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The Year's at the Spring

UP CLOSE AND INDIVIDUALLY, THE TREES LOOK AS IF THEY'RE STILL DEEP IN THEIR ANNUAL sleep. But soon, from a distance, the first faint promise of green will be visible.

That's when you should plan to visit the Maud Gordon Holmes Arboretum on the Buffalo State campus. At its 1962 dedication, the arboretum consisted of about 300 trees. Today, more than 1,700 trees representing more than 75 species grow here.

The arboretum is a resource for Buffalo State and McKinley High School students as well as the community. The plantings include trees selected for their blossoms (crabapples, lindens, Kwanzan cherries), their uniqueness (ginkgos, dawn redwoods), and their ability to adapt to a well-used urban environment (London planetrees, Austrian pines). Lady Bird Johnson visited the campus in the 1960s and planted a littleleaf linden as part of her beautification efforts.

More recent supporters include the Western New York State Nursery and Landscape Association, which donated a gray dogwood to replace one they donated 35 years ago.

When you visit, don't miss:
• The dawn redwoods, living fossils unchanged from the days when the dinosaurs roamed.
• The “old quad,” a grassy green surrounded by four of the campus’s original five buildings, mellowed now with time.
• The memorial rock in front of Rockwell Hall, commemorating the dedication of the Maud Gordon Holmes Arboretum.
• The two-color Kwanzan cherry west of Upton Hall (usually blooms mid-May).
• The energy and vitality of Upton Quad, where thousands of students cross every day between classes.

While you’re walking, notice other features. One plaque tells you who donated the bells that chime each quarter hour over Elmwood Avenue. Others honor or memorialize students, faculty, and friends of the college. You also can enjoy sculptures from many eras of the college’s 72-year presence at this location.

Partnerships Foster Quality Human Services

TEENS IN FOSTER CARE …the HIV-positive child… children and families who need health care.

Clients receiving social services probably have never heard of the Center for Development of Human Services (CDHS). But their learning and life experiences have likely been shaped by the training the center provides.

The center conducts training for child welfare caseworkers throughout New York State and provides most Medicaid and Child and Family Health Plus training. CDHS also offers management, leadership, and process-improvement training for agencies.

A program of the Research Foundation of SUNY at Buffalo State, CDHS was founded in 1976 by a small group of Buffalo State social work faculty. The center now employs 240 and fulfills contracts totaling $32 million a year.

Buffalo State faculty and staff partner with the center, serving as consultants, trainers, evaluators, researchers, and curricula and program developers. CDHS and the college also are developing a master's degree program in human services administration.