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Evelyn McNickle Jenkins

would like to hear from her classmates! She visited with her family in Alexandria Bay, N.Y., during the Labor Day weekend and enjoyed conversations with her 92-year-old brother-in-law.

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Leora Dumlao

is active in her community of Casa de Manana. She is the manager of the Trading Port, a resale shop which supports the residents' organizations.

No councillor at present.

The 2003 recipient of the '36 and '41 scholarship fund is **Amanda Griffith** of Cazenovia, N.Y. She will receive \$700 and plans to be a math teacher.

Carolyn Fonda Viall, 131 Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12211-2033, (518) 434-6584.

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The wildfires in the canyons of the Santa Catalina mountains north of Tucson, Ariz. came within a few miles of **Helen Lowry Greenawalt's** home. She reports that she felt "very secure" and remained "safe and sound," although friends and relatives lost property to the fires. Fay and **Max Edelstein** have moved into a new cooperative development, at 335 Grenoble Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93110 (same phone number and e-mail address). This spring, at The Village, a Gainesville, Fla., retirement community, **Eleanora Johnson McMillen '46** moved into an apartment that turned out to be across the hall from **Jim Spence**, '39 co-councillor.

Dr. James R. Spence, 2515 NW 77th Blvd., #309, Gainesville, FL 32606, (352) 377-4410, spence7@juno.com.

Co-councillor: Ken Doran.

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*Attending our class's 55th Reunion dinner last June 7 at the Albany Marriott were 26 members of our class. Including spouses, guests and members of '47 and '49, the total was 42 people. We greeted each other warmly, viewed an exhibit from our days at SCT, and participated in a power point presentation that was coordinated by **Helen Kiesel Schick**. Then we sang so many tunes from the 40s that passers-by stopped to listen! As our class gift to the University, we proposed to establish an endowment fund for the University Libraries, naming this fund "UALbany's Greatest Generation Fund for the UAlbany Libraries." We have invited all of the classes of the 1940s to join us, and a core committee has been proposed to develop strategies to raise \$100,000 over the next five years. More than \$11,000 has been contributed so far. On Friday evening our own **Walter Schick** was given the Alumni award for "Excellence in Education." His wife and family accepted the award.*

Evelyn Boetcher Christophersen had a reunion with Doris Hoenninger Andersen '49 and husband, Dan, at the Bible Conference in Riverside, Calif.

Gari Patiscopoulos, 250 S. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton, FL 33432, (561) 367-1779, gdp529@msn.com.

Co-councillors: Mardell Coumbe, Eleanor Alland.

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Plans are under way for our 55th Reunion during Alumni Weekend 2004! Watch for details as the date draws closer.

*Following the sudden death of our co-councillor, **Mig Hoefner Baynes**, last January, we have been without a co-councillor. However, I am delighted to report that **Joe Zanchelli**, one of our many class presidents in our undergraduate years, has volunteered as "Co." He and Joyce have relocated from Long Island to Gansevoort, north of Albany. **Bonnie Totten Adkins** and husband, Lee, travel worldwide and entertain friends from around the world when they're at home. However, Bonnie will be helping with the reunion, too. Among the other '49ers who have offered help are **Bob Baker, Bob Kaiser, Dick Zeller** and **Dottie Parr Bruno**. However, Dottie won't be able to attend our first meeting because she'll be at her 20th law school reunion. Congratulations, Dottie!*

At the 50th class reunion, **Elfrieda "Freddy" Laemmerzahl Miller** and **Doris Hoenninger Andersen** found they had a mutual Albany friend, **Dr. Joan Travers Barrick** (Milne alumna), living in Stillwater, Okla., where Freddy now lives. They all got together there last May. **Jean Ineson Ebbert** and her husband, Leigh, survived Hurricane Isabel with little damage. The chimney of their beach house on the Outer Banks was blown away and some water came in and there was also some water in their house in Alexandria, Va. **Marjorie "Pinky" Smith Diana** is off traveling. Her itinerary includes her first cruise. We mourn the passing of **John Jennings** and his wife, Alma, on July 10. He had a distinguished career in Albany.

Annette Gardiner DeLyser, 137 Hudson Avenue, Chatham, NY 12037 (518) 392-4683, jadely@taconic.net.

Co-councillor: Joseph Zanchelli

51 Our deceased classmate **Harvey Milk**, one of the first openly gay men elected to public office in the U.S., is being honored by the New York City School system. The Harvey Milk High School, an alternative school for gay and transgender students, will open in the fall. Milk was a member of the San Francisco city council when he was shot and killed.

Robert Umholtz, 49 Ramsey Place, Albany, NY 12208, (518) 482-2013.

Co-councillor: Jacquelyn Mann Gavryck.

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Our 50th reunion will take place June 4-6, 2004. Let's break a record with attendance!

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Bernice Shoobe, 26 Milner Ave, Albany, NY 12203, bshoobe@pol.net.

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Alumni Weekend, June 2005, is our 50th reunion—mark it down.

Wilma Baker Thornton was in touch from Texas to say that she toured Ireland in September. **Joan Rogers Peterson** and Ray have moved to a new home in Cape Vincent, N.Y., on the St. Lawrence River. In July, **Ada Elian Gollub** participated in a Shakespeare seminar in England. Afterwards, the Gollubs spent some time in Ireland. In the past year, **John Orser** has had the opportunity to get re-acquainted with **Mary McCann Buchal** and husband **John** ('57), who live in Clinton Corners, N.Y. For many years, Mary taught business subjects, full- and parttime, in addition to caring for her family. Their two sons are in law enforcement. "**Iggy**" **Komanowski Hover** called in July from her summer

Attention Classes '74, '79, '84, '89, '94, and '99

Your class reunion celebrations will be held during Homecoming 2004. Look for more information in the spring *UALbany* magazine or call the Alumni Association at 518-442-3080.

home in Central New York (winters are spent in Florida). She reports that after graduation, she taught for several years and raised a daughter and a son. Later, she was an interviewer for the state Department of Labor for several years. Her last position was as a resource agent for the Department of Mental Health. Iggy also asked about her college friend Sharon "Shay" Bergfors. If anyone has information about Shay, please let me know.

Got a new email account in the past year or changed an address? Let me know, and I'll add it to the class directory.

John Orser, 12023 Churchill Place, Big Flats, NY 14814-9609, jorser@stny.rr.com

56 *When contributing to our alma mater, please designate your gift to the "Class of 1956 Scholarship Fund." In January 2003, two more scholarships were awarded to deserving seniors pursuing a teaching career; please keep this scholarship alive!*

Aileen Cochrane Dower retired four years ago as head librarian from a high school in Montgomery County, Maryland. She and her husband now spend five months in Maine near Bar Harbor, and the remaining months in Maryland, where she teaches conversation classes for Chinese seniors at the Chinese Cultural Center. Aileen is also a volunteer reader of *The Washington Post* for the blind, who listen to the news over their telephones. She also volunteers for Recording for the Blind, taping textbooks upon request from blind and learning-disabled students. **Tommie Pagan Hannum** does some teaching every year — an immersion program in Spanish at New Mexico Highlands University, as well as several multi-day workshops. She is co-author of a Spanish composition text that will soon be out

SUMMER VACATION'S FIRST STOP!

Greetings from
U ALBANY

Alumni
Weekend
June 4-6, 2004

- Myskania Reunion
- Gala Awards (at the Desmond)
- Spotlight on the School of Education
- Downtown Campus Events

A beautiful view of the University at Albany's downtown campus

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
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THERE'S MORE IN 2004!

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the University at Albany Alumni Association will be held Saturday, June 5, 2004 at the University at Albany, Albany, New York. At the annual meeting, new board seats are required to be filled by election. Any Association member in good standing may be nominated as a director. Candidates can be nominated either by the Board of Directors or by submitting to the Association a petition naming the nominee, signed by at least 100 members in good standing. Each nomination requires a separate petition. To be valid, such petitions must be received by the Alumni Association Office, Alumni House, Albany, NY 12222 by 4 p.m. on March 12, 2004.

with a fourth edition, and is a contributing writer on a new Spanish text-book with Prentice-Hall. **Ken Kime** continues to work, which keeps him close to home. **Bill LaBarr's** work with several young men from Arab countries has been very rewarding. One of them is a top student at the Yemen-America Language Institute in Sana'a, Yemen. Bill has been teaching him French, since his English is now excellent. He writes that the student and he both believe we have to reach out to Arab youth and teach them more about America so they do not become involved in other activities that are harmful to us. **John**

Macholl and his wife, Joan ('57), live in Sun City Center, Fla., where the golfing weather is wonderful. They spend summers at a cottage in Nova Scotia, and direct and teach bridge on cruises. Their daughter lives in Manhattan, so they refresh their New York roots yearly. **Whit Walter** is enjoying his retirement years with volunteer activities: church treasurer, preparing taxes for the elderly, and Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic (reading math texts). He and his wife enjoyed their first elderhostel at Tibroun, Calif. **Barbara Maaloe Kelly-Yerdon** is the 1956 Class Representative to the Council of Classes.

Jane Ide Hutchins, 1058 25th Avenue Drive NW, Hickory, NC 28601, (919) 544-0015, (828) 328-1494.

Co-councillor: Dr. Arnold Newman.

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Yellow Jacket Class of 1964: Our 40th Reunion is coming up in June 2004. Let's have a great turnout! And please forward any newsworthy notes for the magazine ASAP.

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Carole Potts Bruno, 18 Evergreen Drive, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 CaroleWithAnE@hotmail.com.



Don't Just Bark ... Growl

Be sure to join the Great Danes at the RACC for the premier event of the '03-'04 basketball season — the 7th Annual Big Purple Growl! The RACC starts to rock when the Great Danes take on America East opponent New Hampshire. Women play at 5:00 p.m. and men at 7:30 p.m.

Catch the Spirit

Alumni, family and friends are invited to a pre-game party at the RACC to start celebrating early. Meet Athletic Director Lee McElroy and hear what's in store for our Athletic Program. For more information, call (518) 437-4493 or visit our web site at

www.albany.edu/alumni/bpg04.html.

Pre-game Party Special Features:

- Admission to both the men's and women's basketball games
- Great party food ■ Live music ■ The Puppy Pound — loaded with free entertainment for kids ■ Mr. Twisty ■ Giveaways for all guests ■ Door prizes

65 Jill Lion's sculpture series was recently on display in the Thurgood Marshall Law Library of the University of Maryland Law School. Her pieces in soapstone and alabaster have centered on human relationships with this particular exhibit depicting the murder of a mother and child.

Judy Koblitz Madnick, 310 Shaker Run, Albany, NY 12205, (518) 456-2066, judy-madnick@alumni.albany.edu.

70 Lynne Manouvriercq has been named assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction for

East Meadow School District.

Victor Looper, 156 Newbrook Lane, Bay Shore, NY 11706, (631) 969-3628.

Co-councillor: John Michalke.

71 Catherine Bertini, United Nations under secretary-general for Management and former head of the U.N. World Food Program, has been awarded the 2003 World Food Prize. **Alan Zaremba** received Northeastern University's Excellence in Teaching Award last June. In January 2003 his book *Organizational Communication: Foundations for Business and Management* was published

Join the UAlbany Pep Band!



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For more information, call UAlbany Band Director Kevin Champagne at 518-442-4192. Or e-mail him at kachamp@capital.net.

University at Albany Big Purple Growl and Pre-game Party

February 7, 2004

by SouthWestern, a division of Thomson publishing. **Rich Rini** retired last June after 32 years of teaching high school math at Niskayuna High School.

Linda Waters Zusman, 43 Greenway North, Albany, NY 12208-1202, (518) 438-1202, lalocazus@aol.com.

72 Mary Ann Herron Estrich, Ellen Harmon, Joanne Cotsonas Landi, Linda Gabriel Morris, Denise Martin Stark and '73 alumnae **Anne Mangan Goewey** and **Peggy Capobianco Hendricks** had their own 30-plus reunion in Skaneateles in August. The women, who hail from Auburn, Virginia, Queens, the Capital District, and the Rochester areas, were able to get together for a weekend of wining and dining and lots of wonderful memories of their days on Dutch Quad. They have all remained good friends throughout the years.

Robert Giufreda, 54 Brunswick Ave., Troy, NY 12180, (518) 273-7537.

75 Capt. James A. Symonds is the commanding officer of the U.S.S. *Ronald Reagan* aircraft carrier. Associate Professor **Les Wright** has been appointed chairperson of the Department of Humanities at Mount Ida College, Newton Centre, Mass.

David Taffet, 5739 Blemont, Dallas, TX 75206, dptaffet@aol.com.

76 Jeffrey Bowen was named superintendent of the Pioneer School District in Yorkshire, N.Y.

Nathan Salant, 641 North Lake Circle, Birmingham, AL 35242, (205) 981-0109, gulfssout@ix.netcom.com.

Co-councillor: George DeLuca.

77 Robert Gluck is assistant professor of music and director of the University at Albany Electronic Music Studio. He is a pianist and a rabbi. Gluck also serves as associate director of the Electronic Music Foundation.

Maria Clapps-Michelssen, 111 Valentine Lane, Lobby A, Yonkers, NY 10705, (914) 376-2696, mcsmcm@aol.com.

79 REUNION ▶ Homecoming 2004 Joanne Gage, M.S.'79,

has been promoted to the newly created position of vice president of advertising and marketing at Winn-Dixie Stores, based in Jacksonville, Fla. Winn-Dixie is the 13th largest supermarket chain in the country. Gage previously spent 18 years at the Schenectady-based Golub Corp., operator of the Price Chopper supermarket chain.

Frederick Brewington, 275 Moore Avenue, Freeport, NY 11520, (516) 378-5972.

Co-councillor: Marc Arind.

80 Jeanne Marie Jay Perdue has opened a Houston office for Boston-based IHRDC, a training, publishing and consulting firm serving international energy industries. She will market online certification programs and write contracts for online oil and gas training modules. She was recently named one of 50 Key IT Players in Energy. **Carol Skolnick** is a writer, speaker and educator whose work has appeared in literary journals, anthologies and the mainstream press. **Bob McCall** has been president of We Mean Business! for seven years, helping employers select and develop top-performing people. See the website at www.WeMeanBusiness.Biz. He is married and has one son. Bob enjoys tennis, mountain biking and skiing.

Diane DiGiorgio, 11 Johns Lane, Castleton, NY 12033, (518) 479-7168, ddiorgio@pdp.albany.edu.



Stephen J. Ciccone

82 Stephen J. Ciccone, B.A.'82, M.P.A.'84, has been named director and vice president of public

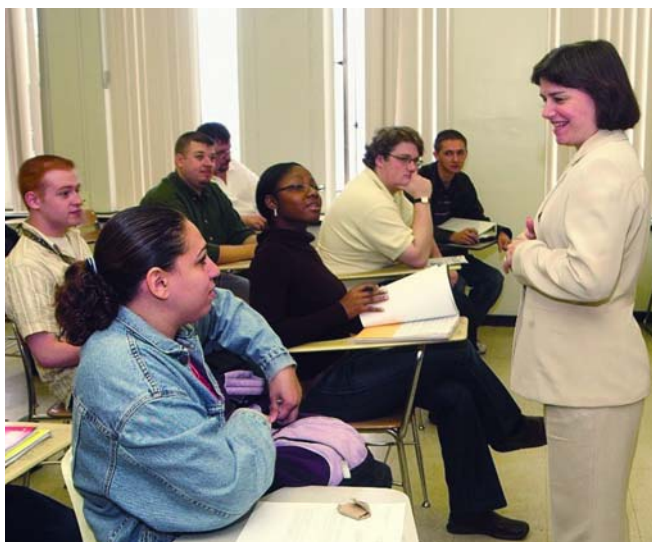


Photo: Mark Schmidt

Catherine Bertini, B.A.'71, visited the political science class of Prof. Joseph Zimmerman Oct. 9, urging students to “think about how you can improve the system on behalf of the people you work for.” Bertini, a political science major herself at UAlbany, is now under secretary general for management of the United Nations, and the senior American in the U.N. Secretariat. One week after she visited the UAlbany classroom, she received the World Food Prize for her leadership in saving millions from starvation and famine during her ten years as executive director of the U.N.’s World Food Program. The \$250,000 World Food Prize is referred to by world leaders as the “Nobel Prize for Food and Agriculture.”



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April 12 -20, 2004



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- january**
- 24 West Central Florida Chapter Luncheon, Sarasota, Florida
- february**
- 7 Big Purple Growl Basketball Game and Pregame Party, UAlbany
 - 12 Long Island Alumni Reception
 - 13-23 Hawaiian Island Cruise
 - 25 Southern California Alumni Reception
- march**
- 5 America East Conference Tournament Pregame Party, Boston
 - TBA Washington, D.C., Alumni Reception
- april**
- 12-20 Normandy, France Tour
- may**
- TBD Long Island Golf Tournament
 - 15-16 Commencement Weekend
- June**
- 4-6 Alumni Weekend
 - 7 Capital District Golf Tournament

For more information, call (518) 442-3080.

David Smith, B.A.'90, M.A.'94, C.A.S.'95: Making the Most of His Opportunities



David Smith

When David Smith wasn't studying, he was busy working his way through the University at Albany with work-study and other jobs. They included washing test tubes for the chemistry department, operating the mimeograph machine for the computer science department, sorting mail in the UAlbany mailroom ("I got to occasionally drive the carts around the tunnels."),

and even painting dorm rooms one summer. Smith, the founder of LinguaLinX, a full-service translation agency in New York City, looks back on those campus jobs as "practical opportunities" that helped him get where he is today.

"They were all available on campus which, for me, was motivational, since I didn't have to leave campus to work and I felt immersed in academia while at the same time supporting myself," he said. The jobs also brought him in contact with people "from all walks of life," giving him invaluable experience for his profession, he explained.

Smith, who has both a B.A. and an M.A. in Russian Language and Literature from UAlbany, as well as a Certificate of Advanced Study in Russian Translation, has extensive experience as a Russian interpreter and is a published translator. He owned and operated DMS Services in Albany from 1992 to 1997, providing translation and other documentation services. He worked for the University's Office of International Programs from 1993 to 1995, then lived in Moscow for one year as resident director of the SUNY-wide exchange program there.

He founded LinguaLinX in the spring of 2002. Today, it offers comprehensive multilingual services in over 100 languages, and its six full-time employees arrange for the free-lance services of thousands of professional linguists worldwide. He splits his work time between his Manhattan office and the Albany area, where LinguaLinX has a growing presence.

— Christine McKnight

affairs at the Eastman Kodak Co., with responsibilities for federal, state and international government relations. Ciccone oversees the operations of Kodak's government affairs office in Washington, D.C. Three of **Paul Turner's** poems have been accepted for publication: "Fallow Days," *Meridian*

Academy of Contemporary Poetry, Nomad's Choir, and Poetry Motet; "I sing because," Parnassus Literary Journal; and "Mount Judah Cemetery," The Bastard Quarterly.

Lynn Truss, 1017 Maplegrove Avenue, Royal Oak, MI 48067-1219, (810) 986-2151.

83 Matthew Grode is a partner with the Los Angeles law firm of Wolf, Rifkin & Shapiro. He is also founder of the firm's Las Vegas office, Schulman & Grode.

Michael Corso, 28 Homestead Avenue, Albany, NY 12203, (518) 446-9850, michael_corso@dps.state.ny.us.

84 REUNION ▶ Homecoming 2004 John Kelly was named the national school psychologist of the year 2003 by the National Association of School Psychologists. **Julian Gottesman** is a principal of Openwave Computing of New York City. He is married with two children.

88 Doreen Kleinman has completed her Ph.D. in educational administration and policy studies from the University and is the director of Alumni Affairs at Georgian Court College. Doreen and **Pamela Brodlieb-Murphy** were elected class councillors for the Class of '88. Doreen has moved to New Jersey. **Yvette Rooks** has been inducted into White Plains High School's Hall of Fame. Rooks is assistant professor of family medicine/ sports medicine and director of the Family Medicine Clerkship at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. **Andrea Aronofsky Paley** recently received her license as a professional counselor in New Jersey. She works with developmentally disabled adults and lives in Highland Park with her husband, Michael. They have three children: Yonah, 10; Yael, 7; and Ahuva, 3.

Doreen Kleinman, 82-M Fairway Ct., Lakewood, NJ 08701, dkleinman@alumni.albany.edu. Co-councillor: Pamela Brodlieb-Murphy.

90 Lisbeth Grossman lives in Tucson, Ariz., with her husband and son. She is a human resources administrator at Precision Toyota in Tucson.

Jacqueline Arroll, 257 W. 91st Street #2E, New York, NY 10024, (212) 579-9236, arrollj@aol.com.

Co-councillor: David Marks

91 Robert Varoujian moved back to London in September 1991, attended the University College in London and graduated with a law degree in 1995. **Anthony Panico** has joined Withum Smith & Brown as a tax manager in Livingston, N.J. **Harry Sasnowitz** of Raleigh, N.C., is married with two children. He is branch manager with Mobile Mini, Inc., a national provider of portable storage, office and custom structures. He is also pursuing a bachelor of the theology degree at Raleigh Institute of Biblical Studies. **Edward Cisek** is an assistant program manager in the research department of a non-profit health services agency.

Jeff Luks, 51 History Hills Ct., Latham, NY 12110, (518) 220-9179, jsluks@bigfoot.com.

92 Rita Chowdhury married Robert A. Jordan on June 28, 2003. **Anne Shonbrun** is the assistant registrar at SUNY Downstate Medical Center. **Dylan Mitchell** is an associate at Blank Rome, LLP in New York City.

Shannon Ritter, 35 Pratt Lane, Jacksonville, NY 12094-1710, sritter@vermontcountrystore.com. Co-councillor: Rita Chowdhury.

93 Rob Bunnell has been admitted to the Executive MBA Class of 2005 at the Kenan-Flagler Business School at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. **Shari Kleinman** was living in San Diego and is now back in New York. She started her own promotional products distributorship in Westchester.

Diane Hodurski-Foley, 25 John David Lane, Albany, NY 12208, dhodurski@nycapp.rr.com.

Co-couoncillors: Joseph Midiri, Judy Guhring, Stacy Wendroff

94 REUNION ▶ Homecoming 2004 Kelly Ann Toy has joined the Buffalo office of the Hodgson Russ Real Estate and Finance Practice



Kelly Ann Toy

Group. Toy worked previously as an associate with a New York City law firm.

Andrew Nappi, 208 Harris Road, Apt. 6B-9, Bedford Hills, NY 10507

96 The Guilderland Board of Education appointed **Neil Sanders** as its new assistant business administrator. **Jane Schweinsburg**, M.L.S.'96, has been named to *Who's Who in America 2004* for contributions to the literature of library and information science. Her interest is in censorship and professional ethics. She has served in academic and special libraries and is currently assistant director of the Coventry, R.I., Public Library.

Jill Rigney-Delaney, 10 Stockton Court, Clifton Park, NY 12065, (518) 383-1270, (617) 338-0371.

97 **Brendan Connolly**, a member of the varsity soccer team in '93 and '94, is engaged to **Randi Hershman**. Brendan is an officer in the New York City Police Department, while his fiancée is a special education teacher in the Monroe Woodbury School District, Central Valley, N.Y. They plan a June 2004 wedding.

98 **Scott Goldstein** is working in Philadelphia at Einstein Hospital as an emergency medical physician.

Michael Castrilli, 1714 Swan Street NW #3, Washington, DC 20009, mcastrilli@aol.com.

99 **REUNION ▶ Homecoming 2004** **Lisa Gottlieb Berkowitz** is teaching earth science at Ardsley Middle School. **Michael Logerfo** is engaged to Tricia Mannino. **Susan Schrank** was a cubicle jockey in the music industry for several years, then became a real estate broker. **Jennifer Ward** started at Neuberger Berman after graduation as an assistant in the

Marketing Department and was promoted to marketing associate. She also works as a semi-professional musician and is earning her M.B.A. **Theresa La Padula** works at a public relations firm specializing in economic development and tourism and lives in New York City. **Marianne Della Croce** is the curator/assistant director at the American Merchant Marine Museum in Kings Point, N.Y.

Peter Malton, 31 River Ct., Apt. 2807, Jersey City, NJ 07310.

Co-councillor: Josef Markowski.

01 **Mitchell Alvarez** is working for the City of New York in its health and hospital corporation division.

02 **Brandon Boyle**, M.P.A.'02, M.B.A.'03, is a loan officer for the Capital District Community Loan Fund.

Brian Levine, 92 Willett Street, Apt. BF, Albany, NY 12210, bl8301@albany.edu

03 **Jennifer DeLeo** is attending graduate school at New York University, where she is the recipient of the Dean's Fellowship awarded by NYU's School of Continuing Professional Studies. **Nadja Limani** is in her first year at Cardozo Law School. **Jaime Degina**, now working in education in Rye, N.Y., plans to return to school to earn her master's degree in special education this spring.

Deaths

Dorothy Burt '28, Jan. 24, 2003

Marguerite Fairfield '31, Jan. 27, 2003

Iva Marshall Morse '31, July 26, 2003

Margaret Starr Quinlivan '32, July 22, 2003

Hestella Arthur Yaple '34, Oct. 3, 2003

Clara Stebner Otis '35, July 15, 2003

Helen Peterson Johnson '36, Oct. 9, 2003

Eleanor Lerner Moses '36, July 26, 2003

K. Leroy Irvis, B.A.'38, Is Honored



K. Leroy Irvis

"You have not elected a black man to be speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, but more importantly, you have elected a man who happens to be black."

— K. Leroy Irvis

As a precocious but poor UAlbany student during the Depression, Leroy Irvis never bought a book. Instead, he borrowed texts from professors and the library and became one of the University's first male African-American graduates.

He went on to a distinguished career in government, becoming the first African-American House speaker in the nation since Reconstruction. He was also considered the "father" of Pennsylvania's community college system.

Irvis, B.A.'38, recalls UAlbany as "a wonderful place with a great library and thousands of books; teachers I could admire and learn from."

The new graduate first taught school in Baltimore, trained defense workers during World War II and then got a job doing public relations for the Urban League in Pittsburgh. However, when he organized picketing of department stores to demand jobs for black persons, he was fired — apparently for offending the league's white backers.

He held a series of odd jobs, but then worked his way through law school and became an assistant district attorney. After being elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 1958, Irvis established himself in Harrisburg so well that when the previous speaker was removed following a conviction in 1977, both parties embraced him. He joined Benjamin Franklin as the only two persons elected speaker of that body by acclamation.

Despite having endured discrimination in his life, Irvis viewed the milestone in a context beyond race. "You have not elected a black man to be speaker of the House of Representatives," he told colleagues, "but more importantly, you have elected a man who happens to be black."

In 30 years as a legislator, including eight as speaker, Irvis sponsored many advances in education, health and human services. His numerous awards were capped last spring when the state designated the Speaker K. Leroy Irvis Office Building.

Irvis's sister, Marian I. Hughes, B.A.'46, of Loudonville, N.Y., is an author, having written a history of the Albany schools and a book, *Refusing Ignorance*, the story of an illiterate African American soldier from the Revolutionary War who started a school for black children in Albany.

— Richard Chady

New York City Alumni Chapter Enjoys Rebirth

The New York City chapter of the UAlbany Alumni Association is enjoying a revitalization under the leadership of four enthusiastic alumni who all graduated in the mid-1990s. Their mission: to build an alumni network in the New York City area and to engage graduates in the life of the University.

Friends **Aaron Russell** and **Brian Jaenicke**, both B.A. '95; **Chris Thompson**, B.S. '95; and **Brian J. Woods**, B.A. '94, agreed via e-mail in the summer of 2002 to initiate the "AlbanyNYC" chapter by first building a comprehensive website. Russell took charge of the task, and quickly had the website up and running.

The website has been a key to their success. "More than 585 alumni have signed up on our website, and each event we host attracts between 60 and 100 people," said Woods, who works in development at Columbia Law School. In all, the University has about 35,000 alumni in the New York City area.

Thompson believes AlbanyNYC has to be creative. "It's important for us to keep good data so we understand who comes to our events, and to offer a wide range of events and services to reach the maximum number of graduates. We don't want to be a small group of friends. We want all NYC-area alumni to do something with us throughout the course of the year."

One of the first alumni to join the group was **Michelle Inferri** '97, who soon became their social coordinator and planned their first-ever happy hour. Jaenicke, a lawyer, coordinates the chapter's athletic events.

Woods sees the chapter as vital to the University. "In addition to the obvious — planning events and educating alumni — we provide a network of alumni to advocate for and support UAlbany in many ways," he said. "Our members recruit students, help graduates obtain jobs, and even raise money for UAlbany." The chapter held its first Alumni Phone-a-thon this January and raised over \$1,000.

A harbor cruise, organized by **Chris Thompson** '95, attracted more than 100 alumni and friends last spring.

"Our alumni population is as successful and interesting as any, but in general we don't know each other," said Woods. "We want to change this and make it beneficial to be a UAlbany graduate for your entire career."

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John Horrocks '37, Feb. 7, 2002

Vera Terpening Moore '37, Mar. 05, 2002

Adeline Mercer Smith '37, Nov. 06, 2002

William Bradt '38, Aug. 7, 2003

Betty Appeldoorn Huba '38, Oct. 18, 2003

Mary Allen Frazier '39, July 24, 2003

Marion Browne Dederer '40, Nov. 5, 2002

Mary Trainor Duncan '40, June 28, 2003

Lois Odell '40, Dec. 13, 2002

Betty Pritchard Willard '41, May 27, 2003

Evelyn Smith Mason '42, Oct. 5, 2003



Corrections

In the fall 2003 issue of *UAlbany*, under "Deaths," we incorrectly listed **Marie Hoffman**, a member of the Class of '53, as deceased. She is alive and well, and, as we went to press, was seeking re-election to a four-year term on the Poestenkill Town Board. Here's a recent photo of her.

In the same item, we misspelled the last name of **Arlene Stokes Willemssen**, Class of '57, and the first name of **Amy Rosenberg**, Class of '88.

Clare Greene McDonald '42, Nov. 1, 2002

Dorothy Huyck '43, Mar. 14, 2003

Jane Waldbillig Fowler '45, July 24, 2003

John Jennings '49, July 10, 2003

Richard Watson '51, Aug. 23, 2003

Kenneth Wade '52, July 19, 2003

Thomas Mitchell '53, Aug. 29, 2003

Emily Fletcher Fritts '54, Aug. 11, 2003

Lucie Ellis '55, Aug. 2, 2003

Doris Olechna '56, July 2, 2003

Douglas McDougall '57, June 27, 2003

Jay Pickard '59, Sept. 3, 2003

Elizabeth Aviza '60, Oct. 6, 2003

Thomas Ryan '60, July 18, 2003

Harvey Kaufman '61, March 1, 2003

Doris Linville '67, April 13, 2003

Patricia Murphy '67, Aug. 1, 2003

Harry Paige '67, Sept. 10, 2003

Eleanor Diener Metz '68, Aug. 13, 2003

Dorothy Rodgers Bross '69, Aug. 19, 2003

Randy Greenbaum Brenner '70, March 6, 2002

Thomas Kyler '70, Sept. 21, 2003

Aaron Buchman '72, Sept. 17, 2003

Douglas Durkee '72, April 25, 2003

Douglas Dusel '72, Nov. 25, 2002

Dana Hulbert '72, July 8, 2003

Thomas Listzwan '73, June 20, 2003

Ralph Cataldo '74, Sept. 21, 2003

Roland Levie '74, Sept. 5, 2003

James Mayer '74, Aug. 17, 2003

John Nagi '74, Aug. 19, 2003

John Gilchrist '75, Aug. 17, 2003

John Dwyer '76, June 10, 2003

Harry Ketcham '76, Oct. 12, 2003

Rhoda Fernhout Dygert '77, July 19, 2003

Sister Scholastic Galbraith, CSJ '77,

July 19, 2003

Charlotte Ferguson '78, Aug. 9, 2003

Robert Martin '79, July 20, 2003

George Garrelts '80, July 14, 2003

Audrey Mahler Cullen '81, Sept. 21, 2003

Clarissa Carabateas '83, April 27, 2003

Ronald Decarr '85, Oct. 7, 2003

Thomas Tempia '86, Oct. 15, 2002

Robyn Heeder '87, Aug. 29, 2003

Timothy Cummings '90, Mar. 6, 2002

Keith Gransbury '91, Sept. 24, 2003

Maria Fenty '93, Feb. 12, 2002

Robert McDonald '97, Oct. 29, 2002

Anike Roche '97, Oct. 2, 2003

Dennis Dooley '98, Oct. 18, 2003

Otto Mayr '00, Nov. 12, 2002

Paramjeet Singh '00, Oct. 12, 2002

Kimberly Esterman '02, Sept. 7, 2003

Faculty/Staff

Linda Bianchini, 1998-2000, Human Resources, 2000-2003, School of Business, Oct. 7, 2003

John Gerber, 1976-1984, Department of English, June 25, 2003

Leonard Gordon, 1966-1987, Department of Educational Psychology and Statistics, Aug. 11, 2003

Albert Sweet, 1985-2003, Custodial Services, Facilities Management, Sept. 8, 2003

Donald Vanclave, 1951-1962, Department of Educational Administration and Policy, July 3, 2003

Thomas Winn, 1957-1974, Career Development Center, Sept. 29, 2003