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Senior Class of SUNY Brockport

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This year we are celebrating the seventh decade of Brockport's yearbook, Saga. In 1914 the Stylus published a special issue that in the intervening years took on the resemblance of a yearbook. In 1929 Saga was chosen as the name of Brockport State's yearbook, which would be an annual publication. In the words of the 1929 staff, "It is the hope of our class that we have built wisely and laid a foundation upon which will rest securely the reputation of the SAGA through coming years." The staff of the 1983 Saga acknowledges the foundation that has been built and we hope to continue the high standards set in the past.

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State University College At Brockport
Brockport, New York
When Dr. Brown came to Brockport late in 1965, the college’s enrollment was 3,243 and its organization was similar to the State Teachers’ College period of the 1950’s. He restructured the College into a wide range of academic departments under major divisions with 13 disciplines that grew to more than 30 disciplines offering 38 undergraduate majors and 14 master’s degree programs. The enrollment reached a high point of 11,678 students.

The comprehensive liberal arts college developed, offering many career-oriented programs with a particular emphasis on the human services. Majors in social work and criminal justice as well as the bachelor of science in nursing and bachelor of science in professional studies (recreation and leisure) are examples of this development, as well as one of the first liberal arts degrees in physical education in the United States.

Dr. Brown also stressed the development of the fine arts program at Brockport. Its liberal arts degree program in dance was the first in the state outside of metropolitan New York. The art, music and theatre departments grew rapidly in academic offerings, artistic performances, and exhibitions.

By the early 1970s, Brockport had become a leader in innovative education. Its bachelor of arts in liberal studies degree was one of the first nonresidential programs in the state. A three-year degree program, offered through the Alternate College has attracted national attention including the top award in innovative education given by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

In building the institution, Dr. Brown sought and recruited a faculty with outstanding credentials. The result of these efforts are evident in the success of Brockport graduates in advance study, the numbers of nationally recognized research grants and awards flowing to the faculty, and the scholarly achievements and honors given to the College and its faculty.
Brockport State University is constantly growing and expanding. Its physical appearance reflects this, in the architectural mixture of old and new representing various styles and periods of architecture. As the University progresses, its building program keeps pace as new replaces or is added on to the old. Plans are constantly being drawn for the future. All this, the structures and their placement, have given the school a compact character peculiar to its identity — one which slowly will evolve into another in coming generations.
Get-acquainted picnics, candlelight dinners, BSG mixers and a "Little Rubber Raft Race," are just a few of the activities that Brockport Freshmen enjoyed during Orientation 1982. Freshmen arrived on campus in many different ways - by planes, cars, buses and trains. During the week they registered, they received meal cards and were present at a New Student Convocation at which President Van de Watering presided. However, most of the students enjoyed the picnics, concerts, disco, roller skating and sports events best. The fun ended Friday as bewildered students searched for classes. It was back to the old routine for both old and new students who may have found it hard to adjust after the carefree days of summer.
Homecoming/Parents weekend 1982, was kicked off on Friday, October 8th. Parents and alumni arrived throughout the day and many activities were waiting for them to enjoy. WBSU held a twenty year reunion, while the dance department sponsored a concert featuring Alumni. The day was made complete with a huge bonfire and pep rally. A breakfast catered by Perkins restaurant was held to benefit a scholarship fund early Saturday morning. Following the breakfast, the most colorful event of the day was the parade on Main Street. Tissue paper and wire were transformed into a wide variety of floats depicting the theme of Homecoming: Fly Like An Eagle. Even though the Eagles were defeated, they showed Brockport's spirit.

Following the game a reception was held for parents and alumni in the New York Room in the Cooper center and the Class of 72 had a 10 year reunion at the Alumni House. Nate Rawls Big Band provided entertainment at the Saturday night BSG Semi-Formal. A fall festival on the Campus Mall and a High Tea concert concluded the three memorable days of festivities.
In commemorating seven decades of the Saga it seems fitting that those who made these sixty-nine Brockport State College yearbooks possible should be remembered. As the years pass by we realize that “a yearbook is a perfect memory.” Those who came to Brockport State before us reminisce about a Homecoming they’ll always remember, familiar buildings or a professor who inspired them. If it weren’t for the editors and their staffs, this wouldn’t be possible. It is to these editors of the past sixty-nine Sagas and their staffs that we recognize.

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Welcome To Our New President

We, the students at the State University College at Brockport, welcome Dr. John E. Van de Wetering as our president. Upon taking the office on July 1, 1982, Dr. Van de Wetering filled the vacancy created by Dr. Albert W. Brown, who was our president for sixteen years.

Dr. Van de Wetering received his bachelor's, master's, and PhD degrees in history from the University of Washington. He has served on the faculties of the Universities of Idaho, Washington, and Montana where he became a full professor of history. In 1977 he became president of Eastern Montana College at Billings.

Dr. Van de Wetering is known, too, for the authorship of a long list of publications. We feel we are fortunate in having this qualified man as our president. We appreciate the help he has given us in the past year and look forward to new cooperative efforts in the future.

John E. Van de Wetering was given the presidential chain of office in a formal investiture ceremony Saturday, May 8, at 11 a.m. in the Tuttle North gymnasium. Chancellor Clifton R. Wharton, Jr., appointed Van de Wetering president in the morning ceremony.

The ceremony began with a procession led by grand marshal Clark Whited. Whited, who has been at the College since 1946, is the most senior member of the Brockport faculty.

The colorful procession featured marshals and delegates in full academic regalia. The Brockport Symphony Brass Quintet performed the inaugural prelude, processional and recessional. Reverend Perry T. Fuller of the First Presbyterian Church of Brockport gave the invocation.

A musical performance by soprano Susan Huston and pianist Dowell Multer took place. Mirko Pylyshenko, chairman of the art department, read a poem written for the occasion by William Heyen, professor of English.

To complete this gala event a semi-formal inaugural ball was held in the Seymour College Union.
THE NEW FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE PLEDGE

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In January, 1982, The Department of Nursing and Nursing Club held the annual Nurses Convocation Ceremony to honor the juniors who have successfully completed their first demanding semester. The tradition, started in the early '70's, is a way of encouraging the junior students in the tough semesters ahead. During the ceremony the females received caps and the males, ribbons, bringing them one step closer to their chosen career.
Nuclear Symposium: Ground Zero

Roger Molander, executive director of Ground Zero, a nuclear war education project, took Brockport State students Tuesday night, October 26, on a "trip to visit nuclear war."

Molander described the threat of nuclear war as "always scary." It is a trip that we might all go on someday. "The problem is how to prevent nuclear war," Molander stated. "It is a crime that does not have to happen," he added.

The consequences of nuclear war are devastating. "It will be a world for novelists, not for analysts," Molander said.

The threat of nuclear war is a problem of our own making. But we can do something about it. If we solve this problem we will be the most extraordinary people in history but if we don't we will end up as nothing but a dead planet, according to Molander.

Dr. Molander was a member of the National Security Council staff in the White House from 1974-1981, serving under three presidents. His principle area of responsibility was strategic nuclear policy issues which included chairing the interagency working group which prepared all of the analytical material for the SALT negotiations.

This lecture was part of the anti-nuclear weapons campaign sponsored by Brockport Student Government and the General Education Department.

Special Olympics Park

The Special Olympics Park was dedicated in a formal ceremony, Friday, October 8th at 11 a.m. Wolodymyr Pylyshenko, a member of the art department was the host speaker for the dedication. Many remarks were made about the beautiful work of the Soviet artist Zerab Tswerttel. He designed the metal architectural emblem in the center of the Special Olympics Park.

Plans for the park began in 1979 when William Minioia, a senior groundsman at Brockport State, drew up the plans. Many generous contributions from local establishments made the park a reality. Passero-Scardetta, an engineering firm, completed a free survey for grading the park. Robert Martell, owner of the Garden Factory contributed all the flowers and shrubbery in the park. Nory Construction donated bricks and paving stones. The stone for the walkways and bases was donated by Concrete Materials. The Director of Plant Management and the maintenance crew of SUNY Brockport were responsible for the landscaping.

At the end of the ceremony, Brockport's former president Brown left us with the following words of the park's completion: "finished in time with love."
Robert Blalock
"Star Wars"

The force was with Brockport State on September 14th when Robert Blalock, took the audience on a two hour journey through special effects wonders of his films.

Today founder of Praxis Film Works and co-owner of the successful Motion Pictures Inc., Robert Blalock's name has become synonymous with special visual effects in the movie industry.

Oscar winner in 1978, for special visual effects in "Star Wars," Blalock has developed mechanical, optical and electronic techniques which transcend the viewer vicariously through the film experience.

The program began with a series of slides portraying the many hours it took to develop the effects on Star Wars. The slides featured the collaboration of many artists who developed the vehicles used in the movie.

Following the slide presentation a short movie consisting of excerpts from some of his popular films was shown.

He has been involved in many blockbuster films: Star Wars, Empire Strikes Back, Airplane, Cosmos, Wolfen and China Syndrome.

At the end of the evening Blalock was asked which movies he was most proud of, he replied: "Altered States" and "Wolfen."

Livingston Taylor In Concert

Livingston Taylor put on a generous and well staged performance before Brockport students on Saturday, October 22.

Taylor began his performance with the highly popular song "First Time Love." He sang every song his hardcore fans could want - "I Will Be In Love With You," "Bluer Than Blue," and "Jacques Cousteau," and he sang them with obvious enthusiasm.

Livingston Taylor was born in Boston, Massachusetts in 1951. He was the youngest in a family of five. Brothers Alex, James and Livingston spent many hours singing with each other which led to their future successes.

An accomplished singer, Taylor has six albums to his credit. His first album was entitled "Livingston Taylor." His most recent album "Man's Best Friend," was recorded a short time ago.

After a standing ovation, Taylor came back for an encore in which he sang about man's best friend.

Cultural Week

"Soul In," a lecture entitled "Blacks in America Socially and Politically," and a performance by the African Dance Troup, Agroma are just a few of the events that highlighted Cultural Week.

The Organization for Students of African Descent sponsored a Cultural Week from November 6 - November 13. For the past three years OSAD presents "Soul In," a talent show. Any Brockport student who is willing to perform for other students can participate. This year many outstanding students performed in "Soul In."
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This year's staff has been cooperative and has contributed tremendously in the formation of this publication.

Next year and the following years, I wish you all the best of luck in the SAGA staff. I hope that you, the students will continue to support SAGA with the understanding that it is one of Brockport State's valuable traditions.

Stephanie Voorheis, Editor

Many thanks to Raymond B. Kavey and Yearbook Associates

Raymond B. Kavey

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There are very few positive but numerous negatives things that can be written about the 1982 Brockport State Football team. It was a disappointing year in which the Golden Eagles were outscored 303-94 by their opponents as they suffered through a 1-8 season. The campaign's high point came in the squad's home opener, as they defeated Buffalo State 29-26 before a large Special Olympics Stadium crowd. A 54-7 loss to rival University of Rochester provided the low point of the 1982 season. The visiting Yellowjackets were winless going into the Brockport contest.


On a positive note senior fullback David Cotter became the first 2,000 yard career rusher in Brockport State history. Cotter who finished with 2,120 yards on 516 attempts and 19 touchdowns passed the 2,000 yard mark on October 16 in a 38-13 loss to Canisius College.
The 1982 season will be remembered as a year in which the Brockport State Soccer team could not win but then could not lose. The Golden Eagles set an NCAA record for tie games in a season enroute to a 2-6-8 mark.

After getting off to an impressive 2-0 start by capturing the first Brockport Invitational Soccer Tournament the booters battled through a frustrating year. But even without the wins the Golden Eagles provided their fans with a number of exciting games. One such contest was a 2-1 loss to SUNYAC Western Division champion Buffalo State. In the hard fought game Brockport scored the only regular season SUNYAC goal against Buffalo State. Other strong showings came in a 0-0 tie with SUNYAC champion Binghamton and a 4-0 loss to Division I power Syracuse University, in which the Eagles hit at least two goal posts.

Senior Dan Orbaker, junior Mike Von Schiller, and sophomore Steve Pawley will remember 1982 for their individual successes on the soccer field. Orbaker capped off his fine career at Brockport by being named to the Western Division All- SUNYAC squad. Von Schiller and Pawley received honorable mention.
The Brockport State Field Hockey team turned a "rebuilding year" around with a six-game winning streak that ended just one game short of giving the sticksters their third straight New York State Championship. The streak opened with overtime wins over the University of Rochester and Slippery Rock State and came to a disappointing conclusion with a 2-1 loss to the University of Buffalo in the N.Y.S.A.I.A.W. Division III Final. Sandwiched between were a 1-0 upset of Division I Cornell and a 1-0 victory over rival Hartwick.

Coach Nanette Fox's squad, which finished with a 8-6 record, was led offensively by junior Barb Gau with four goals and sophomore Linda Heywood with four assists. Senior co-captain Jana Johnston provided three goals and three assists.
Cross-Country

The Brockport State mens' cross-country team enjoyed 5-0 dual meet record during 1982. An upset of arch-rival Cortland highlighted the Golden Eagles season. Their female counterparts finished with a 3-2 mark. The men's and women's squads, under the direction of first year coach John Underwood, unfortunately failed to turn in strong performances in their respective SUNYAC and state meets.

Back Row: D. Jones, P. Hoyt, T. Janson, E. Kollmar, R. Eaton, O. Heath
Front Row: L. Stevenson, T. Hanson, R. Routtner, D. Ulrich
The Brockport State Women’s Gymnastics team is steadily growing into a regional power under the direction of second-year head coach Mickey Orr. The Lady Eagles, competing as a Division III school, placed an impressive third in the combined NYSAIAW Division II and III Championships and qualified for the NCAA Division II and III Northeast Regionals. At the Regionals, Brockport’s Carlene Ferraro finished eighth in the all-around competition and teammate Ellen Selsmeyer finished in 10th place. Selsmeyer, holder of the school record in the vault, placed second in both the State and Regional meets in that event.

The gymnasts shattered a number of school records for team and individual scoring as they improved on their strong performance of the 1981-82 season.

Brockport’s overall dual meet record of 3-2 included a mid-season victory over Cortland State, a team they had not beaten in seven years.
Mens' Varsity Basketball

Mens' Basketball head coach Bill Van Gundy and his team will always remember the 1982-83 season for at least one reason—Brockport's stunning upset of Buffalo State. The Golden Eagles' home court 47-46 win on February 3 came with the Bengals sitting atop the NCAA Division III national poll.

Despite a 7-15 overall record, the young Brockport squad stayed in the running for a SUNYAC tournament bid until the final week of the season. The Golden Eagles finished with a 5-5 SUNYAC record.
WOMENS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

The Brockport State Women's Basketball team battled to a 10-11 record in a season hampered by inconsistency. The Lady Eagles, a strong mixture of upper and lower classwomen, generally played well against their weaker opponents but could rarely put together the strong performance needed to knock off their tougher Division II and III opponents.

On individual notes—seniors Mary Sullivan and Dugan Davies were named to the RAC (Rochester Area Colleges) All-Tournament team, while Sullivan along with juniors Jill Bergman and Clare Drexler were named to the Brockport Invitational All-Tournament team (the Lady Eagles placed second in the event). Drexler, who had an outstanding season at center for the Green and Gold, was also honored as the Lady Niagara Player of the Week in New York State Division III women's basketball for the period of January 25 to February 1.
Hockey

Back Row: Coach Bill Greer, Asst. Coach Rob Gethin, Jim Jackson, Noel Secore, Carl Merse, George Harrington, Michael Rhodenburg, Steve Towson, Jeff Keer, Gary Weyl, Craig Hansen, Mike Ciunt, Mike Stewart, Mike Bouchard, Marc Piccini, Chris McCune, Paul D'Aute, General Manager Bill Lajeunesse, Manager Mike Lowell. Front Row: Steve Nugent, Paul Cichon, Chris Peck, Mike Giovanniello (tri-captain), Ron Capobianco (tri-captain), Jim Hoffman (tri-captain), Peter Bonazzi, Nick Murphy, Bobby Amore. Not Photographed: Dave Cotter, Manager, Bob Valoff.
Coach Donald Murray's Wrestling team enjoyed another memorable season in 1983. The Golden Eagles won their second consecutive and fourth overall NCAA Division III Championship, took their 10th SUNYAC title, and earned their third New York State Intercollegiate Wrestling Championship title.

Other accomplishments of the 1982-83 season included:
- Seniors Anthony Conetta, Ron Winnie, and Frank Famiano all became Division III national champions.
- Sophomores Jeff Cox and Scott Nichols earned All-American status.
- Frank Famiano was awarded his second consecutive "Outstanding Wrestler" trophy for his performance in the Nationals.
- Famiano, Winnie, Cox, and Conetta win SUNYAC individual titles.
- Coach Murray named SUNY Coach of the Year.
- Brockport became the first team to have all 10 of its members earn All-New York State honors.
- Frank Famiano at 126 lbs. and Ron Winnie at 150 lbs. placed sixth and eighth in their respective weight-class at the NCAA Division I Championships to each earn All-American honors.
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