

Class Notes

35 Susan Seabury Smith passed away in Pensacola, Fla., Sept. 21, 2005, at the age of 91. She was a former member of the UAlbany library science faculty and began her career in 1937 with the East Greenbush Central School District. Smith earned a doctoral degree from Columbia University.

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Peg Martino is very active in a BOCES retirees group.

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Harold Shapiro, (303) 766-2201*

39 Since the previous edition of "Class Notes," the class co-councilors have received a letter of appreciation and gratitude from Christine Holdrege, the recipient of this year's Class of 1939 Scholarship. No word of any '39er being inconvenienced by more than a compulsory evacuation due to South Florida's 2004 rash of hurricanes.

Harriet Green Cogger's holiday letter spins a tale of an adventuresome tour in eastern South America.

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Lee McElroy, vice president of Athletics (L.), shares a laugh with Garry McCarthy '81 at the Alumni Association's NCAA Tournament pregame party in Philadelphia. More than 200 Great Danes fans attended.



40 Sadly, we learned recently that **Fred Fundis** and his wife, **Helen Bailey Fundis**, have passed away. **Haskell Rosenberg**, a dedicated alumnus and a generous philanthropist who championed many worthy causes, passed away in December. After 18 years of service, **Leonard Kayle** has resigned as treasurer of the RCA/NBA Alumni Club.

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This June is the 65th anniversary of our graduation from State. We will celebrate our reunion at the All-Alumni Luncheon to be held Saturday, June 3rd on the Downtown Campus. Those who wish to attend any of the other celebrations offered by the university are more than welcome to do so. **Vince Gillen** tells of an independent living facility, Woodland Pond at New Paltz, N.Y., set to open in late October 2007. Vince and Peg have bought into it and hope to be around when it opens. Vince has no connection other than joining up and is encouraging some friends to check it

out so they can have a reunion every day. **Wilfred (Bill) Thomas** is living in an adult facility in Lowville, N.Y. In February, Bill and Janey went on a two-week elderhostel tour in Africa and visited their great-grandchild in Paris, France, on the way home. Bill can be contacted at (315) 377-3169.

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vpgillen4@yahoo.com. Please contact me if you know the whereabouts of any members of our class. I need to update our class contact list.*

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Marie (Liebl) Muller, Agnes (Young) Elze and **Doris (Ives) Pitcher** have met to set plans for the 60th reunion. You have received a class newsletter that includes a reunion questionnaire. In order to keep us current, it is important that you fill it out and return it to the Alumni Association. Some All-Alumni functions have been scheduled for that weekend; the committee will supplement those events with meetings and activities just for our class. Again, please respond to the questionnaire, and make plans to attend our reunion.

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48 Donald Sayles and a former World War II Army buddy revisited in March many of the cities and towns in Italy where they had served from Oct. 1943-Nov. '45. **Wilma Diehl** of Massapequa and **Helen Schick** of West Islip, N.Y., recently had lunch together. Wilma continues training dogs with the American Kennel Club. **Joan Sittner Sherwood** and husband Frank celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their children and grandchildren in Leavenworth, Wash.'s Bavarian village. **B.J. Chase** and husband Chuck are enjoying their move to a retirement community in Maryland. **Arthur Collins** volunteers two hours a week recording books for the blind and visually handicapped at

the Lenox recording studio. Collins is organizing and emceeing "A Mulligan Stew: A Verbal Feast," to benefit the Lenox Library. **Arthur Russell** of Maussane, France, has recuperated from a burst appendix. **Evelyn Boetcher Christophersen** will celebrate her 80th birthday in Indio, Calif., with a reunion of family members from California, Washington and France. **Shirley Graham Elwood** continues her church work in Fort Plain, N.Y. **Barbara Hyman Shapiro** of Boynton Beach, Fla., and her gentleman friend entered into a commitment ceremony performed by a rabbi. **Charlotte Goldstein Koblenz** of Albany will travel to Costa Rica this spring. She celebrated her 80th birthday with a family reunion in Palm Springs, Calif. **Sam** and **Dorothy Dickieson** of Seneca Falls, N.Y., are proud to announce that Dorothy ('47) has been selected "Woman of the Year" by the Seneca County Women's Coalition for her contributions to the community. Sadly, we note the recent passing of

one of our classmates, **Vivian Hillier Thorne**. Vivian was very involved with SCT and the University. She served as class councilor for 10 years, board member of the Alumni Association, member of the Faculty Wives Club, chairperson of the Annual Fund, and received the Excellence in Alumni Service Award. **Adrienne Iorio Caruso** has been named to *Who's Who in America 2006* for outstanding achievement in her chosen field. She also has been named to *Who's Who in American Education 2006* for demonstrating outstanding achievement for the betterment of contemporary society.

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49 **Leslie Hervey O'Heir** and husband Dick are now full-time residents of Audubon, Pa., after selling their second home in South Carolina.

Calendar

May

- 18** Burton Lecture
- 20** Pre-Commencement Dinner and Legacy Family Celebration, Albany
- 21-22** Commencement Weekend
- 22** 13th Annual Great Danes Scholarship Golf Classic, Shaker Ridge Country Club, Albany

June

- 2** Alumni Association Gala Awards Dinner
- 2-4** Alumni Weekend

July

- 14-15** UAlbany Football Reunion, Albany
- 28-30** EOP Reunion, Atlanta, Ga.

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Be An Ambassador for UAlbany...

I am often asked by alumni how they can help the University. In fact, I am often inspired to hear that so many are willing to commit to strengthening the school for the benefit of the current students and their fellow alumni. A great way to help shape the life of today's UAlbany students and alumni is by becoming a UAlbany Ambassador. It's a great opportunity to network, to give back to the University and – most important – to be a partner in creating a quality learning environment for students.



Each year, hundreds of alumni and friends of the University lend their talents and experience to programs across the campus as well as across the country in a variety of endeavors that include:

- **Alumni In Admissions** – Spread the good news about your UAlbany experience by attending college fairs, open houses and calling prospective students.
- **Career Mentoring** – Provide career planning advice to fellow alumni and students through the Alumni Association's online mentoring program.
- **Alumni Association Board/Committees/Regional Leadership** – Share your expertise and help strengthen our efforts to perpetuate a sense of pride in and commitment to the outstanding qualities of the University and the education it provides. Join us as we promote a positive image of the University and its alumni through communication, service and leadership.

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Please take a moment now to complete and return the postcard enclosed on page 8 of the magazine to let us know that you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities. Together, we will build an even stronger UAlbany.

Lee Serravillo, Executive Director

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As a result, Leslie has become even more active in volunteer work. Among her many activities, she has assumed the position of librarian for her 2,000-member church. She also enjoys playing billiards! Congratulations to **Jean Ineson Ebbert** and husband Leigh on the birth of their new grandson. Jean has recovered from the November 2005 triple bypass surgery that implanted a replacement heart valve donated by an anonymous pig. In the summer of 2005, Jean and Leigh thoroughly enjoyed a fantastic 14-day Holland America cruise through the Baltic Sea with time also spent in Amsterdam, London and Stratford-on-

Avon. The Ebberts plan to move in mid-March, to smaller quarters in a nearby retirement complex of military retirees. **Richard Foster**, now living in a very active retirement community in Sarasota, Fla., recently became a great-grandfather. He has done 18 years of volunteer work as a nurse and Spanish interpreter in a senior health clinic. **Mickey Seaman Rozwood** reports that in September, she and **Dolores Kloster Quinn** went to Ballston Spa to spend the night with **Arlene Golden Noonan**. Then they had lunch in Saratoga Springs with **Jean Spencer Bourgeois** and were joined in the evening by

Cathal Halloran Kennedy. They enjoyed many happy reminiscences of their college days. Dolores is very much involved in running and takes part in many races throughout the state. She usually wins but says it's because "not many ladies in the plus-75 age group run." **Lena Sorcinelli Capuano**, whose husband Michael died in 1970, reports that she is still working as a pastoral associate for administration in her Altamont church and loves it. Her four children (three boys and a girl) are all doing well. Her youngest son is working on his doctorate at UAlbany. Lena can't wait for her Marine grandson to return safely from Iraq. **Bonnie Totten**

Adkins and husband Lee went on a fast-moving trip to Europe in September that included visits with friends and relatives in Germany, England and Ireland. In Ireland, they met with the leaders of a reconciliation program on the confrontation line in Belfast. In May, they will lead a volunteer group on a mission to that area. Bonnie and Lee keep busy with their Rotary and village projects, church ministries, and visits from their seven kids and their families. **Dick Zeller** reports that he had a wonderful trip to the Black Hills, Yellowstone, and other national parks within a five-state area.

Dick's observation on the trip: "VERY IMPRESSIVE!" **Bob Kaiser**, with wife Mary Ann, and **Joe Zanchelli**, with wife **Joyce '52**, got together for lunch in August in Saratoga Springs. Joyce and Joe thoroughly enjoyed an Elderhostel program on the Brandywine Valley, where they were joined by Class of 1950 members **Ben Jackson** and **Dave Jack**, with their wives. Joe Z. would really like to hear from more '49ers – good news, big news, small news, any news! E-mail, telephone, snail mail – I don't care, as long as the news comes in. Thanks.

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52 **Sue Danzis Lukasiewicz** has continued her interest in the theater as founder and director for 39 years of the Galway Players and president of the board of directors. Sue is also active in the Galway Youth Theater. She and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April; they are active in their church and have traveled extensively.

From left: Joan Walton, George Walton '58, President Kermit L. Hall and Eric Walton '78 visit at an alumni reception in Phoenix.



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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 3, 2006, at the University at Albany, Albany, New York.

President Kermit and Phyllis Hall and alumni gathered at a pregame reception and then at UCLA's Pauley Pavilion as the Great Danes took on the UCLA Bruins Nov. 29.



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Patricia Dargush Bowker has become a great-grandparent with the arrival of Jordan Elizabeth in October 2004. **Rev. Bob Donnelly** proudly announces his nephew, Archer M. Macy, was promoted to the rank of rear admiral, U.S. Navy, in November 2004. Bob serves on the Chapel House board at UAlbany, and volunteers at the office of New Yorkers Against the Death Penalty. He recently visited the Canadian Rockies. **Virginia Dowsland Lewan** and her husband have moved into an independent living apartment, a move necessitated by a stroke Ginny suffered in July. Her recovery has been quite rapid, though she still is not 100 percent. She has also been in touch with **Pat Devitt Kavanaugh**. **Victoria Eade Eddy** welcomed grandchild No. 11 in March and has entertained **Mary Borys Coro** and **Evie Kamke Johnson** in her home. Unhappily, Victoria lost her husband in February 2004. For years she was the author of a newspaper food column. **Gwendolyn Gallivan Ripp** serves on the board of directors for her homeowners' association in Vero Beach, Fla. She also still plays bridge, having honed her skills at Gamma Kappa Phi. **Thomas Holman** spends several weeks each year on the island of St. Maarten and recommends The Pasanggahan, a small inn on the beach. **Bert Jablon** is still working at Empire State College, Old Westbury Campus, with a specialty in health care administration. He is on the steering committee of Tobacco Action Coalition and is president of the New York State Public Health Association, Nassau-Suffolk region. Bert has also arranged five professional/community conferences and is still a competitive runner. He has won many awards for his running in the last 28 years and writes a monthly column for the Greater Long Island Road Runners Club's publication *Footnotes*. He and his wife still find time to travel, enjoy the theater and visit grandchildren.

Sally McCain Horn splits her year between Florida and Madison, Conn. She has seven grandchildren and recommends the Grand Circle Rhone River Cruise from Paris to Cote D'Azur and the Special Expeditions trip to Alaska. **Ted Peene** is involved in the West Coast Florida Alumni group in Sarasota. **Jeanne Seymour Earle** is a member of the Mahopac Board of Education and chair of its policy committee. She is taking computer courses and volunteers at SCORE, a group of retired business executives who help people starting small businesses. **Henry Smith** is well and in good health living in Lloyd Harbor, Long Island. **David Shepherd** is single, retired and happy living in San Diego, Calif., and would enjoy hearing from old classmates. **Rita Stanger Kohn Levy** took some fabulous trips: China, Tahiti, Arctic Circle and Antarctica. She's active in AAUW, enjoys a senior's life and would like to know if there are any alums in the San Diego area. **Alan Stephenson** is still working and has been made a full professor at John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio. His volunteer activities include managing Northeastern Ohio Media Archives, which number over 200,000 newsclips on film and tape. He also found time to work on the Broadcast Announcing Textbook, second edition, and wrote all of the Instructor's Manual to Broadcast Announcing Worktext. Under "trips you would like to recommend," Al wrote, "Driving to a job you love every day is refreshing." **David Trehane** has a travel consulting business specializing in B&Bs and small inns in the Tuscany, Umbria and Emilia-Romagna areas of Italy. His favorite cities are Perugia and Bologna. He also works in the admitting department of Naples, Fla., Community Hospital.

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54 **John and Dolores Granito** have repaired their Pine Island, Fla., home, hit hard by Hurricane Charley. It took them from October until January before the work was completed, with no workers available. The two of them learned construction skills they never knew they had. The Granitos also took a river cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest last June.

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55 **Wilma Thornton** had a wonderful experience on her cruise last year to Nagasaki, Pusan, Vladivostok, Dalian, Shanghai and Beijing. A highlight, she says, was climbing the Great Wall of China. In January, **Ada and Mel Gollub** took an extended cruise in the South Pacific. We have lost two former classmates. In August, **Ron Koster** died after a long illness. **Marie Di Gerolamo Placido** died last fall at her home in Alhambra, Calif. Please keep in touch with your alumni news.

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October 14-23, 2006

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experiences. Don't miss your chance to experience Sicily's distinctive sights, sounds and sensations. For more information, contact

Amber Newcomb at the Alumni Association at (518) 442-3080.

P.S. There is still time to join us on our journey to Poros, Greece – June 9-18, 2006. Call the Alumni Association for more information.



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Dr. Lolita McDavid, M.P.A. '70:

A Voice for Children

"Children don't vote," says Lolita McDavid, M.D., M.P.A.'70, medical director for child advocacy and protection at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital in Cleveland, "so advocates have to be a voice for children."



Dr. Lolita McDavid, M.P.A. '70

A pediatrician and activist who has rubbed elbows with the likes of Hillary Clinton, Donna Shalala and Marian Wright Edelman, McDavid says her biggest challenge is fighting for government funding for children's health care. "These are particularly tough times," says McDavid. "We're competing against a war, tax cuts, increased expenditures, decreased revenues and the Katrina tragedy. But we have to keep helping children, especially low-

income children." McDavid's advocacy work isn't limited, however, to health care.

McDavid founded and directed the first countywide office of the Children's Defense Fund. She has raised funds for Children Who Witness Violence, a county organization that has received national recognition for creating a curriculum used to teach social workers, caregivers, law enforcement officials and others to help children who've witnessed violence. Voices for Children of Greater Cleveland, a now independent non-profit that started under McDavid's direction, looks after not only children's health matters, but behavioral health, day care, education, safety and justice issues, as well. With her pediatric residents at Case Western Reserve University, where she's an associate professor of medicine, McDavid has also advocated for more recreational opportunities for Cleveland's children. It is an effort, she says, to look beyond healthcare and hospital walls for a solution to childhood obesity.

Every advocating voice needs an effective vocabulary, and McDavid says she gained hers through UAlbany's Master of Public Administration program. "In most fields, knowing the vocabulary gets you halfway there," she says. "The law and policy have their own vocabulary, and my M.P.A. was very valuable in teaching me that vocabulary." McDavid says her administration training and experience are a rarity among doctors, and have allowed her to win grants that have supported much of her work.

McDavid spends time each year in Washington, D.C., reviewing grant applications, evaluating the efficacy of proposed child-related programs, and making recommendations as to how the government should support children. She also appears on local and national television shows as a pediatric expert and commentator. In these ways, her advocating voice can be heard far and wide, all across the nation.

— Dan DiPiro

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When contributing to our alma mater, please designate your gift to the "Class of 1956 Scholarship Fund."

Joyce Tannatta Keating and Jim welcomed their 12th granddaughter, Ava. They continue to travel frequently.

T Ladd and Beverly greeted the New Year on a cruise in the Caribbean; their travels included Utah, Nevada, the Rocky Mountain and Great Basin national parks, the Western/Cowboy Museum in Oklahoma City, and Branson, Mo. **Judy Vimmerstedt Morrell** and John visited Williamsburg and the Civil War site of the Battle of Fredericksburg. In March, they traveled to Florida; in June, they spent a week on the Erie Canal, cruising from Macedon to Lockport. Judy also has taught swimming lessons and a water aerobics class. **Carmelo Virgillo**

is currently working on the sixth edition of *Aproximaciones al Estudio de la Literatura Hispanica*, a required textbook at more than 700 major and minor colleges and universities in the U.S., Canada and other countries. **Helen S. Ainspan** is unable to join us for our 50th reunion since she will be out of town celebrating the Jewish holiday of Shavuot and the birthday of one of her grandsons. **Dr. David S. Greenberg** is currently retired, but has already taught French for 43 years, 35 years in

New York, mostly at Shenendehowa High School in Clifton Park – and for eight years part time at Florida State University, Florida A&M University, Tallahassee Community College and Florida State University School, a laboratory research school. David remains active at his temple; he sang in the choir for the High Holy Days and participates in Bible study groups and Hebrew classes. He and his wife, Anita, celebrated their 40th anniversary on Amelia Island, Fla. **Bill LaBarr** continues to improve America's image abroad by reaching out to students, many of whom study in countries other than those of their origin, including the United States. His latest students are from Serbia and Morocco.

Marilyn House O'Connor had a wonderful trip to Peru. **Dr. William D. Rock** and Anne recently returned from a cruise from Rotterdam to Venice. He continues to serve on SUNY Brockport's Foundation board and its finance committee; he also heads the retired professors' organization for the eight SUNY colleges in western New York. The Rocks continue to fund endowments at four SUNY institutions, including UAlbany. **Marge Kelleher Shea** is involved with New York City politics in a non-partisan fashion. She is watching the City Board of Elections' purchase of new voting machines to replace the mechanical-lever variety. Marge and George enjoy

Alumni Association volunteers handed out hundreds of donuts and cups of coffee to students who had camped out overnight to get tickets to the America East Championship basketball game March 11. (L. to r.) Jeffrey Luks '91, '01; John Turner '71; and Amber Newcomb '03.



Sharon Kantor, Esq. '73, and Thomas Trachuk '73 chat at an alumni reception in San Francisco.



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opera, Off-Broadway theater and events at the New York Public Library. Members of the Class of 1956 who are hoping to attend our 50th reunion June 2, 3 and 4 are **Virginia Hilfiker Ahart, Niki Loehr Belleville, William Berkeley, Peggy Coogan Bondorew, Anne Benedik Dupuy, Ed Ferguson, Marvin Goldstein, Sally Doody Hayes, Jane Ide Hutchins, Morton Katz, Arlene Gingold King, Bill Lindberg, Marilyn Knapik Lucas, Arnold Newman, Bill Rock, Jane Anne Loman Russell, Marge Kelleher Shea, Mary Smith Smith, Jane Whitehurst Stryker, Lawrence Suffness and Bea Engelhardt Wright. Barbara Maaloe Kelly-Yerdon** is the local 1956 class representative to the Council of Classes. If there has been a change in your e-mail address or home address, please be so kind as to notify the Alumni Association at (518) 442-3087 or your class counselor.

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57 Janice Champagne

McGrath had a role in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at Honolulu's Shakespeare Festival and another "Mommie Dearest" type in a new play. **Sheila Bamberger** and husband Rabbi Henry have been selected co-executive vice presidents of the National Association of Retired Reform Rabbis. *Counselors: Sheila Lister Bamberger, hsbamb@verizon.net; Benjamin H. Lindeman, bhilind@aol.com*

60 Pete and Priscilla Jeney

Albrecht will be relocating to Sun City West (Phoenix) this year. They also plan to build a summer home in the Arizona White Mountains in 2007. **Marian (Bunny) Silverstein Calabrese** has retired from Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn., this past December after 45 years of teaching. **Bill and Erika Gievers Neuberger** enjoyed a two-week trip to China in June 2005. **Paul Reagan**, serving as a mental health

counselor, volunteered with the American Red Cross disaster relief at the Niagara Falls call center in October. Paul also worked in a shelter at Southern University in Baton Rouge for two weeks following Hurricane Katrina. **Nancy Marie Ryan** has exceeded her lifetime goal of publishing 2,000 poems. She will be listed in the 2006-07 Marquis *Who's Who of American Women*. *Counselors: Doris Hische Brossy, dbrossy@aol.com; Joan Cali Pecore, Cueville@comcast.net; Paul Reagan, (845) 876-8705.*

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Members of the Class of '61 are invited to join the ongoing virtual reunion at the Red Devils Redux Weblog (www.reddevilsredux.blogspot.com). Send an e-mail to sinoknarf@gmail.com for instructions on how to become one of the gang so that you can get involved in the conversation. It's free. It's fun. It's the future. **Don Cohen** is finishing his 11th year of retirement from the mathematics department at SUNY Cobleskill. Cohen continues to teach part-time at UAlbany, consult for NSF, snowbird in Florida, and enjoy the company of his eight grandchildren. **John F. Sullivan**, retired senior CIA polygraph examiner, is the author of the noted 2002 book *Of Spies and Lies: A CIA Lie Detector Remembers Vietnam*. **Julie Dranichak** has retired from her position as Slavic bibliographer at Binghamton University. **Mel Horowitz**, retiring after 34 years as a classroom teacher, is currently associate director of The Academy for Character Education at the Sage Colleges. Horowitz was recently honored "for his over 30 years of dedication and service" at the national convention of the U.S.-China Peoples Friendship Association. *Counselor: Melvyn J. Horowitz, melandsis@yahoo.com*

62 Sheril Joan McCormack

and **Linda Bosworth** enjoyed a September trip to Stockholm together. Linda does volunteer work with the elderly in Binghamton; Sheril had clay sculpture pieces in a June show in the

Roslyn Library on Long Island. **Gene Altman** continues with his computer business in Schenectady. *Counselor: Sheril McCormack, Vanillstar202@yahoo.com*

63 Dr. Ernest O'Neil, has been working in Ethiopia since 2004 with the Academy for Educational Development, Inc., as chief of party of the USAID-funded Basic Education Strategic Objective II Project. He was employed in a similar capacity in Jamaica from 1998 to 2004. He plans to complete his tour in Ethiopia in October 2006.

64 Norman Seidelman works for Northrop Grumman, providing software and installation procedures to the National Security Agency at Ft. Meade, Md. He has also worked at Bell Labs for UNIVAC; Goddard Space Flight Center for Sperry Rand; the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory; and Singer Link, writing software for nuclear power plant control room simulators. Norm and **Rita '65** celebrated their 40th anniversary by vacationing in Australia and New Zealand in October. **Carol Ann Rossomano** retired in 2005 from her position as programming analyst in the Town of Hempstead, N.Y., a position she held for 35 years. She resides in Bellmore, N.Y. *Counselors: Carole Potts Bruno, carolewithane@hotmail.com; Piret Kutt Kelly, piretk@aol.com*

65 Rita Brensilver Seidelman is the assistant manager for the Village of Long Reach in Columbia, Md. **Norton Banks** lives in Baltimore and works for Lockheed Martin, caring for and feeding mainframe computers at the Social Security Administration in Woodlawn, Md. **Norman Kiner, Arnold Jablon, Norton Banks** and **Norm Seidelman** had a "Survivors of Elberon Place" meeting while traveling to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown last June. *Counselor: Judy Madnick, jmadnick@alumni.albany.edu*

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Dr. Alan Lefor, B.S.'76:

Surgery in the Jungle

Alan Lefor, M.D., B.S.'76, has a distinguished career at a major medical center in Los Angeles. But he has also found great satisfaction in jumping back half a century to practice "pure medicine" in the jungles of Guatemala.

Seven times the surgeon has made a 12-hour bus trip to villages in the remote Ixil Triangle with a 65-member team to provide the only medical care that the natives in that region receive.

"It's the practice of pure medicine," he said. "There's minimal paperwork and no worrying about the length of time I spend with a patient. It's like medicine was in this country 40 years ago. It's also a real lesson in teamwork."

Starting in 1999, Lefor made three trips through HELPS International, a Texas-based agency (www.helpsintl.org). Then he began directing teams of physicians, nurses and other specialists

from the Los Angeles area, where he has several leadership roles at the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Although the teams use hospitals set up by the American government in the 1980s, they must haul in all of their own supplies.

During marathon sessions in the steamy spring weather, they triage and treat about 400 persons per day. In some cases, they must translate questions and instructions into a Mayan dialect used by some natives. Lacking a blood bank and laboratory to perform complicated operations, the visitors do such procedures as repairing hernias and removing gallbladders and various other growths.

As a bright young man in a hurry, Lefor breezed through both Brighton High School (in



Dr. Alan Lefor, B.S. '76, left, with Dr. Phil Stillman in 1999 in Guatemala.

Rochester) and UAlbany (where he majored in chemistry) in three years apiece. Although he now terms that haste a mistake because of his social immaturity, he credits two chemistry professors, Shelton Bank and Jerrold Zuckerman, with inspiring him and giving him a great foundation in research.

"Zuckerman was one of the most brilliant people I've ever known," said Lefor, who in 1997 established an endowed fund for a computer cluster lab in the chemistry department. "He made learning chemistry very exciting."

At Cedars-Sinai, Lefor chairs the surgical oncology department, directs the surgical residency program and is on call as a trauma surgeon five nights per month. With credits that include 160 presentations and visiting professorships, he recently became proficient in Japanese and now teaches surgery on visits to Japan.

— Richard Chady, M.L.S.'88

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70 Steve Lobel has documented, through photographs and videography, a humanitarian effort to distribute free eyeglasses to poor people in Nicaragua. He traveled with optometrists from the New England College of Optometry in Boston and students from Williams College in Williamstown, Mass. Steve is also assisting documentary filmmakers with projects on such topics as burn victims, deaf children and people with disabilities. **Sandy Adams** enjoys life as a CPA-tax consultant, lobbyist and elected official in Denver, Colo. She's invited us all for a visit! **Doreen Frankel** retired as a management consultant in Edina, Minn., and is active in religious and community groups. **David Geer** of Fort Ann, N.Y., remembers student teaching at Milne, his classics courses and professors, and the many activities available. He's been his church's financial secretary for over 30 years. **Susan Gilbert** of Elmira, N.Y., works as an ICU/RN and served eight years in the Army Nurse Corps Reserves. She remembers the Vietnam War — "We all knew someone over there." She especially recalls that somber night when the names of all our New York soldiers who had died there were read aloud. **Marie DePalo Glaser** of Columbia, Md., retired after 27 years of teaching in New York, worked as director of alumni and special events for Howard Community College, and now works as a jewelry designer. **Jill Greenberg** is a financial planner living in Brookline, Mass.

Anne Calhoun King of Esperance, N.Y., recently retired as director of human resources at the Mohawk Valley Psychiatric Center. **Sam Licari** of Dolgeville, N.Y., is semi-retired from a varied career as a supermarket and Dunkin' Donuts franchisee, real estate broker and notary public. Still involved with Rotary International and the Retired Military Officers Association, he enjoys weight lifting and trips to Cooperstown and Hilton Head. **Martin McMahon** of Voorheesville, N.Y., works in health care administration, and fondly recalls playing in the Candy Coat and Outhouse Band and at parties with KB fraternity. **Sally Mendola** of New York, N.Y., works as an attorney in New York City and is on the executive committee of the New York City Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild. She authored an article, "Parole Revocation in New York: Law and Practice," which appeared in the *New York State Bar Association Journal*. **Brian Monahan** of Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., currently serves as mayor and will become the superintendent of the North Rockland Central School District in July 2006. **Elaine Clementz Mueller** of Raleigh, N.C., works as a computer software engineer with IBM. **Rosella Todd Valentine** retired to Leesburg, Fla., in 2002 after a 31-year teaching career and service on the boards of several educational, cultural and civic organizations. She recalls our years on "the beautiful new campus; the Vietnam War protests and marches; race riots; an exciting time to be in college!" **Norm Walton** of Knoxville, Tenn., is an assistant professor of medicine at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and also an internist and neurologist at the University Hospital.

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'71, '76, '81, '86, '91, '96, '01, '06

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Donna White-Davis is an artist, teacher and EMT in Woodstock, N.Y. Her activities have included the Woodstock Guild, Woodstock Rescue Company and Woodstock Film Festival. She especially recalls the "deep friendships with faculty and students that eased the way to professional life." **Wendla Hautaniemi Windt** of Chelmsford, Mass., is a clinical social worker and a licensed alcohol drug counselor. Among her fondest memories are "passing astronomy because of the student strike and being in the first group to live on State Quad before it was finished." **Richard Zipper** of Crofton, Md., is a computer software engineer. His fondest college memory is of the short-lived "streaking" fad. The Partners of Hiscock & Barclay have elected partner **Thomas J. O'Connor** managing director of the Albany office. **John Michalke** of Albany, N.Y., has worked for the New York State Department of Commerce/Economic Development and Labor for more than 33 years; he is currently involved with Labor's Unemployment Insurance Systems Modernization Project. John, who is Albany chapter secretary and membership chairman for the American Statistical Association, proudly serves as your class co-councilor. His fondest memories include working on WSUA as a DJ, announcer and newscaster, and experiencing college life during the difficult and eventful times of the late 1960s. He looks forward to receiving news of his classmates.

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Marilyn Barry was elected interim superintendent at the Hudson City School District. **Catherine Ann Bertini**, former U.N. Under-Secretary-General for Management, has joined the faculty of the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University as professor of practice in public administration.

Thomas Lickona co-authored the report *Smart and Good High Schools: Integrating Excellence and Ethics for*

Success in School, Work and Beyond, published by the Center for the 4th and 5th Rs (Respect and Responsibility) at SUNY Cortland and the Washington, D.C.-based Character Education Partnership, with major support from the John Templeton Foundation.

Councilor: **Linda Waters Zusman**, lalocazus@aol.com

72 Timothy J. Abeel, chairman of the Commercial Motor Vehicle



Timothy J. Abeel

Section at Rawle and Henderson, was the recipient of the 2005 John T. Biezup Memorial Service Award presented by the Trucking Industry

Defense Association. **Jerry Gunning** is an aerospace engineer at Honeywell in Phoenix, Ariz. He also shows paintings in local galleries, is married and has two children in grade school. **Madelyn A. Ross** was appointed associate vice chancellor for national media relations in the University of Pittsburgh's Office of Public Affairs last August. **Robert**



Robert Gottfried

Gottfried, a partner in Hodgson Russ Immigration Practice Group, was named in the 2006 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. He has been

listed in the publication for 10 years.

73 Charlie Comerford spent nearly a month providing emergency communications for the northern part of Hancock County, Miss., in the wake of the direct hit from Hurricane Katrina. His services were provided through the State of Florida Emergency Response Team. Charlie's efforts were subsequently recognized by grants from the Department of Homeland Security and the Corporation for National and Community Service, and from the American Radio Relay League, the states of Florida and Mississippi, and Hancock County. As a member of the United Kingdom-based Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society, Charlie travels to HMS Belfast, a World War II cruiser located in the River

Thames, London, several times a year and stays onboard for a week at time operating from the Bridge Wireless Office (ham station GB2RN), along with veterans of the Royal Navy and Merchant Marine, in recreations of wartime activities. Charlie also keeps busy developing his wife's .com business in antiques and his own interest in World War I diaries, medals and maps. **Ellen deRoxtro** was named the Florida Outstanding Elementary Art Teacher of the Year for 2005 by the Florida Art Education Association, an organization that promotes and supports education by certified art teachers. **Merry Harris** was appointed the City of Binghamton's new economic development director.

74 Gail Mellow is president of LaGuardia Community College in Long Island City. Gail, a social psychologist, has served as a faculty member and administrator at community colleges in Maryland, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey. **Antonio Perez** is president of the Borough of Manhattan Community College. The college, also a CUNY school, is in downtown Manhattan and

enrolls approximately 18,000 students in degree-programs and 6,000 more in continuing education programs.

75 Sheryl Gelbard is a realtor with Century 21 Metro Alliance in Scottsdale, Ariz. **Scott Waldman** is named chair of Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, in the newly formed



Scott Waldman

Department of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics. **Alan Abbey** lives in Israel and has formed his own media and Internet content services company, www.abbeycontent.com, to work with clients worldwide who need real-time content for their Web sites. He and his wife, Sheryl, live in Jerusalem with their children, Alex, 11; Ezra, 7; and Maayan, 3. **Carol Zygo** will leave her current position as elementary principal at the Oriskany Elementary School to accept the position of superintendent in the Herkimer Central School District.



Alan Abbey

Marc Kramer, B.A.'77, is CEO of the New York Daily News

Marc Z. Kramer, B.A.'77, has been appointed chief executive officer of the *New York Daily News*.

Kramer, who is a member of the journalism program Advisory Board at UAlbany, is moving from *The New York Times*, where he was senior vice president of circulation. Kramer previously worked at the *New York Daily News* from 1993 to 1998, when he was vice president and general counsel for labor relations and labor strategies. He majored in history at UAlbany and earned a J.D. from New York Law School in 1980.





(L. to r.) Former classmates Janet DeFabio and Linda McGrath (Class of 1953) swap stories at an alumni reception in Naples, Fla., in March.

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Michelle Edwards has received the annual Gryphon Award for Children's Literature from The Center for Children's Books at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. **Jane Breslin Jacobs** was named assistant professor of paralegal studies at Community College of Philadelphia.

Councilors: George DeLuca, georgede54@yahoo.com; Nathan Salant, gulfsout@ix.netcom.com

77 Susan Nesbitt Perez is

serving as vice president for outreach and financial aid for the Albany-based Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities. She directs the sector's admissions and financial aid awareness outreach programs and related member services, grant projects, and program fundraising and development. **Robert Matza** is president of Golden Tree Asset

Management. He most recently served as president and chief operating officer of Neuberger Berman; he was also a member of the management committee at Lehman Brothers.

79 Peter Steingraber of Providence, R.I., was named to the board of trustees at Western New England College. Peter, who will serve a two-year term as a law alumni trustee, is a developer for the Commonwealth Development Group, located in Norwood, Mass. He is also a member of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum and the National Trust for Historic Preservation (David Finley Society.)

80 Ron Nimkoff is a partner in the New York City law firm Nimkoff Rosenfeld & Schechter. **Sheila Baker** was appointed vice president of marketing at KACE, Inc., headquartered in Mountain View, Calif.

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Please contact your councilors to get involved with our reunion and help with the planning. Check the UAlbany Web site for more information. **Marc Gronich** started a new job as affiliate relations/programming director for Empire Radio Network. Marc also hosts a half-hour weekly public affairs talk show, New York Matters, on several radio stations across New York state. He became the chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias, Dutchess Lodge #860, in Wappingers Falls last November.

Councilors: Anthony Giardina, agiardina@yahoo.com; Marc Gronich, mgalbany@juno.com; Seth Starr, seth@fisv.com

82 Joseph P. Camerino was elected chair of the board for the Scleroderma Foundation in Danvers, Mass. He is the district superintendent/executive officer for the Oswego County Board of Cooperative Educational

Services. **John DeMasi** has joined New York-based Ramius Capital's London office as managing director in charge of European merger arbitrage. Prior to joining Ramius, John was a hedge fund manager for Coronation Fund Managers in London, where he ran the event-driven Gatehouse Fund. He lives with his wife and two daughters in West London, and welcomes hellos from old friends at wankat@alumni.albany.edu. **Diane Podolsky** graduated as valedictorian from the San Francisco SPCA Academy for Dog Trainers in December 2004 with a certificate in training and counseling. In May 2005, she opened her professional dog training and luxury boarding practice, The Cultured Canine, based in White Plains, N.Y. Diane is a member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers.

83 James C. Markotsis and partner recently celebrated the 15th year anniversary of Markotsis & Lieberman, a general practice law firm in Hicksville,

Stephen Rotella, M.B.A. '78:

Executing Better Than the Competition



Stephen Rotella, M.B.A. '78

How does one person oversee the day-to-day operation of 2,200 retail branches, the nation's third largest mortgage company, and the nation's sixth largest credit card unit? With 12-to-14-hour workdays, says Washington Mutual President and Chief Operations Officer Stephen Rotella, M.B.A.'78. "It's constant work, morning to night, but that's what makes it fun. It's fast paced."

Rotella, 52, says daily reprioritization is also vital to his work, because it's so easy to waste time on less important matters. "Every day, you have to focus on what's most important. It's about managing priorities. You always have to prioritize."

People skills, however, may be most vital to overseeing an organization as vast as Seattle-based Washington Mutual,

said Rotella, who grew up in Huntington, Long Island. "When you get to this level, a lot of what you need to do is think about the team you have. You develop your team internally. You augment it from outside. You foster teamwork. Technical skills take you only so far. The vast majority of the work is talking to and dealing with people: talking

strategy and keeping people focused on what's most important for Washington Mutual?

"Executing better than the competition," says Rotella. "There are a lot of competitors out there trying to get the attention of the consumer. Providing the consumer with good products and great service is what it's all about...always working to deliver better value and to make sure it's heard in the marketplace."

This spring, Rotella is donating his world-class managerial talents to his alma mater. As a member of President Kermit L. Hall's Board of Visitors, Rotella is one of 23 distinguished leaders who are helping to assess and build upon the University's strengths and strategies.

"I was honored to be asked [to join], and I'm looking forward to helping out," says Rotella, who describes his UAlbany degree as a career springboard. "I come from very humble beginnings. My M.B.A. was my ticket to opportunity. For me to be where I am is amazing, and I wouldn't be here without UAlbany."

— Dan DiPiro

Reporting Takes Susan Milligan, B.A. '84, From Buffalo to Baghdad

N.Y. James lives in Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y., with his wife and three sons. **Mark Warshofsky, M.D.**, has been appointed associate director of interventional cardiovascular services at Praxair Regional Heart and Vascular Center at Danbury Hospital. Mark will be developing the angioplasty program to provide treatment for acute and chronic heart disease with catheter-based techniques. He is a fellow of the American



Mark Warshofsky

that **David Linger** is leader of the firm's Property Tax, Valuation & Eminent Domain practice group. **Mary Beth Herkert** has become only the fourth state archivist in the 60 years the Oregon State Archives position has been in existence. **Jacqueline Osterman** is the new dinner theater director of the Heritage Health Care Foundation. She is a theater instructor at Utica College. **James Hunt** was named to the National Advisory Board of the University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service.

Susan Supple, B.A. '77, M.B.A. '82, Is Senior Assistant to the President

Susan Reich Supple, B.A. '77, M.B.A. '82, has been promoted to senior assistant to President Kermit L. Hall. She served previously as special assistant to the president for presidential events and community relations, and has been with the University for 20 years.

In her new role, Supple is a personal assistant to the president, overseeing strategic scheduling and planning of events, acting as liaison to internal and external constituencies, and helping to manage the business of the Office of the President.



Susan Supple

College of Cardiology and a member of the American Heart Association. **James Nowin** received the master of divinity, a three-year graduate degree that is the basic professional degree for ministry, from Princeton Theological Seminary. **Laurel Solomon** is a board-certified law specialist and manager/member of Solomon & Mitchell in Durham, N.C.

84 William Jiang and Andrew Tomko

are professors at Bergen Community College of New Jersey. Their promotions were effective last September. **Joseph Ranni** was elected town justice of Chester, N.Y. Hancock & Estabrook, Counselors at Law, announce

85 Craig Lowenthal joined Integro Ltd., a risk management brokerage firm, as managing director and chief information officer. Based in New York, Craig will be responsible for the applications, infrastructure, telecommunications and technology operations for Integro Ltd. worldwide. Craig is active in the Insurance Accounting & Systems Association and the Long Island chapter of the Association of Information Technology Professionals. Customer service engineer **John Thorburn** has recently joined Reva Systems, a radio-frequency identification (RFID) startup located in Chelmsford, Mass. Reva Systems is developing intelligent,

Reporter Susan Milligan, BA.'84, experienced how "the world is flat" before Tom Friedman wrote his best-selling book.

When she was detained by a Serb military unit in Kosovo in 1998, a soldier warmed up when he learned one of the reporters was from Chicago, also the home of Michael Jordan. Soon the group was free to go.

"People don't hate Americans; they don't like our government," said Milligan, who majored in political science. "They like us, our movies, our confidence..."

The Buffalo native and former editor of the *Albany Student Press* has built a career on solid reporting on domestic and foreign issues. With her trench coat and passport always handy, she has worked in half a dozen countries, including the Balkans during its civil war and Iraq just after the 2003 invasion.

Covering Congress for *The Boston Globe* this year, she won the National Press Foundation's prestigious Everett McKinley Dirksen Award for a series she wrote about how Republicans consolidated power.

Milligan got a wealth of experience in Washington through internships and at a small news agency, then vaulted up to the *New York Daily News* with an enterprising story about homeless students at the City University of New York. In 1993, after working in New York, Albany and Washington, she won a coveted White House beat.

However, in 1994 she junked the glamorous but stifling post and arbitrarily moved to Budapest, Hungary, where she spent five years stringing for various publications. In Belgrade in 1999, she and several other reporters watching the NATO bombing from a rooftop were arrested for four hours.

After joining the *Globe's* Washington bureau, she reported from Baghdad, Basra in the south and the hotspot of Fallujah a month after the 2003 invasion.

"You may think they'll never kill the spunky gal reporter, like in the movies," she said. "But most of us were scared every day. I don't take stupid chances."

Milligan attributes much of her success to her editing of the *ASP* and to two professors. "(*Times Union* columnist) Fred Lebrun was great, and so was (the late) Bill Rowley," she said. "Bill was a great, old-fashioned kind of journalist."

Milligan has given back to the school by helping to mentor political science Professor Michael Malbin's Washington Semester students.

"Susan has been a real inspiration to our students," Malbin said. "They have loved hearing her talk about the development of her career from Albany to Washington and overseas."

— Richard Chady, M.L.S.'88



Susan Milligan, B.A. '84

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Governor Taniwall of Afghanistan's Paktia Province, left, presented a turban to Adam Bouloukos, Ph.D. '98, at the dedication of the Gardez Airport in November 2005.

Adam Bouloukos, Ph.D. '98:

Nation-Building in Afghanistan

Adam Bouloukos may be one of the few Ph.D.s whose typical day at work involves armed guards, blast-protected windows and razor wire.

As the deputy country coordinator of a large United Nations office in Kabul, the Albany native has spent three years helping the tribal, war-torn nation of Afghanistan acquire its first modern facilities, from plumbing and roads to court dockets. Because Bouloukos's U.N. Office for Project Services involves a staff of 750 foreign nationals, 100,000 Afghans and a budget of \$500 million, he's much closer to being a minister than a visiting advisor.

Bouloukos completed his doctorate in criminal justice at UAlbany in 1998 while serving with the U.N. in Vienna, researching international criminal justice issues and human rights. After the American military ejected the Taliban government from Afghanistan in 2002, he transferred into what has become the U.N.'s largest nation-building program because he "wanted to get some field experience."

Having survived the early, primitive days in a country destroyed by 30 years of war, Bouloukos, now 38, lived and worked in extremely secure areas, behind 13-foot high walls. When rockets landed in the compound, the advisors fled to bunkers. One of Bouloukos's staff members and another friend died in a plane crash last year, while a suicide bomber killed another colleague.

Bouloukos, now in Pakistan as the U.N. earthquake coordinator, credits his UAlbany graduate education for giving him an understanding of how policy works, and helping him to write coherently and persuasively about it.

"I was very fortunate to have terrific professors like Graeme Newman, Jim Acker, Fred Cohen and David McDowell," he said. "They are the reason that UAlbany is No. 1 in criminal justice in the country."

— Richard Chady, M.L.S.'88

network-centric products for the emerging RFID market. John and his wife, Carol, celebrated their 13th anniversary; they have three children and reside in Groton, Mass.

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Fellow classmates, mark the date for our 20th reunion! In addition, we would appreciate your input on our Web-based survey to schedule events, seek volunteers, etc. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey questions at www.albany.edu/~class86. If you have any questions, please contact any one of your councilors. Looking forward to seeing you in Albany! **Michael J. Embler** was promoted to chief investment officer with Franklin Mutual Advisors in New York City. Attorney **Neal Moskow** has been certified as a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum, recognized as the most prestigious group of trial lawyers in the United States. It is limited to attorneys who have won million and multi-million dollar verdicts, awards and settlements. **Richard Edwards** has been named dean of the School of Social Work at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. **Robert A. Isbitts** is president and chief investment officer of Emerald Asset Advisors, an independent portfolio management firm in Weston, Fla. *Robb Report/Worth Magazine* named him one of the Top 100 Wealth Advisors in the nation in 2005. He has written the *Emerald Educator* newsletter since 1998 and has published over 50 investment articles and commentaries.

Councilors: *Larry Goodman, lbgesg@aol.com; Michael Miller, millermike@copper.net; Paul Schaffer, pschaffer@snet.net*

87 Pamela Strauber Loeb is a member of the board of directors of Fidos For Freedom, Inc. Pamela has been volunteering with Fidos, an assistance dog training organization that serves the Baltimore-Washington, D.C. region, for a decade. **Cheul Hee Lee** received the doctor of philosophy degree from Westminster Theological Seminary.

Diane Conroy-LaCivita has been named in this year's issue of "40 Under Forty" by the *Capital District Business Review*. **Robert Bersch** is partnered with URL Productions on a brand-new Off-Broadway musical production, "Once Around the Sun." **Eugene L. Morrisroe** is the author of the novel *Fourth and Long*.

88 Richard Braden was recently named senior counsel at the law firm of Bond, Schoeneck & King in Buffalo, N.Y.

89 John Bell was recently promoted to assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction for the Minisink Valley School District in Orange County, N.Y. **Michael Ginsberg** and **Kimberleigh Elwell** have been named in the *Capital District Business Review's* 2005 issue of "40 Under Forty." **Nicole Sullivan** has become an associate of the New York



Amy Fitch

law firm Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti. **Amy Fitch** has been elected partner with Hodgson Russ of Buffalo, N.Y.

90 Edmund Shangold and wife Susan formed Watch Us and Follow with the goal of creating products that teach children in an interactive and entertaining way. Their company recently released its second children's home video, "Horatio Lion – Volume 2." For more information, visit www.horatiolion.com.

David Smith has been named in the 2005 issue of "40 Under Forty" by the *Capital District Business Review*. **Glenn Merry** has been hired to serve as executive director of USRowing in Indianapolis, Ind. Glenn previously served as the organization's national team programs director and had been interim executive director since January 2005. As programs director, he was responsible for team selection, logistics, funding and the organization's relationship with the United States Olympic

UAlbany alumni cheered for UAlbany President Kermit Hall at the first "All SUNY" event in the Raleigh-Durham area in February. More than 350 SUNY alumni and friends attended.



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Committee. Glenn heads the UAlbany Crew Alumni Constituent Group. Contact him at glenn@usrowing.org. **Vijay Vaidyanathan** has founded three successful companies, and Net Effect Media is his fourth. He has been associated with film, theater and music for several decades and has worked as both an actor and a director in professional theater on a variety of stage works, including Ayn Rand's "Think Twice," Peter Shaffer's "Equus" and in Shakespeare. Vijay sees NEMI as a convergence of his passions for technology and theater. **Jeffrey Leopold** is joining 141 Worldwide's management team as senior vice president, director of global communications. **Jim Callahan** was awarded the



Jeff Leopold

Northeast States Emergency Consortium's 2005 New York Emergency Manager of the Year Award. Jim serves as the deputy mayor and emergency management coordinator for the Village of Malvene and is also a partner in the law firm of Chesney & Murphy in Baldwin, N.Y.

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Anthony Rini was promoted to assistant dean for administration, finance and planning at New York University's College of Nursing. **Kelly Bates's** firm, Bates Consulting, marked its fifth anniversary in 2005. Bates Consulting builds healthy, high-functioning and multicultural organizations through diversity and organizational development consulting and training. Kelly was the

chief lobbyist responsible for the passage of a Massachusetts law that requires employers to create policies and encourage training to prevent sexual harassment. **Sandy Zisser** became the religious school director at Greenburgh Hebrew Center in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. He continues to teach at the Solomon Schechter Upper School in Westchester. His wife, **Ann Lipshie Zisser**, teaches third grade at the Solomon Schechter Lower School in Westchester. **Ariane Kamp**, comedienne and writer, recently moved to Los Angeles. Since graduation, she has completed her master's in European social sciences at the Universiteit van Amsterdam in Holland, worked at ABC News in Manhattan and had Off-Broadway plays produced in Manhattan.

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92 Mariana Giuntoli Orzech

and her husband, Michael, started a promotional products/ad specialties business, Promotion Magic (www.PromotionMagic.net.) Mariana currently volunteers with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department's Animal Control Bureau in North Carolina.

William Woodward has been appointed dean for campus life at Guilford College in North Carolina. This past year, artist **Michael Oatman** has been exhibiting his collages at the Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery at Skidmore College and also at Mass MoCA in North Adams, Mass. Michael is currently working on an upcoming video, "Model Citizens," which he describes as "an unconventional documentary merging fact and fiction" that explores the work of hobbyist model makers. He also has been teaching drawing at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy for the past seven years.

David Mihoulides was named Teacher of the Year at South Aiken High School in Aiken, S.C. He was also named to the District Honors Council for Aiken County.

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93 James Celestine has been named one of 2005's "40 Under Forty" by the *Capital District Business Review*.

94 Kelly Toy Silverman



Kelly Toy Silverman

attorney in Hodgson Russ LLP's Real Estate & Finance Practice Group, was elected to the board of directors of Literacy Volunteers of America/Buffalo and

Erie County, Inc. in Buffalo, N.Y. **Larry Marin** was promoted to assistant vice president, information security, of the Provident Bank in New Jersey. **Kristina Burns** has been appointed Albany County attorney by county executive Michael Breslin. **Pete Lembo** is now head



Larry Marin



Pete Lembo

football coach at Elon University in North Carolina.

95 Hodgson Russ attorneys

Marla Weiss and **Christopher Milne** ('96) led a group of 25 volunteers from the firm as they set up and oversaw tables at more than 15 polling places in the North District of Buffalo to support the annual program, Kids Voting, which fosters children's commitment to voting. **Jack Styczynski**, a news researcher at *The New York Times*, joined a group of Times Square Church members who traveled to Gulfport, Miss., last September to provide relief to Hurricane Katrina victims. He worked on the "chainsaw crew," which cleared downed trees. In February, the U.S. Basketball Writers Association gave Styczynski a national award for freelance writing.

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Jennifer Skovan, B.A. '96, an Early Presidential Scholar, Is Editor of *Texas Family Magazine*

At UAlbany, she was in the inaugural class of Presidential Scholars, a psychology major and a French minor. She co-chaired the Presidential Honors Society, played flute with the University-Community Orchestra, was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and worked for the Annual Fund (now the UAlbany Fund).

Wearing so many hats as an undergraduate prepared Jennifer Skovan, B.A. '96, well for her current roles as wife, mother, magazine editor and law student.

Married to Jesse Santiago and the mom of Aaron, 2, Skovan recently took on a new role: editor-in-chief of *Texas Family Magazine*. Circulated by subscription and sold on newsstands throughout the Lone Star State, the publication, created by Santiago and launched in December 2005, highlights "family life and Texas pride." Each issue is built around a theme and "features parenting advice, health and fitness tips, ideas for family fun and travel, recipes, crafts, decorating ideas" and more.

When she isn't serving as the magazine's "editorial staff of one," Skovan attends night classes at the University of Houston Law Center. Her degree will help the Sugar Land, Texas, resident "turn my husband's great ideas into reality."



Jennifer Skovan

— Carol Olechowski



Close to 100 Great Danes fans let out a cheer at a pregame party at the America East Tournament in Binghamton.

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Alan Nochumson, counsel of Funk & Bolton in Philadelphia, Pa., lectured on the “ABCs of Landlord-Tenant Law” in Philadelphia at the Philadelphia Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Division People’s Law School. **Eric Minkiewicz** was included in the 2005 listing of “40 Under Forty”



Adam Nochumson

published by the *Capital District Business Review*. Mercury Web Solutions cofounder **Matthew Gough** will launch Propelity.com, the employer-friendly online job bank service. The company filters resumes from unqualified applicants and offers a unique pricing system for job listings. **Joseph Masucci** and his brother, Dan, finished filming their first feature-length production, “The Last Round,” set to be released this year. The brothers wrote the script together with author Peter Hanson.

Based on an award-winning short film, “The Last Round” tells the story of six desperate souls who end up in a desolate shack together playing the deadly game of Russian roulette, each with a unique reason for participating.

*Councilors: Jill Rigney-Delaney
jsdelaney@nycap.rr.com*

97 Josh Shaw, co-founder and chief operating officer of GoSmile – The Smile Beauty Company, competed on

last year’s episodes of “The Apprentice.” *The Capital District Business Review* named **William Wagner** to its 2005 list of “40 Under Forty.” Norris McLaughlin & Marcus announced associate **Glenn Stein** was appointed vice chair of the Somerset County Employer Legislative Committee of the New Jersey Business & Industry Association.

98 Marc Alessi has been elected to New York’s 1st Assembly District; he represents Brookhaven, Riverhead, Southold and Shelter Island on Long Island. Marc, a Democrat, majored in political science and began his political career as an Assembly intern after his graduation from UAlbany in December 1998. He lives in Manor Park with his wife, Gretchen, and their daughter, Sarah Ruby. **Carey Atkins Medin** received her Ph.D. in immunology/virology from UMass Medical School and is pursuing a post-doctorate there. **Hannah Mude-Nochumson** received her Ph.D. from Jefferson Medical College, Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia.

99 Melanie Kadlic has been promoted to director of Government Relations at the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

Jerry Noel, who graduated from the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine last spring, is doing his residency at the University of Pittsburgh Medical College.

00 Joshua Rosenblum is the press secretary for U.S. Senator Tim Johnson (D-S.D.) in Washington, D.C. **Kenny Bros** completed his M.B.A. at New York University’s Leonard N. Stern School of Business in 2005. He is an associate at Loughlin Meghji & Company providing investment banking advisory services to distressed companies as well as to holders of distressed debt. Hudson Valley Community College Director of Athletics **Drew Marrochello** has resigned to take an associate athletic director’s position at Boston University. **Sean O’Mara** has been named New



Members of the Alumni Association’s Lawyers’ Association helped prepare four University at Albany undergraduate students to compete in the American Collegiate Moot Court Association’s National Undergraduate Moot Tournament Jan. 20-21. The Alumni Association also helped sponsor the students’ trip. (L. to R.); William McCann Jr., Esq. ’86, ’87; Association President Jeffery Luks ’91, ’01; Anthony Giardina, Esq. ’81; Robert Burstein, Esq. ’72; Pat Chamberlain, Matt Laroche, Matt McLaren and Professor James Acker. Not shown: Alison Bain-Lucy.

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Hampshire History Teacher of the Year by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and Preserve America. **Oji Fagan** is head coach of the Hudson Valley Community College football team. **Jessica Firger** is associate publicist of Henry Holt & Company, New York, N.Y. **Kimberly Gregory Verhoff** has worked at UAlbany since August 2002 and currently holds the position of stewardship staff assistant.

**01 Reunion – Homecoming
October 20-22, 2006**

Guesly Delva graduated from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of N.J. and is completing his residency at Tulane University Medical College.

02 Ashton Holmes has been

cast as the lead in the upcoming Revolution Studios horror-thriller "Wind Chill." Ashton, who majored in theater at UAlbany, recently co-starred in "A History of Violence" with Viggo Mortensen, Maria Bello, Ed Harris and William Hurt. **Regan Jones** was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps in March 2005 upon completion of Officer Candidates School, Quantico, Virginia. After completing Basic School in October 2005 and the Infantry Officers Course at Quantico in December 2005, Regan serves as a rifle platoon commander in 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, at Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, N.C. The Albany-based Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities announced the promotion of **Christopher Nolin** to assistant director of Legislative and Member Services.



Christina Sebastian

Christina Sebastian, M.B.A.'02, has been promoted to director of Alumni Affairs at Albany Law School. Her responsibilities include providing communications, programs and services to more than 9,100 graduates worldwide. **Tracy Dwyer** graduated from the Zone 5 Law Enforcement Academy to join the Colonie police.

03 Dennis Kennedy is now

director of communication at the Albany-based Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities. Karpus Investment Management announced that **Christopher Raby** has been hired as an investment assistant.



Christopher Raby

04 Anthony Passarella has joined

the Fairfield, N.J., accounting firm of Leaf, Saltzman, Manganello, Pfeil and Tendler as a junior accountant.



Anthony Passarella



President Kermit L. Hall, left, and Vice President for Student Success James Anderson, right, visited Philip Stein, B.A.'99, at Pepper Jack's restaurant Dec. 5, 2005.

05 Thomas Cuozzo graduated from the Fire Department of New York Academy in 2005 and is currently a fireman in Brooklyn.

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Philip H. Stein, B.A.'99:

Spicing Up the Neighborhood

Growing up on Long Island, Philip H. Stein, B.A.'99, just knew he "wasn't going to be a regular 9-to-5 kind of guy." He was right.

After graduating from UAlbany with a major in English and a minor in business administration, Stein chose the career path less traveled: At age 22, he and a partner opened a sandwich shop at the corner of Spring and Quail streets in downtown Albany. Two years later, they moved to an even busier location, at Western Avenue and Quail. The popular lunch and dinner restaurant, Pepper Jack's, caters to the college neighborhood crowd and professionals, offering a unique menu featuring authentic Philly cheesesteaks, sandwich wraps, soups and more. More than half of Pepper Jack's 24 employees are UAlbany students.

"I didn't want to be in an ordinary job, and I knew I wanted to interact with people. This has been perfect," said Stein, who got his business sense from his father, an independent mechanic. Having a grandfather who was an accountant didn't hurt, either.

Stein, who is married to another UAlbany alumnus, Elana Erlich Stein, Class of '97, has watched the Pepper Jack's neighborhood go through a number of changes since his arrival. He applauds President Kermit L. Hall's urban outreach efforts with the City of Albany.

"This (Quail Street) is a very important part of the city," Stein said, adding that he is committed to the area. "It's encouraging to see the city embracing the University more, and the University reaching out to the city." Fewer absentee landlords, as well as improvements in lighting and paving, are among the steps Stein advocates to help revitalize his neighborhood.

The story behind the Pepper Jack's name? It was a "completely random choice" that emerged from a brainstorm session on New Year's Eve of 2000, Stein says. For a full menu, go to www.PepperJacksAlbany.com.

"This (Quail Street) is a very important part of the city. It's encouraging to see the city embracing the University more, and the University reaching out to the city."

— Christine McKnight

Authors and Editors



Best-selling author Joseph Persico '52 donated his papers recently to the University at Albany. Persico is the author of *Roosevelt's Secret War*, *Edward R. Murrow: An American Original*, *The Imperial Rockefeller* and other acclaimed works of history and biography.

Eleanor Rosenblum Roth, B.A.'52, had her first novel, *Rainbow Dust*, published by Treble Heart Books in October 2005.

Arthur Plotnik, B.A.'59, has written *Spunk & Bite, A writer's guide to punchier, more engaging language & style*. Two of his works have been featured as Book of the Month Club selections: *The Elements of Editing* and *The Elements of Expression: Putting Thoughts into Words*.

Alice Orr, B.A.'62 has written *No More Rejections: 50 Secrets to Writing a Manuscript That Sells*, a comprehensive guide to writing fiction with editor-agent appeal. As president of the Alice Orr Agency, she has represented many successful authors, including *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestsellers and award winners.

Gillian M. McCombs, B.A.'68, M.P.A.'95, has written "The Fog of My Career: Some Reflections and Lessons Learned (with Apologies to Errol Morris and Robert S. McNamara)," in *Perspectives, Insights & Priorities: 17 Leaders Speak Freely of Librarianship*.

Richard Maturro, B.A.'68, M.A.'69, Ph.D.'73, has published his second novel, *Luna*. Set in Albany, the story concerns a deputy commissioner in the New York State Education Department who gets more than he bargains for when he answers a personals ad.



Alan M. Davis, B.S.'70, has published his fourth and fifth books, *Great Software Debates* and *Just Enough Requirements Management*. For more information, visit www.uccs.edu/adavis.

Susan L. Piepke, B.A.'71, M.A.'75, has published a new book, *Mathilde Franziska Anneke (1817-1884): The Works and Life of a German-American Activist*. The book also includes English translations of two of her works, the essay "Woman in Conflict with Society" and a short story, "Broken Chains."

Ellen Liebman Finkelstein, B.A.'73, has written two books, *Syndicating Web Sites with RSS Feeds For Dummies* and *AutoCAD 2006 and AutoCAD LT 2006 Bible*.

Susan M. Katz, B.A.'74, has co-authored *Writing in a Visual Age, a text for the first-year writing course*, with Professor Lee Odell of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Sharon Barcan Elswitt, B.A.'77, has published *The Jewish Story Finder: A Guide to 363 Tales Listing Subjects and Sources*. The book is a folklore index for accessing stories and their variations by thematic hooks.

Robert Hauptman, PhD.'71, M.L.S.'77, and climbing partner Frederic Hartemann have published *The Mountain Encyclopedia*, the first English-language compendium of all things relating to mountains. The volume inspired their latest project, *Grasping for Heaven: Interviews with Mountaineers*, which includes interviews with 40 premier mountaineers.

Frankie Y. Bailey, M.A.'79, B.S.'74, Ph.D.'86, has written *Blood on Her Hands: The Social Construction of Women, Sexuality and Murder*. This book provides historical perspectives on the status of women, analysis of popular culture/mass media images of women offenders and discussion of societal responses to women who kill.

Kevin Carroll, B.S.'79, has co-authored his first book, *Make Your Point! A New Book to Help Anyone Deliver a Winning Message*. For more information, go to www.kevincarroll.com.

Edward C. Rosenthal, B.S.'80, has written *The Era of Choice: The Ability to Choose and Its Transformation of Contemporary Life*.

Richard E. Honen, B.A.'82, partner of Honen & Wood, P.C., a corporate and venture capital law firm in Albany, has been tapped by publisher LexisNexis Matthew Bender to compile and edit the *Practice Insights* to the LexisNexis

online versions of the *New York State Business Corporation Law*, the *New York State Limited Liability Company Law* and the *New York State Not-for-Profit Corporation Law*.

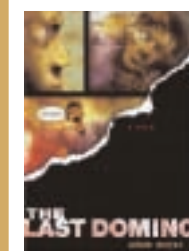
Nathan Naparstek, C.A.S.'81, Ph.D.'88, has published his third book, *Is Your Child Depressed: Answers to Your Toughest Questions*, which provides a guide to help identify and understand childhood depression.

Eric Wolf Fried, B.A.'90, M.A.'99, has written, *Inwardness and Morality*. The book proposes that our inwardness need not confine us to narcissistic self-absorption, but may expand our capacity for richer, more sympathetic relations with others.

Wilma Kahn, D.A.'92, winner of the Dark Oak Mystery Contest in 2003, has published a mystery, *Big Black Hole*. In the work, P.I. Gayle Fisher heads to Lake Michigan to determine whether a talented young flautist hanged herself or actually was murdered.



Adam Meyer, B.A.'93, has published *The Last Domino*, the story of a troubled teenager who brings a gun to school with devastating consequences. *Publisher's Weekly* has said that this "harrowing first novel moves at a breakneck pace." More information is available at www.adsasylum.com.



Adam Kleinberg, B.A.'96, has written his first book, *Mysteries of Wrestling: Solved*. The book includes interviews by hosts of "Get in the Ring," the longest-running professional wrestling radio show in history, and reveals the answers to wrestling's deepest, darkest mysteries.

Nancy Castaldo, B.S.'84, M.A.'97, has written *Pizza for the Queen* and *River Wild, an Activity Guide to North American Rivers*. Castaldo is a former environmental educator and the author of many nature books for children.

Tara Galovski, B.A.'94, M.A.'98, Ph.D.'01, is the co-author of *Road Rage: Assessment and Treatment of the Angry, Aggressive Driver*. *Road Rage* was co-written by Edward Blanchard, psychology professor at UAlbany, and Loretta Malta, a mentor and licensed psychologist at the University. For more information, go to www.apa.org.

Births

- 1983 – **Laurel Solomon** and husband, Paul Nicholson, daughter Meridy Nicholson, born March 23, 2004
- 1984 – **Susan Klein** and **Andre Couillard**, daughter Melanie Robyn, Aug. 17, 2004
- 1987 – **Leslie Buxbaum** and husband, daughter Hailey, March 12, 2005
- 1988 – **Alice Hofman Mello** and Tim, daughter Margaret "Maggie" Ella, October 2005
Allyson Caeti-Glaser and Gary, son Blake Joseph, April 11, 2005
- 1990 – **Lisabeth Grossman Ackerman** and Derik, daughter Emily, June 2005
Edmund Shangold and Susan, son Noah Pierce, Oct. 8, 2005



Noah Pierce Shangold



Brett William Bachenheimer



- 1991 – **Kelly Bates** and husband **Paul Facklam**, son Paul Marshall Dec. 30, 2005
- 1992 – **Alyssa Miro** and Paul, son Samuel Jordan Miro **Barry Bachenheimer** and Stacey, a son, Brett William, July 14, 2005
- 1994 – **Brian Woods** and Susan, daughter Meredith Frances, born Jan. 3, 2006
- 1997 – **Dana Feldman Champagne** and Matt, son Reagan Jakob, Oct. 14, 2004



Paul Marshall Bates

Weddings

- 1994 – **Jennifer Farrell** and William McDonald, October 2004
- 1995 – **Randall Vitullo** and Linda Zee, July 16, 2005
- 1996 – **Jesse James Cohen** and Michelle Mildred Kibbey, July 2005
- 1997 – **Mario Salvatore Domenico Pecoraro** and Antoinette Ragona, Aug. 12, 2006
- 1998 – **Michelle Capasso** and Chris Secor, Nov. 5, 2005
- 2000 – **Stephanie Ann Van Allen** and **Keith Harold Lamphere** '01, April 23, 2005
- Kimberly Gregory** and **Edward Verhoff**, '03, on Oct. 30, 2004
- Brian Kierman** and **Jeannine DuMont** '99, Aug. 13, 2005
- 2001 – **Matthew Ammerman** and **Sarah Budka**, Oct. 8, 2005
- 2003 – **Saori Kakiyara** and **Yongjin Chang**, May 8, 2005



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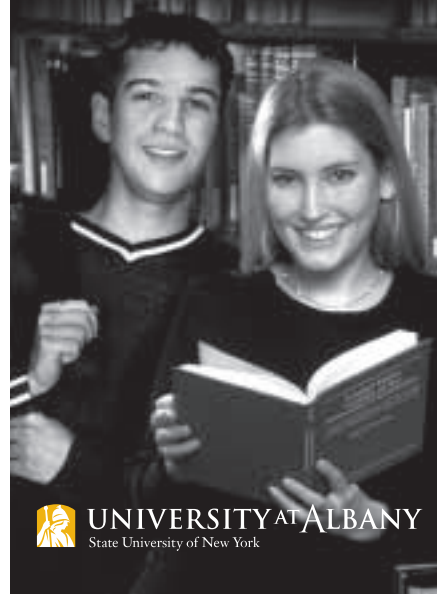
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Vivian Hillier Thorne, Class of '48

Vivian Hillier Thorne, a 1948 graduate of the New York State College for Teachers, UAlbany's predecessor institution, passed away Dec. 10, 2005.

Thorne taught in several school districts, including Germantown, Albany and Bethlehem. A national chair of the University's Annual Fund during the 1980s, she was also a member of the Alumni Association's board of directors, the University Council, The University at Albany Foundation and the former University at Albany Fund. Thorne was a recipient of the Alumni Association's Excellence in Alumni Service Award.

Henry Matteo, One of UAlbany's Oldest Ph.D. Graduates

Henry Matteo, Ph.D. '95, one of the oldest students ever to earn a doctorate from the University at Albany, passed away Sept. 19, 2005, at the age of 98. An Albany native, Matteo received a bachelor's degree from the University in 1982 and continued his political science studies at UAlbany, earning an M.A. in 1986 and a Ph.D. in 1995 at the age of 88. Matteo also forged a long career as a respected journalist, holding editorial positions with United Press, the Albany *Times Union*, the U.S. Office of War Information, the Schenectady *Union Star*, *Stars & Stripes* and the *New York Post*. He retired in 1969. Survivors include two sons and two grandchildren.

Deaths

20s

- Elizabeth Sherley Calfee** '21, Aug. 15, 2003
- Anna Minich Proschel** '28, March 4, 2005
- Virginia Higgins Cullen** '28, May 12, 2003
- Mabel Dorn Prins** '29, Nov. 4, 2005
- Evelyn Graves Sargent** '29, Sept. 28, 2005

30s

- Ruth Hannahs Nichols** '30, Sept. 15, 2005
- Mary Degnan Condren** '30, May 8, 2005
- Alice Walsh Tobin** '30, June 8, 2005
- Anna Lyng** '30, Jan. 10, 2005
- Norma Larson Harvey** '30, Aug. 9, 2005
- Sarah Yaffee Ruby** '30, Aug. 26, 2005
- Alfred Basch** '31, July 11, 2005
- Frances Peck** '31, May 9, 2004
- Cecile Shapiro Schifferes** '31, June 20, 2005
- Rose Schwartz Pearson** '31, Oct. 14, 2005
- Leah Gellert Amsel** '31, May 30, 2005
- Pauline Bader Wenzl** '31, Dec. 31, 2005
- Margaret Henry Lasher** '32, Feb. 25, 2004
- Florence Gabauer** '32, July 28, 2005
- Mary McDonald** '32, Aug. 13, 2005
- Melva Mace Hunter** '32, March 15, 2005

- Margaret Stewart** '32, Feb. 20, 2005
- Elva Nealon Hudtwalker** '32, July 9, 2005
- Edna Becker Heidgerd** '33, April 8, 2005
- Marion Larbey Stock** '33, Dec. 23, 2003
- Christine Keith** '33, Oct. 13, 2005
- Dorothy Geehin Steffan** '33, May 11, 2004
- Phebe Brown** '33, July 29, 2005
- Mollie Lindsey** '33, April 12, 2004
- Frank McFarland** '33, June 6, 2004
- Mary Doherty Ebbets** '34, Nov. 16, 2004
- Dorothy Barker Sulzbach** '34, July 11, 2004
- Jean Craigmile Vandenberg** '34, Aug. 21, 2004
- Geraldine Peters McDonald** '34, June 29, 2004
- Ottillia Hoffman Ulan** '34, Sept. 30, 2004
- Ernest Tosi** '34, Jan. 22, 2004
- Diane Bochner Gertler** '34, Sept. 13, 2004
- Inez Stoothoff Williams** '35, July 7, 2005
- Ruth Stebner** '35, Sept. 6, 2005
- Susan Smith** '35, Sept. 21, 2005
- Florence Ottoson Zanghi** '35, Aug. 30, 2005
- Wilfred Allard** '35, Oct. 5, 2005
- Ruth Reiner Levick** '35, April 3, 2005
- Mary Torrens** '35, June 1, 2005
- Olga Hyra** '35, Nov. 20, 2005
- Florence Bensinger Milano** '36, Nov. 5, 2005
- Elsie Hildenbrand Fuda** '36, Nov. 4, 2005
- Earl Butcher** '36, Feb. 24, 2005
- W. Elwood Hitchcock** '36, Jan. 10, 2004
- Ralph Pombrio** '36, July 3, 2005
- Mary Rank** '37, Oct. 16, 2003
- Elfrieda Hartt** '37, July 17, 2003
- Donald DeSerio** '37, Dec. 10, 2004
- Marian McInerney** '37, July 29, 2005
- Helen Lomas McCormick** '37, Dec. 29, 2005
- Elisabeth Chevalier Morehouse** '37, March 17, 2004
- Josephine Pesko Gips** '38, May 29, 2005
- Gladys Finster Smith** '38, June 7, 2004

- Christine Dershimer Burtus** '38, Sept. 27, 2003
 - Elda Hayes Ptacek** '38, Aug. 17, 2005
 - Phyllis Jobson Conley** '38, Sept. 20, 2005
 - Edward Reynolds** '38, May 31, 2005
 - Mary McClung Terry** '38, June 21, 2005
 - K. Leroy Irvis** '38, March 16, 2006
 - Janet Beauregard Converse** '39, Dec. 4, 2004
 - Helen Prusik Wells** '39, Oct. 19, 2004
 - Vera Haas O'Shaughnessy** '39, May 12, 2005
 - Ruth Pekarsky Meltzer** '39, Nov. 28, 2004
 - Daniel Wexler** '39, July 12, 2005
- ### 40s
- Lorraine Smith Ball** '40, Nov. 27, 2004
 - Rudy Stewart Anderson** '40, June 12, 2005
 - William Keith** '40, May 26, 2004
 - Carleton Upright** '40, May 27, 2005
 - Haskell Rosenberg** '40, Dec. 24, 2005
 - Bernice Bishop Waterson** '40, Nov. 4, 2005
 - Eva Firra** '41, July 5, 2005
 - Stanley Smith** '41, Aug. 2, 2004
 - Lucille Metcalf** '41, Aug. 7, 2005
 - Lucy Baglia** '41, Feb. 5, 2005
 - Stephen Paris** '41, May 22, 2005
 - Edna Hirn Forrest** '42, Jan. 17, 2005
 - Helen Caswell Wolford** '42, Sept. 9, 2005
 - Ainard Gelbond** '42, Feb. 2, 2005
 - Marie Noonan** '42, Aug. 8, 2005
 - Patricia Latimer Goddu** '44, Aug. 20, 2005
 - June Clark Weeks** '44, Aug. 8, 2005
 - Leda Lasalle Costich** '44, Nov. 1, 2004
 - Herbert Brock** '44, March 11, 2005
 - Jane Heath Takas** '45, Sept. 10, 2005
 - Grace Shults Fox** '45, Aug. 14, 2005
 - Beatrice Raymon Bernstein** '45, March 5, 2004
 - Helen Romanowsky Cooper** '45, Nov. 22, 2005
 - Estelle Kontoleon Sauter** '45, Dec. 24, 2005
 - Mary Egerton** '46, July 5, 2005
 - Marianne Davis Darrow** '46, July 2, 2004

Alumni from the Washington, D.C., area met with President Kermit L. Hall Feb. 15 at a reception of alumni and friends of the University.



ALUMNI NEWS AND NOTES

Haskell Rosenberg, B.A.'40

Haskell Rosenberg, B.A.'40 of Pittsford, N.Y., passed away Dec. 24, 2005. He was 88. Rosenberg, a U.S. Army veteran who helped to liberate the German death camps as World War II ended, was an avid opera fan and a well-known philanthropist who supported a number of causes, including the University at Albany. During his years at UAlbany, he was a member of Kappa Beta fraternity. Survivors include his wife, Sunny; a daughter; a sister; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

Pauline Clevon Myers '46, Sept. 2, 2004
Jean Kinsella Stapf '46, May 18, 2005
Barbara Ellery '46, Feb. 21, 2005
Betty Hansen Driscoll '46, Nov. 19, 2005
Thelma "Terry" Elliott Harriman '46, Dec. 13, 2005
Caroline Michel Hidalgo '47, April 26, 2005
Marilyn Warshaw Skolsky '47, Aug. 21, 2005
Marion Deubler Burnett '47, Aug. 1, 2004
Charlotte Linker Nacke '47, June 30, 2005
Theresa Case '48, Aug. 25, 2005
Jean Hansen Holstein '48, Aug. 6, 2004
Barbara Otto Oheaney '48, March 20, 2005
Margaret Lyle '48, May 4, 2005
Vivian Hillier Thorne '48, Dec. 10, 2005
Frances Sowa Dwyer '48, Sept. 23, 2005
Jeannette Biggs Shipman '48, Nov. 6, 2005
Valetta Combs Larsen '48, Dec. 4, 2005
Margaret Culver Brown '49, Sept. 8, 2005
Edith Pinckney Krom '49, May 21, 2005
Stanley Chwalek '49, Dec. 17, 2004
Millard Smith '49, May 16, 2005

50s
Henry Dombrowski '50, March 30, 2005
Ruth Bauch Holman '50, Jan. 13, 2006
John Coffey '51, Sept. 25, 2005
Michael Cortese '51, Dec. 19, 2004
William Dennis '51, May 28, 2004
Eldon Bush '52, March 3, 2004
Juanita McMillen Strickland '52, Sept. 20, 2004
Mary Scheible '52, Aug. 10, 2005
Virginia Adams Heffernan '52, Oct. 16, 2005
Anna Oberst Carr '53, Oct. 5, 2005
Irene Dick Tracey '53, Dec. 5, 2004
John Lynch '53, July 20, 2004
Louise Wagner '53, June 5, 2005
Theo Feeney '54, Aug. 22, 2005
Eugene Duffy '54, Sept. 7, 2005
Marie Digirolamo Placido '55, May 8, 2005
Ronald Koster '55, Aug. 11, 2005
Zoe Laurie Preston '55, Sept. 18, 2004
Suzette Lenihan Adams '55, June 9, 2005

Donald Clayton '57, Sept. 22, 2004
George Van Den Houten '57, Jan. 12, 2005
Warren Edwards '58, May 8, 2005
Nancy Trudell Poupard '59, Jan. 2, 2006

60s

Laplois Ashford '60, Dec. 25, 2004
Jay Leshner '60, Dec. 4, 2004
Harriet Adams '60, Sept. 25, 2005
David Miller '60, Dec. 22, 2004
Richard Ryan '60, March 13, 2004
L. David Magill '61, July 4, 2005
Alan Wagner '61, April 23, 2004
Edward Margosian '61, June 23, 2005
Carol Spero Luifau '61, Jan. 10, 2005
Betty Ferris Jarvis '62, July 14, 2005
John Gallaher '62, Nov. 4, 2005
Dale Westcott '62, Oct. 25, 2005
Teresa Disimone Doyle '62, April 8, 2005
Robert Lindsay '63, Aug. 2, 2004
Peter Daddabbo '64, July 27, 2004
Leonard Doyle '64, Sept. 23, 2005
Dorinne Williamson '64, July 1, 2005
Walter Frankel '64, May 15, 2004
Robert Judd '65, June 17, 2005
Donald Griffin '65, Feb. 14, 2005
Carl Fisk '65, Nov. 5, 2004
Beverly Callahan Mitterwager '65, Dec. 12, 2004
Mary Ann Belliotti Conroy '65, July 31, 2004
Eunice Richardson Nicole '65, June 25, 2005
Angeline Petrucci '65, Oct. 12, 2005
Louis Rosmarino '66, May 30, 2004
Roseann Szczykowski Besser '66, July 2, 2004

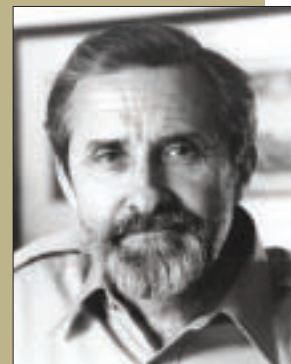
Susan Judge '66, April 29, 2005
Ivan Canuteson '66, Dec. 30, 2004
Rudi Alec '66, Feb. 28, 2005
Marion Falconer '67, Sept. 23, 2005
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Lucille Boulanger Hodge '69, Aug. 17, 2005
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Carolyn Cahn Landau '69, May 22, 2004
Avis Miller '69, April 10, 2004

70s

Frank Mustico '70, July 15, 2004
Elaine Spath Berkun '70, Sept. 24, 2005
Ellen Newman Flynn '70, Dec. 21, 2004
Miriam Levine '70, April 11, 2004
Gregory Kiersz '70, May 10, 2005
Rosemary Barton '70, Jan. 9, 2006
Evelyn Warren '71, June 7, 2005
Henry Doak '71, July 19, 2005
Joan Hayden '71, Sept. 13, 2004
Frederick Kennedy '71, Jan. 6, 2005
Anne Hettie '71, Oct. 1, 2005
Irene Ralph '71, Sept. 21, 2005
Richard O'Sullivan '71, April 27, 2005
Caryle Brodish '71, Jan. 10, 2005
Walter Barabasz '71, Dec. 3, 2005

Professor Jarka Burian, Department of Theatre

Professor Emeritus of Theatre Jarka Burian, a noted authority on Czech theatre, died Aug. 25, 2005. Burian joined the UAlbany faculty in 1955 and taught in both the English and theatre departments until his retirement in 1993. He taught earlier at Cornell, Berkeley, the Banff School of Fine Arts and the University of Central Florida. Burian and his wife, Grayce, an accomplished director and actor in her own right, established the Burian Lecture Series to bring leading scholars and practitioners of theatre to UAlbany.





Emmett B. Fields, UAlbany President from 1975-77

Former University at Albany President Emmett B. Fields passed away at his home in Nashville, Tenn., last Sept. 19. He was 81. Fields assumed the presidency during a difficult fiscal period and, like his predecessor, was forced to eliminate academic programs and faculty positions and reallocate resources to priority departments. It was also during his presidency, however, that UAlbany began to “ally itself with its community and state government” and chart “new directions ... including a ‘public policy’ emphasis in teaching and research,” noted the late Professor Emeritus of History Kendall Birr in his comprehensive work *A Tradition of Excellence: The Sesquicentennial History of the University at Albany, State University of New York, 1844 to 1994*. Survivors include his wife, three children, and four grandchildren.

Bruce Ferguson '72, March 20, 2004
Robert Pauley '72, Aug. 12, 2004
George Metcalf '72, June 3, 2005
James Fyfe '72, Nov. 12, 2005
Barbara Graham '72, May 13, 2005
Leroy Spoor '72, Oct. 20, 2005
Geoffrey Trimble '73, Aug. 5, 2005
Andrew Dzik '73, Aug. 28, 2005
Thomas VanBuren '73, Dec. 21, 2004
Jerry Krim '73, Aug. 25, 2005
Robert Bernstein '73, Aug. 26, 2004
Philip Martino '73, March 20, 2005
Eric Lonschein '74, May 12, 2005
Thea Guy '74, June 20, 2005
Mary Pace '74, April 19, 2004
Craig Kaiser '74, May 29, 2004
Wilfred Schlacht '74, Sept. 11, 2005
Susan Nowakowski Galalis '74, Nov. 5, 2004
Valerie Hodge '74, July 1, 2005
Susan Zeloznicki '74, June 15, 2004
Eileen Jacobs Rockfeld '75, Aug. 23, 2004
Kukla Broekman '75, April 16, 2005
Josephine Melancheck Keating '75, March 13, 2004
Edwin Herrera '75, June 11, 2005
Jeanette Brooks '75, April 13, 2005
Joseph Nass '76, Aug. 27, 2005
Eugene Lathan '76, Feb. 16, 2004
Stephen Swinton '76, April 21, 2005
Lona Kresh '76, June 22, 2005
Theodore Moskowitz '76, April 7, 2005
Sharon Kenyon Wood '76, Aug. 3, 2005
Joseph Cannizzaro '77, July 21, 2005
Marla Abrams Laverty '77, Aug. 8, 2004
Kathryn Collins '77, Oct. 28, 2005

Bruce Bouton '77, Jan. 24, 2004
Virginia Heaney '78, Aug. 15, 2005
Beverly Maier '78, May 15, 2005
Patricia Simonian '78, March 1, 2005
Shirley Sartori '78, July 5, 2005
Marguerite Monsell '78, Nov. 12, 2004
Katherine Gill McCoy '78, Dec. 6, 2005
Gary Reynolds '79, April 20, 2005
Marsha Katz Gilarmo '79, Aug. 5, 2005
Marguerite Jasper '79, May 14, 2005
Clinton Aldrich '79, May 28, 2005
Jane Leonard '79, March 12, 2005
David Berger '79, Jan. 16, 2006
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Regina Gadsden Genwright '80, Jan. 16, 2004
Clark Wilson '80, Sept. 17, 2005
Donnie Lewis '80, Oct. 14, 2005
William Green '80, July 12, 2004
David Miller '80, March 9, 2005



K. Leroy Irvis, B.A. '38, Former Speaker of Pennsylvania House of Representatives

K. Leroy Irvis, B.A.'38, who became the first black speaker of a state House of Representatives since the Reconstruction era, passed away March 16. He was 86.

Irvis succeeded at careers in teaching, civil rights advocacy, law and politics. He taught school in Baltimore, Md., then became involved in the civil rights struggle, calling for a halt to practices that discriminated against blacks. Irvis later worked his way through the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, eventually becoming Allegheny County assistant district attorney. In 1958, he was elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. His 30 years there included eight as speaker. Survivors include his wife, Cathryn, and two children.

Carmela Calvi '81, May 24, 2005
Antonette Diiorio-Campbell '81, Aug. 13, 2005
Jay Gottlieb '81, Nov. 9, 2005
William Jones '81, Sept. 10, 2005
Lillian Marrero '81, Feb. 14, 2005
George Chermack '82, June 7, 2005
Cynthia Price '82, Aug. 13, 2005
Joanne Hickey '82, Nov. 18, 2005
Becky Tatum '82, Jan. 26, 2005
Paul Herring '82, Jan. 7, 2006
Peter Hennessey '84, Sept. 21, 2005
James Hamilton '84, June 29, 2005
Suzan Underdue '84, Jan. 10, 2006
Lesia Graham '85, Sept. 30, 2004
Stephen Youngstrom '85, Feb. 9, 2004
Marian Grimm '86, March 21, 2005
Henry Matteo '86, Sept. 19, 2005
Sean Donovan '86, Nov. 7, 2005
Lisa Oppenheimer Litz '87, Sept. 25, 2004
Barbara Cass '87, Aug. 7, 2005
James Rust '88, June 24, 2005
Vandana Srivastava '88, March 21, 2004
Marie Scott '88, Aug. 10, 2004
Thomas Venice '89, March 8, 2004
Eileen Hallenbeck McCue '89, Dec. 29, 2005

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John Quell '01, Sept. 28, 2005
Elizabeth Charnock '02, Nov. 12, 2005
Eden Roe '04, June 17, 2005

Faculty/Staff

Donald Mulkerne, Professor, Educational Theory & Practice, 1950-1985, Aug. 16, 2005
Jarka Burian, Professor, Theatre, 1955-2003, Aug. 25, 2005
Allan Butler, Staff Associate, Custodial Services, 1967-2001, Oct. 5, 2005
James Kuethe, Professor, Educational Psychology & Statistics, 1968-1994, Oct. 3, 2005
Matthew Elbow, Professor, History, 1947-1995, Oct. 8, 2005
H. Craig Sipe, Professor, Educational Theory & Practice, 1967-1983, Nov. 21, 2005
Susan Losee, Associate Professor, Educational Theory & Practice, 1958-1983, Dec. 14, 2005

Great Danes fans gathered in New York City and other locations around the country to cheer on their team in the America East Championship game. UAlbany beat Vermont 80-67. Go Danes!



ALUMNI NEWS AND NOTES

Letters to the Editor



Signum Laudis: the First Academic Honorary

I was disappointed that Signum Laudis wasn't acknowledged in the recent *UAlbany* article "Academics, Leadership, Service" (Fall 2005) about student honoraries. Signum Laudis inducted the top 10 percent of the graduating seniors and was the only academic honorary on campus until Phi Beta Kappa established a chapter in 1974. I was elected to Signum Laudis in 1973, and I have always been proud of that accomplishment. I was an atypical student in the 1970s: I was a few years older than my classmates. I was married, and I had a young child. Being elected to an honorary under those circumstances was particularly meaningful to me. Although I went on to complete M.S. and Ph.D. degrees at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and have since earned other awards, my election to Signum Laudis has always stood out as a significant event in my life.

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The (honorary) article made interesting reading, but I was surprised that no mention was made of Signum Laudis, which was the academic honor society of the New York State College for Teachers prior to Phi Beta Kappa. SL had the same basis for membership as PBK. There were 12 or 13 members in 1946, the year I was admitted. Myskania was important at the time, but recognized leadership in those selected.

Virginia Greenmun Robertson, B.A. '46, Binghamton, N.Y.

Editor's note: Signum Laudis, a local honorary, was established at the New York State College for Teachers in 1930 after the college's initial efforts to found a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa were rejected. Hundreds of graduates were members, and it was an important part of campus life for more than four decades. It ceased to exist in the 1970s, shortly after Phi Beta Kappa was established.

An EOP Tutor Speaks

I was an EOP tutor at UAlbany from 1973-76, and was probably as affected by that experience as the student I knew. Coming from a relatively comfortable background with parental support and encouragement, it was a real eye-opener to know students without these supports. They really struggled to get into college and stay there. One student came out of prison and was probably my most reliable student. I can still remember these experiences, and they definitely inform my recent decision to leave practicing law and teach paralegal studies at the community college level here in Philadelphia. I also advise incoming students who are mostly first-generation college students, so I have really come full circle.

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