

# 7,800 students return to Potsdam's colleges

By Will Brady

The colleges are opening again for another school year this week, pulling Potsdam out of another quiet summer. The student population will swell the local census by approximately 7,800, with about 4,500 graduate and undergraduate students at SUC Potsdam. Clarkson College's projected enrollment figures are around 3,300 for both categories.

Apartment hunters may find themselves with some stiff competition for the students this year. State University will house about 2,600 of their students in the dorms and an additional 1,100 are expected to be living off campus during the next school year. Clarkson students living off campus are also expected to number close to 1,100.

Officials at Clarkson College have indicated that they expect approximately 760 freshmen this year, while State University College at Potsdam anticipates 925 freshmen and 330 transfer students.

Figures from Clarkson show that the students in specific disciplines break down as follows: graduate and undergraduate Engineering 2,099; Management students 749 Arts and

Sciences 436. There were also 19 other students who had not yet declared an interest in any particular major.

State University College officials indicated that close to 800 people will be employed on the state payroll, including both faculty and staff. An additional 195 individuals will be employed at the State College by a related, non-profit arm of the college, the Potsdam College Development Fund, which operates various services at the college such as the college bookstore and the food services operation.

Residents are glad to see the students returning, indicating that their presence may bring a welcome cash flow into the local economy. One of the managers at a local fast food operation on outer Market Street noted an increase in business already, which could lead to hiring more part time help. Other people, accustomed to enjoying the quiet of Potsdam in the summer, when most of the students are gone, greet them begrudgingly at best. What ever one's feelings about their return, it is clear, by the increase in downtown loop traffic as well as busier stores and restaurants, that the students are back in town.



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## Dateline...

**PASNY HEARING**  
ALBANY—The Public Service Commission will resume hearings next month on the application of the Power Authority of the State of New York (PASNY) for a permit to construct a 765,000 volt electric transmission line linking the Quebec border to the Utica area.

The hearings will be limited to testimony concerning the feasibility of alternate routings to avoid some State reforestation areas and a small part of the Adirondack Park in the Town of Diana and on a departure proposed by PASNY from the route certified by the Commission near Sandy Creek in the Towns of Croghan and New Bremen.

The hearings before Examiner Thomas R. Matias will begin at 1 p.m. Wednesday, September 8, in the Lewis County Court House at Lowville, where they continue the next day at 10 a.m., and at 10 a.m. Friday, September 9, in the St. Lawrence County Court House, Canton.

During the hearings, testimony will be taken from affected landowners and other members of the public with an interest in the routing proposals, but that testimony will be strictly limited to the specified local routing issues. As time permits, testimony also will be taken from PASNY, Commission Staff, Adirondack Park Agency, and Department of Environmental Conservation witnesses.

**VOTER REGISTRATION**  
ALBANY—The period of August 23-28 has been designated "Voter Registration Week" by Governor Carey in a proclamation emphasizing that "the right to vote is a precious one, a right that must be nurtured and protected."

"To participate in the political process we must vote for those whom we feel will best represent our views," the Governor said.

"To exercise the voting franchise we must register to vote."

Citing New York's leadership in the liberalizing of voting rights, he added:

"In the past year, New York became one of the first states in the nation to allow eligible citizens to register and enroll by mail and we have adopted other legislation protecting and expanding voters' rights. New York must continue its leadership in this important area."

**BARRACKS DEDICATED**  
ALBANY—A new \$1.1 million facility, the first permanent type, all-weather barracks to be constructed at Fort Drum, near Watertown, was dedicated on Wednesday, August 18, 1976, in honor of General Dwight W. Abrams Jr., former Chief of Staff, U.S. Army.

Completion of this project has been followed by the recent announcement of federal appropriations amounting to over \$15.5 million for construction and rehabilitation at the Post.

According to Major General Vito J. Castellano, Chief of Staff to Governor Hugh L. Carey, this is a very significant development for the future of the huge New York military reservation and for the economy of several northern New York counties. There has been some concern in recent years that Fort Drum would be one of several to be closed as a result of budget cuts. However, its importance to the Department of Defense, as a training facility for Guardsmen and Reservists, is emphasized by the decision to spend large sums on construction.



JOE FITZSIMMONS, Don Darmody and Lois Wilder busy at work preparing some of the 120 heads of lettuce that will go into use for today's super sub session at Potsdam State, where 280 feet of submarine sandwich is scheduled to be constructed. (Mike Kane Photo)

## Deli builds 280 ft. sub; and that's no baloney

By Will Brady

What is believed to be the world's largest continuous submarine construction will be built today by the owners of Deli-Cafe as part of the events welcoming new students to State University College at Potsdam for the upcoming school year.

The sub will be built in dry dock in the lobby of the Student Union on the State College Campus. The sub actually will consist of 35 individual eight foot long submarine sandwiches. Twenty-five of these sandwiches will be "regular" subs, including pressed ham, salami and provolone cheese while the remaining ten subs will be made of turkey meat. In addition, all of the subs will contain lettuce, tomatoes, onions, oregano, grated cheese and "gallons of oil and vinegar."

Joe Fitzsimmons, one of the three co-proprietors of the Deli-Cafe at the corner of Market and Main Street, indicated he is looking forward to the project. "I think it will be a fun production," he said, when the Courier and Freeman spoke with him about today's endeavor. He noted that producing it would require using six pounds of meat and cheese for each eight feet of sub. All the subs combined will stretch out to a length of 280 feet.

An enviable stock of salad type goods, including 120 heads of lettuce, 100 pounds of tomatoes and 50 pounds of onions, would be put to use in the making of the subs, he indicated, dry-eyed. Twenty gallons of mayonnaise will be used on the subs as well. Peppers will be available for those who want them, he added, but they won't be placed on the sub itself.

The giant submarine project is sponsored by the college's Student Advisory Board as but one facet of a week of undertakings presented in an effort to make the approximately 1100 new students comfortable at Potsdam. The rest of the week's highlights will include a film, "For Pete's Sake" on Tuesday night as well as a dance on Wednesday evening in the Academic Quadrangle, featuring Double Axle and a "New Student Show" an impromptu comedy revue in the college's Multipurpose Room of the Student Union on Thursday and Friday evenings.

Of the sub construction event, Fitzsimmons noted, "I think it's going to be a

ball. We'll try to get everybody on assembly line production. You know, one person putting on the salami, another the cheese, yet another the lettuce and tomatoes."

Fitzsimmons, one of the original partners owning the Deli-Cafe is a graduate of SUC at Potsdam. The second original partner, Marty Posner, had been a doctoral candidate at Clarkson College, working on a degree in chemical engineering when the two started the Deli-sub originally located farther up Market Street three years ago. Last year, they moved to their present location, expanded the size and volume of their operation and took on a third partner, Pat Cassidy, also a graduate of SUC at Potsdam.

## School opens September 7

The Lawrence Avenue Elementary School will open on Tuesday, September 7, at 9:00 a.m. On Tuesday there will be a full-day session with students in grades 1-5 being dismissed at 3:15 p.m. There will be afternoon kindergarten classes on Tuesday. Regular cafeteria service will begin on Tuesday, September 7, with prices the same as last year.

Pupils who will be in grades 1-5 will report at 9:00 a.m. to the classrooms assigned to them. Students will receive a post card notifying them of classroom assignments.

New students not yet registered in grades K-5 will report to the Primary Cafeteria for registration and assignment to classes.

## Fireworks set for Aug. 31

A fireworks display will be held at the SUC Potsdam Soccer field on outer Main Street Tuesday evening, August 31. Starting around 9 p.m. The fireworks are part of the activities of "Orientation Week", the first week of school at the college.

Sponsored by the Student Advisory Board, the fireworks display will be under the control of Steven and Michael Savoia, representatives of the Rockingham Fireworks Manufacturers and Displays, Inc. of Tappan.

Joe Sarnoff, coordinator of the weeks

events has asked that people coming to see the ground and air display park near the lots adjacent to the Crane Music Complex in order to avoid traffic snarls during and after the display.

The Student Advisory Board, chaired by students John Dixon and Vera Thurston, is designed to assist new students in adjusting to college.

Sarnoff indicated that if it rains on the scheduled date, an alternate date is scheduled for the next evening, Wednesday, September 1.

KINDERGARTEN PUPILS - Morning kindergarten pupils already registered will report to the rooms assigned them at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Morning kindergarten pupils will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. Afternoon kindergarten pupils will report to the kindergarten rooms assigned them at 12:45 p.m. Tuesday afternoon. They will be dismissed from school at 3:15 p.m.

Parents of kindergarten pupils are asked to pin a slip of paper on their child's outer garment, listing the child's name, parent's name, address, including road name, and telephone number, as well as the teacher's name and room number. Please do this each day for the first week of school.

MRS. HENRY A. GEIDEL holds one of the two permanent tennis trophies won by Jill and Terry Margosian in the Potsdam Junior Tennis Tournament. Harold Hughes looks on. (Mike Kane Photo)

## Lower tax levy approved by Potsdam School Board

By Mike Kane

An excess of \$54,000 in the operating fund from the last school year has resulted in a lowering of the anticipated overall total tax levy in the Potsdam Central School District this year.

At the regularly scheduled August meeting of the Potsdam Central School Board, held last night at the High School, the Board set the tax levy at \$1,770,476.67. The \$54,000 differential will result in a lowering of the anticipated tax hike for the upcoming year. Originally, a \$13 per thousand increase for residents in the Town of

Potsdam had been forecast, however, it now appears that taxpayers in the Town of Potsdam will pay approximately \$10 more per thousand this year.

Board of Education member Ernest Brown tendered his resignation at last night's meeting. Brown, whose term was set to expire in June of 1978 will be replaced by a Board appointment for the remainder of the school year pending the normal school board elections in the spring. At the spring elections, a one year term will be available to fill the one year remaining on Brown's term of office.

A group of concerned parents appeared before the Board to express their dissatisfaction with the installation of vending machines in the High School. Calling the vending machines products, "junk food", The Parents Interested in Good Nutrition presented the Board with letters signed by area doctors and dentists that cited the faults of the vending machine products. Board members agreed to look into the problem and will explore the possibility of altering the machine's products so as to give students the opportunity to purchase more nutritious items.



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High School Principal Jay Bouchard explained that the machines are not in operation during the normal school hours and that they had originally been installed at the request of the Athletic Department to provide funds for athletic awards. Athletic award monies had been pared from the school budget last year.

In an effort to avoid conflicts with Village of Potsdam Board meetings, the School Board established the second Monday of the month as the date for the regularly scheduled meeting. The fourth Monday of the month was reserved for the monthly informational meeting.

The Board accepted the recommendation of Elementary School Principal Gary Snell and Superintendent Carlos Guiterrez to hire Jane Canning as an elementary teacher on the first step of the Bachelor column.

The experimental sports program was approved for the upcoming school year. This program allows an unusually mature eighth grade student to participate in high school athletics after having undergone a series of physicals and other tests. Also approved was a program that would allow high school seniors to choose an outside activity such as karate to replace the normal physical education class. This program would encourage students to participate in sports not offered in the school and in other "lifetime" activities that he or she may be interested in.

The appointment of Sherwood Smith as Director of Arts was agreed to in principle, although the Board requested a more detailed plan from Smith concerning his goals for the Arts-Industrial Arts program.

The three year insurance quotation was tabled until later this week. The Board agreed to meet again Thursday, with an executive session at 7 p.m. followed by a public meeting at 8 p.m.

I NEED A LITTLE PICK-ME-UP IN THE AFTERNOON...MOST WOMEN DON'T BECOME ALCOHOLICS...

Alcohol picks you up about as well as ether-it's a depressant! As for women not becoming alcoholics-today the ratio of men alcoholics to women alcoholics is 3-1. It used to be 6-1.