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on campus and is part of the National Register of Historic Places because of its unique Tudor-style architecture.

This limits the amount of alterations that can be made to the original design. Phase I renovations to Hawkins Hall, completed in 1995, concentrated on the third floor of the east side.

Phase II renovations, under Murnane Building Construction Inc., include the replacement of wiring and air handling systems in most of the classrooms and offices on the west side, the side facing Draper Avenue.

Work is also being done on the two outdoor courtyards within the building. These courtyards are being brought up to the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act, making them accessible to people with wheelchairs.

During the construction, about 75 percent of the building's usable space, including classrooms and offices have had to relocate elsewhere on campus.

Other major construction in Hawkins involves the renovation of the E. Glenn Giltz auditorium, which is undergoing a major makeover. This project alone accounts for much of the \$15 million price tag for renovating Hawkins.

The auditorium is receiving new items which fit in with its original architecture. Crews are installing new seats, draperies, and a new clock, appropriate to the building's age.

Crews have also uncovered the large cathedral-like windows which run alongside the seating inside the auditorium. Previously covered because of their age and expensive heating costs, the windows will be replaced with newer insulated glass which will appear much like the old ones.

Funding for the podium and Hawkins Phase II projects comes from the State University of New York, State University Construc-

tion Fund. This funding was set up during the late '60s under the leadership of then-Governor Nelson Rockefeller who funded much of the building on SUNY campuses. The State University built the buildings and still owns them. It is therefore their responsibility to maintain them.

The funding for projects such as Hawkins Phase II does not come out of tuition but is funded directly by the state.

Other projects on the way include the replacement of a hot water pipe around Yokum Hall. The new pipe now sits outside the building, waiting to be buried in the summer of 1998.

Another major will be the replacement of large electrical transformers in the residence halls.

These transformers, when first installed, contained hazardous PCB's. Recently the hazardous material was drained, but the transformers remained. Although they are not a threat, starting next year the college will renovate two transformers a year.

This should be noticeable because of the large size of these transformers. They are in some cases larger than residence hall rooms and were first installed on the bottoms floors and the buildings were then built around them.

This means removing them involves knocking down a wall of each residence hall. Most residence halls have them in their basements with the exception of the cluster of high rises around Clinton Dining Hall, whose transformers are located underneath the walkway to Clinton from Rugar Street.

With all of the construction underway, many students find different ways to cope and attempt to find quiet places to study. With the recent podium construction winding down, and other projects on the way, construction seems to be a way of life on campus.

# Memorial Hall gymnasium floor being refurbished

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The main gymnasium has been closed since the before school began, as anyone who has been to the Fitness Center or the pool knows. Anyone who has peeked in the door also might think that there isn't any gym there at all.

Instead, what is found is a massive reconstruction project that spans every last square inch of the gym, which, according to Stan Supinski, maintenance and service director, will cost the state close to \$230,000.

"It was done in a first-class fashion," said Larry Cowan, director of athletics, who seemed excited about the extensive renovations. He went on to detail the improvements this project would

deliver. As well as a new 'floating wood' floor with a better surface, the facility is currently being refinished, sanded and repainted. Students and other gym users also have a brand-new \$1,000 sound system to enjoy, especially while they're doing layups on the newly installed baskets.

Probably the most immediately impressive new feature of Memorial Hall gym, however, will be the bleachers.

The spectators can look forward to vinyl-upholstered seats, while event coordinators will have mechanized bleachers, allowing the floor to be quickly cleared or filled as necessary. This means there will be more time to use the facility, as the turnover time will be cut to no more than half an

hour.

The net result of all this alteration will be a modernized gym, which will shortly be fully equipped to meet any demand for the full range of athletic and recreational activities practiced there.

As for those looking for a basketball court to use now, Director of Recreational Services Leith Bardon says that only half the Sibley Hall gym can be used in the interim. The other half is also being resurfaced, which leaves only two side courts available for games of 3-on-3 at most.

The Memorial Hall gym is due to open at the earliest, two weeks from Friday. Hours will be Monday to Thursday, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

## Public Safety Blotter

### September 9

9:20 a.m. Yokum Hall — A student reported his bike stolen from the bike rack near the entrance to the building. Incident report was filed.

8:40 p.m. Mason Hall — A student of the residence hall reported his bike stolen from the bike rack outside the hall. An incident report was filed.

11:44 p.m. Angell Center — An employee reported that a group of people were in the Warren Ballroom smoking and drinking beer. Patrol responded and the group of people were leaving. Campus Life was notified and will handle the follow-up.

### September 10

7:42 p.m. Moffitt Hall — Report of students stuck in the even elevator. Patrol responded and was able to remove them from the elevator.

### September 12

8:25 p.m. Sibley Hall — A student reported the theft of an unattended jacket. An incident report was completed.

### September 13

12:50 a.m. Rugar Street — Patrol observed a student pull his trousers down repeatedly while walking down the middle of the street. Subject was arrested for disorderly conduct and issued an appearance for City Court.

2:32 a.m. Whiteface Hall — A report of a non-campus affiliated male in the residence hall. He was arrested for criminal trespass.

2:30 a.m. Tower Roadway — Patrol observed a student urinating near a dumpster. College charges filed.

3:18 a.m. Macomb Hall — Report of a fight in the hall. Patrol responded and found that a male student had been punched in the mouth by another male student. Two teeth had been broken. College charges filed and criminal charges are pending.

### September 14

3:32 a.m. Mason Hall — Patrol responded to an altercation between two students. College charges are pending.

11:20 a.m. Parking Lot J — Report of a vehicle striking a section of fence in the parking lot and leaving the scene. Patrol was able to locate the driver. An accident report was filed and tickets issued for speed not reasonable and leaving the scene.

8:20 p.m. Grounds — Patrol located four students on the grounds and one was arrested for possession of marijuana. An appearance ticket was issued for city court. College charges filed against all four.

### September 15

6:02 p.m. MacDonough Hall — Report of a fire alarm. Patrol and city fire department responded. No cause for alarm activation could be found.

10:52 p.m. MacDonough Hall — Report of someone smoking marijuana. Patrol found five students congregating for the purpose of smoking marijuana. College charges are being filed.

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## WEATHER FORECAST

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If you're new to the Plattsburgh area like I am, you might be wondering if the weather is always this nice around here. Actually, we've been enjoying some great late summer weather here across the North Country.

After a fairly cool July and August, summer has decided to make one last run before autumn arrives. Since the start of the semester, temperatures have been averaging about five to seven degrees above normal. Our normal high for this time of year is only in the upper 60s. The last few weeks have stayed mainly dry as well.

Don't expect to see 70s for too much longer. Fall begins next week, and Mother Nature likes to keep things running on schedule.

Thursday Night: Clear and cool. Low 49.

Friday: One last nice day before some messy weather arrives. Look for partly sunny skies and afternoon highs to reach the mid 70s.

Friday Night: Some clouds will begin to move into the region. A shower possible after midnight, with lows dipping into the low 50s.

Saturday: Periods of showers likely through most of the day under cloudy skies. Highs in the low 70s.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy with a few scattered showers. Lows reaching the mid 50s.

Sunday: Cooler with a lingering morning shower. High 66.

CARDINAL POINTS general staff meetings every  
Wednesday, 9 p.m., in the  
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