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With the weather still warm in upstate New York, many of the 12,680 undergraduates and 5,064 graduate students enrolled for the 2007-08 academic year will enjoy studying *alfresco*. Among the new arrivals attending classes at UAlbany for the first time are 2,500 freshmen and 1,400-plus transfer students.

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# From the Podium | And Beyond

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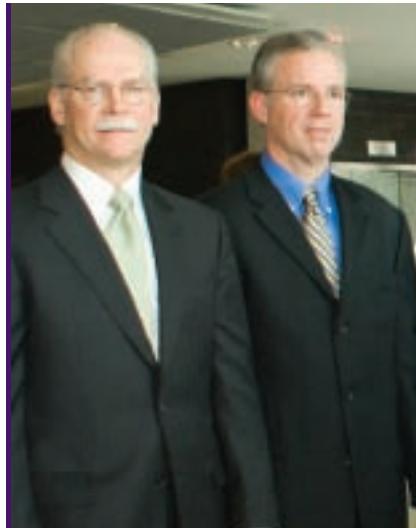
The State University of New York Board of Trustees elevated Professor of English Jeffrey Berman and Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education Sue Faerman to the rank of Distinguished Teaching Professor in June.



Berman, who joined the UAlbany faculty in 1973, received both the University at Albany's President's Award for Excellence in Teaching and Advising and the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. During his career, he has taught 30 courses at every level. Berman is also the author of such books as *Empathic Teaching: Education for Life* (2004) and *Dying to Teach: A Memoir of Love, Loss and Learning* (2007).

Faerman has been a member of the University faculty since 1987, when she joined the Department of Public Administration and Policy. A recipient of the President's Award for Excellence in Academic Service and the President's and Chancellor's awards for Excellence in Teaching, she is also a Collins Fellow. Faerman has served as dean of Undergraduate Studies since 1999 and as vice provost since 2005. She continues to teach at least two courses each year.

The Distinguished Teaching Professor designation recognizes consistently superior teaching, scholarship and professional growth, as well as service to students and adherence to rigorous academic standards.



University at Albany Foundation President George R. Hearst III, Taconic President Todd Little, UAlbany Officer in Charge and Provost Susan Herbst, and New York State Senate Majority Leader Joseph L. Bruno are pictured with an artist's rendering of Taconic's new biotech facility. Construction on the building will be completed shortly.

## 12 UAlbany Students Receive Chancellor's Awards

A dozen UAlbany seniors were recognized with 2007 Chancellor's Awards for Student Excellence last spring.

In all, 283 students throughout the State University of New York system were honored. The UAlbany honorees, hailing from hometowns throughout New York State and representing a range of academic disciplines, were Amina Ayad; Nicholas Chiuchiolo; Amanda Garris; Kelly Kressner; Alyssa Lotmore; Sandra MacGregor; Stacey Martin; Kelly Maynes; Ian Pickus; Robert Reus; Joshua Sisskind; and Jason Zogg.

## New Biotech Facility Rises at East Campus

Taconic, the largest tenant at UAlbany's East Campus, will soon occupy even more space: a \$13.2 million, 23,000-square-foot biotechnology building scheduled for completion this fall.

The University at Albany Foundation is providing \$4.1 million for site work and shell construction; a portion of that contribution will come from a \$1.9 million capital appropriation earmarked for future East Campus upgrading and expansion, and made possible through the efforts of New York State Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno. Taconic will provide the remaining \$9.1 million needed to equip the breeding facility. The Empire State Development Corporation has also awarded the firm a \$175,000 grant to support the construction project.

Founded 55 years ago, Taconic is one of the largest laboratory rodent providers in the world.



Ben Long

## Byron Hits Another High Note

Donald E. Byron, a visiting associate professor of music at UAlbany, has been awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship.

A clarinetist, composer, arranger and social critic, Byron was *Down Beat* magazine's Jazz Artist of the Year in 1992. He has performed and recorded with numerous artists, including the Duke Ellington Orchestra and the Atlanta Symphony, and teaches theory, saxophone, improvisation and composition at UAlbany. "Ivey-Divey" (Blue Note Records), his 2004 début recording on tenor saxophone, earned a Grammy nomination and received Album of the Year honors from *Jazz Times* magazine that same year.

Byron was one of just 189 honorees, from a field of 2,800 applicants, to receive a Guggenheim Fellowship this year.

## Heikoff Publishes Poetry

Professor Emeritus of Public Administration and Policy Joseph M. Heikoff has published a new book. *Conversations with Myself* (Pure Heart Press) is a collection of poems that "came to me beginning in middle age seemingly out of nowhere." In the preface, he explains: "I had no preparation for this kind of writing. Because I was not confident enough to write for anyone else, I just wrote for myself." The poems include "Futility," "Blessings" and "Late Autumn."

Heikoff and his wife, Helen, support a number of UAlbany initiatives, including an endowment in their names that annually provides a \$2,000 scholarship to an outstanding public administration student, and a trust that will support the endowment.

## On Top of the World

Joseph Fazioli and Christopher Keefe spent part of their spring break doing something unusual: They scaled the highest peak in the continental United States and raised money for a good cause at the same time.

Fazioli, a junior, and Keefe, a senior, each raised \$3,500 for the Summit for Someone Program, which benefits Big City Mountaineers (BCM), an organization that supports at-risk inner-city youth. They reached the summit of Mount Whitney, which towers nearly 15,000 feet above California's Death Valley, with seven other climbers and three guides.

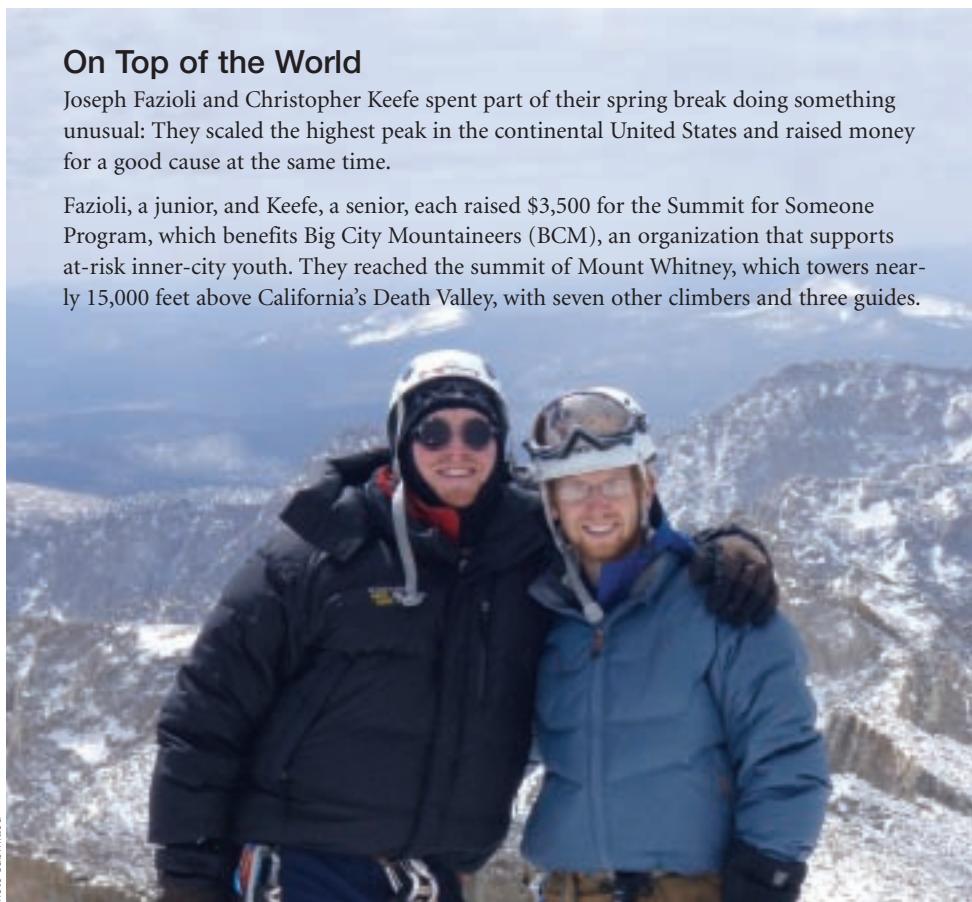


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## Levy, Messner Are Named Collins Fellows

Daniel Levy and Steven Messner were honored as 2007 Collins Fellows at UAlbany's 163rd commencement last May.

Levy, a Distinguished Professor of Educational Administration and Policy Studies, joined the University faculty in 1981. He is also jointly appointed to the departments of Latin American, Caribbean and

U.S. Latino Studies; Political Science; and Public Policy and served for a year as interim director of the Center for Jewish Studies.

Messner, who came to UAlbany in 1982, is a Distinguished Teaching Professor of Sociology.

In addition to chairing the sociology department and numerous departmental committees, he has served on various University Senate councils and committees for more than 20 years. He chaired three University Senate councils and the entire Senate in 2005-06.



The Collins Fellowships, named for the University's ninth president, Evan Revere Collins, recognize teaching faculty who exemplify extraordinary devotion to UAlbany, institutional commitment and service. To date, 46 other faculty members have also been designated Collins Fellows; a list of the honorees is available online at <http://www.albany.edu/directory/collins.html>.

A 1962 photograph on page 20 of the Spring 2007 *UAlbany* identified the mayor of Albany as Erastus Corning III. He was Erastus Corning 2nd.

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## UALbany, Moscow State Mark 30th Anniversary of Partnership

Before *glasnost*, before *perestroika*, there was the agreement between the University at Albany and Moscow State University (MSU) to promote faculty and student exchanges. Representatives of the two institutions gathered at UAlbany last May 15 to celebrate the pact, which was forged during the Cold War.

Over the years, UAlbany has hosted more than 300 faculty, graduate student and undergraduate exchange participants from MSU. Each semester, four to eight students – some from UAlbany; some from other institutions – travel to Moscow to study at MSU. Together, UAlbany and MSU's Faculty (School) of Foreign Languages operate a language program. There are also faculty links and joint research in business, computer science and mathematics. Rockefeller College Dean Jeffrey Straussman is renewing Moscow State's interest in the college, which hosted approximately a third of the MSU faculty exchange participants in the program's first 15 years.



*Moscow State Rector Viktor Sadovnichy and Olga Zinovieva, manager of SUNY's Center on Russia and the United States, were among the guests celebrating Moscow State's longstanding partnership with UAlbany last spring.*

## *iFelicidades!*

Associate Professor of English and acclaimed novelist Edward Schwarzschild has added another credit to his list of achievements: Fulbright Teaching Fellow.

With support from the Fulbright Scholar program, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and administered by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars, Schwarzschild is spending the 2007-08 academic year in Spain. He will teach courses in contemporary literature and American writing and visual arts at the University of Zaragoza. Schwarzschild, who also holds a joint appointment with the New York State Writers Institute, is the author of the well-received novel *Responsible Men*. His second book, *The Family Diamond*, is being published this fall.

## After 50 Years at UAlbany, Daly Retires

Associate Professor and Associate Chair of Chemistry Lawrence Daly, a 1952 New York State College for Teachers graduate who returned to his *alma mater* to teach, retired June 13.

Daly was hired at UAlbany in 1957, shortly after he earned a doctorate from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. For much of his career, he taught or advised nearly every student taking chemistry at the University, noted department chair John Welch. Daly was, Welch added, "a terrific colleague" who "always put the students and the department first."

In retirement, Daly will continue to indulge in one of his favorite pastimes, reading; he particularly enjoys history and mysteries. He also looks forward to putting his carpentry, plumbing and electrical skills to work at home.

## Cook Receives Hollings Scholarship

Sophomore atmospheric science major David Cook has received a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Hollings Scholarship.

Cook, a Presidential Scholar who plans to research such severe weather events as tornadoes and tropical systems, also captured first place among undergraduates last spring in the WxChallenge, a national collegiate forecasting competition.



## Chancellor Honors UAlbany Faculty and Staff

Nine UAlbany faculty and staff representing a variety of disciplines and departments were among the 235-plus recipients honored this summer with State University of New York Chancellor's Awards for Excellence.

The University at Albany honorees included Associate Professor Diane Dewar (School of Public Health); Professor Jeryl Mumpower (Public Administration and Policy); Monographic Cataloger Sharona Wachs (University Libraries); Student Support Services Coordinator Christopher Fernando (Academic Support Services); Personal Safety and Off-Campus Affairs Coordinator Thomas Gebhardt (University Police Department); Assistant to the Dean of Student Services JoAnne Malatesta (School of Criminal Justice); Associate Professor Lotfi Sayahi (Languages, Literatures and Cultures); Associate Professor Kevin J. Williams (Psychology); and Associate Professor Alissa Pollitz Worden (School of Criminal Justice).

## Africana Studies Program Ranks Second

For a third straight year, UAlbany's master's program in Africana studies has maintained its No. 2 ranking among similar academic programs in the U.S., according to *Diverse Issues in Higher Education* magazine.

Temple University's program placed first in the top 10. Also included on the list were the graduate programs at Yale, Cornell, and Columbia.

The University at Albany is the only school in the State University of New York system to offer the master's in Africana studies.

## Stone Exhibit Opens

A permanent exhibit featuring the work of internationally renowned architect Edward Durell Stone, who designed UAlbany's uptown campus in the early 1960s, is now open at University Hall.

Hicks Stone, who was a boy when his father unveiled the architectural plan for the campus and is now himself an architect, was the guest of honor at the May 9 opening ceremony. The exhibit features framed photos of the uptown campus at various stages of construction, as well as pictures of some of Stone's many other architectural wonders, including the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, India.

Edward Durell Stone passed away in 1978.

## University Welcomes New Administrators

A cancer researcher; a specialist in diversity, affirmative action and equity issues; and an expert on Eastern European and Jewish history recently joined the University staff.

**Philip Nasca**, who taught epidemiology at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and served as associate dean for research at its School of Nursing, became dean of UAlbany's School of Public Health in June. Known for his research in cancers of the breast and female reproductive organs and in childhood cancer, Nasca succeeds Mary Applegate, who served in the post on an interim basis after former dean Peter Levin retired in 2006.

**Tamra Minor** has been serving as assistant vice president and director of Diversity and Affirmative Action since August. Minor came to UAlbany from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, where she was associate vice chancellor for Institutional Diversity. Her previous experience includes various administrative posts with The Ohio State University, where she also earned advanced degrees, including a doctorate in consumer/family economics.

**Olga Litvak**, a former assistant professor of modern Jewish history at Princeton University, was appointed director of the Center for Jewish Studies effective Sept. 1, succeeding founding director Mark Raider and interim director Daniel Levy. Litvak, who is also a faculty member in UAlbany's Department of Judaic Studies, is working on several projects, including a study of the central role Jewish artists, critics, patrons and dealers played in the development of Russian art in the late 1800s and the early 1900s.



# real life 101

Three young graduates – Lisa Fund, B.S.'05; Kristin Cappon, B.A.'04; and Mike Tamas, B.S.'04 – reflect on the transition from student days to life after UAlbany.

## Still a Champion

Lisa Fund initially thought about becoming a math teacher when she enrolled at UAlbany. But the Massapequa, N.Y., native, whose parents were education professionals, decided "there were other things I could do," and a few weeks after earning her bachelor's degree in mathematics, she went to work as an analyst in Goldman Sachs' Jersey City, N.J., office.

At the University, Fund completed minors in business administration and education, and participated in a whirlwind of extracurricular activities. She was captain of the women's tennis team, earning the Most Valuable Player designation and the Coach's Award. She served as secretary of both the Presidential Honors Society and Kappa Delta Pi, a national honor society for education, and was a member of the national leadership honor society, Omicron Delta Kappa. Fund also served on the Student Athlete Advisory Board (SAAB) for Athletics, a committee that organized events for the University's student-athletes "and gave us a chance to voice any concerns or questions we had."



Pictured above during her years as a UAlbany tennis standout, Fund now plays on the Goldman Sachs Tennis Team.

For Fund, who lived on campus all four years and had a partial sports scholarship, a typical day at UAlbany "depended on our tennis schedule. Sometimes we would run in the morning, go to class late

morning to afternoon, and then come back for practice on the courts. Afterward, I would have time to do my homework and go to meetings for the organizations I participated in. It was a challenge getting everything done, but it was fun, too!" In fact, she cites "time management and multi-tasking" as "two of the most valuable skills" she acquired as an undergraduate. Fund uses those skills now at Goldman Sachs, "so it was not difficult to transition from the University to the workplace."

Looking back, Fund is impressed by her former professors' "dedication to their students. Even though UAlbany has a large student body, every professor is there to help you, and to make sure that you are doing your best and working to your fullest potential." School of Business Assistant Dean John Levato and Professor of Mathematics Timothy Lance were among the "many people who helped me finalize my résumé and pushed me to go to various job interviews. I still keep in touch with them on a regular basis and see John at various alumni events. The Career Development Center was a great help; the people there helped me to create my résumé in my sophomore and junior years," Fund notes.

She began working at Goldman Sachs in July 2005. Her parents helped her to find the Hoboken, N.J., apartment where she still lives. She has a car there – and did from sophomore year on at the University – but uses the subway to get to and from work.

"Every workday is a little different," Fund observes. "My team, the Prime Brokerage Custody Management division, works to mitigate risk for Goldman Sachs. I attend classes there; some are required for analysts, but others are courses I thought would be useful to take."

Although "schoolwork, classes and sports have been replaced by work, going to the gym weekdays and competing with the Goldman Sachs Tennis Team," Fund, now 23, made a smooth transition from student life to "real life" – thanks to her experience at the University. She

Lisa Fund, an analyst at Goldman Sachs, stands outside the firm's Jersey City office.



During a business trip to India, Fund visited the Mysore Palace.

Kristin Cappon gets into character for a role with the Black Door Theatre Company. She and the troupe's other young founders write and produce original material.



Cappon (second from right) and her co-stars perform in the drama "Climbing Up Walls."



professes to missing "my former teammates, playing tennis on a daily basis and spending time with friends" from her undergraduate years but credits UAlbany with helping her to "grow and mature." Adds Fund: "When I arrived there, I did not ever think that I could be the captain of a Division I tennis team or serve on the boards of different organizations! UAlbany really did prepare me for the 'real world.'"

## Ready for Her Close-up

Sports, arts and crafts, and 4-H were some of the activities Kristin Cappon enjoyed as a child in Watertown, N.Y. But a trip to see "A Raisin in the Sun" at the Syracuse Civic Center directed her toward a dual major in theatre and English at UAlbany, and influenced her choice of career. "I remember sitting in the front row and being so amazed by what these people were doing right in front of me," the 24-year-old actress recalls. Cappon started doing some community theatre around age 11 and got more involved with acting in high school. When she was considering colleges, "I looked at all the state schools, and I really liked UAlbany's theatre department. I got a very warm welcome there. Also, since I was from a small town, I didn't want to jump into the big ocean of New York City. I wanted to take a step up from where I had grown up, but not throw myself in and drown. Albany was bigger than Watertown, but not huge, and it also offered cultural opportunities."

At UAlbany, Cappon found that "the department's well-rounded approach prepared us to do a lot of different things. Tech labs were required for the major; each week, we'd have to go and work in the scene shop or help with set design. Through the labs, we experienced different elements of the same major," she explains.

Cappon lived on campus all four years; "I was very studious, and I liked the safe environment and the way the campus was set up. It was a two-minute walk to rehearsals and the Performing Arts Center. Starting sophomore year, I did have a car, but parking was always an issue." In New York, she gets around by subway. "It's too expensive to have a car, and I don't like to drive here, anyway."

She took her UAlbany support system with her, however. She would e-mail Department of Theatre faculty members J. Kevin Doolen and Mark Dalton, and Eileen Schuyler, a lecturer while Cappon was a student, with questions she felt she couldn't ask anyone else: "What do I do? I'm so lost; there are so many people here!" "A casting director has called me for a look-and-see. What's that? I don't want to ask and look foolish." She's grateful not only to her mentors, but to Schuyler's

husband, Joseph Schuyler; "he took my first headshot for nice and cheap, because I needed it!"

In Manhattan, Cappon and former classmate Victoria Chiaro, B.A.'04, moved in together. She lives alone now but remains close to Chiaro, who majored in English at UAlbany and currently works for Serious Thinking, a television production company.

Cappon's own English degree also helped to pay the rent: She took temporary typing and proofreading assignments for law firms, publishers and the like. Since late 2004, she's been a receptionist and hostess at Wolfgang's, a well-known Park Avenue steakhouse. She reads trade newspapers so she can stay informed about the acting industry and chat with guests like Denzel Washington and Hugh Laurie. At the restaurant's TriBeCa location, Cappon met Robert DeNiro, who "was very nice." She likes the job; "the money is good, and I have health insurance."

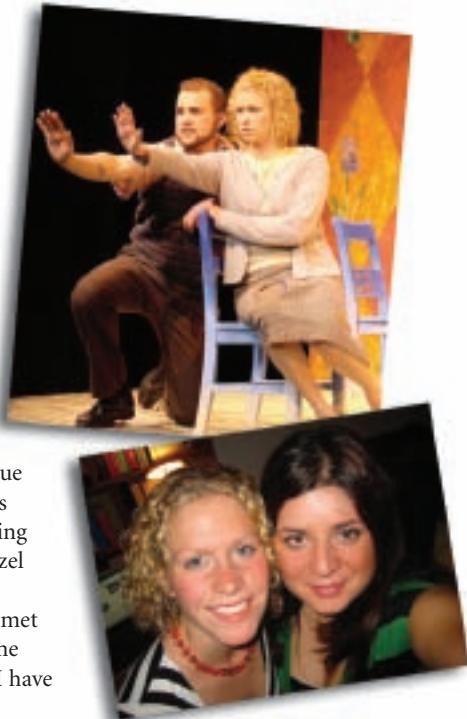
Wolfgang's flexible hours allow time for auditions. Cappon, who took lessons at the prestigious Schreiber Studio, has done commercials, including one for Target; television ("Law & Order"); and some independent movies. But the stage is still her first love. She and several other young actors from the studio formed the non-profit Black Door Theatre Company, where they write and produce original works. Their latest, "Climbing Up Walls," a collaboration with writer Nick Sanzo, focuses on five former high school classmates reuniting in their hometown and coming to terms with various personal challenges.

Although work keeps her busy, Cappon makes time to socialize. New York is a great place for museums "and

a lot of free stuff to do." She and her friends often go out to theatres where other pals are performing "to offer them support," adds

the actress, who launched her own Web site, [kristincappon.com](http://kristincappon.com), in July.

The biggest change in Cappon's life since graduation was having to "become my own motivation. The University's great structure was hard to lose. Now I have to keep the drive going myself. I'm very passionate about acting, and when you're passionate about what you do, that's a huge part of being able to keep up that drive."



Top: Chris Rickett and Cappon act out a scene from the University's 2004 production of "All in the Timing."

Bottom: Cappon and Victoria Chiaro, a friend from UAlbany, are pictured during their hunt for an apartment in New York. They signed a lease the weekend this photo was taken.



## A Sunny Outlook

Long before he even knew where Albany, N.Y., was, the seeds of Mike Tamas' career had been planted. "The

two things needed to become a good broadcast meteorologist are the ability to talk and a love of the weather," the Massachusetts native observes. "I had both down pat before I was even in junior high school. I talked so much my mom called me 'Motormouth,' and I used to watch The Weather Channel so often, my brothers called me a geek."

When it was time for college, Tamas took his two greatest talents to UAlbany, where he majored in atmospheric science with a minor in broadcast meteorology. His favorite course was *Severe Weather Analysis and Forecasting*, taught by Technical Specialist Mike Landin.

"I enjoyed hands-on work more than theory, and this class was all about looking at maps and figuring out where and what kind of severe weather would occur. [Distinguished Professor] Lance Bosart was probably my favorite teacher; the guy is a walking vault of knowledge. He's the type of guy you're almost afraid to talk to for fear of

saying something stupid; therefore, I mostly stuck to conversations about the Red Sox and their chances of winning the World Series. However, we learned so much from him."

A Presidential Scholar who lived on campus all four years and completed an internship at the Capital Region Fox television affiliate, WXXA, Tamas says the key to successful preparation for classes was "spreading the work out over a period of time and not letting it all wait till the day before." He also left time to play soccer, basketball and other intramural sports with friends.

While still a senior, Tamas was hired for the position he now holds at WRGB, the CBS-TV affiliate in Niskayuna, N.Y. "At first, I just did the Saturday

shows from 7 to 8 a.m. As I got more comfortable in front of the camera, I started filling in a little bit on weekday evening or noon broadcasts. I now do Saturday and Sunday morning shows, which have been expanded to two hours each, and the noon shows Monday and Tuesday."

Tamas arrives at the studio about three hours before the start time of the newscast, and looks at "all the data, including surface and upper-level maps, radars and satellites. Then it's on to the models. Forecasting takes about 90 minutes or so; then I spend the next 20 minutes updating the station's Web site and the weather-phone. During the last hour, I make all the graphics I'll need during the shows." One of the graphics he created "shows a shot of Albany or Schenectady with the weather expected [closer to air time]; then it flips over and shows another scene with the weather forecast for a later time."

The job is perfect for him; "I refused to be stuck in a cubicle, in a lab or or at a desk all day long," he says. Tamas also refuses to be stuck in one living space: He has lived in four different Albany-area apartments since graduating, and "needless to say, I look forward to a time when I own a house." He already owns a car — or, more accurately, "my parents and I own it." Tamas recently finished making the payments on the Honda Civic his parents purchased the summer after he graduated, when the Chrysler LHS they had given him sophomore year — "a boat that ran smoothly and had plush leather seats" — started having "some real issues, like shutting off in the middle of driving."

What Tamas misses most about college is "the 'carefree' of it. I was lucky; I was responsible for school-work, and that was about it. My parents and student loans paid for everything; I really had no bills. And there were 10,000 kids my own age living around me. It was great to be able to walk downstairs and hang out with my friends, and even live with them. Now everyone has jobs in different cities or states, and it takes a lot of effort and planning to hang out." (Lately, Tamas has been seeing a bit more of one old friend: Joel Wurtzel, B.S.'04, who roomed with him all four years at UAlbany, was an usher at his Aug. 31 wedding to Katie Lenz, "the woman I'm going to spend the rest of my life with and have a family with." In December, Tamas will return the favor when Wurtzel, a MetLife actuary now living in Manhattan, weds.)

Still, "it's nice to be responsible for yourself and have only yourself to answer to," Tamas concedes. "I've always wanted to get married, have a family and play catch with my kid in the front yard. So to finally get out of school meant it was all possible, and that was exciting for me. My life had begun."

— Carol Olechowski



Top: Tamas and Katie Lenz struck a casual pose for their engagement photo. The couple married Aug. 31.

Bottom: At the studio, Tamas consults with his colleague — and fellow UAlbany alum — Mike Augustyniak, B.S.'00.

Meteorologist Mike Tamas prepares for a broadcast at WRGB's Niskayuna studio.



# LOST NO MORE

By Carol Olechowski

**Last May, Alex Logono, B.S.'07 – one of the 'Lost Boys of Sudan' – found the mom he was separated from in 1989. Now, he's hoping for a long-term reunion in the U.S., a career in medicine and a return to his homeland.**

Each spring, thousands of new college graduates set off for Europe, Asia and other exotic locales, eager to experience a bit of the world before settling into jobs or continuing their studies. Alex Logono's post-graduation trip completed a journey begun nearly two decades before – and culminated in a brief reunion with his mother, Lona Sitti, whom he hadn't seen since fleeing his war-torn homeland as a child.

Logono left Albany May 21 and traversed two hemispheres by air, truck and foot – only to discover that Sitti was living in another village, near Sudan's border with the Democratic Republic of Congo. After another long truck ride, "I finally found my mom," he recounted. "We greeted and started talking. My escort asked whether she knew me; she said no. He told her I was her son. We started crying, crying, crying, and she hugged me. 'I prayed and prayed for you,' she said. I told her all the stories about how I survived."

In 1989, the Christians in southern Sudan were battling the Arab rulers who demanded they convert to Islam, and the fighting soon reached Lanyi. At age 9, Logono became separated from his family and fled, along with 25,000 other displaced youngsters who came to be known as the "Lost Boys of Sudan." Their journey was a perilous one; the boys braved fear, hunger, wild animals and other horrors. The luckier children survived the terrifying days and nights in the bush and reached Ethiopia, where the government, at the request of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, permitted them to establish a refugee camp. The unlucky ones succumbed along the way "because they ate poisonous fruits, or they were bitten by snakes or scorpions, or eaten by hyenas or lions," recalled the soft-spoken Logono, now 28.



Alex Logono embraces his mother, Lona Sitti, for the first time since 1989. Sitti is wearing a dress her son brought her as a gift.

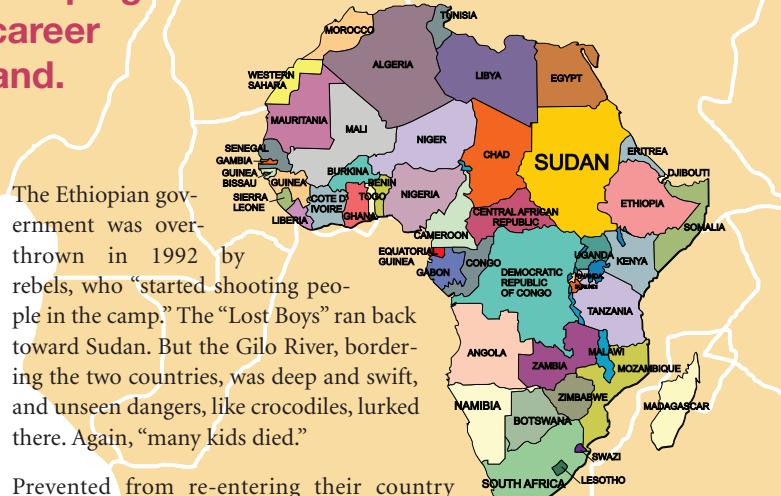
The Ethiopian government was overthrown in 1992 by rebels, who "started shooting people in the camp." The "Lost Boys" ran back toward Sudan. But the Gilo River, bordering the two countries, was deep and swift, and unseen dangers, like crocodiles, lurked there. Again, "many kids died."

Prevented from re-entering their country because of ongoing attacks by government troops, the boys ran again, this time to Kenya. There, Logono said, "the International Red Cross heard about our plight and started dropping food. The U.N. High Commissioner opened a camp, Kakuma. There was a lot of sand; sometimes it covered our eyes, and we couldn't see. There were respiratory diseases, and problems with the water; it was just for drinking. We showered in the rain."

Schools were built at Kakuma, and Logono attended classes until 1999. He later taught English and Swahili, and volunteered at the camp hospital, where he was trained to "examine patients, prescribe medications, and give health education and treatment."

Years later, "a group of people from the United States came. I did not know where the United States was. They saw the huts where we lived, and interviewed us. They went back to the U.S. and asked Congress to take some of us, then came back to Kakuma and took pictures of us. After the pictures, nothing happened, and we started forgetting," Logono noted.

But the visitors remembered the "Lost Boys," and "started transporting us from Kakuma to Nairobi, then to different states." Logono's own trip to the U.S., sponsored by the Lutheran Church Federation, was delayed by two weeks following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.



At their reunion, Logono's mom donned the cap and gown he'd worn at commencement a few weeks earlier. Sitti and two other villagers hold pumpkin flowers, which "express joy, welcome and congratulations," according to Logono.



Alex Logono, BS '07

"I was brought to Utica, N.Y." he said. "It was the first time for me to see a city, use a flushing toilet, see a kitchen – everything was new for me. I went to orientations to learn how to use stuff." Logono also attended English classes, but had learned the language at a more advanced level at Kakuma. He asked about college and was told he would have to find work first. The food stamps and housing allowance he had received to assist in his resettlement were cut off, but Logono did not lose hope. "I became closer to God. My faith helped me believe that nothing would happen to me. If I did not die in Sudan, I was not going to die here. I prayed to God to help me find a job."

God listened. Hired at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Utica as a nurse's aide, Logono was promoted to nursing technician within a few months. While he worked, he took classes at Mohawk Valley Community College. "I also sent money to friends in the camp. I don't forget them," he added.

After completing science and mathematics studies at MVCC in 2004, Logono decided to continue his education. "I want to become a doctor, and go back and help people in southern Sudan," he said. "A lot of people are dying there because of a lack of medical assistance. There are no schools, no health facilities." Logono applied to the SUNY schools at Binghamton, Geneseo and Buffalo, and "all of them accepted me. I chose UAlbany; it has nice pre-med and research programs."

Logono majored in biology and found a job at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany. "I work weekends doing EKGs, drawing blood, doing vitals

and general patient care." He will take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) next year and plans to attend medical school "wherever I am accepted."

Prior to returning to Africa last spring, Logono had learned that Sitti was ill. He took her to Uganda for treatment; "my mom has a blockage in an artery and a kidney problem. The doctor can't do anything

about the blockage, which causes sweating and chills and other symptoms, but he gave her some medication for the kidney infection." Released from the hospital over the summer, she continues to take medication and follow up with the doctor.

Logono hopes to bring Sitti to the U.S. for treatment. While still a student at MVCC, "I filled out family reunification forms two times, but I have not heard what is happening. I was told because I am a Sudanese, it is going to take longer," recalled Logono, who became a U.S. citizen last March. His family includes the brother he was reunited with last spring, and three sisters. "My mom does not speak English, so they can be her best companions," he observed.



Logono, who majored in biology at UAlbany, is preparing for a career as a physician. Ultimately, he'd like to return to Sudan to establish a medical clinic.

"I really love my mom, though I am away from her," said Logono, his face lighting up at the memory of their brief reunion. "I would like to spend time together with her."

As he waits to reunite his family, Logono continues to focus on his studies. "If God helps me and I get into medical school," he vowed, "I will go back to Lanyi and open a free clinic for the people. I will provide medical services and health education. That is my goal."

# Out and About

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

**SPRING COMMENCEMENT** (right): Over 2,800 new graduates joined the University at Albany alumni family Commencement Weekend. Pictured here are students who participated in the main undergraduate ceremony, held outdoors on the Science Library lawn May 20.



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**BURTON LECTURE** (center): More than 100 guests watched May 8 as New York State Lt. Gov. David A. Paterson, featured speaker for the 22nd annual John E. Burton Lecture, received the Burton Medallion from Officer in Charge Susan Herbst. Sharon S. Dawes '72, '91; John C. Egan; Mary Ann T. Fish; and David Kaczynski were awarded Distinguished Public Service Awards at a ceremony following the lecture.



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## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS METRO NY ALUMNI RECEPTION

School of Business Dean Paul A. Leonard, '75, '76, posed with graduates from the classes of 2000-2007 at an April 19 reception at Sardi's restaurant in Manhattan. These young alumni, who won the "Decades Challenge" and received UAlbany prizes for the highest attendance among graduates from any one decade, are also pictured on a plaque in the dean's office!

Lorenzo Chigillo



Michael Boots

**BOSTON'S CULINARY EXTRAVAGANZA** (above): Kimberly Welsh '89 and her husband, renowned Boston-area chef Kenji Freedman, welcomed more than two dozen alumni and friends to a culinary extravaganza June 21 at their Winchester, Mass., home. Pictured, front row, from left, are: Darren De Genarro '99; Janell De Genarro; William Roller '80, '82; Sara Altman; and Susanne Shavelson. Middle row: Dan Webster '75; Carol Webster '72, '75; Kimberly Welsh '89; Rebecca Caponi '72, '86; and Jeff Leopold '85. Back row: Kenji Freedman; Michael Boots; Jon Katz '92; Stuart Altman '81; Gene Caponi '87; Todd Burger '77; Deborah Burger; Don Weintraub '66; and Linda Sacks.

#### **COUNCIL FOR ECONOMIC OUTREACH BREAKFAST**

(left): Emad A. Zikry '72, president and CEO of Vanderbilt Capital Advisors and winner of this year's Excellence in Entrepreneurship Award, discussed the volatility of the financial markets and its correlation with world politics at the Council for Economic Outreach breakfast forum June 1.

**1844 SOCIETY DONOR APPRECIATION RECEPTION** (left and below): Following the spring meeting of The University at Albany Foundation Board of Directors June 20, more than 120 UAlbany supporters gathered at the 1844 Society Donor Appreciation Reception in the Life Sciences Research

Building courtyard. Posing for photos, from left, were Frances George '38; George Hearst III; Edward George '38; and Ted Anderson '82.

J. Spencer and Patricia Standish were all smiles as their picture was taken.



Colleen Brescia



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# You Can Get There from Here

UAlbany master's in regional planning students and their professor envision new ways to get around the uptown campus.

By Carol Olechowski



Through the Purple Path planning studio, Josina Poppel, Elena McCormick, Michael Alba, Laura Whalen and Ross Farrell (left to right) are working to beautify the uptown campus and make it more user-friendly for students, faculty, staff, neighbors – and four-footed visitors like Seneca, Whalen's dog. Here, the group gathers near the SEFCU Arena parking lot, where the first section of the path will be completed.

Route 66 and the Yellow Brick Road don't intersect on any map, of course. But the best aspects of both – practicality and wonder – will soon overlap at UAlbany along the Purple Path and the Golden Grid.

The new pathways grew out of planning studios conducted in 2005 and 2006 by Adjunct Professor Jeffrey Olson and several of his master's in regional planning (M.R.P.) students. Their creativity and vision resulted in designs for byways that will transform the uptown campus into a safer, more inviting place for pedestrians and bicyclists alike.

Olson, a faculty member in UAlbany's Department of Geography and Planning for more than a decade, grew up in Bergen County, N.J., where "all the farms and open spaces were turned into suburban sprawl by the time I graduated high school. It was a tragedy. But even then, I helped my neighbors save the last remaining piece of woods. R.O.W.D. (Residents Opposed to Wetlands

Development) set me on a career path toward making the world a better place," notes the partner with Alta Planning, a national firm specializing in "green infrastructure solutions."

Bethlehem, N.Y., native Michael Alba, Graduate Student Planning Association president and an intern with the Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC), is interested in "the mobility needs of the disabled, elderly and children." The son of UAlbany professors of sociology Gwen Moore and Richard Alba finds that regional planning "weaves together a wide range of disciplines in the search for improving the human state."

Like Alba, Ross Farrell was born and raised in the Albany area. He left his home in Kinderhook to study for a B.A. in urban studies and sociology at the University of Pittsburgh, "but I knew I wanted a career in the Capital Region because I love it here, so getting my graduate degree at UAlbany was a logical first step." The planning studios have "helped me use my ability to understand what infrastructure and policy changes are needed to give people incentives to get out of their cars and walk, bike, or take mass transit to their destinations," says Farrell, who recently left his job in the

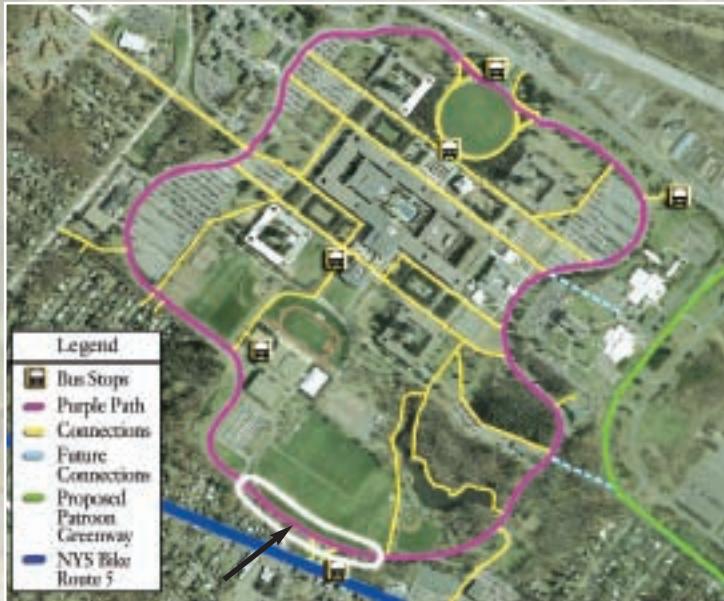
University's Office of Space Management and Campus Preservation to accept a position as senior planner with the Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA).

The Purple Path and the Golden Grid, Olson explains, "link to the idea of making UAlbany a more sustainable, safe and enjoyable place to be. They grew out of a planning exercise in my *Bicycling, Walking and Trails: Innovations in Transportation* class – the first course of its kind in the U.S. when we started it in 1996.

I ask the students to design their own community. [The late University at Albany] President [Kermit] Hall was very supportive of creating a higher quality of life here and became a champion of the Purple Path, a proposed 5-kilometer loop trail for walking, running and bicycling along University Drive, the perimeter of the uptown campus."

The Golden Grid, meanwhile, was designed at the request of Vice President for Finance and Business Kathryn Lowery. That project, Olson says,

"identifies pedestrian and bikeway connections that complement the Purple Path, turning the spaces between the quads and the podium back into 'village greens' and transforming the dirt paths on campus into landscaped pathways."



This aerial view shows the route of the Purple Path. The area circled in white indicates the first section of the project to be completed.



University officials endorsed the students' proposal and encouraged its implementation.

## Whalen urges UAlbany to “preserve open space on the campus in order to keep our neighborhood as green as possible.”

Infrastructure (iHi), the New York State Department of Health's Healthy Heart Program contributed another \$5,000 toward the Purple Path. The Office of Architecture, Engineering & Construction Management is coordinating improvements to a roadway near Dutch Quad and a Purple Path walkway this year, according to Engineer/Project Manager Elena McCormick. And Parking and Mass Transit Services is helping to implement the Golden Grid, which Alba describes as “the skeleton that supports the Purple Path and connects it to the podium.”

Another form of affirmation came in September 2006, when the New York Upstate Chapter of the American Planning Association presented Farrell, Alba and fellow graduate students Aaron Bustow, Dekka Michael, Xiaofeng (Iris) Ge, Valeria Ivan, Emily Richardson and Joshua Poppel an Outstanding Student Project award for the Purple Path initiative.

For Poppel, executive director of the New York Bicycling Coalition (NYBC) since 2005, participating in the Purple Path studio “really helped synthesize the advocacy work I do with the real-world implementation of planning.” In addition, “the M.R.P. program expanded my knowledge of the planning process and has enabled me to be a more effective advocate for bicycle and pedestrian initiatives.”

Graduate Student Organization President Maria Chau sees the Purple Path and Golden Grid as “team efforts” that “brought together the different aspects of the community.” A participant in the Golden Grid planning studio, she is grateful to the University’s neighbors for supporting the projects. “A lot of people in the community use the campus. In many ways, they see it as an asset; it’s a quieter place to jog, and there’s different scenery. It’s very important to think of creative ways to keep the unique characteristics that make us who we are but make UAlbany a better place,” remarks Chau, a candidate for graduation in December.

McKownville Improvement Association member Laura Whalen echoes Chau’s sentiments. The Purple Path and Golden Grid projects promote “walkability,” one of her organization’s highest priorities. “Good signage and walking paths are wonderful benefits to neighbors of the University. Walking is healthy. You can meet and greet students and your neighbors, and see the beauties of the

Lowery’s office, which earmarked \$5,000 in support for each planning studio, is one of a number of entities bringing the projects to life. Through the Institute for Healthy

campus: trillium in bloom, a blue heron, the goslings that hatch in the spring, a pileated woodpecker flying overhead. When people are walking, they see things they don’t ordinarily.”

Whalen urges UAlbany to “preserve open space on the campus in order to keep our neighborhood as green as possible. I would love to see a transportation management plan that works to reduce the car traffic the University brings to our neighborhood. Getting people walking is a start.”

The planners anticipate that future projects will continue to strengthen the University’s neighborhood connections. Currently, says Olson, “we are discussing the possibility of extending these ideas into a studio project for the downtown campus.”

**[To read about the Institute for Healthy Infrastructure and the Purple Path planning studio, please link to [http://www.albany.edu/~ihi/.](http://www.albany.edu/~ihi/>.)]**



**Poppel and Alba discuss the planning studio as they walk along an unpaved pathway at UAlbany.**

# Vital Volunteers

By Carol Olechowski  
Photo by Mark Schmidt

**Nolan Altman, B.S.'77**

## Honoring His Parents by Helping Students

Although his mother wasn't a UAlbany alumna, Nolan Altman honored her memory and her contributions to secondary education after her passing in 1996 by establishing the *Martha Bealler Altman Scholarship Fund* to benefit undergraduate business majors at the University.

"I thought it would make sense to start a scholarship fund based on academic ability, as well as on economic need," said Altman, who returns occasionally to UAlbany in his role as University at Albany

Foundation director and to present scholarships at the annual School of Business luncheon. A business and secretarial studies teacher at Maxwell Vocational High School in Brooklyn, N.Y., and a Hunter College graduate, Mrs. Altman viewed education as a way out of poverty for her students. Through the Future Business Leaders of America, an organization she introduced to Maxwell, she helped the young women in her classes to make contacts that could benefit them in the business world. "She would take them to conferences, one of which was in Albany," Nolan Altman remembered. "Most of her students had never left Brooklyn."

When Altman himself left his native Queens, he headed for the University at Albany, where he discovered "a feel for accounting. There was an emphasis on doing something in college that would give you a career when you came out; business seemed like a logical path." Today, he heads his own firm, NTA Consulting, which is based in Oceanside, N.Y. Having been a partner in a public accounting firm's financial services group for 16 years, then



UAlbany volunteer Nolan Altman presented a scholarship to student Stephanie Sutherland at the School of Business luncheon last May.

employed as chief fiscal officer for an international hedge fund and money management practice for eight years, Altman currently serves as an independent director of hedge funds and consults to investment managers and their boards.

In 2000, when his father passed away, Altman established the *Morris Altman Research Fund* at UAlbany with an additional \$30,000 gift. "My father was a TV repairman and a very affable kind of guy. He was thrilled by what I'd done for my mother at the University. After my mother's death, I discovered the fascinating and addictive field of

genealogy. My father gave me the basic information to continue to research and document our family's history. It came as a complete surprise to me to discover that an entire branch of his family was lost during the Holocaust." The fund named for Altman's father supports undergraduate research projects within the Department of Judaic Studies.

When not working in the financial services industry, Altman continues his involvement with genealogy – an interest sparked by a cache of photos and documents his mother left behind. "I spend a significant amount of time coordinating JewishGen.org's Holocaust Database, which partners with the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. and Yad Vashem in Israel. I've taught *Introduction to Genealogy* to the Holocaust Studies class at the University on two occasions; I also teach the course at adult and continuing education venues at high schools, colleges, libraries and community groups. It has been very satisfying," added Altman, who met his wife, the former Susan Diamond, B.S.'77, at the University.

# Gifts at Work

By Carol Olechowski

## Harold Gould Donates Papers to University Libraries

Veteran actor Harold Gould B.A.'47, who has delighted two generations of television, movie and theatre audiences, has donated his papers to the University at Albany.

Housed in the Science Library's M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, the Gould Collection includes 10,000 scripts, letters, photos, news clippings and interviews that document the popular actor's career since its beginnings in the early 1960s. Also included are examinations Gould took while earning his undergraduate degree at the New York State College for Teachers, now UAlbany.

Gould is well known for his work on television series ("Rhoda," "The Golden Girls"), in films ("The Sting," "Freaky Friday") and on the stage ("The House of Blue Leaves," "Freud," "Incommunicado"). In 2005-06, he appeared in 13 U.S. cities in the highly acclaimed play "Tuesdays with Morrie," based on the best-selling book by Mitch Albom. Currently, Gould is touring in the comedy "Viagara Falls."



Actor Harold Gould shines in one of his favorite roles: UAlbany donor. The popular performer presented his collection of papers to the University in June.

Gina Muscato

## Biodiversity Program Benefits from Alumni, Faculty Support

More financial support will be available soon for students enrolled in UAlbany's Biodiversity, Conservation and Policy Program, thanks to the generosity of several donors, including the late alumna whose initial gift established the course of study in 1996.

A bequest from Harriet Dyer Adams, M.L.S.'60, and gifts and estate commitments from Helga Karker, M.S.'75; Anna May Lee, B.S.'65, M.S.'66; the late Edward L. Osborn, B.A.'31; and the late Distinguished Teaching Professor Emerita of Biology Margaret Stewart, make available to the program an additional \$1.1 million to fund scholarships and student research.

Adams, who died in 2005, founded the *Charles C. Adams and Harriet Dyer Adams Biodiversity, Conservation and Public Policy Fund* more than a decade ago to honor her late father, a pioneer in the field of ecology. Stewart, a beloved UAlbany faculty member for more than 40 years, returned to the University after her retirement in 1997 to help develop the program. She passed away last year. Osborn, a retired school administrator who died in 1993, established an endowment to support student environmental field study.

Lee's bequest will establish the *Lee Family Biodiversity Endowment* and recognize her mother, Suey Lon Lee. Karker, who spent 33 years as a teacher and school psychologist before retiring in 1988, designated the proceeds of her gift annuity to a scholarship fund she established for students in the Biodiversity, Conservation and Policy Program.

## Getty Foundation to Help Preserve Uptown Campus

A \$180,000 grant from the Getty Foundation's Campus Heritage Initiative will fund the University's development of a long-term plan to preserve and enhance the uptown campus.

Designed in the early 1960s by renowned architect Edward Durell Stone, the campus is a striking example of global modernist architecture. Its towers, domes, fountains and colonnades are all Stone hallmarks.

The Getty Foundation has provided support for preservation planning to 86 colleges and universities since the Campus Heritage Initiative began in 2002. In 2007, the final year of the program, the foundation made more than \$2 million available to a total of 15 institutions. Other schools receiving the grants included Miami University (Ohio); the University of California, San Diego; and the University of Hawaii.

## Class of '07 Senior Gift Will Update Dippikill

Forty-one Class of 2007 members and several parents gave their favorite Adirondack retreat, Dippikill, a gift last spring: \$13,000 to be used to upgrade the getaway while preserving its rustic beauty.

Purchased in 1956 by the Student Association, Dippikill – the name, from the Dutch, means “small stream” – is located on 850 acres in Thurman, N.Y., and is the largest student-owned retreat in the nation. Its cabins are available for overnight visits by students, alumni, faculty and staff. Many UAlbany graduates reserve space at Dippikill each year for informal reunions.

The funds collected through the senior class's Dippikill Fundraising Initiative will partially support construction of the new Garnet Lodge, which will become the first 100-percent federally certified “green” building in the State University of New York system.



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Vice President for Student Success James Anderson (left) accepts a check representing the proceeds of the senior class gift from Student Association President Nick Chiuchiolo.

## Paying It Forward



Freshmen dining at Indian Quad in late April were treated to the usual fare of salads, entrées, desserts and beverages. For a couple of evenings, however, there was something new on the menu: \$2 bills donated by the late Morris “Marty” Silverman, a well-known philanthropist and UAlbany benefactor.

Silverman, who passed away in January 2006 at age 93, used to distribute \$2 bills labeled on the reverse with his personal motto: “If it is to be, it is up to me!” He included the University in that custom, as well, as a means of encouraging students to help others.

Unfamiliar with the currency, many of the freshmen examined it carefully. The students held the bills up to the light, stroked them – and even sniffed at them to gauge their authenticity.

“I guess [the bill] is supposed to be a symbol of starting something from nothing,” mused Kim Moonan of Trumbull, Conn. “It was nice of him [Silverman] to donate these to students,” added her friend, Rina Rotunno, who hails from Yorktown, N.Y.

Michael Zucker was impressed. “It’s cool, because who has \$2 bills anymore?” the New City, N.Y., native asked. “How did he get so many?”

Travis Weir of Long Island posed another question. “Do they have any \$100 bills?” he inquired hopefully.



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Freshmen Jennifer Jasmia and Nkechi Amadi display the \$2 bills they received last April. The currency is imprinted on the reverse with the personal motto of the late philanthropist Marty Silverman: “If it is to be, it is up to me!”

# Ask Geoff

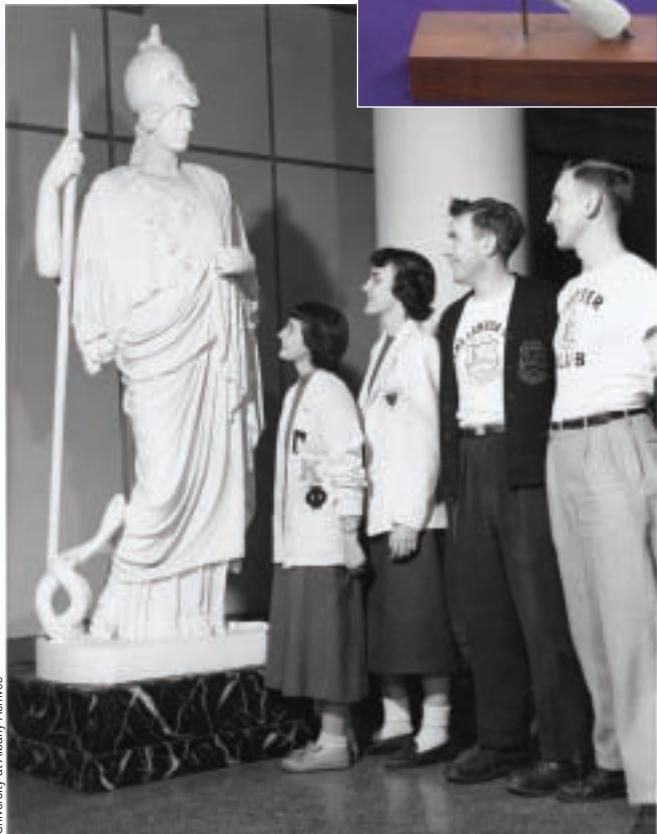
By Geoffrey Williams,  
University at Albany Archivist

## Q. What can you tell me about the Minerva statue? Why does Minerva have a snake at her feet?

**A.** My colleague Katie Mullen, collections conservator in the University Libraries' Preservation Department, posed these questions. Katie also asked about the nature of the restorations performed on the statue.

Minerva was the Roman goddess of dawn, the home, rustic life and wisdom. Later associated with Athena, the Greek goddess of war – hence the breastplate and spear – Minerva was revered as a patron of the arts, crafts and guilds, and medicine, and as the inventor of musical instruments. She was also linked with birds and animals, particularly the owl and the snake. The snake at

*For half a century, Minerva was a popular meeting place for students. This group gathered at the goddess' feet in the late 1950s.*



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Minerva's feet is associated with the Greek myth of Erichthonius, regarded as the hero and helper of Athens, and often portrayed, at Athena's side, as a snake. Our Minerva is an exact copy of the Vatican's "Athena Giustiniani," which can be viewed at <http://www.theoi.com/Gallery/S8.9.html>.

Anna E. Pierce, New York State Normal School Class of 1884 and faculty member from 1885-1933, noted that the statue was purchased in 1888 with \$1 fines students paid for make-up exams. Since Minerva was plaster, she could be easily moved – a fact that enabled janitor Charles Wurthman to save her from the fire that destroyed the school's Willett Street building in 1906. Later installed at the entrance to what is now Draper Hall, on the Western Avenue campus, she became a popular meeting site; "Meetcha at Minnie" was a common expression until Minerva moved to the uptown campus five decades later. According to tradition, freshmen could not walk in front of her until after freshman-sophomore Rivalry ended.

Minerva's mobility landed her in some interesting predicaments. In the 1920s, she was sometimes found in the men's room; on one occasion in the early '30s, she was smeared with red paint – allegedly by basketball rivals from RPI. (The janitor of that time, fearful of being fired for not having guarded her well enough, stayed up all night cleaning her with paint thinner.) By the 1960s, Minerva was often discovered sporting various articles of clothing.

The pranks took a physical toll on Minerva. However, the Class of 1967 and its president, Henry Madej, stepped in to restore her in preparation for her move to the new uptown campus. At the suggestion of the art department's Ed Cowley, who had assisted in past restorations, a new spearhead was made; the class also replaced the statue's old wooden base with a new Vermont marble base. The rejuvenated Minerva was located under the stairs at the Campus Center entrance, then transferred to various locations inside the University Library. After more "cosmetic surgery" in 1986-87, she was returned to the Library entrance – minus the marble base, which disappeared while the repairs were made. In 1999, Minerva took up residence in the Science Library atrium, where she remains today.

Minerva's first photo, taken at Draper Hall, was published in the 1911 student yearbook. From 1918-52, she was featured on both the College catalogue cover and the school's official seal. She achieved national "cover girl" status in 1962, when the *Saturday Review* used her picture to illustrate a David Boroff article on the College-to-University transition.



Minerva continued to be prominently displayed on memorabilia and on the University seal but was downplayed for a number of years on official publications. In the 1990s, then-President H. Patrick Swygert reintroduced her as the University's official symbol.

#### Q. What was the wording on your diploma, and when did you receive it?

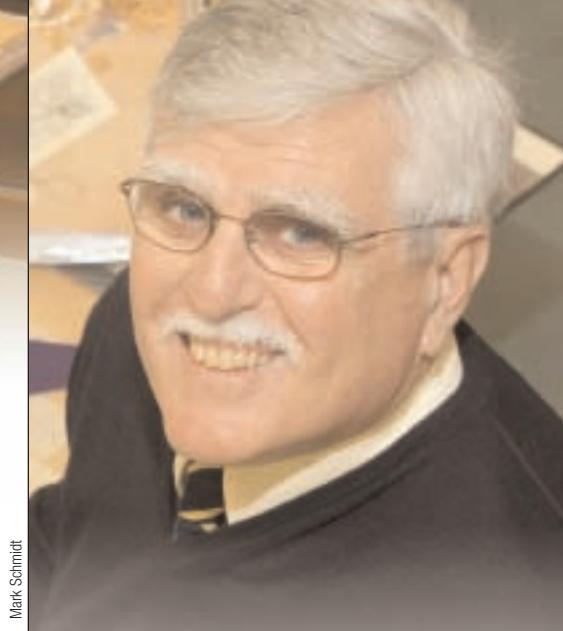
**A.** I asked that question in the Spring 2007 *UAlbany*, and 43 alumni responded. Many of them indicated they were confused by the University's frequent name changes, particularly in the period 1958-62.

Since about 1949, I learned, the phrase following *State University of New York* on diplomas has read:

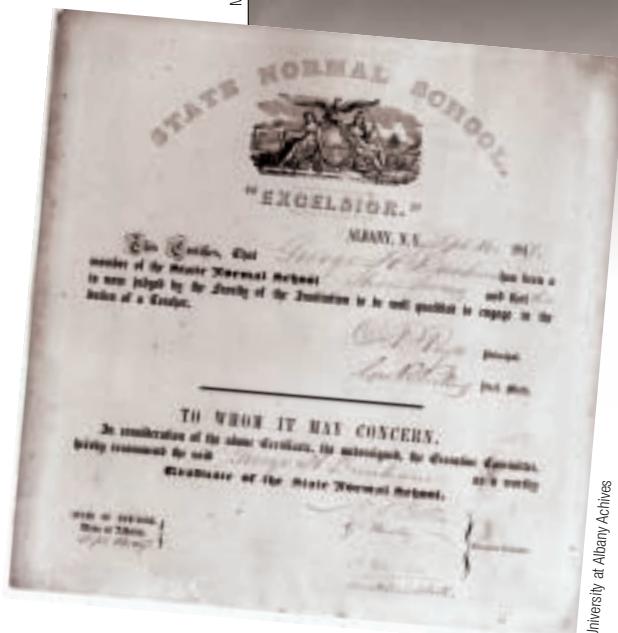
*College for Teachers at Albany* (about 1949-59)  
*College of Education at Albany* (1960-61)  
*College at Albany* (1962)  
*State University at Albany* (1963-75)  
*University at Albany* (1976-approximately 1983)  
*University Center at Albany* (about 1987-98)  
*University at Albany* (1999-present)

A few alumni reported wording that did not match that noted by other classmates; until the recent use of electronic signatures by printers, a replacement diploma carried the University name used at the time the replacement was issued – not the name used at the time the diploma was originally presented. For example, Charlie Self, B.A.'70, reported that his diploma reads *University Center at Albany* under *State University of New York*; other respondents from his class noted that their diplomas were imprinted *State University at Albany*. Charlie confirmed that his was a replacement issued in the late 1980s.

Mysteries remain, however. *New York State College for Teachers* appeared on diplomas issued between about 1914 and 1947. When did the term *State University of New York, College for Teachers at Albany*, first appear? SUNY was created in 1948, but the College didn't become part of the university system until 1949, so I suspect that 1949 is when *College for Teachers at Albany* was first used on diplomas. Graduates from 1948 could confirm this by letting me know what wording appears on their diplomas. Another mystery: When was *University at Albany*, used consistently from 1976-83, dropped in favor of *University Center at Albany*, and why was this change made? What wording appears on diplomas for class years 1984, '85 and '86?



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Our oldest existing diploma, that of George H. Dunham, Class of 1847, was signed by our first Executive Committee (Board of Trustees).

Different names were also used at commencement. Esther Heilmann Sheppard, M.S.'66, pointed out that her leather diploma case was inscribed *State University of New York at Albany*, but *State University of New York, State University at Albany*, was imprinted on the diploma. Larry Yother, M.L.S.'71, M.S.'73, C.A.S.'74, told me that his degrees denoted *State University at Albany*, while his teaching certificate contained the familiar *State University of New York* on the first line and *at Albany* on the second. Larry recalled that most people used *Albany State* in general conversation; Donna Guyette Farquhar, B.A.'65, and Matt Kirschenbaum, B.A.'92, said they commonly used the term *SUNY Albany* when referring to the school. University letterhead during 1976 was imprinted *State University of New York at Albany* or *The University at Albany*, according to Deborah Beza, M.P.A. '76, who prefers "the latest and greatest" appellation: "the informal *UAlbany*."

To submit a question for "Ask Geoff,"  
e-mail [gwilliams@uamail.albany.edu](mailto:gwilliams@uamail.albany.edu).

# All in a Half-Century's Work

**Tina Badi has been a UAlbany employee for 50 years – and she has no plans to retire.**

By Cindi Schmalz, B.A.'07

Five days a week, Tina Badi drives to work at the University at Albany to help staff the Indian Quad dining hall. That might not seem unusual – until you consider the Chartwells employee is 90 years old and celebrated her 50th anniversary at UAlbany last March 17.



Badi began her tenure at the downtown campus before the uptown campus even existed. She has worked nearly everywhere at UAlbany and in many different jobs: line woman, manager, breakfast cook, cashier. In 1971, she chose to work on Indian Quad because her grandmother was full-blooded American Indian. She has been there ever since.

Indian Quad has been Badi's favorite place to work because she enjoys meeting students. They obviously enjoy seeing her, too. She stands at her station, ready to swipe SUNYCards for breakfast or lunch and greeting the freshmen with a twinkle in her eye. Badi warmly welcomes them, making them feel as if they were entering their grandmother's kitchen instead of a residence hall dining room.

As she swipes a card, she says, "Hello, how are you?" "Hi, Tina," or "Good afternoon," they reply as they read the pin of the day on her sweater. Today, the pin reads, "My other body is in the shop." Badi chats briefly about the weather and offers some advice: "Dress warm tomorrow. It's going to be very cold." She likes to talk and says that being a cashier gives her an opportunity to interact with the students. Badi adds that she cannot remember names – she sees more than 800 freshmen a day – but she does remember faces. Even after students move from Indian Quad, some return to visit her, perhaps because of her philosophy: She treats them like adults, not children.



*Tina Badi poses with some of the freshmen at Indian Quad.*

Mark Schmidt

Last winter, students and staff threw Badi a 90th birthday celebration, complete with a cake and balloons.

Asked if she plans to retire soon, Badi smiles and responds politely, "That word is not in my vocabulary."

A native of Keene, N.H., Badi moved to New York as a child. She married in the 1940s and has three children, eight grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. Badi did not plan to work at the University for five decades, but after her husband passed away in the 1970s, she decided that she would keep working so she would not have to sit at home alone all day. On the job 35 hours a week, she says that she enjoys her work and does not notice that she has been working at UAlbany for 50 years.

But others have taken notice. Those who see Badi every day appreciate her sense of humor, her kindness – and her hard work.

*Cindi Schmalz, who earned a degree in English last May, interned in the University's Office of Media and Marketing during the Spring 2007 semester.*

Gina Muscato



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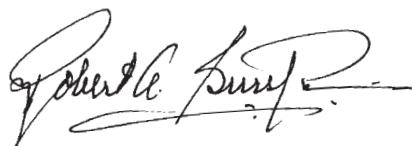
This year, the Alumni Association experienced one of the most exciting changes in our history. As of July 1, all UAlbany alumni are now members of the Alumni Association. The University has committed additional resources to help support our alumni program, and the Association is now able to provide membership to all alumni, expanding the alumni circle to thousands of additional graduates.

This is a wonderful commitment by the university – one that was made possible only through increased annual support of the UAlbany Fund by alumni. The UAlbany Fund raises more than \$3 million annually to support scholarships, academic departments, student programs, alumni programming and more.

As a life member of the Alumni Association, I'm thrilled that every graduate now has an opportunity to be part of this great organization. We hope by offering benefits and services to all alumni, we will be able to engage a greater number of our alums in the life of the University. In return, we hope more alumni will contribute their time and resources to the University as we continue to work together to shape the future of this distinguished university. I encourage you to look through this special section of the magazine to learn more about how you can benefit from being part of the Alumni Association and how you can, in turn, become a vital partner in advancing UAlbany's mission.

Finally, I would be remiss in not thanking our life and annual members whose support has helped build the Alumni Association into the successful, vibrant organization it is today. We wouldn't be where we are today without you, and I look forward to continuing to work with you and all our fellow alumni as we continue our quest to make the UAlbany experience the finest available.

Robert A. Burstein '72



President  
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“The Association is now able to provide membership to all alumni, expanding the alumni circle to thousands of additional graduates.”

UAlbany gave me a fantastic career, lifelong friends and an opportunity to develop my leadership skills. I am grateful, and that is why I give back to the University, in terms of both time and financial support.

– Debbie Kohn '73

**STAY CONNECTED. MAKE UALBANY STRONGER.**

Volunteering is fun and rewarding. It feels good to stay in touch and mix with a multi-generational collection of students, alumni, faculty, staff and community.

– Barry Z. Davis '73, '74

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**Working with other D.C.-based alumni to plan events has helped to strengthen the UAlbany name and network in the D.C.**

**Metro area. There's nothing better than when a prospective employer recognizes and appreciates the UAlbany name.**

*– Peter W. Brusoe '03, '04*



### MAKE UALBANY STRONGER

Make UAlbany Stronger by becoming a UAlbany Ambassador. Volunteer with Admissions at prospective student programs, regionally to help plan events and activities throughout the country, as a mentor to provide guidance to current students or share information with the University on job opportunities or internships in your company.

- ✓ Volunteer today by completing the reply form on the opposite page or email the alumni association. (For a detailed list of volunteer opportunities, visit [http://www.albany.edu/alumni/vol\\_opps.htm](http://www.albany.edu/alumni/vol_opps.htm))

**Volunteering is a rewarding experience. Every time I read about another one of UAlbany's successes – whether it is on the sports field or in the science lab or an honor for a successful graduate who has made a difference – I feel it is my success, as well!**

*– Carole Harnoff '74*



*My four years at Albany were the best years of my life, and the relationships I developed there led me into the career that I've built. So, it's about giving back and creating opportunities for others.*

*– Nate Salant '76*

The well-worn cliche about people pulling themselves up by their own bootstraps is utter nonsense. No one ever got anywhere without a good deal of help, and, for most people, the greatest help came in the form of their education. Being active in the Alumni Association enables me to say thanks" in a meaningful and positive way.

— Timothy Murphy '77

## GIVE BACK

Give Back to the UAlbany Fund, which has an impact that is both immediate and lasting. Contributions to the UAlbany Fund attract bright and inquisitive students; maintain a first-class faculty; provide quality outreach programs for our students, alumni and members of our global communities; and offer scholarship and fellowship opportunities, ensuring that the dream of opportunity through higher education remains an achievable reality for the deserving students of today.

- ✓ Give Back and raise the alumni giving percentage. The number of alumni and friends who give to the University is extremely important and affects our national rankings. Give online by visiting [www.albany.edu/giving](http://www.albany.edu/giving) or complete and return the form below.

**Why do I choose to support the University? Because someone did it for me. Not a day passes that I'm not able to directly link my accomplishments to the affordable, first-rate college education I received from the University.**

— Michael J. Castellana '84, '92



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# Thank You

These are simple words, but heartfelt.

The Alumni Association would like to thank all its life members and annual members for their support over the years. Today's Alumni Association was built on the foundation of your devotion and financial support. We are a vibrant, strong, progressive organization today only because of your involvement. It is with deep gratitude that we devote this issue of *UAlbany* magazine to you.



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# Circle K: Touching Lives, Enriching the World

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

**M**ake the world a better place. Touch another person's life. Bring a smile to a child's face. At UAlbany, more than 50 Circle K club members are doing exactly these things – and enriching the University, the Capital Region community and the world beyond simultaneously.

Formed in the 1930s, Circle K International has evolved into a collegiate service organization that promotes fellowship, leadership and service. Today, more than 12,000 college students on 507 campuses in 15 nations collectively perform more than one million hours of service through Circle K.

UAlbany Circle K members, who represent a range of ages, backgrounds and majors, gather weekly to create and promote service projects that will benefit their neighbors. They serve meals to the homeless at the Albany Soup Kitchen and the Capital City Rescue Mission, mentor children at the Arbor Hill Community Center After-School Program, and participate in walk-a-thons and other fundraisers for various charities. Along the way, they develop life-long friendships and critical leadership skills.

Five elected officers – all women – currently lead the UAlbany club. Lauren Combs, president; Liz Reinhardt, vice president; Nicole Kennedy, treasurer; Rachel Krongelb, secretary; and Michal Yehezkel, editor, expertly juggle classes, homework and extracurricular activities while determining the club's meeting schedule, dues structure and service activities.

Those activities range from hands-on disaster relief efforts to fundraising. Last January, eight Circle K members traveled to New Orleans to gut houses not touched since Hurricane Katrina in an effort to salvage them. "You never quite look at the world the

same way again after you have seen it at its worst," observes Kennedy, who will earn her bachelor's degree in accounting in May 2008 and her master's the following year.

In April, club members participated in another meaningful, yet demanding, experience: organizing Circle K's first-ever benefit concert. Krongelb, a communication major slated to graduate next May, recalls, "We booked bands, had bands cancel, booked other bands, and arrived to a roomful of chairs without a stage during a Nor'easter!" The proceeds,

more than \$350, were donated to the American Heart Association in memory of Kermit L. Hall, the late University at Albany president.

Members of UAlbany's Circle K also coordinate projects with their peers at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Russell Sage, Adirondack Community College and The College of Saint Rose. In addition, they attend conventions that

bring together all New York State clubs, districts and Kiwanians.

Over the years, the Circle K club at UAlbany has been recognized by other clubs throughout the state and by its local sponsor, the Delmar Kiwanis, for its efforts in increasing membership and raising money for such organizations as the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Its members, however, are modest about their contributions to bettering the lives of others. Asked how she expects to benefit from her service in Circle K, Krongelb sums up the club's philosophy: "This isn't about me. It's about helping others."

*Christine A. Doyle, M.B.A.'04, was a Circle K member as an undergraduate at SUNY Oswego. Now the adviser for UAlbany's Circle K, she invites club alumni with ideas for service projects to contact her at (518) 591-8626 or cdoyle@uamail.albany.edu.*



*These Circle K members spent part of their winter break in New Orleans, gutting homes damaged by Hurricane Katrina in 2005.*

## The Circle K Family

Circle K International is just one in a family of Kiwanis service organizations geared toward all ages.

• **Kiwanis International:** a worldwide service organization comprised of individuals working to improve their communities

• **Key Club:** a coeducational international service organization for high school students

• **Builders Club:** a service program providing young people aged 12 to 15 the opportunity to help their school and community, while building a positive future for themselves

• **Kiwanis Kids:** a combination of three programs – Terrific Kids, Bring Up Grades and K-Kids – providing elementary-school students opportunities to grow into capable, competent and caring leaders

• **Aktion Club:** a service program that provides life experiences for adults with developmental disabilities to encourage them to hone their leadership abilities and citizenship skills



*Circle K was recognized as Outstanding Community Service Club at the Student Association Awards Banquet May 9. Rachel Krongelb, adviser Christine Doyle and Outstanding Executive Board Member Award recipient Nicole Kennedy (left to right) were on hand for the ceremony.*

# Paw Prints

By Brian DePasquale

## Spring 2007

**Merit Medals:** **Ashley DeNeal**, **Kate Fontana** and **Ryan Chrobak** were honored at the seventh annual Great Dane Awards with ECAC Merit Medals as the University's top senior male and female student-athletes. DeNeal, the 2006 America East Conference Championship's Most Outstanding Player in volleyball, posted a 3.61 cumulative grade point average in a dual major of criminal justice and psychology. Fontana, a four-time all-conference midfielder in women's lacrosse, had a 3.71 GPA in criminal justice. Chrobak, who had a 3.56 GPA as an undergraduate, is currently enrolled in UAlbany's criminal justice graduate program. He was voted the football program's top defensive back for the third straight year.

### Softball

The Great Danes captured their third consecutive America East championship. UAlbany (35-17) became the first No. 4 seed to win the conference's postseason tournament. Head coach Chris

Cannata guided her squad to the first NCAA Division I Tournament wins by a UAlbany women's program en route to reaching the Hempstead Regional final. **Casey Halloran**, who had a 19-10 record on the mound, was named the America East championship's most outstanding player for the second year in a row. Third baseman **Kelly Ogden**, the program's all-time leader in home runs and total hits, was picked to the all-region squad. The Great Danes have won 30 or more games in six straight seasons.

### Baseball

UAlbany registered its first-ever America East Conference championship by upsetting top-seed and regular-season champion Binghamton twice in tournament play. Head coach Jon Mueller directed the program to an NCAA Tournament berth for the first time at any divisional level in the program's history. UAlbany (29-29) played a pair of national top-20 teams in Arkansas and Creighton in the Fayetteville Regional. Third baseman **Steve Wyland**, third on the all-time hits list with 211, and reliever **Alexander Beaulieu** (10 saves) were named to the All-Northeast Region second team. Catcher **Tom Hill** became the fifth UAlbany player to be chosen in the Major League Draft (Kansas City, 34th round).



Greg Wall

### Men's Lacrosse

UAlbany put together its most celebrated season by winning the program's fourth America East championship in the last five years. The Great Danes, who were ranked No. 2 nationally for six consecutive weeks, posted the first NCAA Division I Tournament victory in the athletic program's history in a first-round win over Loyola. UAlbany (15-3) was edged in overtime by top-ranked Cornell in the NCAA quarterfinals. Scott Marr was named the 2007 USILA National Coach of the Year for leading his team to seven top-20 wins, the most ever in a Division I campaign. **Frank Resetarits**, the America East player of the year, was named to the USILA All-America first team. **Jordan Levine** (second team), **Merrick Thomson** (third team) and **Brett Queener** (honorable mention) joined him on the national squad.

Frank Resetarits

## Men's Outdoor Track

UAlbany won its fourth America East championship in the last five years. The Great Danes, who established a league record with 268

points, had six individual champions, including **Gered Burns** in the 800-meter run. **Junior Burnett**, who won the 100-meter dash, received the Coaches' Award after accounting for 23 points at the meet. **Joe Greene**, the championship's most outstanding track performer, and **Marc Pallozzi** earned All-America recognition for the second consecutive year. Greene was fourth in the 400-hurdles at the NCAA Championships, the highest finish by a UAlbany athlete. Pallozzi was eighth in the

javelin. Freshman **John Moore** made the U.S. roster for the Pan American Juniors in Brazil and came home with the 800-meters' bronze medal.

## Women's Outdoor Track

The Great Danes finished first at the America East championship for the second straight year by coming from behind on the final day to defeat New Hampshire for the title. **Jessica Ortman** (1,500), **Adanna Andrews** (800), **Jenn Gurrant** (long jump) and **Brenna Militello** (high jump) won individual championships. UAlbany also showed competitive balance, with six athletes placing second in their respective events. Ortman, one of five women to qualify for the NCAA East Regional, placed seventh in the 800-meter run and set a school record in qualifying.

## Women's Lacrosse

UAlbany made its first-ever appearance in the America East championship final after upending top-seed Stony Brook in the semifinals. Goalkeeper **Jen Daly**, the school's career saves leader, stopped 24 shots in the postseason and was voted to the all-championship team. **Kate Fontana**, **Katelyn Primomo** and **Sarah Spillett** were selected first-team all-conference. Fontana, who was named second-team All-Northeast Region, finished her career as the program's all-time scorer with 192 points (156 goals, 36 assists). She led this year's team with 38 goals and ranked seventh nationally in caused turnovers (2.71 pg).

## Women's Tennis

**Kim Weltman** posted a straight-set victory at first singles as UAlbany won the fifth-place match at the America East Championships. Weltman finished with a 16-7 overall singles record and posted eight wins in doubles play.

Bob Ewell



Joe Greene

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## Women's Golf

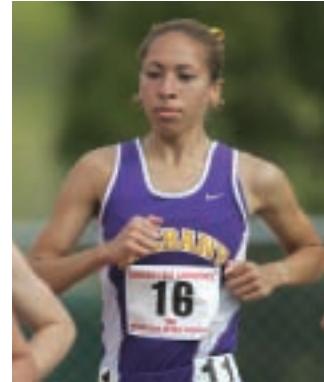
The Great Danes finished third at the America East championship. Freshman **Jessica Signorelli** placed sixth among the individual golfers with rounds of 85 and 87 at The Links at Hiawatha Landing course.

## Football

Defensive back **Rashad Barksdale** was taken in the sixth round of the 2007 NFL Draft by the Philadelphia Eagles. Barksdale is the second UAlbany football player to be selected in the draft.

Defensive end **Andre Coleman** (San Diego) and offensive line-man **Jacob Hobbs** (Philadelphia) signed as free agents.

Bob Ewell



Alyssa Lotmore

## NCAA Scholarships

Track & field's **Alyssa Lotmore** and men's soccer's **Stephan Hall** were awarded NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships. The NCAA awards a national total of 174 postgraduate scholarships annually – 87 for men and 87 for women.

## 2007 UAlbany Football Schedule

Sept. 1	(Sat.) at Colgate	1 p.m.
Sept. 8	(Sat.) at Fordham	6 p.m.
<b>Sept. 15</b>	<b>(Sat.) Hofstra</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Sept. 22	(Sat.) at Montana	3:05 p.m.
<b>Oct. 6</b>	<b>(Sat.) Stony Brook</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>
<b>Oct. 13</b>	<b>(Sat.) Sacred Heart* (HC)</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>
Oct. 20	(Sat.) at St. Francis, Pa.*	1 p.m.
Oct. 27	(Sat.) at Wagner*	1 p.m.
<b>Nov. 3</b>	<b>(Sat.) Robert Morris*</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
Nov. 10	(Sat.) at Monmouth*	1 p.m.
Nov. 17	(Sat.) at Central Conn. State*	12 p.m.

\*Northeast Conference Opponent  
(HC) Homecoming/Family Weekend  
Home games are in **boldfaced** type  
All Times Eastern



# Ashlee Reed, B.S.'06 Team Player

By Carol Olechowski

Ashlee Reed, B.S.'06, learned a lot at UAlbany. The Austin, Texas, native found that "going away from home" helped her "grow up." So did participating in sports. "I don't know what my college experience would have been like without sports," says Reed, who majored in both human biology and psychology.

"Being on a team helped me with time management and people skills. With 14 people on a team, you have so many different personalities.

Especially as team captain, I had to learn how to make us work as a unit. When you're on the court, nothing else matters. You do everything you can to help the team win."

Reed's winning attitude brought her numerous honors. Recruited to play volleyball at UAlbany on a full four-year scholarship, she helped to lead the Great Danes to America East Conference regular-season titles in 2004 and 2005 and the conference championship in 2004. Her efforts earned her the 2005 Most Valuable Player Award, which she shared with teammate and co-captain Blair Buchanan; the 2006 America East Woman of the Year Award; the ECAC Merit Award; and Chancellor's Awards for Student Excellence and Athletics.

Shortly after graduation, Reed returned to UAlbany's athletics department to accept a part-time assistantship. She spends part of each week at SEFCU Arena, helping athletes to condition themselves for competition – and treating the injuries of those unfortunate enough to pull muscles and sprain ankles. Reed has been on the other side of

the splint, so to speak: In her senior year, she played with an injured ankle that she didn't realize was broken.

Her own experiences with sports-related injuries have made Reed sympathetic to her patients both at the University and at the Albany-area orthopedic center where she also works. "As a medical assistant, I've learned that you have to be personable. Even if I'm not happy that day, I put a smile on my face. I realize that the patient is feeling worse than I am," observes Reed, who is studying for the MCAT and plans to apply for admission to medical school.

The academic experience at UAlbany prepared her well for future study. "I really thrived," Reed notes. "The University is a great place to learn." Her favorite faculty member was Associate Professor of Anthropology David Strait. "I really like classes that are challenging. His class made me pay attention, and by the end of the semester, I really felt I had learned everything and retained it. I had Dr. Strait for two other classes, including human biology."

For her work with the University's 300 athletes, Reed receives a modest stipend – and the satisfaction of helping the staff who were there for her when she was a student. Working two jobs provides "a nice balance. It breaks up my days; I get

to see my patients at the other job, then I see most of my friends here. I'm definitely never bored. I'm always busy.

"I really like interacting with people. The athletes here – all of them – are my friends. When I have a bad day, I go talk to them. Without them, and the coaching staff, my life wouldn't be the same."



Future physician Ashlee Reed tapes an injured ankle at SEFCU Arena.

Mark Schmidt

## A Voice, An Opportunity

Some time ago, a college professor of mine taught me about leadership. She said there were three key aspects of connection with an organization. First, you need to be a member. As an alum, you are now automatically a member of the UAlbany Alumni Association. (See the special supplement in this issue for more details.) The next step is to get involved in some basic way and third, to lead and give back. Thankfully, those are the same principles that new Alumni Association President Robert Burstein and Vice President Bill McCann choose to live by. Each has been a longstanding member of the Alumni Association and a dedicated volunteer. Now, they are continuing in leadership positions.

So you can ask, "What does that mean for me?" Their involvement means that alumni have a voice and an opportunity. A voice because your representative body, the Alumni Association board of directors, has at its helm men and women who are dedicated to representing your needs to the University community and to helping alumni stay connected. An opportunity because the Association provides so many ways you can help make UAlbany stronger. As Bill recently stated, being involved with the University "is a way to give back to a place which has given much to each alumnus. It allows alumni to give back to students, which strengthens the total college experience." There also is an opportunity to provide financial support to the institution. He went on to say that "donating to the UAlbany Fund allows me to support University programs and to give something back to one of the leading influences in my life."

So please join Robert and Bill, who not only participate but truly are leaders in the University community. Alumni participation is essential to the success of the modern-day University. Everyone cannot be the president of the Alumni Association or contribute \$1 million, but as the founder of the modern-day Olympic movement, Pierre de Coubertin, wrote, the important thing is to take part.



**Lee Serravillo, Executive Director**

*Left to right: Alumni Association Vice President Bill McCann, Executive Director Lee Serravillo and President Robert Burstein.*



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**Dorothy James Olson**, 96, reports that she is living in a beautiful retirement community in New Hampshire near her family. Dorothy has many fond memories of college life at Albany and would love to hear from fellow '31 alumni.

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**Betty Simmons Shapiro** is presently residing in a nursing home; she is 93 and no longer able to travel. **Evelyn Lowenberg Pronin** passed away Dec. 25, 2006, at the age of 93. Throughout her life, Evelyn enjoyed her passions of education, learning and reading through both her volunteer work and professional career. She is survived by her son, Leslie, and his wife Denise; her beloved grandchildren, Arthur and Stephanie; her sister-in-law Rhoda Golob; and many nieces and nephews. Evelyn touched the lives of many and will be greatly missed.

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The Class of 1935 donated an oak bench to the Dewey Library. Co-councilor **Zaven Mahdesian** reports that several class members have been staying connected. They include **Edith Estabrooks Wilson**, **Lorraine Loder**, **Constable**, **Lazetta Gehm Bragelli** and **Carleton Coulter**. Also keeping in touch are two class members by marriage, Florence Van Leuvan, wife of Dan, and Connie Allard, wife of Bill. All are doing well.

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*A note from class  
councilor Carolyn Fonda Viall:*

**Dr. Herbert Bailey** attended our reunion luncheon. His address is 6103 Singletree Lane, Dayton, OH 45459-2425. I heard from **Peg Hof Martinko**. A friend gets Peg, who is in a wheelchair, to meetings of a teachers' organization that raises money for scholarships for young women going into the field of education. Co-councilor **Harold Shapiro** is at 5240 S. Shalom Circle, Apt. 3215, Aurora, CO 80015-2270.

# Alumni Association Recognizes Outstanding Achievements

The University at Albany Alumni Association honored 17 alumni and friends of the University for their outstanding achievements and service to the University and the community during its 2007 Excellence Awards Gala June 1.

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**Sharon S. Dawes, B.A.'72, Ph.D.'91**, director of the Center for Technology in Government (CTG) at the University at Albany

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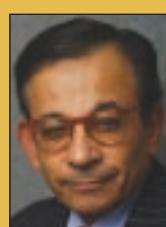
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Randy Cohen



Carl Florio

Emad A. Zikry

## 39 Harriett Green Cogger

enjoyed traveling to Sicily and the European Lowland countries this past year. **Lu Alessandrini Fudger** has a new address: Kingsway Manor, 357 Kings Road, Schenectady, NY 12304. **Les Wiley** has passed away.

## 41 Vin Gillen

and wife Peg have been traveling locally. Last summer, they enjoyed a family reunion celebrating

Peg's 90th birthday and continued their annual June outing to Woodloch Pines in the Poconos with the bridge club girls and their husbands. Vin asks members of the Class of 1941 to send him material for the "Class Notes" section of the magazine.

## 42 Margaret Hotaling

**Westervelt** reports that she is doing well and keeping busy with various projects near her home in Boca Raton, Fla.

## 44 A note from class

### councilor Helen Brucker Martin:

**Gertrude Bove Purcell** was named honorary chair of the 150th anniversary celebration of the Vale Cemetery in Schenectady, N.Y. The Vale Cemetery Association chose to honor Gertrude "in recognition of her dedicated service to the improvement of the Vale neighborhood." Reporters from four Capital District television stations visited co-councilor **Eunice Baird Whittlesey**,

former Republican National Committeewoman, at her home. Eunice shared memories of the late President Gerald Ford, whom she had the opportunity to work with during her career. **Bert Kiley** reported in a recent letter that he and wife Jean are doing well. **Helen Scislowsky Skiba** and husband John traveled by car last summer from their home in Westerville, Ohio, to visit Helen's sister and family in Kansas. **Kit Herdman Wilson** of Shelburne, Vt., is planning a second trip to Italy with her



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daughter. **Edith T. Aney Davidson** recently spent some months recuperating in Florida. Her visit was "so marvelous" she has made her reservations for the coming winter.

**48** On May 8, 2007, the Science Library's Standish Room was the scene for the celebration of "The Greatest Generation," honoring all alumni from 1940-49. **Gari Deliganis**, **Paticopoulos, Charlotte Goldstein Koblenz**, **Adrienne Iorio Caruso**,

#### Arthur Collins and Eleanor Holbig Alland

represented the Class of '48. Arthur led the tribute, and all joined in sharing memories and "telling stories." He also represented the Alumni Association at the opening of the 2007 Artists of the Mohawk-Hudson Region Juried Exhibition at the Albany International Airport Gallery in May. Also in May, at a benefit gala for the Lenox Library in Lenox, Mass., Arthur played the role of Isaiah Berlin in the short play "Pasternak's Boots." He continues to

record weekly for Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic and serves as secretary to the board of managers at his New York condo. **Charlotte Goldstein Koblenz** has sold her home in Albany and plans to move to San Diego to be near her two children. **Edna Long Wylie** lost her husband last December and is planning to move to Westchester, Pa., near family. **Clare Creeden**

**McCracken** writes that she loves traveling and has recently returned from Costa Rica, where her daughter has a home.

She takes each of her grandchildren to Europe when they graduate from high school. This year, she is taking two 18-year-olds, starting in London and flying from there. **Mary Larson Fedorka** plans to take her family of nine on an 11-day cruise down the Danube River, visiting such cities as Budapest, Vienna, Passau and Nuremberg. Please contact your class councilors if you are willing to help plan for the class's 60th reunion, and also please inform them of any changes in address.

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**Julian DeLyser '51**, husband of **Annette Gardiner DeLyser**, passed away after a lengthy illness. **Virginia Keller Hayes** died in May after a 20-month struggle against lung cancer. Virginia is survived by her husband, three daughters and three granddaughters. She was active in her church choir,

and for 49 years was active in the American Association of University Women at the local, state and association level. She also maintained strong contacts over the years with some members of her class. **Jean Ineson Ebbert** and husband Leigh were in a tragic automobile accident in February. Leigh died as a result of the accident and Jean sus-

tained numerous broken bones. As of June, she was still in a rehabilitation center, needing a respirator to assist her in breathing. **Don Dickinson** reports that he has been working for the past 10 years as the volunteer librarian for his church in Tucson, Ariz. Don's short article, "The Little Book Cart That Could," was published by *Libraries Alive*, the

newsletter of the National Church Library Association. In May, **Bonnie Totten Adkins** and husband Lee spent two marvelous weeks abroad in Ireland and England. They were able to work one day with their Volunteer in Mission team in Belfast. Bonnie reports the good news that the participants of Forthspring, the reconciliation project she and Lee have worked with for two years, were jubilant about the political breakthrough that occurred in May in Northern Ireland. The rest of their vacation time was spent in England, visiting friends in Bournemouth, Rustington and York. Included was a trip to the once-in-a-life-time exhibit at the British Library. **Larry Appleby** reports that he was busy this summer preparing for an open house during a festival held in Warsaw, N.Y., at the end of July. **Leslie Hervey O'Heir** enjoyed a three-week trip to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji in the spring. Among the highlights were swimming at the Great Barrier Reef, spending a night with a family in New Zealand and participating in a native ceremony in Fiji. Upon her return, she discovered her husband Dick had planned a surprise 25th wedding anniversary celebration. In August, Leslie and Dick plan to go to the Outer Banks of North Carolina to celebrate Leslie's 80th birthday with all their children, their children's spouses and their grandchildren. In May, they attended a grandson's graduation from Clemson University. **Doris Hoenninger**

**Anderson** reports that she and husband Dan have three grandchildren and one great-grandson. Doris and Dan visited **Ruth Leier Fishburn** and her husband, Barclay, in Kissimmee, Fla. They saw another Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship friend, **Muriel Owens Everts** and her husband, Paul, from Plantation, Fla., in May, when the Everts' visited family in Grand Rapids, Mich. They enjoyed the most visited tourist attraction in Michigan – the Meijer Sculpture and Floral Gardens – which Doris highly recommends. In June, Doris and Dan attended Dan's 60th reunion at Union College. **Bob Kittredge** reports that he and wife Diana have decided to move to southern California to live closer to their daughter and family, residents of the Poway/Rancho Bernardo area. Bob and



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Diana's tour of Ireland turned out to be fabulous; it included a half-mile elephant ride, as well as a ride in a colorful parade on carts drawn by oxen through the streets of a small village. Since his retirement from CSU Fresno several years ago, Bob has been involved in helping a large Vietnamese refugee community in Fresno, Calif. In June, he was honored by the Central California Forum on Refugee Affairs at a Refugee Recognition Day. At the ceremony, Bob received Certificates of Recognition from the Central California Forum on Refugees, the State of California Assembly and Senate, and the City of Fresno. Congratulations, Bob! **Tom Lisker**, your sophomore class president, received his master's degree from Columbia University at night while working in an auto garage during the day. Tom has worked in both the education and business fields, and currently owns his own advertising/marketing firm. He has had seven books for teenagers published and has just finished his first novel. Tom also reports that he and wife Liz are in "pretty good shape"; two years ago, they climbed down the Grand Canyon, then enjoyed a two-night stay at the Phantom Ranch. They currently live

in Yonkers, N.Y., and enjoy a great view of their beloved Hudson River. **Abe Trop** reports that since his return from Morocco, things have been somewhat quiet. Abe taught a short winter program in Arizona, and since then, his Habitat for Humanity group finished two houses in the Bakersfield, Calif., area, with plans to begin another close by in Delano, Calif. Abe expects to be a part of the team on the Jimmy Carter project in the Los Angeles area in October. **Arline Zeilengold Dinhoff** and sister **Horty Zeilengold Schmierer** attended the celebration of Albany's Greatest Generation Fund for the Libraries in May at the Science Library. The celebration honored all 1940-49 alumni. Special guests were Art Collins '48 and Hal Gould '47. Arline reports there was a lot of reminiscing about **Agnes Futterer** and the drama department. **Gloria Meiselman Herkowitz** is still working and doing well as a senior real estate specialist and reports selling six houses in May. Gloria and husband Allan had a wonderful time this spring. They enjoyed a New England cruise; attended their oldest grandson's wedding; and, in May, attended the newlyweds' graduation. In March, **Joe Zanchelli** and wife Joyce

'52 attended an Elderhostel program in Charleston, S.C. The topic was "Charleston: A Gem of a City – Its History, Culture, and Gardens." Joe encourages all '49 alums to keep reporting their class notes.

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### *A note from class*

**councilors Jacquelyn Gavryck and Robert Umholtz: Goldie Brenner**

**Swartz** and husband Howard donated \$300,000 to the University's Inaugural Scholarship Fund to establish the Goldie Brenner Swartz '51 and Howard Swartz Scholarship to aid visually handicapped students in achieving their educational aspirations. The first scholarship will be awarded in Fall 2007. **Marilyn Strehlow Miller** and husband Jay enjoyed a visit from their three daughters and two grandchildren last Christmas and have visited their son in Hawaii a few times. **Mary Eade Bett, Joan Ahr Robertson** and **Susan Panek Coffey** have all lost their husbands. Mary's husband Tom passed away three years ago. She remains very active with AAUW and other organizations while also enjoying the activities of her 10 grandchildren.

**Joan Robertson** lost husband Hammond just before Christmas last

year. She has decided to remain in their Adirondack home. Sue keeps busy traveling; she has visited every continent except Antarctica, but still hopes to visit that destination. **Jeanette Zelanis Sweringen** and husband Bruce have moved to California. **Paul Buchman** and wife Sunny now live in a senior retirement community that offers many group activities. **Mary Fenzel Lopian** and husband Harry have 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild and recently attended one grandson's Bermuda beach wedding. **Charlotte Skolnick Arnold** recently recuperated from a fractured shoulder. **Caroline Williams Rickerson** was recently widowed and has since moved to a retirement development in Mt. Airy, Md., where she is involved with a book club and a writing group. **Ann Beirly Elliott** recently moved to Millsboro, Del.

**Leona Richter Toppal** has moved to an active retiree community in Jacksonville, Fla., where she enjoys tennis, swimming, dancing and many other activities. Don and **Martha Spencer Ely** have been doing some recreational traveling to places such as Croatia, Slovenia and Venice. They also traveled recently with their son to the Outer

*The Alumni Association sponsored a number of events this past academic year to give students a chance to learn about the Association. Here, students enjoy some sunshine on the Alumni House deck.*



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Banks of North Carolina. **Jackie Mann Gavryck** enjoyed lunch with Joe Purdy's widow, Joan, a '45 Milne graduate.

## 52 *A note from class councilor Joyce Leavitt Zanchelli:*

The class's 55th reunion during Alumni Weekend in June was a success, with 51 people (including spouses) representing the class. Congratulations! Also, congratulations to **Marilyn Johnson VanDyke**, who has replaced **Don Puttermann** as class president. **Bob Lanni** remains as treasurer, and **Joan Barron** and **Joyce Leavitt Zanchelli** as co-councilors. **Shirley Serviss Fioravanti** sends her greetings to everyone and reports that she was unable to attend the reunion because Oneonta, where she taught, was having its reunion the same weekend. **Jack Smithler** enjoyed a voyage to the South Sea Islands and hoped to get in touch with **Dave Shepard** in San Diego on his return, but was unable to do so as he

contracted an upper respiratory infection. **Aileen O'Brien Minor** reports she is very busy with her antique shows; she hosted one in New York and one in Philadelphia this spring. **Marion Rutz Reda** is planning to go back to work in her daughter's office. **Vicki Baldino Driver** is very involved in programs promoting intercultural understanding and has attended conferences on world religions. Vicki and husband Joe have moved back to Albany and now live near The College of Saint Rose. Midge and **Bill Englehart** are kept very busy, visiting their five children and six grandchildren and traveling. Midge and Bill recently enjoyed a tour of the national parks, including the Grand Canyon, Mount Rushmore, Bryce, Zion and Yellowstone. Midge loves to play mah-jongg, and Bill is on the board of directors of both their country club and the Chincoteague National Preserve. **Al Stephenson** is still working full time at John Carroll University in Cleveland and

recently has been asked to write the third edition of his textbook, which should be out in the fall. Al owns one of the largest private collections of historic documents; it includes 75 documents from the American Revolution and 600-700 from other historic periods. He was happy to come east to **Marilyn Johnson VanDyke's** historical society. Marilyn herself recently was named Woman of Distinction by the Adirondack Girl Scout Council. She was one of five women honored, as an example and a model for women. **Phyllis and Bob Hausner** are in the process of moving to Salem, Va., in order to be closer to their daughter. Phyllis and Bob have four grandchildren, ages 26, 23, 12 and 10, and a new Cairn Terrier puppy. **Mary Anne Lanni** is still working with the State Education Department, reading essays for the General Education Development Diploma. Mary Anne and Bob are always loyal attendees at '52 reunions. **Joan Bennett Kelly** and husband Charlie continue to divide their time between Vermont and Florida, while still finding time to attend many of their grandchildren's events. One of Joan's granddaughters, who has appeared in many theatrical productions and had the lead role this year in the play "Once Upon a Mattress," will be attending Marymount College next year. Sara, another granddaughter, won her local sectionals in the pentathlon and will be competing at the state level. Joan saw **Nancy Frey Pettinelli** but, she reports, cannot remember how many children Nancy has. **Jeanne Seymour Earle** continues to lead a busy life teaching and substituting as a librarian. Jeanne's latest stint had her teaching Latin, which she enjoyed very much. Jeanne led the class in the *alma mater* at the reunion and showed she still has that fabulous voice. **Tom Holman** spends only four months of the year at his home in Long Island, N.Y., and the rest of the year in either Naples, Fla.; St. Maarten; or visiting his sister, nieces and nephews. **Madeline Weitlauf Huchro** and husband Walter spend six months in Westport, N.Y., and six months in Florida. Their daughter is a physical education teacher in Ticonderoga, N.Y., and their son lives in Charlotte, N.C. Madeline is an avid

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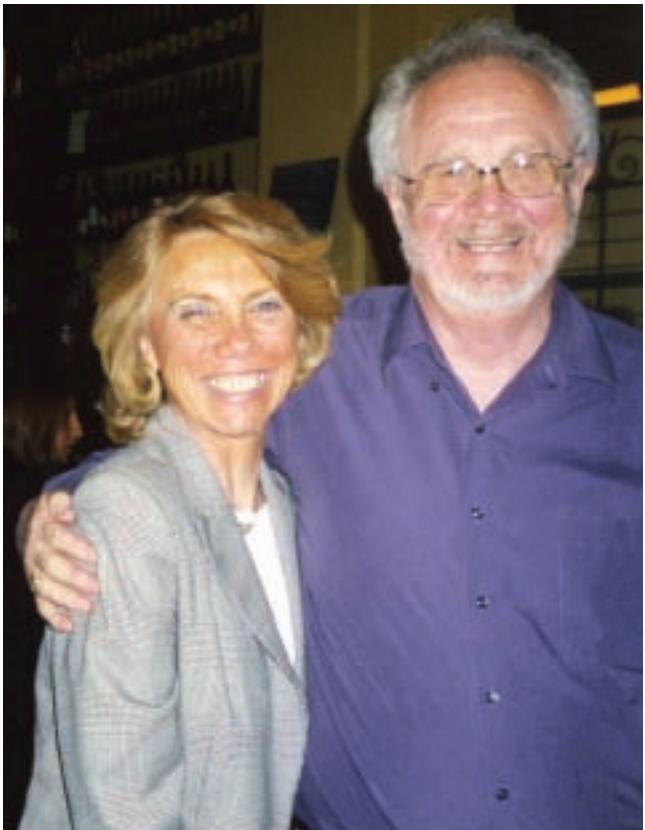
The members of the West Coast Florida Chapter have contributed funds to the Ira and Elsie Freeman Scholarship Fund. Our thanks to all the chapter volunteers for their many years of service and support.

bridge player who plays every week and hosts benefit bridge parties in her home.

**Doris Vater Ward** attended the dedication of the Booneville Black River Canal Museum in the Adirondacks, where a replica of the old canal barge has been built. Doris' ancestors were superintendents of this canal, which boasts 71 locks in 35 miles. **Pat Devitt Kavanaugh** is the proud mother of four sons and three grandsons, with a new grandchild expected soon. Pat is very involved in church activities and last year celebrated a grandson's birthday in Ireland. **Joe Dolan** and wife Marlene have lived in their house in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., for 39 years. Joe and Marlene made a trip to the Umbria region of Italy, where they visited ruins of the home of Marlene's grandfather. The town they visited has a total population of only 13. **Bill Wiley** and wife Jane remain in Hilton Head Island, S.C., and very much enjoy their six grandchildren, ages 4-21. When Bill is not busy with his duties as president of the Rotary Club and the local Town Homes Organization, he and Jane travel extensively. They especially enjoyed their trips to China and Hawaii. **Helen Pilcher Terrill** and husband Bill are busy keeping track of their 12 grandchildren. The three weeks preceding the reunion in June found them attending three graduations and a wedding, and they left the reunion early for their annual visit to Nantucket. **Joyce Leavitt Zanchelli** and husband **Joe '49** continue to enjoy Elderhostels, having completed their 10th at the Art Institute of Chicago and their 11th in Charleston, S.C. Joyce and Joe love living near Saratoga Springs and take full advantage of the many things that city has to offer.

**Kathryn Shirn Peet** was determined to make it to this past reunion, but once again had to go to Scotland. Kathryn sends best wishes to all and thanks **Joan Barron** for all she has done for

*Doreen '66 and Daniel '64 Smith enjoy time together in April at a Richmond, Va., UAlbany happy hour sponsored by the Alumni Association.*



# Diplomatically Speaking – and Listening

the class. She also reports that she attended Columbia after Albany and taught many years at the University of Victoria and in workshops in Great Britain. She continues to live in Victoria, B.C. Your councilors thank you all for keeping in touch and, as Joyce says, "We all enjoy reading about our classmates, so send the news!"

**54** **John Centra** is retired from his professorship at Syracuse University. During the past year, John has been developing a Web-based compendium of techniques and approaches for improving college teaching. **John Jackson** has retired from his teaching career, and has since been traveling with wife **Cynthia '56**; both taught in Japan. John and Cynthia also enjoy canal boating, which they have done in the United States, Canada, Britain, France and the Netherlands. **Joan Hartman** received an outstanding volunteer award from the Staten Island Inter-Agency Council for the Aging in recognition of her work in the Prejudice Reduction Program. **Marv Chernoff**, retired professor of counseling and educational psychology, is still active part-time in his private psychotherapy practice. In recent years, Marv has traveled to China, Paris, Mexico, Canada and many places in the United States, despite being diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2001. He also leads a local writing group and is currently working on his second novel, a follow up to the first. The world premier of his play "The Howie Monologues," a semi-autobiographical account that includes his college years at Albany, opened in Los Angeles in April. **Sally Gerig MacLachlan** reports that she appreciates the joys and advantages of this decade of life; she enjoys friends and family and the new younger generation of the family. Sally presently serves as area director for the Gideon Auxiliary for Northeastern New York and continues to teach at a shelter. She also serves as ombudsman to residents in a health care facility and works in the Gideon outreach program. She spent two weeks in Italy last September and has planned a trip to France this year, along with a tour of the Grand Tetons and western national parks. **Jim Thompson** was in Texas last spring for his granddaughter's high

**C**uriosity about foreign peoples and lands influenced Jeffrey Loree's education and his career: In his 30s, he gave up teaching to become a Foreign Service officer with the U.S. Department of State.

As a teenager, the Lewiston, N.Y., native became interested in East Asia. He studied in Busan, South Korea, during his senior year of high school and subsequently enrolled at UAlbany, "the only SUNY campus to offer an undergraduate degree in Chinese at the time." In the 1980s, "China was not yet the important business destination and U.S. trading partner it is today. I wish I could say that I was a visionary who saw the rising importance of China, but I was just curious about how other people live and what they think. The language fascinated me."

Loree spent the 1988-89 academic year at Peking University. In Beijing's Tiananmen Square June 4, 1989, a peaceful protest led by college students and other citizens calling for democratic reforms in their communist nation turned violent; the Chinese army opened fire, killing many hundreds of demonstrators. Loree left Beijing with "a need to better understand China and a clear sense of the importance of the rule of law."

He returned to the United States, did graduate work in modern Chinese literature at UCLA and later taught at Georgetown University. While suggesting overseas careers

to his students, Loree took and passed the State Department's Foreign Service examination and was offered a posting as assistant cultural affairs officer at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing (2004-06). This fall, he begins a two-year assignment he and his wife, art conservator Hiroko Kariya, chose together: political and economic officer at the U.S. Consulate General in Surabaya, Indonesia. Loree, who also speaks Japanese and French, finished an intensive course in Indonesian last spring to prepare for that posting but feels that "the ability to listen is the most important skill a diplomat can have."

Surabaya presents "the potential for challenging work." Indonesia "is the largest Muslim democracy in the world. There will be national elections in 2009; the first free national elections in almost 40 years occurred in 2004. I look forward to helping U.S. policymakers understand how things are going in the run-up to this important event in Indonesian political history."

Loree enjoys "having the opportunity to share with foreign publics what makes America work – and how we are continually trying to fix what doesn't. Confronting misconceptions about our country and making sure that we get a fair hearing is a real honor."

– Carol Olechowski

*Jeffrey Loree (left) speaks to students at the American Center for Educational Exchange.*



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school graduation. Jim's son, Scott, daughter-in-law Karen, and their three children are back from Italy, where Scott performed two years of Navy service. Scott's new command is chief Navy JAG corps officer for the southeastern United States. Jim attended the change of command ceremony in July, then returned to his home in Albany. **Louise Button Eggleton** and husband Don are enjoying their great-grandson and have recently taken some short trips. Louise has also been busy helping her town's library recover from last year's flood. **Rose Mary Zongrone** had her second

knee replacement surgery in March, putting her, as she states, in the "bionic woman" class. **John Zongrone** is still working at his insurance agency, along with son John and daughter Gale. The grandchildren's activities keep both Rose Mary and John on a very busy schedule of concerts, plays and assorted athletic events. John gets season's tickets to Albany's basketball games so children and grandchildren can go to "Grandpa's games." **Diane Wheeler Ozkum** has lived and taught at a girls' college in Istanbul, Turkey. When Diane returned to the United States, she attended art

school and sold portraits that she painted. She later became a financial consultant for Merrill Lynch. Diane is also a genealogist; she has researched her family history back to the 12th century and is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She has three children, two of them doctors and one a game master, and has recently moved to California in order to be closer to her grandchildren. **Phyl MacCormack Weaver** traveled with a small group to Istanbul, Turkey, for three weeks earlier this year. **Marie Sejersen** and husband Jon report that they have slowed down

considerably, but traveled to North Carolina to visit with family in December, made a trip to New Orleans in February and went to Atlantic City in April. The rest of their time is spent maintaining their health and home in Florida. **Sven Sloth** reports, with great sadness, that his wife Ingrid passed away in their home last December from a very aggressive form of cancer. **Pat Byrne Manning** is still reviewing children's books for the *School Library Journal* and volunteering at the Clearwater Public Library, and is a new volunteer with The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast. Last

## Alumni Association Welcomes New Board Members

The Alumni Association voted in five new members to the board of directors June 2.

**KEVIN ANDREW CHAMBERS** graduated from UAlbany in 1997 with degrees in accounting and English and earned his juris doctor in 2004 from Yale Law School. Currently, Kevin is completing a one-year appointment as a judicial clerk to the Honorable Harry T. Edwards, senior circuit judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Previously, he worked for Toyota Motor Sales (USA) as a business process consultant and in the Washington, D.C., office of Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering, Hale and Dorr LLP as an associate in the firm's securities and litigation practices.



Kevin Andrew Chambers



Christopher Hahn



Diane Hodurski-Foley



Timothy P. Murphy



David P. Schaffer

**CHRISTOPHER HAHN** is a 1994 graduate of UAlbany and a 1999 graduate of St. John's University School of Law. He joined United Way of Long Island as president and chief operating officer in March 2007. Previously, he served as the chief deputy county executive for Nassau County, where he directed and managed the daily administration, communications and operations of Nassau County government, which consists of a \$2.6 billion budget, 8,700 employees and 47 departments.

**DIANE HODURSKI-FOLEY** has more than 15 years' experience in program management and coordinating, developing, and delivering training and staff development programs in pub-

lic and non-profit organizations. She received a master of public administration from UAlbany's Nelson A. Rockefeller Graduate School of Public Affairs and Policy in 1995, as well as a bachelor of arts in theatre and English in 1993.

**TIMOTHY P. MURPHY** was appointed executive vice president and chief operating officer of the University at Albany Research Foundation in June 1999. Tim is responsible for the day-to-day management of the foundation and for overseeing the implementation of many new initiatives, including the installation of Oracle Corporation's suite of grants management software applications and the expansion of the foundation's activities in the

areas of federal and state relations, technology transfer and philanthropic giving. He holds a master's degree in public administration from UAlbany and a bachelor's degree from the State University College at Oswego.

**DAVID P. SCHAFFER** graduated from UAlbany in 1983 with a bachelor's degree in political science. He obtained his juris doctor from Pace University Law School in 1987 and has been practicing as a civil litigator specializing in defending corporations sued in product liability and toxic tort exposure cases for almost 20 years. He currently is senior counsel with Malaby, Carlisle & Bradley, a mid-sized law firm located in New York City.

*Harold Lohner '80, '82, '84 stands next to his piece "Tattoos 1." Lohner is the winner of the 2007 Alumni Association Purchase Award, given to a UAlbany alum in the Artists of the Mohawk Hudson Region Juried Exhibition. After the exhibit, the piece will become part of the University at Albany art collection.*

fall, Pat took a three-week trip to Rome. She is planning a five-week return trip to Italy, to visit Venice, Florence and Rome, where she will be staying in convents; she will also be renting an apartment in Rome. In May, she took a trip to Connecticut to visit her grandchildren, spending a week at the beach in North Carolina on her way and making many other stops to see family and friends.

**John Parsons** reports that he will be visiting friends in New York and family in the D.C. area in September. John also maintains casual contact with **Caroline Gazulis Johnson '53**.

**Ken Schoonmaker** traveled to Hawaii last November and took skiing trips to Utah and Colorado in March. **Joan Mackey**

**Stronach** reports that she is getting around again after having two knee replacements and is doing well. Joan enjoyed a cruise with **Isabel Martin Tagliabue** around the horn of South America, which she describes as "a very interesting part of the world." She plans to spend some time in Spain this November. **Donald Voellinger** is living in New York, attending the opera and theatre and enjoying retirement. Donald had planned to go to Savannah and Charleston this past summer. **Peg**

**Livingstone Gilfillan** and husband Bob are retired but have been busy traveling to Spain, Portugal, Scotland, Switzerland and Alaska. They will spend some time in Ireland in September.

While they still live in Nashville, Peg and Bob spend six months of the year in Venice, Fla., and would like to know if there are any alums living in that area.

**Kay Oberst Mcmanus** passed away in January at her home in Niskayuna. She is survived by her husband of 50 years, **Peter McManus**, and their five sons and their families, including 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. **John Dengler**, liaison from the New York State Council Knights of Columbus, was a guest at the banquet of the New York State Columbiettes convention banquet in June. **John Cooper** has retired from

teaching English at Portland State University after 29 years but continues to give guest lectures. In his retirement, John and his wife, who also is retired, have traveled extensively in Germany, Italy, England and France, as well as the United States and Canada. They have

bought a vacation condo apartment on the Oregon coast, where John has been elected president of the Homeowners Association. He has had two articles on English poetry published, the most recent in the 2005 issue of the *Ben Jonson Journal*, and is working on getting a book published. John also occasionally serves as a spokesperson for the Oregon Food Bank.

## 55 In his retirement, **Bob Ashfield**

**Bob Ashfield** is part of the Service Corps of Retired Executives of the Greater Houston Area, helping small business owners and entrepreneurs develop business plans and strategies. Bob also works with the Prisoner Entrepreneur Program, teaching post-release business skills to short-term, non-violent inmates. He and wife Jane celebrated their 50th anniversary last year during a tour of Italy. **Jean Morris** has transformed her vintage jewelry hobby into a business from her home in Hudson, N.Y. **Marjorie Ashley**, now 91, has given up her home in Kerrville, Texas, for an assisted-living facility. She reports being delighted with her new home. **Nancy Bush** welcomed her first great-grandchild in 2006. The National Organization of Competitive Running has elected **Don Lein**, longtime award-winning senior runner and IBM executive, to direct a team whose charge it is to make the sport of running more attractive to participants. Over the next few years, the task will take him to competitions throughout the world, including the track and field events at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. In March, **Kay Johnston**



**Harvey** spent two weeks in Peru touring the sites of the Inca civilization. In 2005, the Sarasota, Fla., Dattoli Cancer Foundation, which provides support and information to prostate cancer patients and survivors, honored **Ron Koster** by creating The Ron Koster Library, "in honor of his shining and sharing spirit." Before passing away in 2005, Ron had worked tirelessly for 13 years to improve the lives of other victims of the disease. **Laura Chestnut** is the 2007 recipient of the Class of 1955 Award. Laura is enrolled in the two-year master of science program in special education and literacy, and expects to graduate in the summer of 2008.

## 56 **Joan Fuller Allen** and husband Don celebrated their 50th anniversary last August at the Jersey shore.

**Niki Loehr-Belleville** and husband Dick spent a month in France last year. **Claudette Rudolph Bolakas** and husband Bill continue to enjoy their summers in Shelter Island Heights, N.Y.

**Merldene Fox Friel** traveled to London and enjoyed many activities the city had to offer. **Jane Ide Hutchins** and husband Jack welcomed their 10th grandchild, Harriet Jane, last October. Jane enjoys reading, gardening, traveling, cooking and practicing the violin. She continues to actively fund raise for the Class of 1956 Scholarship Fund for prospective teachers. **Joyce Tannatta Keating** and husband Jim spent their Christmas in Italy for a family reunion and enjoy traveling to visit their children and grandchildren. **Matthew A. McMahon Jr.** has written an essay titled "Breaking Seventy." **Carole Hughes Summer** and husband Bill continue to be involved in church ministry, and Carole is now a children's violin teacher. **Judy Vimmerstedt Morrell** and husband John celebrated their 50th anniversary last year and returned to the Capital District. Judy and John's Thanksgiving was spent with family at Disneyland in California. **David Greenberg** has retired from teaching

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French after 43 years. David now works out regularly with wife Anita Joy, sings in the Temple Israel Choir, and participates in Bible study groups and Hebrew classes. **Michael Humphrey**, retired high school guidance counselor, now enjoys golf, reading, rooting for the Boston Red Sox and visiting his 12 grandchildren. **Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Murray Hunt** spends winters in Jensen Beach, Fla. Betty enjoys playing bridge, reading, traveling and serving as president of a woman's investment club. **Marion Dean Gilchrist Inglis** is now retired and enjoys reading, traveling

and playing tennis. Marion is also active in a book group and a children's program at her local library. **Gil Jackofsky** works as a psychologist in the San Diego area; in his leisure time, he enjoys reading, writing, traveling and staying fit. **Morton Katz** works as an adjunct faculty member teaching chemistry at Columbus State Community College in Columbus, Ohio. **Arlene Gingold King** is retired and enjoys traveling, theater, music, exercise and playing mah-jongg. Arlene also participates in a book club and is currently enrolled in continuing education courses.

# Calendar

**October**

- 4 Fifth Annual Metro-NY Great Danes Scholarship Golf Classic, Bethpage State Park
- 12-13 Sigma Lambda Sigma Reunion
- 12-14 Homecoming/Family Weekend & Reunion
- 13 Legacy Families Reception
- 27 Defensive Driving Class, Capital Region Chapter
- 27 "Wicked" in Boston and Meet Author Gregory Maguire '76

**November**

- 12 Culinary Institute of America Tour and Dinner, Capital Region Chapter

## CareerSearch Provides Key Information on Potential Employers

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To access CareerSearch, alumni must first register online for MonsterTRAK. If you are already registered, simply sign in to MonsterTRAK. You will be brought directly to a page with the CareerSearch link. If you have not registered, visit [www.albany.edu/alumni/Jobseekers.htm#careersearch](http://www.albany.edu/alumni/Jobseekers.htm#careersearch) for registration directions.

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### A note from class

**councilor Sheila Lister Bamberger and Ben Lindeman:** "More than 60

classmates, along with spouses, guests, and faculty members, enjoyed a variety of activities to celebrate 50 years since our graduation. Breakfast as guests of the library, lunch in a tent in front of Page Hall, banquet and brunch at the Holiday Inn gave us lots of opportunities to get reacquainted, chat and 'catch up' with each other. We're sorry some couldn't join and hope that next time you will be able to be with us." **Mort Hess** and wife Ellie will be taking a second honeymoon, a Hawaiian cruise, immediately before attending their son's wedding on the island of Maui. **Sandy Bernstein**

and wife **Nancy '62** celebrated their 45th anniversary in Hawaii in March. Sandy still officiates at high school soccer and basketball, plays some golf and takes classes at Marist College through the Continuing Life Study Program. Sandy and Nancy have three daughters and five grandsons. **Bobbi Hungerford Leahy** lives in Sedona, Ariz., where she continues her theatre work as director of the Sedona Showstoppers, a performing troupe of men and women over 50.

Bobbi has five children and 16 grandchildren. **Helen Hagenah Umstead** taught for many years, has five children and eight grandchildren and lives in Pennsylvania. **Ann Kinsler Dame** is a retired business teacher. **Clyde Payne** and wife Connie have three children and two grandchildren. Clyde and Connie still live on Long Island, N.Y., where Clyde is dean of the School of Education at Dowling College. **Marilyn Chenfeld Cohen** received the 2007 NYSAYC "Champion for Children" award. Marilyn and husband **Ken '54** live in New Jersey. **Carol Bell Annacone** is a retired English teacher. Carol and husband **Tom '60** live in Yorktown Heights, N.Y. **Carol Keyser** lives in New York City and enjoys all the Big Apple has to offer while also traveling extensively and volunteering as a docent at the American Folk Art Museum. **Bernie Robbins** lives in Truro, Mass., and is a retired math teacher. **Tom Hoppey** will soon count nine grandchildren. Tom is retired and living in Port Jervis, N.Y. **Clint Carpenter** has retired from the physics

department at Mohawk Valley Community College. **Judy Larson DiMario** has been a legislator in the Vermont House of Representatives.

**Nancy Louprette Knowlton** and husband Arthur welcomed their first grandchild, a boy, this year. **Rev. Robert J. Reuss**, after 34 years of ordained parish ministry, has retired. Bob still does many parish interims and offers continued assistance through volunteer work at churches, along with wife Pat. He also enjoys traveling and reading. Ben and Sheila hope more class members will send them information: "We've had fun trying to maintain contact with one and all and look forward to continuing to do so."

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### Shirley Blowers

**Weiermiller** and husband **Everett '57** spent two months in Bradenton, Fla., last winter. The Culinary Support Building at Miami University of Ohio has been

named for **Edward J. Demske**, retired senior vice president for Finance and University Services. In his retirement, Edward and wife **Elizabeth '61** split their time between Ohio and Tucson, Ariz. **Marilyn Leach Causey** spends her time traveling with **Marilyn De Santa Lorenzo '57**; she also visits her son and his family in Maine. **Sheila Sullivan Cerwonka** continues to enjoy skiing and kayaking. She also teaches lifeguarding and attends biology seminars. **Dukene Zervas Brady** has

retired from the New York State Department of Correctional Services. She and husband **Jim '61** have been enjoying time on their boat, and they spend the winter at Hilton Head Island, S.C. This spring, they took a six-week trip through Italy, Austria and France.

**Pat Corcoran Ryan** lives in a suburb of Boulder, Colo., and works for McKesson Pharmaceuticals. Pat enjoys traveling to exotic locations. Dave Call has retired from Fort Ann Central School District but continues to teach as an adjunct professor of mathematics at Adirondack Community College. **Dick Bartholomew** has retired from teaching French after 34 years and now volunteers as a docent at the Hyde Collection Art Museum in Glens Falls, N.Y. Dick also is a teacher and committee member at the Academy for Learning in

Retirement in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. His travels include most of Europe and Russia. **Anne Wager** has retired from teaching English in the Binghamton City School District and now corrects state exams for the Susquehanna Central School District. Anne enjoys traveling with friends, attending Broadway plays and spending time with her two grandchildren. Since retiring from Hudson Falls Central School District, **Warren Dunham** volunteers his time to install Lifeline Units. Warren currently enjoys working out, as well as playing tennis three times a week. He also travels to Florida, where he tours and visits his son on Amelia Island. **Ron Alexander** divides his time between his home in Dryden, N.Y., and Florida, where his property experienced hurricane damage earlier this year. **Sue Russell Williams** has retired for the second time from public school teaching, but still serves as adjunct faculty member for UAlbany mentoring. She enjoys reading; volunteers at SPAC and the Little Theater; and is active as an administrator with Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, an organization for women educators.

**62** **Steve Myslinski** retired from his associate professor's position at Salve Regina University in Newport, R.I. Steve, a retired naval commander, taught English for more than 40 years at the secondary and college levels. He and wife Ursula have relocated to Charlotte, N.C., near family. **Susan Blank**, a San Francisco resident since graduation, is secretary of her synagogue, still works in her conservatorship business and reports that her next travels will be to Israel, Turkey and Cuba. **Elena Rabine-Halady** attended her niece's graduation from Penn State University; **Lil Skadberg Upcraft '60 and Lee Upcraft '60** joined the family for the celebration dinner. Elena is planning a trip this fall to Southeast Asia, where her niece is teaching.

**63** **Richard Kelly** and wife Piret spent the winter in Florida. They also visited family in New Mexico.

**65** **Judy Koblitz Madnick** and

### David Kahan, B.S.'82

# Reebok's Titan of Athletic Wear



As a teenager, David Kahan doodled "sneaker designs and sketches of warm-up suits" on his notebooks. "At the time, I had no idea there was an actual industry" behind sportswear design, recalls the Brooklyn, N.Y., native.

Today, he knows better: As the new president of Reebok USA, Kahan is one of the titans of the athletic wear industry. Recruited to join the Reebok management team as senior vice president five years ago, he is responsible for "all United States operations of the brand – footwear, apparel and accessories. Most of my time is spent working with the largest retailers, such as Foot Locker, Nordstrom, Kohl's and J.C. Penney, to create exciting new products and marketing initiatives that connect with their consumers."

Kahan enrolled at UAlbany in the late 1970s. "I knew the excellent reputation of the business school, and I figured that accounting would give me the broadest background and the best preparation for my future. At the time, my highest aspiration may have been to work at a small accounting firm, or maybe to own a neighborhood sporting goods store."

His interests in sports, clothing and fashion merged with the retail business when Kahan "worked a few summers on Macy's selling floor. Every day was different, and it wasn't the typical 'office' job. After graduation, I passed on a few job offers from Big 8 accounting firms and decided to begin my career in Macy's executive training program, the pinnacle of retail training. Even today, many senior-level execs at the leading fashion brands are Macy's alumni," Kahan notes.

In the mid-1980s, with "the athletic category just really coming into the national consciousness," Kahan was chosen to create a brand-

new department. "The Macy's Athletic Club," which featured "clerks outfitted in uniforms, neon stadium-type signs and appearances by star athletes, proved to be a huge success."

Kahan later worked for Nike, Fila USA and Russell Athletic, then moved on to Reebok, "the official brand of the NFL, NHL and MLB." In 2006, Reebok merged with Adidas – the largest merger in the history of the sports and fitness industry. "We are now part of a \$12 billion global organization that also includes Rockport, Adidas, TaylorMade Golf and CCM Hockey," says Kahan, who resides in Sharon, Mass., with his wife, Jessica, and sons, Daniel, 16, an aspiring actor, and Matthew, 9, "a baseball and basketball fanatic."

UAlbany, Kahan observes, "prepared me incredibly well for my career. The education was first rate, and the competitiveness of the accounting program was tremendous. I am

continually impressed when I see what our graduates are up to and how successful they have been in the wide range of careers they have chosen. [Assistant Dean] John Levato was a great sounding board; he gave me and surely thousands of others through the

years a tremendous level of encouragement as we made our way through the business school and onto our career paths."

Kahan advises students trying to discern their own career paths to "find your passion and follow it. When you work in what you really enjoy, despite the pressure, long hours, travel, etc., it really *isn't* work."

– Carol Olechowski

By the time he was a high school freshman, David J. Novak knew he wanted to be a lawyer. So the 14-year-old Clinton, N.Y., native consulted an attorney for advice. "He told me it didn't matter what my major was. It was more important to get into the best school, do what I enjoyed and get good grades. The University at Albany was one of the best schools in New York." Since Albany was also the center of New York State government, the attorney suggested that Novak "could use internships as a way of getting involved in government and politics. So I went to Albany."

He made the most of his undergraduate years and today credits the University with "launching me into the world." Through the Study Abroad Program, the history major had "the experience of a lifetime" at the University of Copenhagen. The next year, he interned for then-New York State Assemblyman Mark Alan Siegel, joined Siegel's staff after graduation and subsequently worked for Assembly representatives Melvin Miller and Helene Weinstein.

After earning his J.D. at Albany Law School and working as a Wall Street trial attorney, Novak set off to "become International Business Guy." I gave away most of my suits and all my furniture, and bought a one-way ticket to Barcelona. My friends thought I was crazy, but I wanted to change my life and my career," he recalls.

Novak arrived in Spain, immersed himself in the language and landed a job, but was barred from the building his first day on the job. Apparently, his new employers thought he had working papers, but "I thought they were going to enable me to obtain the papers." He returned to the U.S. "to try to recreate myself." In the early 1990s, when his father suffered a heart attack, Novak moved to Florida to help his parents. There, he met Jerry Fox, who "had worked for four presi-

dents and was Wernher von Braun's right-hand man in putting a man on the moon. He showed me the importance of technology and how it could be used to make the world a better place."

Other fortuitous meetings followed. During a semester at England's Manchester Business School, Novak met Fredrik Synnerstad, the Stockholm-based business partner with whom he transfers Swedish and Russian technology to the U.S. A move to Cincinnati, Ohio, connected Novak with engineers Gregg Steinhauer, Steve Adams and Brian Tent, his partners in Inventis

Group, a technology-transfer firm that develops new technologies with commercial applications. One recent nanotechnology application, Novak explains, will make it possible "to miniaturize cell phones even further, to the size of a wristwatch," yet allow accessibility to the consumer's "MP3, PDA, wallet, and house and car keys," as well.

Inventis' "technology pipeline," Novak adds, "is strong and growing. We represent the University of Dayton, which has 750 scientists and engineers – 150 of them located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base – and ranks second in material science research, according to the National Science Foundation."

In addition, the Inventis team represents the Institute for the Development and

Commercialization of Advanced Sensor Technologies (IDCAST), which consists of six Ohio universities; two Air Force research labs; and about 15 industry members, including Boeing and General Dynamics. "We also mentor Small Business Innovation Research program companies awarded Phase I grants by the NSF," says Novak, who is establishing a not-for-profit, Discover Your Gift, as "a mechanism to give back and change children's lives on every continent."

– Carol Olechowski

## David J. Novak, B.A.'81, J.D., M.B.A. Transferring Technology and Changing Lives



husband Stuart have moved from their home in Albany to a new community in Jacksonville, Fla. **Dave Simons** was installed as commander March 2 for a one-year tour of duty with the Raleigh Sail & Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons.

**66** **Joe Blackman** teaches third and fourth graders at the University of Denver's Ricks Center; he is also a partner in a small home-building company. **Bonnie Ferrari Shannon** is enjoying retirement. She is active as president of the Friends of the Kinderhook Memorial Library and as a member of the Kinderhook Planning Board. **Cathy Armao Yaffa** has taught English in Albany, Schenectady, and at the lab school at Salem State College in Massachusetts, and served as an editor for a textbook publisher. Cathy has now joined her husband in a small advertising and communications company he founded in the Boston area. She reports they are still going strong. **Gary Spielmann** has retired after 37 years working in state government in the New York State Assembly, SUNY, the Department of Environmental Conservation and the Office of Mental Health. He lives in Kinderhook, N.Y., and remains active in the local library and on the zoning board, and does safety consulting for the New York State Bridge Authority and Thruway Authority. As class councilor, Gary welcomes any and all news from his classmates!

**67** *A note from class*  
**councilor Kay Hotaling:** The Class of 1967 celebrated its 40th reunion during Alumni Weekend in June. **Ruth Silverman Bald** traveled the greatest distance to celebrate the reunion, visiting from France for her first stay in the Capital Region in 15 years. **Deborah Friedman** retired as chief municipal personnel consultant from the New York State Department of Civil Service. **Joan Currier Schatz** continues to teach mathematics at the Academy of the Holy Names in Albany; she is also an adjunct professor at The College of Saint Rose. **Henry Madej** continues his leadership of the Pine Hills Neighborhood Association in Albany, N.Y.

**71** **Thomas O'Connor**, professor

of Spanish at Binghamton University, has been promoted to distinguished professor, a tenured ranking that is conferred for consistently extraordinary accomplishment. Thomas has achieved both national and international recognition for excellence in the field of Spanish Golden Age studies and has been a major force in furthering and enriching the study of Spanish classical theater. The School Administrators Association of New York State (SAANYS) named **Thomas Brooks**, principal of Arlington High School in the Arlington Central School District, the 2007 New York State High School Principal of the Year. This award is given annually to a SAANYS member who has been a secondary principal for at least five years and has set the pace, character and quality of education for the children in his or her school.

**Maria G. Diana**, retired high school educator and counselor, was recently appointed by former New York State Governor George E. Pataki to the SUNY Orange board of trustees. Maria's term will conclude June 30, 2013. **Bob Rosenblum** has been appointed director/manager of the Albany Tennis Club. **Michael W. Twomey** has been named Charles A. Dana Professor of Humanities at Ithaca College. Michael, who has been teaching at Ithaca since 1980, specializes in medieval literature, the English language, the Bible and Latin. **Evan R. Meltzer** has been welcomed as a member of the board of trustees at Northern Dutchess Hospital, a 68-bed, not-for-profit, acute care hospital located in Rhinebeck, N.Y. **Susan J. Fishbein, Ed.D.**, is in her third year as assistant superintendent for student services in the Comsewogue School District, Port Jefferson Station, N.Y., marking her 33rd year in education. Susan is looking forward to a busy "retirement" in which she plans to teach, do interim work and continue her research. **Jill Kanin-Lovers**, named one of the top 50 human resource leaders in the world by *HR World* magazine, has been appointed to the board of directors for BearingPoint, one of the world's largest management and technology consulting firms.

**73** **Charlotte A. Biblow**, partner at the Farrell Fritz law firm and leader of the firm's environmental practice group, received *Long*

*Island Business News'* "Top 50 Most Influential Women in Business" award in May. The program recognizes Long Island's top women professionals for business acumen, mentoring and community involvement.

**74** **Mario Dougherty** has been appointed interim director of The Hyde Collection in Glens Falls while the museum searches for a permanent replacement to the position. Mario served as director of the University at Albany Art Museum from 1994-2003. **Catherine Krill Halakan**, senior vice president for human resources at Albany Medical Center, was named a Woman of Excellence by the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce. Catherine and the seven other honorees were recognized at a luncheon in June.

**75** **John Condeelis, Ph.D.**, has been elected a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science for his distinguished contributions to the advancement of science and its applications. John is co-chair and professor of anatomy and structural biology at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University in New York City. **Ed Reinfurt**, who has served as vice president of the Business Council of New York State since 1980, has been nominated to serve as executive director of the New York State Foundation for Science, Technology and Innovation. The foundation's principal goal is to encourage and expand high-technology academic research and economic development in New York.

**76** **Carol Chamberlain** is the new assistant director at the Amesbury Public Library in Amesbury, Mass. She came to Amesbury from her position as librarian at Campbell High School in Litchfield, N.H., and was previously an employee of the library of Northeastern University. **Donna Ann Harris** is the principal of Heritage Consulting Inc., a Chicago-

based consulting firm. Recently, Donna became a Certified Main Street Manager through the National Trust Main Street Center. **Nate Salant** has been appointed to the NCAA D-II National Baseball Committee and serves as the South Central region chair. Nate writes: "The Class of '76 Scholarship Fund is running a bit low and we would like to see some of our members add to the principle. This scholarship is awarded annually to one or more undergraduate students with significant athletic and/or extracurricular participation, with consideration of academic credentials and financial need. In the past we were able to award as much

as \$2,000 per year, but now we are down to just one \$500 grant. This scholarship is our Legacy Gift to the University and we really want it to grow."

**77** **William H. Greene** has been appointed senior vice president/commercial loan officer at Fitchburg Savings Bank in Fitchburg, Mass. **Joe Uva** has been appointed chief executive officer of Univision, the leading Spanish-language media company in the United States. **Bruce Sostek** has been elected to serve on Thompson & Knight LLP's Management Committee for 2007. Bruce is practice leader of the firm's Intellectual

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Best of all, you'll stay in touch with fellow alumni in your area. As a regional volunteer, you'll personally invite them to attend University events, or assist those who may be relocating to your area. Overall, you'll enjoy a positive, rewarding experience that will keep you and other graduates connected with UAlbany. "My first experience as a regional volunteer was to host viewing parties for the men's basketball team," said Peter Brusoe '03, volunteer for the D.C. Metro area. "There is nothing better than having an entire D.C. restaurant start cheering for your Great Danes."

Becoming a regional volunteer is a great way to give back to UAlbany, no matter where you live. The Alumni Association's goal is to have several volunteers from each region and from all class years. To apply, or to request additional information, contact the Alumni Association at (518) 442-3080 or [alumniassociation@uamail.albany.edu](mailto:alumniassociation@uamail.albany.edu).



Peter Brusoe '03, Metro D.C. regional volunteer, displays the t-shirt distributed at the NCAA men's basketball viewing party in March.

# Alumni News and Notes



Anne Doyle

Property Practice Group in the Dallas, Texas, office.

**Anne Totten Doyle** of Norwich, Conn., was elected to the Executive Council of the American Association of

University Professors, a non-profit organization which acts as the collective bargaining agent for the University of Connecticut. **Stuart P.**

**Goldberg**, a board-certified specialist in business and consumer bankruptcy law, spoke on "The Effect of the 2005 BAPC-PA Amendments to the Bankruptcy Code" in a two-part radio segment that aired in May from Garden City, N.Y.

**Gerard Citera** has joined the New York office of Chadbourne & Parke LLP as counsel in the firm's securities litigation and regulatory enforcement practice. **Bob Krenitsky** has been appointed chief information officer for the Buffalo



Bob Krenitsky

and Rochester regions of Lifetime Health Medical Group, one of the largest primary care practices in Western New York.

**78 Meryl Zausner**, chief financial officer of Novartis Oncology, has been elected Healthcare Businesswomen's Association 2007 Woman of the Year for her work in the pharmaceutical industry. **Kathy Moore** has been elected San Ramon Valley Unified School District's 2007 Teacher of the Year. Kathy, who currently works as a "teacher on special assignment" for the district, will move on to represent San Ramon Valley in the Contra Costa County Teacher of the Year competition in California.

**79 Ira Goldstein**, managing coordinator for emerging technology with BOCES Northeastern Regional

Information Center, was selected in February by the School Administrators Association of New York State (SAANYS) to receive the annual SAANYS Leadership and Support Award. **Marcia**

**Silvermetz**'s 2003 children's book, *Gertrude the Albino Frog and Her Friend Rupert the Turtle*, is now a musical performed by high school students for a younger audience. National law firm Bryan Cave LLP has added four lawyers, including Counsel **Tanya Harvey**, to establish a private client practice for its Washington, D.C., office. **Col. Jimmy L. Pollard** has retired from the United States Air Force after 27 years of outstanding service. Jimmy is a Master Navigator; he has more than 2,900 flying hours, including 30 combat and combat support missions. He has received numerous medals and awards throughout his career, including the Legion of Merit.

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In April, **Laura Waters, Ph.D.**, was elected president of the Lawrence Township Public Schools Board of Education in Mercer County, N.J.

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**Joseph S. Brosnan** has become the 12th president of Delaware Valley College in Doylestown, Pa. Joseph formerly served as vice president for strategic planning and external affairs at Teachers College at Columbia University. **David J. Novak**, technology transfer specialist and intellectual property attorney, was one of four partners to start the technology development firm Inventis Group, Ltd. in 2005; he is now CEO. The Ohio-based firm presented its latest start-up company, Analog Bridge, Inc., at the World's Best Technologies Showcase (WBT) in Texas and at the TechConnect Summit in California, both held in May. David is now involved with

## Dionne Mack-Harvin, M.A.'95, M.L.S.'96

### LIBRARIAN IN "THE CITY THAT NEVER SLEEPS"

With 60 branches, 1,100 employees, 10 million clients, 1.1 million cardholders, and 39,000 programs offered each year to 725,000 attendees, Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) is the fifth-largest library system in the U.S. But for Dionne Mack-Harvin, who became BPL's first African-American executive director last March, it's much more: an opportunity to provide "lifelong learning" to the people of her community.

"So much of what we do is social work," said Mack-Harvin, who earned a B.A. in history and African-American studies at SUNY Brockport. She credits UAlbany, where she received master's degrees in Africana studies and library science, with introducing her to librarianship as a career. "One of the reasons I fell in love with our University Libraries was the cutting-edge technology," she noted.

When she began working at BPL's Crown Heights Branch in 1996, however, "we had no public-access computers," the longtime New York City resident recalled. "We had one rotary phone. I've been able to see the evolution of technology and its impact on my career."

Computer access and connectivity have also had a great impact on the community Mack-Harvin and her staff serve. Today, the public library is "really a community center. Libraries have reinvented themselves in terms of how they stay relevant to their communities. We allow our clients to decide what our services should be. I don't believe that's very different from academic libraries. When I was in graduate school, there was a librarian assigned to our department."

"Brooklyn is such a changing borough," she observed. While "more than 40 percent of our residents do not speak English as their first language," over 30 other languages, including Chinese and Spanish, are commonly spoken there.



One of her greatest "challenges and goals" is to offer as many services as possible in as many languages as possible. Currently, BPL staff – who have "really great ideas" about how to afford library users the services they want – provide assistance to customers in seven languages. "We keep in touch with the busy lifestyles of people in Brooklyn. They don't expect to stand in line or keep bankers' hours." Mack-Harvin and her staff make every attempt to bring the library to the people, offering services to residents of "the city that never sleeps" in satellite libraries set up "in supermarkets or trendy locations."

But that isn't the extent of BPL's outreach. The library has something for literally everyone – no matter how young or old. Brooklyn Reads to Babies encourages parents to read to their children from birth. Free online homework assistance is available, in two languages, for youngsters. BPL offers games, dance and an internship program for teenagers. Students enjoy the Summer Reading Program that drew 60,000 participants last year. For adults, offerings include pre-GED and job training skills sessions; career counseling and placement; the Business Library, which "prepares entrepreneurs to become small business owners"; and special services for the aging. "High-level cultural programs that invite participation" in chamber music and New York City Opera performances and book discussion groups reflect "the multicultural dynamic of the city."

Mack-Harvin is delighted that a recent "generous budget increase" from the city allowed BPL to expand its hours in July and "make an even bigger difference in the lives of Brooklynites so they can get what they need, when they need it." Librarianship, she added, "is such a rewarding career. It's not focused on books. It's focused on people."

– Carol Olechowski

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the \$28 million state-wide technology initiative called IDCAST, Institute for Development and Commercialization of Advanced Sensor Technology. (See David's profile on page 44.) **Sharon Sobel** was promoted to full professor in the Department of Theatre at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, where she serves as department chair. In March, **Corinna Ripp Schaming**, associate director and curator of the University Art Museum at the University at Albany, helped to organize the museum's "Mr. President" exhibition, which featured nontraditional portraits of our nation's presidents. The show included 60 portraits by 30 artists dating from the 1970s through 2006. **Mike Arcuri** has been elected to serve as Democratic Congressman for New York State's 24th congressional district.

**83** **Laura K. Chabe** was elected superintendent of Amherst Central Schools in Amherst, N.Y. **Mark Rasch** has joined FTI Consulting, a global business advisory firm, as a managing director in the firm's technology segment. **John Lasher**, former associate dean of Academic Affairs at Herkimer County Community College, is the new campus registrar at SUNY-IT. **Kathleen L. Godfrey**, president of Godfrey Financial Associates, was named a Woman of Excellence by the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce. Kathleen and the seven other honorees were recognized at a luncheon in June.

**84** State Police **Major Patricia Groeber** has been appointed commander of Troop G. She is the first woman in New York State to lead a State Police troop. **Gregg Wildemann** made *Who's Who* for his poem "Fifty Cents" and is working with an organization called The Society for Life and Spare Change.

**85** **David Ross**, formerly New York State Medicaid inspector general, has joined the O'Connell and Aronowitz law firm in Albany. **John D. Porcari** was sworn in as cabinet secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation in March. **Joe Heithaus**, associate professor and chair of English at DePauw University, was one of four winners of

the 2007 "Discovery"/*The Nation* poetry contest. Joe received a cash prize, had his work published in *The Nation* magazine and was invited to read his winning work at the Poetry Center in May.

**Craig S. Lowenthal** has joined NYMAGIC, Inc., a specialty insurance provider, and the MMO Group of Companies as senior vice president and chief information officer. **Michael Olin** was elected president of the New York Oracle Users Group, Inc. Michael has been involved with the group since founding his consulting firm, Systematic Solutions, Inc., 20 years ago. **Matthew Hasson** is vice president of The

Computer Co., which he and wife **Eileen '87** launched in 1996. In May, **Gary Bettan** was elected to serve on the Plainview-Old Bethpage Board of

Education of Long Island, N.Y. Gary is also the founder of pobmath.com, a Web site for parents who are concerned about the district's new math curriculum.

**86** **Howard S. Krooks, Esq.**, recently received an award for his work as the co-chair of the Compact Working Group of the New York State Bar Association Elder Law Section for

*Varsity Club members and friends gathered to cheer their Great Danes at the men's America East Conference championship lacrosse game in May. Left to right: Tom Doody '69, Michael Judge '70, William Brown, Carole Doody '71, Sandra Judge and Ross Adams '97.*



advocacy work he performed prior to and since relocating to Florida in September

**2005.** Howard is now a partner in the law firm of Elder Law Associates PA.

**Edward O'Connor** has been appointed dean of the School of Health Sciences at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn. **Erica Reinholtz** **Olin** has become the first teacher in the Ossining Union Free School District to earn national board certification and is one of fewer than 700 board-certified teachers in New York State. Erica earned her certification in mathematics. **James F. Jones**, head basketball coach at Yale University and longest tenured coach in the Ivy League, has been selected by the USA Basketball Men's Collegiate Committee to be assistant coach of the 2007 USA Basketball Men's Pan American Games Team. **Nino Schiano**

graduated in May from Sacred Heart University with a doctorate in physical therapy. Nino is currently senior staff therapist at Pascack Valley Hospital in Westwood, N.J.

**87** **Debra Rosenberg Mondoil** received a master's degree in physical therapy in 1989 from Hahnemann University in Philadelphia, Pa. Since then, Debra has worked as a physical

therapist in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and is currently the director of rehabilitation at the Visiting Nurse Association of Greater Philadelphia.

**Neil Wilensky** is a research director for The Walt Disney Company and lives in New York City with wife **Robin '92**.

**Chris Haynor** has been appointed vice president of United States Sales of the Sanako Corporation, operating from the headquarters in Brewster, N.Y. **Eileen Chen Hasson** is president of The Computer Co., which she and husband **Michael '85** launched in 1996. The company, based in West Hartford, Conn., offers a wide range of computer services and will soon be moving to Cromwell, Conn.



Susan Katzoff

**88** **Susan R. Katzoff** has been promoted to partner at the Syracuse, N.Y., office of Hiscock & Barclay, LLP.



Jeffrey Kolodny

**89** Rapid Solutions Group appointed **Thomas Ferber** vice president of digital operations. He will manage the firm's digital production facilities in New York, California, Illinois and Missouri. **Jeffrey B. Kolodny** has

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been elected to partnership at the international law firm Phillips Nizer LLP, where he practices domestic and international estate planning and administration, the representation of not-for-profit organizations and business succession planning. **John DeMaro**, a partner at the full-service business law firm Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, P.C., chairs its intellectual property group. He is also a member of the litigation department.

**Bryan Temmer** has moved to Land O' Lakes, Fla., where he is happily married to fellow alum **Robin Goethblatt**

**Temmer '89.** They have two sons, age 9 and 14. Bryan is working on developing the first alien theme park in the United States, Alien Apex Resort, which is planned to open in Roswell, N.M., home of the supposed 1947 UFO crash and the annual UFO Festival ([www.alienapexresort.com](http://www.alienapexresort.com)).

## 90 **Jeanette Rodriguez-Morick**

has joined the law firm of Thompson Hine as an associate in the Competition, Antitrust and White-Collar Crime and Business Litigation practice groups.

**Gerard Porter**, former associate professor and assistant dean in the School of Education at SUNY Oswego, has been named the new dean of the School of Education at SUNY

Cortland. **Samantha Rider** has recently joined Gilman Ciocia, a Poughkeepsie, N.Y., tax and financial planning services firm, where she serves as director of public relations.

**91 James Gibbs II**, of Burns Middle School in Brandon, Fla., was one of 10 finalists for Hillsborough County's Teacher of the Year. He has been at Burns for five years and teaches eighth-grade basic and advanced mathematics and algebra.

**92 Robin Goldfarb Wilensky** is a solutions architect for Sun



Gerard Porter



Samantha Rider

Microsystems and lives in New York City with husband Neil. **Morris (Moe)**

**Auster** was promoted to counsel of the Division of Governmental Affairs of the Medical Society of the State of New York, a physician advocacy organization. First Niagara Financial Group, the holding company for First Niagara Bank, named Albany and New York State banking industry veteran **Thomas Amell** Eastern New York regional president.

**Polivina J. Gauuan** serves as assistant director for medicinal chemistry at Albany Molecular Research. Polivina played a lead role in establishing the company's Singapore Research Centre, an endeavor that began two years ago.

**93 Rob Bunnell** has accepted an appointment as a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. State Department. Rob's initial overseas post was assigned during training in early 2007.



**94 Michael Schaeffer** has joined Senior Whole Health of



New York, a voluntary health care benefits plan for low-income seniors who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid, as director of Client Services. **Leon**

**Feingold** signed a professional contract with the Israel Baseball League. Leon pitched in Israel from June through August and is among the first professional baseball players of that country. If the league succeeds, members expect to have a team participate in the 2008



Kathleen Sweener

World Baseball Classic. **Kathleen Sweener**, director of student development at Hudson Valley Community College, has received the prestigious State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Excellence for 2007, recognizing exceptional contributions to the university by dedicated professionals. **Lou Tobacco** was elected 62nd District New York State Assemblyman in March.

**95 Luke McLaren** is the newest member of the Life Insurance Legal Department at Genworth Financial, serving as associate general counsel.

**Dionne Mack-Harvin** has been appointed executive director of Brooklyn Public Library, making her the first African-American woman in the state to lead a major public library system. (See Dionne's profile on page 46.) **Joseph Jones**, former dean of the School of Education and Social Sciences at Messiah College in Grantham, Pa., was named provost of North Park University in Chicago, Ill., in May. Joseph told the search committee that the college's commitment to integrating the Christian faith in addressing public concerns, including urban and multicultural issues, attracted him to the position. Former Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity brothers of **Sgt. Kyu H. Chay** and other friends from

UAlbany have established a memorial fund for the education of his young children, Jason and Kelly. Donations may be sent to: Sgt. Kyu Chay Memorial Fund, 350 W. 42nd Street Unit #18-B, New York, NY 10036. Kyu was killed in action while serving with the United States Army in Afghanistan last October.

*John Teevan III, who received the Alumni Association's 2007 Legacy Scholarship, looks through an old*

*yearbook with Scholarship Committee Chair Christine Bouchard '73, '87.*



**96** **James Schukal** is vice president at The Northern Trust Company and also owner/retailer at Burlounge.com. He is an officer for the University at Albany Alumni Association New York City Chapter and encourages alums living in the tri-state area to join the network. **Ted**

**Nicholas Ingram** graduated in May from Indiana University with a Ph.D. in higher education and student affairs administration. Ted plans to secure an administrative position at a college or university on the East Coast. **Amy L. Rezak** took two years off after graduating to work as a volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician before attending medical school. She graduated this summer and began a fellowship in trauma and critical care at Boston's Brigham and Women's Hospital.

**97** Children's author **Nancy Castaldo** recently has been appointed to the Sierra Club's National Education Committee. Class councilor **Jennifer Ciavarella** writes: "Class of 1997... can you believe it has been 10 years? It is time to celebrate our 10-year reunion! We will be officially celebrating it Homecoming Weekend in October 2007. If you are interested in assisting with event planning, hospitality, or fundraising, please contact me at jenniferciavarella@hotmail.com."

**98** **Sangsu Baek, Ph.D.**, has been hired as an assistant professor of Early Childhood and Special Education in the Teacher Education division of Robert Wesleyan College in Rochester, N.Y. Sangsu currently lives in Ogden, N.Y.

**99** **Patricia Putman** was promoted to senior vice president/treasurer and controller at Ulster Savings Bank of Ulster, N.Y.



Marsha Forman

**00** **Marsha Forman**, senior embryologist and fertility lab supervisor, was honored as the 2006 Employee of the

Year at AlbanyIVF, which earned her a week's all-expenses paid vacation to the destination of her choice. **Garrett J. Lynch**, former state representative and mayor of Westfield, Mass., currently serves as vice president of Administration and Finance at Westfield State College.

**02** **Michael Phillips** obtained his CPA license in North Carolina last January. He is now employed as an accountant for the state of North Carolina. **Jennifer Givner**, former spokeswoman for the New York City Department of Buildings, is now a press officer in the New York City office of Governor Eliot Spitzer.

**03** **Joseph Randall Gripe** has accepted a position with a law firm in Cheshire, Conn. Joseph was also recently licensed and admitted to practice law in New York State. **Emil Bove**, who was co-captain of the UAlbany lacrosse team from 2002-03, is now a second year law student at the Georgetown University Law Center. He was recently appointed editor-in-chief of the *Law Review's Annual Review of Criminal Procedure* and was a finalist in the ABA's National Appellate Advocacy Competition. Emil worked at the Manhattan office of the law firm Sullivan & Cromwell this summer.

**Marisa A. Sotomayor**, a member of the advisory council for the Program in Financial Market Regulation of the Rockefeller College, graduated from Fordham University School of Law in May. While at Fordham, she was a member of the Moot Court Editorial Board, and a member of the *Urban Law Journal*. Marisa joined the global law firm of White & Case, LLP, in September as a New York associate in its corporate practice. **Brendan Brader** and **John**

**Reyes** are the founders of Via Talk LLC, an Internet phone business, and HostRocket.com, which hosts Web sites for businesses and individuals. Via Talk does business in 2,200 markets and all 50 states, while HostRocket.com, launched by the pair in 1999, now hosts 100,000 Web sites. Brendan is chief executive of the companies; John serves as chief technology officer.



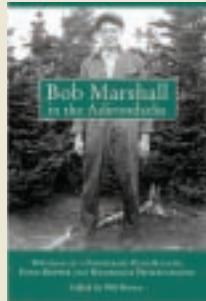
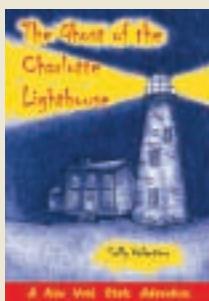
## Weddings

- 1987 – **Neil Wilensky** and **Robin Goldfarb '92**, Sept. 10, 2006
- 1995 – **Aaron Russel** and Pattiani McAdams, April 16, 2007
- 1996 – **Mark S. McCambley** and Ann Marie Wyatt, Aug. 11, 2007
- 2000 – **Susan R. Foley** and Christopher A. Stevens, May 12, 2007
- 2002 – **Tara Zollo** and Eric Andrews, July 22, 2006
- Michelle Doto** and Marc Micheli, Oct. 7, 2006
- 2003 – **Gina Talarico** and Rocco Giruzzi, Oct. 14, 2006
- 2004 – **Rebecca Kron** and Eric Montijo, March 17, 2007
- Lisa M. Burline** and Grant N. Roser, Sept. 1, 2007
- 2005 – **Edmond Gurdo** and Heidi Dobler, July 1, 2006

## Births

- 1985 – **Paul W. Neuhedel** and wife Rebecca, adopted son, Alexander, Nov. 19, 2005
- Gregory Hart** and Patricia Dorn Hart, sixth son, Zachary Richard Michael Hart, April 22, 2007
- Geneen Gambello Valentine** and husband Edward, a daughter, Elizabeth Joann, May 1, 2007
- 1993 – **Pamela Magram Plummer** and husband Simon, a son, Ethan Harry, Jan. 2, 2007
- 1996 – **Tracy Balaban** and Marc Miniman, a daughter, Rachel Kara, July 18, 2005
- 1998 – **Allison Keating Cannon** and husband Tom, twin boys, Jack Thomas and Kevin Thomas, Sept. 1, 2006

From top: Neil Wilensky '87 and Robin Goldfarb '92; Aaron Russel '95 and Pattiani McAdams; Ethan Plummer; Jack and Thomas Cannon



## Authors and Editors

**Sally Valentine Steinmiller, B.S.'71**, published her first children's novel, *The Ghost of the Charlotte Lighthouse*, in October 2006. Set in a real lighthouse in Rochester, N.Y., this 100-page novel for students in grades four-six gives a fictional account of the refurbishing of the lighthouse. It incorporates some local and Great Lakes history into an entertaining story. Sally is a retired teacher from the Rochester City School District. For more information, visit [www.RochesterAuthor.com](http://www.RochesterAuthor.com).

**Donna Ann Harris, B.A.'76**, is the author of *New Solutions for House Museums*, which contains a dozen case studies of house museums in the United States and Canada that have successfully transitioned to a new use or user to assure the building's preservation for future generations. Donna is the principal of Heritage Consulting, a Chicago-based consulting firm, and has more than 20 years' experience in the historic preservation field.

**Frankie Bailey, M.A.'79, Ph.D.'86**, has published her fourth mystery book, *You Should Have Died on Monday*.

The latest entry in the Lizzie Stuart Mystery series weaves a story rich in history: an investigation into the paternity of its protagonist, criminal justice professor Lizabeth Stuart, and of her long-lost mother's checkered past.

**Peter B. Griggs, B.A.'83**, published his first novel, *No Pink Concept*. The 168-page work of fiction was released in October 2002 and is available at [xlibris.com](http://xlibris.com).

**Erica Verillo '84**, launched the first novel of her trilogy, *Phoenix Rising*, this summer. *Elissa's Quest*, a middle-reader fantasy adventure, was released by Random House in June 2007. Erica lives in Massachusetts with her two children.

**Lior Kahane, M.D., B.A.'84**, is the author of *How to Become a Professional Bachelor*. The book offers readers advice designed to promote optimal success as a bachelor, including how to attract women, how to act on a date, what to say and not say, and more. Kahane is also the author of the new e-book, *How to Avoid a Professional Bachelor*.

For more information, visit [www.Probachelorbook.com](http://www.Probachelorbook.com).

**David Makofske, B.A.'92**, has co-authored two computer network programming books, *TCP/IP Sockets in C#* (2004) and *Multicast Sockets* (2002). Both books are part of the Practical Guide for Programmers series and provide tutorial-based instruction on Internet programming for developers. For more information, visit <http://books.elsevier.com/us/mk/us/subindex.asp>.

**Phil Brown, M.A.'96**, is the editor of *Bob Marshall in the Adirondacks: Writings of a Pioneer Peak-Bagger, Pond-Hopper, and Wilderness Preservationist*. This anthology collects nearly 40 articles by Bob Marshall, one of the nation's leading advocates for wilderness preservation. The collection is richly illustrated by more than 60 photos. It also contains excerpts of an unpublished novel set partly in the Adirondacks and supplementary articles by George Marshall, Bob's younger brother; Paul Schaefer, legendary Adirondack conservationist;

Philip Terrie, Adirondack historian; and Phil. Phil is the editor of the *Adirondack Explorer*, a regional newsmagazine focusing on outdoor recreation and environmental issues. He is an accomplished climber of the High Peaks and also wrote a guidebook for the Adirondacks.

**Jim Foglio, M.A.'03, M.S.'04**, has published his first book, a travel memoir, *Travels With Aspen*. The book, a snapshot into post-9/11 attitudes towards race, ethnicity, environment and love, is available online at [jimfoglio.com](http://jimfoglio.com).

**Dave Hart, B.A.'04, M.S.S.E.'05**, has published a new book, *Dark Day of the Soul*. The book merges elements of conventional literary fiction with occasional, unconventional use of media interplay to carry the reader through an inspiring story of friendship and compassion. It is available online or at local bookstores, or you may pick up an autographed copy directly from the author: [davehart@darkdayofthesoul.com](mailto:davehart@darkdayofthesoul.com). Dave is a New York-certified English teacher living in the Albany area.

## Deaths

### 30s

**Maxine Robinson Lunn** '31, July 31, 2006  
**Helen MacGregor Cropsey** '32, Oct. 19, 2003  
**Geraldine Peters McDonald** '34, June 29, 2004  
**Wilfred P. Allard** '35, Oct. 5, 2005  
**John E. Bills** '35, March 24, 2002  
**Mary Lam Bills** '37, Dec. 6, 2004  
**Matilda Bauer Stutz** '37, Feb. 7, 2007  
**Jane Crawford Scheiner** '39, Nov. 30, 2006  
**Ruth Dillon Stratner** '39, Nov. 21, 2006

### 40s

**Mary Rooney** '40, Dec. 8, 2006  
**Margaret Collins Sullivan** '40, May 11, 2007  
**Eugene J. Agnello** '41, Sept. 27, 2006  
**Joan Loveland Mengel** '41, Sept. 14, 2006  
**William Sewell** '41, Dec. 12, 2006  
**Virginia G. Polhemus Carney** '42, May 26, 2001

**Mary Susan Wing Cobb** '42, March 7, 2006

**Robert H. Evans** '43, March 25, 2005

**Helen Omilin Frament** '43, Jan. 22, 2007

**Ira Freedman** '43, Nov. 6, 2006

**Jane Waldbillig Fowler** '45, July 24, 2003

**Mary C. Curran O'Connor** '45, Sept. 1, 2006

**Joan S. Smith Owen** '45, Aug. 7, 2006

**Sam Freeman** '47, Dec. 8, 2006

**Morris Rippes** '47, Dec. 6, 2006

**Vivian H. Hillier Thorne** '48, Dec. 10, 2005

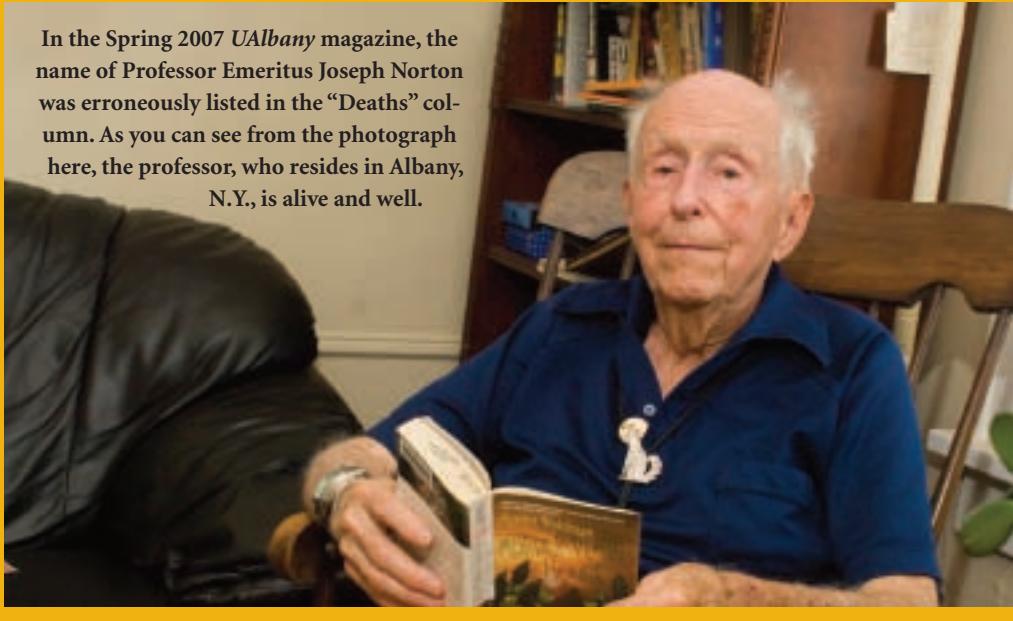
**Virginia Keller Hayes** '49, May 9, 2007

**Lucy A. Lytle Merrill** '49, Dec. 4, 2006

### 50s

**Richard Feathers** '50, June 24, 2000  
**Lynn G. Kent** '50, Dec. 25, 2006  
**Louise Klingman Wheeler** '50, Aug. 15, 2006  
**Julian Deliver** '51, May 27, 2007  
**Daniel A. Robinson** '53, Jan. 31, 2007  
**Barbara Ryan Dunham** '54, Nov. 5, 2006  
**Kathleen Oberst McManus** '54, Jan. 26, 2007  
**Sherman E. Hunt** '57, March 8, 2006  
**Kenneth R. Kimball, Jr.** '57, Nov. 3, 2006

In the Spring 2007 *UAlbany* magazine, the name of Professor Emeritus Joseph Norton was erroneously listed in the "Deaths" column. As you can see from the photograph here, the professor, who resides in Albany, N.Y., is alive and well.



### 60s

**Phyllis Roberts Pfeiffer** '57, Feb. 6, 2006

**William Swenson** '57, Jan. 10, 2006

**Ruth I. Larson Harris** '58, Dec. 26, 2006

**Rosemarie Abraham Devoe** '59, Nov. 20, 2006

**Jean Nicolai Pardee** '59, Feb. 28, 2007

### 60s

**Ethel A. Avery** '60, Dec. 11, 2006

**Matthew B. Carnicelli** '60, Jan. 23, 2007

**Ralph W. Wesselmann** '60, Jan. 14, 2005

**Lewis Carosella** '61, April 25, 2001

**Marilyn Scharfeld Carroll** '61, Jan. 5, 2007

**R. Thomas Flemming** '64, July 15, 1999

**Harry W. Paige** '67, Sept. 10, 2003

**Brian T. Hart** '68, Sept. 19, 2002

**Kathleen L. Hornichek Torino** '68, Nov. 19, 2006

### 70s

**Dell S. Oliphant** '70, Feb. 3, 2007

**Ruth M. Sheehan** '70, Aug. 27, 2006

**Joseph A. Fleszar** '71, Dec. 13, 2006

**Theodore J. Vickery** '71, May 6, 2007

**Barbara E. Plecan** '73, Feb. 5, 2005

**David J. Bigda** '74, March 4, 1997

**Kathy A. Burno Murphy** '76, June 14, 2006

**Shirley A. Rigney** '77, Dec. 10, 2006

### 80s

**Dorothy Zalmanoff Berliner** '81, April 15, 2007

**Elizabeth J. Thayer** '84, April 24, 2006

**Nancy C. Fraser** '86, Nov. 20, 2006

**Lynne M. Greenberg** '86, Jan. 31, 2007

### 90s

**Renee Padilla** '93, Aug. 2, 1999

**John E. Kitinoja** '95, May 3, 2007

**David C. Brinkerhoff** '99, April 25, 2007

### 00s

**Joe P. Dudley** '00, May 17, 2006

## Faculty and Staff

**Charles W. Colman**, Technical Specialist, Office of International Education, 1964-1985, Dec. 13, 2006

**Raymond Forer**, Lecturer, Sociology 1966-1987, May 13, 2004

**Anthony M. Gisolfi**, Associate Professor, Hispanic & Italian Studies 1964-1976, March 4, 1992

**Louis R. Salkever**, Lecturer, Economics, 1965-1988, July 1, 1995

**Robert A. Stierer**, Assistant Vice President for Business Affairs, Finance & Business, 1967-1980, March 15, 1999

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# Hey Everybody, I Named the Great Danes!

By Kathleen Earle Fox, B.A.'67, M.S.W.'76, Ph.D.'96



I get quite a thrill when I see pictures of UAlbany's Great Danes in their purple and gold. I also get a buzz from seeing the mascot, a guy (or girl) in a droopy dog costume. This is more than the average fan or graduate feels: You see, I'm the one who came up with the idea for the Great Dane name in 1965. I won \$25 for my "Great Dane" entry in the "Name the Mascot" contest.

The "Great Danes" name was not popular with the student body in the fall of 1965, and I kept a low profile. The sports editor of the *ASP (Albany Student Press)*, Ray McCloat, "outed" me in an Oct. 29, 1965, editorial with a scathing attack on the new name. "To be entirely fair," he wrote, "we do think that contest winner Kathy Earle did present excellent credentials for the Great Dane in submitting her entry. She claimed the dog was 'typically American, bred for size, weight, strength, character, courage, speed, and stamina.' If it were running for office in the ASPCA, the animal would win in a landslide."

I was a new transfer to Albany, from Cornell University, in January 1965. Albany seemed like just the right place for me, and it was. I graduated in January 1967 with 60 credits from Cornell and 60 from Albany, and am considered an alumna of both. I later got an M.S.W. from Albany and a Ph.D. in social welfare from the Rockefeller College of the University.

In early 1966, I won the award that mattered most to me, the Shields McIlwain Poetry Award, which was given the first time that year. The ceremony was the morning of the day the clocks were turned ahead, and I missed it. When I got to Page Hall at what I thought was a half-hour before the awards ceremony, it was eerily quiet. I went in, and the usher asked me if I was Kathy Earle. When I answered that I was, he said, "They called your name a few minutes ago." Afterward, I went downstairs with the dignitaries to commiserate with my favorite professor, Carl Odenkirchen. He introduced me to the guest speaker and told him that I had missed the ceremony because of the time change.

"Well," said the gentleman, "I'm glad you didn't get the science award."

So, my two greatest accomplishments at Albany both missed. For the naming of the mascot, I was supposed to be anonymous and was quite willing to be, given the mood of the student body. And I missed perhaps my greatest moment, the poetry award, because I was not aware that the clocks had been turned ahead.

But my real best moment came much later when, in May 1996, I was hooded by my new favorite professor, Jan Hagen of the School of Social Welfare. And I was on time.

Kathleen Earle Fox, the mom of "three wonderful kids, aged 37, 27 and 17," has been a poet, a writer, a professor and a researcher. Now an artist, she resides in Tenants Harbor, Maine, with her husband, Stan, and finds inspiration in "the people, boats, harbors, animals, landscapes, flowers, birds and buildings" of the surrounding St. George area. Fox invites her fellow UAlbany alumni to visit her Web site, [www.mainewatercolors.biz](http://www.mainewatercolors.biz).

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