligible semesters (additional course materials may be included). 5. A current *curriculum vita* or resume. 6. Grade distribution for each course taught in the last two eligible semesters. Nomination materials should be submitted to **Brian Beitzel, 129 Fitzelle**. The deadline for nominations is **Monday, February 16**.

CONTENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM USER GROUP BEING ORGANIZED

Attention All Faculty and Staff: Have you ever wanted to build a website for yourself or an organization? Do you enjoy learning something new and have some time on your hands? I am starting a Content Management System users group on campus. We will meet once a week after work to get started and monthly after that to share ideas and

how-tos from the group. The CMS resides on your own web space, accessible from anywhere you can connect to the web. Topics include: the control panel (uploading files, setting up email accounts, file management, connecting to databases), installing a very powerful CMS, the user manual, getting help, adding pages, adding content, blogs, installing and maintaining a Forum, installing a Coppermine photo library, installing at least one free script from hotscripts, and much more. You must buy your own domain name, and space to work with, this costs \$70 a year. If you are interested, or want more technical information, contact **Norman Payne** at paynene@oneonta.edu.

A CALL TO ALL FACULTY AND STAFF: NO-HOLDS-BARRED POETRY SLAM

The Department of English and Hunt College Union are looking for 12-13 faculty and staff members to read or perform an original poem at the second annual *All Faculty & Staff Poetry Slam* to celebrate National Poetry Month and William Shakespeare's birthday on **Thursday April 23, at 8PM** in the **Hunt Union Waterfront**. This will be a **no-holds-barred** event as poets may use props, wear costumes, use musical accompaniment and/ or deliver poetry with another member of the college community. All traditional poetry slam rules will be void except for time and the creation of an original composition. It will be an evening of fun, goodwill and word celebration! The winning poet will earn a **dinner for two** and a **\$300.00 donation** from Hunt College Union **in their name** in support of the **Red Dragon Reading Series**. **What is a poetry slam?** It is the varsity sport of the soul; it is poetry Olympics, the sport of the spoken word. A poetry slam is a mock competition where poets read or perform original work. Normally props, musical accompaniment and costumes are not allowed. There is a three-minute time limit and point deductions are typically applied for going overtime. Selected members of the audience then judge these performances on a numeric scale. The poet and former construction worker, **Marc Smith** is credited with starting the poetry slam at the Get Me High Lounge in Chicago in November 1984. In July 1986, the slam moved to its permanent Chicago home, the Green Mill Jazz Club. Each year cities and towns all across North America compete at the National Poetry Slam in a different host city. The Association of College Unions International operates the annual College Unions Poetry Slam Invitational and colleges and universities across the nation compete for bragging rights. The College at Oneonta has appeared in this tournament for seven consecutive years and earned

the silver medal in 2005. For more information or to enter the grand spectacle contact either **George Hovis** at hovisgr@oneonta.edu or **x2571** or **Robb Thibault** at Thibaurr@oneonta.edu or **x3013**. The deadline to register by email is **noon** on **April 1**.

SPRING TECHNOLOGY TRAINING SCHEDULE AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Spring 2009 Technology Training Schedule can be found at the following website: <http://www.oneonta.edu/academics/training/Calendar.aspx>. Registration for all Spring Term Faculty/ Staff training sessions is *now open*. Note: This training is open to **ANY COLLEGE EMPLOYEE** (as long as you have your supervisor's permission if necessary), and available to you **FREE OF CHARGE**. Take advantage of this opportunity by signing up for a class today!

TO EMPLOYEES IN THE NEW YORK STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (TRS)

If you wish to book a consultation with NYS TRS phone **1-800-348-7298/ extension 6100** or visit www.nystrs.org. Appointments at various locations including Oneonta are scheduled during regular business hours, **Monday-Friday**, year around. If you have questions, contact **Human Resources** at **x2509**.

ONEONTA ID NUMBER POLICY

In response to a New York State law enacted in 2000, all students are assigned an Oneonta ID number or A00 number. These numbers are used as a unique student identifier. They are printed on class rosters and are used by students when asking for services at the College. According to FERPA and campus policy, these numbers are to be treated in the same manner as the social security number. Please take care to provide the maximum security for all student record information. It is incumbent on all of us to protect our students' privacy. If you would like a refresher on FERPA or if you have any questions regarding privacy of student records, contact **Maureen P. Artale**, College Registrar at **x3216** or artalemp@oneonta.edu.

POSTING ON IRC BULLETIN BOARDS

The IRC Staff is continually working to keep lobby bulletin boards in order. Anyone who wishes to post announcements in the IRC must bring their items to the **IRC Main Office, Room 104**. If no one is in the office when you arrive, please leave your items in the holder on the office door with a name and contact number. Your items will be posted within a

short time of receiving them. Staff will remove outdated notices and post new announcements daily. Thank you for your cooperation.

PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION MUST BE SHREDDED

This is a reminder to all faculty and staff from the Registrar's Office and the Office of Human Resources. Any printed material that contains either student or employee personally identifiable information must be shredded. It cannot be thrown into the garbage or with the recyclables. Employees who do not have access to departmental shredders can use the shredder that is located in the Print Shop, in the basement of the Administration Building. Questions regarding student information should be referred to **Maureen P. Artale**, College Registrar, at **x3216**. Questions regarding employee information should be referred to the **Office of Human Resources** at **x2509**.

INFORMATION ON SUBMITTING PAPERS TO AN ANTI-PLAGIARISM SERVICE

If you are using an anti-plagiarism service such as **www.turnitin.com**, you must remove the student's name and assign a code name to each paper you submit. The code name must not be the student's ID number or any part thereof, and should only be known to you. Using the student's name or ID number is a violation of the student's FERPA rights because you are releasing personally identifiable information without his/her written consent. If you have any questions on FERPA please contact **Maureen P. Artale**, College Registrar, at **x3216** or via e-mail at **artalemp@oneonta.edu**.

HUNT UNION ONLINE RESERVATION FORM

In our continued effort to meet the needs of our faculty, staff, and students and to reduce the use of paper, we are now using an online reservation request form. This form can be found on at **http://huntunion.oneonta.edu**. We recommend patrons make contact with the reservation coordinator to inquire on room availability before you submit your on-line requests. To use the online form go to our website, click on the general information tab in the upper left hand corner, and select reservations. After reading the reservation information, you will select one of two options for linked room reservations at the bottom of the page. The form has been formatted to tie into your campus username and password. Once you are

logged in just fill in the blanks and submit. After the form has been submitted and processed, a confirmation will be sent via email. If you have any problems, questions, and/or suggestions for the online reservation form, please contact the reservation coordinator, **Cindi Northrop** at **x3722** or **northrcj@oneonta.edu**.

SEEKING QUALIFIED TUTORS

As always, The Center for Academic Development and Enrichment (CADE) is seeking faculty recommendations for qualified tutors for 100 and 200-level courses for the Spring 2009 semester. Tutors are paid for their time, and tutorial experience looks great on a resume. CADE is asking instructors to please take a few minutes to look over class lists and email **Mary Dorn** at **dornmb@oneonta.edu** with any recommendations for new tutors. These recommendations will help CADE to provide tutors who can effectively assist students with class material. CADE is here to support instructors in their endeavor to lead students to academic success.

REQUIREMENT TO USE RECYCLED PAPER

Executive Order #4 of the Governor requires that **effective July 1, 2008**, all Copy paper, janitorial paper and other paper supplies (including envelopes) purchased by each State agency must be composed of 100% post-consumer recycled content to the maximum extent possible. In addition, all State agency publications shall be printed on 100% recycled content paper. SUNY Oneonta has implemented this requirement in its ordering and the Purchasing Office will be reviewing all paper and printing orders for compliance. There are provisions in the Order for occasions when recycled items do not meet form, function, or utility, and written justification requests for such situations will be reviewed individually by the campus for possible exemption. For questions regarding this new requirement, please contact **Cindy Meres** at **x3388** or **Denise Straut** at **x2583**.

HUMAN RESOURCES NEEDS TO KNOW!

When employees are absent from work for longer than five consecutive days due to personal illness, birth of a baby, or death or illness of an immediate family member, they need to contact **Human Resources** to verify the status of their benefits (leave accruals, health insurance, etc.) prior to and during their absences. Please help us provide you with the appropriate information on a timely basis by informing us **IMMEDIATELY** whenever you might

anticipate being absent from work for more than one week. This will enable us to help you maximize your benefits. Of course, be sure to communicate with your supervisor(s) about such absences, too. In fact, supervisors should notify the Human Resources office in the event employees are unable to do so. Thank you for your cooperation. If anyone has any questions, please contact **Human Resources** at x2509.

QUALIFYING EVENTS MAY IMPACT HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

A variety of events may impact eligibility for you and/or your dependents for health insurance coverage. These include, but are not limited to, marriage, separation, divorce, birth/ death of a dependent, a change in spouse's employment/ health coverage, a change in child's age, student status or marital status or domestic partner status. To ensure that appropriate coverage begins/ ends timely, it is imperative that employees contact Human Resources prior to, or within 7 days following, a qualifying event. If anyone has any questions, contact **Human Resources** at x2509.

CAMPUS DATES AND DEADLINES

- **Today, Wednesday, January 14** - Classes Begin. Add/Drop begins on-line and at 8AM in the Registrar's Office for signature required courses.
- **Monday, January 19** - Martin Luther King Day - Administrative Offices Open.
- **Tuesday, January 20** - ADD/ DROP ends. After this date all schedule adjustments for full semester courses will result in a \$20 late fee. "W" grades are assigned for dropping a full semester course after this date. Last day to elect PASS/ FAIL Grade option. After this date all Individual Course Enrollment, Independent Study, Internship and Teaching Assistantship forms (3 s.h. or more) will result in a \$20 late fee. Last day for students with part time enrollment to drop a course with no tuition liability.
- **Tuesday, January 27** - Last day to add a full semester course. You must be registered in a course by this date to receive credit and grades.

REMINDERS

- **Alumni Field House - Card Access Building.** Must have validated ID card to enter fitness center when building is open. Card must be activated after successfully completing online program designed to provide instruction on safe use of equipment and identify users. Complete orientation

at www.oneonta.edu/academics/athletics. After completion you will be prompted to enter information that will be forwarded to Athletics to grant card access. Processing of data/ entry may take up to 72 hours. Contact the Athletic Department at x3594 or e-mail lombarke@oneonta.edu or welshkm@oneonta.edu with questions.

• **Friday, January 16, 2009** – 2008-2009 TLTC Faculty Fellowship Program Proposal Deadline.

Tenured/tenured-track faculty eligible. Submit proposals as individuals or faculty team. Provides faculty time and resources to use technology to improve student learning. Recipients designated as TLTC Teaching Fellows for academic year of award. Fellowships vary from \$500 to \$25,000. Information: <http://www.oneonta.edu/academics/tltc/fellowships>. Contact Jm Greenberg at x2701 or greenbjb@oneonta.edu.

• **Friday, January 16, 2009** - Faculty Computer Purchase Program Deadline.

Accepting applications through the Educational Technology Committee for the Faculty Computer Purchase Program. Faculty can request a new computer through this program. Faculty wishing to submit requests should visit: <http://www.oneonta.edu/academics/etc/guidelines.html>. Contact Don Allison at x3439 or allisodl@oneonta.edu, or Rita Szczesz at x3080 or szczesrc@oneonta.edu. The timing of decisions is dependent on availability of funding.

THANK YOU

- I would like to thank the members of the campus community for their countless expressions of condolences I received upon the passing of my father. I deeply appreciate your support and am indeed fortunate to work in such a wonderful place.

Tom Rathbone, Facilities Dept.

- A kind word, a gentle thought, a call, a prayer, flowers or just simply a hug – it all means so much more than you will ever know. I would like to thank the SICAS Center Staff & the SUNY Oneonta community for everything that you have done for us at the untimely passing of my Mom (**Barb Green**). Your kindness & friendship these last couple of weeks is truly appreciated. It has made a very difficult time seem a little easier.

Kris Spranger/ SICAS Center
(& the entire family of Barbara Green)

CONGRATULATIONS

• Congratulations to the **recipients** of the fall 2008 grants through its Student/ Faculty Grant Program for Research and Creative Activity. The College's Committee on Research reviewed 31 applications from student researchers working with faculty sponsors individually or in teams. Eighteen of the

projects were funded, and the total value of the grants was \$17,823. Another round of grants will be available in the spring semester. The Student/ Faculty Grant Program for Research and Creative Activity enables students to conduct in-depth research in a major area of interest under the guidance of a faculty advisor. The grants program is funded by the College at Oneonta Foundation's unrestricted endowment and administered by the College's Committee on Research. The research projects span a range of disciplines from the sciences to the liberal arts and social sciences. More information about SUNY Oneonta's Student/ Faculty Grant Program for Research and Creative Activity is available from the Chair of the College's Committee on Research, **Kathy Meeker** of the Grants Development Office at **x2632**. Student Grant Program for Research and Creative Activity Fall 2008 Awardees: Students **Holly Dame**, **Madison Kerr**, **Kayla Young** with **Tony Scafide** (Music), *Don't Ask: A Video Ethnography*, \$823; Student **Mike DeVasto** with **Devin Castendyk** (Earth Sciences), *Exploring the Subsurface with Electrical Resistivity*, \$970; Student **Veronica DiMola** with **Jeffrey Heilveil** (Biology), *Phylogeography and Post Glacial Range Expansion in *Acroneuria Carolinesis* (Banks) (Plecoptera: Perlidae)*, \$1,500; Student **Maureen Fass** with **Sven Anderson** (Art) *Plastic Voyeurs: The Secret Lives of Dolls*, \$1,500; Student **Shawn Gillespie** with **Donna Vogler** (Biology), *Life History and Genetic Diversity of *Hedyotis Cookiana*, a Globally Endangered Plant*, \$1,200; Student **Cynthia Gottuso** with **Shih-Ming Hu** (Human Ecology), *Acceptability of Drop Cookies Prepared with Okra Gums as a Fat Ingredient Substitute*, \$950; Students **Theresa Greiner** and **Katherine Lowell** with **Charlene Christie** (Psychology), *General Knowledge Assessment*, \$475; Students **Caitlin Heuberger** and **Elijah Spina** with **Jacqueline Bennett** (Chemistry & Biochemistry), *Photochemical [2+2] Cyclizations Producing Analogs to Beta-Lactam Antibiotics*, \$1,500; Student **James Lauzun** with **Kelly Gallagher** (Chemistry & Biochemistry), *Structural Modeling of the Snow Flea Antifreeze Protein*, \$400; Student **Julissa Lopez** with **Moussa Kalifa Traore** (Human Ecology), *The African Growth Opportunity Act and Apparel*

Trade Between the United States and Sub-Saharan Africa: the Case of Ghana, \$250; Students **Matthew Miner** and **Kaitlyn Charles** with **Jacqueline Bennett** (Chemistry & Biochemistry), *Green Photochemical Dimerization of Dibenzylideneacetone*, \$1,500; Student **Ryan Palumbo** with **Fred Zalatan** (Biology), *The Effect of a Putative Fatty Acid Transport Protein on the Rate of Fatty Acid Uptake in *Caulobacter crescentus**, \$1,000; Student **Patricia Rees** with **Florian Reyda** (Biology), *Copper Sulfate, Potassium Permanganate and Malachite Green Action on *Ichthyophthirus multifilis* (White Spot) Disease in Food, Ornamental and Pet Fish*, \$670; Student **Tyson Robb** with **Devin Castendyk** (Earth Sciences), *Green Solution to an Orange Problem: Energy Producing Purification of Acid Mine Drainage*, \$1,200; Student **Jacob Sango** with **Trudy Thomas-Smith** (Chemistry & Biochemistry), *Investigation of Components of Cleaning and Personal Care Products in the Environment*, \$1,000; Student **Rebecca Shea** with **Paul French** and **Allen Anderson** (Physics & Astronomy), *Atwood's Machine: Methods to Success*, \$185; Student **Rachel Stevenson** with **Jeffrey Heilveil** (Biology), *Isolation and Identification of Male-specific DNA Markers from *Litobranchia recurvata* (Ephemeroptera: Ephemeridae)*, \$1,500; and Student **Ariane Torres** with **Joseph Chiang** (Chemistry & Biochemistry), *Synthesis of Transparent Conducting Oxide for Solar Cells*, \$1,200.

• Congratulations to **Miguel Leon**, History and Africana and Latino Studies, on being the author of a new edition of the chapter book entitled *Toribio of Mogrovejo's Synod of Piscobamba (1594) in the History of the Christianization of Peru*, which was released recently by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Huari, Lima, Peru. The book updates his 1994 edition. Dr. Leon's work examines the regional impact of the ecclesiastical legislation of Saint Toribio of Mogrovejo, a Spanish cleric who was the second Archbishop of Lima in the late sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries. Saint Toribio of Mogrovejo's role as organizer, legislator and missionary was decisive in the establishment of the Spanish Church in the Americas. Leon's work focuses specifically on the impact of on a diocesan meeting celebrated in 1594 in a town called Piscobamba. Dr. Leon's 1994 edition commemorated 400 hundred years of the church meeting. In his revised edition, he places Toribio de Mogrovejo's life and work in a larger historical context.

• Congratulations to **Steve Garner**, Physical Education, on his participation with the Schoharie County Department of Health planning committee

on Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at the county government building in Schoharie. NYS county Departments of Health are required to participate in a collaborative approach to community health assessment and planning. Steve's program, *Connecting Communities for Health and Wellness*, sponsored by Bassett Healthcare, is being used to assist local county health departments in setting up programs to address key priority health issues. Last year, Steve's program was responsible for establishing prevention activities in nine counties of central New York State. The health priorities include: Access to Quality Health Care, Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies, Physical Activity & Nutrition, Unintentional Injuries, Chronic Diseases, Tobacco Use, Healthy Environment, Community Preparedness, Mental Health & Substance Abuse, and Infectious Diseases. If you are interested in learning more about Steve's program please email him at garnerse@oneonta.edu.

FACULTY/STAFF ACTIVITIES

- **Todd Ellis**, Earth Sciences, presented an oral research presentation at the American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting in San Francisco on December 18, 2008. This talk, entitled *Controls on Global-Mean Precipitation Changes in Global Warming Climate Models*, represents work done with **Dr. Graeme Stephens** of Colorado State University. The research and the travel were all funded under the grants associated with the NASA CloudSat mission, for which Dr. Ellis serves as an Outreach Director for schools around the world.
- **Steven Garner**, Physical Education, organized and administrated a meeting at SUNY Cobleskill regarding the new *Cancer Service Program* of Delaware, Otsego and Schoharie Counties. In attendance was the SUNY Cobleskill President, **Dr. Donald Zingale**, Vice President for Student Development, **Steven Ackerknecht**, Health Center Directors from SUNY Oneonta-**Ricky O'Donnell**, SUNY Delhi-**Lori Osterhoudt**, Hartwick College-**Liz Morley** and SUNY Cobleskill-**Mary Radliff**, Bassett Healthcare Cancer Institute-**Dawn Goodspeed** and **Kelly Stevenson**. The *Cancer Service Program* is interested in connecting with the student body of our area colleges to provide cancer screenings to individuals who are uninsured and/or underinsured. The program would be able to provide pap tests, pelvic exams, CBE and HPV Vaccine for women ages 19-26. The *Cancer Service Program* is a free comprehensive screening program for men and women. Steve's *Connecting Communities for Health and Wellness* program is

sponsored by Bassett Healthcare and is about collaborative opportunities to keep friends and neighbors healthy.

- **Donald Trippeer**, Economics & Business, made a research presentation at the 2008 Annual Conference of the Academy of Accounting, Finance and Economics held in New Orleans, LA, December 11-13, 2008. The study, *Long-Term Tax Avoidance and Leverage*, examines how the use of persistent non-debt tax shields affects financing decisions of corporations.

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Email your items and attachments to **Mona Hughes** at hughesml@oneonta.edu. *Do not send items or attachments in Publisher*. Deadlines are Thursdays at noon for the following Wednesday's online only publication. Items that come after the noon deadline will be held over for the next available edition. Bulletins are not published when classes are not in session. We observe the same deadline before a recess for the Bulletin following a recess.