

Listening 101



Lee Serravillo

When President Kermit Hall joined UAlbany in February, he hit the ground listening. He knew that, even before he could bring new ideas to our campus, it would be important to thoroughly understand the UAlbany community — its alumni, students, faculty, staff and, perhaps greatest of all, its culture.

President Hall has reminded us at the Alumni Association that, although we try to stay current with alumni trends for events and programs, there is no greater teacher than our 130,000-plus graduates themselves. The listservs help us do our job, and so does the occasional conference, but without exception, we serve you all best when we listen to what you have to say.

We continue to hear you and will work hard to serve you. We know it is important to our alumni to have a tent in front of Draper Hall during Alumni Weekend to give you more time to celebrate the downtown campus. Your athletics constituent group, the Varsity Club, is now available for you to join fellow Great Dane supporters at events prior to games. We have listened to young alumni and now provide test prep courses so that you will be better prepared for graduate school. We have heard you, and we want you to know you can call on us to continue working to perpetuate a sense of pride in and commitment to the outstanding qualities of the University.

We are here for you: to listen and to serve you, to promote a positive image of the University and its alumni. Give us a call at (518) 442-3080.

Lee Serravillo, Executive Director

33 Virginia Chalison, who is 93, has lived in Arcadia, Calif., for the past 55 years. She walks one mile daily with her quad cane and loves to read, play Scrabble and attend church. Virginia looks forward to receiving *UAlbany* magazine in the mail.

35 ALUMNI WEEKEND

June 3-5, 2005

We made it to the year of this very special reunion! We are now officially nonagenarians, and will celebrate our 70th reunion this June. Any takers?

Edna Wright Smith recently attended

the annual convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is phasing out her duties at the New York State Library where, for ten years, she has chaired the committee to gather and preserve genealogical records of

40-plus chapters of the DAR. **Susan Seabury Smith** experienced several hurricanes in Florida last year. **Bill Allard** and **Connie** take long walks in the Virginia countryside, play bridge and stay in touch with their children and grandchildren. We note with sorrow the passing of our classmate, **Guy Infanto**. Guy had devoted a lifetime to teaching and administration.

Zaven M. Mahdesian, 21 West Neck Court, Huntington, NY 11743, (631) 427-6299

Co-councillor: Edna Wright Smith

36 Please send us your news!

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

Co-councillor: Harold Shapiro, Apt. 3223, 5240 S. Shalom Park Circle, Aurora, CO 80015

38 Edith Cutting

is still writing and publishing.

39 Living almost precisely where Florida's hurricanes came ashore last year, **Cay** and **Neil Fogarty** endured a hectic three weeks that included evacuations. Fortunately, the hurricane shutters on their apartment windows saved them from the brunt of the storm damage. **Betty (Hulka) Clark** enjoyed lovely weather and gorgeous foliage at Lake George for five months last year.

If you did not receive a copy of January's class letter, phone or write Jim Spence so we can keep '39 mailing addresses accurate.

Dr. James R. Spence, 5333 SW 75th St., #T-117, Gainesville, FL 32608, (352) 377-4410, spence7@juno.com

CLASS OF '40 REUNION PROJECT: Instruction Laboratory in the University Libraries, supporting the Libraries' information literacy program and giving students a hands-on experience using the Libraries' information systems

40 ALUMNI WEEKEND

June 3-5, 2005

Janet Thomas Rubin passed away recently in Oakland, Calif.

41 Hy and **Rose Meltz** are in Sarasota, Fla., in an independent living facility. They enjoy their apartment, going to dinner and being active. Hy's new e-mail is hi8067@aol.com. **Vince** and **Peg Gillen** are planning a bus tour to Branson, Mo., this spring. **Norm Baldwin's** new address is 235 Cristo Del Rey Drive, Cupertino, CA 95014. He has moved to a retirement home.

Vincent Gillen, 140 Sunset Road, Blauvelt, NY 10913-1311, vpgillen@yahoo.com

Robert Patton, 40 Autumn Dr., Apt. 258, Slingerlands, NY 12159, (518) 435-0788, bobpn2@aol.com

44 *At our business meeting during last year's 60th reunion weekend, we voted unanimously to direct Annual Fund donations to the New York State College for Teachers Downtown Campus Fund. When you receive your Annual Fund phone call this spring, your individual donation will go toward that project unless you designate something else.*

Helen Brucker Martin, 16 Market St., Rotterdam Junction, NY 12150, (518) 887-5359

Eunice Baird Whittlesey, 118 Acorn Dr., Scotia, NY 12302-4702, (518) 399-0863

CLASS OF '45 REUNION PROJECT: Greatest Generation Fund for the University Libraries, providing funds for the Libraries' arts and sciences collections

45 ALUMNI WEEKEND

June 3-5, 2005

We hope that you are making plans to

What's New?

Please e-mail information regarding your personal and professional life to: alumniassociation@uamail.albany.edu.

Or send it by regular mail to: *Class News and Notes Editor*, Alumni House, UAlbany Alumni Association, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12222, or to your class councillor.

For your class councillor, call the Alumni Association, (518) 442-3081.

join us for our 60th reunion June 3-5. Please make a special effort to come to the Saturday afternoon buffet, where our class meeting will take place and the class picture will be taken. If you started out with the Class of 1945 but had to leave because of the war or for any other reason, we hope you will join us. We still consider you one of us! If you are not getting our mailings, call Helen, Martha, or the Alumni House.

See you in June!!

Helen Rhode Brown, 17947 NYS Route 177, Adams Center, NY 13606, hcb@logisco.net

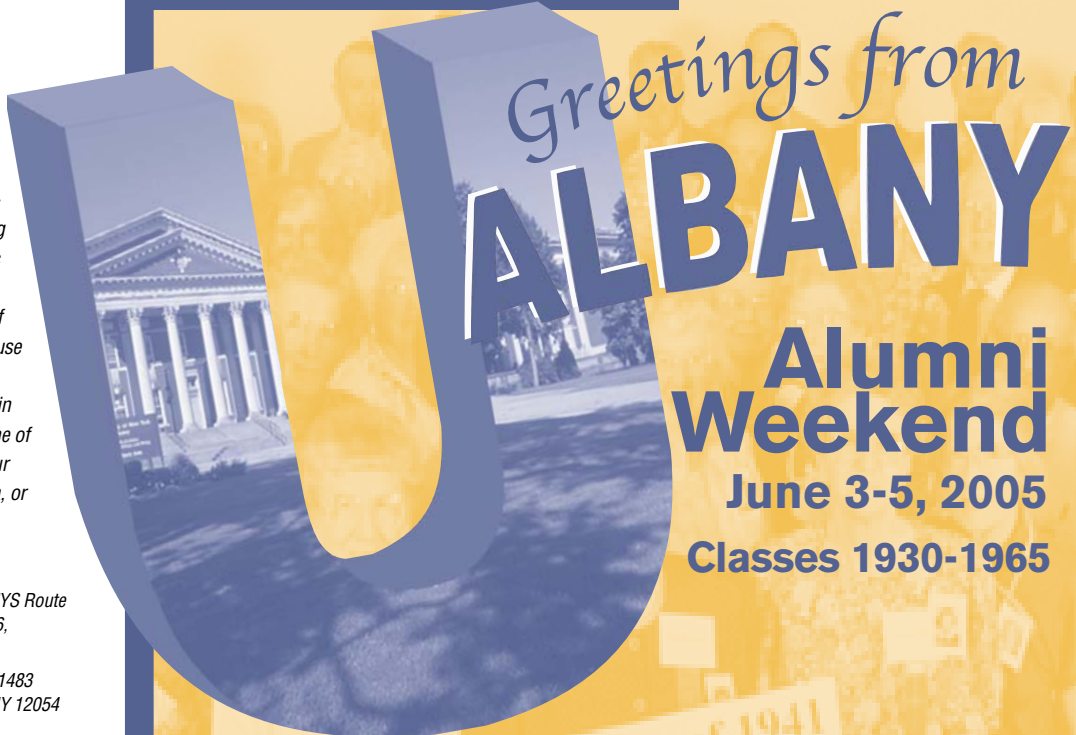
Martha Gardiner Slingerland, 1483 Delaware Turnpike, Delmar, NY 12054

47 Calvin Zippin, a recipient of the 1969 Distinguished Alumnus Award and a member of Kappa Beta fraternity, has received the National Cancer Institute's Lifetime Achievement and Leadership Award. Zippin is professor emeritus of epidemiology and biostatistics at the University of California School of Medicine in San Francisco.

48 Arthur Collins took part in the 27th annual hike up Monument Mountain at Tanglewood, Mass., commemorating the first meeting of Nathaniel Hawthorne and Herman Melville there Aug. 5, 1850.

49 Donald Langsley passed away Jan. 13, 2005. He was affiliated with the American Board of Medical Specialties, the Illinois Psychiatric Society and the Medical Licensing Board for the State of Illinois. **Bob Foster's** major in foreign languages at the College for Teachers is coming in handy in his second career: nursing. He has been a vol-

SUMMER VACATION'S FIRST STOP!



Friday, June 3

- Tours of Albany Nanotech, the Science Library and Life Sciences Research Building
- **Presentations:**
Aging in the 21st Century: Encouraging the Evolution of Aging-Prepared Communities
- All-Alumni Welcoming Reception and Wine Tasting
- Gala Awards Dinner honoring:
Jack M. Richman, Ph.D. '72 '74
Robert W. Schwartz
Norman E. Snyder, Jr. '83
L. Oliver Robinson, Ph.D. '94 '96
Alan P. Fiero, Ph.D. '74 '77 '93
Abraham Sherer, Ph.D. '47
Libby Post '82, '84
Alice P. Green, Ph.D. '67 '73 '79 '83
Daniel W. Fitzpatrick '71 '77
James F. O'Sullivan '87
John H. Laub, Ph.D. '76 '80
Paul S. Grondahl '84
Philip Wallace Shepher '60 '61
Rebecca L. Rogers, Ph.D. '95 '96 '98 '00

Saturday, June 4

- All-Alumni Breakfast, Half Century Club Celebration and Alumni Association Annual meeting
- Sorority Coffee Hours
- UAlbany Uptown and Downtown Campus Narrated Bus Tour
- All-Alumni Picnic
- Class Dinners

Presentations:

- What You Need to Know About Estate Planning
- Photo by Brady: A picture of the Civil War
- Social Security Reform: The Policy and the Politics
- Feature Film Screening and Page Hall Film and Culture Program
- MYSKANIA presents: Silent Generation, Student Activism
- UAlbany's Greatest Generation

Sunday, June 5

- All-Alumni Farewell Breakfast
- All-Alumni Memorial Service
- Class of 1950 Brunch
- Walking Tour Through the Downtown Campus



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Alumni Achievers



Nancy Smyth, B.A.'81, M.S.W.'86, Ph.D.'91, has been named dean of the School of Social Welfare at the University at Buffalo. Smyth, previously an associate professor, joined the UB Social Work faculty in 1991.

Nancy Smyth

and managing editor of *The Sun* in Baltimore. He was previously associate managing editor for projects and investigations at the *Chicago Tribune*. During his six years in that role, Blau edited seven Pulitzer Prize finalists, including



Robert Blau

Robert Blau, B.A.'81, has been named vice president and managing editor of *The Sun* in Baltimore. He was previously associate managing editor for projects and investigations at the *Chicago Tribune*. During his six years in that role, Blau edited seven Pulitzer Prize finalists, including *The Tribune's* landmark investigation of the death penalty and the Pulitzer Prize-winning series, "Gateway to Gridlock," about air travel in America.



Dierdre Sanders

one of Massachusetts' "Superlawyers" in a recent issue of *Boston Magazine*. She is a partner in the intellectual property law firm of Hamilton, Brook, Smith and Reynolds in Concord, Mass.

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Lauren Nashelsky, B.S.'88, has been named one of three firm-wide managing partners at Morrison & Foerster, one of the world's largest law firms with 1,000 lawyers in 19 offices. Nashelsky, who works in the New York office, previously chaired the firm's bankruptcy and restructuring practice.



Lauren Nashelsky

David Catalfamo, B.A.'88, is Gov. George Pataki's director of communications. Catalfamo served previously as senior vice president and senior deputy commissioner at the Empire State Development Corp. He has also been a key member of Pataki's economic development team.



David Catalfamo

L. Oliver Robinson, M.S.'94, Ed.D.'96, has been named superintendent of the Shenendehowa Central School District near Albany, one of the largest suburban districts in New York State, with 9,500 students and a \$113.6 million budget. He is one of the youngest administrators to head a public school system in upstate New York.



L. Oliver Robinson

Educational Opportunity Program Alumni and Friends of EOP Alumni: EOP Reunion Weekend May 6-8, 2005!

To reserve your place, contact Tyshena Hunter at (518) 442-5198 or e-mail her at thunter@uamail.albany.edu.

unteer for 18 years at a Sarasota, Fla., senior clinic, where he is an interpreter for the growing Hispanic population. **George Frank** reports that, after teaching for 32 years, being retired is a full-time job. He and Lois will have been married 57 years in August and have four children, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Since 1987, **Jean Ineson Ebbert** has been a volunteer for the Women in Military Service for America (WIMSA) Memorial Foundation in Washington, D.C. Lately, she has been interviewing women veterans for WIMSA's Oral History Project. In December, she interviewed a 107-year-old woman who served in the Navy in World War I. Jean is writing her fifth book, tentatively titled *Steady As She Goes: What's a Nice Girl Like Me Doing In a Navy Like This?* **Bob Kloepfel** recently celebrated 53 years of marriage and has two grandchildren. He volunteers at a local hospital. **Lucy Lytle Merrill** is a volunteer in the Salem, N.Y., public library. **Mary Odak Fowler** reports one of her four grandchildren has a master's degree from Niagara University, one is a history teacher at Spencerport High School and the two youngest are learning to read. **Anna Olin Bucher** is enjoying retirement in Richmond, Va., and participates in the elementary school Grand-

parent Reading Program. **Patricia Rourke Olden** has taught in Warrensburg, N.Y., Central School for 38 years, has been married 53 years and has three grandchildren. **Mary Jane Peris Fredericks**, widowed in 1982, has four daughters and seven grandchildren ranging in age from two to 30. Mary Jane is a trustee of the Gloversville Library and of her church, and a member of Literacy Volunteers. **Jerry and Estelle Reisner** celebrated 55 years of marriage last August and have a daughter who is an Appellate Court judge in New Jersey. They both still substitute teach in their middle and high schools. **Dolores Stocker Eklund** and her husband, Durant, are selling their Long Island home of 49 years and moving to an independent living facility about 20 miles away. **Anne Sulick Raser** celebrated 54 years of marriage with a family reunion in Lake Tahoe, Calif. She has three sons and six grandchildren, and she keeps busy as a Great Books discussion leader and participant in the Women's Health Research Initiative. After recovering from triple bypass surgery, **Arline Zeilengold Dinkoff** toured Australia, New Zealand and the Fiji Islands. She serves as a trustee and district clerk for Nassau County BOCES and as secretary for the Rockville Center Retired Teachers Association. **Leslie Hervey**

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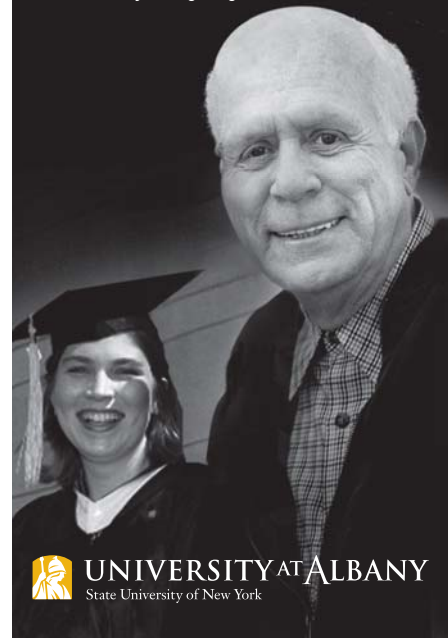
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O'Heir reports that the Greatest Generation Fund for the University Libraries is approaching its goal of \$100,000.

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50 ALUMNI WEEKEND

June 3-5, 2005

We are looking forward to our 55th reunion and hope you have saved June 3-5 so that you can attend.

The Class of '64 at Port Jefferson, N.Y., High School has dedicated a school roadway as Prochilo Way in memory of **Anthony Prochilo**, who passed away in January 2002. He was principal of the high school for many years. **Anne Natoli Thomas** spent December with her daughter and family in Dallas.

Edith Minch Noeltner, 220 Noeltner Rd., Amsterdam, NY 12010, (518) 922-6393

Anne Natoli Thomas, 87 Eileen St., Albany, NY 12202, (518) 458-2704

51 Theodore Bayer



Theodore Bayer

a member of the School of Education faculty at UAlbany from 1956 to 1993, recently received the "Golden Apple" Excellence in Teaching Award from the school for his dedication to students. **Paul and Midge Kirsch** spent three weeks last summer driving cross-country, viewing landmarks and historic sites, visiting friends, and touring art museums in six cities.

Jacquelyn Mann Gavryck, 103 Middlefort Rd., Middleburgh, NY 12122

53 Virginia O'Connell Franks

passed away Jan. 14; we will

miss her subtle wit, mahjong expertise and loyal friendship. **Elfrieda Thiebe Textores** passed away last fall. She was instrumental in assisting with the organization of several reunions.

Muriel Peterson, 229 Old Pangburn Rd., Duaneburg, NY 12056, (518) 357-9144, granpete32@aol.com

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A wonderful thing happened at our 50th reunion! **Theo Rieck Feeney** and **Jim Bennett** began dating and are now engaged! **Beverly (Buz) Weiner Neumetzger** keeps busy with Brandeis study groups, water aerobics and concerts. She would love to hear from anyone in the south Florida area. Her number is (561) 451-3635. Classmates affected by Florida's hurricanes include **Beverly, John and Dolores Granito, Phil Weaver, Sylvia Semmler Thomas, and Pat Byrne Manning**. Pat visited Rome in October, reviews children's books for the *School Library Journal* and is on the Selection Committee for titles to be included in the H.W. Wilson Children's Catalog. **Frances Bethea Grant** has received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the College of Saint Rose. She is listed in the 2004-2005 *Who's Who of American Women*. **Richard Hannis**, upstate New York SCORE district director, attended the 40th SCORE Anniversary in the White House in April 2004. In July he was once again a White House guest when President Bush recognized the officers of SCORE. **Joan Hartman** continues volunteering with the Prejudice Reduction Program. **Sally Gerig MacLachlan** volunteers as a certified state ombudsman and also teaches at a domestic violence shelter. **Ken Schoonmaker** has successfully gone through treatment for prostate cancer. As part of their 50th wedding anniversary, **Marlena**

Martoni Dolan and husband traveled to Gavelli, a hamlet in Italy's Umbria area, and to Rome and Sicily. Frank Mayer's Band, Swing Docs Big Band, co-sponsored a tsunami relief benefit with the proceeds, \$27,330, donated to the American Red Cross. Frank is on the Executive Committee of the New York State Retired Teachers Association, vice president of the Eastern Zone of the Retired Teachers Association, and chairman of the Finance Committee of the Rensselaer County Teachers Association. **Ed Osterhout** and his wife, Carol, travel and volunteer with VIM teams; they recently participated in seven missions, including Brazil, North Carolina, Maine, and a few local areas. **Diane Wheeler Ozkum** is retired after being a teacher, artist, financial adviser, writer and real estate broker. Classmates celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries are **Marie Sejersen, Louise Eggleton, Alyce Wainwright Littlefield, Frank Mayer, and Norma deRoos Stotz**. **Sven Sloth** and his wife, Ingrid, traveled to Italy to sing with their Jacksonville, Fla., church choir at St. Mark's in Venice and St. Peter's in the Vatican during High Mass. Afterward, they spent a week in Tuscany. **Joe and Madeline Payne Stella's** travel plans include Hawaii, Russia and a visit to the West Coast with **Fran Hopkins Freeman** and Jack. **Mary Ann Reiling Webb** participated last fall in an Elderhostel program in Sorrento, Italy, pursuing her interest in archaeology with visits to Pompeii, Herculaneum and other ancient sites. **Isabel Martin Tagliabue** traveled to Hawaii and also visited family in Massachusetts. **Sally Gerig MacLachlan** visited Egypt. **Joan Hartman** did a garden tour of the Lake District of England. **Joan Mackey Stronach** traveled to Australia and New Zealand. **Norma deRoos Stotz** and husband traveled to Florida and Branson, Mo. **Bonnie Dodge Brousseau** and her

Jack Henion, Ph.D. '72: Chemistry, Business Pioneer



John D. Henion

John D. (Jack) Henion may have been a “late bloomer,” but his career has been coming up roses.

Since earning a Ph.D. in analytical/organic chemistry from UAlbany in 1972, he has been out on the cutting edge of research for new drugs. He now uses nanotechnology to seek biological markers for diseases, such as ovarian cancer, as well as for other forward-looking studies.

With an M.S. from Rochester Institute of Technology, Henion began his doctoral studies at UAlbany in 1967. He greatly enjoyed the personal attention from the dedicated faculty in the small department.

“I was a late bloomer, but what I lacked in the classroom I made up for with hard work,” he said. At the time, UAlbany’s new chemistry doctoral students had three years to pass eight “hellish” monthly cumulative exams. The first year, only one of the 20 students passed one of them. It took Henion three years to clear the brutal battery.

Then a fortuitous equipment buy propelled him into exciting new areas of research. After UAlbany acquired a newly developed mass spectrometer, he had it virtually to himself. When his adviser, Assistant Professor David Kingston, went to the University of Virginia, the remaining faculty adopted Henion. Kingston returned for Henion’s successful thesis defense.

“Albany did not drop the ball on me, and I’m forever grateful,” said Henion, now the holder of nine patents and author of 200 scientific journal articles.

Originally hired to direct mass spectrometry research at Cornell University, Henion worked his way up to professor of toxicology. In 1993, he ventured into the business world by starting Advion BioSciences, Inc., (www.advion.com) in Ithaca, N.Y. His company helps major pharmaceutical firms, such as Merck and Pfizer, develop new drugs.

When a drug is in trials, Advion analyzes thousands of blood and urine samples to determine how the compound breaks down in the body. With 150 employees and 23 mass spectrometers in three labs, Advion is one of the largest and best companies of its type in the world.

Henion’s wife, Karen McCarthy, received her undergraduate and master’s degrees in business education at UAlbany.

— RICHARD CHADY

husband visited Scotland. **John** and **Dolores Granito** took a trip on the Danube from Budapest, Hungary, to Constant, Romania, on the Black Sea, and then to Bucharest and Transylvania. **Bunny Gunsberg Shoobe** went to Ireland; **Walt** and **Ann Columbe Rehder** took a Rhine cruise. **Laura** and **Frank Giannone** visited Prague, Vienna and Budapest. **John** and **Rose Mary Bratt Zongrone** visited their children in Arizona.

CLASS OF '55 REUNION PROJECT: **Class of 1955 Scholarship**, supporting a financially needy student who plans a career in teaching

55 ALUMNI WEEKEND
June 3-5, 2005

Please send us your news!

56 *Do begin thinking about our 50th reunion, to be celebrated June 2-4, 2006 on the downtown campus. When you contribute to our alma mater, please designate your gift to the “Class of 1956 Scholarship Fund.”*

Anne Benedict Dopey and **Marlene Fox Frill** met in Paris in April for a two-week stay, which included a seven-day canal barge cruise through the Burgundy region. Anne also spent about six weeks last summer in Maine; the visit included a family reunion.

Jane Ide Hutchins and Jack welcomed **Bryn Rose**, whom they thought was their eighth grandchild, July 19, 2004, but as it turned out, she is the ninth. August Jade Kin Hutchins, born April 7, 2004, in Seoul, South Korea, arrived in the States with his parents Nov. 30. **“T” Ladd** and Bev, who live in South Florida, escaped the devastation of the 2004 hurricanes. They spent 15 days in London last summer and were able to see three stage shows, take high tea at Fortnum and Mason’s, and visit art and history museums. **Marilyn House**

O’Connor traveled to Ecuador to visit the Galapagos Islands and the Andes; later in the year, she traveled with a small group to Normandy, Brittany and the Loire Valley. **Carole Hughes Summer’s** life continues to be enriched by her violin students. **Mary Smith** and Bob spent January in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Barbara Maaloe Kelly-Yerdon is our representative to the Council of Classes.

57 *The Class of 1960 invites us to join in their activities during Reunion Weekend. Please sign up for the class event the evening of Saturday, June 4. It’s time for long-term planning! Just two years from June we’ll be celebrating our 50th reunion! Plan now to be in Albany for a wonderful gathering.*

Arthur and **Nancy Louprette Knowlton’s** daughter was married in October. **Jan Champagne McGrath** continues to work at Hawaii Pacific University and also is adapting a screenplay to the stage. She traveled to Stratford, London and Canterbury for three weeks in July, and in August directed her Marlowe and Shakespeare play, “By Any Other Name.” **Beth Beehler Stefano** of Interfaith Quilters will have more than 350 quilts ready for this year’s sale, the profits of which go to two charities. **Sheila Lister Bamberger** and her husband, **Rabbi Henry Bamberger**, have been selected co-executive vice presidents of the National Association of Retired Reform Rabbis (NAORRR), with responsibilities for arranging the organization’s annual convention, communication with members, and its financial well-being. Please note Sheila’s new e-mail address: hsbamb@verizon.net.

58 *Members of the Class of 1960 invite us to participate in their*

class activities during Reunion Weekend. Please sign up for the class event the evening of Saturday, June 4.

The picture of **Shirley Blowers Weiermiller** and **Ev** ('57) with their seven grandchildren, ages six to 24, was great. Since two of their grandsons play basketball, they are in great demand to attend games.

Susanne Russell Williams, 98 Lincoln Avenue, Albany, NY 12205

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Fay McMore Graham, a social worker with the Washington County, N.Y., Department of Social Services, is retiring in May. **Terry Kerwin Lehr** is an instructor at SUNY-Brockport. She has written four books featuring local histories of century-old institutions and is working on her fifth.

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CLASS OF '65 REUNION PROJECT: New York State College for Teachers/ Downtown Campus Campaign: To preserve and renovate buildings on the downtown campus

65 ALUMNI WEEKEND

June 3-5, 2005

The Class of '65 has spirit that will never die! Sing it loud and clear — at Alumni Weekend June 3-5. Celebrate 40 years by throwing back a few brews at our class dinner at the WT! Go to www.judyandstu.com/1965/index.html to keep track of updates regarding the reunion, read about our classmates (please provide information), and view pictures from prior reunions.

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Ira Paul Rubtchinsky, 7 Harding Street, Albany, NY 12208, (518) 489-0308, ira-paul@yahoo.com

67 **Kathleen Tanner** was recently honored with an award for her volunteer work with Equinox, a community organization in Albany that deals with domestic violence. She is a founder of Equinox and is on its board.

70 ALUMNI WEEKEND

June 3-5, 2005

Terry Mathias was elected to the board of directors of the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi last October. Connecticut Gov. M. Jodi Rell has appointed **John Cronan**, M.P.A. '70, to a Superior Court judgeship.

Victor Looper, 252 Old Country Rd., Mineola, NY 11501, (631) 969-3628, vloop@hotm.com

John Michalke, Colonie Center Station, P.O. Box 5367, Albany, NY 12205 (518) 459-5978, Jmichalke@aol.com

71 **Suzanne Warren**, M.L.S.'71, has been named director of the

✓ Mark your calendars...

Homecoming/ Family Weekend

October 7-9, 2005!

Featuring the Class Reunions of '70,'75,'80,'85,'90,'95,'00,'05



Robert Gottfried has been named in the 11th edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*, an important legal referral guide. **Paul Werner** is a fellow of the American College of Dentists. He practices pediatric dentistry in Boca Raton, Fla. **Marilyn Zatt Joyce** is a library media specialist at Brewer High School in Brewer, Maine, and a part-time online instructor for the School of Library and Information Science, University of North Texas, Denton. She serves on the advisory committee for the Laura Bush Foundation, which awards grants for library books to needy schools. Joyce also serves on the planning committee for the 2009 National Assessment of Educational Progress in Reading. **Susan Leedecke Piepke** received the Ben and Janice Wade Outstanding Teaching Award at Bridgewater College in April 2004. She is professor of foreign languages (Spanish and German) and department chair at the college, where she has taught since 1988. **Patricia Campbell** has been named vice president for finance and administration at WGBH in Boston. For the past eight years, Campbell has served as executive associate dean of the School of Dental Medicine at Tufts University. **Glenn Lefebvre** has been



Glenn Lefebvre appointed director of governmental relations for the New York State Bar Association. **Robert Ours** has been named pastor of St. Rita's Parish in Chenango Forks, N.Y., and continues to teach full time at Seton Catholic Central High School in Binghamton. **Catherine Bertini** has retired as under-secretary-general for management at the United Nations. Bertini will continue as chairperson of the U.N. Committee on Nutrition, as well as chair of the board of trustees for the U.N. International School in New York City. In 1992, Bertini became the first woman executive director of the World Food Programme; she spent 10 years heading the agency. **David Van Slyke** has joined the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University as assistant professor of public administration with a dual appointment to the College of Arts and Sciences. He is also a senior research associate in the Campbell Public Affairs Institute at the Maxwell School.

72 **Timothy Abeel**, a partner at Rawle & Henderson, was a speaker at the American Trucking Association's Forum for Motor Carrier General Counsels in Vail, Colo., in July 2004. Abeel leads a group of 20 attorneys who focus on defending commercial motor vehicle carriers and their insurers.

Helga Karker, M.S.'75: School Psychologist, Environmentalist



Helga Karker

Helga Karker, M.S.'75, has reinvented herself several times during her life. Now that she's 75, she's still at it, focusing her considerable energies on aging well, the environment and the dog world.

A native of Munich, Germany, Karker emigrated to Brooklyn in 1941 when she was 11. She was a lab technician, teacher and school psychologist before retiring from the Averill Park,

N.Y., school system in 1988 and settling in Mount Washington Valley in New Hampshire. But retirement hasn't meant slowing down for Karker, who on a typical day might be found hiking or cross-country skiing with her Gordon setter, teaching fitness classes to older adults, or organizing community events for other dog owners. She also collects data and anecdotes about the healthiest lifestyles for seniors.

"If I could have one more career, it would be in environmental studies," she confessed recently. With so much work to be done in this area, Karker has established a gift annuity and, most recently, a scholarship to support students in UAlbany's Biodiversity, Conservation and Policy Program.

"I have the pleasure of taking care of this while I can actually see it happening. And I can feel secure that the money will go where I want it to go. At the same time, I can receive some regular income from the gift annuity," she said.

Karker, who earned her bachelor's degree at St. John's University, was briefly an elementary teacher in Montgomery County while she earned a master's degree at the State University College at Oneonta. She earned a certificate in school psychology in 1964 and her master's degree in educational administration at UAlbany. In all, she spent 33 years in education and school psychology, including 17 years with the Albany School District and 13 more in Averill Park. She is a charter member of the National School Psychologists Association.

—CHRISTINE HANSON MCKNIGHT

73 William Hasselbarth, senior vice president and chief financial officer at Albany Medical Center for the past six years, is now executive vice president and chief financial officer at



John Lowe

AMC. **John Lowe** has joined Hiscock & Barclay's Rochester office as a partner. Edward Northwood, an attorney with Hodgson Russ in Buffalo, has been named in the 11th edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*, a pre-eminent legal referral guide.

CLASS OF '75 REUNION PROJECT: UProgress Fund for the Greatest Needs, providing unrestricted support for the University

75 REUNION ▶ Homecoming '05 **Victor Giulianelli**, B.A.'75, M.P.A.'77, has been named president and CEO of St. Mary's Hospital in Amsterdam, N.Y. He joined St. Mary's in 1980 as an administrator in the mental health unit.

76 John Finch has received his law degree from the Roger Williams University Ralph R. Papitto



David Coyne

School of Law. Clark University's Hillel director, **David Coyne**, was profiled in the Fall 2004 issue of *MassInc.'s CommonWealth* magazine. Coyne, who began working at Clark, in Worcester, Mass., in 1997, was described as a "constant and recognizable presence on the campus" who is also active in social and political causes both on and off campus, and a "vital cog in Worcester's civic wheel."

77 Rick Cobello, M.S.'77, has been named director of Fulton-Montgomery Community College's Spatial Information Technology Center in Mohawk, N.Y. **Abraham Lackman**, M.A.'77, president of the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities in Albany, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Saratoga Performing Arts Center. **Barbara Evans**, an information services specialist in the Rome Campus Library of Mohawk Valley Community College, has been promoted to assistant professor at the college.

78 Gary Swatling has joined the Daystar Financial Group as a sales agent specializing in life and disability income insurance. **Seth Marvin** has been appointed an acting justice in the Criminal Division of Bronx Supreme Court.

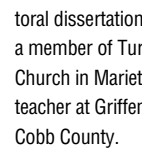
79 Gloversville City School District Superintendent Dan Connor, M.S.'79, has been elected to the board of directors of the Fulton County Economic Development Corp. **Mo Joan**



Laura Wyeth

McDermott, Ph.D.'79, is the new director of the women's studies program at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

Laura Wyeth has been named managing director of PricewaterhouseCoopers' tax practice in Hartford, Conn. **Master Sgt. Mike Rhett** of the Georgia Air Force National Guard successfully defended his doctoral dissertation in August 2004. He is a member of Turner Chapel AME Church in Marietta, Ga., and also a teacher at Griffen Middle School in Cobb County.



Mike Rhett

CLASS OF '80 REUNION PROJECT: Class of 1980 Scholarship. supporting annual scholarships to financially needy undergraduate students who have at least a 3.0 GPA

80 REUNION ▶ Homecoming '05
Class of 1980 25th Reunion – Homecoming Weekend – October 2005! Start calling old friends you'd like to see in Albany. If you want to help with the event, please contact class councillors. Please support our class scholarship by giving to the UAlbany Fund in this reunion year!

Frederick Avila has joined Blank Rome as a partner in the Financial Services Practice Group in the firm's New York City office.

Diane Digorgio, 11 Johns Lane, Castleton, NY 12033, (518) 479-7168

81 Laura Deutsch Vitale is associate managing editor of *GQ Magazine*.

Anthony Giardina, 403 Vincent Dr., Schenectady, NY 12303, (518) 356-1045, Agiardina@yahoo.com

Co-councillors: Marc Gronich, Seth Starr

82 Paul Turner was the headliner cabaret artist in December at Java Jim's in Natick, Mass. He has also appeared at the Encore Piano Lounge in the Tremont Hotel in Boston; Frank's Steakhouse, Cambridge, Mass.; Kennedy's Midtown, Boston; and the Center for the Arts in Natick. He is a member of the Boston Association of Cabaret Artists. **Doug Hamlin**, B.A.'82, M.R.P.'88, is president and CEO of Albany-based VersaTrans Solutions, which develops transportation software for school districts.

83 Steven Lichtenstein was the recipient of the 2004 Outstanding Service Award from Queens Borough President Helen Marshall. He was recognized for his community service.

John Finch received his J.D. from the Roger Williams University Ralph R. Papitto School of Law.

84 After **Gina Emdin Abend** and **Jeffrey Emdin** '83 lost their sister and sister-in-law, Diane, to lung cancer a few years ago, they organized the Diane Emdin Sachs Memorial Walk to benefit the American Lung Association of New York State. The event last October at Jones Beach was a huge success, attracting family and friends, including many UAlbany alumni.

Marcia Leventhal Meyers and her husband, Roger, have a new son, Kyle Steven, born May 26, 2004. He joins brother Jake.

CLASS OF '85 REUNION PROJECT: Class of 1985 Scholarship. supporting annual scholarships to financially needy undergraduate students who have at least a 3.0 GPA

85 REUNION ▶ Homecoming '05
Ross Honig joined the New York office of Winston & Strawn as a partner in the real estate department. **Craig Benkman**, Ph.D.'85, has been named the first University of Wyoming Robert B. Berry Distinguished Chair in Ecology. Benkman is an evolutionary ecologist and is an expert on crossbill birds.

86 Stephanie Hoffman is the training manager and a business counselor for the Jefferson Economic Development Institute in northern California. She teaches people how to start or expand a business.



Stephanie Hoffman

87 Marine Corps **1st Lt. David Kim** has been assigned to the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, which

Betty Devine, B.A. '73, M.S.W. '78: Supporting the Future of Social Services



Betty Devine

For Betty Devine, B.A.'73, M.S.W.'78, supporting the University at Albany is a way to support social service programs that help America's children and families.

"The social service field is losing ground right now, in terms of resources," says Devine. "Social services are in a state of crisis. We need hard data to justify our programs, to show that they make a difference."

Always an active alumna, Devine recently volunteered to chair alumni giving for the School of Social Welfare (SSW) Library Fund established in honor of the late Professor William Reid. By supporting the SSW Library Fund, Devine hopes to give students access to the most current research, and therefore help them conduct new research that will reveal the positive impact of the nation's social service programs.

"Society expects to see immediate results (from its social service programs)," Devine explains. "By producing empirical data that supports social service programs, the University can promote the value of social work and keep social work a major force in society."

Devine's interest in research and evaluation is based on her nearly 20 years of policy and program planning experience with New York State's Office of Children and Family Services. In 2001, Devine moved to San Francisco, where she works today as a research coordinator with Education Training Research Associates, a not-for-profit organization that evaluates the effectiveness of various social service and preventive health programs for children and families.

"The kinds of programs I work on are the first to be looked at for cutbacks," says Devine. "I think that's shortsighted, because children are society's most important resource. Children need to be helped to succeed in school now if they're going to contribute to society later."

Devine says UAlbany has been crucial to her life's work. A native of rural Cambridge, N.Y., about an hour's drive northeast of campus, she credits the University with making a college and graduate education accessible and affordable for her. "I owe my career to the University at Albany," she says. "I hope to make the University a better place for current students. And I'd like to see the University grow even further. I'm proud to be a UAlbany alum."

— DAN DIPIRO

Fabian Carrillo, B.S. '86: Latino Martial Arts Action Hero



Fabian Carrillo

It's a long leap from growing up in a tough Bronx neighborhood to being a movie star. But, after using UAlbany as a springboard, Fabian Carrillo, B.S.'86, appears to have done it.

As skillfully as any Jackie Chan move, he is parlaying his business, acting and martial arts abilities into becoming the "First Latin Martial Arts Action Hero."

Carrillo stars in and co-produced "Latin Dragon," (www.latin-dragon.com) in which his heroic loner character single-handedly fights off a gang threatening an East Los Angeles neighborhood.

Carrillo's own story could be a movie script. He moved to the Bronx from Ecuador with his mother and sister when he was three. Because Carrillo idolized the legendary Bruce Lee, his mother, a seamstress, enrolled him in a martial arts school when he was eight in order to resist gangs. He fought so well they left him alone, Carrillo says.

After the Educational Opportunity Program brought Carrillo to UAlbany, he began a martial arts school in the UAlbany gymnasium, charging students \$35 per semester. He cleared more hurdles to succeed in business school, with a double major in Spanish and marketing.

"I had people who took the time to say they believed in me," said Carrillo, who now lives in southern Orange County in California. "The power of a teacher is amazing." He cites such mentors as EOP counselor Ed Thomas and now-retired Professor William Bray of the School of Business.

After graduating from UAlbany, Carrillo broke new ground in the health care field, becoming a senior vice-president of a national insurance company. His five black belts and martial arts skills, meanwhile, landed him roles in nine films and various commercials and music videos. He also began shaping his image as the first Latino martial arts action star, appealing to that enormous market of 39 million.

Last year he produced "Latin Dragon" with friends Gary Busey, Lorenzo Lamas, Robert LaSardo (Nip Tuck) and Pepe Serna (Scarface). To market the film, Carrillo avoided expensive theaters and went directly to video stores. In the first six weeks, the English-language DVD with Spanish subtitles sold 40,000 units in 62 countries.

— RICHARD CHADY

recently deployed to Iraq. **Sue Caulfield**, M.A.'87, Ph.D.'88, is the team and business manager for Spraker Racing Enterprises, which races cars in the NASCAR Busch Series and sells high-performance race car parts.

88 Michael Schaffer has become a partner at the Mineola, N.Y., law firm of Meltzer, Lippe & Goldstein, specializing in estates and trusts.

Andrew Fox has joined WHS Kennys as vice president of finance. The New York City firm is a wholesaler of secondary-market merchandise to closeout retailers.

Richard Braden is senior counsel at Bond, Schoeneck & King. He is a labor and employment law attorney in the firm's Buffalo office.

89 Please send us your news!

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90 REUNION ▶ Homecoming '05
Brendan Fox has been named a partner at the Dechert law firm, practicing out of its Washington office. **Jeffrey Jacobson** and his wife, Shari, are the parents of a son, Samuel Philip, born Aug. 24, 2004. **Mike Moscatiello** is chef/co-owner of Moscatiello's family restaurant in North Greenbush, N.Y. He majored in finance at UAlbany. The works of oil painter **Louise Schellenberg**, M.F.A.'90, were recently exhibited at the Hoyt Institute of Fine Arts in New Castle, N.Y.

91 Eric Silverman has joined the law firm of Sahn, Ward & Baker. He works in real estate law and transactions, commercial litigation, zoning and land use planning. **Joan Singer** and **Michael Friedman** were married Oct.

10, 2004. **Judie Zuckerman Frantz** and her husband, Larry, have a daughter, Rayana Ivy, born May 5, 2004.

92 Melissa Groveman earned her master's of library science from Indiana University in August 2004 and is now a reference librarian and trainer for the Greene County Public Library in Xenia, Ohio. **Alyssa Schiering Miro** and her husband, Paul, are the parents of a daughter, Eliana, born June 17, 2004. **Frank Rees**, M.L.S.'92, has been named assistant director of the Howland Public Library in Beacon, in New York's Dutchess County. **Ray Feliciano** and his wife Kimberly have launched a monthly government-focused publication in Albany County called *The Informed Constituent*. Feliciano, a rhetoric and communication major, said he hopes his nonpartisan tabloid will be as inspiring to readers as the lectures of a favorite UAlbany professor, Richard Wilke, now retired.

93 Kelly McCann, a specialist in pediatrics and internal medicine, has joined the Main Street Clinic in Lebanon, Ore. **James Marco**, M.B.A.'93, has been appointed vice president and chief human resources officer at Saratoga Hospital. **Paul Vosteen** has become an accountant in the audit department of Edwards, Williams, McManus and Ricciardelli, C.P.A. Previously, Vosteen worked as a state tax auditor. In addition to his bachelor's degree in accounting from UAlbany, he earned a degree from Western New England College of Law.

94 Mark Basil is a member of the U.S. Secret Service and a



Mark Basil

uniformed federal officer assigned to the vice president's residence in Washington, D.C. He was on duty at the vice president's home Sept. 11, 2001, during the terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington. Basil is a New Jersey native who majored in political science at UAlbany. The Bush administration has appointed **Joseph Grogan** executive director of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS. **Brian Kressin** has been sworn in as a foreign service officer with the Department of State. His first post is a consular position at the American Institute in Taipei, Taiwan.

95 REUNION ▶ Homecoming '05 **Julie Maney**, C.A.S.'95, M.A.'96, and Heinz Windzio were married July 31, 2004. **Erin Bolton Stam** and her husband, Marcel, have a son, Alexander James Bastian, born July 6, 2004. **Adam Kramer** has been appointed to the planning board in Clifton Park, N.Y.

96 **Michael Angelo** has been appointed vice president of MEM Financial Solutions, a major mortgage broker in New York and Florida.

98 **Jonathan Scherzer** is vice president of communications and also the radio broadcaster for the Albany River Rats of the American Hockey League. An English major with minors in journalism and business, he began his career as an intern with the River Rats during his senior year at UAlbany. Scherzer is the brother of **David Scherzer**, Class of



Jonathan Scherzer

'92, a freelance sports TV producer and editor, and the husband of **Monica Scherzer**, also a member of the Class of '98. Army **Capt. Daniel Meyers** has been deployed to Iraq, where he has been assigned to help rebuild that nation's infrastructure. Meyers was an ROTC cadet while he studied urban planning at UAlbany. **Erin Smith** and **Kenneth Fay** were married Nov. 13, 2004.

99 **Craig Kimmelblatt** and **Rachel Matzkin** were married May 29, 2004. **Michelle Lawrence** and **Zachary Lesser** '00 were married June 21, 2003. **Graig Harr** and **Samantha Harr** have twin daughters, Madison Simone and Eliana Jewel, born Aug. 8, 2004.

00 REUNION ▶ Homecoming '05 **Andrea Fox** is a special assistant to Schenectady Mayor Brian Stratton. **Robert Bonaker** has been named assistant superintendent for business of the Mohonasen Central School District. **Colleen Kehoe-Robinson** was promoted to assistant professor at Mohawk Valley Community College. She has been an information services specialist at the college's Utica Campus Library since 2001. **Rosemary Grasso** and Matthew Nichols were married July 11, 2004. **Allison Renno** and Jeffrey Clark were married Sept. 25, 2004. **Jennifer Bauder** and Jon Roland were married July 5, 2003.

01 **Mary Cutter** has been inducted into the *Manchester Who's Who Executive and Professional Registry*. **Amy Lutz** has joined the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs of Syracuse University as an assistant professor of sociology with a dual appointment to the College of Arts and Sciences. **Kevin O'Neill** and **Shannin Addison** were married Sept. 4, 2004. **Jennifer Hommey**

Johannes Ullrich, M.S. '92, Ph.D. '95: Internet Storm Chaser



Johannes Ullrich

Attention, online traffic managers worldwide: When a nasty virus or a marauding worm attacks your online computer system, who you gonna call?

These days, many of the harried cyber-execs who run major e-mail and e-commerce systems

around the world are calling physicist Johannes Ullrich, M.S.'92, Ph.D.'95. Why? Ullrich's special skill is helping clients fend off rapid-fire assaults by computer-invaders intent on stealing sensitive data or otherwise wreaking havoc along the 'Net.

Like the fabled "Ghostbusters" of movie fame, the 36-year-old Ullrich — a network security expert who specializes in detecting and de-fanging electronic predators — has grown accustomed to fielding urgent phone calls from spooked online traffic managers with reports of "something strange" in the electronic neighborhood.

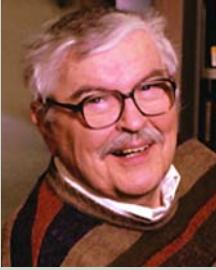
As the chief technology officer of the Internet Storm Center near Washington, D.C., the German-born Ullrich collects firewall and detection-system logs and then aggregates and analyzes them. "By reviewing the data quickly and getting the word out to users, we can help them defend against Internet worms and viruses, sometimes within a few hours of an attack," he explains.

Ullrich, who says he fell in love with computers while using them in his Ph.D. research at UAlbany, credits now-retired University physicist Walt Gibson with awakening his passion for cyber-science. Launched four years ago, Ullrich's Storm Center has grown increasingly visible of late — and for good reason. At last count, more than 90,000 different computer viruses and worms were reportedly zooming around the 'Net in search of victims.

So how bad will it get, as identity thieves and Web-clogging spammers spread chaos along the Information Superhighway? "If you think of the Internet as a big road, you realize that there will be some accidents, but we probably won't see one big enough to close the road," says Ullrich. "The 'Net is too big and too important for that to happen."

— TOM NUGENT

Kendall Birr, Retired Professor of History



Kendall Birr

Professor Emeritus of History Kendall Birr passed away December 26, 2004. He was 80.

A native of Illinois, Birr earned degrees at Michigan State, Cornell College in Iowa, and the University of Wisconsin. He joined the UAlbany faculty in 1952 and was named a Collins Fellow in 1985. The author of several books, including

A Tradition of Excellence: The Sesquicentennial History of the University at Albany, State University of New York 1844-1994, Birr retired from teaching in 1990, but remained an enthusiastic supporter of both the Department of History and the University Libraries. In 1993, he received UAlbany's most prestigious award, the Citizen of the University, in recognition of his many contributions to the institution.

Survivors include a son, Christopher.

and **Christopher Labella** were married Sept. 20, 2003. **Eric Skiff**, B.A.'01, M.A.'03, and Agnes Elizabeth Kapusta were married July 3, 2004.

02 **Ryan Cool** and his wife, Michelle, are the parents of Ashlyn Marie Cool, born June 25, 2004. **Sean Petrie** and Christa Kuzmich were married Sept. 4, 2004.

03 **Deshawn McGarrity** has been appointed director of Clarkson University's Higher Education Opportunity Program, which works to provide equal access to higher education for educationally and economically disadvantaged students. **Alan Chace** of the Engineering Technologies and Trades Department was promoted to assistant professor at Mohawk Valley Community College. He is a state-licensed surveyor and teaches surveying and photogrammetry. **Kelly Greppo** and **Eric Donovan** were married July 5, 2004. **Kacey Grey Sheehy** and **Bradley Scott Feldman** were married Aug. 27, 2004.

Deaths

20s

Esther Gordon '26, Dec. 21, 2004
Laura Greene '27, Jan. 6, 2005
Mildred Schmitter Ladd '27, Oct. 16, 2004
Sarah Law Coons '28, Aug. 2, 2003

30s

Ethel Moore '30, Sept. 30, 2004
Helen Whitney Kingsbury '31, Oct. 15, 2003
Elizabeth Corr Mead '31, Jan. 10, 2005
Robert Floody '32, Sept. 20, 2004
Helen Burgher Stern '32, Dec. 11, 2004
Dorothy Brown Freeman '34, Oct. 27, 2004
Marion Nelson Lavanchard '34, Dec. 14, 2004
Helen Danahy Pease '34, Jan. 16, 2003
Beatrice Tompkins Fazio '35, Jan. 10, 2005
Helen Foley '35, Dec. 27, 2002
Florence Pearson '35, Dec. 29, 2004
Ruth Gillespy Anker-Bashaw '36, Oct. 26, 2004
Alice Dinneen '36, Jan. 19, 2005
Dinah Kopp Gelson '36, Aug. 1, 2004
Jane Jones '36, Nov. 28, 2004
Thomas Barrington '37, Nov. 6, 2004

Dorothy Kent Purchase '37, Jan. 14, 2005
I. Harold Losee '38, July 11, 2004
Anne Subko '38, Dec. 10, 2004

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Anne Fitzpatrick '40, Jan. 5, 2005
Elizabeth Kennedy Dolan '41, Sept. 22, 2004
Douglas Manley '41, Jan. 27, 2005
George Pearson '41, Nov. 20, 2004
Henrietta Gold Stoler '41, Jan. 2, 2005
Dorothy Peak VanBuren '41, Sept. 20, 2004
Gladys Klug '42, Dec. 27, 2004
Marie Luberdia Sidelko '43, Dec. 21, 2004
Kathleen Martin Tripp '43, July 30, 2004
Winfield Tyler '43, Dec. 13, 2004
Charles Capel '44, May 21, 2004
Lois Dann De Wahl '44, Oct. 30, 2004
Joseph Radez '44, Jan. 23, 2005
George Yamin '45, Nov. 3, 2004
Elizabeth O'Neil '46, Nov. 13, 2003
Doris Quinn '47, Jan. 9, 2005
Mary Cooper '48, Oct. 26, 2002

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Leonard Amlaw '50, Jan. 16, 2005
Richard Gutta '52, Nov. 6, 2004
Virginia O'Connell Franks '53, Jan. 14, 2005
Elfrieda Thiebe Textores '53, Nov. 1, 2004
Sonia Bush Mansbach '54, Dec. 8, 2004
Lenore Hughes Farrell '57, Oct. 27, 2004
Charlotte Schaperjahn '58, Nov. 16, 2004

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Robert Hogan '60, Jan. 18, 2005
Marit Jentoft-Nilsen '60, Jan. 16, 2005
Anna Lange '60, Oct. 23, 2004
Joan Novak '61, Sept. 28, 2004
Gary Moore '65, Jan. 25, 2005
Marian Reilly '65, Dec. 2, 2004
Charles Mitchell '66, April 8, 2003
Frederick Albrecht '67, June 18, 2004
Charles Dematteo '67, Feb. 3, 2005
Frederick Fontaine '68, Nov. 7, 2004
Barbara Mowitt Kunsela '68, Dec. 29, 2004

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Derilda Smith '70, Jan. 12, 2003
Thomas Calautti '72, Nov. 28, 2004
Mary Heiser '72, Sept. 1, 2004
Barry Nathanson '72, July 27, 2004
Helen O'Brien '72, Feb. 12, 2005
Robert Russell '72, Mar. 10, 2003

Barbara Plecan '73, Feb. 5, 2005
David Hewitt '74, Nov. 26, 2004
Tom Nattell '74, Jan. 31, 2005
Peter Porco '74, Nov. 15, 2004
James Carhart '77, Nov. 1, 2004
John Sulzman '77, Dec. 13, 2004
Louanne Carter Sperbeck '78, Dec. 30, 2004

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Leonard Holman '82, May 22, 2003
Susanna Neeves '85, Dec. 18, 2003
Jeffrey Fink '87, Aug. 26, 2003
Mona Biederman '88, Nov. 18, 2004

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Marianne Amrhein '90, Jan. 24, 2005
Patricia Grogan '90, Nov. 4, 2004
Shirley Barros '92, April 25, 2002
Brenda Endres-Dame '97, Feb. 6, 2005
Michael Stevens '98, Oct. 30, 2004

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Alta King '02, Sept. 12, 2003
Timothy Nazarian '03, Dec. 29, 2004

FACULTY/STAFF

John Coonley, plant utilities engineer, 1977-2004, Jan. 19, 2005
Jack Deeringer, professor/dean, Academic Affairs, 1961-1970, Jan. 11, 2005
Alton Hajeck, technical specialist, Earth and Atmospheric Science, 1968-1981, May 22, 2004
Rollins Hotchkiss, adjunct research professor, Biology, 1980-2001, Dec. 12, 2004
William Katz, lecturer, School of Information Science, 1966-2000, Sept. 14, 2004
Edward Lecomte, professor, English, 1964-1981, Oct. 23, 2004
James McGurn, staff assistant, University Advancement Support Services, 1990-1998, Oct. 21, 2004
Paul Preamsaga, clinical physician, Health Center, 1977-1998, Oct. 26, 2004
Norman Reed, counselor, Counseling Center, 1968-1973, Nov. 21, 2004
Barbara Rotundo, associate professor, English, 1962-1989, Dec. 24, 2004
Anne Whipple, library technical assistant, University Libraries, 1984-1990, Nov. 27, 2004

Authors & Editors

Frances Bethea Grant, B.A.'54, author of *There is More to Tell* and *Something to Believe In*, has published a new collection of poetry, *Waiting to Blossom*. For more information, go to www.blossomingbooks.com.

Emil J. Polak, B.A.'57, Ph.D.'70, a professor at the City University of New York, has edited *A Medievalist's Odyssey: Helene Wieruszowski, Scholar*. The study recounts Wieruszowski's flight from Hitler Germany, Spain and Italy to the U.S., where she became the first full-time woman historian at CUNY and an internationally recognized Medieval and Renaissance historian.



Bob Callimeri, B.A.'63, is the author of *Forget the Novocaine, Doc — I Was a Teacher* (Author House), 44 vignettes and anecdotes about his 33 years of high school teaching and coaching in central New York. It

begins with a section on his days at the New York State College for Teachers.

Dennis Phillips, M.A.'71, has written *Golfing Communities in the Southeast*, offering details on golf communities in more than 50 cities in six southeastern states.

Sherry Penney, Ph.D.'72, is the co-author of *A Very Dangerous Woman: Martha Wright and Women's Rights*, a biography of a 19th-century feminist and abolitionist who spent most of her life in Auburn, N.Y.



Mary Childers

Mary Childers, B.A.'73, is the author of a memoir, *Welfare Brat* (Bloomsbury Press, 2005) about her childhood years in a poor Bronx family in which five out of seven children dropped out of

high school. The book culminates with her achievement of earning a degree from UAlbany. Childers, an English major who went on to earn a Ph.D. at the University at Buffalo, is a former director of equal opportunity and affirmative action at Dartmouth College and now lives in Hanover, N.H. The author's sister, Deborah Childers, graduated from UAlbany in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in rhetoric and communication.

Nancy J. Smyth, B.A.'81, M.S.W.'86, Ph.D.'91, has edited *Women and Girls in the Social Environment: Behavioral Perspectives*, examining women's behavior in the context of social stages and situations throughout life. Smyth is dean at the Graduate School of Social Work at the University at Buffalo. For more information go to www.HaworthPress.com.

Nancy Levine, B.A.'82, is the co-author, with Wilson the Pug, of *Homer for the Holidays: The Further Adventures of Wilson the Pug*, the story of a Pug puppy who has escaped from a puppy mill and is left to fend for himself. Levine and Wilson previously authored *The Tao of Pug*, ranked No. 1 for Barnes and Noble's dog breed genre for about 24 weeks last year. Levine resides in Berkeley, Calif., with Wilson and Homer.



Rod Thorn

Rod Thorn, B.A.'82, is the co-author, with Bob Cioppa, of *Waiting for Goldberg* (Spirit Press), a personal memoir about the role education plays in preparing individuals for the world.

Arthur Vidro, B.A.'84, has edited *Dr. Paggioli: Criminologist*, a collection of short stories written by Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist T.S. Stribling.

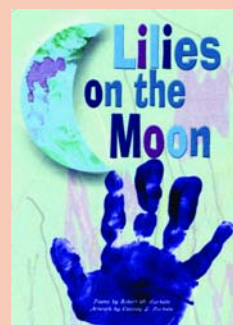
Leonard M. Gaines, M.B.A.'85, and Jennifer C. Boettcher, M.L.S.'92, have collaborated

to publish *Industry Research Using the Economic Census*, a comprehensive guide for researchers and librarians on how to use information in the Economic Census. For more information, go to www.Greenwood.com.



Mark Reinfeld, B.A.'89, is the co-author of *Vegan World Fusion Cuisine*, a deluxe cookbook featuring over 200 vegan and live food recipes from around the world.

For more information, go to www.veganfusion.com. Founder and executive chef of the Blossoming Lotus restaurant on the Hawaiian island of Kauai, Reinfeld reports that he was originally a finance and philosophy double-major at UAlbany. He switched to a philosophy major and business minor after spending his junior year at the London School of Economics and Political Science. After graduating *summa cum laude* from UAlbany, he briefly attended law school before deciding that he "preferred Walt Whitman to Whittier on Contracts" and eventually settling in Hawaii.

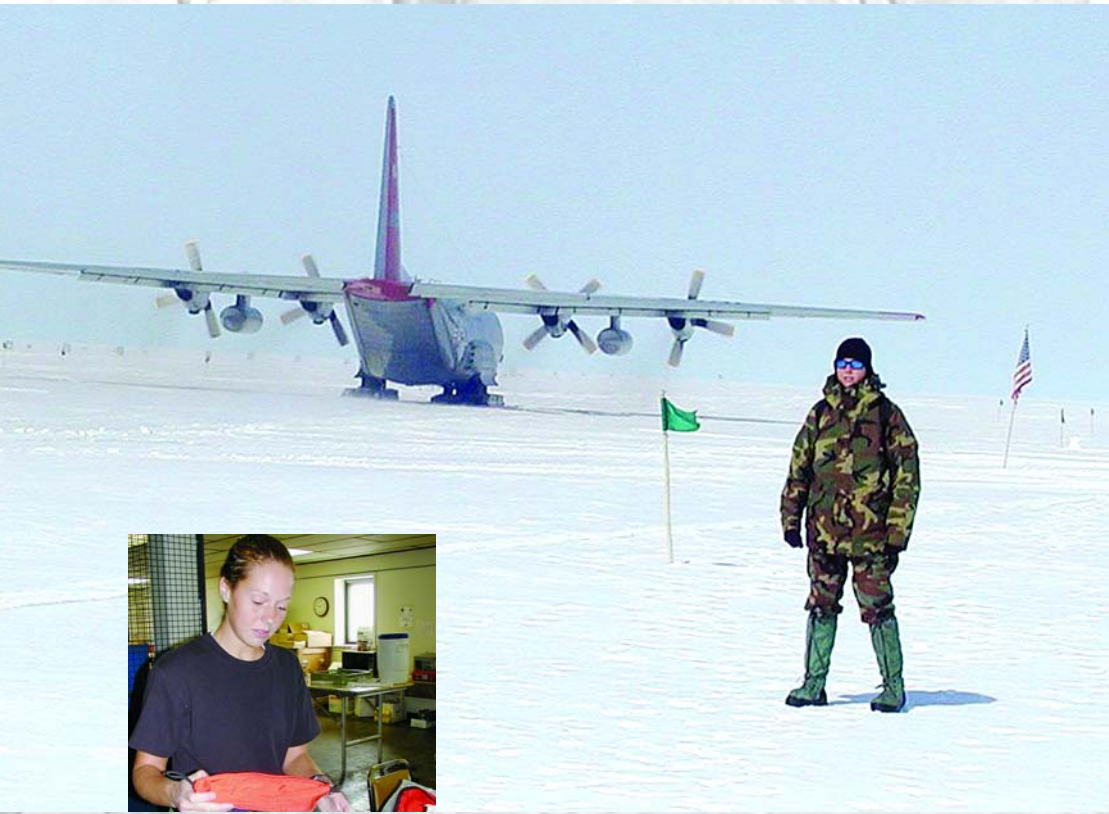


Robert Kurkela, B.A.'89, is the author of *Lilies on the Moon* (Kidzpoetz Publishing), a book of children's poetry about the loss of his mother at the age of six.

It is illustrated by the watercolors and finger-paints of Kurkela's 3-year-old daughter, Cassidy.

Flying High at the Top of the World

BY LINDA WHEELER, B.A.'98



Sergeant Colleen Zeliph, B.S.'04, on the Greenland ice cap, above, and preparing for sick call, inset, in a cramped Arctic hut. Zeliph sees her role in the New York National Guard as a step toward her Ph.D. at UAlbany.

Flying to Greenland for three days isn't something everyone does on summer vacation. In fact, fewer than one in 30,000 people worldwide (.003 percent) has ever been to either the Arctic or Antarctic regions of Earth, and even fewer have been to both. But, at 23, Colleen (Tripp) Zeliph, B.S.'04 has been to the Arctic twice and Antarctica once, and has even been to the South Pole. And she's hoping to go again.

Zeliph is one of a growing number of UAlbany graduates

who are members of the 109th Airlift Wing of the New York Air National Guard. She says there are at least a dozen UAlbany alumni in the unit, and, according to National Guard records, there were 29 Guard members enrolled at UAlbany during the Spring 2004 semester. The 109th, the only ski-equipped C-130 Wing in the United States, is responsible for supporting research in Greenland and Antarctica. Each season, the 109th flies equipment ranging from delicate lab instruments to bulldozers, along with food, fuel, con-

struction supplies and personnel to camps across interior Antarctica and research sites such as North GRIP (GREENLAND ICE CORING PROJECT) on the Greenland Ice Cap.

Zeliph, already a sergeant, joined the National Guard during her senior year at Bethlehem High School. She was interested in medicine and joined the 109th Airlift Wing's Aeromedical Evacuation Program. Since beginning her training, Zeliph has been sent to Kangerlussuaq in Greenland twice and to McMurdo Station in Antarctica once. At Kangerlus-

suaq, she is the primary medical provider for fellow National Guard members at the base. She describes her duties as "basic family practice" medicine. She treats sprains, jammed fingers, shock, heat and cold injuries and stabilizes patients with more serious injuries so they can be transported to the hospital in Thule, about 1,000 miles from Kanger. "It's my job to make sure everyone here stays healthy enough to do their jobs safely," she says.

The reason so few people travel to the polar regions (besides the fact that there are neither sandy beaches nor posh hotels and the nearest Disney resort is halfway around the world) is that they're difficult to get to (a commercial flight costs in the thousands of dollars) and can be dangerous. In Greenland where the ice is approximately 12,000 feet thick in places, temperatures routinely get to minus 30 or 40 degrees Fahrenheit and winds can be 50 or 60 miles per hour. Even during the relatively mild summer, brutal winds can whip the snow on the ground into whiteout conditions with little or no warning.

Even so, the polar regions are fertile ground for scientists. They are nearly pristine and they harbor evidence of what Earth was like hundreds of thousands of years ago. The research done in these regions contributes to our knowledge of weather, climate, changes in our atmosphere, global warming, the movement of pollutants and a host of other topics.

Photos: Walt Wheeler



Striping features found in ice core samples, above, help scientists anticipate climate changes.

For example, the ice coring project run by Danish and American scientists at North GRIP at the top of the ice cap in Greenland has already shed light on recent climate changes (over the last 10,000 years). The researchers compare those changes to changes during the last Ice Age, partly to determine whether we need to worry about when the next Ice Age might start. According to Jim White, a professor at the University of Colorado and one of the principal investigators at North GRIP, the information gained from the ice cores will tell scientists what the climate in Greenland was like as much as 120,000 years ago.

Information gathered at sites such as North GRIP comes back to UAlbany and is used by faculty members, both in research and in the classroom. Robert Keese, associate professor of Atmospheric Science and Chemistry, uses data collected from the Greenland ice coring projects in his *Atmospheric Science, Envi-*

ronmental Issues, Atmospheric Chemistry and *Air Quality* classes. “One of the nice things about the ice cores,” he says, “is that insoluble particles from the air get stored in the ice, leaving evidence of events in the chemical makeup of the atmosphere.” For example, the ice cores show elevated levels of lead in the air during Roman times; these levels fall off during the Middle Ages. That information can be compared with data from the 1960s and ’70s, when heavy manufacturing and pollution from leaded gasoline increased the amount of lead in the atmosphere.

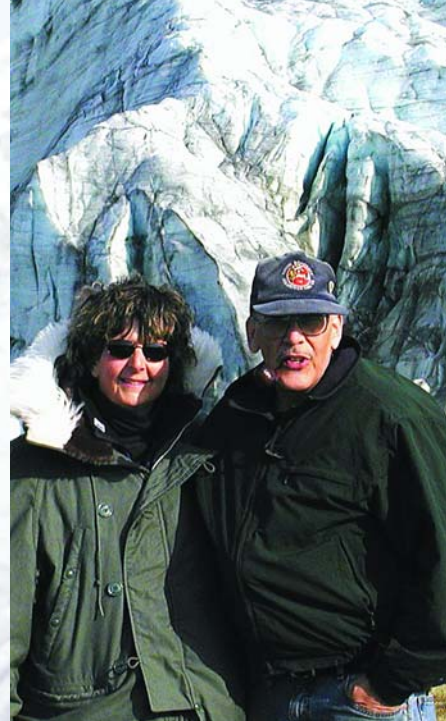
John Delano, Distinguished Teaching Professor in the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, is even more enthusiastic on the subject of the ice cores. “I spend between five and six weeks, or about a third of a semester, in my *Environmental Geochemistry* class going through climate data derived from the ice cores,” says Delano. “They are an absolute treasure trove of information.”

Ice cores are essentially water that’s been preserved, compressed and crystallized over a long period of time. Each year, the unmelted snow forms a new layer, and the layers can be counted, much like the rings of a tree.

One of the most obvious things scientists are interested in finding out from the ice cores is what the climate has been doing over the last 100,000-plus years. Simplifying complex chemistry, Delano explains that temperature actually changes the composition of the atoms in the ice. “By measuring the number of the various isotopes of oxygen that make up the water in the ice,” he says, “we can tell within a degree or so what the temperature was like at the time a particular layer of ice was formed.”

Zeliph, who graduated magna cum laude, is back at UAlbany now, working on the first stage of her Ph.D. in Biodiversity. “I love UAlbany,” she says. “The professors, especially Dr. (Gary) Kleppel (Biology), encouraged me to go further and do the best I could. That’s why I’m going back for my Ph.D.” But she’s still a member of the Guard and says she’ll keep requesting assignments in Greenland and Antarctica. “The 109th has become like an extended family to me,” says the Bethlehem native.

Last May, she married Jason Zeliph, M.A. ’03, another member of the 109th. “I like travel, challenge and a flexible schedule,” she says, “and the National Guard and UAlbany offer all of those things.”



Linda Wheeler and her husband, Walt, at the Russell Glacier near Kangerlussuaq, Greenland.

The author, Linda Wheeler, B.A. ’98, is director of academic events at UAlbany. She traveled to Greenland with the 109th Airlift Wing in July 2004 to meet Colleen Zeliph and research this story. “It was just an incredible experience,” Wheeler says. “Everything about the trip was so different from anything else I’ve ever done. From the ‘web’ seats and portholes on the plane to the beauty of the snow at Raven and getting to see the ice coring process going on in a tunnel ten feet beneath the snow. This was one of a handful of times in my life when I’ve been in complete awe of the magnificence and variety of nature. The last evening we were in Kanger, the whole group of reporters and visitors made a trek to the Russell Glacier, about 20 miles from the base. I can’t begin to describe the sense of amazement to be sitting at a picnic table among grass and flowers looking across a small, fast-moving river at a 300-foot wall of ice that cracking and breaking apart right in front of us. It was a fitting end to a spectacular trip.”

Snapshots



Photo: courtesy of Glenn Merry

Top Left: Alumni Association President Anthony Giardina, B.A.'81, right, presents a print of the University to President Kermit Hall during a meeting of the Alumni Association Board Feb. 5. The Alumni Association commissioned the work by Larry Van Alstyne.

Top Right: Four outstanding alumni and two faculty members received awards for career accomplishments from the Nelson A. Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy on Nov. 29, 2004. The recipients, from left, are Michael Leo Owens, Ph.D.'01, assistant professor of political science, Emory University, Distinguished Young Alumni Award; Patricia Salkin, B.A.'85, associate dean and director, Government Law Center, Albany Law School, Distinguished Alumna Award in Political Science; Professor Joseph Zimmerman, UAlbany Department of Political Science, Lifetime Achievement Award; Robin Leonard Prunty, M.P.A.'87, director of ratings services, Standard & Poor's, Distinguished Alumna Award in Public Administration and Policy; Professor Robert McEvoy, Department of Public Administration and Policy, Distinguished Service Award; Sue Faerman, Ph.D.'87, UAlbany dean of Undergraduate Studies and associate vice president for Academic Affairs, Distinguished Extended Learning Leadership Award of Excellence. For more details, please visit the Rockefeller College Web page, www.albany.edu/rockefeller.

Bottom Right: Glenn Merry, B.A.'90, right, is joined by Nick Peterson of the U.S. Olympic Committee as American athletes gather in the Olympic village before closing ceremonies at the 2004 Summer Games in Athens. Merry, currently interim executive director of the U.S. Rowing Association in Indianapolis, was the leader for the 13 boats and 45 athletes competing for America, including the men's eight-person shell, which won a gold medal, and the women's eight, which claimed silver. Merry, who got his start rowing with UAlbany's club program, is a Rochester native who majored in rhetoric and communication.

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Alumni House



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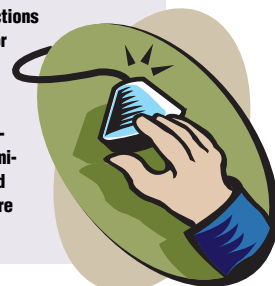
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