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.

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.

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.

The Class of 1935 donated an oak bench to the Dewey Library. Co-counselor Zaven Mahdesian reports that several class members have been staying connected. They include Edith Estabrooks Wilson, Loraine 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.

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-counselor Harold Shapiro is at 5240 S. Shalom Circle, Apt. 3215, Aurora, CO 80015-2270.
Harriett Green Cogger enjoyed traveling to Sicily and the European Lowland countries this past year. Lu Alessandrin Fudger has a new address: Kingsway Manor, 357 Kings Road, Schenectady, NY 12304. Les Wiley has passed away.

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.

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

A note from class counselor 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-counselor 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 Scislosky 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
Custer R. Quick & Doris M. Quick

Valarie Ann Scott, M.S. '97, K-12 and dedication to the profession

Koblenz has sold her home in Albany and plans to move to Westchester, N.Y., near family. Clare Creeden McCracken writes that she loves traveling and has recently returned from Costa Rica, where her daughter has a home.

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 to help plan for the class’s 60th reunion, 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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Recognizes early outstanding achievements in a chosen profession or field and/or service to the community

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Gerard S. Citera, B.A.’77, counsel, Chadbourne & Parke International Law Firm

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Stephen North, D.A.’79, Distinguished Professor of English, University at Albany

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Valarie Ann Scott, M.S.’97, principal, Yates Arts in Education Magnet School, Schenectady, N.Y.

**MAKE YOUR NOMINATION FOR 2008:**
If you are interested in nominating someone for a 2008 Excellence Award, contact the Alumni Association at (518) 442-3080 or alumni@uamail.albany.edu. The deadline is Oct. 26, 2007. Visit www.albany.edu/alumni/Awards.htm for more details.
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 sustained 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 Atkins 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-lifetime 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 Evertses 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
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 Schmiere 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 alumni to keep reporting their class notes.

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 Swerringen 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.
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 Putterman 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 Oenonta, 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 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 Shim 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
Diplomatically Speaking – and Listening

Curiosity about foreign peoples and lands influenced Jeffrey Loree’s education and 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.
Alumni News and Notes

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.

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 public 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 Corpor-ation’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.

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 Ozum 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
in the Artists of the Mohawk Hudson Region Juried Exhibition. After the
in June.
State Columbiettes convention banquet
State Council Knights of Columbus, was
Dengler,
Italy, England and France, as well as the
have traveled extensively in Germany,
university after 29 years but continues to
Beijing. In March,
Trials in 2006. The National Organization
prospectives teachers.
John's Thanksgiving was spent with fam-
Don
Rhode Island, and Carole is now a children's vio-
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 min-
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 fam-
illy at Disneyland in California. David
Greenberg has retired from teaching

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UAlbany Connections link to get connected!
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 enjoys 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

UAlbany alumni can now access CareerSearch, an Internet tool that provides fast, up-to-date information on potential employers in a variety of industries and fields both nationally and internationally. CareerSearch also offers a helpful salary wizard.

CareerSearch provides quick Web access to almost 10 million key contacts, including company descriptions, addresses, names, titles and many e-mail addresses. It offers an intuitive Web-based interface that lets users specify a broad range of search criteria to find valuable potential opportunities. To speed and simplify the search and contact process, CareerSearch results are downloadable in a format that works with almost every leading word processor, database or contact management program.

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 for registration directions.

57  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 grandchildren. Bobbi Hungerford Leaky 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.

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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.

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.

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

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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 sports-wear 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 presidents 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 wrist-watch,” 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.”

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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 (SAAANS) 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 SAAANS 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.

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.

Marijo Dougherty has been appointed interim director of The Hyde Collection in Glens Falls while the museum searches for a permanent replacement to the position. Marijo 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.

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 Reinfort, 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.

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 was 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.”

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

Call to Action: Regional Volunteers

Would you like to bring a slice of UAlbany to your community? By becoming a regional volunteer through the Alumni Association, you can!

There are many great reasons to volunteer. You’ll strengthen your own connection with your alma mater — and strengthen the University, too — by representing UAlbany in the area where you live. You’ll be a central contact for the Alumni Association, as well as for parents, prospective students and new graduates of the University. You’ll assist in planning occasional informal district events and determining the best locations for UAlbany regional functions. In addition, you may have the opportunity to serve as an ambassador at University events.

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.

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

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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, Corrina Rips 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.

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 Associate of the New York State to lead a State Police congressional district.

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 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 Passack Valley Hospital in Westwood, N.J.

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.

Edward O’Connor
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 Mosco 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 Gootblatt 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).

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.

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.

Robin Goldfarb Wilensky is a solutions architect for Sun 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.

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.

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 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.

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.

Daren Pon, who received the Alumni Association’s 2007 Legacy Scholarship, looks through an old yearbook with Scholarship Committee Chair Christine Bouchard ’73, ’87.

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Sgt. Kyu H. Chay
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 alumni 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.

Children’s author Nancy Castaldo recently has been appointed to the Sierra Club’s National Education Committee. Class councilor Jennifer Ciavirella 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 jennifer ciavirella@hotmail.com.”

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.

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

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.

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.

Joseph Randall Grippe 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.

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

1995 – Aaron Russel and Patttiann McAdams, April 16, 2007
2000 – Susan R. Foley and Christopher A. Stevens, May 12, 2007
Michelle Doto and Marc Micheli, Oct. 7, 2006
Gina Talariico and Rocco Giruzzi, Oct. 14, 2006
Rebecca Kron and Eric Montijo, March 17, 2007
Lisa M. Burline and Grant N. Roser, Sept. 1, 2007

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

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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.

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.

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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.