**Ralph H. Baker, Ph.D., B.A.’33**

**Seventy Years With UAlbany**

Ralph H. Baker holds a unique distinction in University at Albany history: His affiliation with the institution and its predecessor, the New York State College for Teachers (NYSCT), spans more than seven decades. Born in 1910, Baker attended Defiance College in Ohio. Two years later, he transferred to NYSCT, where he majored in social studies. After earning an M.A. in political science from Columbia University and a Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins, Baker returned to NYSCT and joined the Department of Social Studies.

His interest and expertise in American government and politics earned Baker the abiding respect of students who enrolled in his courses, which included *American Government, American Parties and Politics, Constitutional Law*, and *State and Local Government in New York*. A member of Phi Beta Kappa and such professional organizations as the Social Science Research Council, he also wrote *The National Bituminous Coal Commission Administration of the Bituminous Coal Act* in 1941.

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

Recognizing that financial assistance is essential for students, particularly today, Baker established a bequest at UAlbany to support the Ralph H. and Dora W. Baker Scholarship Fund in Political Science. Named for the professor emeritus and his beloved wife, the former Dora Williamson, to whom he was married for nearly 74 years until her passing in 2008, the scholarship will benefit full-time undergraduates majoring in political science.
Hilda! To our other classmates who cannot correspond but who read these notes, best wishes and may God continue to bless you in our twilight years. And don’t forget our wonderful years at Alma Mater!


A note from your class counselor: Your counselor has had two telephone contacts recently from Fred and Eleanore Bowman and Joann Byron Haluska. All report that they are still coping with advancing age. Speaking of which, your counselor is debating the feasibility of planning an on-campus celebration of our 70th anniversary during Homecoming Weekend, Fall 2009. Unless a massive appeal is received from you, let’s just say that we’ll conduct a psychic reunion at that time. Okay with you?

Class councilor: Ken Doran, kkencon@aol.com

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

A note from your class councilor: On Oct. 4, I celebrated my 90th birthday, and in November, Peg and I celebrated our 68th wedding anniversary. Charlie Quinn is doing well, but his wife, Marian Duffy ‘42, is in a care facility; Charlie visits just about every day. His daughter runs the household.

Will Thomas is up and around and active, along with his wife, Janie Williams ‘42. After raising a family in the East Greenbush area, Shirley Tucker has returned to her homestead in Quoque, L.I. Hy Meltz enjoys his Florida retirement facility. Norm Baldwin is comfortable in California. Helen Miller Kovar resides with her daughter and granddaughter in Deming, N.M. Pete Stanger still plays bridge as he approaches 96 years young. Pete was a transfer from Plattsburgh Normal to Albany State Teachers College in 1940. Attempts to reach Jack Adam have met with failure. Jack and his wife moved from their home in Wading River, L.I., to Fayetteville, N.Y., to be near their 11 children. Jack is a retired psychiatrist and practiced for 29 years in Syracuse.

Class notes councilor: Vincent Gillen. vpgillen@yahoo.com

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

A note from your class councilor: Our 60th reunion, held Oct. 24-25, was a time to get together and reminisce about the “old days” when we attended SCT at Albany. Friday evening, seven of us enjoyed the wine and cheese party at the Alumni House. Saturday morning, 11 of us attended the Half-Century Club breakfast in the Campus Center ballroom. Our main event, the luncheon, was held in the Arthur Levitt room on the downtown campus. Attending this luncheon were: Arthur Collins, Sam Dickeson and wife Dorothy, Ruth Doran, Helen Schick, Gloria Daas and son Henry, Eugene McLaren, Jane O’Brien, Adrienne Caruso, Wanda Metho, Eileen Petterson, Gari Paticopoulos, Lucile Horton and husband Bill, Muriel Dando, Elizabeth Brignull, Selene Sheriff and I. During the class meeting, we all mentioned the professor who had had the most impact on our lives. Gari was honored for her 50 years as class councilor and was elected to continue! Eleanor also was elected councilor. We all voted to adopt Dorothy Dickerson as an honorary member of our class. The members of the class who could not be with us have received a letter from Gari and me encouraging them to continue their support by donating through the means mentioned in the letter. Further discussion mentioned that future reunions will include classes from the 40s meeting together so that we can greet those we knew from classes ahead of and after us. This seemed to be a reasonable solution to the smaller number of people who are able to attend individual reunions. A total of $3,610 was received for the Greatest Generation Fund to commemorate our 60th reunion. This amount includes the $500 voted from the class treasury at the class anniversary during Homecoming on-campus celebration of our 70th

Economy Got You Down?

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

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

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

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

Lee Serravillo, Executive Director
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meeting held Oct 25. Since then, we have had 12 additional donations from the classmates. Your councillors continue to suggest that those who are able to continue to support this fund contact Roberta Armstrong, major gifts officer, at 562-594-8995 or Armst13@nycap.rr.com. Class notes councilor: Eleanor Holbig Alland, ealland214b@nycap.rr.com

49 A note from your class councilor: Our 60th college reunion is on for May 1-3, 2009. In December, you should have received information outlining the plans for the weekend and an attached survey form to be returned by Jan. 15. In March, you should have received an official invitation with an RSVP attached. Our planning committee anticipates celebrating the weekend with many of our classmates, including Bob Kittredge, who is flying in from Fresno, Calif., to receive the alumni award for Excellence in Community Service. Even if you are unable to attend the entire weekend, if you live no more than two to three hours from Albany, please give serious consideration to attending the special class luncheon at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Best Western Sovereign Hotel. It would be wonderful to have a good turnout. Bonnie Totten Atkins, who was honored with the Excellence in Community Service award during our 50th reunion, visited Mozambique last summer with her husband, Lee, to celebrate the 95th anniversary of the Chicuque Rural Hospital and spent time with the family of the hospital administrator, Larry Appleby and Dick Zeller visited each other again Columbus Day weekend — a tradition that has continued for more than 50 years. Robertson Baker reports on the August birth of his second great-grandchild, who will keep his first great-grandchild, Taylor, company. Kocky Donnelly’s eldest son, Admiral Martin Macy, received his second star and is now on the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Jean Pulver Hague, a certified educational planner, is still consulting with students and parents, but intends to slow down in 2009. She returned from Europe in 1978 after many glorious years in France, where she was an administrator at the American School in Paris. She has three children and seven grandchildren. Unfortunately, her husband had a stroke 25 years ago and has had a difficult time. Jean states she is blessed with good health and keeps moving along. In corresponding with her, we discovered that Joyce and I had moved to a country club in Saratoga where Jean had lived, and where her father had been the golf pro for many years. I also found out that the golf course on which I play was designed by her father and is now managed by two of Robertson Baker’s sons. Bob and Diana Kittredge were very proud to report that their 17-year-old granddaughter Hannah, a senior at Poway High in Southern California, was crowned homecoming queen on her birthday. In October, she demonstrated her drum major skills at a Chicuque Rural Hospital and spent time

Alumni Association Recognizes Outstanding Achievements

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

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

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

**Citizen of the University**
Recognizes a non-graduate’s outstanding contributions to the University through leadership, service or a special gift.

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

Elfrieda (Freddy) Laemmerzahl Miller went on a tour to Ireland sponsored by the Oklahoma Plant Society. In addition to observing Ireland’s wild flowers, Freddy had the opportunity to taste some Guinness Stout at the Guinness Stout factory. Leslie Hervey O’Heir had a wonderful trip to Alaska in July 2008. Leslie still enjoys work as her church librarian and is looking forward to our 60th. Gerry Reisner and Estelle enjoyed their best Elderhostel ever at Misericordia University in Dallas, Pa. The courses, which were taught by a Jewish film critic, a Polish-American author and an American nun, were excellent. In deference to the large number of Jewish participants, a Sabbath service was held on Friday night. Gerry says, “Only in America.” Abe Trop continues his good works. In November, the 40th Habitat for Humanity house for Bakersfield, Calif., was turned over to the new owners, who had to put in 500 total hours of “sweat equity.” Sometime after Thanksgiving 2008, Abe started on house No. 41. The sad part of Abe’s message was that his wife passed away in March 2008. Last summer Joyce and I revisited Alaska via a land and cruise tour similar to the one we took 13 years ago. Yes, the state is still beautiful but, regrettably, many of the glaciers are melting quite rapidly. We also spent a couple of extra days in Vancouver, B.C., where we took a trip to Buchart Gardens. Annette Gardiner DeLyser has moved to an assisted-living facility in Ohio to be near her daughter. Annette deserves our gratitude for her commitment, dedication and efforts as our class councilor for more than 20 years. If you would like to drop her a note, her address is: Carriage Court, Apt. 509, 3570 Heritage Club Dr., Hilliard, OH 43026.

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

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

Achievements

**Excellence in Business**

Pays tribute to alumni for distinction in business for profit.

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

**Excellence in Community Service**

Pays tribute to alumni for exceptional volunteer community service.

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

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


Dr. Joseph Emmanuel Bowman Jr., B.A.’72, M.L.S. ’74, M.A. ’75, associate professor, University at Albany Department of Educational Theory and Practice and State University of New York Regent

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Recognizes alumni for outstanding achievement in public service.

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

**Bertha E. Brimmer Medal**

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

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

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

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

**International Award for Exceptional Achievement**

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

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

**MAKE YOUR NOMINATION FOR 2010**

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50 Notes from your class councilor: In preparation for our 60th reunion, Audrey Koch Feathers, Marjorie Lyons, Ben Jackson and I are planning a special project, a book to which each of us will be asked to contribute something about ourselves. Sometime this spring, you will receive a letter detailing the project and your part in it. In the meantime, please keep sending in items for class notes. After graduating in 1950, Alfred Di Cesare taught business classes at Tri-Valley in Grahamsville and at Valley Central in Montgomery. N.Y. Alfred did graduate work on Saturdays for guidance and administration, then spent the next 36 years in the Newburgh City School District as a teacher, guidance counselor, assistant principal, principal, associate superintendent and superintendent. He retired in 1990. Alfred and his wife, Catherine, live in Niskayuna. N.Y. Joan Petersen Engelbosch and her companion bought a condo in an “active adult community” in Westhampton, N.Y. They enjoy the ballroom dancing opportunities in the community, including a trip to the Caribbean with 24 of their fellow/sister ballroom dancers. They are avid travelers: Italy, Croatia, Spain and Monaco. Special impressions include Venice, the Old Greek Theater in Sicily and the volcano on Stromboli. After college, Joan Erlandson Viele served as head of the business department at Roscoe Central School. Later, Joan worked with the dean of students at Choate Rosemary Hall, managed a bookstore, assisted two millionaires in Stamford, and then became executive secretary to two deputy commissioners at the Department of Mental Health in Hartford. Joan’s first husband died on a camping trip several years ago. Joan married Warren Viele in 2005; together, they have traveled to Alaska, Scandinavia, Russia and, recently, the Holy Land. Following graduation, Joan Farrell Gloo taught at Minoa High School for two years. After marriage, Joan moved to Oklahoma, where her husband was in the service, then returned to the valley. Joan considers herself fortunate to have been able to stay home to raise their seven children, but did some substitute teaching. She has done a great deal of volunteer work with such groups as Hospice and Meals on Wheels, and is still a volunteer with the Stanley Performing Arts Center in Utica. N.Y. Elizabeth (Betty Hutton) Valenze and her husband have lived in the same house in Massapequa for 52 years. Her husband was a junior high school principal in Island Trees. Betty thinks of herself as a stay-at-home mom, having raised seven children. She and her husband have pulled a trailer across most of the United States. Recently, Betty made contact with Anne Morgan Mehain, sharing many great memories. Joseph Keefe left Albany with the thought that his “destiny was to become a professional writer,” but he says, he “came to his senses” in 1953. Joseph then earned a master’s from the University of Iowa and a Ph.D. from Syracuse University. He taught English at Ulster County Community College and led a writing workshop in Byrdcliffe. Joseph and his three grown children live in Woodstock, N.Y., and are still trying to cope with Jane’s death this past December. Bob Kirby lives in Redwood country, Ukiah, Calif. Bob retired from teaching at-risk kids for more than 22 years; his teaching experience included more than seven years in a juvenile-hall school. Bob thinks of it as a great experience and “counts his blessings.” Your co-councilor, Audrey Koch Feathers, visited with classmate Marj Lyons recently in Queensbury, N.Y. Although they had not seen each other since graduation, it was instantly clear how strong the college bond between them was, and the conversation flowed. Marj was visiting her two sons in Vermont, where they own and operate the Cavendish Inn. Marj is a published author, board member of the Florida Publishers Association, past president of the Writers Network on South Florida, and a board member of American Pen Women. She is also president and owner of Telling Your Story Inc. Lila Lee Harrington continues to live in a log home she and her second husband, Chuck, built in the Adirondacks. Lila is an adventurous traveler: kayaking in Prince William Sound; Elderhostel trip to the Grand Canyon with sorority sister Marilyn O'Connor; a two-week mission trip to Ghana; and trips to London, Austria, Italy, France, Germany (Oberammergau), Israel and Egypt. Retired and busy, Dick and Ruth Marschner Boynton live on 23 acres in Durham County, N.C. Ruth volunteers for fifth-grade math at a nearby elementary school. Their son is a pharmacist, and a daughter is an associate professor of journalism and mass communication at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. A granddaughter recently graduated from Appalachian State. A grandson who graduated from North Carolina State had entered a Lutheran seminary. Because of a rare illness, polycystic kidney disease, Edie Minch Noetliner, our class councilor for 20 years, had to retire from summer campground hosting at Locust Lake State Park in Pennsylvania. Fortunately, it is treatable. Recently, Edie was the featured “Artist of the Month” at the local library, which displayed her folk-art paintings. A granddaughter is curator of the new}

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**Harvey Milk, B.A. ’51**

A Life Remembered

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

Milk arrived at the New York State College for Teachers as a freshman in the fall of 1947. A social studies major who minored in mathematics and German, he participated in intramural football, basketball, volleyball and wrestling; joined the Kappa Beta fraternity; and wrote for the *State College News*. (His columns were often critical of school spirit – and of some faculty, as well.) During his senior year, Milk served as the *News’* sports editor.

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

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

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

“Milk” chronicled the political rise of Harvey Milk, along with details of his personal life and his activism on behalf of gays. The film earned star Sean Penn an Academy Award for Best Actor, as well as a Screen Actors Guild award for best performance by a male lead in a movie and a Golden Globe nomination for lead actor in a drama. “Milk” also received an Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay.
Clockwise from top left: Members of the Class of ’58 celebrated their 50th reunion and induction into the Half-Century Club.

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

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

More than 400 young alumni returned to campus for the first GOLD (Graduates Of the Last Decade) reunion.
Pamela, who is a Fulbright Scholar and is now in Ireland doing research; a daughter who is a physical education teacher; a son who is a colonel in the Air Force Reserves and works for the FBI; a son who is a marketing manager for a non-profit agency; and a daughter who works for the Federal Court System. Vickie is now at her winter home in Yuma, Ariz. Vickie stated how much she loved school in Albany and how prepared she was by the dedicated teachers there to enter the teaching field. Bob Donnelly took a Mediterranean cruise to Malta, Tunis, Malta, Sicily and Rome. Jane Matt LaDuKe writes that she has served 18 years on the planning board of Brick Township and has been president of her 615-home adult community for two years. Jane has three children and seven grandchildren ages 16-28. Jane and George Van Dalen Sr. entered into a joyful "covenant relationship" in a ceremony attended by their families in their Episcopal church on June 8, 2008. Jeanne Seymour Earle continues her very busy life. Jeanne is subbing for a high-school librarian until the end of the school year; she also teaches a Latin connection course in Mahopac's staff development and works at the Putnam Valley Library on weekends. Jane Minkler Jennings reports that while spending a week with her daughter in Sarasota, she spent a day with Marion Mimi Gorski, who has a condo nearby. Shopping, lunch and treats prepared by Mimi's husband capped a great day. Jean Faville Smith and husband Smitty visited Joan Bennett Kelly and hubby Charlie have very athletic grandchildren. One had a track meet in West Point and another in Virginia; one played in a championship game at Giant Stadium; one is on the lacrosse team; and another is a cheerleader finishing up her season — all within a couple of weeks. Kayla, their talented actress granddaughter, is trying her luck off-Broadway. Jeanine Burke Elder is still working as program director for the Milton H. Erickson Foundation in Phoenix, Ariz. Besides planning for four different teaching conferences the foundation gives for mental health professionals, Jeanine oversees the foundation's institutes, of which there are 135 worldwide. She has three children and two grandchildren, Abigail, 5, and Caroline, 1-1/2. In her spare time, Jeanine enjoys her townhouse in northeastern Arizona; she also loves to hike and ski. In the future, Jeanine hopes to visit Ireland and Iceland. Helen Pichler Terrill recounts the fun the Pichler multi-family get-together is. The families comprise about 40 members who spend a week together sailingboat; water skiing; lake and pool swimming; and participating in their favorite game, croquet. On Thanksgiving, Helen and Bill's immediate family of 19 gathered at their daughter's home to celebrate the holidays, several birthdays, a wedding anniversary, and an engagement! Joan Barron, your co-councilor, continues to keep herself busy with her retired teachers organization, her travel group; organization of a high school reunion; and, of course, her work for you. In February, she drove with a friend to North Carolina to visit her daughter and son-in-law. Joan received a nice letter from John Bowker and his wife, sharing his usual extensive travel plans. They have been all over the world, much of the time spent with John's lecturing. He is also still performing surgery once a week and continues seeing patients once a week, also. The Bowkers' three-year-old granddaughter is the light of their lives. If you did not get an e-mail from me, it means I don't have your e-mail address. Could you please send it to me so that we can stay in touch? Thanks. Class notes co-councilor: Joyce Zanchelli, Jzanch@yahoo.com

53 Notes from your councilor: Norman and Veronica Price Sinander lived in California for 30 years before moving to Honolulu, Hawaii, eight years ago. Marlene Southard Fleming is doing well following surgery for back problems. Louise Petfield Burns writes from Colorado that she is enjoying retirement. Because they are unable to do much traveling, she doesn't get back East very often and could not attend the reunion. During a stay on Jekyll Island, Ga., Harold Smith had the pleasure of spending time with Paul Ward, Ed Bonahue and Art Weigand, as well as with John Centra, Dave Manley and Fran Rogers. Harold and Barbara have three children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Classmates who could not make the November reunion but sent their regards include Peggy Smith Stafford, Kitty Brumfield Pickett, Irene Brezinski McDonald, Bev Pranitis Railey, Linda Hopkins McGrath and Caroline Gazulis Johnson. Linda Hopkins McGrath finds retirement in Naples, Fla., most enjoyable. Linda plays golf two or three times a week and serves as treasurer of her homeowners

Melvin Brown '77, a drummer with the Burundi African Dancers and Drummers Troupe, entertained participants at the EOP Reunion during Homecoming. Hundreds attended the 40th-anniversary celebration of the EOP program at UAlbany and honored the program's longtime director, Dr. Carson Carr.
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association. Condolences to Sally Swanson Devine, who was recently widowed. Since retiring 20 years ago, Sally has traveled a lot, visiting much of the United States, China, Italy, Spain, South America and Sweden. Although she spent many winters in Florida, Western New York is still home. Marion Home Doody has lived in Albany since 1949 when she first came to NYSCT. She has resided in the same house for the past 48 years.

Margaret Hebert Wernette and her husband are both retired, but still live most of the time in England. They come twice a year to spend time with their daughter and grandchildren, and they spend January in Texas on her husband's ranch. Margaret has lived outside the United States since she started teaching for the Department of Defense in 1956. In June they were on a cruise along the Norwegian coast to the Land of the Midnight Sun, visiting picturesque cities and villages and seeing spectacular fiords, glaciers and waterfalls. They reached Lapland and the North Cape, the northernmost point of Europe, only a few miles from the North Pole. July found them in France, where they met up with a group from Texas who had come to visit Alsace. They were wined and dined by their many Alsatian friends, who are past masters at the art of hospitality.

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

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

Mary Ann (Mimi) Webb went to the Adirondacks with two granddaughters in August for an intergenerational Elderhostel program. From there, Mimi drove to New Hampshire for a reunion at her daughter's house with her other family, who came up from D.C. She keeps busy with volunteer work (monthly rummage sale raising funds for Children’s Hospital at Stanford and doing speech therapy with a stroke patient), pilates class, book group, bridge, Scrabble and a good range of friends. After a long and serious illness with his liver that required multiple surgeries, Bill Floyd has recuperated and is doing well now. Bill has returned to the “Y” and is back doing volunteer work at the local elementary school.

Peter McManus continues to teach at Sage College as adjunct professor, and also travels, mostly to Puerto Rico and Disney World (with grandson Peter). Joan Hartman spent a quiet summer at home due to a total hip replacement. This past fall, Joan was an RSVP volunteer in the Prejudice Reduction Program.

Henry Berleth has two grandchildren in college – six others in grades three to 12. Two of Henry and Dottie’s (Dorothy Rasmusen Berleth ’56) three daughters have decided to follow into teaching at the secondary level. Margaret Jacobson volunteers at the Yaddo Gardens in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. As a founding and present board member of the Yaddo Gardens Association, it has been Margaret’s privilege and joy since 1992 to participate in restoring the historic gardens of the well-known artists colony at Yaddo to their former glory of over 100 years ago. Margaret invites all who have the occasion to visit Saratoga

HOMECOMING & REUNION 2009

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

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

Top-flight men's and women's basketball, food, music, games, prizes and more highlighted this year’s Big Purple Growl and Ferocious Feast. More than 600 Great Danes fans attended the sold-out Ferocious Feast, and a capacity crowd of 4,538 filled the SEFCU Arena.
in the spring, summer or fall to view the spectacular results of this restoration. The roses are at their height of bloom in June, and the rock gardens are a delight in early spring. During her stay in Ormond Beach, Fla., Gloria Migliore Faltzaro’s has been involved in theatre work at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center for the last five years. Their Aberdeen Revue, a lip-sync production, was presented in February 2009. This year, Gloria will be “Big Blonde & Beautiful” (“Hairspray”) and “Dancing Queen” (“Mamma Mia”). The last time she was on stage was for the Class of ‘54 freshman competition, singing “Blue Moon.” Gloria especially enjoys this theater experience because it involves working with some great people before sold-out audiences who appreciate the performances. She is sorry she missed the 50th reunion. Gloria writes: “Hopefully, I will be able to attend our 60th. Thanks, ladies, for your efforts in keeping our Class of ‘54 members informed about what is going on with each of us.” Another great Potter Reunion was held at The Inn on the Lake in Canandaigua in late September, with seven attending from the class of ‘54: George Wood, Jim Finnen, Art Stone still runs a business called Art Stone/The Competitor (artstonecostumes.com). The company sells and manufactures dance costumes for studios, high schools and colleges all over the country. Art also runs dance competitions (stage arts such as ballet, tap, jazz and hip hop) under the names Dance Olympus, Danceamerica and International Dance Challenge. With the tremendous interest in ballroom dancing, thanks to “Dancing with the Stars,” Art has been teaching ballroom all over the country at dance conventions for the last two years. Corinne Valenti Moxpath and husband Rodger retired in Las Cruces, N.M., in 1995. They enjoy playing golf and visiting their seven children and spouses, as well as their 14 grandchildren. They also enjoy cruising and recently returned from a European river cruise on the Rhine, Main and Danube Rivers. Ed and Carol Osterhout continue their involvement with Volunteers in Mission, working on storm damage (Mississippi, Iowa) and poverty housing (Maine). They had an interesting adventure last July. In their five missions to Brazil, they made many friends, among whom are a young couple who requested that Ed and Carol be sponsors at their wedding. This they did, staying at a hotel on the beach south of Recife instead of their usual mission housing. They even had hot-water showers. They also spent a day with a young man they assisted in getting into college and visited a church they helped build. It was a glorious eight days! Back in college, and for a few years thereafter, Frank Mayer had a band known as the Frank Mayer Quartet, in which his brother Ted ’55 played piano and Frank played sax. Frank returned to music in 2000 after a 38-year hiatus, and now plays throughout the greater Albany area with a popular big band called the Swing Docs, with a jazz quintet known as FIVE+1, with the Colonie Town Band, and with the Colonie Saxophone Quartet. Malcolm Blum continues his 14 years of volunteer work with the STOP AIDS Project, a group that has been fighting the epidemic since 1984. Malcolm goes back to Westmoreland for a family reunion in July each year and is looking forward to the 55th class reunion next year in Albany. He enjoys reading and his Netflix movies. If any of his class members get to San Francisco, Malcolm is in the phone book. After careers in the aircraft industry and academics, John and Cynthia Jackson began their 25th year of retirement. John and Cynthia began a long series of travel projects, including two tours of duty teaching English in Japan, plus annual trips abroad and within the United States. Cynthia has been very active in the Peace Movement, book clubs and theater. John has built a few boats and planned vacation trips, is a board member at the senior citizen center and works on housing for poor families. He also keeps busy working on the restoration of Chandler Music Hall and is also a justice of the peace, both in the Village of Randolph, Vt. Pat Manning and Pat Thurston ’65 spent five-and-a-half weeks in Italy — over a week in Venice and a month in Rome! They rented an apartment in Rome and just ran around visiting churches and museums and open markets and what-all every day. Charlie and Pam Lusk are enjoying retirement in Orange Park, Fla. They spend many hours burning up I-75 between Orange Park and Largo, visiting their two grandchildren. Charlie and Pam’s favorite pastimes are traveling and hiking; they recently hiked the Superior Trail in Minneapolis and the Weaver’s Trek to Machu Picchu, which peaked out at nearly 15,000 feet. When not on the road, they stay busy playing golf and volunteering with the Freedoms Foundation, the Naval Hospital and the local junior-high school. John and Rose Mary Bradt Zrongrone received an early Christmas gift with the arrival of twin granddaughters in early December. The Zrongrones are hosting their reunion open house for our 55th reunion, which will take place Columbus Day Weekend 2009. Gerry Holzman has recently established a new Web site, which contains pictures and detailed information on his carving activities (www.gerryholzman.com). Ken Schoonmaker enjoyed a two-week trip to Portugal, Spain and Morocco in May. Ken meets with Bobbie Stein Klauser ’51 to have lunch and attend New York City shows every month or so. Please send your contact information (address, phone number and e-mail) to your class councilors so that we can contact you regarding our upcoming class reunion.

Class notes co-counselor: Bernice Gunsberg Shoobe, bshaobe@alumini.albany.edu

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

Class councilor: John Orser, jorser@stny.rr.com

A note from your class councilor: Please don’t forget to support the Class of 1956 Scholarship Fund. In retirement, Jane Whitehurst Stryker enjoys church work; social activities with the Red Hat Society; and a winter place in Fort Myers, Fla. Bill and Carole Hughes Summer have lived on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, for almost 40 unbelievable, hilarious years. She is a part-time violin teacher and a remedial reading tutor. She enjoys painting, church functions and travel — especially overseas pilgrimages led by Bill, a Catholic church deacon. Jane During a visit to Noyabrsk, Russia, last November, James E. (Jim) Harris, B.S. ’74, bravely donned a UAlbany Great Danes T-shirt — over a jacket — to pose for a souvenir photo. “I recall it was cold on the Academic Podium in February,” he wrote shortly after the picture was taken, “but I was outside for a couple of minutes tonight, and it was brutal.” Harris noted that Noyabrsk, home to 150,000 hardy inhabitants, “means ‘November’ in Russian.” Local lore, he added, claims that the Siberian city sprang up only 30 or so years ago when some settlers “flew in on a helicopter, got out, put an ‘X’ on the ground and said, ‘Drill here!’” A few days after the frigid photo op, Harris, an oilfield services industry consultant who graduated from UAlbany with a degree in business administration, headed back to his home in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. – to “thaw out!”
Santer Vink enjoys reading, doing crossword puzzles, babysitting her grandchildren, and traveling to places such as Ireland and Central Europe. She is very active in Tres Dias of Fairfield County, Conn., an ecumenical church organization, and in the United Methodist Church Choir of Milford, Conn. Evelyn Beals Vogt, a retired foreign language teacher living in Napa, Calif., loves to dance; travel; read; and attend movies, winery events, plays and other performances. She also enjoys visiting family back East. Whitson Walter is retired from a career as an aerospace computer specialist, working for North American and Northrop. Whitson is a district coordinator for the AARP Taxaide program in his area of Southern California and also is involved with a program sponsored by his church to feed the homeless and hungry.

Class councilor: Arnold Newman, fish7twil@aol.com

58 The Class of ’58 held its 50th reunion during Homecoming Weekend. The following classmates attended: Ron Alexander, Richard Bartholomew, Donald Bindim, Dukene Zervas Brady, Sheila Sullivan Cerwonka, Marilyn Leach Causey, George Cosgrove, Edward Demsko, Warren Dunham, Joseph Flynn, Janet Senez Fitzgerald, Alice Meyers Ford, Ronald Graves, Betty Lee Smith Harris, Alan Levine, Ellen McLaughlin, Brent Patten, Carmita Siaba Patten, Joan Reul Plows, Eileen Alley Purcell, Burton Rounds, Patricia Corcoran Ryan, Robert Schultheis, Sybil Meyers Sherman, Emmett Ten Broeck, Margery Kraus Todd, Selma Wagenheim, Carol Wiggins, Helen Hoffman Winkler. After a 40-year career as an embryologist/histologist, Ellen McLaughlin retired as a professor of biology at Stanford University in 2007. Ellen is in excellent health, enjoying retirement, and she still manages to teach part time. She spends summers at a secluded family camp in Maine and continues to keep her home in Birmingham, Ala. Ellen has travelled extensively during her career, to Outer Mongolia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Burma, China, Koutiala in Mali West Africa, Kenya, Peruvian Amazon, Belize, Java, Sulawesi, the deep interior of New Guinea and Western Europe. Francine Valvo, a world traveler, just happened to be on the same tour as Sheril McCormack, Susan Blank, and Hannah Schnitt-Rogers (all ’62) to Ireland this past September. Francine is a retired librarian enjoying many journeys per year.

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

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

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

61 Our 50th class reunion is coming up, and we hope to have a VERY large turnout. Your reunion leaders request your help. We need the e-mail addresses (or other contact information) of as many class members as possible. Please send them to Mel Horowitz (melandnis@yahoo.com) or John Sullivan (LEESULLY@aol.com). We are also seeking your ideas about the time of year you’d prefer, the type of activities you’d like to attend and volunteers to help the committee. John reports that he is currently working on book three, and doing a lot of substitute teaching in Fairfax County, Va., high schools. “The environment has changed quite a bit since I last taught in a high school (East Lansing/1966) and it is very challenging.” In October, he was invited to participate in an authors’ forum, sponsored by Elderhostels on Cape Cod. “I met a few authors, gave four well-received talks, sold some books, and had a lot of fun.” Mel reports that his Rotary China Project (in the desert in Ningxia) fundraising has exceeded its goals – all the plans have been approved, and the work will be done this spring. He will be giving a presentation about the project at the 2009 Wharton China Business Forum. Phyllis Hammerman Schultz and husband Howard were married 47 years in June 2008. They live in Jericho, N.Y., not far from their two married children and four grandchildren. Phyllis sends regards to her Sigma Phi Sisters, Pierce Hall housemates, and old friends and classmates.

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

63 Retired teachers Harry and Joan Thornhill ’66 have formed a public charity with 501(c)3 status, “Friends of Akuffo Tom School Complex,” to support a school in Ghana, West Africa. The Thornhills taught at the school for three months in 2004 and for two months in 2008. Money raised will go toward basic improvements, such as the addition of electricity and running water. In the past, “Friends” has financed windows, doors, desks, chairs, shipping costs for books, field trips, student scholarships and other items. Harry was a Peace Corps volunteer in Liberia from 1964-66, and the couple lived in Sierra Leone with their three sons from 1980-81. Judith Ann Strong of Moorhead, Minn., will serve a two-year term on the international board of directors for Soroptimist, an international volunteer organization for business and professional women who work to improve the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world.

64 Richard Leveroni, professor in the humanities and social sciences department, received the 2008 Schenectady County
Amy Riddell, B.A.’88, M.S.’89, C.A.S.’89
Super Scooper

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

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

Emack & Bolio’s is located in one of Riddell and Young’s favorite neighborhoods. As UAlbany students, Young, who majored in atmospheric science and earned a master’s in science education, and Riddell, a former Voorheesville High counselor who also holds both a master’s and a certificate of advanced study in counseling psychology, socialized downtown with friends. “I remember digging out cars on Ontario and Quail streets, near the Alumni Quad dorms, where we lived,” said Riddell, a former Voorheesville High counselor who appreciates the “very affordable, high-quality education” UAlbany provided. The couple “went camping and caving” with the University’s Outing Club; on campus, Riddell “loved studying by the fountain in the spring.” She still keeps in touch with her friends from University days. Most of them live in the Albany area: “Nobody wanted to go home! We all just ended up staying.”

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

– Anna Lempereur

Anna Lempereur is a junior journalism major from Levittown, N.Y.
Teamwork and “a focus on my goals” have taken Lukas Brenowitz along an unusual career path: one that led from UAlbany to the Consulate General of Israel in New York City to Israel’s Bet Shemesh Blue Sox baseball team. The Woodstock, N.Y., native enrolled at UAlbany because the University “had, and has, a great political science department. UAlbany provides a great opportunity to get ahead in any career you choose.” Brenowitz, who also minored in Judaic studies, had considered journalism as a career, “as well as something along the lines of working with a political think tank.” He now works for the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) in Tel Aviv and is studying for a master’s in Middle Eastern studies at Tel Aviv University.

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

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

Summertime – baseball season in Israel – “can be very, very hot, about 100 degrees-plus.” The Blue Sox overcame the heat, however, and won the league’s 2008 World Series. Brenowitz is proud of the teamwork that contributed to the victory, which “came at the end of a seven-week season. We played six games a week; it was very rigorous. The absolute best part was all of our lives. No ego, no machismo, no arrogance. Just baseball and genuine teamwork,” he recalls.

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

– Carol Olechowski
Christine A. Varney, B.A.’77 President Barack Obama has nominated Christine A. Varney, B.A.’77, to serve as an assistant attorney general in the U.S. Department of Justice. Varney, who was also responsible for handling personnel counsel for Obama’s transition team, served on the Federal Trade Commission from 1994-97. She will now oversee antitrust enforcement activities for the Justice Department. The Syracuse, N.Y., native formerly served as Secretary to the Cabinet during the Clinton administration.

Eric Tennebaum ’83 with his children

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

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

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

Alan Zaremba, B.A. ’71, M.S. ’72, has published The Madness of March: Bonding and Betting with the Boys in Las Vegas. Every spring, the first four days of the NCAA men’s basketball tournament attracts a horde of basketball bettors to Las Vegas. Alternating between humorous accounts of gamblers’ exploits and cultural theories on sports in society, Zaremba provides an engaging analysis of this sporting ritual. Zaremba is an associate professor in the department of communication studies at Northeastern University in Boston, Mass.

Alan Martin, B.S. ’76, has published Thumbs Down? Golf Instruction Made Simple: A Golfer’s How-to Guide for Better Ball Sticking. Martin shares the secret missing ingredient all the best players use, whether they realize it or not. With an easy-to-understand, how-to format, Thumbs Down? Golf Instruction Made Simple presents a training method that squares the club at impact by promoting the use of the hands and wrists for power, accuracy and control.

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

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

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


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

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

Samuel Black, M.A. ’91, has published Soul Soldiers: African Americans and the Vietnam Era. In addition to his book, an award-winning exhibition curated by Black is currently traveling the country. Soul Soldiers, the exhibit, has received the American Association for State and Local History 2007 Award of Merit; the 2007 Pennsylvania Federation of Museums and Historical Organizations Award of Merit; the 2008 American Ad Federation Mosaic Award; and the 2008 S.K. Stevens Award from the PFMHD. Black is vice president of the Association of African American Museums in Pittsburgh, Pa.

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

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

Andrew Schiff, M.A. ’95, has published “The Father of Baseball,” a biography of Henry Chadwick, the British-born American pioneer of the sport of baseball, early architect of sports journalism and chairman of baseball’s first rules committee. Chadwick, born in 1825, spent his first 13 years in England and enjoyed playing both cricket and rounders. He arrived in the United States at the age of 13 and gravitated to the emerging sport of baseball, which helped shape into the national pastime it has become on this side of the Atlantic.

Dave Hart, B.A. ’04, M.S. ’05, has published Solomon Boy: An Island Journal: Adventures Among the People of the Solomon Islands. Solomon Boy records tales of adventure, friendship and cultural discovery in this fascinating and often funny memoir of life in the Solomon Islands in the Pacific. Hart’s portrayal enables one to swim in jungle rivers, explore new caves, chase rats, eat bats, play with leashed rhinoceros beetles, and encounter people of profound character and godly devotion through his insightful depiction of Solomon Boy’s journey to acceptance.

Barry Silfstein has become vice president and controller of RPM International Inc. in Medina, Ohio. Riza Mantering has been appointed regional chief operations officer of Sun Life Financial Asia, and is responsible for Sun Life Financial’s IT and operations across the Asia Pacific region. In October 2008, Donna Shepardson was recognized as the “Clinton A. Reed Outstanding Business Educator” award recipient for 2008 by the Business Teachers Association of New York State. Donna is a business teacher for Columbia High School in East Greenbush, N.Y.

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

William Robinson is executive director of the National African American Tobacco Prevention Network. William oversees the organization’s satellite office locations in Maryland, South Carolina and Texas from the headquarters, located in Durham, N.C. Lin Severance has been appointed assistant superintendent for Human Resources of the Guilford Central School District. Lin came to the district with more than 27 years of experience in the field of education, and was the director for student and personnel services and grant development for the Mohonasen Central School District. Azlin Mansor is an assistant director with the Ministry of Education, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Hamzah Hassan is now deputy dean (Resources and Student Affairs), Faculty of Health Sciences, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Selangor, Malaysia.

Asmahani Awadalla is associate professor and head of the Department of Business and Management, Faculty of Business Management and Professional Studies, at the Management & Science University in Malaysia. Hazli Jemaat is deputy director, Cross Border Investment Promotion Division, Malaysian Industrial Development Authority, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Howard Krooks was included in the 2008 Super Lawyers South Florida edition. Howard is a partner of Elder Law Associates PA, with offices in Boca Raton, Aventura, West Palm Beach, and Weston, and is of counsel to Littman Krooks LLP in New York. Siti Khadijah Ab. Manan is a lecturer at MARA University of Technology, Shah Alam Malaysia, teaching Islamic Banking and Finance and is in the process of completing her Ph.D. thesis in the field of banking and finance. Siti is now living happily with her beloved husband and five kids, all of whom are still schooling in Malaysia and overseas. Her eldest daughter is now senior manager, Human Resources & Administration, for the EMKAY Group of Companies, Malaysia.

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Steven Goldsmith is executive vice president for the Limited Brands and is responsible for the Victoria’s Secret.com Web site and the Bath and Body Works.com Web site. Steven and his family reside in Greenwich, Conn. In-Soo Kang is senior research fellow, International IT Cooperation Division, Korean Information Society Development Institute, Seoul.

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

Joe Valentino is associate publisher for The Advocate, Out & The Out Traveler and publisher for HIV Plus & MPOWR magazines. Joe has successfully managed the lucrative automotive and pharmaceutical advertising categories for more than 10 years. Daniel Baker was the honoree at the 12th Annual South Shore Invitational Golf Outing at the Southward Ho Country Club, sponsored by The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society® Long Island chapter in June 2008. Dan is a partner at the Uniondale law firm Sahn Ward & Baker, PLLC, and has served as a member of the board of trustees of the society for six years. He is also an active member of the Turnaround Law Center Alumni Association. Dan is an appointed member of the State of New York Commission on Quality of Care for the Mentally Disabled’s Surrogate Decision Making Committee Program and a member of the American, New York State and Nassau County bar associations. Michael Logan has won the NAACP Award for Technology and Education and also was named head coach of the New York City International. A Microsoft-certified-trainer and office specialist, Michael is also a certified teacher in technology and education. He also has taught technology for the New York City Board of Education Hofstra University Computer Career Center New Horizons Computer Center.

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

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

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

Walter Doherty is assistant professor in education leadership at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, Fla. Walter served as a teacher, principal and superintendent of schools for more than 38 years in New York.
Frieda Toth Weber has been promoted to the newly created position of teen services librarian.

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

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

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

Amy Maggs has joined the Albany office of Hiscock & Barclay LLP as of counsel. Amy currently acts as associate counsel for the Judiciary Committee in the New York State Assembly. Sean Keenan is a realtor for Netter Real Estate, based in Long Island. Caitlyn Brazill is deputy director of research and policy at the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs Office of Financial Empowerment, an anti-poverty initiative.

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

Ryan Williams has joined the law firm of Devine Millimet as a member of the firm’s corporate department. Rebekah Nellis Kennedy was admitted to the New York State Bar in 2008. She clerked for the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Department, and then became an associate at D’Agostino, Krackeler, Baynes & Maguire. Monica Miranda Smalls, director of fraternity and sorority affairs at the University of Rochester’s College of Arts, Science and Engineering, was presented the 2008 Outstanding Greek Advisor Award by sorority Phi Sigma Sigma’s national organization. Monica also was honored by her peers with the Association of Fraternity Advisors’ Sue Kraft Fussel Distinguished Service Award in recognition of her innovation, leadership and guidance to the university’s Greek-lettered organizations.

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

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

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

1990 – Samantha Rider and Thomas Louis Paccione III, Sept. 6, 2008
1995 – Jason Napoleon and Jaclyn Bellotti, June 27, 2008
2000 – Michelle Fine and Jared Smith ’02, July 3, 2008
Matthew Hawkins and Caitlyn Brazil’02, Aug. 31, 2008
Rebecca Shenn and Ori Anavim, Nov. 27, 2008
Rachel Lince and Steven Ostrander, Dec. 26, 2007
2003 – Alyson Dean and Joseph Rutigliano, Sept. 26, 2008
Renee O’Connor and Anthony Parisi ’04, Aug. 9, 2008
2006 – Rose Sokolowski and Aaron Cidzik, July 26, 2008
Stacey Gaddis and Matthew Gammon, Sept. 2, 2007

Births

1988 – Andrew Katz and wife Laurie, a son, Samuel Owen, Oct. 24, 2008
1997 – Sommer Jones and husband Mark Riolo, a son, Brody Jones, April 26, 2008
Valerie Weinstein and husband Chaim Lodish, a son, Reuben Ross, Feb. 4, 2008
1998 – Lisa Silvestro, a son, Jon Andrew Bastys, June 9, 2006
2000 – Michael Seilback and wife Leslie Haft ’02, a son, Jake Adam, Aug. 10, 2008
Kimberly Gregory and husband Edward Verhoff ’03, a son, Edward Joseph Jr., May 5, 2008
Nicole Werner and husband Michael, a son, Michael Terrence Jr., Sept. 24, 2008
2001 – Ian and Carolyn Leslie ’02, a son, Aaron Kenneth Leslie, July 21, 2008
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Deaths

10s
Clara Holder Walker '19, Dec. 7, 2007

20s
Clara B. Fahnstock Stett '24, Feb. 16, 1998
Olga Hampel Briggs '26, Dec. 31, 1996
Mary Tilyou Lichtenhan '27, Sept. 27, 2008
Mary E. Herlihy '29, Dec. 5, 2008

30s
Ethel Grundhofer Smith '30, Dec. 25, 2008
Louis J. Wolner, Sr '30, Oct. 18, 2001

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

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

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

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

George is survived by his wife and five nephews.
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