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Helping Hands

Alumni, students and faculty share UAlbany's commitment to service by doing good works for their neighbors in the Capital Region, throughout New York State and around the world.

The Big Picture



This cute canine donned UAlbany purple and gold (of course!) to visit campus last October for Homecoming Weekend. The pup's presence elicited smiles from the human revelers – and surely helped to spur the Great Danes to a 27-3 Northeast Conference victory over Saint Francis. Go, Danes!

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In this issue of *UAlbany*, the cover story, “Helping Hands,” highlights some of our outstanding alumni, students and faculty members who are working to make the world a better place. Some are volunteers; others are paid for their efforts. But all exemplify the University’s mission to provide education, research and service both at home and abroad. As you read about the contributions these men and women have made to their communities, please keep in mind that your work, too, reflects on UAlbany – and that we are also very proud of all *you* do.

– University at Albany Interim President
George M. Philip, B.A.’69, M.A.’73

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From the Podium

By Carol Olechowski

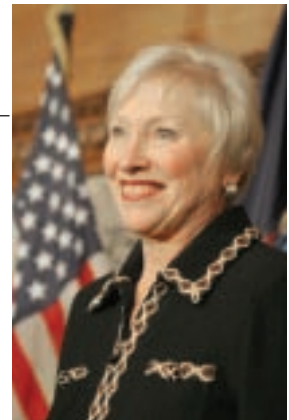
SUNY Trustees Name Nancy L. Zimpher Chancellor

The State University of New York Board of Trustees has appointed Nancy L. Zimpher SUNY's 12th chancellor, effective June 1.

Zimpher, the first woman to hold that position, joins SUNY from the University of Cincinnati, where she has served as president since October 2003. During her tenure, UC increased enrollment; finalized a 15-year,

\$1.7 billion capital effort; and launched a \$1 billion fundraising campaign.

Zimpher succeeds former Chancellor and U.S. Navy Vice Admiral John R. Ryan, who left in May 2007 to become president of the Center for Creative Leadership in Greensboro, N.C. Ryan served as interim president at the University at Albany from 2004 to 2005.



Joe Putrock

SSW Works to Improve Services to Children

UAlbany's School of Social Welfare is working to address recruiting shortfalls and high turnover in the child-welfare system workforce. Dean Katharine Briar-Lawson and Social Work Education Consortium Director Mary McCarthy head the National Child Welfare Workforce Institute (NCWWI), established with a \$16.5 million U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Children's Bureau grant. The initiative, which will support leadership development in public, private and tribal child-welfare systems, partners UAlbany with the universities of Denver, Iowa, Michigan State, Michigan, North Carolina and

Southern Maine; Fordham University; and the National Indian Child Welfare Association.

Through the New York State Child Welfare Workforce Initiative (CWWI), Associate Professor Nancy Claiborne and Assistant Research Professor Catherine Lawrence are seeking to improve safety, permanency and well-being outcomes for youngsters and families by exploring workforce needs in voluntary agencies that contract with the child-welfare system. Claiborne and Lawrence have received a \$2.5 million Children's Bureau grant to support the five-year project.



Mark Schmitt

School of Business Site Is Dedicated

Faculty, students and staff gathered last fall near the Grand Entry Plaza on the uptown campus to dedicate the site of UAlbany's new School of Business building. Plans call for construction of a technologically advanced facility that will enhance academic and student programs, and promote the school as the premier business school in the Northeast. The architectural firm Perkins+Will has been selected to design the building. An effort to raise private support for construction has already realized \$2.7 million.

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Cover: Senior psychology major Joseph LaVecchia, a participant in UAlbany's Community and Public Service Program (CPSP), reads to two youngsters during "Homework Power Hour" at one of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Albany. Photo: Mark McCarty

Fulbright Scholars Travel to China, Namibia

Fulbright Program support made it possible for two UAlbany scholars to travel overseas for study and research this spring.

Associate Professor David Yun Dai of the Department of Educational and Counseling Psychology was in China through March to conduct teacher surveys on inquiry-based learning in that country, in conjunction with its educational reform efforts. Dai, who joined the University faculty in 2001, teaches courses related to instruction, learning, motivation and cognition.

David Jones, a doctoral student in the Department of History, is interviewing citizens who participated in Namibia's liberation struggle, which culminated with its independence from South African rule in 1990. During his 10 months there, Jones is receiving some basic instruction in Oshiwambo, several closely related languages spoken by the majority of Namibians.

Straussman Is NAPA Fellow



Mark Schmidt

Jeffrey Straussman, dean of UAlbany's Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy since 2006, has been elected a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA). Cited by NAPA for his sustained and outstanding contribution to the field of public administration through public service and scholarship, Straussman is internationally recognized as a researcher, teacher, writer and consultant in such fields as public management, government budgeting and finance, and political economy.

New Program in Law Is Announced

Beginning next fall, students will simultaneously be able to pursue law and graduate-level business degrees, thanks to a new program announced by UAlbany's School of Business and Albany Law School. The J.D./M.B.A. program, which allows for completion of coursework within four years, rather than the more traditional five, will prepare students for careers in commercial and investment banking, government regulation, business policy analysis and management consulting.

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From the Podium



Alumna Donates Sculpture

The sculpture *Nike II*, by Maria Hall, B.A.'74, M.A.'79, has been installed in the plaza fronting the Life Sciences Research Building on UAlbany's uptown campus. The stainless steel sculpture, named for the Greek goddess of strength, speed and victory, is a dynamic play of strong, simple forms in space. Hall, who generously donated the work to The University Fine Art Collections, has exhibited in more than 40 group and eight one-person exhibitions at such venues as Skidmore College; the Empire State Plaza; Munson-Williams-Proctor School of Art Gallery in Utica, N.Y.; and Adelphi University, Garden City, N.Y.

CARSS Steers Students Toward Success

A new UAlbany-based center will strengthen the U.S. workforce and research sectors while providing a model program that seeks to reverse the problem of low enrollment in the sciences, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Supported by a \$1 million grant from the National Science Foundation, the Center for Achievement, Retention and Student Success, or CARSS, was designed to “curb defections to non-STEM fields of our science and math majors,” said center director and Associate Professor of Organic Chemistry Rabi Musah. She worked with colleagues and co-principle investigators Hua Shi and Denise McKeon of the Department of Biological Sciences to establish the center, which will offer tutoring, mentoring and career counseling services for STEM majors, as well as financial incentives. CARSS builds upon three successful UAlbany programs: Collegiate Science Technology Entry Program (C-STEP), Project Excel and Science Research in the High School.

A Bright Idea Promotes Energy Savings\$

If energy costs are putting the squeeze on you, just follow UAlbany's example: reduce building temperatures to 65 degrees; set lighting to lower levels, if possible; and switch off appliances and other electrical equipment not in use.

During the intersession – Dec. 20, 2008, through Jan. 15, 2009 – the University saved more than \$266,000 by employing those simple measures. That reduction, which exceeded the original goal of \$250,000, represented a 19-percent decrease in utility costs from the same period a year earlier. The third annual Fall Energy Campaign, which promoted the conservation of energy use in campus residence halls and apartments from Sept. 3 through Nov. 9, realized another \$14,000 in savings.

Announcement of the savings was made at a February lecture featuring environmental activist Denis Hayes, who coordinated the first Earth Day 39 years ago. National Grid, the lecture's co-sponsor, also donated \$5,000 to UAlbany's Change-A-Light Campaign, launched last fall by the University's Office of Environmental Sustainability to encourage replacement of incandescent lightbulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs.

Rockefeller College Honors Graduates, Public Servants



Six recipients were honored at Rockefeller College's 2008 Alumni Awards Ceremony in November. Pictured left to right are James J. Malatras, B.A.'99, M.A.'00, Ph.D.'08 (Rockefeller College Young Alumni Award); Joseph B. Sano, B.A.'70, M.A.'73 (Distinguished Extended Learning Leadership Award of Excellence); Richard L. Dunham (Lifetime Achievement Award); Thomas W. Church, Ph.D. (Rockefeller College Distinguished Service Award); Nancy Gleason Groenwegen, B.A.'79 (Distinguished Alumna Award in Political Science); and Thomas G. Clingan, B.A.'73, M.P.A.'75 (Distinguished Alumnus Award in Public Administration and Policy).

NanoCollege Hosts Foreign Trade Commissioners

As part of a fact-finding trip designed to encourage international business growth throughout Tech Valley, the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE) at UAlbany welcomed New York City-based foreign trade commissioners from more than 20 countries in February. The event, sponsored by CNSE, Empire State Development and the Tech Valley Global Business Network, included a tour of the college's \$4.5 billion Albany NanoTech Complex and a presentation highlighting New York State's global leadership in nanotechnology education, research and economic outreach.



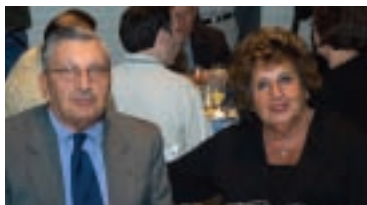
CNSE Vice President for Marketing and Communications Steve Janack addresses trade representatives outside a state-of-the-art 300mm wafer cleanroom in NanoFab 300 North.

Gifts at Work

By Carol Olechowski

Massrys Contribute Toward Bailey Memorial Fund

Mark Schmidt



Capital Region philanthropists Morris and Esther Massry have made a \$10,000 contribution to an endowed scholarship fund that will memorialize UAlbany student Richard Bailey.

The Massrys' donation is the first major gift to the *Richard Bailey Memorial Fund*, which will be established with the proceeds of the Class of 2009 gift. UAlbany seniors are focusing their fundraising effort on the scholarship as a tribute to their late classmate. Bailey, a 22-year-old sociology major and criminal justice minor from Wantagh, N.Y., passed away in October following a shooting in downtown Albany. His parents, James and Lisa Bailey, and his sister Katie traveled to campus in December to receive his undergraduate degree at winter commencement.

Michael J. Ficuto/Hearst Magazines



Alumni at Deloitte Support School of Business

Last December, at the height of the holiday season, alumni at Deloitte and the Deloitte Foundation gave UAlbany's School of Business another reason to celebrate: a \$525,000 commitment earmarked for school, faculty research and student support. The funding will establish the *Deloitte Foundation Endowment* and the *Accounting Chair Deloitte Foundation Opportunity Fund*. Faculty research will be funded through the endowment, as will setup and maintenance of state-of-the-art teaching facilities at the new School of Business building. Through the

Opportunity Fund, the Department of Accounting chair will be able to support faculty research, student participation in symposiums and competitions, and other enhancements to the academic experience.

To date, the commitment is the largest private gift designated for support of the new school, which will feature technologically advanced classrooms and meeting spaces; space for student and career services; student reception areas; and additional workspace for graduate students. Completion of the building is anticipated by 2013.



Turf Hotels Pledge Will Support Endowed Fund

Turf Hotels president and owner Michael Hoffman has made a \$30,000 pledge to establish a School of Education endowed fund for teachers.

The fund will benefit teachers who are enrolled in the school's graduate program, and who provide direct services to students in the Albany, Schenectady, Troy and Cohoes school districts.

Hillside House Contribution Will Benefit Graduate Students



Frank J. Filippone

A scholarship fund established by one of New York's first community-based residence programs for the developmentally disabled honors the program founder's commitment to education.

Hillside House of Coeymans, N.Y., donated \$250,000 to endow *The Dr. Frank J. Filippone '41, '48 – Hillside House Scholarship*.

Filippone, who earned bachelor's and master's degrees in education, served in New York school districts as a teacher and administrator prior to founding Hillside House in 1975.

For his contributions to the field of education, the University recognized him as a distinguished alumnus in 1994. Filippone passed away in 2002.

The scholarship fund will assist graduate students enrolled in the School of Education, the College of Arts and Sciences' Department of Psychology, or the School of Social Welfare. Recipients must demonstrate academic achievement, financial need, and an interest in helping people who are developmentally disabled.

Museum Exhibition Program Receives Grant from Warhol Foundation

A two-year, \$60,000 grant from The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts will support the University Art Museum's exhibition program. In announcing the grant, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Susan D. Phillips, Ph.D., congratulated Museum Director Janet Riker and her colleagues. Phillips called the award "an outstanding accomplishment that affirms the museum's programming, and highlights its significance to the field on a national level."

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Ask Geoff

By Geoff Williams, University at Albany Archivist

In this installment of “Ask Geoff,” I thought it might be nice to look back – and ahead – at some favorite UAlbany traditions, such as Alumni Reunion/Homecoming.

The earliest recorded Alumni Reunion took place in 1851 – two years after the founding of the New York State Normal School’s “Association of Alumni.” In the 19th century, reunions were few and often far between, usually held between Christmas and New Year’s, but, towards the end of the century, they were moved to May or June. By the 20th century, reunion was fixed at the end of the school year, and coincided with both Senior Week and Commencement. The festivities often included skits performed by both students and graduates. The photo to the right, for instance, shows the Class of 1911, at its fifth reunion in 1916, performing a skit as Henry Ford’s Peace Ship.

With the move to the uptown campus in 1966, the graduating classes became too large to hold an Alumni Reunion at the same time Commencement was scheduled, and reunion was moved back to June.



Photo gift of Ester Woodward '11, Alumni Memorabilia Collection.



These musicians, pictured in the 1955 *Pedagogue*, provided some of the entertainment at Homecoming 1954.



This 1963 Campus Queen Homecoming Parade photo was published in the 1964 *Torch*.

The first Homecoming was held a little over 100 years after the first Alumni Reunion. Homecoming began very informally, on Oct. 31, 1953, when the Class of 1954 seniors invited graduates of the classes of 1951-53 to return to campus for a soccer game, punch party and dance. Unfortunately, no photos of that event have been found. (If you have one, I'd appreciate your sharing it with me.) In 1953, soccer was in its first season as an intercollegiate sport, and it would be the big fall sport until the introduction of football in 1970. By 1954, Homecoming had also acquired musical accompaniment, as you can see from the photo at the bottom of the opposite page. Within the next few years, Homecoming would feature parades, floats (at right, note the award-winning 1958 Beta Zeta Sputnik-era float from the 1959 *Pedagogue*), and Campus Queen contests.

The Campus Queen contests disappeared in the 1970s, and Homecoming activities centered on the University's new football team. Alumni Reunion continued in June, with the unfortunate effect that it became disconnected from any contact with current students. But, after the



reunion in June 2007, the decision was made to combine Homecoming and Alumni Reunion during Homecoming Weekend each fall. That back-to-the-future move revived the old tradition of holding Alumni Reunions when students were on campus so that graduates from five, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years prior could enjoy special Homecoming/Reunion events that would include future alumni, as well.

To submit a question for "Ask Geoff,"
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Out and About

By Christine A. Doyle, M.B.A. '04

1. 29th Annual Citizen Laureate Awards Dinner

Photo: Mark Schmidt

Last Nov. 19, The University at Albany Foundation again hosted its Citizen Laureate Award Dinner at the Hall of Springs in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Now in its 29th year, the event honors outstanding leaders in business and industry, government and academics, for their extraordinary accomplishments. Pictured (left to right) are Foundation President George R. Hearst III, emcee; Community Laureate Edward P. Swyer; Academic Laureate Helen R. Desfosses, Ph.D.; Community Laureate E. Stewart Jones Jr.; and UAlbany Interim President George M. Philip. [For more event photos, go to <http://www.albany.edu/uafoundation/107.htm>.]

2. Homecoming Weekend

Photo: Rob Bartlett

Students, alumni and other fans gathered at the Oct. 25 Homecoming pre-game tailgate party to socialize and show their spirit!

3. Great Danes vs. Canisius College

Photo: Jamie Brown

Former UAlbany basketball players came to cheer on the team as the Great Danes faced Canisius College Dec. 12. Pictured, left to right, are Levi Levine '06, Brent Wilson '08, Lucious Jordan '06, Jared Knotts '06 and Brian Lillis '08.

4. Council for Economic Outreach Breakfast

Photo: Mark Schmidt

School of Business Dean Donald S. Siegel, Ph.D., addresses Capital Region business leaders and UAlbany alumni at the Council for Economic Outreach's annual fall breakfast forum on Nov. 12 at the Fort Orange Club in Albany.

5. 1844 Society Brunch

Photos: Mark Schmidt

Student scholarship recipients were among the guests at the 1844 Society Brunch on Oct. 25, 2008, during Homecoming Weekend. The annual brunch, in its fourth year, recognizes UAlbany's generous donors. Pictured, left to right, are Kimberly Sheeran, Margaret Carrera-Bly, Andrew Butler, Jennifer Jasmin, Rossana Casado, Eoin O'Donoghue, Anthony Ianelli and Domineque Lopez.

6. Provost Susan Phillips presents Frances Gildea George '38 a tribute to her husband, Edward S. George '38, '40, who passed away in August 2008. The Georges, who were married for 65 years, met their freshman year at the New York State College for Teachers and have been important advocates for the University for many years. Their generosity will impact the lives of UAlbany students for generations to come.

7. UAlbany in Boston

Photo: Christine A. Doyle, M.B.A.'04

UAlbany alumni and Eaton Vance colleagues Thomas M. Metzold, M.B.A.'87; Michael Weilheimer '83; and Thomas J. Weyl '85, '87, hosted Interim President George M. Philip, School of Business Dean Donald S. Siegel, and more than three dozen alumni at a reception Sept. 18, 2008. Pictured, left to right, are: Chad Waxman '03, Daniel Webster, M.B.A.'75; Metzold; Weilheimer; Kimberly Welsh, M.B.A.'89; Michael Weintraub, Esq., M.A.'79; and Michael Boots, University Development. The event was held at Eaton Vance's world headquarters overlooking Boston Harbor.





Where Are They Now?

By Carol Olechowski

As a professional basketball player in Europe, former Great Dane and UAlbany “cover guy” **Jamar Wilson, B.A.’06**, is doing very well. After graduation, he signed with Belgacom Liege, a Belgian team that, halfway through the 2008-09 season, was “unde-

feated in the European Cup.” Wilson likes Belgium: “The food is great, the weather isn’t too much different from New York, and I am getting a chance to experience another culture.” He lives in the French-speaking part of the country, “so I have been pushing myself to learn as much French as possible. *French 101* and *102* from freshman year is coming in handy.” When he isn’t practicing

his language skills, Wilson enjoys his time on the court.

He and his teammates play not only in Belgium, but all over Europe, “including the Netherlands, Germany, Spain, Poland, France and Latvia.”



Brian Lillis, B.S.’08, Wilson’s former teammate, now lives in Chicago. A financial analyst at Allstate Insurance Company’s home office, he runs the financial forecasting/planning and weekly and monthly reporting for the firm’s Marketing Technology Organization; “I analyze all the numbers around the organization and make recommendations.” Since joining Allstate, Lillis has found his UAlbany business degree “very

beneficial. I am able to directly relate many of the projects I completed at the University to real-life examples. My classes provided me the education I needed to get into and live in the business world.” Lillis still enjoys playing basketball; he’s joined “a couple of leagues with friends in Chicago.” He feels at home there: “I’m glad I got used to the cold weather in Albany, because it’s just as cold here.”



We recently caught up with **Professor Emerita Sophia Lubensky**, who retired in 2007. The former Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures (LLC) faculty member – “being one of those for whom the wide, wide world is divided into Manhattan and the rest” – now resides in New York City, “within walking distance of Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall.” For the past three years, Lubensky has remained close to home, but this spring, she plans a trip to Russia.

Editor’s Note: Beginning with this issue of UAlbany, you can catch up with friends, former classmates, and active and retired faculty in “Where Are They Now?”



Helping Hands

They're medical professionals, experts on autism and schoolteachers. They're volunteers, giving their time and talent to aid their neighbors – children, the elderly, the poor and others in need – through service to community agencies and civic organizations. They're University at Albany alumni, students and faculty, and they gladly lend a hand whenever and wherever it's needed.

In this issue of *UAlbany*, we're proud to profile a few of these thousands of dedicated women and men who help to make life better for others, both at home and abroad. In future editions, we'll continue to highlight the contributions of graduates, students and faculty members who – through their exemplary service to others – connect the University with the wider world.

For nearly 40 years, UAlbany students have been helping others through the Community and Public Service Program (CPSP), a School of Social Welfare program open to all students and majors across campus. Now, the program, which began in 1970 as the Community Service Project, is expanding and embracing another progressive initiative: service learning.

“We’re trying to make service learning more prevalent here,” said CPSP Director Loretta Pyles, author of the book *Progressive Community Organizing: A Critical Approach for a Globalizing World* (2009, Routledge). Through a survey conducted with community partners, CPSP is brokering community needs in relation to faculty strengths. “We’re encouraging fac-

Honors Program faculty; partnerships with the Institute for Teaching, Learning and Academic Leadership (ITLAL) and the Office of Undergraduate Education; and collaborations with the Capital Region Network of Universities and New York Campus Compact will aid Pyles in “taking CPSP to new heights.”

Annually, CPSP participants donate more than 40,000 hours to organizations on and off campus. In return for volunteering 60 to 100 hours a semester and writing a paper about the experience, each student receives academic credit; a maximum of three CPSP courses may be taken for credit. The opportunities available through the program also “help students choose majors, build their résumés and choose careers,” Pyles noted.

the kind of environment they’re comfortable in, and we guide them to agencies. Some students want to be on campus, which is equally important. Student labor helps some of the organizations run.”

For his first CPSP course, African Student Association President Nana Y. Banful photographed activities sponsored by his organization. This semester, he is student coordinator for the Campus Leaders Round Table, a group that discusses UAlbany’s role in community change, forges new alliances and creates action plans for community engagement. “I believe in serving the community,” said Banful, a political science major set to graduate in 2010.

By Amy Halloran, B.A.’90

Service Learning in Action



ulty to incorporate it into their courses by helping them find agencies, getting them to think about community needs, and exploring how these opportunities might fit into their own research and teaching interests.”

Pyles was hired by the School of Social Welfare in July 2008 to bring more academic rigor to student service endeavors and enhance CPSP’s ability to support faculty service-learning activities across disciplines. A request for proposals (RFP) focused on community-based research and service learning opportunities for

Kelly Morrone, manager of Volunteer Services at Albany Medical Center, enjoys working with CPSP participants. “We have students who might start out doing [volunteer work] for credit, and they may do all of it with us. Then, when they’re done with credit classes, a few will still stay with us.”

The Albany Police Athletic League (PAL) offers homework assistance, nutritious snacks, and extracurricular activities at 17 sites throughout the city. But “we wouldn’t be able to offer the number of activities that we provide without student participation. We’re a not for profit,” said director Leonard Ricchiuti. He also praises UAlbany students for being positive role models to the youngsters who participate in PAL, one of about 300 community organizations that benefit from CPSP.

School of Social Welfare Ph.D. student Sherri Stevens, M.S.W.’07, has worked in the CPSP office for two years and assists students in selecting volunteer assignments. “Some know exactly where they want to go”; for others, “we get a feel for

As a volunteer with Seal a Smile, a Healthy Capital District Initiative (HCIDI) free dental-care program, senior and campus Pre-Dental Club President Mariam Sharifipour connects with local elementary-school students. The California native has also expanded CPSP’s outreach beyond the Capital Region: She received credit for a recent trip she arranged on her own, to provide free dental care to residents of a village in Mexico.

“It was such an amazing, rewarding experience,” remembered Sharifipour, a biology major and dental hygienist who plans to be a dentist. “We worked 10-hour days, and there were still lines wrapped around the building. On our last day there, [the villagers] were so grateful for our services that they had a big feast for us.”

For more information about CPSP, please visit www.albany.edu/cpsp.



Left: Bethani Gately, a social welfare major from Farmingville, N.Y., works with children at a Boys & Girls Club after-school program in Albany.

Opposite page: Biology major Mariam Sharifipour, a future dentist, traveled to Mexico recently to provide free dental care to villagers there. She received CPSP credit for the volunteer experience.

Tyrone G. Bristol, M.D., F.A.A.P., M.P.H.'07

Chosen by His Profession

By Carol Olechowski



Opposite page: Pediatrician Tyrone G. Bristol, M.D., F.A.A.P., poses for a photo with some of his colleagues at Shanghai United Family Hospitals and Clinics. He joined the staff there in December 2008.
Below: Bristol gets acquainted with one of his new patients, Christopher Feng.

Tyrone G. Bristol didn't choose his career. "Pediatrics chose me," he maintains.

His profession, the Guyana native notes, represents his "best opportunity to impact on the health of those in the earliest stage of the life cycle. It affords great rapport with children and adolescents, and with parents and caregivers to protect the health of their children."

Bristol immigrated to the United States at age 14, settling with his family in Brooklyn, N.Y. After earning a B.A. in biology at Cornell and an M.D. at Albany Medical College, he completed post-graduate training at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. He subsequently enrolled at UAlbany's School of Public Health to earn an M.P.H. with a concentration in health policy and management; "I knew public health was an integral part of how I wanted to practice medicine." Bristol attended classes part time while treating patients at Albany Medical Center and at Whitney M. Young Jr. Health Center. Until 2008, he continued his affiliation with the medical center and taught at Albany Medical College, rising to the rank of associate professor of pediatrics.

"... it's an ideal time for me to be here and contribute as much as I can."

Last December, Bristol began a new assignment: chief medical officer at Shanghai United Family Hospitals and Clinics. "I was ready to explore other opportunities in healthcare, including international health; I also wanted to use my M.P.H. in a larger administrative role." The position offered other benefits, too. "The opportunity to experience a new culture is very exciting. And with China's commitment to enhancing its healthcare services, it's an ideal time for me to be here and contribute as much as I can." Bristol has a four-year contract, "but I hope to be here longer. It takes a long time to see your impact on healthcare."

His clinical interests include child and adolescent overweight and obesity, and childhood lead poisoning. In his new position, "I'd like to develop our hospital's adolescent medicine program and see what opportunities exist for expanding care to China's teens, as well. As in most



places, everyone understands that babies need care, but sometimes we forget about the teens and their healthcare needs. There is also a growing obesity problem in China, so I will be exploring that. I think one of the biggest areas to impact is preventative healthcare. As in many other areas of the world, people focus on acute illnesses, but the challenge is helping them embrace preventative care with regular checkups, immunizations, screenings, and so on."

Bristol is grateful to his "amazing" teachers, colleagues, students and families "for their guidance and support" over the years. With regard to his M.P.H., he adds, "It's wonderful to be using all the skills I learned at the School of Public Health in this opportunity as a leader in an international healthcare organization."

He anticipates that some of his greatest challenges will stem from "learning how to deliver care to patients from all over the world; work with an international staff with different languages, cultures and beliefs; and adjust to the realities of practicing healthcare in a country with different standards than I am accustomed to." But he welcomes those challenges. "It is an opportunity for me to learn and also to be creative in delivering healthcare while trying to enhance standards, if I can."

CARD: Helping Families Affected by Autism

By Carol Olechowski

Kristin Christodulu and her staff at UAlbany's Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) have one mission: "to improve lives."

Christodulu, who earned a B.A. (1990), an M.A. (1998) and a Ph.D. (2000) in psychology at the University, also received an M.S. in sports psychology from Penn State. A member of the UAlbany psychology department faculty, she became CARD director in 2002.

Under her leadership, CARD has evolved "from primarily research to training, education and consultation. We're very actively involved with the community," says Christodulu, who also works with 10 full- and part-time employees, eight undergraduates and five graduate students to coordinate programs for "a statewide network" of centers affiliated with other universities. "We use only evidence-based approaches. Often, people in the autism field are selling hope and hype. We are unique because we know that what we offer works."

Workshops, seminars, training, and local and statewide conferences are tailored for parents and teachers. In the schools, basic awareness training involves everyone, including special educators, bus drivers and librarians. The more advanced "train the trainer" approach focuses on "helping teachers, administrators

and other professionals to better meet the educational needs of students with autism. We target areas like improving behavior, instruction and social development," notes Christodulu.

For families, "we have educational seminars. We're having one this spring on social development; parents will come, ask questions and get some educational information. For kids ages 7-12, we've had programs that combine information and support with recreational

activities." Youngsters often want to know "if autism is contagious, or if a medicine will make it go away." Brothers and sisters learn the answers to those questions, get to know other siblings who share their experience, and discuss "strategies for support and coping." Recreational activities, such as Halloween parties, barbecues, and outings to amusement parks and museums, also bring families together.

Columbia-Greene Community College President James Campion, M.S.'79, C.G.S.'05, and his wife, Donna Lynk, learned about CARD several years ago after their two younger children, Robert Joshua, now 10, and Elena, 9, were diagnosed with autism. The parents have attended programs explaining "what autism is and the various kinds of interventions available, and the biological piece to autism." They also learned such techniques as "telling Robert Joshua ahead of time when I'm starting the snowblower or when there's going to be a fire drill" to avoid problems that might trigger an "uncomfortable reaction," says Campion.

The children's 11-year-old sister, Florentina, has also participated in CARD programs, meeting other youngsters with autistic siblings. "They have a chance to talk, and she knows she has resources," Campion notes.

CARD has given the family "a better understanding of autism and of the options available to us in the area, and we've been able to make some good choices. CARD does a great job. It's been a real benefit for us."

Red Flags

Autism usually manifests itself in the first few years of a child's life, according to CARD Director Kristin Christodulu.

Some red flags that may indicate a child is at risk for an autism spectrum disorder and in need of immediate evaluation include:

- inability to make eye contact; or to wave, point, reach or show
- lack of interest in activities with other people
- making repetitive motions with objects
- failure to respond when addressed by name

For more information, please visit www.albany.edu/psy/autism.

Nat Brooks



CARD has benefited James Campion and Donna Lynk, and their children, Elena, Robert Joshua and Florentina. Pictured with the family is Jack the dog.



Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) Director Kristin Christodulu works with her staff “to improve the lives” of autistic children and their families.



Christopher Zach

Barbara Fischkin, B.A.'75 “Autism Mom”

Former *Knickerbocker News* and *Newsday* reporter Barbara Fischkin assumed a new identity 18 years ago: “autism mom.”

As foreign correspondents, Fischkin and husband Jim Mulvaney covered “murders, mayhem and politics” all over the globe. Their son Dan “spoke English, as well as phrases in Spanish, Cantonese and Tagalog, but lost all his language at age 3,” Fischkin recalls. The diagnosis was autism. Now 21, Dan “is doing very well at saying ‘hi.’” He holds two part-time jobs near the family home in Long Beach, N.Y., and enjoys receiving messages on the Facebook page he recently created with Mom’s help. (Visit www.facebook.com and search for Dan Mulvaney.)

Dan; Fischkin; Mulvaney; and younger son Jack, a University of New England dean’s list freshman and hockey player, are advocates for other families living with autism. The brothers and their dad founded Surf Pals, “which provides free surfing lessons for kids with autism and holds events during the summer.” Fischkin blogs (“mom.notcalm” for *Spectrum* magazine’s online edition); hosts an Internet radio program, “Maverick Mama” (www.autismone.org); and maintains the Web site www.barbarafischkin.com.

Fischkin, a Livingston Award winner for *Muddy Cup: A Dominican Family Comes of Age in a New America* (1997, Scribner), also continues writing books. “The working title” for her latest is *Dan the Man: One of the Early Victims of the Autism Epidemic Grows Up, Moves On and Moves Out*.

Jordan S. Josephson, M.D., F.A.C.S., B.S.'78

“Country Doctor in the Big City”

By Carol Olechowski

“Family, health and people helping people” are the three most important things in life, according to Jordan S. Josephson. Living by that conviction, the board-certified sinus and nasal specialist has built a thriving practice, treating patients from around the world and affording them the same “personal touch” he would ensure his own family.

An expert on CAID (Chronic Airway-Digestive Inflammatory Disease, which includes sinus problems; allergies, asthma; snoring; sleep apnea; and gastroesophageal reflux disease, or GERD), Josephson likens himself to “a country doctor in the big city.” At the New York Nasal and Sinus Center on East 77 Street in Manhattan, he sees patients from around the world. Josephson is also an attending physician at Lenox Hill Hospital; Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital; and St. Luke’s-Roosevelt Hospital. He is an educator, lecturing and teaching surgeons internationally his technique of functional endoscopic sinus surgery and nasal reconstruction; and a researcher whose work has appeared in more than 40 peer-reviewed journals. A former member of the National Institutes of Health’s consulting staff, Josephson received an NIH award for dedication and service, and was similarly recognized by the American Academy of Otolaryngology. *New York Magazine* named him one of its “Best Doctors 2004” as one of 13 innovators in medicine, and he has placed numerous times among “America’s Top Doctors” as compiled by healthcare and research information company Castle Connolly Medical Ltd.

In 2006, Josephson wrote *Sinus Relief Now* (www.sinusreliefnow.com) to help readers “really understand their problems.” The book “puts the patient on the same page with the physician so that the patient can receive the right comprehensive treatment.” Josephson believes that both Eastern alternative and Western traditional medicines, which are explored in *Sinus Relief Now*, “have something to offer people who suffer from sinus disease, allergies, asthma” and the other CAID-related

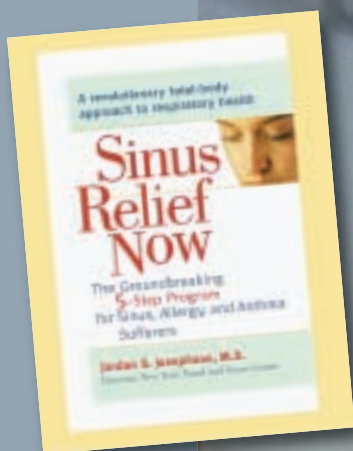
diseases. Many of these sufferers “are miserable and are told that they are normal, or that they should live with their problems,” said the author. “But no one should have to suffer, as there are solutions” – ranging from medicines to surgery – “to help these patients feel better.” A “staggering” 120 million people in the United States alone suffer from these diseases, but, Josephson warns, the figure is rising, owing to “air pollution and global warming.”

Josephson also carries his message to the masses “through as many avenues as possible,” including television (“Regis and Kelly,” “Fox News,” “The Oprah Winfrey Show” and “Today,” to name just a few) and radio (appearances on “hundreds of programs,” including with Dr. Mehmet Oz, host of Winfrey’s Sirius XM broadcast “Oprah & Friends”). In addition, he is often quoted in such publications as *The New York Times*, *Allure*, *Parenting Magazine*, *Redbook*, *Men’s Health*, and the *Medical Herald*. Recently named the leading consultant on sinus and allergies for WebMD (www.webmd.com), he plans “various projects” with the Internet site, including “a huge no-smoking campaign.”

No matter which means Josephson uses to assist others, he acknowledges that the greatest reward comes in healing the sick. He recalled the time that Oz referred to him a former “Oprah” guest – a man who’d suffered a nasal injury as a teenager and who subsequently suffered from snoring, sleep apnea and an inability to breathe through his nose. Josephson performed a thorough examination and discovered, in the patient’s mouth, a small cancer that even a CT scan had not detected. He removed the cancer, fixed the breathing and sleep apnea, and the patient is now healthy.

Josephson attributes that happy ending to thoroughness and luck. “A physician needs a good mind, good hands and a good heart,” he noted, “and I am lucky that God gave me all of those. Saving this man’s life was a very humbling experience. I really love what I do.”

“A physician needs a
good mind, good hands
and a good heart . . .”



Sinus and nasal surgeon Jordan Josephson, M.D., F.A.C.S., prepares to perform surgery. Josephson is also the author of *Sinus Relief Now*, published in 2006.



William Thomas, B.A.'97

Presidential Praise

By Gina Muscato

For UAlbany alumnus William Thomas, being named Maryland's 2009 Teacher of the Year has its perks: a new computer, \$9,000 in cash and a new \$25,000 Saturn Aura. But the biggest reward will be meeting President Barack Obama in April, when Thomas is honored at the White House for his achievement.

The 33-year-old Thomas, who earned a teaching B.A. in history from UAlbany, will be thinking about what he'll say when he meets the president. Undoubtedly, he'll leave with a story to tell his students – and another way to make teaching government “relevant.”

“It’s important to reach students on their level to bring them to a higher plane,” said Thomas, who teaches at Dr. Henry A. Wise Jr. High School in Upper Marlboro, Md.

In his own life, Thomas has relied on encouraging influences.

He grew up in the small town of Ellenville, N.Y., where his parents, Eunice and George Thomas, instilled in him the importance of education and inspired his path to teaching. While pursuing his degree at UAlbany, he thrived, learning about

“I want all of the students to believe that I will not give up on them, that I will push them until they succeed.”

diverse cultures in history and social studies classes. He enjoyed the University’s diverse atmosphere and the student body, and was also

challenged by the high expectations of his professors.

Today, Thomas does the same for his high school students. “I want all of the

students to believe that I will not give up on them, that I will push them until they succeed,” he said.

In doing so, Thomas has

become a role model, particularly to African-American students – a responsibility he relishes. He dresses in a shirt and tie every day, putting into practice the high standards that he preaches in his classroom. His skills and dedication to his students have brought Thomas several offers to become an administrator in the Maryland school system. But he is unwilling to give up his life’s calling: teaching.

In fact, it’s a family calling: His wife, Nicole Thomas, who earned a teaching B.A. in 1996 and an M.S. in reading in 1998, is a 10th-grade

English teacher at the same school. Married in 1999, they met at UAlbany, where they shared an interest in the gospel choir and a passion for teaching. Both were finalists for Prince George’s County Teacher of the Year. William Thomas garnered that honor, then bested seven candidates from other counties for the statewide award.

Still, he maintains he’s not the best teacher – either in the state or in his house.

“My wife is the better teacher,” Thomas admitted with a laugh. “It’s not even close.”



William Thomas teaches a class at Dr. Henry A. Wise Jr. High School in Upper Marlboro, Md.

Brenda Ahearn



Rebecca Whiteley, a volunteer with the Peace Corps, works with young people and their families in Moldova.

Rebecca Whiteley, B.S.'07

A Lifelong Dream Realized

By Carol Olechowski

For Rebecca Whiteley, joining the Peace Corps fulfilled a longtime dream.

"I always enjoyed volunteer work and helping others. I was torn about what to do after college: grad school, the Peace Corps or the 'real world' of jobs." Department of Political Science faculty members Scott Barclay and Thomas Walker "told me grad school is not to be taken lightly – that you should go only if you are certain what you want to do, which I was not. They also told me that I had the skills and experience necessary for the Peace Corps. Their advice was a real help."

Now 24, Whiteley majored in political science with a concentration in international relations and graduated with honors. A very active volunteer, she was a member of Students at Albany Against Cancer (SAAC), serving as the group's vice president for a year; and was involved with the University's Relay for Life, Cornerstone Campus Ministries, and the Capital Region's Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. Senior year, she interned with the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants

(USCRI) in Albany. That experience motivated her to start a Preferred Refugees Program to help resettle Burmese and Afghan refugees in the Capital Region.

To join the Peace Corps, Whiteley completed a lengthy questionnaire, submitted three references, interviewed, and underwent medical and dental screenings. (The application process is described online at www.peacecorps.gov.) She then received "an invitation" to serve in the Nisporeni region of Moldova.

Whiteley arrived in September 2007 to begin 27 months of service.

"Groups of volunteers were placed in villages with families, and had daily language and technical training for the first 10 weeks."



As a community and organizational development volunteer, Whiteley helps "to assess community needs and assist villagers in solving problems." She works with two English-optional after-school clubs; "there is currently no English teacher at the school, but the kids are very anxious to learn!" In addition, she organizes other extracurricular



Whiteley and her fiancé, Costel Sarivan, model Moldovan costumes at a festival. The couple, who met in Moldova, Sarivan's native land, will relocate to the United States later this year.

activities, such as a summertime project where she "helped the kids paint a map of the world at the local youth center"; a fundraising effort to support the acquisition of Romanian-language books for the school library; and a mentoring club. A series of "planning your future seminars," which will instruct children in "setting up a family

budget, planning a career, writing a résumé and so on," is also on the agenda.

Each Peace Corps volunteer accrues 48 days of vacation during the service period. Whiteley has traveled to Ukraine, Romania and the Czech Republic, "and I have more

trips planned. I consider Moldova my home now. It can be hard to come back to my village, where there is no gas or running water, and there are dirt roads and farmland, after traveling somewhere full of malls, restaurants and Internet cafés. It's a different world, but I appreciate that I am experiencing it so fully."

Next November, Whiteley will return home to Phillipsburg, N.J., with her Moldovan fiancé, Costel Sarivan. She hopes to work for a non-profit in the U.S.

Whiteley observed: "The Peace Corps has a saying that your service will be 'the toughest job you will ever love,' and I think that is very true. It is a life-changing experience to be able to live and work in another country and completely immerse yourself in that culture, and to help people – abroad or at home. It is a serious commitment, but it is worth it."

SPH and MI: Combining Academics with Practice

UAlbany's School of Public Health (SPH) and the Peace Corps have joined forces to introduce the Masters International (MI) Program, which will offer students a Peace Corps experience to complement their master's of public health studies.

"There are 40-some accredited schools of Public Health across the country, and probably eight of them offer the Masters International Program," said Center for Global Health Director and Clinical Associate Professor Carol Whittaker, who oversaw the application process that made the rare opportunity possible.

SPH Dean Philip C. Nasca is "extremely pleased to have our

school selected as a partner in the MI Program. We join a small and very select group of schools of Public Health offering this unique opportunity for students to practice public health in an international setting while working towards the M.P.H. degree."

For the program, students apply to both the Peace Corps and the School of Public Health. About six are expected to enroll this year; they will take two online classes this summer to work toward the degree requirements. After spending the Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 semesters on campus, the students will begin the Peace Corps component of their studies, which includes three months of language

and cultural sensitivity training, and two years of volunteer work. During a final semester at UAlbany, they "can mentor other students who have expressed an interest in the program," Whittaker said.

Given the practice-focused scholarship the longtime partnership between SPH and the New York State Department of Health engenders, UAlbany students will be well prepared for their Peace Corps experience, Whittaker observed. SPH is "so different from what we call the 'ivory tower' schools of public health. We combine academics with practice."

– Amy Halloran, B.A. '90

Paul T. Reagan, B.A.'60, M.A.'68, M.S.W.'81

A Lifelong Commitment to Service

After graduating from the New York State College for Teachers, Paul T. Reagan taught English and social studies to seventh and eighth graders in the St. Lawrence Central School District in upstate New York. But “a thirst to see the rest of the world” led him to volunteer for the Peace Corps.

Reagan was assigned to Ethiopia. There, he taught English as a Second Language and social studies to about 200 students, and also conducted adult-education courses. The Ethiopians impressed him; “most lived in poverty, but they didn’t live as if they had hardships. They were hard working, good natured, fun loving – and skeptical about outsiders.” Reagan embraced his work, grateful for “the ability to see cultures I might never have experienced. I took away from the Peace Corps and Ethiopia many friendships.”

In the decades since, the licensed clinical social worker (LCSW-R) has continued a lifelong commitment to service. In the mid-1960s, through the first Peace Corps training program at the University at Albany, Reagan prepared students for service in India. At the Dutchess County Department of Mental Hygiene in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., he worked with severely and persistently mentally ill adults and with the methadone maintenance treatment program, retiring several years ago. Reagan has also trained volunteers for VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America); aided migrant worker families, the poor and the unemployed in western and southern New York; and done needs assessments for community-action agencies in Vermont and New Hampshire. He ran for the New York State Senate in the 41st District, hoping to “make a difference,” but lost to the incumbent. However, Reagan did realize another “lifetime ambition”: completing his M.S.W. studies.

At age 71, Reagan is still helping others. Now a volunteer supervisor with the American Red Cross’ Disaster Services Human Resources System, he offered assistance at the scene of the Continental Connection Flight 3407 crash near Buffalo, N.Y., last February.

Reagan encourages UAlbany students, alumni, faculty and staff to consider volunteering for the American Red Cross, the Peace Corps and other not-for-profit organizations. The rewards, he promises, “will far exceed your expectations.”

– Carol Olechowski



Paul Reagan smiled for the camera in Nazareth, Ethiopia, during his Peace Corps assignment in the 1960s.

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Marie R. Rabideau

If you're exploring the job market, Marie R. Rabideau, associate director of Career Services (www.albany.edu/cdc), recommends that you:

1 Revise your résumé. Career Services staff will be happy to critique it and offer suggestions for strengthening it, such as including more “industry buzzwords” and/or tailoring it to the specific kind of position you are applying for. We work very actively with our alumni to provide services that range from career counseling and coaching to résumé writing to job search. Noah Simon, the primary contact for alumni, can be reached via e-mail at nsimon@uamail.albany.edu. By registering with Career Services via our Web site, you will gain access to our job database and other valuable resources.

2 Refresh and improve your interviewing skills. Career Services staff offer mock (practice) interviews with valuable feedback. As the saying goes, “practice makes perfect.”

3 Explore all career options, including possible relocation. Skills are transferrable and can be applied across many disciplines. Keep in mind that some areas of our country have been impacted to a lesser extent than others during this recession; do your research and find out which states' labor markets are healthier than others. Also, research what sectors are still hiring. The federal government and healthcare are great examples. Visit <http://www.makingthedifference.org> to see opportunities available with the federal government.

4 Finally, network! Phone or e-mail your family, friends and acquaintances, and let them know that you are looking for a new position. Getting a lead, as well as a good word, from these sources can make a real difference. Pass your résumé on so they can forward it to their contacts. Reach out to the career center at the nearest college or university, and ask about their reciprocity agreement with your *alma mater*. While the offerings through that agreement will not likely encompass the full array of services available to that institution's native students, they will allow you access to some key tools through which to conduct a directed job search.



www.nyssbdc.org

William Brigham

If you're thinking about consulting, or starting your own business, William Brigham, director of UAlbany's Small Business Development Center (www.nyssbdc.org), suggests that you:

1 Consider self-employment. Skills acquired on the job often convert to a successful small business enterprise. With corporations downsizing professional staff to increase the bottom line, a high demand for management consultants exists. Another alternative is starting or acquiring your lifetime-dream business. Whether it's a home-based, online, retail, wholesale, manufacturing or service business, you need a solid, objective business plan. Use such resources as the Small Business Development Center, which offers business assistance, or your state's Self-Employment Assistance Program, which allows unemployed entrepreneurs to collect benefits while starting a business.

2 Get the economic gloom and doom out of your head. Recessions are relatively short lived. All trade does not stop during a downturn, and many large companies are dropping smaller customers to concentrate on high-volume customers. This is one of many market niches that recessionary periods create.

3 Assess your situation. A third-party review by your accountant or a friend, colleague, consultant or business advisor can identify financial or operational problems, and afford time to reverse downward trends. Small businesses can be agile and creative in initiating change, reacting quickly to cut costs, entering new markets, adjusting the marketing mix and so on. A Band-Aid now could prevent trauma later.



www.cdclf.org



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Paul Stewart, B.A.'74

Paul Stewart, B.A.'74, manager of Training and Technical Assistance for the Capital District Community Loan Fund, Inc. (www.cdclf.org), shares these tips:

- 1** Do the business plan! Not doing one increases the chances of failure. A business plan is a road map that explains how you plan to organize the business and shows how you addressed such issues as who your principal competition is, how your business differs, who your customers are and how you will manage funds.
- 2** Have a good idea of the resources, skills and added outreach your business needs, and look for inexpensive ways to address them. One example: An article in a local newspaper is a good advertisement for a business. And it's free.
- 3** Familiarize yourself with changes in technology. The Internet can help you. More and more businesses are utilizing e-mail to contact and retain customers. Blogging will tell the world about your business, and share the latest news about your products or services. Facebook, MySpace and other social-networking sites can also attract customers and stimulate sales.

Donald S. Siegel

Donald S. Siegel, dean of the School of Business (www.albany.edu/business), notes that the economic downturn is "the ideal time for would-be entrepreneurs, especially those who have sufficient financial capital. Perhaps that is why so many great firms – GE; Hewlett Packard; Disney; Microsoft; and more recently, Method, RF Micro Devices, and Clif Bar – were launched during recessions and depressions." As a would-be entrepreneur, you should:

- 1** Focus on the customer. For example, many organizations are desperately trying to reduce costs, which can present opportunities for entrepreneurial firms.
- 2** Provide unique value. That is how you will increase market share. Even when the economy is sour, people will purchase what they need and will be looking for greater value, which large firms may not be able to provide, since they have downsized.
- 3** Be willing to devote your life to the new enterprise. Otherwise, you are likely to fail. This tip is independent of the business cycle, but passion is critical.

Robert Bangert-Drowns

If you're considering a return to school, Robert Bangert-Drowns, acting dean of UAlbany's School of Education (www.albany.edu/education), recommends that you:

- 1** Consider contacting faculty who teach in the area that interests you. Deans or department chairs can answer your questions about the program, areas of faculty expertise and the career options in the field, and compare those with your own goals, experiences and accomplishments.
- 2** Go to school with an open mind. Students often come to higher education with expectations about what they want from it, and while it's great to have clear goals, they sometimes get in the way of learning. Pay attention to the many opportunities that will enrich you in ways you hadn't expected. Sometimes, pursuing a degree will awaken you to a hidden talent or a new interest.
- 3** Leave your ego at the door. Take grades, even bad ones, as opportunities to learn, not statements about you as a person. Enjoy yourself. You may feel out of place at first, but it won't be long until you feel you've found your place in a course or a department.

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A note from your class

councilor: What a privilege it has been for us to have been the Class of 1935! What a journey through time we have experienced since first we entered State 78 years ago. How sharp some memories are of our student days during the Great Depression; how dim have pictures become of even momentous events since we graduated. We have seen World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam. We have lived through an uneasy truce during the Cold War, and then have seen the unbelievable changes since the collapse of communism in Russia. The world economy has become intertwined as never

before and now we hear once more the dreaded word DEPRESSION. We hope that with new awareness more modern solutions will prevent repetition of a cataclysmic cycle. What brings on this tendency to philosophize? The realization that those of us who have survived to this day have had well over 90 years of life; so looking back over the years seems natural as we blend into the history of the classes that have preceded us. Hearing now from fewer classmates tells its story. Our co-councilor, **Edna Wright Smith**, sadly lost her husband Elbridge this past December. Those of us who attended our most recent reunions well remember Elbridge, for he was a

devoted adjunct to our class. For many years, he and Edna always carried the '35 banner in the processions on campus. We shall miss him greatly. **Edith Estabrooks Wilson** has kept in touch, but from a change in her Ohio address and the fact that someone else wrote her card can only mean that she is now in an assisted-living situation. We wish her well. **Loraine Loder Constable**, in Florida, did not write this year, so things have changed there, too. **Dan Van Leuvan's** widow, Florence, still keeps in touch and keeps Dan's memory alive for his classmates. **Hilda Heines Runz** still corresponds regularly and tells of her active life in Massachusetts. Way to go,

Ralph H. Baker, Ph.D., B.A.'33 Seventy Years With UAlbany

Ralph H. Baker holds a unique distinction in University at Albany history: His affiliation with the institution and its predecessor, the New York State College for Teachers (NYSCT), spans more than seven decades.

Born in 1910, Baker attended Defiance College in Ohio. Two years later, he transferred to NYSTC, where he majored in social studies. After earning an M.A. in political science from Columbia University and a Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins, Baker returned to NYSTC and joined the Department of Social Studies.

His interest and expertise in American government and politics earned Baker the abiding respect of students who enrolled in his courses, which included *American Government*, *American Parties and Politics*, *Constitutional Law*, and *State and Local Government in New York*. A member of Phi Beta Kappa and such professional organizations as the Social

Science Research Council, he also wrote *The National Bituminous Coal Commission Administration of the Bituminous Coal Act* in 1941.

Baker taught at NYSTC from 1939 until his retirement in 1968. His only times away from the college during his 30-year career, Baker notes, were "two-year interruptions for military service during World War II and for academic study." After retirement, he spent several months traveling the world.

Recognizing that financial assistance is essential for students, particularly today, Baker established a bequest

at UAlbany to support the *Ralph H. and Dora W. Baker Scholarship Fund in Political Science*. Named for the professor emeritus and his beloved wife, the former Dora Williamson, to whom he was married for nearly 74 years until her passing in 2008, the scholarship will benefit full-time undergraduates majoring in political science.



Hilda! To our other classmates who cannot correspond but who read these notes, best wishes and may God continue to bless you in our twilight years. And don't forget our wonderful years at *Alma Mater!*

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A note from your class

councilor: Your councilor has had two telephone contacts recently from **Fred and Eleanore Bowman** and **Joann Byron Haluska**. All report that they are still coping with advancing age.

Speaking of which, your councilor is debating the feasibility of planning an on-campus celebration of our 70th anniversary during Homecoming Weekend, Fall 2009. Unless a massive appeal is received from you, let's just say that we'll conduct a psychic reunion at that time. Okay with you?

Class councilor: Ken Doran, kkencon@aol.com

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Ninety-year-old **Fred Weed**, who continues to suffer from congestive heart failure and a leaking mitral valve, manages to savor life one day at a time with his wife, Ruth. They visited Hawaii in November 2008. It is with great sadness that we note the passing of class councilor **Joseph Capiello** on Nov. 4, 2009.

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A note from your class

councilor: On Oct. 4, I celebrated my 90th birthday, and in November, Peg and I celebrated our 66th wedding anniversary. **Charlie Quinn** is doing well, but his wife, Marian Duffy '42, is in a care facility; Charlie visits just about every day. His daughter runs the household.

Will Thomas is up and around and active, along with his wife, Janie Williams '42. After raising a family in the East Greenbush area, **Shirley Tooker** has returned to her homestead in Quoque, L.I. **Hy Meltz** enjoys his Florida retirement facility. **Norm Baldwin** is comfortable in California.

Helen Miller Kovar resides with her daughter and granddaughter in Deming, N.M. **Pete Stanger** still plays bridge as he approaches 96 years young. Pete was a transfer from Plattsburgh Normal to Albany State Teachers College in 1940. Attempts to reach **Jack Adam** have met

with failure. Jack and his wife moved from their home in Wading River, L.I., to Fayetteville, N.Y., to be near their 11 children. Jack is a retired psychiatrist and practiced for 29 years in Syracuse.

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Last August, **Harold Gould** starred in *Viagara Falls*, a comedy performed at the Crouse-Hinds Theater in Syracuse, N.Y.

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A note from your class

councilor: Our 60th reunion, held Oct. 24-25, was a time to get together and reminisce about the "old days" when we attended SCT at Albany. Friday evening, seven of us enjoyed the wine and cheese party at the Alumni House. Saturday morning, 11 of us attended the Half-Century Club breakfast in the Campus Center ballroom. Our main event, the luncheon, was held in the Arthur Levitt room on the downtown campus.

Attending this luncheon were: **Arthur Collins, Sam Dickieson** and wife Dorothy, **Ruth Doran, Helen Schick, Gloria Daas** and son Henry, **Eugene McLaren, Jane O'Brien, Adrienne Caruso, Wanda Methe, Eileen Petterson, Gari Patocopoulos, Lucille Horton** and husband Bill, **Muriel Dando, Elizabeth Brignull, Selene Sheriff** and I. During the class meeting, we all mentioned the professor who had had the most impact on our lives. Gari was honored for her 50 years as class councilor and was elected to continue! Eleanor also was elected councilor. We all voted to adopt **Dorothy Dickieson** as an honorary member of our class. The members of the class who could not be with us have received a letter from Gari and me encouraging them to continue their support by donating through the means mentioned in the letter. Further discussion mentioned that future reunions will include classes from the 40s meeting together so that we can greet those we knew from classes ahead of and after us. This seemed to be a reasonable solution to the smaller number of people who are able to attend individual reunions. A total of \$3,610 was received for the Greatest Generation Fund to commemorate our 60th reunion. This amount includes the \$500 voted from the class treasury at the class

Economy Got You Down?

In this volatile economy, many people are actively seeking new employment opportunities and even more are concerned about job security. Now is the time to take a fresh look at yourself, and UAlbany is here to help. There are numerous resources available at www.albany.edu/alumni to aid you in finding your new job or simply in expanding your professional network.



First, take advantage of free alumni career services – post your résumé online, search the alumni job banks or talk with a career counselor. Career counselors are trained professionals who will help you identify your job preferences and transferable skills, critique your résumé and discuss job search strategies. Contact Career Services for professional advice at www.albany.edu/cdc/ or (518) 437-4900.

You don't have to be in the Albany area to get in touch these days. Bigger, faster, stronger technology has changed the way we communicate and the way we define community. Find fellow alumni through our exclusive UAlbany online community at www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/UAB/. UAlbany Connections is a package of Internet services designed exclusively for our alumni. Search for friends, network, and access career information, or market your own products or services – free.

You can also join the UAlbany Alumni Association Facebook page and our professional networking site, University at Albany Alumni, at www.linkedin.com. Building your personal network is imperative for success. By tapping into the network, which includes more than 140,000 alumni worldwide, you will increase your network of professional contacts, gain new ideas for job searches and simply get connected.

In addition to reaching out for professional career service support and networking with fellow alumni, here are a few other proactive career search tips: Complete a self-assessment. Know your strengths and weaknesses, and pinpoint your interests. Take time to research and learn about the company you are applying to. Lastly, try not to get discouraged. The art of job searching takes dedication, but remember: The UAlbany alumni community is here for you.

**Lee Serravillo, Executive Director
UAlbany Alumni Association**

Alumni News and Notes

meeting held Oct 25. Since then, we have had 12 additional donations from the classmates. Your councilors continue to suggest that those who are able to continue to support this fund contact Roberta Armstrong, major gifts officer, at 562-594-8995 or Armst13@aol.com.

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A note from your class

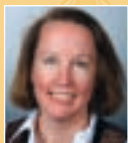
councilor: Our 60th college reunion is on for May 1-3, 2009. In December, you should have received information outlining the plans for the weekend and an attached survey form to be returned by Jan. 15. In March, you should have received an official invitation with an RSVP attached. Our planning committee

anticipates celebrating the weekend with many of our classmates, including **Bob Kittredge**, who is flying in from Fresno, Calif., to receive the alumni award for Excellence in Community Service. Even if you are unable to attend the entire weekend, if you live no more than two to three hours from Albany, please give serious consideration to attending the special class luncheon at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Best Western Sovereign Hotel. It would be wonderful to have a good turnout. **Bonnie Totten Adkins**, who was honored with the Excellence in Community Service award during our 50th reunion, visited Mozambique last summer with her husband, Lee, to celebrate the 95th anniversary of the Chicouque Rural Hospital and spent time

with the family of the hospital administrator. **Larry Appleby** and **Dick Zeller** visited each other again Columbus Day weekend – a tradition that has continued for more than 50 years. **Robertson Baker** reports on the August birth of his second great-grandchild, who will keep his first great-grandchild, Taylor, company. **Kocky Donnelly's** eldest son, Admiral Martin Macy, received his second star and is now on the Joint Chiefs of Staff. **Jean Pulver Hague**, a certified educational planner, is still consulting with students and parents, but intends to slow down in 2009. She returned from Europe in 1978 after many glorious years in France, where she was an administrator at the American School in Paris. She has three children and

seven grandchildren. Unfortunately, her husband had a stroke 25 years ago and has had a difficult time. Jean states she is blessed with good health and keeps moving along. In corresponding with her, we discovered that Joyce and I had moved to a country club in Saratoga where Jean had lived, and where her father had been the golf pro for many years. I also found out that the golf course on which I play was designed by her father and is now managed by two of Robertson Baker's sons. **Bob and Diana Kittredge** were very proud to report that their 17-year-old granddaughter Hannah, a senior at Poway High in Southern California, was crowned homecoming queen on her birthday. In October, she demonstrated her drum major skills at a

Alumni Association Recognizes Outstanding



Anne Case, B.S. '80



G. Thomas Selfridge



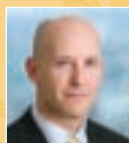
Laurence Austin, B.A. '81



Stacy J. Kanter, B.S. '79



Frank Whaley, B.A. '87



Michael Carmen, B.S. '84



Robert E. Kittredge, B.A. '49



Piyush Agrawal, M.S. '72, Ed.S. '77, Ed.D. '79



Dr. Joseph Emmanuel Bowman Jr., B.A. '72, M.L.S. '74, M.A. '75



Vincent J. Abramo, B.A. '67



Helen C. Stuetzel, M.S. '79, CAS '82, Ph.D. '91



Paul D. Amer, B.S. '74



George T.J. Chen, M.A. '71, Ph.D. '74

The University at Albany Alumni Association has bestowed Excellence Awards on the following alumni and friends for their outstanding achievements and service.

Distinguished Alumni

Honors an alumnus or alumna for an extraordinary achievement – one recognized nationally and/or internationally – or an individual who, over the course of a decade or more, has exemplified outstanding success in a chosen profession or outstanding service to society.

Anne Case, B.S. '80, Alexander Stewart 1886 Professor of Economics and Public Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School of Princeton University

Citizen of the University

Recognizes a non-graduate's outstanding contributions to the University through leadership, service or a special gift.

G. Thomas Selfridge, president, Albany Valve & Fitting Company

Excellence in Entrepreneurship

Recognizes the accomplishments of an individual who has demonstrated the spirit, leadership and drive of an entrepreneur.

Laurence Austin, B.A. '81, co-founder and chairman, Endeavour Capital Advisors

Excellence in Alumni Service

Recognizes sustained leadership and service to the Alumni Association and the University by alumni.

Stacy J. Kanter, B.S. '79, partner, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom

Excellence in Arts & Letters

Celebrates alumni for distinction in arts and letters.

Frank Whaley, B.A. '87, actor, screenwriter, director and composer

marching band competition and placed second. In San Francisco, Bob's son David has a restaurant, Triptych, where the ambience is delightful and the prices are moderate. If passing through, stop in and enjoy! **Tom Lisker** is the author of seven action-packed books for teenagers with reading difficulties. He reports that his first novel, *In Search of Innocence*, is finally complete. You can get a taste of it on his Web site: www.tomliskersbooks.com. Tom is really looking forward to our 60th reunion.

Elfrieda (Freddy) Laemmerzahl Miller went on a tour to Ireland sponsored by the Oklahoma Plant Society. In addition to observing Ireland's wild flowers, Freddy had the opportunity to taste some Guinness Stout at the Guinness

Stout factory. **Leslie Hervey O'Heir** had a wonderful trip to Alaska in July 2008. Leslie still enjoys work as her church librarian and is looking forward to our 60th. **Gerry Reisner** and Estelle enjoyed their best Elderhostel ever at Misericordia University in Dallas, Pa. The courses, which were taught by a Jewish film critic, a Polish-American author and an American nun, were excellent. In deference to the large number of Jewish participants, a Sabbath service was held on Friday night. Gerry says, "Only in America." **Abe Trop** continues his good works. In November, the 40th Habitat for Humanity house for Bakersfield, Calif., was turned over to the new owners, who had to put in 500 total hours of "sweat equity." Sometime after

Thanksgiving 2008, Abe started on house No. 41. The sad part of Abe's message was that his wife passed away in March 2008. Last summer Joyce and I revisited Alaska via a land and cruise tour similar to the one we took 13 years ago. Yes, the state is still beautiful but, regrettably, many of the glaciers are melting quite rapidly. We also spent a couple of extra days in Vancouver, B.C., where we took a trip to Bchart Gardens.

Annette Gardiner DeLyser has moved to an assisted-living facility in Ohio to be near her daughter. Annette deserves our gratitude for her commitment, dedication and efforts as our class councilor for more than 20 years. If you would like to drop her a note, her address is: Carriage Court,

Apt. 509, 3570 Heritage Club Dr., Hilliard, OH 43026. **Bill Blasberg** reports from Cary, N.C., that for the past 10 years he has been teaching math to home-schooled teens. Over the years, he has taught algebra, geometry, pre-calculus and statistics. Bill states he does not charge anything for this but does it to keep his mind active. Way to go, Bill! I don't want to sound like a broken record, but if you would send me your e-mail address, you could have much more class news. And finally, a plea: Please give serious thought to attending all or part of our 60th. You'll enjoy it!

Class notes co-councilor: **Joe Zanchelli**, jjzanch@yahoo.com



Achievements

Excellence in Business

Pays tribute to alumni for distinction in business for profit.

Michael Carmen, B.S. '84, senior vice president and partner, Wellington Management

Excellence in Community Service

Pays tribute to alumni for exceptional volunteer community service.

Robert E. Kittredge, B.A. '49, founding member, Stone Soup Fresno

Excellence in Education

Honors alumni for extraordinary distinction in the field of education, including pre-K through post-secondary classroom teaching, school services and administration/supervision.

Piyush Agrawal, M.S. '72, Ed.S. '77, Ed.D. '79, retired teacher, administrator, author and United Nations consultant

Dr. Joseph Emmanuel Bowman Jr., B.A. '72, M.L.S. '74, M.A. '75, associate professor, University at Albany Department of Educational Theory

and Practice and State University of New York Regent

Excellence in Public Service

Recognizes alumni for outstanding achievement in public service.

Vincent J. Abramo, B.A. '67, Construction safety and occupational health manager, Overseas Building Operations, United States Department of State

Bertha E. Brimmer Medal

Celebrates alumni for excellence in teaching K-12 and for dedication to their profession.

Helen C. Stuetzel, M.S. '79, CAS '82, Ph.D. '91, principal, Ballston Spa Middle School

Excellence in Science and Technology

Pays tribute to alumni for distinction in science and/or technology.

Paul D. Amer, B.S. '74, Distinguished Professor, Computer and Information Science Department, University of Delaware, Newark, DE

International Award for Exceptional Achievement

Recognizes international graduates who are highly distinguished in their professions and who have helped their nations and/or the world by outstanding contributions to government, science, art, education, business, or human welfare.

George T.J. Chen, M.A. '71, Ph.D. '74, academic vice president, National Taiwan University

MAKE YOUR NOMINATION FOR 2010

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councilor: In preparation for our 60th reunion, **Audrey Koch Feathers, Marjorie Lyons, Ben Jackson** and I are planning a special project, a book to which each of us will be asked to contribute something about ourselves. Sometime this spring, you will receive a letter detailing the project and your part in it. In the meantime, please keep sending in items for class notes. After graduating in 1950, **Alfred Di Cesare** taught business classes at Tri-Valley in Grahamsville and at Valley Central in Montgomery, N.Y. Alfred did graduate work on Saturdays for guidance and administration, then spent the next 36 years in the Newburgh City School District as a teacher, guidance counselor, assistant principal, principal, associate superintendent and superintendent. He retired in 1990. Alfred and his wife, Catherine, live in Niskayuna, N.Y. **Joan Petersen Engelbosch** and her companion bought a condo in an "active adult community" in Westhampton, N.Y. They enjoy the ballroom dancing opportunities in the community, including a trip to the Caribbean with 24 of their fellow/sister ballroom dancers. They are avid travelers: Italy, Croatia, Spain and Monaco. Special impressions include Venice, the old Greek Theater in Sicily and the volcano on Stromboli. After college, **Joan Erlandson Viele** served as head of the business department at Roscoe Central School. Later, Joan worked with the dean of students at

Choate Rosemary Hall, managed a bookstore, assisted two millionaires in Stamford, and then became executive secretary to two deputy commissioners at the Department of Mental Health in Hartford. Joan's first husband died on a camping trip several years ago. Joan married Warren Viele in 2005; together, they have traveled to Alaska, Scandinavia, Russia and, recently, the Holy Land. Following graduation, **Joan Farrell Gloo** taught at Minoa High School for two years. After marriage, Joan moved to Oklahoma, where her husband was in the service, then returned to the valley. Joan considers herself fortunate to have been able to stay home to raise their seven children, but did some substitute teaching. She has done a great deal of volunteer work with such groups as Hospice and Meals on Wheels, and is still a volunteer with the Stanley Performing Arts Center in Utica, N.Y. **Elizabeth (Betty Hutton) Valenze** and her husband have lived in the same house in Massapequa for 52 years. Her husband was a junior high school principal in Island Trees. Betty thinks of herself as a stay-at-home mom, having raised seven children. She and her husband have pulled a trailer across most of the United States. Recently, Betty made contact with **Anne Morgan Mehan**, sharing many great memories. **Joseph Keefe** left Albany with the thought that his "destiny was to become a professional writer," but he says, he "came to his senses" in 1953. Joseph then earned a master's from the

University of Iowa and a Ph.D. from Syracuse University. He taught English at Ulster County Community College and led a writing workshop in Byrdcliffe. Joseph and his three grown children live in Woodstock, N.Y., and are all still trying to cope with Jane's death this past December. **Bob Kirby** lives in Redwood country, Ukiah, Calif. Bob retired from teaching at-risk kids for more than 22 years; his teaching experience included more than seven years in a juvenile-hall school. Bob thinks of it as a great experience and "counts his blessings." Your co-councilor, **Audrey Koch Feathers**, visited with classmate **Marj Lyons** recently in Queensbury, N.Y. Although they had not seen each other since graduation, it was instantly clear how strong the college bond between them was, and the conversation flowed. Marj was visiting her two sons in Vermont, where they own and operate the Cavendish Inn. Marj is a published author, board member of the Florida Publishers Association, past president of the Writers Network on South Florida, and a board member of American Pen Women. She is also president and owner of Telling Your Story Inc. **Lila Lee Harrington** continues to live in a log home she and her second husband, Chuck, built in the Adirondacks. Lila is an adventurous traveler: kayaking in Prince William Sound; Elderhostel trip to the Grand Canyon with sorority sister **Marilyn O'Connor**; a two-week mission trip to Ghana; and trips to London, Austria, Italy, France, Germany (Oberammergau), Israel and Egypt. Retired and busy, **Dick and Ruth Marschner Boynton** live on 23 acres in Durham County, N.C. Ruth volunteers for fifth-grade math at a nearby elementary school. Their son is a pharmacist, and a daughter is an associate professor of journalism and mass communication at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. A granddaughter recently graduated from Appalachian State. A grandson who graduated from North Carolina State had entered a Lutheran seminary. Because of a rare illness, pol-yarteritis nodosa, **Edie Minch Noeltner**, our class councilor for 20 years, had to retire from summer campground hosting at Locust Lake State Park in Pennsylvania. Fortunately, it is treatable. Recently, Edie was the featured "Artist of the Month" at the local library, which displayed her folk-art paintings. A granddaughter is curator of the new



Harvey Milk, B.A. '51

A Life Remembered

Butterfly House in Durham, N.C. **Ray** and **Doris Price Rollins** now live in a retirement community on Solomons Island, Md. After retiring, they traveled extensively: by sailboat to Key West; Normandy; they visited **Marilyn Cohen Saglor** and her husband, who are missionaries in Costa Rica and also in Niger; and they stayed in cottages in Oxford and Cambridge. One of her most satisfying experiences is serving as faculty advisor for the Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship group at St. Mary's College, Md. **Joan Romulus Josifek** moved to Sharon Springs 30 years ago. She retired after 20 years as clerk/treasurer of the village. She served as a village trustee for six years and as a trustee of the Sharon Springs Library for 25, including 20 years as treasurer. She sees **Maggie Hoskins Winne** occasionally. Her oldest granddaughter just graduated from the University of Florida at Gainesville, a grandson is in college in Florida, and a nine-year-old grandchild lives just down the road. This past summer, **Pauline Thompson Hill** and her husband, Don, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a gathering of family and friends. Don suffered a stroke in 2006; fortunately, the staff in their rural area medical center quickly administered clot-buster medication, which forestalled a stroke's worst effects. Son David, who served in both Gulf wars, just retired after 26 years as a naval officer. Another son works in food service management. A daughter is a supervisor for a major media research and ratings company in Florida. **Audrey Koch Feathers** has a new e-mail address: akochfeathers@roadrunner.com.

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councilors: Royann Salm Blodgett and **Joan Ahr Robertson** attended the Gamma Kappa Phi Coffee Hour on Homecoming Day and, although they were the only "golden oldies," they had a great time. **Air Force Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Al Kaehn** has just completed a three-year stint on the UAlbany Rockefeller College advisory board and has enjoyed his association with so many talented young people who feel strongly about the college. Al continues to provide consultant services to the National Weather Service in the multi-agency development and implementation

of the Next Generation Transportation System, which is targeted for completion in 2025. **Leona Richter Toppal** and husband Lester are living in Jacksonville, Fla., in an "active adult" community where there are many activities, including tennis, dancing, swimming, biking, pot luck suppers and a variety of classes to choose from. As usual, the group started by some '51 Phi Deltas, met for lunch in May. **Marilyn Allen Ochs, Joyce Barringer Soule, Marie Thurlow Gunn, Jackie Mann Gavryck, Audrey Weller Holly, Vivian Steele Ehrhardt '50, Dorothy Bens Langr ex'51, and Juanita Evans Thompson '49** congregated in Cobleskill, N.Y., and talked far into the afternoon. In October, co-councilor **Bob Umholtz** traveled to Spain with the Siena College Opera Club. On the 13-day trip, the group visited opera houses in Barcelona, Valencia and Madrid. Formal attire was required! **Marilyn Allen Ochs**, her daughter, son-in-law and two grandsons traveled to Buenos Aires to visit her granddaughter Rebecca, who was in Argentina as a Rotary Club exchange student.
Class notes co-councilor: Jacquelyn Gavryck, jmgav653@midtel.net

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councilor: Bert Jablon, who won the Alumni Excellence in Public Service Award last year, was written up in Long Island's *Newsday* as an example of how running can improve one's life. Bert, at the age of 82, runs 10 miles a week and competes in a race nearly every weekend. Good for you, Bert. **Al Stephenson**, who continues to work full time, has decided to sign his contract for one more year as a sideline official for the JCU football varsity. Yes, he runs up and down the field with the down marker on every play. Way to go, Al. **Gerald Firth** became a great-grandfather on Sept. 15 with the birth of Hunter Reese. Jerry and his wife, Doris, took a 12-day cruise of the islands off the coast of Italy. **Tom Holman**, in St. Maarten's once again, says he enjoys all the news from the '52ers. **Vickie Eade Eddy** sent the latest news of her most accomplished family: a daughter,



Harvey Milk in 1951

Thirty years after his violent death, UAlbany graduate and onetime San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk has been memorialized in a motion picture.

Milk arrived at the New York State College for Teachers as a freshman in the fall of 1947.

A social studies major who minored in mathematics and German, he participated in intramural football, basketball, volleyball and wrestling; joined the Kappa Beta fraternity; and wrote for the *State College News*. (His columns were often critical of school spirit – and of

some faculty, as well.) During his senior year, Milk served as the *News*' sports editor.

In addition to trying his hand at journalism and sports, the Long Island native took an interest in campus politics. He ran for freshman class president but lost, placing third out of four candidates.

After graduation, Milk served in the military during the Korean War and later worked as an investment banker in New York. In the 1970s, he headed to San Francisco, where he ran unsuccessfully for the Board of Supervisors three times before being elected in 1977, the first openly homosexual public official to win election in California.

Harvey Milk has been memorialized in a motion picture.

At San Francisco City Hall in November 1978, Milk was assassinated, along with Mayor George Moscone. Their former colleague, ex-Supervisor Dan White, who had resigned from the board and was subsequently denied reappointment by Moscone, confessed to the crime. Convicted only of voluntary manslaughter, White served just five years' prison time. He committed suicide a few years later.

"Milk" chronicled the political rise of Harvey Milk, along with details of his personal life and his activism on behalf of homosexuals. The film earned star Sean Penn an Academy Award for Best Actor, as well as a Screen Actors Guild award for best performance by a male lead in a movie and a Golden Globe nomination for lead actor in a drama. "Milk" also received an Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay.

HOMECOMING 2008



Clockwise from top left: Members of the Class of '58 celebrated their 50th reunion and induction into the Half-Century Club.

Stu Ritter '82 emcees the WCDB/WSUA reunion. During the three-day gathering, alumni had a chance to meet students, reconnect with one another and reminisce about the early days of the radio station.

Hundreds of alumni, parents, students and family members gathered at the Touchdown Tailgate before rooting for the Great Danes in the annual Homecoming football game.

More than 400 young alums returned to campus for the first GOLD (Graduates Of the Last Decade) reunion.

Pamela, who is a Fulbright Scholar and is now in Ireland doing research; a daughter who is a physical education teacher; a son who is a colonel in the Air Force Reserves and works for the FBI; a son who is a marketing manager for a non-profit agency; and a daughter who works for the Federal Court System. Vickie is now at her winter home in Yuma, Ariz. Vickie stated how much she loved school in Albany and how prepared she was by the dedicated teachers there to enter the teaching field. **Bob Donnelly** took a Mediterranean cruise to Mallorca, Tunisia, Malta, Sicily and Rome. **Jane Hatt LaDuke** writes that she has served 18 years on the planning board of Brick Township and has been president of her 615-home adult community for two years. Jane has three children and seven grandchildren ages 16-28. **Jane and George Van Dalen Sr.** entered into a joyful "covenant relationship" in a ceremony attended by their families in their Episcopal church on June 28, 2008. **Jeanne Seymour Earle** continues her very busy life. Jeanne is subbing for a high-school librarian until the end of the school year; she also teaches a Latin connection course in Mahopac's staff development and works at the Putnam Valley Library on weekends. **Jane Minckler Jennings** reports that while spending a week with her daughter in Sarasota, she spent a day with **Marion Mimi Gorski**, who has a condo nearby. Shopping, lunch and treats prepared by Mimi's husband capped a great day. **Jean Faville Smith** and husband Smitty visited **Joan Bennet** and **Charlie Kelly** in their Vermont home when the Smiths came north for a wedding. The Kellys reciprocated by spending two nights with the Smiths in Florida. **Maureen Davis Mullin** reported she has lived in Santa Barbara, Calif., for 40 years; lost her beloved husband Ray three years ago; taught in secondary schools and at the University of Santa Barbara for a total of 30 years; and has three sons. One of her sons, a teacher, was California State Teacher of the Year in 2003. Another son is a professor at USCB, and her third son is in the computer business. Maureen says: "Hello to all my buddies at SUNY. Love you all!!! Those were four of the happiest years of my life." **Marilyn Johnson VanDyke** is continuing her work as a certified public historian by offering a course, History of

Warren and Washington Counties, during the Spring 2009 semester at Adirondack Community College. The course will cover topics of local interest: exploration, settlement, early wars, and social and political interaction. **Kitty Kloser Irons** lauds an Elderhostel she and Marty attended in Washington. They saw memorials, Arlington National Cemetery, Mount Vernon and more. They also spent Thanksgiving in Fairhaven, Vt., their son's home, where they got to visit their three granddaughters — all track stars and all honor students. Kitty, Marty, and Joyce and **Joe Zanchelli** enjoyed a lunch together and a day's chat this past summer. **Joan Bennett Kelly** and hubby Charlie have very athletic grandchildren. One had a track meet in West Point and another in Virginia; one played in a championship game at Giant Stadium; one is on the lacrosse team; and another is a cheerleader finishing up her season — all within a couple of weeks. Kayla, their talented actress granddaughter, is trying her luck off-Broadway. **Jeanine Burke Elder** is still working as program director for the Milton H. Erikson Foundation in Phoenix, Ariz. Besides planning for four different teaching conferences the foundation gives for mental health professionals, Jeanine oversees the foundation's institutes, of which there are 135 worldwide. She has three children and two grandchildren, Abigail, 5, and Caroline, 1-1/2. In her spare time, Jeanine enjoys her townhouse in north-eastern Arizona; she also loves to hike and ski. In the future, Jeanine hopes to visit Ireland and Iceland. **Helen Pilcher Terrill** recounts the fun the Pilcher multi-family get-together is. The families comprise about 40 members who spend a week together sailboating; water skiing; lake and pool swimming; and participating in their favorite game, croquet. On Thanksgiving, Helen and Bill's immediate family of 19 gathered at their daughter's home to celebrate the holidays, several birthdays, a wedding anniversary, and an engagement! **Joan Barron**, your co-councilor, continues to keep herself busy with her retired teachers organization; her travel group; organization of a high school reunion; and, of course, her work for you. In February, she drove with a friend to North Carolina to visit her daughter and son-in-law. Joan received a nice letter from **John Bowker** and his wife, sharing his usual extensive travel

plans. They have been all over the world, much of the time spent with John's lecturing. He is also still performing surgery once a week and continues seeing patients once a week, also. The Bowkers' three-year-old granddaughter is the light of their lives. If you did not get an e-mail from me, it means I don't have your e-mail address. Could you please send it to me so that we can stay in touch? Thanks.

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53 *Notes from your councilor:*
Norman and Veronica Price Sinander lived in California for 30 years before moving to Honolulu, Hawaii, eight years ago. **Marlene Southard Fleming** is doing well following surgery for back problems. **Louise Petfield Burns** writes from Colorado that she is enjoying retirement.

Because they are unable to do much traveling, she doesn't get back East very often and could not attend the reunion. During a stay on Jekyll Island, Ga., **Harold Smith** had the pleasure of spending time with **Paul Ward, Ed Bonahue** and **Art Weigand**, as well as with **John Centra, Dave Manley** and **Fran Rogers**. Harold and Barbara have three children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Classmates who could not make the November reunion but sent their regards include **Peggy Smith Stafford, Kitty Brumfield Pickett, Irene Brezinski McDonald, Bev Prantis Railey, Linda Hopkins McGrath** and **Caroline Gazulis Johnson. Linda Hopkins McGrath** finds retirement in Naples, Fla., most enjoyable. Linda plays golf two or three times a week and serves as treasurer of her homeowners



Melvin Brown '77, a drummer with the Burundi African Dancers and Drummers Troupe, entertained participants at the EOP Reunion during Homecoming. Hundreds attended the 40th-anniversary celebration of the EOP program at UAlbany and honored the program's longtime director, Dr. Carson Carr.

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HOMECOMING & REUNION 2009

Mark your calendars and join us Oct. 9-11, 2009, as we celebrate Homecoming and Alumni Weekend. The classes of **1999, 1984, 1969, 1959** and the **Half-Century Club** will be honored. Homecoming will feature a full array of activities – from the traditional tailgate and football to alumni events, class reunions and the ever popular Great Danes, Great Bash party – for everyone.

We want you to come home to your campus next fall. Fill each purple and gold heart with Great Dane pride!

association. Condolences to **Sally Swanson Devine**, who was recently widowed. Since retiring 20 years ago, Sally has traveled a lot, visiting much of the United States, China, Italy, Spain, South America and Sweden. Although she spent many winters in Florida, Western New York is still home. **Marion Horne Doody** has lived in Albany since 1949 when she first came to NYSCT. She has resided in the same house for the past 48 years. **Margaret Hebert Wernette** and her husband are both retired, but still live most of the time in England. They come twice a year to spend time with their daughter and grandchildren, and they spend January in Texas on her husband's ranch. Margaret has lived outside the United States since she started teaching for the Department of Defense in 1956. In June they were on a cruise along the Norwegian coast to the Land of the Midnight Sun, visiting picturesque cities and villages and seeing spectacular fiords, glaciers and waterfalls. They reached Lapland and the North Cape, the northernmost point of Europe, only a few miles from the North Pole. July found

them in France, where they met up with a group from Texas who had come to visit Alsace. They were wined and dined by their many Alsatian friends, who are past masters at the art of hospitality.

Class counselor: Doris Doherty Wilson, Doriswilson1953@aol.com

54 **Frances Allen** was thrilled to receive an honorary doctorate from the University at Albany at the Winter Commencement held in December 2008. After graduation, Fran went on to a career of pioneering computing research at IBM that culminated with her winning of the 2006 A.M. Turing Award, considered the Nobel Prize in computing.

Mary Ann (Mimi) Webb went to the Adirondacks with two granddaughters in August for an intergenerational Elderhostel program. From there, Mimi drove to New Hampshire for a reunion at her daughter's house with her other family, who came up from D.C. She keeps busy with volunteer work (monthly rummage sale raising funds for Children's Hospital at Stanford and doing speech therapy with a stroke patient), pilates class, book group, bridge, Scrabble and a good range of friends. After a long and serious illness with his liver that required multiple surgeries, **Bill Floyd** has recuperated and is doing well now. Bill has returned to the "Y" and is back doing volunteer work at the local elementary school. **Peter McManus** continues to teach at Sage College as adjunct professor, and also travels, mostly to Puerto Rico and Disney World (with grandson Peter). **Joan Hartman** spent a quiet summer at home due to a total hip replacement. This past fall, Joan was an RSVP volunteer in the Prejudice Reduction Program. **Henry Berleth** has two grandchildren in college – six others in grades three to 12. Two of Henry and Dottie's (Dorothy Rasmusen Berleth '56) three daughters have decided to follow into teaching at the secondary level. **Margaret Jacobson** volunteers at the Yaddo Gardens in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. As a founding and present board member of the Yaddo Gardens Association, it has been Margaret's privilege and joy since 1992 to participate in restoring the historic gardens of the well-known artists colony at Yaddo to their former glory of over 100 years ago. Margaret invites all who have the occasion to visit Saratoga



Top-flight men's and women's basketball, food, music, games, prizes and more highlighted this year's Big Purple Growl and Ferocious Feast. More than 600 Great Danes fans attended the sold-out Ferocious Feast, and a capacity crowd of 4,538 filled the SEFCU Arena.

in the spring, summer or fall to view the spectacular results of this restoration. The roses are at their height of bloom in June, and the rock gardens are a delight in early spring. During her stay in Ormond Beach, Fla., **Gloria Migliore Falzarano**'s has been involved in theater work at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center for the last five years. Their Aberdeen Revue, a lip-sync production, was presented in February 2009. This year, Gloria will be "Big, Blonde & Beautiful" ("Hairspray") and "Dancing Queen" ("Mamma Mia"). The last time she was on stage was for the Class of '54 freshman competition, singing "Blue Moon." Gloria especially enjoys this theater experience because it involves working with some great people before sold-out audiences who appreciate the performances. She is sorry she missed the 50th reunion. Gloria writes: "Hopefully, I will be able to attend our 60th. Thanks, ladies, for your efforts in keeping our Class of '54 members informed about what is going on with each of us." Another great Potter Reunion was held at The Inn on the Lake in Canandaigua in late September, with seven attending from the class of '54: **David Brown, John Centra, Gerry Holzman, Pete McManus, Sven Sloth, George Wood and Jim Finnen.** **Art Stone** still runs a business called Art Stone/The Competitor (art-stonecostumes.com). The company sells and manufactures dance costumes for studios, high schools and colleges all over the country. Art also runs dance competitions (stage arts such as ballet, tap, jazz and hip hop) under the names Dance Olympus, Danceamerica and International Dance Challenge. With the tremendous interest in ballroom dancing, thanks to "Dancing with the Stars," Art has been teaching ballroom all over the country at dance conventions for the last two years. **Corinne Valenti Moxham** and husband Rodger retired in Las Cruces, N.M., in 1995. They enjoy playing golf and visiting their seven children and spouses, as well as their 14 grandchildren. They also enjoy cruising and recently returned from a European River cruise on the Rhine, Main and Danube Rivers. **Ed and Carol Osterhout** continue their involvement with Volunteers in Mission, working on storm damage (Mississippi, Iowa) and poverty housing (Maine). They had an

interesting adventure last July. In their five missions to Brazil, they made many friends, among whom are a young couple who requested that Ed and Carol be sponsors at their wedding. This they did, staying at a hotel on the beach south of Recife instead of their usual mission housing. They even had hot-water showers. They also spent a day with a young man they assisted in getting into college and visited a church they helped build. It was a glorious eight days! Back in college, and for a few years thereafter, **Frank Mayer** had a band known as the Frank Mayer Quartet, in which his brother Ted '55 played piano and Frank played sax. Frank returned to music in 2000 after a 38-year hiatus, and now plays throughout the greater Albany area with a popular big band called the Swing Docs, with a jazz quintet known as FIVE+1, with the Colonie Town Band, and with the Colonie Saxophone Quartet. **Malcolm Blum** continues his 14 years of volunteer work with the STOP AIDS Project, a group that has been fighting the epidemic since 1984. Malcolm goes back to Westmoreland for a family reunion in July each year and is looking forward to the 55th class reunion next year in Albany. He enjoys reading and his Netflix movies. If any of his class members get to San Francisco, Malcolm is in the phone book. After careers in the aircraft industry and academics, **John and Cynthia Jackson** began their 25th year of retirement. John and Cynthia began a long series of travel projects, including two tours of duty teaching English in Japan, plus annual trips abroad and within the United States. Cynthia has been very active in the Peace Movement, book clubs and theater. John has built a few boats and planned vacation trips, is a board member at the senior citizen center and works on housing for poor families. He also keeps busy working on the restoration of Chandler Music Hall and is also a justice of the peace, both in the Village of Randolph, Vt. **Pat Manning and Pat Thurston '65** spent five-and-a-half weeks in Italy – over a week in Venice and a month in Rome! They rented an apartment in Rome and just ran around visiting churches and museums and open markets and what-all every day. **Charlie and Pam Lusk** are enjoying retirement in Orange Park, Fla. They spend many hours burning up 1-75

between Orange Park and Largo, visiting their two granddaughters. Charlie and Pam's favorite pastimes are traveling and hiking; they recently hiked the Superior Trail in Minneapolis and the Weaver's Trek to Machu Picchu, which peaked out at nearly 15,000 feet. When not on the road, they stay busy playing golf and volunteering with the Freedoms Foundation, the Naval Hospital and the local junior-high school. **John and Rose Mary Bradt Zongrone** received an early Christmas gift with the arrival of twin granddaughters in early December. The Zongrones are hosting their reunion open house for our 55th reunion, which will take place Columbus Day Weekend 2009. **Gerry Holzman** has recently established a new Web site, which contains pictures and detailed information on his carving activities (www.gerryholzman.com). **Ken Schoonmaker** enjoyed a two-week trip to Portugal, Spain and Morocco in May. Ken meets with **Bobbie Stein Klausner '51** to have lunch and attend New York City shows every month or so. Please send your contact information (address, phone number and e-mail) to your class councilors so that we can contact you regarding our upcoming class reunion.

Class notes co-councilor:
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55 **Kay Johnston Harvey** spent three weeks in September touring China, Thailand and Cambodia. Kay was especially impressed by Angkor Wat and eight other ancient Cambodian temples she visited. Along with running 40+ miles a week, **Don Lein**, a board member of the USA Track and Field Association and one of three co-founders of the Senior Games in North Carolina, is very active in volunteer work. He founded and chairs the Chatham Parks Foundation and also is president of the longest running masters track meet in the United States – Southwestern Masters. Don is on the board of the North Carolina Senior Citizens Association, a statewide organization dealing with quality of life issues for seniors, and on the board of the Coalition of Aging.

Class councilor: John Orser,
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*During a visit to Noyabrsk, Russia, last November, **James E. (Jim) Harris, B.S.'74**, bravely donned a UAlbany Great Danes T-shirt – over a jacket – to pose for a souvenir photo. "I recall it was cold on the Academic Podium in February," he wrote shortly after the picture was taken, "but I was outside for a couple of minutes tonight, and it was brutal." Harris noted that Noyabrsk, home to 150,000 hardy inhabitants, "means 'November' in Russian." Local lore, he added, claims that the Siberian city sprang up only 30 or so years ago when some settlers "flew in on a helicopter, got out, put an 'X' on the ground and said, 'Drill here!'" A few days after the frigid photo op, Harris, an oilfield services industry consultant who graduated from UAlbany with a degree in business administration, headed back to his home in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. – to "thaw out!"*

56 **A note from your class councilor:** Please don't forget to support the Class of 1956 Scholarship Fund. In retirement, **Jane Whitehurst Stryker** enjoys church work; social activities with the Red Hat Society; and a winter place in Fort Myers, Fla. Bill and **Carole Hughes Summer** have lived on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, for almost 40 unbelievable, hilarious years. She is a part-time violin teacher and a remedial reading tutor. She enjoys painting, church functions and travel — especially overseas pilgrimages led by Bill, a Catholic church deacon. **Jane**

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Santer Vink enjoys reading, doing crossword puzzles, babysitting her grandchildren, and traveling to places such as Ireland and Central Europe. She is very active in Tres Dias of Fairfield County, Conn., an ecumenical church organization, and in the United Methodist Church Choir of Milford, Conn. **Evelyn Beals Vogt**, a retired foreign language teacher living in Napa, Calif., loves to dance; travel; read; and attend movies, winery events, plays and other performances. She also enjoys visiting family back East. **Whitson Walter** is retired from a career as an aerospace computer specialist, working for North American and Northrop. Whitson is a district coordinator for the AARP Taxaide program in his area of Southern California and also is involved with a program sponsored by his church to feed the homeless and hungry.

Class counselor: Arnold Newman, fish7hill@aol.com

58 The Class of '58 held its 50th reunion during Homecoming Weekend. The following classmates attended: **Ron Alexander, Richard Bartholomew, Donald Bindim, Dukene Zervas Brady, Sheila Sullivan Cerwonka,**

Marilyn Leach Causey, George Cosgrove, Edward Demske, Warren Dunham, Joseph Flynn, Janet Senez Fitzgerald, Alice Meyers Ford, Ronald Graves, Betty Lee Smith Harris, Alan Levine, Ellen McLaughlin, Brent Patten, Carmita Siaba Patten, Joan Reul Plows, Eileen Lalley Purcell, Burton Rounds, Patricia Corcoran Ryan, Robert Schultheis, Sybil Meyers Sherman, Emmett Ten Broeck, Margery Kraus Todd, Selma Wagenheim, Carol Wiggins, Helen Hoffman Winkler. After a 40-year career as an embryologist/histologist, **Ellen McLaughlin** retired as a professor of biology at Stamford University in 2007. Ellen is in excellent health, enjoying retirement, and she still manages to teach part time. She spends summers at a secluded family camp in Maine and continues to keep her home in Birmingham, Ala. Ellen has travelled extensively during her career, to Outer Mongolia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Burma, China, Koutiala in Mali West Africa, Kenya, Peruvian Amazon, Belize, Java, Sulawesi, the deep interior of New Guinea and Western Europe. **Francine Valvo**, a world traveler, just happened to

be on the same tour as **Sheril McCormack, Susan Blank**, and **Hannah Schnitt-Rogers (all '62)** to Ireland this past September. Francine is a retired librarian enjoying many journeys per year.

Class counselor: Susanne Russell Williams, Swilliams36@nycap.rr.com

60 Hello, Yellowjackets! Alumni Weekend now coincides with Homecoming Weekend and many other exciting events taking place in October on the UAlbany campus. Your class officers are discussing plans for our big 50th Reunion in October 2010, and we need your input. Please send ideas to your class councilors for the type of Class of 1960 gatherings you would prefer to attend. Although the actual date of Alumni Weekend 2010 has not yet been determined, we will let you know as soon as we hear. Hoping to hear from you soon.

Class notes co-counselor: Doris Hische Brossy, DBrossy@aol.com

61 Our 50th class reunion is coming up, and we hope to have a VERY LARGE turnout. Your reunion leaders request your help. We need the e-mail addresses (or other contact information) of as many class members as possible. Please send them to **Mel Horowitz** (melandsis@yahoo.com) or **John Sullivan** (LEESULLY@aol.com). We are also seeking your ideas about the time of year you'd prefer, the type of activities you'd like to attend and volunteers to help the committee. **John** reports that he is currently working on book three, and doing a lot of substitute teaching in Fairfax County, Va., high schools. "The environment has changed quite a bit since I last taught in a high school (East Lansing/1968) and it is very challenging." In October, he was invited to participate in an authors' forum, sponsored by Elderhostels on Cape Cod. "I met a few authors, gave four well-received talks, sold some books, and had a lot of fun." **Mel** reports that his Rotary China Project (in the desert in Ningxia) fundraising has exceeded its goals — all the plans have been approved, and the work will be done this spring. He will be giving a presentation about the project at the 2009 Wharton China Business Forum. **Phyllis Hammerman Schultz** and husband Howard were married 47

years in June 2008. They live in Jericho, N.Y., not far from their two married children and four grandchildren. Phyllis sends regards to her Sigma Phi Sisters, Pierce Hall housemates, and old friends and classmates.

Class notes counselor: Mel Horowitz, melandsis@yahoo.com

62 **Sheril McCormack, Linda Bosworth, Hannah Schnitt-Rogers** and **Susan Blank** enjoyed their triannual September reunion in Ireland. Sheril celebrated her 67th birthday there, and they returned to all attend Hannah's twin son's wedding on Long Island. In December, **Susan Blank** participated in a humanitarian mission to the Jewish community in Cuba and personally distributed donations.

Class notes counselor: Sheril Joan McCormack, vanillastar202@yahoo.com

63 Retired teachers **Harry and Joan Thornhill '66** have formed a public charity with 501(c)3 status, "Friends of Akuffo Tom School Complex," to support a school in Ghana, West Africa. The Thornhills taught at the school for three months in 2004 and for two months in 2008. Money raised will go toward basic improvements, such as the addition of electricity and running water. In the past, "Friends" has financed windows, doors, desks, chairs, shipping costs for books, field trips, student scholarships and other items. Harry was a Peace Corps volunteer in Liberia from 1964-66, and the couple lived in Sierra Leone with their three sons from 1980-81. **Judith Ann Strong** of Moorhead,



Judy Strong

Minn., will serve a two-year term on the international board of directors for Soroptimist, an international volunteer organization for business and professional women who work to improve the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world.

64 **Richard Leveroni**, professor in the humanities and social sciences department, received the 2008 Schenectady County



Richard Leveroni



Joan '66 and Harry Thornhill '63 have formed a public charity to support a school in Ghana, West Africa.

Community College Foundation Award for Excellence in Faculty Service. Hired in 1970 as an instructor, Richard was then promoted to assistant professor in 1973, made associate professor in 1979, and professor in 1985. He was the first individual in the history of the College to receive a Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching (1973) and also was named a recipient of the Foundation Award in this same category in 1992.

65 The Stamford, N.Y., Chamber of Commerce named **Ralph Beisler**

"Small Business Person of the Year" at the annual mixer in November 2008. The chamber presented him a plaque recognizing "the outstanding development of your business and your service to the community." Ralph has operated the local Ace Hardware since 1975.

Elizabeth ("Jane") Beckett

Camarata (Kappa Delta) is a tenured professor of public policy at Kent State University. Jane was the recipient of a Fulbright two years ago for study, research and teaching at Kharkiv National University in Ukraine. She also taught several summers in Russia and has lectured at Xuaomin and Chengdu Universities in China and at universities in Seoul, Korea. An avid runner, Jane ran in the 2008 Philadelphia Marathon and Jane placed first in class at the Thanksgiving Turkey Trot in Aurora, Ohio, last fall. **Elissa "Lisa" Gold Laster** taught French in the Plainview Old Bethpage School District for 35 years, retiring seven years ago. Lisa was an adjunct professor of French at Molloy College and Hofstra University. Lisa continued taking students to France, and now she and her husband look for places to scuba dive!

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67 **Barbara Lewis** of Lakewood,

Colo., was elected 2008-10 Rocky Mountain Region governor of Soroptimist, an international volunteer organization for business and professional women who work to improve the lives of women and girls. As region governor, Lewis will serve as the top administrative officer for Soroptimist clubs in her territory.



Barbara Lewis

Amy Riddell, B.A.'88, M.S.'89, C.A.S.'89

Super Scooper

Amy Riddell has always had a passion for ice cream. She has fond childhood memories of visiting old-fashioned ice cream parlors with her family in her native Queens, N.Y. As an undergraduate psychology and sociology major at UAlbany, she worked at a local ice cream shop to earn money for school, learning the business in the process. When Riddell and her husband, Voorheesville High School science teacher Ken Young, B.S. '88, M.S.'92, went on vacation, she would take along a 300-page guide, *The Very Best Ice Cream and Where to Find It*. So when she discovered a vacant building on Delaware Avenue in Albany in 2007, she took that as a sign that the time was right to go into business.

It was: The shop – one of only 20 outlets of the Boston-based Emack & Bolio's, and the chain's first upstate New York venue – opened right at the start of a four-day heat wave in June 2008. Crowds flocked there to sample ice cream and fresh-squeezed lemonade in the big outdoor garden. Last winter, customers warmed themselves by the fireplace, listening to soothing music from a jukebox as they sipped mouth-watering cocoa, café mocha, espresso macchiato and chai. Of course, the "really fabulous" gourmet ice cream, "invented and made by Emack & Bolio's founder Bob Rook," is a year-round draw. Such unique flavors as Deep Purple Cow, Peanut Butter Oreo, Caramel Moose Prints and Cake Batter are staples; others, including Albany EGG Cream and Nipper's Doggie Sundae, were inspired by Capital Region landmarks. (Riddell's own favorite is Serious Chocolate Addiction.)

Emack & Bolio's is located in one of Riddell and Young's favorite neighborhoods. As UAlbany students, Young, who majored in atmospheric science and earned a master's in science education, and Riddell, a former Voorheesville High counselor who also holds both a master's and a certificate of advanced study in counseling psychology, socialized downtown with friends. "I remember digging out cars on Ontario and Quail streets, near the Alumni Quad dorms, where we lived," said Riddell, a former Voorheesville High counselor who appreciates

the "very affordable, high-quality education" UAlbany provided. The couple "went camping and caving" with the University's Outing Club; on campus, Riddell "loved studying by the fountain in the spring." She still keeps in touch with her friends from University days. Most of them live in the Albany area: "Nobody wanted to go home! We all just ended up staying."

Now residents of Slingerlands, Riddell and Young have two children, Ben, 12, and Abby, 9. Riddell admitted: "I can't wait to put them to work! They're still too young, but it's been fun for them to watch the shop come together."



Anna Lempereur



– Anna Lempereur

Anna Lempereur is a junior journalism major from Levittown, N.Y.

Lukas Brenowitz, B.A.'99

A Winning Attitude

Teamwork and “a focus on my goals” have taken Lukas Brenowitz along an unusual career path: one that led from UAlbany to the Consulate General of Israel in New York City to Israel’s Bet Shemesh Blue Sox baseball team.

The Woodstock, N.Y., native enrolled at UAlbany because the University “had, and has, a great political science department. UAlbany provides a great opportunity to get ahead in any career you choose.” Brenowitz, who also minored in Judaic studies, had considered journalism as a career, “as well as something along the lines of working with a political think tank.” He now works for the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) in Tel Aviv and is studying for a master’s in Middle Eastern studies at Tel Aviv University.

Brenowitz didn’t participate in sports at UAlbany, but he’d played “in wooden-bat leagues in Queens and The Bronx,” and joined an intramural league after moving to Israel. When he heard that a professional league was forming there, “I began to train, get in shape and focus on at least being offered a spot.” Selected for the league, he played catcher.

The Israel Baseball League has six teams, including the Blue Sox. Players hail from Israel and several other nations, including the United States, the Dominican Republic, Japan, Canada and Australia.



Summertime – baseball season in Israel – “can be very, very hot, about 100 degrees-plus.” The Blue Sox overcame the heat, however, and won the league’s 2008 World Series. Brenowitz is proud of the teamwork that contributed to the victory, which “came at the end of a seven-week season. We played six games a week; it was very rigorous. The absolute best part was my teammates. We had a very unique team – something that came together naturally. We worked together, helped one another and functioned as if we had been playing together all of

our lives. No ego, no machismo, no arrogance. Just baseball and genuine teamwork,” he recalls.

Although unsure of his plans after he finishes school, Brenowitz is “certain that I will play baseball wherever I may be. I look up to my father; he is 63 and can throw better than most guys I know. He travels to Florida once a year to play in an over-60 league. For us, baseball is a way of life.”

– Carol Olechowski

68 **Ray Starman**’s book *TV Noir* has been accepted for inclusion in the library collection of Harvard University. It is part of the Widener repository collection of Harvard. **Marilyn Nichols Pula** teaches foreign language in Prince George’s County, Md.

69 **Jane Winer** has been named interim provost of Texas Tech University. Jane is currently the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.



Jane Winer

70 **Bernice Dunn**, counselor IV in student development, received the 2008 Schenectady County Community College Foundation Award for Excellence in Professional Service/Librarianship.



Bernice Dunn

She was appointed counselor II in the student affairs division in 1997. The author of the *Transfer Advisory Handbook* and *10 Steps for Easy Transfer*, Bernice has served as one of the co-chairs for the SCCC Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honorary Society. Coxsackie Town Justice **Richard Roberg** has been elected president of the New York State Magistrates Association.

Class notes counselor: Marc Arkind, marc@alpinecomptech.com

71 **Alan Roeckel** retired as library director in June 2008 after working more than three decades at the Garden City Library. Alan became director of the library in 1987.

John LeBlanc is the founding principal of Back Bay Financial Group Inc., which was ranked one of the top investment advisory firms nationwide in 2008, according to investment magazines *Wealth Manager* and *Financial Advisor*. John is managing director, and also serves as the CFO and COO. Rev. **Virginia Ogden** is assistant pastor at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in



John LeBlanc

Delmar, N.Y., and an organizer of the second annual Bethlehem Churches Celebration Service. **Chee-Kheung Lam** was former senior research fellow with the University of Malaysia Sarawak. He is now a freelance research consultant and visiting professor. **Pamela Sawchuk Brown**, founder, president and CEO of Sawchuk Brown Associates, announced the merging of her company with Eric Mower Associates (EMA). Now a partner of EMA, Pamela also serves on the Albany District Board of KeyBank NA and the boards of the Howard & Bush Foundation and the Center for Economic Growth. She is also a member of the advisory board of the Union Graduate College, and the President’s Council of the Albany College of Pharmacy and the Sage Colleges.

72 **Cynthia Johnson** was honored as award recipient at the Academy of Women Leader Salute Luncheon in November 2008. The Salute Luncheon is one of the nation’s largest, most visible tributes to professional women leaders. Cynthia is the managing director in charge of Foreign Exchange Sales in the United States for the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC). She was one of the early women in foreign exchange, starting in the field at Lloyds in 1976 and running the sales desk for 15 years. Cynthia is a member of CIBC’s U.S. Management Committee. **Hazel Mary (Borthwick) Bindon** has retired from her job as a social worker in the Republic of South Africa. She resides with husband Jeffery, a retired member of the School of Engineering at University of KwaZulu-Natal, in Westville South Africa, a suburb of Durban. The Bindons have a daughter, Keren, who is on the faculty at the Australian Wine Research Institute in Adelaide. Hazel would enjoy hearing from any of her SMW classmates: BINDON@ukzn.ac.za.

73 The Ward Melville Heritage Organization honored Farrell Fritz partner **Charlotte Biblow** with the Heritage Partner Award at its 15th Annual Golden



Charlotte Biblow

Eagle Award Dinner in June 2008. Charlotte was honored for her outstanding achievements in community service.

74 *Wealth Manager* magazine's annual "Top Dogs" report has ranked **John Lapann's** company, Federal Street Advisors, as No. 1 among independent wealth management firms. John founded the company in 1991 and still runs it today. **Sandra Boynton**, professor in the humanities and social sciences, received the 2008 Schenectady County Community College Foundation Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities.

75 Exactly 10 years after joining the university as dean of the Arnold School of Public Health, **Harris Pastides** became president of the University of South Carolina. **William Kelly** is the senior vice president of Technology for Cereplast Inc. in Hawthorne, Calif., working in the field of bio-polymers for the last 15 years.

77 **Marc Forman**, chief operations officer for Harmon Associates LLC, has been named president of the company, located in Jericho, N.Y. **Carol Ann Desch**, coordinator of Statewide Library Services and director of the Division of Library Development at the New York State Library, was inaugurated as the 2008-09 president



Carol Desch

of the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies, a division of the American Library Association. Two Sisters Inn, run by **Wendy Goldstein** and her sister, Sharon, has been honored with the "2008 National Award-Winning Pancake," the "2008 Longevity Award" by the Bed and Breakfast Innkeepers of Colorado; the "Best Kept Secret in North America" by Arrington's *BnB Journal*; and "Colorado's Best B&B Innkeepers" by Colorado Hotel & Lodging. The inn is located in Manitou Springs, Colo.

More information: www.twosisinns.com.

Albert DeCiccio has been named provost of Southern Vermont College in Bennington, Vt.



Albert DeCiccio

78 Global Clean Energy Holdings Inc. has appointed **Mark Bernstein** to its board of directors. Mark is a professor of practice at the University of Southern California, where he also serves as the managing director of its Energy Institute. **Susan Picinich**, a professional costume designer, associate dean of the University of Southern Maine's College of Arts and Sciences and a professor of theater, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture at the National Academy of Theatre and Film Arts in Sofia, Bulgaria, during Spring 2009. Susan will teach theatrical design workshops, share current American theater practices and collaborate with Bulgarian colleagues on curriculum-planning strategies. **Steven Aceti** is executive director of California Coastal Coalition, a non-profit advocacy group comprised of 35 coastal cities; five counties; AMBAG, BEACON, SANDAG and SCAG; along with business associations and allied groups. The organization is committed to restoring California's shoreline and watersheds through sand replenishment, increasing the flow of natural sediment, improved water quality, wetlands recovery and marine debris abatement and anti-litter education. **Laura Meyers** is president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington. Laura previously served as the CEO of Planned Parenthood of Western New York.

79 **Frederick Brewington** has been appointed a member of the Commission on Judicial Nomination, which is responsible for evaluating the qualifications of candidates for appointment to the offices of chief judge and associate judge of the New York State Court of Appeals in the event of a vacancy in either of those positions. **Dennis Scheyer** lives in San Francisco with his seven-year-old daughter. Dennis recently was named host/creative director for Crystal Media Networks in Bethesda, Md., a broadcast syndication company. **Ben Alter** and his wife, Jean, attended two weddings of his Albany classmates this past summer. In July, they headed

up to Albany to attend the wedding of **Sheldon Bosin** and his partner of 15 years, **Ruth Burkowsky**. The wedding, held in their backyard, was also attended by class councilor **Marc Arkind** and his fiancée, **Elyse Stern**; **Bob Ineson**, who flew in from Houston for the event; **Brian Starke** and his wife, **Millie Savidge**; **Melodie Friedenthal**; and **Louise Smith**. It was billed as an "anniversary barbeque," but nobody was fooled! Just a few weeks later, it was out to Long Island to celebrate the betrothal of Marc and Elyse. **Bob Ineson** flew in from Houston once more for the festivities, which also were attended by newlyweds Sheldon and Ruth, Brian and Millie, class co-councilor **Fred Brewington** and wife Adrienne, **Barbara Mechlowitz** and husband Dan, and **Jordan Dubson**. The wedding was held on the beach in Bayville, and officiated by a rabbi Marc and Elyse met at Shoprite! It was Mr. Arkind's first marriage. Marc waited a long time (33 years!) for Elyse!

80 **Susan Drexel-Paisley** is the church organist and choir director for the First Lutheran Church in Waterbury, Conn. Susan is also import manager for RL Pritchard and Co., Inc.

81 **Denise Listovitch Garofalo** is systems and catalog librarian at the Curtin Memorial Library of Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, N.Y. Previously, Denise was the library

director at the Astor Home for Children Library in Rhinebeck, N.Y.

82 In May 2008, **Paul Turner** earned a master's in human factors in information design from Bentley College in Waltham, Mass. Since October 2007, Paul has been working as interaction designer, prototyping Web applications. **Bob Bellafiore** is senior partner and board member of Eric Mower and Associates (EMA), which has merged with Sawchuk Brown Associates. Bob will continue to lead EMA's public affairs practice across the agency's seven offices. Bob's op-eds have been published in *The New York Times* and the *New York Post*, and he is a regular commentator on "Capital Tonight," a nightly public-affairs program on Time Warner Cable's "Capital News 9" across upstate. He also serves as a trustee of the State University of New York, where he chairs the board's Committee on Communications and External Affairs.

83 A spirited group of alums from the Class of 1983 celebrated their 25th reunion on Homecoming Weekend 2008. Fueled by connections re-established at Homecoming 2008 in December, former Ten Broeck freshman year dorm mates **David Schaffer**, **Chris Crean**, **Larry Feldman**, **Larry Ulman**, **Al Myers**, **Mike Metz** and **Doug Thaler '81** met for an impromptu reunion at Tracks Raw Bar & Grill in New York City.



Eric Tennebaum '83 with his children

Christine A. Varney, B.A. '77 President Barack Obama has nominated Christine A. Varney, B.A. '77, to serve as an assistant attorney general in the U.S. Department of Justice. Varney, who was also responsible for handling personnel counsel for Obama's transition team, served on the Federal Trade Commission from 1994-97. She will now oversee antitrust enforcement activities for the Justice Department. The Syracuse, N.Y., native formerly served as Secretary to the Cabinet during the Clinton administration. Varney has been a partner at the Washington, D.C., law firm of Hogan & Hartson for a decade.

Authors & Editors

Diane Sawyer, B.A. '61, published her fourth mystery novel, *The Cinderella Murders*, in October 2008. Her previous mystery novels are *The Montauk Mystery*, *The Montauk Steps* and *The Tomoka Mystery*. Sawyer has had six romance short stories published in magazines and several children's adventure stories published in *Girls to the Rescue Anthology* and *Cricket* magazine.

Raymond Leahy, M.S. '62, has published *Principal Without a Diploma*, a memoir of growing up in Depression-era Quebec and his successful pursuit of the American Dream. Although Leahy never had the chance to attend high school, he managed to have a career as an educator in New York State schools. More information: www.raymondleahy.com.

Lauren Kurz Ayers, B.A. '67, M.A. '70, C.A.S. '73, Ph.D. '76, has published her third book, *How to Protect Kids from Child Molesters: A New Approach for Parents, Teachers, Clergy, Recreational Directors and Anyone Who Cares About Children*. The book was written with the help of New York State Police Senior Investigator (Ret.) Ed Girtler and is a practical guide to eliminating sex crimes against kids. Kurz Ayers is also the author of *Teenage Girls: A Parent's Survival Manual* and *The Answer is Within You: Psychology, Breast Cancer & Women's Friendships*.

Ellen Datlow, B.A. '71, is editor of *Poe: 19 New Tales Inspired by Edgar Allan Poe*, an anthology commemorating the second centenary of Poe's birth. This book features Poe-inspired tales by an all-star lineup, including several Hugo, Edgar, Tiptree and British Fantasy Award winners. Datlow is also co-editor (with Terri Windling) of a new children's anthology (*Troll's Eye View: A Book of Villainous Tales*) of original stories based on fairy tales. In addition, she edited *INFERNO: New Tales of Terror and the Supernatural*, which has won the Shirley Jackson Award, the International Horror Guild Award, and the World Fantasy Award for Best Anthology of 2007.

Alan Zaremba, B.A. '71, M.S. '72, has published *The Madness of March: Bonding and Betting with the Boys in Las Vegas*. Every spring, the first four days of the NCAA men's basketball tournament attracts a horde of basketball bettors to Las Vegas.

Alternating between humorous accounts of gamblers' exploits and cultural theories on sports in society, Zaremba provides an engaging analysis of this sporting ritual. Zaremba is an associate professor in the department of communication studies at Northeastern University in Boston, Mass.

Alan Martin, B.S. '76, has published *Thumbs Down® Golf Instruction Made Simple: A Golfer's How-to Guide for Better Ball Striking*. Martin shares the secret missing ingredient all the best players use,



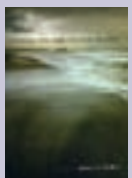
whether they realize it or not. With an easy-to-understand, how-to format, *Thumbs Down® Golf Instruction Made Simple* presents a training method that squares the club at impact by promoting the use of the hands and wrists for power, accuracy and control.

Robert Hauptman, M.L.S. '77, has published *Documentation: A History and Critique of Attribution, Commentary, Glosses, Marginalia, Notes, Bibliographies, Works-Cited Lists, and Citation Indexing and Analysis*. This work examines and critiques the history, use and abuse of various literary systems of documentation. Hauptman is a professor emeritus of St. Cloud State University and editor of the *Journal of Information Ethics*.

Debbie Millman, B.A. '83, is the author of two books, *How to Think Like a Great Graphic Designer* and *The Essential Principles of Graphic Design*. Millman is managing partner and president of the design division at Sterling Brands in New York City. She is also host of the Internet talk show "Design Matters with Debbie Millman," broadcast on Voice America. Millman, who is on the national board of American Institute of Graphic Arts, writes for the design blog "Speak Up," is an instructor at the School of Visual Arts, and is a regular contributor to *Print* magazine.

Gary McLouth, D.A. '84, has published *Natural Causes and Other Stories*, a compilation of short stories. McLouth is a professor of communications at the College of Saint Rose in Albany, N.Y.

James Zoller, D.A. '84, has published a second book of poetry, *Living on the Flood Plain*. Zoller teaches at Houghton College in Western New York. His poems,



short stories, column and articles have appeared in journals such as *Antaeus*, *Clueline*, *Blue Violin*, *The Best of the Prose Poem*, *The Christian Century*, *The Greenfield Review*, *The Kentucky Poetry Review*, *Other Poetry (UK) Zone 3* and *Oxford Magazine*.

Mark Reinfield, B.A. '89, has co-authored *The Complete Idiots Guide to Eating Raw*. Readers will find the secrets to raw food weight loss; how raw foods can heal the body and boost energy; information on the anti-aging properties of raw food; a comprehensive resource guide to businesses, Web sites and groups that support the raw lifestyle; and 100+ low food recipes. His previous cookbook, *Vegan World Fusion Cuisine*, has won nine national awards.



Ben Tanzer, B.A. '90, has published *Most Likely You Go Your Way and I'll Go Mine*, which takes place in an early '90s New York City and follows the romance between Jen and Geoff, the novel's two main characters. It is a story about fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, the value of friends, the reason it's best to go out for coffee on first dates and what exactly defines being "on the rebound." Tanzer has also released an electronic book, *Repetition Patterns*, a "pay what you want" eBook.

Samuel Black, M.A. '91, has published *Soul Soldiers: African Americans and the Vietnam Era*. In addition to his book, an award-winning exhibition curated by Black is currently traveling the country. Soul Soldiers, the exhibit, has received the American Association for State and Local History 2007 Award of Merit; the 2007 Pennsylvania Federation of Museums and Historical



Organizations Award of Merit; the 2008 American Ad Federation Mosaic Award; and the 2008 S.K. Stevens Award from the PFMHO. Black is vice president of the Association of African American Museums in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sabine Ludwig, M.A. '91, has published *On the Road in Cuba*. Written in German, this new publication describes the daily life of the Cuban people (who have been granted some small liberties by new president Raul Castro) as full of spirit and joy, despite the embargo and mismanagement of Fidel Castro's "red island." More information: www.amazon.de or www.sabine-ludwig.com.

Nicole Zimmerman, B.S. '92, and Edward Sprague, B.A. '94, have published *The NICU Rollercoaster: How to Setup and Use an Online Blog to Help Survive the Ups, Downs, Agonies, and Joys of Your Baby's Stay*. This book gives advice on how neonatal intensive-care unit parents can use a blog to keep family and friends updated and to receive much-needed love and support. Zimmerman and Sprague explain common problems preemies face, offer suggestions for coping and share their experiences. The innovative format combines helpful "how to survive" advice with blog entries and blog reader comments.

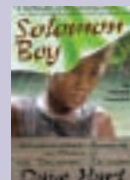
Andrew Schiff, M.A. '95, has published *"The Father of Baseball"*, a biography of Henry Chadwick, the British-



born American pioneer of the sport of baseball, early architect of sports journalism and chairman of baseball's first rules committee. Chadwick, born in 1825, spent his first 13 years in England and enjoyed playing both cricket and rounders. He arrived in the United States

at the age of 13 and gravitated to the emerging sport of baseball, which he helped shape into the national pastime it has become on this side of the Atlantic.

Dave Hart, B.A. '04, M.S. '05, has published *Solomon Boy: An Island Journal: Adventures Among the People of the Solomon Islands*. *Solomon Boy*



records tales of adventure, friendship and cultural discovery in this fascinating and often funny memoir of life in the Solomon Islands in the Pacific. Hart's portrayal enables one to swim in jungle rivers, explore new caves, chase rats, eat bats, play with leashed rhinoceros beetles, and encounter people of profound character and godly devotion through his insightful depiction of Solomon Boy's journey to acceptance.

John Polimeni, M.A. '96, is author of *The Jevons Paradox and the Myth of Resource Efficiency Improvements*. Polimeni is assistant professor of economics with the Albany College of Pharmacy. More information: <http://www.earthscan.co.uk/?tabid=1416>.

Barry Slifstein has become vice president and controller of RPM International Inc. in Medina, Ohio. **Riza Mantaring** has been appointed regional chief operations officer of Sun Life Financial Asia, and is responsible for Sun Life Financial's IT and operations across the Asia Pacific region. In October 2008,

Donna Shepardson was recognized as the "Clinton A. Reed Outstanding



Donna Shepardson

Business Educator" award recipient for 2008 by the Business Teachers Association of New York State. Donna is a business teacher for Columbia High School in East Greenbush, N.Y.

Susan Cohen received The President's National Point of Light Award and The Governor's Point of Light Award, (from Florida Governor Charlie Crist). Susan was recognized for volunteering in a variety of roles at a residential shelter for abused and neglected children, and for her role as a parent surrogate in educational matters for the children residing in the home.

85 William Robinson is executive director of the National African American Tobacco Prevention Network. William oversees the organization's satellite office locations in Maryland, South Carolina and Texas from the headquarters, located in Durham, N.C. **Lin Severance** has been appointed assistant superintendent for Human Resources of the Guilderland Central School District. Lin came to the district with more than 27 years of experience in the field of education, and was the director for student and personnel services and grant development for the Mohonasen Central School District.

Azlin Mansor is an assistant director with the Ministry of Education, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. **Hamzah Hassan** is now deputy dean (Resources and Student Affairs), Faculty of Health Sciences, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Selangor, Malaysia.

86 Asmahani Aswaddalai is associate professor and head of the Department of Business and Management, Faculty of Business Management and Professional Studies, at the Management & Science University in Malaysia. **Hazli Jemaat** is deputy



Howard Krooks

director, Cross Border Investment Promotion Division, Malaysian Industrial Development Authority, Kuala

Lumpur, Malaysia. **Howard Krooks** was included in the 2008 *Super Lawyers* South Florida edition. Howard is a partner of Elder Law Associates PA, with offices in Boca Raton, Aventura, West Palm Beach, and Weston, and is of counsel to Littman Krooks LLP in New York. **Siti Khadijah Ab. Manan** is a lecturer at MARA University of Technology, Shah Alam Malaysia, teaching Islamic Banking and Finance and is in the process of completing her Ph.D. thesis in the field of banking and finance. Siti is now living happily with her beloved husband and five kids, all of whom are still schooling in Malaysia and overseas. Her eldest daughter is now senior manager, Human Resources & Administration, for the EMKAY Group of Companies, Malaysia.

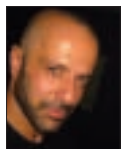
Class notes counselor: Paul Schaffer, pschaffer@snet.net

88 Steven Goldsmith is executive vice president for the Limited Brands and is responsible for the Victoria's Secret.com Web site and the Bath and Body Works.com Web site. Steven and his family reside in Greenwich, Conn.

In-Soo Kang is senior research fellow, International IT Cooperation Division, Korean Information Society Development Institute, Seoul.

Class notes counselor: Doreen Kleinman, DKleinman88@alumni.albany.edu

89 Joe Valentino is associate publisher for *The Advocate*, *Out & The Out Traveler* and publisher for *HIV Plus* & *MPOWER* magazines. Joe has successfully managed the lucrative automotive and pharmaceutical advertising categories for more than 10 years. **Daniel**



Joe Valentino

Baker was the honoree at the 12th Annual South Shore Invitational Golf Outing at the Southward Ho Country



Dan Baker (center)

Club, sponsored by The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society® Long Island chapter in June 2008. Dan is a partner at the Uniondale law firm Sahn Ward & Baker, PLLC, and has served as a member of the board of trustees of the society for six years. He is also an active member of the Touro Law Center Alumni Association. Dan is an appointed member of the State of New York Commission on Quality of Care for the Mentally Disabled's Surrogate Decision Making Committee Program and a member of the American, New York State and Nassau County bar associations.

Michael Logan has won the NAACP Award for Technology and Education and also was named head coach of the New York City Internationalz. A Microsoft-certified-trainer and office specialist, Michael is also a certified teacher in technology and education. He also has taught technology for the New York City Board of Education Hofstra University Computer Career Center New Horizons Computer Center.

90 Mark Chaires has been named police chief of Schenectady, N.Y. Mark, the first African American to be chief, has served as an assistant chief since 2001. He was hired as a patrolman in 1988, after eight years in the Air Force.

91 Jason Greenberg has opened his own law firm in Great Neck, N.Y.

92 Kenneth Rosenberg has been named partner of Fox Rothschild LLP and is a member of the firm's Labor and Employment Department. Kenneth also was selected as a New Jersey Super Lawyer "Rising Star" by *New Jersey Monthly* magazine and as a "40 under 40" attorney by New Jersey's *Law Journal*. **Shukri Sulaiman** is an associate professor in the physical sciences program, School of Distance Education, University Sains Malaysia, Penang.

93 Walter Doherty is assistant professor in education leadership at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, Fla. Walter served as a teacher, principal and superintendent of schools for more than 38 years in New York.

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Matthew Farron, assistant professor in the business and law department of Schenectady Community College, received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.



Matthew Farron

Matthew was appointed in 1997 as an adjunct faculty member, became a full-time instructor in 2002 and was promoted to assistant professor in 2004.

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Michelle Peterson

has been named director of reading and language arts for the Westbury Union Free School District in New York.



Michael Elliot

Michael Elliot is senior manager in Moore Colson's tax services practice located in Atlanta, Ga.



Michelle Peterson

Kathleen Ryan is director of marketing and public relations of Green Seifter PLLC in Syracuse, N.Y.



Kathleen Ryan

Thomas Devaney, a member of the business department and resident in the New York office, has been made partner of Morrison & Foerster LLP. Thomas specializes in private equity fund formation and investment, representing a variety of domestic and international private equity funds in addition to hedge funds with a broad range of investment strategies.

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Sharon Bailey Sharry is director of the Greenfield Public Library in Greenfield Mass. Sharon, husband Mike, and her three-year-old daughter Molly live in Lee, Mass. **Orin Strauchler** has been named director of counseling and coordinator of services for persons with disabilities at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, N.Y. **Arthur Scott Laitman**, a partner in the Garden City-based law firm of Rosenberg Fortuna & Laitman, has been selected by *Long Island Business News* to be a member of the publication's Class of 2009 "40 Under 40" achievers. After many years of working in the Crandall Public Library Children's Department in Glens Falls, N.Y.,

Alumni News and Notes

Frieda Toth Weber has been promoted to the newly created position of teen services librarian.

97 William Thomas has been named the 2009 Maryland Teacher of the Year. William is a social studies teacher specializing in local, state and national government and advanced placement government at Dr. Henry A. Wise Jr. High School in Prince George's County.

98 Caroline Laier, associate librarian at Schenectady County Community College, received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship.

Stephanie Falbo Kennedy is leading the market data department at Neuberger Berman. **Cory Rotkel** is the director of East Coast sales for Crave Online.

00 Nick Crounse has been named assistant director of communications of the Albany Law School. He currently serves on the board of directors for Literacy Volunteers – Mohawk/Hudson Inc., as well as the communications committee for Capital District Community Gardens. **David Novak** is a meteorologist for the National Weather Service, Eastern Region Headquarters,

Scientific Services Division. David is a doctoral candidate at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. **Matthew Hawkins** is a criminal defense lawyer at the Legal Aid Society of New York in Manhattan. **Addie Russell** has won a seat in the 118th Assembly District of New York State. A member of the Jefferson County and New York State Bar Associations, Addie also was a member of the board of directors of the Volunteer Transportation Center, Community Action Planning Council and Jefferson County's Community Services Board.

01 Maryrose Eannace has joined Mohawk Valley Community College as vice president for Learning and Academic Affairs. **Ian Leslie** is director of marketing and membership with Lowcountry Economic Network in Beaufort, S.C.

02 Amy Maggs has joined the Albany office of Hiscock & Barclay LLP as of counsel. Amy currently acts as associate counsel for the Judiciary Committee in the New York State Assembly. **Sean Keenan** is a realtor for Netter Real Estate, based in Long Island. **Caitlyn Brazill** is deputy director of research and policy at the



Alumni gather for the wedding of Kathryn Leahy '01 and Jeremiah DiRuzzo '02.

New York City Department of Consumer Affairs Office of Financial Empowerment, an anti-poverty initiative.

03 Jason Paul Montgomery graduated in May 2008 from New York Film Academy in Hollywood, Calif., after several years of acting in commercials and short films, directing his own films, modeling, waiting tables and bartending. Success Communications Group in Parsippany, N.J., has promoted **Keri Vanatta** to account executive in its public relations department. **Mtholeni Ngcobo** is now a lecturer, Department of Linguistics, Applied Linguistics and Translation Studies, at the University of South Africa in Johannesburg.

04 Ryan Williams has joined the law firm of Devine Millimet as a member of the firm's corporate department. **Rebekah Nellis Kennedy** was admitted to the New York State Bar in 2008



Ryan Williams

She clerked for the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Department, and then became an associate at D'Agostino, Krackeler, Baynes & Maguire.

Monica Miranda Smalls, director of fraternity and sorority affairs at the University of Rochester's College of Arts, Science and Engineering, was presented the 2008 Outstanding Greek Advisor Award by sorority Phi Sigma Sigma's national organization. Monica also was honored by her peers with the Association of



Monica Miranda Smalls

Fraternity Advisors' Sue Kraft Fussell Distinguished Service Award in recognition of her innovation, leadership and guidance to the university's Greek-lettered organizations.

05 Kevin Clancy is a New York State-licensed real estate broker, insurance broker and general certified appraiser. A Housing and Urban Development (HUD)-approved broker, Kevin started his career specializing in the sale of HUD homes. His appraisal experience ranges from vacant land and single-family homes to multi-tenant office buildings and retail centers.

06 Justin Priddle has been inducted into the Delmar Rotary Club in Delmar, N.Y. Justin is branch manager of Berkshire Bank in Delmar. **Stacey Gaddis Gammon** is a software engineer for Google in New York City.



Justin Priddle

07 Shane Martin Nolan has been awarded a 2008-09 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship for studies abroad.



Members of Delta Delta Sigma celebrate their sister's wedding. From left to right: Suzanne (Henson) Humphrey '03, Jennifer Collora '02, Susan Rabinovich '04, Andrea Varveri '04, Lisa Bruh '04, Lisa Bottiglieri '03, Lauren Schwartz '03, Jaime Baron '03, and the bride, Alyson (Dean) Rutigliano '03.

For a complete listing of class councilors:
www.albany.edu/alumni/council_of_classes
 or call the Alumni Association at (518) 442-3080.

Marriages

- 1985 – **Lisa Langer** and Mark Baratz, Aug. 14, 2008
 1990 – **Keri Reitman** and Brian Schnapper, Oct. 12, 2008
 1990 – **Samantha Rider** and Thomas Louis Paccione III, Sept. 6, 2008
 1993 – **Noel Goldberg** and Malki Bresler, Feb. 17, 2008
 1993 – **Jenny Rizzo** and **Dana Irwin '99**, Sept. 20, 2008
 1995 – **Jason Napoleon** and Jaclyn Bellotti, June 27, 2008
 1997 – **Suzanne Hoppough** and Neil Blecher, July 19, 2008
 1998 – **William Richards** and Karine Syvertsen, May 25, 2008
 1999 – **Michael O'Leary** and **Jessica Resnick '04**, Sept. 14, 2008
 2000 – **Michelle Fine** and **Jared Smith '02**, July 3, 2008
 Matthew Hawkins and **Caitlyn Brazill '02**, Aug. 31, 2008
 Rebecca Shenn and Ori Anavim, Nov. 27, 2008
 2001 – **Kathryn Leahy** and **Jeremiah DiRuzzo '02**, Feb. 22, 2008
 Rachel Lince and Steven Ostrander, Dec. 26, 2007
 2002 – **David Rothenhaus** and **Christine Mullin '03**, Aug. 16, 2008
 2003 – **Alyson Dean** and Joseph Rutigliano, Sept. 26, 2008
 Renee O'Connor and **Anthony Parisi '04**, Aug. 9, 2008
 2004 – **Rebekah Nellis** and Edward Kennedy Jr., Nov. 2007
 2006 – **Rose Sokolowski** and Aaron Cidzik, July 26, 2008
 Stacey Gaddis and Matthew Gammon, Sept. 2, 2007



Dana Irwin and Jenny Rizzo



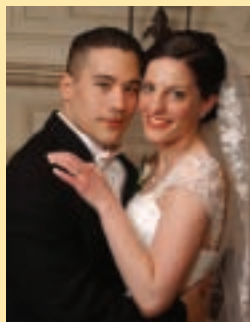
Thomas Louis Paccione III and Samantha Rider



Jessica Resnick and Michael O'Leary



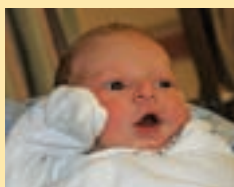
Lisa Langer and Mark Baratz



Jeremiah DiRuzzo and Kathryn Leahy



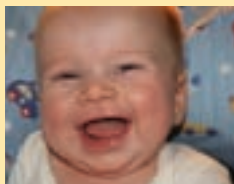
Michelle Fine and Jared Smith



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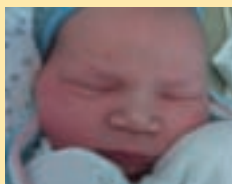
Edward Joseph Verhoff, Jr.



Samantha Jamie Cohen



Brody Jones Riolo



Michael Terrence Werner Jr.

BIRTHS

- 1988 – **Andrew Katz** and wife Laurie, a son, Samuel Owen, Oct. 24, 2008
 1989 – **Selina Regan** and Steve Molineaux, a son, Connor Stephen, Aug. 25, 2008
 1995 – **Michael Cohen** and wife Robin, a girl, Samantha Jamie, Oct. 28, 2008
 1997 – **Sommer Jones** and husband Mark Riolo, a son, Brody Jones, April 26, 2008
 Valerie Weinstein and husband Chaim Lodish, a son, Reuben Ross, Feb. 4, 2008
 1998 – **Lisa Silvestro**, a son, Jon Andrew Bastys, June 9, 2006
 2000 – **Michael Seilback** and wife **Leslie Haft '02**, a son, Jake Adam, Aug. 10, 2008
 Kimberly Gregory and husband **Edward Verhoff '03**, a son, Edward Joseph Jr., May 5, 2008
 Nicole Werner and husband Michael, a son, Michael Terrence Jr., Sept. 24, 2008
 2001 – **Ian** and **Carolyn Leslie '02**, a son, Aaron Kenneth Leslie, July 21, 2008

Alumni News and Notes

Deaths

10s

Clara Holder Walker '19, Dec. 7, 2007

20s

Clara B. Fahnestock Stott '24, Feb. 16, 1998

Olga Hampel Briggs '26, Dec. 31, 1996

Mary Tilyou Lichtenhan '27, Sept. 27, 2008

Mary E. Herlihy '29, Dec. 5, 2008

30s

Ethel Grundhofer Smith '30, Dec. 25, 2008

Louis J. Wolner, Sr. '30, Oct. 18, 2001

Class councilors

Lillian Morrison '33 and **Joseph Capiello '40** passed away last fall. The Alumni Association is grateful for their many years of service to their classmates and *alma mater*.

Irene Mahoney '31, Oct. 25, 2008

Marjorie Lockwood Dehnert '32, Jan. 26, 2007

Therese Wienecke Hudson '32, June 18, 2008

Henry J. Swanker '32, Nov. 16, 2007

Charles L. Swick '32, March 1, 1985

Lillian Heins Morrison '33,

Sept. 23, 2008

Evelyn Wells Gordon '34,

Nov. 29, 2003

Edith Garrison Calkin '35, Oct. 28, 2007

Grace Pritchard Jackson '35,

Jan. 21, 2008

Rosemary Biggi Zweig '35,

Aug. 9, 2008

Viola Lozo Smith '36, Dec. 8, 2008

Frederick H. Stunt '37, Aug. 25, 2008

Dorothy Clapp Bradley '38,

Nov. 28, 2008

Karl L. Brooks '38, Aug. 27, 1990

Helen Fairbank '38, Aug. 30, 1996

Edward S. George '38, Aug. 30, 2008

Herbert M. Engel '39, April 20, 2008

George A. Evens II '39, July 4, 2000

Doris O'Hare Perry '39, Dec. 23, 2002

Rose Perta '39, March 13, 2008

40s

Joseph M. Capiello '40, Nov. 4, 2008

Roswell E. Fairbank '40, Feb. 7, 1995

Stephen Greenwald '40, Nov. 25, 1999

William B. Brophy '41, Jan. 11, 1985

Dorothy Tompkins Colvin '41,

Aug. 30, 2008

Katherine Crisara Douglas '41,

July 10, 2008

Adeline Kadgis Raila '41, Dec. 26, 2006

Alice T. Smith '41, March 10, 2008

Marcia Bowden '42, April 29, 2008

Catherine Busch Cramer '42,

June 15, 2008

Evelyn Towle Francello '42,

June 22, 2008

Orley Peppard '42, June 15, 2008

Marie Cramer Schermerhorn '42,

June 20, 2008

June S. Semple Capel '43,

Dec. 15, 2008

Leo Flax '43, Aug. 25, 2008

Ruth Leggett Laflure '43,

Sept. 18, 1998

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Feb. 11, 2007

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Margaret Wales '45, Oct. 11, 2008

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April 5, 2008

Herbert Bothamley, Jr. '47,

Oct. 10, 2008

Anne Cleveland '47, Dec. 14, 2008

Rosemary A. Frany '47, July 7, 2008

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Jan. 6, 2008

Sarah Johnson Ryan '47,

June 20, 2008

Janet Johnston Lamby '48,

Dec. 17, 2003

Thomas A. Groff '49, Nov. 22, 1999

Carolyn Wood Lord '49, Nov. 5, 2007

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May 30, 1997

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Feb. 19, 2006

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July 25, 2007

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March 24, 2008

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July 7, 2008

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Jacqueline Coplon Tamkin '52,

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David E. Wander '52, Sept. 9, 2008

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March 31, 2008

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Feb. 8, 2008

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Oct. 17, 2008

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Dec. 12, 1998

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March 22, 2008

Jean Osborne Stebbins-Helkamp '53

April 9, 2008

Barbara A. Terzian '53, April 19, 2008

Ann McDougall Welch '53,

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Kathleen Wright Wright '53,

Nov. 15, 2002

Jane Staples Richmond '54,

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Joan Carlin Silva '55, Aug. 15, 2008

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Harold G. Schwager '56,

March 30, 2008

John Wilcox '56, Dec. 3, 2008

Sherman E. Hunt '57, March 8, 2006

Carroll G. Hutt '57, Aug. 21, 2008

Myrna Lande Lewis '57, June 15, 2007

Dominick E. Brignola '58,

Sept. 12, 2008

John Gallas '58, Nov. 6, 2008

Rose J. Lasher Cohen '59,

Sept. 26, 2008

Parker D. Mathusa '59, Nov. 16, 2008

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Hedy Schwartz Bagatelle '60,

July 17, 2008

Norma Fiebke Goodrich '60,

May 13, 2008

Deloris Kirkwood '60, Aug. 25, 2007

Gilbert H. Vanness '60, Nov. 8, 2007

Jacqueline Garland '61,

Aug. 18, 2008

Elva Bobst Link '61, Sept. 2, 2008

Bruce W. Haswell '62, Aug. 19, 2008

Olive B. Delaney '64, Oct. 14, 2008

Leonard M. Doyle '64, Sept. 23, 2005

Garry L. Petre '64, Aug. 4, 2008

Sanford R. Berman '65, July 28, 2008

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Leo S. Stengel '65, Nov. 27, 2008

Daniel J. Marechek '66,

March 18, 2007

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Margaret V. Palinski '67, Feb. 1, 1985

Reginald J. Soracco, Ph.D. '67,

Oct. 9, 1998

Zenovia Szanc '68, Nov. 24, 2007

John W. Duross '69, Oct. 30, 2008

Alfred H. Scarpinato '69, Aug. 4, 2008

Edward S. George, Ed.D., B.A.'38, M.A.'40

Edward S. George, a 1938 graduate of the New York State College for Teachers, passed away Aug. 30, 2008, in Albany. He was 92.

For many years, George simultaneously worked for the U.S. Postal Service and taught science at schools in Albany-area school districts, retiring from both careers in the 1970s. A doctoral graduate of Teachers College at Columbia University, he was also a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

George and his wife of 65 years, the former Frances Gildea, B.A.'38, M.S.'42, met at State College in the 1930s. Active supporters of their alma mater, now the University at Albany, they were recognized in 1990 with the University Council's Distinguished Service Medal. Members of the University's Heritage Circle Society, they were honored with the naming of a lecture center at UAlbany. In 1997, the couple made a \$1 million gift to the University – the largest alumni donation ever at that time – and received a State University of New York Excelsior Medal for Philanthropy the following year. The Edward S. and Frances Gildea George Education Center, home of UAlbany's School of Public Health, is named for them.

George is survived by his wife and five nephews.

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Robert H. Santimaw '70, Dec. 28, 2006
John T. Darrah '71, July 31, 2008
Dawn M. Dromirecki '71, Aug. 22, 2008
Theodore A. Merrill '71, July 5, 2002
Mae R. Petrie '71, Sept. 10, 2008
William B. Schade '71, Oct. 23, 2008
Michael J. Scott '71, Oct. 26, 2008
Barbara H. Will '71, July 8, 2007
Roy J. Forker '72, Dec. 9, 2006
Seymour D. Hoffman '72, March 14, 2008
Walter C. Jerome '72, Oct. 20, 2008
Joseph J. Dolan '73, May 7, 2008
Irwin J. Feig '73, June 23, 2008
Bonnie J. Murphy '73, Nov. 17, 2008
Richard A. Patsos '73, Aug. 30, 2006
Lilly M. Cue '74, Aug. 16, 2004
Jerry H. Davis Ph.D. '74, Nov. 23, 2007
Robert H. Lightfoote '74, Oct. 4, 2008
Mary E. Wilcox Phillips '74, Dec. 12, 2007
Suzanne S. Secor '74, Jan. 15, 2009
Robert W. Burns '75, Feb. 6, 2008
Larry P. Catlin '75, Jan. 15, 2008
Sylvia B. Haas '75, Dec. 20, 2007
Kathy J. Vilardi '75, Sept. 26, 2008
Marilyn P. Sinder Weber '75, Jan. 27, 2006
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Carol Sobolewski Adams '77, June 13, 2008

Marcie I. Feinglas '77, July 2, 2007
Jessica K. Malheiros '77, April 28, 2008
David B. Schnee '77, Sept. 19, 2008
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Maureen Williams McLaine '78, Sept. 1, 2008
Richard W. Vaccaro '78, July 5, 2006
Barbara F. Zimmerman, Ph.D. '78, Aug. 30, 2008
Mary K. Fallon '79, April 10, 2006
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Joan W. Clarkson '80, Aug. 29, 2008
Barbara Hubbard McKillip '80, Nov. 11, 2007
John S. Rososki '80, Dec. 3, 2007
Helenita Saul-Pangman '80, April 17, 2008
James P. Straney '80, Sept. 22, 2008
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Donald P. Faulkner '82, Dec. 8, 2007
Scott Kunen '82, Nov. 13, 2006
Margaret Moore-Maunu '82, April 9, 2007
Noreen C. Fleming '83, Nov. 24, 2006
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Eric L. Leventhal '84, July 20, 1999
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Karen A. Alexander '86, June 8, 2008
Timothy P. Fitzmaurice '86, June 10, 2008
Denyse N. Dolny '87, Feb. 28, 2006

Mary E. Daley White '87, Dec. 25, 2007
Susan Bertrand Becker '89, June 8, 2008
Lynne L. Williams '89, Aug. 29, 2008

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Wayne A. Smith '91, Oct. 19, 2008
Bonnie L. Cumming '92, Oct. 9, 2008
Lauren G. Dobson '92, Nov. 20, 2007
Tammy S. O'Melia '93, Dec. 31, 2008
Claude F. Massari '94, Jan. 22, 2006
Thomas A. Ferguson Jr. '96, June 14, 2007

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Richard Bailey '08, Oct. 21, 2008
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Richard W. Sawyer '01, April 3, 2006
James J. Evertsen '03, Sept. 22, 2008

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Lance Latham, Aug. 12, 2008, Teaching Assistant, Computer Science, 2006-2008

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Nancy A. Persily, March 12, 2006, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, School of Public Health, 2002-2006

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The Last Word

By Claudia Ricci, Ph.D.'96

UAlbany opened “a whole new world up to me.”



Claudia Ricci, a faculty member with UAlbany's journalism program and the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), was formerly a staff writer for *The Wall Street Journal* and an award-winning reporter for the *Chicago Sun-Times*. Her first novel, *Dreaming Maples*, was published in 2002. She is pictured here with her daughter – and fellow UAlbany alumna – Lindsay Kirsch, B.A.'08.

The students couldn't be any nicer, or more polite. Bright and engaged, the undergraduates come to my English class ready to speak their minds. A few of them are just brilliant.

Oh, and the campus here at Georgetown, where I am on leave from the University at Albany, is picture perfect: a genteel mix of new and old brick. A grassy quad sits in front of an elegant old building with towers

and spires and charcoal grey stone.

But as I stroll past that building returning to my office after my noon-hour seminar, I picture some of the earnest faces of the students who have passed through my UAlbany classrooms. That's when it hits me: I miss UAlbany. I miss the students I love so much. I miss the very public-ness of the university where I carved my identity as a teacher.

For so many UAlbany students I've had the privilege of teaching – many of whom are in the Educational Opportunities Program – the state university was their only affordable option. Without SUNY, their educational loss would be immense.

The students here at Georgetown, by contrast, have the great luxury of choice. If they hadn't gone to Georgetown, they would probably be at some other private university where the brick and grass and stone mix with plenty of academic opportunity.

It's not that Georgetown isn't incredible, because it is. But so is UAlbany. It is a fine school that has made an extraordinary difference in so many thousands of lives – including my own. A whole new world opened up to me after I earned my Ph.D. in 1996. My daughter, a transfer who studied Latin and Caribbean Studies – which she adored – proudly earned her diploma in May 2008.

When I did my doctoral work at UAlbany, I already had a B.A. from Brown University and a master's from the University of California at Berkeley. I was well acquainted with public and private education. What I found at UAlbany were some of the most inspirational teachers I'd ever had, wonderful role models as I began my own teaching career in 1998.

I am very grateful to have this sabbatical experience here in Washington, D.C., especially at this pivotal time in our nation's history. But something has become very clear to me since moving here in January: I am incredibly proud to be a teacher at a public university. My heart and soul are deeply embedded in the vitally important enterprise that is public education.

Giving Back



Juliette Zivic, B.A.'72, and Jerry Zivic

Juliette Zivic and her husband, Jerry, know a good thing when they see it. That's why they decided to establish a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) through The University at Albany Foundation.

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UAlbany “has been very good to me,” adds Juliette, who credits the late Distinguished Service Professor of English M.E. Grenander with helping her to polish her expository writing skills. Those skills later proved “incredibly useful” in Juliette’s work at Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory in New York, and then at Public Service of New Hampshire and Nortel Networks.

The Zivics are pleased with their decision to fund a CGA. Says Juliette: “There are very few things in life where everybody wins, so that appealed to us. My husband and I really enjoy the idea of being able to give back a little bit.”

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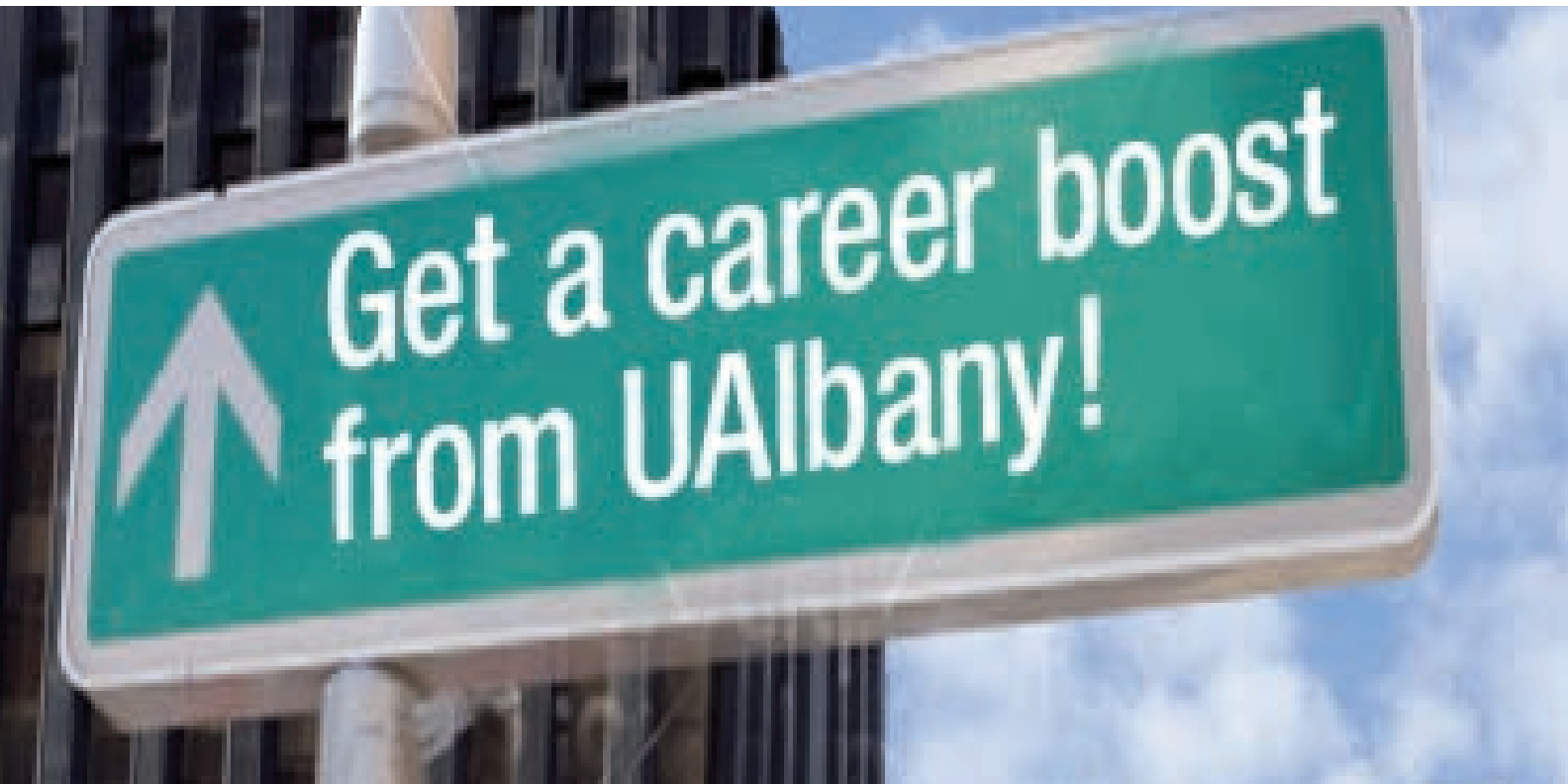
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