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Oswego State to host symposium on sportsmanship

Session at Oswego State to examine state of fair play, respect, civility.

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Sportsmanship will be the topic for a March 3 forum at the State University College at Oswego.

Tim Delaney, a sociology professor, organized the event as a tie-in to National Sportsmanship Day, which is also March 3.

The symposium, which runs from 2:20 to 5:45 p.m., will examine whether society is winning the battle for fair play, respect and civility, according to Delaney.

In light of stories about baseball stars using steroids, basketball teams running up huge scores against under matched opponents and the number of athletes being arrested, Delaney believes that it is important to promote sportsmanship.

"I came up with this idea because I have been teaching a course on sport sociology for many years now and was amazed how few students were aware of National Sportsmanship Day," which is in its 19th year.

A panel of professors from the college will look at sportsmanship as it relates to economics, history, media, philosophy, political science, psychology and sociology. Delaney said he hopes to have student-athletes participate in the panel as well.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will be in Room 101 of Lanigan Hall on the college campus.

For more information, contact Delaney at 312-3410 or tdelaney@oswego.edu, or visit the National Sportsmanship Day Web site at www.internationalsport.com/NSD.

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