COLLEGE BEATS POST BREAK BLUES WITH MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

By Mary DelGregorio
Staff Writer

The 11th annual Mardi Gras, the party of the year, came to Canton Tuesday night. The fun started at 4 p.m. in Dana Hall, when a worker at the front desk placed a sticker on your hand. For many children of the community, this was a "magic sticker" as I heard a lady telling a four year old girl. A magic Mardi Gras sticker that lets all the little children both young and old into a land of fun and games.

I arrived at the Mardi Gras party at about 4 p.m. and there was already a pretty sized crowd extending well into both sets of double doors and stretching outside on the patio. Before entering the Mardi Gras, I stood looking down at the magnificent transformation that was made to the Dana Hall Gymnasium. A sea of golden people and green balloons surrounded the exterior of the gym and began climbing up to the top of the building. Upon descending the grand stairway to the Mardi Gras celebration, I was greeted by one of my favorite characters of all, Tigger. He said nothing but only gestured me towards the open doorway behind with confetti, ribbons and balloons. As I walked through, I found myself standing amongst fellow classmates, which was quite refreshing. What was more refreshing was what they were doing there. This was an overwhelming conglomeration of voices saying, "Where’s my snack?!, "What time is the second shift?!" and "We have to hurry up, the children are already here." I was honestly amazed that so many students wanted to help and volunteer their time for the Mardi Gras and the children of the community.

As I continued to walk around and investigate this party, I noticed a little girl with untrained arms with balloons on each arm. I went over to her and asked for what her name was. She said to me, "I’m going to float away I have so many balloons, my name is Hannah and I’m here with my mom." I was truly touched by what she had said, I was glad to be here that this event was able to bring families together, even for a short while. There were people at the Mardi Gras from campus life such as, the students, the custodial staff, the faculty, public safety and students from the police academy, not to mention families from all over the community.

Once the party started winding up, I walked around and asked people what they thought of the Mardi Gras celebration. Many of the faculty were proud of what was going on and always commented, "This is good and I’m glad that we did it this year." Eric Connors, the Resident Director of Rushout Hall stood at his milk and soda stand and replied with a smile and a chuckle, "It’s great to see everyone in a new way." I think he was referring to the funny costumes that people were in, either way he was happy to be a part of the celebration. Ken Tabor, a student of the police academy and his son Christopher were having a great time at the party. When I asked him what he thought of the Mardi Gras he simply replied, "I think this brings parents and children together, definitely!"

Just to give some of the party guests a taste of what they missed by not going, here’s a rundown of some other things that happened during the Mardi Gras. An awesome North Country Band called Pree Cusona and the North Country Preservation Northerners had all lips swaying to their soft jazz and rhythmic blue sounds. There was food of all kinds including the leasing Tower of Pizza, Chinese food, saus, sausages and cheese, huge barbecue chicken legs, fruits, and clones of all kinds, so is your mouth watering yet, too bad, you missed it buddy. What did you think I was done already, not quite, candy, sweet little hot dogs loaded with mustard, ice cream, eggs dogs, icy pops and staches of every flavor. I guess your feeling kinda sorry that you missed this great event, but I’m not done yet so sit tight.

There were all kinds of games including ring toss with Pepsi and Mountain Dew liter bottles, bean bag toss for snow hats (no tosses too snow hats right), hoop shoot, there was even a mini hoop shoot for the little ones, Darts was a popular one with the real main men, if you know me what I mean (couldn’t a hit balloon if they tried, and they were, believe me, I heard the place of "come on just on just one more I know I can do it this time"). There was also a chance to get your picture in a Castris. Now tell me when you ever get the chance to be in a cassette and not be dead, so you know I did that.

Oh wait, I can’t forget the free tattoos and also the face painting.

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SUNY CANTON STUDENTS HONORED IN WHO’S WHO

Seven SUNY Canton students have been named to the 1998 edition of Who’s Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. They are:

Sean Britt, a Veterinary Technology major from Gouverneur, is the President of the Veterinary Assistant Technicians Association (VATA) and a coordinator/insurance for the 4-H Veterinary Science Program. He also volunteers his time with the Fort Drum Animal Hospital and Dog Walk.

Tammy L. Fitts, a Business Administration major from Westmore, NY, has been the Editor of the Pioneer Yearbook for the past 3 years. In addition, she has served as a member of the SUNY Canton Student Cooperative Alliance (SCA), the Rushout Hall Council, and the Inter-Residence Hall Council. Tammy is also a member of the Westmore Fire Department Auxiliary and serves as a State Officer in the Beta Rho service organization.

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JOSHUA WISSERWWrite, an Engineering Science major from North Tonawanda, NY, is the Vice-President of the College Association Board of Directors and is the President of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Joshua also serves the college as a science and math tutor.

ELECTIONS

STUDENT COOPERATIVE ALLIANCE

At official positions for the 1998-99 academic year are up for re-election. Do you want to make a difference on campus? Then you need to be addressed? Then you’re who we’re looking for!

IGA Petitions will be available beginning March 2, 1998, in the Campus Activities Office.

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Or Stop by CGC15.
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Campus News and Happenings

ZERO TOLERANCE AND YOU

Are you familiar with New York's Zero Tolerance Law, in relation to drinking and driving, as you should be? The Public Safety Department would like to keep you informed of the state's Zero Tolerance Law. In New York, it is illegal to consume alcohol if you're under 21. If you drink alcohol and then drive, you face severe penalties under the Zero Tolerance Law.

The Zero Tolerance Law was enacted November 1, 1996 and lowered the allowable blood alcohol content (BAC) to .05%. For the average person, this would mean you have a BAC of .02% after consuming one mixed drink, one glass of wine or one beer.

If an officer observes you operating a motor vehicle and determines you have been drinking, you will lose your license. For small amounts of alcohol, the first violation carries a six-month suspension of your license.

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Another spot on the floor that was doing well with the general public was the potlatch corner. Diane Carolina with her talent for drawing, had a line of people waiting to sit still for about 15-10 minutes for a wonderful portrait of themselves. There was also a mountain bike raffle sponsored by the Monterey Science Association. Probably one of the most locked forward in event of the night was the pie throwing contest. The contestants of the pie throwing contest were: Mr. Walch, Mrs. Brunet, Mrs. Furlani, Dave Gerlach, Dave Dinnon, Linda Petiet and Ron Masse. So if you had a premonish to settle, this was the place to be. Before the contest I talked to Mr. Walch and asked him why he does this every year and he replied, "It is fun but it always goes up your nose."

While people walked around the floor a guy dressed in white tuxed and white makeup called "The Ice Monster" (Jeff Nash) handed out ice cold root pops, I think that I got like five, that was good. Another thing that was a highlight of the night were the Ice Sculptures.

I talked to Sue Law, who was dressed in a cloche and full of party spirit, about who had domed the sculptures. Well, we were surprised that none other than our very own Cheeny Dining Hall molded decorated water and some blue food coloring to make a magnificent nougat and doliphin center piece. One other stop on the party line was outside to the "Shoot Kenny for a dollar" display featuring pinball. At any one time there was about twenty or so guys hovering over the table. One guy in particular, Jason DeCoster who played one round and immediately came out and said, "I'll do this again for a dollar. I'll be back." Sounds kind of like the Terminator, well, he shot like it too.

All in all, everyone who went had a great time and it definitely brought the college and community together, I was glad to have been a part of it. Hope you were too.

TO SIGN UP FOR AN INTERVIEW

You must have a resume (that has been approved by the Career Services Office) to hand in to the Career Services Office, FOB 232 two weeks prior to the interview date. This will allow the Career Services Office sufficient time to set an interview schedule with the company and notify students who will be interviewed. One resume is needed for each interview. i.e., if you are interviewing with three companies, you must hand in three resumes. You may not sign up for an interview without a resume. Some companies have applications for students to complete also. Interviews on each company will be held in Career Services Office.

If a Group Session is scheduled before interviews, ALL students signed up to interview with that company MUST attend the group session.

Information will be circulated if there are any changes to this schedule. If you have any questions, please contact Career Services at 719 or your professor.
NEEDING A BREAK FROM SPRING BREAK

The View From My Neck of the Woods

By William Wallace

Hello again, I hope everyone had a great spring break. I know a lot of you traveled to sunny spots and I have to admit I'm a bit envious. As for myself, I opted to stay in the Great White North for the week. Not too long ago, a good buddy of mine called and asked me if I wanted to go on the ECAC Hockey Championships in Lake Placid. As a hockey fan, I said yes immediately and was excited to go. To see some of the top teams in Division I college hockey was too good an opportunity to pass up.

So we took off last Thursday and headed for the hills where the Olympic Spirit shines brightest. Six brave young men in their twentieth something ventured off for a weekend of hockey, pizza, drinks, ladies, and a couple of cold beverages. Sounds romantic doesn't it? Little did I realize that Lake Placid would become my own private Turkish prison. Not that I had a bad time mind you, but it was an unforgettable adventure.

It started with one of the guys that came with us. "Tiam" weeks with my friend and seemed like an alright guy. I had only met the guy a couple times before, but my buddy said he was cool. Why not have him along? I thought it was a good idea. Boy, was I stupid.

Unfortunately, when "Tiam" had a couple of those lovely cold beverages poured in to him, he turned into Mr. Hyde. He became one of those unpleasant, moody types that have the ability to suck the fun out of everybody he comes into contact with. Tiam had a big problem with how to contain himself in the lobby of the hotel. He became kind of eerie when we reminded him that a person needs to be quiet when running the halls at a lase hour. When he responded with a loud strain of feline Obsessions in the King's English, he was not so gently reminded by my friend to mind his manners.

By now we're back in the room and Tim is moaning like a 3 year old. There is nothing more annoying than a guy who drinks and a big hanger. He's sitting on the edge of the bed complaining about something somebody did to him in his past life. Needless to say, Tim was really starting our trip off well. After two hours of Tim-Boo, even I was ready to jump up and down on his chest until some nook came out of his face. Since I am a lover and not a fighter, I was able to restrain myself and cope with the situation. But god darn it, even my limits were being reached. Finally, Tim entered the magic words, "Man, I'm tired I think I'll go crash."

I don't know if I have ever heard such a sweeter sound in my life.

With that, we tucked Timmy-Boby into beddy bye and were able to enjoy the rest of our evening. I did have the unfortunate privilege of waking up the next morning to the sound of one of our roommates in the halls. The Tribune publishes on a bi-weekly basis and encourages the submission of news stories, commentaries, and announcements.

The opinions expressed in the paper are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Tribune staff or the College. Opinions expressed in the articles and letters to the editor do not necessarily reflect the beliefs of The Editor or the editorial staff. The Tribune is open to the presentation of all viewpoints in the newspaper. For more information, contact the Campus Activities Office at 385-7115.

Lake Placid period. My buddy agreed that the kids had a lot of talent, but also pointed out that Princeton was able to get the job done this weekend. The Tigers had the longest road to travel and had to play three games in three days to win the title.

"That's the thing about hockey, it's all about heart," Chuck was telling me about how the drama of sport is the greatest feeling in the world and that the idea of winning ever just competing somehow reminds him of his adventures in Vietnam in 1971. All of a sudden, Chuck is resting incoherently and talking like I was General Patton or something. Not knowing, I had to do what hockey, interrupt his sermon and asked him just what he was talking about. He looked at me with that same strange expression. The man to stand up, follow an ignoring, I begin to get nervous, when he laughed hysterically, clapped me on the shoulder, and said I was an ex-Kill senior of the year. Figuring hack compiled names like Charles Manson and Ted Bundy, I left soon after.

I have to say I see more interesting people in Lake Placid this past weekend than I have anywhere else in recent memory. The hockey was great, the food was good, our hotel rocked, and I got some cool things at the White Pipe and Book store. All I have to do is avoid moody drunk guys named Tim and weinolds from Yish. Boy, talk about Mission Impossible. That's The View From My Neck of the Woods for now, I've got to go and take a nap.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hello everyone, I am the new person in town and I truly appreciate the heartfelt warmness and sincerity that so many of you extended to me. I feel that I am a welcome member to this beautiful community and I am excited to fulfill my role at this campus.

I am in the process of researching the campus politics and practitioner to fill these next few months with educational and entertaining events to interest and excite the entire college. To insure that these events are successful, I am inviting you, as well as requesting your assistance/ expertise in: 1) Attend events/personalities 2) Encourage others to attend. 3) Assist in programming. 4) Suggest events/activities/speakers.

I completely understand that time is of the essence. Many of us truly have for our professional and personal obligations. However, I would seriously appreciate your considering attending at least one event that peaks your interest. Your support in this endeavor will be greatly appreciated.

We all know that retention is a serious issue on our campus. Let's take this first step and really begin to show them that there are many things of interest "to do" on our campus and we attend them as well! Your presence is needed! Let's be role models for our students and prove that sparsity does not have to be "status quo." Multicultural/Diversity events are not solely for those who identify with being African-American, Asian, Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual, Latino, or Native American. The Office of Multicultural Affairs needs your help in knocking down those old walls and stereotypes that keeps us from really getting to know each other!!! Commit yourself to attend at least one event per month. Who knows you might be able to share a bit of your history with someone.

Maume Murphy, Jr. Coordinator of Multicultural Affairs
SUNY CANTON OFFERS COURSE ON WOMEN IN ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

The School of Engineering Technology will offer a new one-credit course entitled "Women in Engineering Technology" Mondays and Wednesdays from April 13 to May 6. The class will run from 5:30 to 8:30 PM. The course is designed for the "technology-curious." Students who possess the following qualifications are good candidates for the course:

* Wonder how things work
* Like to solve problems
* Like to use creative thinking
* Like working as part of a team
* Enjoy working as part of a team
* Enjoy challenging themselves
* Like the idea of a good paying job with a two year degree or one year certificate

No prior technical experience is necessary. The class will be hands-on and team-oriented. Students will complete a 12 hour technology module. They will also study theories about women and mathematics/technology careers; meet current female students in the engineering technologies; meet professional women with technology related jobs; and tour a workplace employing women in the engineering technologies.

Contact the Office of Extended Studies at 386-7102 or stop in the office at Nervaldine N105 between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM. For more information on the course, contact John Casy, Dean of SORC, or Anna Albert, equity and access coordinator for SORC at 386-7411.

HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION RECEIVES GRANT

The St. Lawrence County Historical Association, located in the Slater Wright House in Canton, New York, has received a $15,000 grant from the New York State Council of the Arts. This grant is made possible with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts, a State Agency. The money is to be used for general operating support of the Historical Association. According to Trent Truckle, the Executive Director of the St. Lawrence County Historical Association, "We are fortunate and honored to receive this important financial support given the competitive nature of grant funding these days. This money helps insure that the Association can continue to preserve and interpret county history for residents and visitors to the area."

The Historical Association is funded by memberships, donations, special fundraising programs, archives use, gift shop sales and various state and federal grants. The Museum and Archives are open Tuesday through Saturday from noon-4 pm. Admission to the museum is free. Admission to the archives is free to members, $2.50 for students and $5.00 for the general public. For more information contact the Association at (315) 386-8133.

PUBLIC SAFETY BYCICLE PATROL CELEBRATES 1ST BIRTHDAY

1997 ended the first complete year that utilized the SUNY Canton bicycle patrol. Two officers began in the summer of 1996 and continue to patrol campus on their Diamondback Apex mountain bicycles. Additionally, the department acquired two 1997 Raleigh Police Issue patrol bicycles. The Public Safety Department now has four bicycles and four bike patrol officers. The bicycles patrol a vital role in achieving the department's community policing goals. With four bicycle patrol officers, the Public Safety Department can offer nearly around-the-clock bicycle patrols enhancing personal interaction between officers and the campus community.

The officers traveled an approximate 275 miles between May and November 1997. There were several incidents (mainly in parking lots) where a bicycle patrol proved to be a quiet, undetected, approach to subjects involved in some type of prohibited activity. Besides their normal patrol duties, bicycle patrol officers have participated in the community as well. Seven local schools requested class presentations. The following schools have benefited from bike programs:

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PRO WRESTLING COMES TO SUNY CANTON

The world of professional wrestling comes alive on Monday, April 6, when the stars of the United States Wrestling Federation come to SUNY Canton's Diana Hall gymnasium. The event is being sponsored by the College Union Board and features a number of exciting matches sure to live up to the blood of all wrestling fans. The event will benefit St. Jude's Hospital and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The action gets underway at 7:30 PM. The matches on the night's card will feature Big John Studd vs Jim Cienko, Kid USA vs King Kolosso in a Heavyweight Title Match. The Spanish Angel will tangle with the Legend Larry Winter, HC LOC will defend his Junior Heavyweight Championship against the Dynamite Weaver. There will also be a tag team match featuring LaKiana vs Pajaro. There will be an autograph session during intermission so the fans can meet the wrestlers. Tickets are $10 for ringside, $5 for general admission with a college ID, or $7 without. Tickets are available at local Kinsey's Drug store and the SUNY Canton store. For more information, call 386-7315.

C.U.B. CORNER

Here are some of the upcoming events brought to you by the hard working folks on your College Union Board. If you would like to find out more about the C.U.B. or would like to get involved, please contact Dave Dance in the Campus Activities Office.

Friday, March 27
Noon Hour Concert: Robin Greenstein
Rendezvous
11:00 AM

Friday, March 27
Sunday, March 29
Noon Hour Concert: Starship Troopers
Payson 219
8:00 PM

Tuesday, March 31
Inflatagames: Sumo Wrestling
TBA
4:7 PM

Friday, April 3
Noon Hour Concert: Shari Richards
Rendezvous
11:00 AM

USWF Wrestling is coming to SUNY Canton on April 6!!! Tickets are now on sale at the SUNY Canton Bookstore, SUNY Potsdam Student Union, and Kinney's Drugs in Potsdam, Canton, and Ogdensburg. Cost is $10 Ringside, $7 General Admission, & $5 with College ID

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CALENDAR

Thursday, March 26 – The SUNY Canton LGBA will have a Ring the Bell Campaign in the FOB Lobby to promote Diversity and to combat discrimination.

Tuesday, March 31 – The El Noble Hospital in Gouverneur and the St. Lawrence County Chapter of the American Red Cross are sponsoring a First Aid and CPR Course beginning on Tuesday from 6:30 to 9:30 PM at the hospital annex. For more information, call 287-1000.

If you would like to have an announcement placed in the calendar, please send it to the The Tribune, SUNY Canton, Canton, NY 13617 or drop by our mailbox in the Campus Activities Office.

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HOCKEY NORTHSTARS PLACE SECOND
AT NJCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The SUNY Canton Nordstars' quest for their 15th National Championship in hockey came to an end on Sunday with a 5-3 loss to Minot State University, Minot State, located in Bismarck, North Dakota, was the Western Region Champions, and, with the win over Eastern Region Champions Canton Nordstars, are the 1998 National Champions. Minot State powered their way to the win with 3 of their first period goals.

Brian Linas scored Canton's first period goal assisted by Mike Braslaw and Geoff Hare. Braslaw added the Nordstars' second period tally on an assist from Linas and Jeff Ricci. Jamie Wheeler scored Canton's only third period goal with 8 seconds remaining in the contest. Geoff Hare and Jeff Ricci assisted on the goal. Captainside Chris Sherman took 32 shots for the Nordstars while Canton had 28 shots on goal against the Lakers/BlackJacks.

These Canton players were named to the Championship All Tournament Team. They were forward Geoff Hare, Defenseman Jeff Ricci, and goalie Chris Sherman. The Nordstars now finish their season with a 28-2-2 overall record and a 15-2 JUCO tally. In addition to being the 1998 NJCAA National Runner-Up, the Nordstars are also the reigning Region III Champions.

NORTHSTARS LACROSSE TEAM CHALLENGES NATION'S BEST

The SUNY Canton Lacrosse team challenged three of the nation's top junior college lacrosse teams this past week during their annual spring break tour of southern lacrosse schools. The Nordstars have traditionally played mid-season break in an effort to strengthen Canton's weather-scarred season. Ironically, this means playing the nation's top teams first, gauges most teams prefer to save until later in the season.

On Sunday, Canton fell in a tough 15-13 loss to Hartford Community College in Belair, Maryland. Hartford is currently ranked sixth in the country. Canton native Jesse Casterly led the Nordstars offense against the Fighting Owls with 6 goals and 1 assist, while Dustin Barber added 3 goals and 1 assist in the cause. Canton native Chif Koloin contributed 2 goals and 1 assist while Derek Goodough connected on 1 goal and 2 assists. Joel Coccorla scored a goal and an assist while Kevin Kelley made 3 assists. Paul Powers had 7 saves in goal for the Nordstars.

On Wednesday, the Nordstars took on Anne Arundel Community College, now ranked third in the country, in Annapolis, Maryland. The Nordstars defeated the Fighting Owls in a tight 9-8 win. Jjse Casterly, Dustin Barber, Kevin Kelley, and Derek Goodough each scored a goal and an assist against Anne Arundel while goalkeeper Paul Powers had 24 saves for Canton in the loss.

The Nordstars concluded their road trip on Saturday in Garden City, Long Island as they faced Nassau Community College. Nassau, the nation's second ranked team, defeated Tech by a 13-2 final. SUNY Canton, now 0-3 will play on Thursday at 7:00 PM as they took their first win at SUNY Morrisville.