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Layers of sediment from the bottom of Lake Junín, at an elevation of 13,000 feet in the Peruvian Andes, hold the record of climate change as far back as 200,000 years. Don Rodbell, professor and chair of Geology, led an international team of 30 paleoclimatologists and students who set out to answer some urgent questions about the Earth’s climate history.

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The College is steeped in history, all the way back to Abraham Lincoln. But nothing on campus that survived the Civil War yet remains, save one stately white oak. Together with many younger but nonetheless impressive trees, the oak is part of Union’s living legacy.

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Get to know John Kelly as he takes the reins from outgoing Board of Trustees Chairman Mark Walsh ’76. Learn what his priorities are for the College, who his favorite Union hero is, and how Union helped prepare him for his job as senior vice president, solutions and portfolio research, at IBM.
At last spring’s Baccalaureate in Memorial Chapel, I spoke to the graduating seniors about David Brook’s recent book, The Road to Character. I noted that Brooks distinguishes between “resume virtues” (skills and competencies) and “eulogy virtues” (values at the core of self). I reminded the students that Union prepared them with many “resume virtues” but that Union had also formed values that should indeed inform the core of who they had become. I observed:

At Union, it’s the belief that we are a community, that each of us matters, and that together we are unstoppable and that together we can do great things. Each of us brings strengths to the table; but we are even stronger together. At Union, it’s the belief that a great education prepares you with both deep knowledge in your chosen field of study and broad knowledge of the ways in which multiple fields of study approach a problem. At Union, our common purpose is rooted in a belief that ideas matter and that they should inform our choices and our actions. At Union, it’s the belief that we study ideas to become the authors of ideas.

I’d like to focus on just one sentence that might otherwise escape attention: “At Union, it’s the belief that we study ideas to become the authors of ideas.”

In May, we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Steinmetz Symposium. From its beginning in 1991, when 130 students participated, the Steinmetz Symposium has steadily grown. This year, more than 500 students gave oral presentations or performances, or participated in poster sessions. It’s the only day that Union cancels classes and students flock to presentations in order to support their friends and learn.

Steinmetz was a clear reminder that the student-faculty relationship is central to the Union experience. It was also a reminder that Union expects its students to engage with ideas, form their own ideas, and translate those ideas into action whether that be conducting new research, inventing new devices, creating works of art, composing new works of music, or otherwise becoming “authors” of ideas and their lives. This issue of the magazine is replete with examples of alumni and students who have reached and crossed that threshold and become authors of their lives.

For John Kelly III ’76, the moment came when his advisor, Prof. Ennis Pilcher, encouraged him to rebuild and do research on a state-of-the-art x-ray detector. John, now the senior vice president, solutions portfolio and research, for IBM, cites this experience as directly relevant to his graduate studies and career. A longtime trustee, John is a strong advocate for the integration of disciplines that is a Union hallmark. He now guides some of IBM’s most important work—including the artificial intelligence initiative, tagged “Watson,” which promises to change much of the world as we know it. You will learn more about him in an article in this issue introducing him as our new chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Yi Cao ’15, a mechanical engineering and chemistry major, crossed that threshold in the College’s aerogel lab under the direction of Prof. Mary Carroll and Prof. Ann Anderson. Yi gave a remarkable three Steinmetz presentations on her work. She also made time in the middle of the day to address leaders from major technology firms, such as General Electric, Global Foundries, and IBM. She is attending Stanford University, confident that the undergraduate research she did at Union has prepared her well for a career in sustainable energy.

Personal transformation at Union is not an accident. It is inherent in the relationships we prioritize. Transformation is also part of the design of our curriculum and co-curriculum. It is inspired by the examples we see in our faculty, who are deeply engaged in their fields and who encourage student collaboration in their research. It comes from alumni who appreciate the difference Union made for them, alumni who generously share their experiences with students on campus.

Union is indeed a special place and with all the “authors” I encounter here, willing to share their ideas and their excitement, it’s no wonder it takes me so long to cross campus!
I recently enjoyed my 50th ReUnion, which included occasions on which our alma mater was sung. While I admit that this 18-year-old had trouble relating to Grecians, Phoebus and his laurel leaves, and the like, I now think Ludlow’s poem makes a wonderful college anthem.

It is satisfying to hear that all the traditions I remember about the manner of singing it are still observed, but a few new ones that have crept in since 1965, and I am curious as to how, when, and why these have happened.

First of all, “the brook that bounds” is now accompanied by stamping of the feet, a tradition that I do not recall from my student days. It’s hard for me to relate this to a brook. Next is the new arm gesture that accompanies “a dip from our alma mater,” which I take to be a dipping gesture.

And there seems to have been a small wording change. I do not have access to the canon of our alma mater, but I noticed that the version apparently now sent out to entering students contains the line “Gleams bright as a Delphic water.” I distinctly remember this as “the Delphic water,” which I understand to be the spring at Delphi.

The 1856 wording shows another difference. “But the brook that bounds through Union’s grounds” scans well as poetry, but it doesn’t fit the music, so someone long ago apparently changed it to “old Union’s grounds,” which does.

I suppose these minutiae pale in significance when compared to weighty issues of the day, but I remain curious nonetheless.

Sincerely,

Jerry Wolf ’65
When he was 23, Devin Wenig ’88 faced a difficult choice after his father’s unexpected death: Follow his career plan and join a prestigious law firm or help save the struggling biotech company his father founded.

Wenig had graduated from Union with a B.A. in political science and Columbia University Law School. He knew little about biotech or running a public company.

But he accepted the challenge, and a year after he helped stabilize the Long Island business, he resumed his career track. He also learned a valuable lesson. “There is no one that I know that had a career plan coming out of college that ended up exactly following that plan,” Wenig told the nearly 500 members of the Class of 2015 at Union’s 221st Commencement on Hull Plaza June 14. “You will probably not be the first. Be prepared to blaze your own trail.”

As the CEO of eBay, Wenig has forged a successful career since his time on campus. He joined eBay in September 2011 after more than 18 years at Thomson Reuters, the global media organization. Previously, he was president of eBay Marketplaces.

Under his leadership, eBay has become one of the world’s top 30 brands and has grown Gross Merchandise Volume from $60.3 billion in 2011 to $83 billion in 2014. During this period, eBay added 56 million active buyers, to a total of 155 million.

He urged graduates to pursue their passion and to embrace the ample opportunities in one of the most
#ADAY4U, Union’s one-day fundraising challenge, secures impressive 1,700 donors and raises $1,120,000 as College community rallies to show support.

President Stephen C. Ainlay speaks to history class, discussing many alumni who made notable contributions, especially during Civil War era and in Abraham Lincoln’s administration.

Student speaker Nate Greenberg ‘15

exciting times in history.

“We are living in a world of warp-speed innovation that I couldn’t have even imagined when I was finishing college,” he said. “The challenge for this graduating class is to not accept what is, but to imagine and create what is possible.

“You will build our future. You are the ones who will wake up in the morning and think about what we should invent and create. You are the ones who will fight through the challenges and contend with the cynics and establish the world that billions of people will live and work and play and love in.”

Wenig received an honorary doctorate of laws degree.

Also receiving an honorary degree was Marjorie Agosin, the Luella LaMer Slaner Professor in Latin American Studies and professor of Spanish at Wellesley College. An award-winning poet, human rights activist and literary critic, Agosin has dedicated her life to social causes. Agosin was awarded an honorary doctorate of letters degree. She was nominated by Erika Nelson, associate professor of German.

In his charge to the graduates, President Stephen C. Ainlay cited a number of their accomplishments, both academically and in the community. This included the Empty Bowls project and Campus Kitchens, the Community Media Action Lab, and winners of Fulbrights, Watsons and other prestigious prizes.

He also applauded the class’s involvement in the “It’s On Us” campaign, a national initiative to combat sexual assault on college campuses.

“As beautiful as this place is, the campus doesn’t make Union ‘Union’, people make Union ‘Union’, and you, members of the Class of 2015, helped make Union ‘Union’ for the past four years,” he said. “But, now it is up to you, members of the great Class of 2015, to take the best of Union into the world, improving your workplaces and your communities the way you improved this campus.”

Student speaker Nate Greenberg of Westport, Connecticut, was expected to graduate with the Class of 2014. But the summer before his senior year, the economics major and captain of the men’s lacrosse team was diagnosed with Ewing’s Sarcoma, a rare form of bone cancer.

The campus community rallied around Greenberg, hosting a series of fundraisers and offering words of encouragement as he battled the disease. He said the support epitomized the type of place Union is.

“I watched as my friends and family fought by my side. I watched as my teammates shaved their heads in support. I watched as yellow ribbons went up all over campus and people whom I’d never met before wore my number three to let me know they were fighting for me,” Greenberg said. “This is family. This is Union. We are now a part of a family that goes back more than 200 years. Throughout my experience, Union alumni from across the country, some of whom had graduated 30 years ago or more, reached out to me to offer their support even though our only connection was Union. This speaks to the tight-knit community that Union has built.”

Three members of the Class of 2015 received public recognition: Co-valedictorians Meagan S. Jain, an anthropology major with a minor in biology from Wellesley, Massachusetts, and Molly A. Maloney, a psychology major from Green Island, New York; and salutatorian Megan E. Mancuso, a bioengineering major from Framingham, Massachusetts.

Also, Therese McCarty, the Stephen J. and Diane K. Ciesinski Dean of the Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs, announced Claire Bracken, associate professor of English, as the winner of the Stillman Prize for Excellence in Teaching. Bracken will be presented with the award at Convocation in the fall.
Karp Hall dedication highlights ReUnion

Among the highlights of ReUnion 2015 in May was the dedication of Karp Hall. Built in 1965, the former Humanities building—one of the most heavily-used academic spaces—recently underwent a transformative year-long renovation. Supported by a lead gift from the Karp Family Foundation, the building boasts 37 offices, 10 classrooms, a lobby, a faculty lounge and a cluster of student alcoves.

President Stephen C. Ainlay praised the family’s “admirable humility” for their initial reluctance in putting their name on the building. “The fact that the Karp name will be part of our history going forward in this very conspicuous way is hugely important to the College and its well-being as we look off into the future,” Ainlay told an audience gathered outside the building, which reopened in January. “I’m so thankful not only for your generosity, but to put one’s name as the permanent association with a place is the ultimate vote of confidence in what that institution is about and what it’s trying to achieve.”

Home to nearly 40 faculty and staff members in the departments of English and Modern Languages and Literatures, Karp Hall is also an interdisciplinary hub of higher learning for the entire campus. “For our family, it was important that this building respect the past while embracing the future needs of our great students and faculty,” said Douglass Karp ’97, a member of the College’s Board of Trustees. “I’m here to say that we have achieved that goal today. We believe that our investment in Union is a great one and will inspire students for years to come.”

His sister, Jana Karp ’99, also spoke. Their parents, Jill and Stephen Karp, also attended.

Nearly 2,000 ReUnion guests enjoyed a host of traditional activities such as the Alumni Parade, the fireworks display and the Gala Dinner. There were also a number of special events, including the 200th anniversary of North and South Colleges and a display marking the 25th anniversary of the Steinmetz Symposium, which was created in 1991 to celebrate student research.

Alumni convocation, which also occurred during the weekend, celebrated new board leadership, and a proposal to feminize the College’s motto and a status report on Union’s distinctive mission.
For second consecutive year, a group of riders from Union win Gearshaft award for most participants from Schenectady County in annual Bike to Work Day Workplace Challenge, which promotes bicycling as fun way to commute.
A s the Hispanic population in the U.S. continues to grow, it will be a key demographic in the 2016 presidential race. The courting of Hispanic voters is particularly intense in Florida and Colorado, two critical swing states that may determine the race’s outcome.

On May 8 in a second floor classroom in Lippman Hall, Jacqueline Weiss ’15 methodically laid out the efforts by Republicans and Democrats in the last four presidential elections to woo Latino voters in those two key states.

“I took a class with Professor Zoe Oxley focusing on the 2012 race, and this was an issue that interested me,” said Weiss, a political science major (with a minor in Spanish) from Moorestown, N.J.

“I’ve been working on this presentation for some time. It’s an honor to present it at the Steinmetz Symposium.”

Weiss was among hundreds of students, faculty and parents who fanned out across campus to celebrate undergraduate research as part of the annual symposium.

Now in its 25th year, the Steinmetz Symposium has grown from that first spring day in April 1991, when 130 students presented, to one that now features more than 500 students—including more than 280 oral presentations and over 70 poster presentations. Nearly 200 additional students were involved in a dance performance, two musical concerts and an art exhibit.

Overseen by Becky Cortez, associate professor of mechanical engineering and director of undergraduate research, the symposium showcases the type of hands-on, faculty-mentored research that is a staple of the Union experience.

Following tradition, classes were canceled for the day to allow faculty, staff, students and visiting parents to sample projects in all fields—the arts, humanities, social sciences, sciences and engineering.

One could check out topics as diverse as “Modeling the Human Vocal Tract for American English Vowels” (Samantha Griffiths ’15) to “Selective Attention and Prey Tracking in Dragonfly Larvae” (Natalia Ciesielska ’17) to “Tracking the Tupamaros: The Movimiento de Liberación Nacional-Tupamaros’ Transition from Guerrilla Movement to Political Party and the Success of the Frente Amplio” (Lucas Hall ’15).

“This is a celebration of students who are ‘doing,’” said President Stephen C. Ainlay. “They take their ideas and the rich experiences they have and they go about the business of practicing economics, or mechanical engineering, or dance or theater or literature. There is a moment when a student becomes a doer, essentially the authors of their lives. That’s what Steinmetz is about - making students authors of their lives.”

To commemorate the 25th anniversary, a special luncheon was held featuring remarks by John E. Kelly III ’76, chairman of the board and senior vice president, solutions and portfolio research, at IBM. Joining invited faculty, students and staff were a host of local government and business leaders, representing General Electric, GlobalFoundries, Price Chopper Supermarkets and others.

“This inspiring event symbolizes what Union is all about,” said Kelly. “It integrates the humanities and social sciences with science and engineering in new and exciting ways, it provides students with a broad and deep education, and and it ensures students are engaged, innovative, and adaptable contributors to an ever-changing world.”

Yi Cao ’15, a mechanical engineering and chemistry major from China, shared three presentations based on her work in the College’s International craft boutique sale of items from Africa benefits The Gift of Hope, founded by Lauren Cohen ’78. Organization provides support to women and children in South Africa living with HIV and AIDS.

Department of Theatre and Dance presents William Shakespeare’s “Love’s Labour’s Lost” in Jackson’s Garden. Show featured 1980s-themed twist on the comedy.
Stephan Grant ‘15 talks about his project, “Evaluating the Feasibility of Ice Thermal Energy Storage” during a Steinmetz poster session.

More than 70 performers took to the stage in the Nott Memorial for the Lothridge Festival of Dance during Steinmetz.

aerogels laboratory. Headed to Stanford this fall, Cao said the undergraduate research opportunities at Union have prepared her well.

“The real world problems lie not only in the exploration of real world knowledge and finding technical solutions, but also depend on effective communication, collaboration and entrepreneurship. My experiences at Union have prepared me to face future challenges and to make a difference to the world’s energy problems.”

In the afternoon, more than 70 performers took to the stage in the Nott Memorial for the Lothridge Festival of Dance. Representing a variety of styles, including ballet, ballroom, contemporary lyrical, hip hop, jazz and tap, dancers performed highlights from the Winter Dance Concert, ACTION, and pieces inspired by movies such as The Hunger Games, Twilight and Crouching Tiger.

The performance also showcased the work of Dance Program Director Miryam Moutillet and instructors Marcus Rogers and Laurie Cawley.

At the end of the show, the Edward Villella Fellowship, which allows exceptional students to expand their dance studies beyond the campus, was awarded to Maddison Stemple-Piatt ’16. She will pursue Middle Eastern dance with Sahina Sadai, a choreographer and costume designer in Western Massachusetts.

Guests could also check out the annual Visual Arts Student Art Exhibit, on view in the Burns Arts Atrium Gallery, featuring the most accomplished student works completed during the 2014-15 academic year.

A concert by the Union College and Community Orchestra and the Union College and Community Chorale, under the direction of John Cox, director of performance and lecturer in choral and orchestral music, was held in Memorial Chapel.

Steinmetz Symposium coincided with Prize Day on Saturday in Memorial Chapel, followed by a reception on the Reamer Campus Center patio.

500 local kids and their families attend Kenney Center’s annual UCARE Day (Union Community Action Reaching Everyone). The free carnival is one of Union’s biggest volunteer events each year.

Meet the 2015 Minerva Fellows

Eleven members of the Class of 2015 were recently chosen to represent the College’s next Minerva Fellows program (www.union.edu/offices/minerva/fellows).

They will travel the globe to work in developing countries while paired up with a social entrepreneurial organization. The students will work for nine months and return to the College and live in a Minerva house for one month, where they will participate in a social entrepreneurial course and educate current students about their experiences abroad.

This year’s fellows are:

**Column 1 top to bottom**—
Charlotte Bloom and Joe Hinderstein: Engeye, Ddegeya Village, Uganda
Kyle Tevlin and Maggie Hoffman: The Global Child, Siem Reap, Cambodia

**Column 2 top to bottom**—
Lacey Reimer and Gerardo Reyes: Yanapuma, Estero de Platano, Ecuador
Ruwimbo Makoni and Yilun Zhang: Shandong Huihe Autism Education Center, Jinan, China

Five students receive Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship: Nia Francis ’17 will travel to Fiji. Shivangi Mehta ’16 will travel to Greece. Davina Tran ’17 will travel to Vietnam. Astrid Vargas ’17 will travel to France. Lai Wong ’17 will travel to Brazil.

Above, top to bottom—
Mary Beth Gadarwoski: Witkoppen Health and Welfare Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa
Caroline Brustowicz: Fashion 4 Freedom, Hue, Vietnam
Davis Cutter: Bagru Textiles, Bagru, India

To maintain healthy environment for all students, faculty, staff and visitors, Union College becomes tobacco/smoke-free environment July 1, 2016. Union joins more than 70 colleges/universities in state that have eliminated smoking.
This spring, Fulbrights and more

With spring comes awards. And this year, there were plenty ranging from internships to fellowships.

Three students won Goldwater Scholarships, the premiere undergraduate award for students pursuing careers in mathematics, natural sciences and engineering. Ryan M. Bouck ’16, Michael Warrener ’16 and Theodor Di Pauli von Treuheim ’16 were among 260 sophomores and juniors selected for academic merit from among 1,206 students nominated by their colleges nationwide. Each will receive up to $7,500 to cover tuition, fees, books, and room and board.

Four were named Fulbright English Teaching Assistants in a program that places grantees in schools overseas to supplement local English language instruction. They were Lindsay Hage ’12 who was awarded an ETA grant to Colombia; Julia Hotz ’15, a teaching fellow at the Hellenic American Educational Foundation in Greece; Lucas Rivers ’15, a teaching assistant in Vietnam; and Selene Paloma ’15, a Fulbright Teaching Assistant in Azerbaijan.

Five Union students won a prestigious Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, for up to $5,000 toward study abroad or internship costs. Nia Francis ’17 will travel to Fiji, Shivangi Mehta ’16 to Greece, Davina Tran ’17 to Vietnam, Atrid Vargas ’17 to France and Lai Wong ’17 to Brazil.

Three students received internship support from the Class of 1973 Community Service Internship Fund. Olivia Britton ’18, a political science and psychology major, interned with the HASCO Community Center, Spring Valley, N.Y., which supports Haitian and Hispanic immigrants. Shivangi Mehta ’16, political science, was with the Legal Project in Albany, N.Y., working alongside pro-bono attorneys to make legal services more accessible to the working poor. Michael Vallejo ’16, anthropology and Spanish, was with Breakthrough Collaborative of Boston, Mass., as a teaching fellow to help put underserved students on a path toward college.

Cara Slusaski ’16, biology, was the Roger H. Hull Summer Community Service Internship funding recipient. A pre-dental student, she will teach preventative dental care to youngsters in Schenectady Community Action Program’s Head Start Daycare program.

David Roy ’16, neuroscience, received funding from the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Mohammad A. Omar ’94 Memorial Community Service Internship Funding. He was with the Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program.

Sean Farrell ’17, a mechanical engineering major, was named a University Innovation Fellow, a prestigious program designed to help foster entrepreneurship and innovation among students nationwide. He was among 123 students from 52 schools selected by the National Center for Engineering Pathways to Innovation (Epicenter). The program is funded by the National Science Foundation and directed by Stanford University and VentureWell. The program empowers student leaders to increase campus engagement with entrepreneurship, innovation, creativity, design thinking and venture creation.

Union hosts annual liberal arts and engineering symposium. Hod Lipson, a top expert on 3D printing, delivers keynote address. IBM, General Electric, California Polytechnic State University, Bucknell, Lafayette among schools and companies represented at symposium.
Some people, when looking at popular games like chess, Monopoly or Scrabble, might see a decorative board, a few colored pieces and a set of rules. With a little strategy and often a lot of luck, a winner emerges.

Christopher Chabris views games differently. The associate professor of psychology and co-director of the neuroscience program, Chabris considers games cultural artifacts worthy of intellectual study equal to music, art and literature.

Besides their perch atop the world consumer’s leisure time, pushing past books, magazines and other forms of entertainment, games have also inspired or served as metaphors for discoveries about strategic interaction in a variety of fields, including mathematics, social relations and political science.

And while games have always been played for diversion, many now involve professional competition, with huge amounts of money (World Series of Poker) or national pride on the line (World Chess Championship).

“Games take up more and more of our time,” said Chabris. “But we don’t really think about them deeply. What are the components? What are the different types of games? Why are some games popular, while others are not? What makes games enjoyable? There is so much more to games beyond what you see on the surface.”

Chabris was the lead instructor for a course this spring simply titled, “Games.” Each year the College offers an interdisciplinary course open to all students that focuses on a single topic and is taught by a variety of professors. Known as the Minerva Course, it has featured topics such as presidential elections, oil, food, technology and society, and globalization.

A chess master who writes a monthly column for the Wall Street Journal on games, Chabris was ideally suited to teach the 10-week elective course.

To get started, the 50 students in the course spent three evenings playing three distinct games: Settlers of Catan (the most popular contemporary European-style game), Hive (an abstract strategy game) and Citadels (a modern card game).

Students were also treated to a series of guest lectures from Union faculty and outside experts. For example, John Rieffel, assistant professor of computer science, gave talks on artificial intelligence and computer game playing, as well as 3D printing and game prototyping. George Gmelch, professor of anthropology, presented an overview of baseball culture. Stephen Schmidt, professor of economics, spoke on game theory, while Cay Anderson-Hanley, associate professor of psychology, discussed games and the brain. Others who gave talks were John Cox, lecturer in choral and orchestral music; Maggie Tongue, director of the scholars program; and James de Seve, filmmaker-in-residence.

Outside experts included a three-time World Series of Poker champion (Matt Matros); a board game designer (Hassan Lopez of Skidmore College) and a video game developer (Morgan McGuire of Williams College).

The highlight of the course was the group project, in which three-person teams were required to design their own game.

Angelica Rivera ’18, an English major from Queens, took the course because “growing up with three brothers, we were always playing different games. I thought it would fun to learn more about them.”

A fan of card games, Rivera and her teammates created a game called .50 Cal, a multiplayer card game with several twists, in which players race to accumulate 50 points while playing their hands face-up and making strategic decisions to thwart other players.

“We wanted a game where you needed some skill, but it would be more based on the luck of the draw,” Rivera said.

One of the more intriguing games devised is National Security, a game with both competitive and cooperative elements. Each player has the role of a U.S. intelligence agency (e.g., CIA, FBI, NSA, etc.) and must cooperate with the others to accomplish some goal (e.g., stopping a terrorist attack) while also competing for limited resources, and for the recognition and credit for the government’s overall success.

Other student-designed games include Pirate Purge, a strategy board game; Mudslingers, a simulation of the U.S. presidential election; and Conquer the Road, a driving-themed collectible card game.

Angelica Rivera ’18 and two other students designed the card game, .50 Cal, in Union’s “Games” course.
Grants to support Strategic Plan awarded

The Planning and Priorities committee announced the latest round of special grants that support the College’s Strategic Plan in June.

In spring 2013, Union unveiled a reshaped strategic plan. Drawing from key strengths outlined in the College’s 2007 version, the ambitious plan provides a blueprint that strengthens and enhances Union’s position as a highly selective national liberal arts college that “produces graduates who make important contributions to humanity.”

Last year, the committee approved 13 of 18 projects, totaling $208,000.

This year, the committee again invited the campus community to apply for one or two-year grants:
- Planning grants of $2,000-$5,000 (to facilitate project planning activities such as retreats, attending conferences, consulting outside experts).
- Implementation grants of $10,000 and up (to undertake specific projects).

The grant proposals needed to involve activities that were not eligible for other sources of College funding. They must also have clearly contributed to one or more of the 27 main projects identified for Strategic Plan implementation.

For this second round, the committee approved 11 of 28 submitted projects for a total of $180,000. In brief, the monies go to:
- The Union College Concert Series, for promotion in regional and national media outlets.
- Political Science Department, to re-launch and re-invigorate a local political internships course
- Office of Admissions to enhance diversity outreach by paying transportation costs for students to visit campus, and to place ads in publications targeting students from diverse backgrounds
- Kelly Adirondack Center, to launch a lecture series, “Young Leaders, Diversity and the Environment”
- Expand the bystander intervention training to combat sexual assault
- Create the Union College Idea Lab, an interdisciplinary project that will foster creative and innovative thinking
- Develop an online end-of-care community-based learning program and palliative care fellowships
- Fund a two-year fulltime historical records project archivist to conduct a survey of special collections and archival material held by the College
- Support an initiative for Union to become a tobacco/smoke-free environment
- Support the 15th anniversary of the Kenney Community Center

Union hosts African studies conference

Dozens of faculty and students participated in the 40th annual conference of the New York African Studies Association, which Union hosted on April 3, 2015.

The conference—the theme of which was “Africa, Its Diaspora, and Laws”—featured a variety of presentations including Prof. Deidre Butler on Union’s Africana Studies program; six Union students on the College’s Civil Rights and Africa mini-terms; and a panel discussion by student leaders of Black Student Union, African Students Association and the African and Latin American Student Association.

Prof. Cheikh Ndiaye and Prof. Butler organized events at Union. Albany College of Pharmacy and Albany Law School hosted events on April 4.

Students prepare for a presentation at the New York African Studies Association conference.
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ust hours into a weeks-long

project to core the sediment of

Peru’s Lake Junín for clues to

climate history, scientists made

an exciting discovery: as some had

speculated, this lake wasn’t always a lake.

Grace Delgado ’14 was taking samples

on the deck of a drilling barge when she

noticed a sudden change in the sediment

layers. “Look at this. It used to be a peat

bog,” she said. “The lake actually dried out.”

Indeed, about 55 meters down, the

slippery gray clay from a glacial period

suddenly gave way to dry, dark brown,

decayed plant matter that looked and

smelled like the packaged peat you’d

find at the garden center.

Sometime around 100,000 years ago,

Lake Junín (hoo-NEEN), high in the

remote central Andes, recorded a

sudden change from a cold to a warm

climate. And chances are this could

have been a global event.

Last summer, Delgado and Nick

Weidhaas ’15 were with an international

team of 30 scientists led by Prof. Don

Rodbell to extract the first continuous

high resolution core of the ancient lake.

Funded by the National Science

Foundation and the International

Continental Drilling Program, the Lake

Junín Project is aimed at furthering our

understanding of the Earth’s natural

climate cycles over the past one million

years. It also has important implications

for our climate future.

Delgado and Weidhaas are among

the dozens of Union students and

alumni who have done fieldwork with

Rodbell in Peru and other parts of South

America. Before this trip, their deepest

core of Lake Junín—made with a hand

tool—went down only 25 meters, about

50,000 years of deposits.

So, nearly every sample that emerged
brought a new insight and a wave of excitement.

Over the past several decades, paleoclimatologists like Rodbell have used ice cores, cave deposits and lake sediment to develop proxy indicators of climate history. Records from the tropics are especially important since this region is the “heat engine” of Earth. Changes in ocean-atmosphere circulation in the western Pacific—such as the El Niño Southern Oscillation—can profoundly impact regional water balance and affect potable water supplies, hydroelectricity generation and agriculture.
There is also contamination. The lake and the adjacent grazing areas have been polluted by runoff and dust from the nearby mining of copper, lead and zinc. Making matters worse, Junín was dammed in 1932 to regulate water for hydroelectric production in the Amazon basin. As an unintended consequence, the Rio San Juan, which normally drains the lake, is seasonally redirected, carrying acid mine drainage into the lake. The contamination of Lake Junín was the subject of an earlier study by Rodbell and his colleagues.

Through peripheral NSF grants, the Junín Drilling Project includes a public outreach campaign to local officials, community groups and schools. Scientists distribute stickers and fliers explaining the project and conservation efforts on the lake. Plans are to launch a citizen science project in which teams of locals outfitted with GPS will take soil samples where their livestock graze. The hope is to get hundreds of samples to analyze at Union for lead, zinc, copper and other contaminants to document the full scope of regional mining contamination. The project also plans to renovate an abandoned lakeside lodge for use by the National Park Service and as a way to promote ecotourism.

Lake Junín (Chinchaycocha in Quechua—the Incan tongue) is an ideal place to study the Earth’s climate history. Ancient and shallow, Junín has been accumulating sediment undisturbed for perhaps a million years. At 4,000 meters (13,500 feet) above sea level between the western and eastern cordillera in the central Peruvian Andes, Junín covers 300 square kilometers (almost 200 square miles). Dammed on the north and south by alluvial fans—material deposited by rivers—that come from moraines that are at least 250,000 years old, the lake has not been overridden by glaciers in at least one million years, according to research by Jacqueline Smith Garver, former Union research professor.

Today the lake is bordered by a handful of small towns—Junín, Huayre, Carhuamayo and Ondores—and much of the western shore serves as grazing land for sheep, alpaca and cattle. A destination for birders eager to see the endangered Junín Grebe or Junín Rail, the lake was designated a Peruvian National Wildlife Preserve in 1974. Remarkably, there is little interaction between the local population and the lake, perhaps because much of the shore is lined by marshes and there are seasonal fluctuations in the water level.

The Lake Junín Project ... has important implications for our climate future.
A 20- by 60-foot barge with a large drilling rig and bright lights looks a bit out of place on Lake Junín. But it is home to geologists and drillers acquiring the first continuous high resolution core record of the lake, and data on the global climate record.

This is hard work. Drillers and scientists get muddy, wet and cold as cores are raised from depth and lowered to the deck. The high altitude, dry air and wind make a 12-hour shift a long grind. It’s worse in the cold and dark of night, a fact not lost on “Team Union,” which has the day shift. Scientists from the University of Pittsburgh get night duty. Drilling goes on 24 hours a day to preserve the integrity of the core. Adding prep time and a round-trip commute from the hotel in Tarma leaves about six hours a day for rest. Breakfast at 3:30 a.m. comes quickly after two or three consecutive shifts.

“Core on deck,” yells Delgado as three other members of the science team emerge from a small heated shed. Two members of the all-Peruvian drill team extract a two-meter plastic sleeve of sediment from a section of casing and hand it over to the scientists who carefully clean, seal and label each tube. They also send cursory observations of each core to their temporary lab at the hotel.

An outsider might be forgiven for thinking the obvious: it looks like they are collecting mud. But to these geologists, each tube of mud (their word) is like another slice of layer cake, a new insight into the climate history of Lake Junín and Earth itself.

Though complete analysis won’t be done until the cores are back in the states, each tube reveals tantalizing clues. Each layer, ranging from one millimeter to several centimeters thick, represents an annual record. Homogenous, light gray mud suggests glacial runoff during an ice age. Dark specks are plant matter from a highly productive lake during warmer temperatures. Bits of mollusk and crustacean shell come from a carbonate layer deposited during an interval when glaciers had vanished from the landscape.
Lakes are like garbage cans in that they hold a complete history of everything that happened in a place, region or watershed,” Rodbell said. “It’s up to scientists to decipher the record about what went on.”

Rodbell and his collaborators investigate each layer for “proxy indicators” of climate change that reflect the proximity of glaciers to a lake site, the balance between evaporation and precipitation and even the storminess of a time interval. By dating these events and cycles, they can understand if they were regional or global. A key question is how fast regional or global climate can change when tipping points are crossed. “It turns out that it is very, very rapid, a decade or two,” Rodbell said. “That is, fast enough to make a difference to humans trying to eke out an existence on the Peruvian altiplano or grow wheat in Kansas.”

Human societies have developed in one of the most stable intervals in the Earth’s history, Rodbell said. But the climate record shows that stability is rare and change can come rapidly, particularly at the regional level.

“If change happens slowly and gradually over many centuries, human societies and species can adapt,” he said. “But if we were to cross some climatological tipping point, change could happen so fast that humans and many other species could have a great deal of trouble adjusting.”

“We have evidence that tipping points have been crossed in the past, but the problem is we just don’t know how close we are to one, or whether human activity has just triggered one,” he said. “Sometimes I find myself really worried about the future, for the next generation. When you look at the geologic data and consider what we have done to the radiative balance of Earth, you cannot help but get a little panicked.”

The Junín Drilling Project

Every year, the National Science Foundation and the International Continental Drilling Program fund the drilling of one or two large (and old) lakes. These are big, multi-million dollar projects with a long queue.

Rodbell started work on Lake Junín in 1996, when he extracted a core with Jeremy Newman ’97. Last summer, Rodbell was lead investigator of an international team of 30 scientists with a total of $2.66 million in funding from NSF. Nearly $1.3 million is designated for Union (NSF Award ID 1402076), supplemented by funds totaling $550,000 for the drilling project. Other participants are the University of Pittsburgh, the University of Minnesota, Florida Institute of Technology, the University of Oregon and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The team was comprised of scientists who offer a special skill—an analytical lab, for example—and who have played roles in other large lake drills. The project contracted with DOSECC, a Salt Lake City-based scientific drilling firm with experience in coring hundreds of meters in the world’s largest lakes. Their equipment was placed in two large containers, trucked to Houston, shipped to Lima and then trucked to the drill site in the high Andes Mountains. Workers dug a canal for a 20- by 60-foot barge to carry the drilling gear to the lake, where they drilled three 200 meter cores from two sites. Teams worked around the clock, no easy task in the cold, thin air at 13,500 feet above sea level, an elevation just shy of Mount Everest base camp.
Rodbell’s annual trips to South America are physically demanding. Heavy gear and camping at high altitudes exact a toll on even the fittest of climbers. But unlike most expeditionists—who shed pack weight as they consume water, food and fuel—Rodbell is constantly adding heavy core samples throughout a trip. His teams have hired local help and rented as many as 25 mules for some expeditions.

What the Lake Junín trip lacked in hauling, it made up for with complicated logistics. The team was based a bit more than an hour from Junín at a hotel in Tarma, where they converted a garage into a temporary lab for preliminary analysis of the cores. At the end of the eight-week project, hundreds of meters of cores were shipped in refrigerated containers to LacCore, the National Lacustrine Core Facility at the University of Minnesota, where they were to be stored and analyzed.

The Junín Drilling Project was the culmination of Rodbell’s career and years in the making. Over the past year, he made four trips to Peru for on-site logistics. His Peruvian colleagues, with whom he has been working for years, were invaluable in the site preparation, permitting and logistics.

“It was exciting to finally be drilling,” he said. “I must say, though, that now that it is all done, I am a bit relieved. I expect I’ll be ready to go back to the small-scale work I’ve been doing with students for many years. The logistics and preparation for a large project like this sort of consume you!”

To these geologists, each tube of “mud” is like another slice of layer cake, a new insight into the climate history of Lake Junín and the Earth itself.

Want to learn more about climate research in Peru?
Visit www.union.edu/magazine to see additional photos and watch a video of the work being carried out high in the Andes.
The climate “debate”

When he began his research in South America, no one was talking about—or debating—global warming. Al Gore and Stephen Schneider had written books and there was some discussion about future climate, but there was little interest (or research money) for work in the tropics. Rodbell’s early work was simply aimed at determining whether the Ice Age in the tropics coincided with those in the more-researched North America and Europe. (It did.) “It was interesting from an academic standpoint,” Rodbell said, “but fairly peripheral to future climate change.”

For Rodbell, the only debate about climate change is what to do about it. “The science is as clear as it ever gets,” he said, “with more than 97 percent of the published literature telling of the clear role that humans are having in affecting global climates.”

Scientific societies in many fields have developed position statements that greenhouse gases, mostly from human activities, are affecting global temperatures. Among them, the National Academy of Sciences, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Geological Society of America and the American Meteorological Society. The U.S. Department of Defense and the Pope have even weighed in. The Pentagon recently cited climate change as a threat to national security due to increased risks of food and water shortages, infectious disease and resultant geopolitical unrest.

Until a few years ago, Rodbell stayed out of the fray, hoping that science would eventually prevail. But it was a campus visit from Christopher Monckton, a climate change denier, which spurred him to act. “I was struck with how little the students knew of the topic, and how effective [Monckton] could be at convincing students that there was something to debate about the role of greenhouse gases in climate change.”

So, he launched a new course on global warming aimed at students with no science background which regularly draws more than 80 students. “I really feel compelled to teach as many students as I can just where the science is on global warming,” he said. “It has become my favorite class to teach, and it is a lot of fun to look at the science, to look at the claims that are made by the deniers and to really try to examine the evidence.”

Rodbell and his faculty colleagues frequently write letters to the editor of the Daily Gazette, the Schenectady newspaper, responding to others who deny global climate change or the human contribution to it.

What most frustrates Rodbell is to hear candidates for political office claim that the jury is still out on climate change and that there is no justification to minimize our carbon footprint. “We don’t challenge a medical treatment for a common malady,” he said. “But somehow it is vogue to dismiss science, malign the motives of scientists and claim that the data just are not good enough. There is plenty of room for debate, but the debate should be focused on how to minimize the negative impact of climate change on human society.”
Starting out in Peru

Rodbell wasn’t planning to study climate change some 30 years ago as a Ph.D. student at the University of Colorado’s Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research. In 1986, fresh off a master’s thesis dating ice age deposits in New Zealand, Rodbell was about to start a fully-funded Ph.D. project on Baffin Island, Canada. Then came an invitation from his Ph.D. advisor to join a natural history study in the remote Peruvian Andes, where explorers had claimed to have found a lost pre-Incan city.

The recent release of Raiders of the Lost Ark had generated a public fascination with archaeology, and media eagerly hyped the project. As it turned out, the “lost” civilization was already known to locals and archaeologists, but the project brought Rodbell to Peru where the remote and rugged terrain—along with a civil war—discouraged other scientists. A dedicated endurance athlete, Rodbell was up to the physical demands of the fieldwork. And he convinced his parents that despite U.S. State Department “no-travel” warnings, he’d be fine.

“You could pick your mountain ranges and do the first work that had ever been done,” he recalls. “It was like the early 20th century in the Rocky Mountains. From a discovery standpoint, it was like low hanging fruit. You’d be guaranteed publishable results mostly because nobody was foolish enough to go there.’

He returned to Colorado, dumped his Baffin Island project and got a one-year Fulbright grant to continue in Peru. Rodbell never had any problems in Peru and got huge amounts of data and samples. He also met his future wife, Cecilia.

Since that first trip, he has returned to South America nearly every summer—usually with Union students—to take dozens of lake sediment cores in Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia. He also has taken dozens of cores in the Northeast, where lakes formed during the Ice Age hold 10,000–15,000-year records of environmental change. By comparison, Lake Junín is thought to hold a record of at least 200,000 years.

GETTING INTO THE FIELD

Union’s Geology Department graduates about 15 majors per year, all with substantial experience in fieldwork, a hallmark of the department. Many of Rodbell’s former students have gone on to careers in industry. But a number are at major research centers, carrying on the work they began with their mentor. They include

- Chris Moy ’98 (Ph.D., Stanford), professor at the University of Otago in New Zealand;
- Jaime Toney ’00 (Ph.D., Brown), professor at the University of Glasgow;
- Nick Balascio ’01 (Ph.D., the University of Massachusetts), professor at the College of William and Mary;
- Erin Delman ’12 (Ph.D. program, the University of California, Irvine); and
- Grace Delgado ’14 (master’s program, the University of New Hampshire);
- Nick Weidhaas ’15 (Ph.D. program, the University of Pittsburgh)

While the project at Lake Junin awaited a repair on the boat that towed the drilling rig in place, Prof. Don Rodbell led a group to investigate the Huayllay Rock Forest National Sanctuary. The spectacular volcanic rock towers look otherworldly. The thin air at 14,500 feet makes a four-mile hike a strenuous activity for those who normally breathe the air in Schenectady.
developed into something of an arboretum, one that boasts approximately 100 species of trees from around the globe, from the Himalayan pine to the Persian ironwood to the black walnut native to the Northeast. Such diversity is owed, in part, to the changes this arboretum has undergone during the last century. New buildings have necessitated the removal of trees, generous donors have gifted unique specimens, storms have caused losses, comprehensive planting efforts have been undertaken, and a scourge called Dutch elm disease did tragic damage.

The fungal infection, which first appeared in the U.S. around 1930, permanently altered the College landscape and compelled much of its re-shaping into the space we know today.

In 1952, 581 American elms trees were planted. 

By Erin Demuth Judd

Sustaining Union’s Living Legacy

College arborist Joe Conti likes to say—with equal measures of pride and humor—that “Union is like a nursing home for trees.” Why? The College has numerous venerable old trees that deserve the utmost care.

“Here at Union, we try to keep trees around for as long as possible. Being stewards of the oldest comprehensively planned campus in the country, we work to preserve them,” Conti explained. “We have many tools at our disposal, from simply mulching to complex bracing and cabling to deep root feeding and trunk injections to fight disease or pests, we do it all. The campus is home to some impressive mature specimens and the College is willing to invest in them.”

This attitude has meant Union has
American Elm

- **Scientific name:** Ulmus americana
- **Location:** Fero House
- **Estimated age:** 80
- **Height:** 75 feet
- **Diameter:** 39 inches

Fun fact: The so-called Nott Elm once stood in Jackson’s Garden. Contrary to legend popular by 1871, the tree was not planted by Eliphalet Nott, it was far too old by his time at the College. Deeply rooted in tradition, Class Day exercises were held under the tree by 1863, according to the *Encyclopedia of Union College History*. And seniors are said to have enjoyed a final rite of passage—smoking a fine tobacco pipe—beneath its branches, according to Jim Underwood, former dean of faculty and interim president. When the ailing tree was cut down in 1937, it was made into keepsakes sold in the College bookstore. It was between 350 and 600 years old.
White Oak

- **Scientific name:** Quercus alba
- **Location:** West Beach
- **Estimated age:** 200 to 250
- **Height:** 75 feet
- **Diameter:** 61.25 inches, largest on campus

**Fun fact:** It likely pre-dates the College itself (founded 1795), and was probably living during some of our nation’s most formative events: George Washington’s inauguration (1789), Emancipation Proclamation signed (1863), World War I begins (1914), Women get right to vote (1920), Pearl Harbor bombed (1941), Neil Armstrong walks on moon (1969), 9/11 attacks (2001)
Dawn Redwood

- **Scientific name**: *Metasequoia glyptostroboides*
- **Location**: Reamer Campus Center
- **Estimated age**: at least 30 (has been there at least since Reamer renovation completed in 1988)
- **Height**: 85 feet
- **Diameter**: 32.5 inches

**Fun fact**: Called a “living fossil,” this tree was around during the time of the dinosaurs. It was long thought to be extinct, until its rediscovery in 1944 in its native China. It is now a popular ornamental all over the world.
trees, it sustains and affirms its link to the past and commitment to the future, all the while making the present more pleasant and beautiful.”

Indeed, the splendor and longevity of trees (Union has its centenarians.) often compel people to do more than admire these large plants. It’s easy to become attached.

Why? Perhaps it’s because trees do so much for us.

“Wood is an intensely social material, there is something powerful in sitting around a fire as a group talking, dancing, eating,” George said. “Wood has also changed our lives, giving us light, warmth and protection. It also makes tools and habitation, and paper has been extraordinarily important culturally.”

Or maybe it’s because a love of trees is stamped on our very DNA.

“I am certain that a lot of it is instinctual. The fact is, we went through very important evolutionary stages in trees,” George said. “The opposable thumb, our stereoscopic vision for estimating distance, our manual dexterity and the ability to communicate by voice across distances—a lot of what we are is a product of us being sylvan-born.”

Whatever it is about trees that captivates us so, there’s little doubt they hold special places in the hearts of many.

**Black Walnut**

- **Scientific name:** *Juglans nigra*
- **Location:** Breazzano House
- **Diameter:** 48 inches
- **Height:** 90 feet
- **Estimated age:** 200

**Fun fact:** Union’s black walnuts are rumored to have been planted by Eliphalet Nott himself. While this exact claim can’t be substantiated, core samples were taken in the 2000s and dated to the 1820s, well within Nott’s tenure at the College. Jim Underwood, former dean of faculty and interim president, and his wife, Jean, have donated walnuts to replace the existing trees when the time comes. “Walnuts aren’t considered mature until 150 years, so ours have a lot of life left but they won’t live forever. If you took this grove away, you’d really miss them,” he said of why he gave the gift.
Silver Maple

- **Scientific name:** *Acer saccharinum*
- **Location:** South Lane, Human Resources Office
- **Diameter:** 59 inches, second largest on campus
- **Estimated age:** 120

**Fun fact:** It’s the tallest tree on campus at 110-115 feet. According the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, the silver maple is one of a few tree species that could be seriously considered for biofuel, due to its fast growth rate.

Ginkgo

- **Scientific name:** *Ginkgo biloba*
- **Location:** Jackson’s Garden
- **Estimated age:** 150
- **Height:** 90 feet
- **Diameter:** 51 inches, third largest on campus

**Fun fact:** Ginkgo has been used in Chinese traditional medicine for centuries, and has been studied as a possible treatment for dementia. It is marketed as a dietary supplement as well. On Union’s campus, at least, it is easily one of the most popular and memorable trees.
A conversation with John Kelly III ’76:

What is your top priority as the new chairman?
As chairman, my top priority is to work with the entire Board of Trustees and the president and administration of the College to ensure the long-term strength of Union.

In order to do this, we must ensure that we attract and invest the necessary human and financial resources to be a leader in a highly competitive higher education market.

Thanks to all the stakeholders in Union, we have an excellent base upon which to build.

What do you see as Union’s strengths as a player in the regional/national scene?
Union has many strengths, including our outstanding faculty, administration and staff, our beautiful campus, and many supporters. In the end though, it comes down to the quality and diversity of our students, and the differentiated education that we provide.

We need to continually leverage our strengths in combining liberal arts and engineering, and our geographic location, to provide unique opportunities for students.

What is your assessment of the state of Union? Academically, financially etc.?
I believe that Union is in a very solid position. That said, we must understand that higher education is facing many challenges due to demographics, cost, technology and the like. Recognizing this, we have a very strong strategic plan that we are implementing.

What do you expect to be the College’s project priorities during the next four years?
The president, working with our board, has laid out a set of project priorities that support our strategic plan. These projects require substantial financial investment and time to complete. We are discussing several aging facilities such as dining, housing, the arts, and Science and Engineering.

What inspired you to become more involved with your alma mater over the years?
Union is a unique institution and we occupy a special place in higher education. Quite frankly, we are very distinctive. I have come to realize what this singular

John E. Kelly III ’76 is senior vice president, solutions portfolio and research, at IBM. He is chairman of the Board of Governors of the IBM Academy of Technology, a member of the Board and past chairman of the Semiconductor Industry Association, a fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, a member of the National Academy of Engineering, and a member of the Board of the New York Academy of Sciences. He also serves on the Board of Trustees for Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Kelly joined IBM in 1980, after earning a Master of Science degree in physics and a Doctorate in materials engineering, both from the RPI.
education has meant to my success in life and my career. I simply felt that I must give back and help ensure that this college prospers and is available for generations to come.

**Why did you and your wife, Helen-Jo, support the Kelly Adirondack Center?**

I was lucky enough to have the Adirondacks close by growing up in the Capital District. I have also felt that Union needs to take more advantage of our location near the Adirondacks, the capital, and many high tech corporations. When the opportunity arose for the College to acquire the center, it was a perfect opportunity for us to step up and make it happen. We are thrilled to see the center’s programs expanding, and so many students, faculty, and neighbors benefiting from it.

Tell us about your time as a student. Do any particular experiences stand out as the most formative or memorable?

Like so many students, my experience at Union was incredible. As a physics major, I naturally took a lot of science and math, but two things stood out for me. First, I was able to take world-class liberal arts classes in addition to all the science and math. I particularly enjoyed political science and psychology. This part of my education was so foundational to developing my thinking and handling of complex problems to this day. Secondly, the direct relationships with faculty were critical. It allowed me to do research and be responsible for complex scientific equipment, which helped prepare me for graduate school and my career. This is very rare at the undergraduate level.

**What did you write your thesis on?**

We were not asked to write a thesis in the mid ’70’s at Union. I did do about a year and a half of lab and research work in X-ray fluorescence (X-rays that are generated when a material is bombarded with an energetic beam). In my case, we had received a particle accelerator from GE that needed rebuilding, and my advisor, Professor Ennis Pilcher, had acquired a state-of-the-art detector. I had the unique opportunity to assemble and perform research with this advanced capability. It turned out to be directly relevant to my graduate studies and first job at IBM.

Do you have a favorite Union mentor or historical Union hero?

There were so many faculty and students that left their imprint on me at Union. I would call out my physics advisor, Professor E. Pilcher, as being very special. He was a brilliant, kind, gentle man, who took this young student under his wing and taught me so much. He not only taught me physics and how to work in a lab doing research, but he taught me how to use scientific methods to explore nature. Perhaps most importantly though, he taught me how integrate these lessons in to my life.

**What have you read lately?**

Not surprisingly, most of what I read these days are scientific articles and books. I have become particularly interested in the future of “Cognitive Computing,” or what some may call Artificial Intelligence (AI). While we will never be able to replicate the amazing human brain, I firmly believe that we can build machines to supplement our human intelligence. Think of what this could mean to such fields as healthcare, where doctors are being swamped with more discoveries and data (such as genomic data) than they can possibly make sense of, much less act on. This technology will help transform healthcare, providing better outcomes at lower cost.

When you’re not working, what do you like to do? Favorite music, movie, book etc.?

When I’m not working, it’s all about my family. I have a wonderful wife of 39 years, three fantastic sons, and recently a grandson. We like to enjoy sailing and just spending time together.
Ever wonder what Union professors are up to when they aren’t teaching? Just about everything, as it turns out. Nothing is beyond their collective reach or curious minds. Here’s just a glimpse of the diverse and intriguing work they do.

**Holli Frey**, associate professor of geology (With Matthew Manon, visiting associate professor of geology, Union College; Erouscilla Joseph, University of the West Indies; Sarah Brehm ’15, Tara Metzger ’15, Kaitlyn Suarez ’15, Alexandra Flake ’14, Lauren Main ’14, Emily Crampe ’15, Rebecca Babiak ’16, Karyn DeFranco ’16, Sarah Kitross ’16)

If a volcano’s going to blow in the Caribbean, it’s going to blow on Dominica. The island in the Lesser Antilles has nine potentially active—and relatively young (about 126,000 years old)—volcanoes, more than any other in the region. Combined with Dominica’s shallow seismicity (magma closer to the ground’s surface) and active geothermal areas, this suggests an active magma reservoir, and the possibility of disaster.

To determine exactly how great this possibility is, Holli Frey and her research students have been analyzing stream chemistry and determining the age of zircon in volcanic pumice and ash deposits.

If a pattern emerges—if zircons get younger from north to south, say—it would indicate a future eruption is more likely from a southern volcanic vent, Frey said. “And if streams are showing increased heavy carbon isotope values over time, that would suggest there is more CO₂ in the system as a result of magma degassing.”

“The inference is that magma would therefore be closer to the surface and more prone to eruption,” she added.

And this would be troubling. Past eruptions have been catastrophic on Dominica, where most towns housing the population of 74,000 are built on ash and pumice expelled during such events.

“The largest explosive eruption in the Caribbean in the last 200,000 years is estimated to have had a magma volume of 58 cubic kilometers. For comparison, Mt. St. Helens extruded 0.25 cubic kilometers in 1980,” Frey explained. “If an explosive eruption were to occur today in the central valley, the capital city of Roseau (population 17,000) could be buried.”

Frey’s work is funded by a National Geographic Society Committee on Research and Exploration Grant.

— Erin DeMuth Judd
**Acid rain in the Adirondacks**

**Michael Vineyard, Frank and Marie Louise Bailey Professor of Physics** (With Scott LaBrake, senior physics lecturer, Salina Ali ‘15, Benjamin Nadareski ’16, Alexandrea Safiq ’14, Jeremy Smith ’14, Joshua Yoskowitz ’16)

Acid rain. It sounds bad. And it is. This kind of rain can harm life it’s meant to sustain.

“Acid rain is a broad term referring to a mixture of wet and dry deposited materials from the atmosphere containing higher than normal amounts of nitric and sulfuric acids,” said Michael Vineyard, whose studying airborne pollutants in upstate New York. His research indicates significant concentrations of sulfur in the atmosphere in the Adirondack Mountains, much of it potentially in the form of sulfur oxides that probably come from coal burning industry as far away as the mid-western U.S.

“Sulfur dioxide dissolves very easily in water and can be carried very far by the wind, becoming part of the rain, sleet, snow and fog we experience in the Adirondacks,” Vineyard said. “This acid rain causes acidification of lakes and streams and contributes to the damage of trees, like red spruce, at high elevations.”

EPA.gov explains further: Acid rain can reduce certain fish populations and even eliminate entire species from a given waterbody. It can decrease overall ecosystem biodiversity, making it harder for everything—from mayflies to frogs to trout—to survive. It can even degrade man-made treasures.

“Acid rain accelerates the decay of building materials and paints, including irreplaceable buildings, statues and sculptures that are part of our nation’s cultural heritage,” Vineyard said.

Vineyard’s research is supported by a National Science Foundation MRI Award that made possible the purchase of specialized equipment used in the study.

— Erin DeMuth Judd

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**Poetry of life and hope**

**Bunkong Tuon, associate professor of English**

“Gruel”

We were talking about survival / when my uncle told me this. / “When you were young, / we had nothing to eat. / Your grandmother saved for you / the thickest part of her rice gruel. / Tasting that cloudy mixture of salt, / water, and grain, you cried out, / “This is better than beef curry.” All my life I told myself I never knew / suffering under the regime, only love. / This is still true. (Previously published in Numero Cinq)

Like most of Bunkong Tuon’s poetry, “Gruel” is fact. It happened.

“We were cleaning up after a niece’s birthday party. Maybe it was the leftover food, but the conversation turned to survival under the Khmer Rouge, when food was scarce,” Tuon reflected. “My uncle told me the story and I remember his friend said, “Your grandmother loves you so much that she risked her life to feed you.”

“If she were caught with a few unaccounted grains of rice,” he added, “she would have been taken away and possibly never seen again.”

Orphaned by the brutal regime, Tuon escaped Cambodia as a small child in 1979, thanks to his grandmother and extended family. Their shared history and heritage, as well as his experience growing up an immigrant in Massachusetts, inspire his poetry.

“I write to make sense of my life. I grew up without parents and in a place where, at the time, I was one of a few Asians in my school,” he said. “I felt estranged, alienated from my surroundings.”

“Words give me a sense of control,” Tuon continued. “And writing is a way for me to honor my family, to share their stories of survival and love.”

It’s also a way for him to offer something special to readers.

“I find the themes of hope and rejuvenation important,” Tuon said. “No matter what happens, as long as you are alive and breathing, you must persevere, survive, change things, and make life better for you, your family and the rest of the world.”

To read a sampling of Bunkong Tuon’s poetry, visit http://misfitmagazine.net/archive/No-12/tuon.html. His book, Gruel, is available on Amazon.

— Erin DeMuth Judd
In 1979, what were your options if you lived in a small town and needed urgent heart surgery? You received questionable local care or you made a hasty trip to a big-city medical center. Today, the situation is much better, but how did that happen? Hearts: The Surgeon from Zion tells the story of a forward-thinking surgeon, John Rockwell Cameron, who wanted to make a difference in his hometown, South Fork, Pennsylvania. He assembled his team and began doing heart surgery, but was met with opposition by hospital administration and even other doctors in his own hospital. Dr. David C. Heyman, now retired after a career in anesthesiology, experienced intrigues and conflicts in small and large hospitals. He weaves a tale of professional dedication to excellence and the realities of love affairs, self-serving administration and big business. See how a medical staff makes decisions; how the stress of practicing medicine affects the private lives of doctors; and how some of them, outliers from the great hubs of medical progress, become unheralded heroes.

News to Me: Finding and Writing Colorful Feature Stories by Barry Newman
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Creativity. Imagination. There’s no place for these things in just-the-facts journalism. Really? Who says? In News to Me, Barry Newman offers 29 new essays, interleaved with a broad range of his fully reprinted articles from a 43-year career at the Wall Street Journal, to explain how he gets his ideas, his material, and turns it all into engrossing, funny—and publishable—stories. The book is meant for journalists, journalism teachers, journalism students and aspiring journalists, as well as for general readers who want to know how the sausage is made. “I’ve never been an editor or a bureau chief, or a teacher or a critic,” Newman says. “I’m a machine operator. I bang keys to make words. Here, I’m an exhibit.”

Bolivia 30: Life as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the 1960s by Frank Darmiento
Self-published
Frank Darmiento was among the 30th training group of Peace Corps Volunteers to be sent to Bolivia. “We were Bolivia 30. Now, when I reflect on the experience of being a Peace Corps volunteer in the 1960s, I recognize that it was a different experience than today’s version of the Peace Corps. We functioned without computers, cell phones or even telephones. We had no GPS to guide us, yet we travelled all over Bolivia and South America. We learned that there are other cultures in the world and different ways of doing things. We took those lessons with us and they shaped the rest of our lives.”
JOSEPH D. NEHEMIAH 
(NORMAN DOVBERG ’68)
Cosmic Casino: The True Word of A. Lester Lord
Self-published
When Boss, the lead guitarist of the Heavenly Band, blasts a blues note that creates a casino of random events for the heavenly host to place bets on, he also unwittingly sparks the creation of a universe filled with habitable planets, each of which requires a god commensurate with its life form’s level of intelligence. To earth, Boss assigns the Heavenly Band’s sit-in drummer, A. Lester Lord, a bumbling, lower-level angel with aspirations of improving his gambling success so that he might win a permanent gig with the band and rise to the rank of archangel. But a twist of fate foils his plans and plunges him into our midst in a way he would never have imagined. Cosmic Casino is the story of Lester’s journey from a naive cynic without hope for the survival of earth’s people to one who is capable of fully understanding humanity.

RAYMOND ANGELO
BELLIOTTI ’70
Why Philosophy Matters: 20 Lessons on Living Large
Cambridge Scholars Publishing
In Raymond Belliotti’s 16th book, the distinguished teaching professor of philosophy (SUNY Fredonia) interprets and critically examines the work of over 30 classical and contemporary philosophers. This question—“How should I live my life?”—was one of several that animated Western philosophy during its earliest years. Because Greek and Roman gods failed to provide substantive guidelines for everyday living, philosophy arose in large measure as practical instruction in the art of living the good human life. Throughout history, philosophers have provided vastly different answers to the question of what constitutes such a life. By analyzing the disparate definitions, recipes, and accounts of the good human life by such thinkers as Plato, Cicero, Heidegger, Aristotle, Gramsci, Camus, Marx, Nozick, Feinberg, Schopenhauer, Sartre, and Peter Singer, the author argues we can understand better who we are and who we might become.

GIULIA TORRE (JENNIFER TURRI WOFFORD ’93)
Wolfe Island
Self-published
What is Meredith Wells to think when her erstwhile friend, Tristan Wolfe, son of a Russian shipping tycoon, fails to reappear for five full years after a childhood of island summers spent together? Until his yacht capsizes her skiff, she assumed he had forgotten her. Reunited with the young woman he has known since she was hip high, Wolfe is faced with a choice: a marriage contract with the wealthy daughter of his business partner, one that would secure the seaway and prosperity for the only place he’s ever called home. Or succumb to the maddening distractions of a native girl who plays baseball in bicycling pants and swears like a sailor. Can Meredith persuade him to bank diamonds on the water? Set against a lush American landscape in 1893, Wolfe Island is the story of two people deeply connected to the region and to each other.

ANNE BLANKMAN ’01
Conspiracy of Blood and Smoke
HarperCollins
Anne Blankman returns to the shadowy and dangerous world of 1930s Germany in this sequel to Prisoner of Night and Fog (2013), concluding the story of Gretchen Whitestone, who used to be part of Adolf Hitler’s inner circle. More than a year after she made an enemy of her old family friend and fled Munich, she lives in England, posing as an ordinary German immigrant and preparing to graduate from high school. Her love, Daniel, is a reporter in town. For the first time in her life, Gretchen is content. But then Daniel gets a telegram that sends him back to Germany, and Gretchen’s world turns upside down. When she receives word that Daniel is wanted for murder, she has to face the danger she thought she’d escaped—and return to her homeland. Blankman’s work has been cited by the American Library Association and Publishers Weekly. She has presented her work at international book events, and spoke last year in the College’s Alumni Writers Series.
Alumni and students participated in the annual Pre-Health Society meeting in Philadelphia this spring.

Young alumni attend a D.C. Term event hosted at the home of Union College trustee Estelle Cooke-Sampson ’74.

From left to right, Georgia Sullivan ’87, Estelle Cooke-Sampson ’74 and LeAta Jackson ’88 at the D.C. Term event.

Young alumni attend a Generation U Summer Mixer in Manhattan on June 25, 2015.

The Cape Cod Club hosted a night of dinner theater in Orleans, Mass. recently.

Matt Cohen ’98, Olufunsho R. Owolabi ’04, Mara G. van den Bold ’06 and Lisa A. Singh ’06 participate in an annual tour of The Cloister Museum of New York City.

UPCOMING ALUMNI CLUB EVENTS

OCT. 22, 2015
Saranac Brewery tour
Utica, N.Y.

NOV. 7, 2015
Football tailgate vs. U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
Long Island, N.Y.

NOV. 11, 2015
Concert Series pre-show reception/post-show artist meet & greet
Union College

DEC. 9, 2015
Holiday party
Washington, D.C.

JAN. 9, 2016
Men’s hockey vs. Princeton reception
Princeton, N.J.

JAN. 26, 2016
Capital District Mayor’s Cup
Albany, N.Y.

JAN. 29, 2016
Men’s hockey vs. Yale reception
New Haven, Conn.

JAN. 30, 2016
Men’s hockey vs. Brown reception
Providence, R.I.

FEB. 13, 2016
Men’s hockey vs. Harvard reception
Cambridge, Mass.

FEB. 15, 2016
Legacy Admissions Day
Union College

For more, visit uconnect.union.edu

Director of Health Professions Program and Professor of Psychology Carol Weisse accompanied a group of students to Philadelphia this spring for an annual pre-health event. The program for health care professions students and alumni has been in place since 1999.
A remainder distribution was received from the estate of Harold R. Boroson, Class of 1945. Mr. Boroson established a charitable gift annuity with the College. Proceeds will be used in support of the Annual Fund. Mr. Boroson was a member of the V-12 unit at Union College and worked with the Navy as an electrical engineer.

A remainder distribution was received from the estate of Grace Elaine Munzer. Mrs. Munzer established three charitable gift annuities with the College. Proceeds will be added to the Walter R.G. and Naomi Baker Scholarship Fund, a fund she established years ago in memory of her husband in support of students studying modern languages and/or history.

A bequest distribution was received from the estate of Paul R. Jacobson, Class of 1970. Along with an earlier distribution, the proceeds were added to the W.R.U.C. Fund, Union’s radio station. Paul worked on the radio station as a student at Union.

A trust distribution was received from the estate of C. Rolland Oswald and added to the C. Rolland Oswald & Dorothy C. Oswald Endowed Fund, a scholarship fund established with earlier proceeds from the estate of his spouse, Dorothy. Mr. and Mrs. Oswald were friends of the College and long-time residents of Schenectady. Proceeds were gifted in memory of their daughter, Karen Oswald Janaitis.

A trust distribution was received from the estate of Naomi Chambers to be added to the Walter R.G. and Naomi Baker Scholarship. Mrs. Chambers was the widow of Walter R.G. Baker, Class of 1916.

In support of the Union College Annual Fund, a trust distribution was received from the estate of Robert L. Slobod, Class of 1935.

An unrestricted gift from a life insurance policy was received from the estate of John E. Mann, Class of 1943. Proceeds will be used at the discretion of the trustees. A Navy veteran, Mr. Mann had a successful career in the insurance field.

A gift was received from the estate of George E. Etue Jr., Class of 1949, in support of Schaffer Library. Dr. Etue retired in 1982 after years of teaching at the California State University.

An unrestricted gift was received from the estate of Wilbert Heinz, Class of 1940. Proceeds were used in support of the Annual Fund. After his discharge from the Air Force, Mr. Heinz spent many years in home construction, retiring in 1975.

An anonymous estate gift was received in support of the Annual Fund.

A final charitable lead trust distribution was received from Willard G. Taylor, Class of 1952. The proceeds were added to the Willard G. Taylor (1952) Endowed Scholarship. As a way to preserve his assets for his grandchildren and support Union, Mr. Taylor established this lead trust in 1999, which first provided annual payments to the College.

In support of the Annual Fund, a trust distribution was received from the estate of Jeremiah Gray Jr., Class of 1956.

An unrestricted gift was received from the estate of Leon Levine, Class of 1943. Proceeds were used in support of the Annual Fund. Dr. Levine had a lengthy career as an orthopedic surgeon.

A trust distribution was received from the estate of Frank E. Lord, Class of 1951. Along with earlier distributions, the proceeds will be used at the discretion of the trustees.

A remainder distribution was received from the estate of Jesse “Al” Mould, Class of 1940. Mr. Mould established a charitable gift annuity with the College. Proceeds will be used in support of the Annual Fund. Mr. Mould spent most of his career in education, both teaching and in administration. He remained enthusiastic about Union, attending his 70th ReUnion in 2010.

A bequest distribution was received from the estate of Robert A. Smith, Class of 1952. Proceeds will be added to the Robert Avon Smith (1952) Summer Research Fellowship in Bio-Medical Engineering, to encourage research in bio-medical engineering including robotics, artificial intelligence and mechanical or electronic life-saving devices.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES were established by:

- Anonymous. Proceeds will be used at the discretion of the trustees.
- William S. Parry, Class of 1965. The proceeds to be added to the Jonathan Stanley Parry Scholarship.
Garnet Guard

Alumni who have celebrated their 50th ReUnion.

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1947

Frank W. Swacker invites Union alumni to submit book proposals to his new online literary agency, Lawyer Literary Agency LLC. Citing demand for entertaining literary agency, Lawyer proposes to his new online literary agency, Lawyer

1950

Dr. N. Donald Boink writes, “After serving in the U.S. Navy I had the good fortune to be admitted to Union in the extension division in 1946. This was entirely due to the interest and compassion of Prof. Mortimer Sayre, the director of the division. When I inquired about taking a couple of courses he recognized my naiveté and chose to encourage me to take the full schedule—to matriculate. I can’t say I enjoyed all my classes but I did manage to squeak through. I did enjoy singing in the Glee Club and Chapel choir. I was also able to enjoy playing two years of varsity hockey, ’48 and ’49. (Union’s 2014 team winning the NCAA Division I championship was a tremendous thrill. I was invited to attend the celebratory dinner for all the hockey alumni, then the ceremony at the ice rink where the trophy banner was raised.) After graduation from Union I attended the Optometry School at Columbia University. Then I earned a doctorate degree from the New England College of Optometry. I was in solo practice for 39 years. I was the first optometric consultant to the New York State Health Department, as well as a member of the Advisory Medical panel to the New York State Motor Vehicle Department. In 1985 my wife, Lynn, and I were married in Memorial Chapel. Dr. Elmer Tidmarsh played the organ and we had our reception in Hale House. We have three beautiful daughters, all college graduates, together with five grandchildren. In all it has been a wonderful life and Union has played no small part in it.”

1951

Thor Trolsen writes, ‘Just want to let you all know that I’m still moving, but much more slowly at 92. Regina and I live in the Willow Valley Community in Lancaster, Penn. Joe (’52) & Chris Horning also live here and in September we will both celebrate our 70th wedding anniversary a day apart. We have 11 grandchildren.’

Mendel (Marty) Siegel writes, ‘Shalom! I am writing from Jerusalem, Israel, where I spend approximately half the year. I have an apartment near Jaffa Gate and spend much of the sabbath at the Western Wall (HaKotel). Most of the rest of my time is back in Schenectady.’

Gene Benman writes, “Upon graduation, I actually ‘walked’ to the GE works to begin the Test Program. After almost 40 years in various cities and engineering positions, GE decided to pay me to NOT come to work (joke). As one healthy diversion, I began, in 1942, to record laps swum at Utica College pool near the Utica GE plant. The Red Cross encouraged the record-keeping. As of today, the log shows 2,869 miles and counting. Often, in the pool, my mind wanders back to the basement pool at Union and some Ray Mullan team members: Tofel, Diamond, Johnson, Courter, Hancher, Samel, Isbister, Duffy, Berbert, Mead and Strudele—of those I recall. Opponents included Brooklyn Poly, Fordham, RPI, Hamilton, Rochester, Eisenhower (at Sampson on the Finger Lakes), among others. Such pleasant recall.”

1952

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Bob Douty reports that he came across a letter-to-the-editor of The New York Times, recalling old times (1938) when Schenectady had a worldwide reputation. The letter tells us that Schenectady’s signal, probably WGY, was very strong—especially via relay to Europe, and that many of the radios available at that time had Schenectady automatically available. Bob was both surprised and amused to see the author of the letter, a George Naniche from Moraga, Calif., characterize Schenectady as “exotic” and “mysterious,” observing that some of his physics classes were certainly “mysterious,” but somehow he missed out on the “exotic.”

1954

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Dr. Ron Levine writes, “I am doing a radio program for visually impaired folks in the Research Triangle area (Durham, Raleigh, Chapel Hill, etc.). They can pick it up on special receivers that they purchase and can get it on a community cable TV channel but, most interesting, it streams worldwide on the internet. My program is called ‘Short and Sweet’—the magic of the short story. It’s on every third Thursday at 3:30 p.m. eastern time. So if you want to hear old Ron reading a great short story to folks that cannot see, go to http://www.trianglereadingservice.org/”
Stewart Robinson writes, “I had hoped to attend my 65th reunion, but family responsibilities stood in the way. Recently, I read two books by a former Union president, Frank Parker Day. The first was his autobiography, Diary of a Fisherman, written before he was at Union. The second was Rockbound, which came out in the 30’s, after he retired from Union College. Many years after Parker’s death, it won the national Canada Reads award and the book was re-published by University of Toronto. The book evoked angry comments from some residents of Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia, near where it takes place. However, my wife, whose maternal family was among the original settlers there, enjoyed the book immensely.”

David Kendall Martin writes, “Living up here in New York’s North Country on Lake Champlain and the Canadian border I have learned a lot about cold weather. But my feelings for Union remain warm, especially since my grandson Noah Wallace graduated from Union in 2007 and my grandson Simon Wallace is a Union freshman. Recently, as a trustee of the Alice T. Miner Museum in Chazy, New York, I was involved in the gift to the museum of six Victorian chairs from Union. My interest in family history continues. A few years ago I was elected one of the 50 fellows of the American Genealogical Society and this year was elected a Fellow of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society. It’s good to hear there are many Union grads here in the North Country. Hopefully we can see each other from time to time.”

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Dr. Norman G. Bartner
recently returned from San Antonio & the USMS National Swim Championships, where he emerged as the national champion in the 50-yard freestyle, doing his best time of the season. He also won the silver medal in the 50-yard butterfly, all at 80 years of age. After 54 years, Norm continues in the practice of dentistry in Closter, N.J. He has published numerous articles and has served as an officer in 18 dental organizations. Additionally, he taught for 10 years at the University of Maryland. The Bartner’s have lived in the town of Southampton for 28 years, the last 14 in the hamlet of Remsenburg. Norm fills out his sports dance card by bicycling along Dune Road, and sculling on both the Speonk River and Moriches Bay. In the past he has coached high school, club and collegiate competitors.

Dick McLane ’58 writes, “Nothing much new, except for the addition of a grandson, Alex, now 21 months old.”

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Michael Epstein writes, “I retired from Baylor College of Medicine at the end of 2009 and now enjoy the position of emeritus professor, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. I married Janice Poplack on March 18, 2012 and we are both enjoying our new ‘English Cottage’ in Houston. Life is good!”

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Michael Epstein ’59

James Yannes writes, “My most recent book on the history and collectibles of the second World War is titled, The Encyclopedia of Third Reich Tableware. This academic inquiry of over 600 pages and some 870 graphics records the breadth of German personal and organizational tableware, as well as including little known facts that illuminate the individuals and organizations included. The goal of enhancing small unit cohesion and enthusiasm was the motivation for the plethora of tableware markings for every individual organization and personality. As an example, while the U.S. Army had essentially one set of tableware, every German Army unit of any size had its own unit marked cutlery. Incidentally, the vast majority of available items were brought back by our own military.”

After 40 years as a professor of microbiology at the University of Michigan Medical School, Stephen Cooper moved to Longboat Key, Fla. (Sarasota area), and has begun a new career as a playwright. His play, “Confessions a deux,” was a first place winner in the Odyssey West Coast Play Festival, and has been staged in London, England, at the Take Courage Theatre. Stephen was also honored to be invited for a
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week-long residency/workshop at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival to work on his full-length play, “Spiritual Bliss.” This play has been listed as one of the top five finalists in the Julie Harris New Play Festival and also as a finalist in the Neil Simon New Script Competition. Stephen has had plays produced in New York City, Australia, Korea, Colorado, Connecticut, and Sarasota. He resides in Longboat Key with his muse and great love, Sandi. Stephen can be reached at cooper@umich.edu.

Alan Megibow writes, “Judy and I have lived in Boulder, Colo. for nine years. I retired from nearly 50 years in child psychiatry last year. Spending more time with our kids and four grandsons now. We’re also traveling more, just recently got back from three great weeks in Peru and Ecuador.”

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Hawaii at Manoa, then lived in Korea for a year teaching Korean history at Sogang University, only to return to Hawaii as interim chancellor of Hawaii Tokai International College. Finally I can contemplate retirement. Come visit Oahu if you need a tour guide.”

Arthur Hyzer writes, “I retired from my own business 10 years ago. Our favorite pastime was cruising to include Caribbean, the Baltic and eastern Mediterranean. Two years ago I suffered a massive stroke and was fortunate for effective rehab programs. Now we have moved to a senior community and recently celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary on 7/31/2015.”

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Stephen Roehm writes, “Retired from IBM in early 2009 after 35 years... then started and ran my own consulting company for the next five years with the good fortune to work all over the Far East and domestically around New York City. Really retired at the end of 2013 and moved to Wellfleet, Mass. on Cape Cod. Currently enjoying grandchildren, travel, not-for-profit work, and the beauty and recreation available on Cape Cod.”

1968
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Allen Lee Sessoms writes, “I am a distinguished professor in the School of Continuing Studies at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. I have also been recently elected vice chair of the Forum on Physics and Society of the American Physical Society, in which I am a fellow. I will serve one year each as vice chair, chair elect, chair and past chair.”

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Abbott Stillman is chairman of the Stillman Group, a real estate development and investment firm that he has led for many years, but he now spends about half of his time painting, traveling (India in late September–mid–October, 2015), writing a novel, serving on two not-for-profit boards (The New Group Theater Company and Community Access of New York) and enjoying his and his wife’s first granddaughter. Thanks to spending time in the winter in Delray Beach, Fla. he has recently seen both Jeff Kurzijus and Glen Rapoport, and regularly sees both Ted Steingut ’70 and Floyd Weintraub ’70. He established the Stillman Prize at Union (with additional funding from his brother David, Class of ’71, and father, Allan, in honor of his grandfather, Abraham) to recognize teaching excellence each year among Union’s faculty. He lives with his wife, Lila, in Scarsdale and New York City.”

Allan Page writes, “I am a founder and chairman of the Hudson Renewable Energy Institute. The institute, in partnership with the Business Council of New York and Marist College, held a Renewable Energy Conference on April 30 at Marist College in Poughkeepsie. The title for the conference was ‘Transformation in Federal and State Energy Markets and Impacts on Renewable Supply.’ Presenting at the Conference were two Union College graduates, Michael Mosher ’85, vice president for regulatory affairs with Central Hudson, and E. Scott Media ’76, one of the founders of TAG Energy Partners. The College continues to produce outstanding competitive market thought leadership in the field of electric energy supply and distribution.”

1970
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Dr. Michael A. DiPietro, departments of pediatrics and communicable diseases, radiology, at the University of Michigan Medical School, was recently honored by the college. In April, he was inducted into its League of Clinical Excellence for his commitment to outstanding patient care.

1971
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Dr. Harris Nagler recently received the Henry P. Laughlin Alumnus of the Year Award from Temple University School of Medicine and its Alumni Association Board of Directors. The honor is the highest presented by the School of Medicine, in recognition of outstanding accomplishments by alumni. Harris graduated from the school in 1975.

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Howard Haines and his wife, Paula, announce the birth of their first grandson, Max Cosmo, to their daughter, Elana and son-in-law Paul Ramsey ’71 and Shane Hubbell ’08 had never met before they bumped into each other while enjoying the same bike ride at Lake Tahoe, Calif. They stopped to talk because each was wearing a Union shirt.”

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Michael Howard writes, “We are planning an extended trip to India and looking forward to our next season at the Metropolitan opera. Paula and I are married 43 years. She is enjoying retirement and doing literacy volunteering, while I continue to work as a contractor for Engility, supporting the Therapeutics Division of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency.”

1973

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In April, Robert Bernhardt directed the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra in its debut performance with the Indigo Girls. Robert is principal pops conductor of the Grand Rapids Symphony and Louisville Orchestra, and music director emeritus and principal pops conductor of the Chattanooga Symphony and Opera.

Lou Snitkoff writes, “I continue to work as chief medical officer of CapitalCare Medical Group, here in the Capital Region of NYS. Gail Goodman Snitkoff ’74 and I celebrated our 39th wedding anniversary on June 12. Gail continues as associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences at Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. I was recently elected to the board of governors of the American College of Physicians, representing the Hudson Valley Region of the New York State Chapter of the College. Our sons, Josh and Ben, live in Schenectady and Boston, respectively.”

1974

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Estelle Cooke Sampson, a College trustee who has funded the Civil Rights Mini Term, appeared in a recent PBS series, “Cancer: The Emperor of All Maladies.” She can be seen teaching and helping a fellow doctor, Lori Wilson (Howard University Hospital cancer surgeon), with medical students. Wilson was diagnosed with bilateral breast cancer.

Leslie Kernan writes, “I have recently been named general counsel and senior director of risk management for PathStone Corporation, after serving as PathStone’s director of real estate development. Based in Rochester, N.Y., PathStone is a non-profit that provides services, including the development of affordable housing for families and seniors, housing counseling and job training programs and small business loans. PathStone operates in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio, Indiana, Vermont and Puerto Rico.”

1975

Jeffrey S. Holik, the former chief counsel at the PNC Financial Services Group, recently joined the Potomac law firm Shulman Rogers as a shareholder in the firm’s financial industry regulatory group. Jeffrey has served as a regulator, chief legal officer and a private practitioner. At Shulman Rogers, he will advise broker-dealers, investment advisers and investors on regulatory compliance and risk management; mediation and alternative dispute resolution services; public policy, including investor advocacy and financial literacy; and expert witness services. He earned a J.D. from the George Washington University Law School.

Jonathan Gould has published his fourth book in the area of child custody and family law. He is co-author of the sixth edition of Psychological Experts in Divorce Actions with Marc Ackerman, Andy Kane and Milfred (Bud) Dale. His three children are doing well with his oldest daughter, Madeline, having recently graduated law school; his son, Robbie, recently graduated film school in LA (looking for work, by the way); and his young daughter, Stevi, recently graduated from law school. His son, Rob, and daughter, Madeline, having recently attended, and Jon presented at, the New Orleans’ Association of Family and Conciliation Courts conference.

Dan Rothblum writes, “Attended our 40th ReUnion recently with roomie Alan Koenigsberg. Great to see the campus again. It looks beautiful. Looking forward to 50th. Many thanks to Don Amira and Mark McDonald for their support.”
efforts on these ReUnions. I hope to see many more classmates next time.”

1976

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John E. Kelly III received an honorary doctor of engineering degree at the University of Notre Dame’s 170th commencement in May. John, senior vice president of solutions portfolio and research at IBM, has been actively involved in the university’s College of Engineering. He was, for instance, instrumental in the redesign of the semiconductor processing and device fabrication clean room in Stinson-Remick Hall of Engineering. John, a Union College trustee, was recently elected chairman of the Board. See story on p. 28.

Baker Donelson recently announced that Joel R. Buckberg, co-chair of the firm’s franchise and hospital-ity group, was named a Legal Eagle for the ninth consecutive year by Franchise Times. Joel is a shareholder in the firm’s Nashville, Tenn. office.

1977

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Lauren Weilburg Mazzella recently donated $1,000 in support of Union’s Minerva Fellows Program. She writes, ”My gift is in honor of two Minerva Fellows, Miriam Hammer ‘14 and Samantha Wynn ‘14, who we met a few months ago in Siem Reap.”

A CAREER SET TO MUSIC

The Nott Memorial saw something on April 14 its venerable, usually-hushed confines will probably never see again—Joe Elliott (long hair, ripped jeans and all) belting out a rock anthem.

“If this were louder,” Julie Swidler ’79 said as she grinned at the crowd, “you’d be able to hear this is Def Leppard, ‘Pour Some Sugar On Me.’”

Nobody turned up the volume, but everyone laughed, enjoying the YouTube clip, one of several Swidler showed as she spoke about her career. Executive vice president, business affairs, and general counsel at Sony Music Entertainment, Swidler’s professional life has an awesome sound track.

“A few years ago, I realized basically my entire career is on YouTube. This,” she said, gesturing to the Def Leppard video, “was the biggest record when I started at PolyGram Records in 1988.”

1999, she moved on to legal affairs at Arista Records, a chapter illustrated during her talk with a clip of “Smooth” by Carlos Santana and Rob Thomas. The song was playing during her first meeting at the company with Clive Davis, she said. From Arista, Swider went to J Records, RCA Music Group, BMG North America and RCA/ Jive Record Label before taking on her current role at Sony.

“My job changes every day,” said Swidler, who majored in political science and graduated from Cardozo School of Law. “It could be that one day I’m working on renegotiating an artist deal, or working on a new creative joint venture, or trying to figure out what our strategy should be in Brussels for copyright.”

Through it all, she’s been one of the only women in the top echelons of music.

“As far as being the only woman in most circumstances, most of the time I’m not focused on it,” she said. “There isn’t anyone who has any success in life who doesn’t work their butt off. I don’t know that I’ve had to work any harder, being a woman; there just are no shortcuts to hard work and experience.”

Still, she acknowledges that being comfortable in this kind of setting to begin with was helpful.

“Union was a supportive, mostly male place when I was a student,” Swidler said. “It allowed me to get used to speaking my mind—hopefuly in the right way—rather than losing my voice.”

And speak her mind she does, to the tune of songs by Aerosmith, Miley Cyrus and Tyler Farr (all punctuated her talk in the Nott).

“I can’t imagine talking to anyone without music,” said Swidler, a member of Union’s Board of Trustees. “So much of what I do involves music; it’s an important part of my story.”

Cambodia. We met Mimi and Samantha when we arrived in Cambodia with friends, and didn’t know their Union connection beforehand. As a Union alum, I was filled with pride for the work they were doing, their excitement and selflessness. I was inspired by these intelligent, thoughtful, funny and kind young women who exemplify the best of Union College. The work they did at a local school through the Global Child program is amazing and clearly meaningful to the children and families they have encountered. The Minerva Fellows program is fantastic, allowing alumni to affect real change in the world, while providing these students with life-altering experiences. I am issuing a challenge to the Class of ’77. If my classmates raise an additional $1,000 for the Minerva Fellows program, I will double my gift.”

1979

Bill Steenburgh recently joined Pitney Bowes Inc. as senior vice president, global services, small and medium business and enterprise solutions. Previously, he spent 13 years at Xerox as senior vice president of Xerox Services. Most recently, he was managing partner at RTM Consulting. Bill holds an MBA from Rochester Institute of Technology.

In June, the Washington Men’s Camerata gave a concert in the Terrace Theater at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Among its members is Jim Mastracco of St. Johnsville, N.Y. The concert culminated a year-long commemoration of the Camerata’s 30th Anniversary Season and featured two works commissioned especially for the occasion.

Ben Dibble and his wife, Beth, visited Alaska during May. It was a life-long desire of Ben’s to see the gold rush towns of Dyea and Skagway. He regrets that he didn’t try to find other Union grads among the 2,800 passengers on the cruise ship.

1980

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Susan Kaplan writes, “Hello fellow Unionites! I’ve lived in Rockland County, N.Y. for the past two decades. I work for Robotti & Company, an investment boutique in midtown. My husband (Robert Gelman) and I are proud of our son, Jacob Gelman, who just graduated from Binghamton (2015, magna cum laude) and was also just accepted into New York Medical College. He will be starting there in July. Our youngest, Matthew Gelman, is a rising junior at University of Vermont and studying anthropology. He is living in Burlington for the summer, working several part-time jobs, including media relations for a not-for-profit company dedicated to the recycling mission for the

Eric Goldring writes, “I have been spending the past few years transitioning from the practice of law to selling luxury travel (Goldring Travel). Consulting with luxury cruise lines, hosting food & wine events, speaking engagements and sales has allowed me to travel the world this year alone from Japan to Borneo, Norway to Italy, France to the U.S. Southwest. Newly single (and de facto single parent), it’s great to see how travel has such a positive influence on my children; one in college and one graduating high school a year early. The effect of my first-year philosophy course at Union remains remarkable!”

Alan Hertzberg, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas judge, recently received an Excellence Award from the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network. He was honored for his work with the Pittsburgh Pro Bono Partnership.

Nancy (Colt) Hart writes, “A few 1980’s alumni gathered to cheer our Union men’s hockey team to victory against Harvard in January—Stu and Sally (Yates) Cartwright, Alissa Shagrin and Dave Keene, Tom Sheehan, Jim White ’82 and Chuck Hart ’80.”
state of Vermont. Our daughter, Heather Gidaly, recently returned from working abroad in London for a year with Barclays. She is now back in New York City and had a fabulous experience in Europe. I welcome updates from the Class of 1979 (where I began before I traveled through Europe for a year, extending me to the five-year-plan, hence class of 1980!). I also want to honor my dear friend Amy Perlin, who died suddenly five years ago. Union united us forever.

1981
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Barry Rosenberg had an amazing family experience at this past Masters Tournament at Augusta National in April. His daughter, Jennifer, 15, was national runner-up in the Drive, Chip & Putt Competition. Driving Magnolia Lane, lunch on the veranda, private chats with Bubba Watson, Gary Player and Mark O’Meara made it all the more memorable as a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Barry’s son Jack, 18, will matriculate to High Point University in August. He has set a personal-best record for being married to Robin for almost 19 years... in a row.”

1982
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Tom Mounteer received the Williams Institute’s Excellence in Service Award at the institute’s annual spring reception in Washington, D.C. on May 20. The Williams Institute, housed at UCLA Law School, is the nation’s foremost “think tank” on LGBT civil rights issues. Tom’s law firm, Paul Hastings, hosted the institute’s first event in Washington in 2008, when Tom began serving on the institute’s Founders’ Council. Tom has lived in Washington since moving there with the Union semester in Washington in 1982. He’s been practicing environmental law with Paul Hastings since 2001.

Mary (Bonk) Isaac writes, “I went to my first personal graduation ceremony in May since Union in ’82. I expect to have earned my Ph.D. in education at ODU this summer, dissertation titled: Priming Middle School Females’ Engagement in Engineering and Technology. Happy to be done and sometimes I wish I had done this right after school, but then I likely wouldn’t have had all the intervening experiences to season my work. I also got remarried in 2014 after separating in 2007 and am still living in California near my grandkids, who I helped take care of while working on both master’s and Ph.D. My current husband is still a working stiff (AT&T) but will be retiring in 2017, at which point we plan to step up the travel game, mostly RVing with the critters we’ll have left then. Meanwhile, I plan to continue my research into getting more girls interested in engineering and technology, presenting my findings at conferences and other events, and actively trying to make a difference.”

1983
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The Town of Washington’s town board appointed Jeff Feigelson as a town justice recently. A 53-year-old Long Islander, Jeff has been practicing law for 28 years. A graduate of the Boston University School of Law, he spent 17 years in New York City practicing law with several firms, including Simpson Thatcher & Bartlett. He was a partner at Sidney Austin LLP. For seven years he served as an arbitrator in Small Claims Court, deciding small-claims disputes in New York City. In 2002, Jeff started Bellmore Partners, Inc., a real-estate investment company. The following year he moved to the Town of Washington, where he lives with his wife, Andrea, and three children—Michael, a Millbrook High School graduate, and Daniel and Sofia, both of whom are in middle school.

GE Greenville, S.C. alumni got together at an event hosted by Lou Cerone ’81 in April. Pictured are Scott Day ’93, Mark Brown ’76, Bob Veideman ’85, Matthew Grant ’02, Kaitlin Graham ’09 and Michelle Iduate ’09.
Linda (Wallen) Boff was named one of Fast Company’s Most Creative People of the Year in their June 2015 issue. Linda is executive director of global brand marketing for GE.

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Gabriel Elkin is returning to New England after a three-year tour as site manager at MIT Lincoln Laboratory’s Kwajalein Field Site in the Marshall Islands. Gabriel writes, "In June, the Elkin family is returning to our Southern N.H. home, and I begin my new MIT LL assignment as an assistant group leader in the air traffic control systems group."

In May of 2015, Steven Glazer was honored by the Gilder Lehman Institute of American History as New Hampshire’s History Teacher of the Year. He teaches English, composition, and humanities to seventh and eighth grade students at Crossroads Academy in Lyme, N.H. Steve and Stacey ’86 live across the river in Thetford Center, Vt. They have two daughters. Kayla (20) is a junior at Kenyon College and Emma (16) is a junior at Thetford Academy. Steve’s book, *Questing: A Guide to Creating Community Treasure Hunts*, was recently published in Czech. In June, he presented the Questing program model at a conference in Moscow.

1986
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The Greenbrier Companies recently announced the election of Kelly M. Williams to the company’s Board of Directors. Kelly is president of GCM Grosvenor Private Markets, and a member of its Investment Committee and Management Committee. She is also a Union College trustee.

Anthony Vrondissis writes. “In 2011, I completed an M.A. in counseling psychology at the California Institute of Integral Studies in San Francisco. Recently, I was accepted into two MLIS Programs: Simmons in Boston and San Jose State University (SJSU), in San Jose, CA. I’ve decided to enroll at SJSU, and I am thrilled to start this fall.”

Antonio Martini recently joined Hinckley Allen & Snyder LLP as a partner in the firm’s public finance practice. He holds a J.D. from Columbia Law School.

Christopher Hutchins writes, “I recently completed 10 years as a volunteer examiner for the Shingo Prize, an operational excellence model that companies use to benchmark their performance. I continue to volunteer as a Malcolm Baldrige examiner, and I am an adjunct faculty at two universities in western Mass. I have also been spending quite a bit of time helping to re-charter and re-establish the Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji) fraternity at Union.”

Mikaela Meredith is the deputy of USAID’s Ebola Task Force. In August, Mikaela and her husband will relocate to Baku, Azerbaijan, where she will serve as USAID’s mission director for two years.”

Elizabeth Lawrence Levine writes, “I received my MS from Sage Graduate School as a nurse practitioner in 2012. I recently received my doctor of nursing practice from Chatham University in Pittsburgh, and currently work in Schenectady for Schenectady Pulmonary and Critical Care Associates at Ellis, Sunnyview, and St Mary’s Hospitals. I love my job!”

1987
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Kerrie Droban’s (nee Ticknor) latest nonfiction true crime book, *Vagos, Mongols and Outlaws: My Infiltrations Into America’s Deadliest Biker Gangs*, was bought by the History Channel and made into a six-episode television series called “Gangland Undercover.” The show aired in Canada too and is scheduled to play in the United Kingdom next year. She writes, “My two teenage boys play guitar/vocals and drums in an avant-garde metal band called ‘Happy Accidents.’ They recently toured nationally, are producing their first full length album in the fall, and expect to tour Europe in the spring.”

1988
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1984 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. celebrated its 30-year anniversary of Pi Pi Chapter at Union College recently, along with the anniversary of the Class of ’85.

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LeAta Jackson ‘88 recently used her culinary arts degree to cater a reception for students and alumni in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Maria Gonzaga was recently profiled by the Ledger-Enquirer. The Q&A focused on her career as an OB/GYN in Columbus, Ga. Visit www.ledger-enquirer.com and search “Gonzaga” to learn more.

LeAta Jackson writes, “Last year I completed a degree in culinary arts. It was a pleasure to use that in April to help Dr. Estelle Cooke-Sampson ’74 with a reception for the D.C. alumni and students on the Washington term. Along with Estelle, and with help from Marna and Violetta from the Alumni office, we set out a great spread and fed the horde! Another recent culinary venture was with Bruce Osler ’89, Drena Webster Root ’87 and Deni Rightmire Kea ’86. Thanks, guys, for a great picnic!”

1989

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Steven G. Sanders writes, “In October 2014, the National Association of Former United States Attorneys presented me with the J. Michael Bradford Memorial Award. Recipients are nominated by

通过支持谁包括温哥华Canucks，以及传奇的Rangers Coach Herb Brooks，谁执教了1980年冬季奥运会金牌团队，Grossman找到了他的道路到体育机构。

在他的最后两年在Union，他正在与体育机构合作来寻找年轻前景包括Leetch, Adam Oates, Joe Nieuwendyk and Eric Lindros.

Grossman, an attorney with a degree from Yeshiva University’s Benjamin Cardozo School of Law, said the industry has changed dramatically. In 1991-92, when he was starting out, the average NHL salary was $368,000. Today the average is about $2.6 million.

That money attracts more peripheral people, those in financial and tax services, for example. “A lot of people see business opportunities and we have to decide if they are a good fit for our clients,” Grossman said. “When I started, there were only 10 sports agents in total and we were doing all of the work.”

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NHL AGENT GOT GREAT START AT UNION

Years before pro hockey agent Jay Grossman ’87 helped globalize the National Hockey League—flying seven time zones to Russia, Eastern Europe and Scandinavia to sign the likes of Ilya Kovalchuk of Russia or Niklas Backstrom of Finland—his scouting trips were easy walks from his dorm room in Davidson to Davidson to Achilles Rink.

During one prep school tournament, Grossman was in the stands at Achilles to see a promising young player from Avon Old Farms who would become one of the successful hockey agent’s star clients.

Brian Leetch went on to play 18 NHL seasons, 16 with the Rangers, winning the Stanley Cup in 1994. Regarded as one of the best defensemen in league history, he set the record for goals by a rookie defensemen and was the first American to win the Conn Smythe trophy. Grossman knows Leetch for his integrity and unassuming nature, not just for his prowess on the ice. Through their long professional affiliation, the two are close friends.

Grossman, the president of Puck Agency, was on campus in May as part of the Alumni Speaker Series to share his experiences at Union and beyond.

Grossman came to Union expecting to play hockey and lacrosse. But he had another interest that soon surpassed the others. Starting at age 12, when he attended summer hockey camps, he had discovered video analysis. Before the proliferation of technology that made in-person scouting mostly obsolete, Grossman was using two large VHS machines in his dorm room to break down game films for NHL teams.

Through mentors who included Roger Neilson, head coach of the Vancouver Canucks, and the legendary Rangers Coach Herb Brooks, who coached the 1980 Olympic gold medal team, Grossman found his way to a sports agency.

In his last two years at Union, he was working with a sports agency to scout young prospects including Leetch, Adam Oates, Joe Nieuwendyk and Eric Lindros.

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current U.S. attorneys and are recognized for their outstanding performance in handling ‘a significant investigation and prosecution or series of prosecutions that has had a significant impart and merits special recognition.’ I was nominated by U.S. Attorney Paul Fishman and recognized for my work on the case United States v. Paul Bergrin. In March 2015, I was promoted to deputy chief of the Appeals Division of the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of New Jersey.” In June, Steven also received a “Director’s Award” from the executive office of the United States Attorney for his work on the Bergrin case.

1990
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Cushman & Wakefield recently announced the addition of senior director Craig Ruoff to its White Plains, N.Y. team. Craig specializes in both tenant and landlord representation services in Westchester County, N.Y. and Fairfield County, Conn., as well as on a national and international basis. Prior to joining C&W, Craig was an associate broker at Rakow Commercial Realty Group. He joined Rakow after 13 years as an associate broker at the Wagner Group. Craig has received numerous awards and honors over his 25-year career, including receiving the distinction of being named one of Westchester County’s “40 Under 40 Rising Stars” by the Business Council of Westchester. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Child Care Council of Westchester.

Kenneth Orosz writes, “I completed my term as president of the French Colonial Historical Society in 2014. This year I was promoted to professor of history at Buffalo State College, where I continue to teach European and African history.”

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Brett Pasquarella became partner at Carlson, Briggance and Doering, Inc. Engineers and Surveyors. The firm, located in Austin, Texas, was founded in 1986. The company employs over 60 people. They specialize in the design of residential and commercial infrastructure. Brett recently worked on the Formula 1 Racetrack, Circuit of the Americas racetrack Brett was involved with designing in Texas.

1992
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Deb Geraghty recently joined Dimension Therapeutics Inc., a leading rare disease company advancing novel, liver-directed treatments for diverse genetic disorders, as head of commercial and portfolio strategy. Prior to Dimension, Deb was founder and vice president, project and portfolio development, at Cydan Development, an orphan drug accelerator that raised $26 million to identify and de-risk assets with therapeutic and commercial potential. Previously, she was head of portfolio advancement at Aileron Therapeutics and prior to this was director of new product marketing at Infinity Pharmaceuticals. She also founded Back Bay Strategies, and worked at Kendall Strategies, Feinstein Kean Healthcare, and Genzyme Corporation. Deb serves on the medical and scientific advisory board of Global Genes, a leading rare disease patient advocacy organization. She earned an MBA from the Carroll School at Boston College and a Ph.D. in molecular biology at the University of Vermont.

Peter Richardson writes, ‘Dass (93) and I now live in the amazing Ojai Valley in SoCal. Our two kids, Alex and Anna, are 14 and 12. Life is sweet. Dass starts next year as the art teacher for the kids’ school, and I am an engineer with a Satcom outfit. We are both holding up well—except the vision thing is showing signs of tapering… :) Been way too long since we have walked the grounds of fantastic ol’ Union.”

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Mirriam Seddig writes, “Where to start? Started my firm and grew from a solo to three lawyers and a paralegal. We do only criminal defense and immigration law and most of the time it feels like it shouldn’t be this much fun. We are looking for bigger office space for this growing firm. There has been lots of travel—across the United States, Dubai for work and
India to visit friends and family. My twins are almost 8 and in second grade and we are the house in the neighborhood that always has popsicles. Of course, if this sounds like it’s all been a bed of roses, it’s not. There have been losses and sadness through the years, but right now, it’s pretty nice to be alive to be able to enjoy my kids, work and life in general.

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Caleb Winder writes, “Life is good here in Boston. Highlights of the last few months include connecting with Psi Upsilon fraternity brother Andrew Chapman in Vail, Colo. and getting a new puppy.”

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Elissa D. Hecker just celebrated her 16th anniversary with David Strauss ’94. She writes, “We still can’t believe that we met 24 years ago on the first day of freshman orientation! We have two children who are 11 and 9, and recently rescued a sweet three-year-old boxer.” Elissa’s law practice focuses on entertainment and business. She also edited the books Entertainment Litigation—Know the Issues and Avoid the Courtroom, In the Arena, and Counseling Content Providers in the Digital Age. She is chair of the Board of Directors of Dance/ NYC and member of the advisory boards of MARACAS and Safe Football. She is part chair of the Entertainment, Arts and Sports Law (EASL) Section of the NY State Bar Association, editor of the EASL Journal, member of the editorial board of the NYSSBA Bar Journal, and co-chair and founder of the EASL Pro Bono Committee. She is also editor of the EASL Blog. Elissa is a trustee of the Copyright Society of the U.S.A. (CSUSA) and member of the board of editors for the Journal of the CSUSA. Elissa is a NY super lawyer, and Top Attorneys—NY metro area’s outstanding lawyer, top women attorney in NY Metro, and top attorney—Westchester Area’s Outstanding Lawyers.

Eileen Barrett writes, “I am still in New Mexico with my husband, Sam, and our kids Pete and Daisy. I recently accepted an academic hospitalist position at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine, after having worked for the Indian Health Service and doing international medical volunteering for nine years. I’ll soon complete my four-year tenure on the Board of Governors of the American College of Physicians, and then will be looking to do more volunteering (and skiing!).”

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Kathy Walter is CEO of Nsoma and has a decade of experience managing IT projects, first as a COBOL programmer in the utilities industry, then as an IT project manager in a variety of website consulting firms and the financial services industry. She also worked for nearly a decade in product management and development as a technical product manager at Instinet Corporation, and associate brand manager at Gillette and Proctor & Gamble, before branching into Education. Kathy holds an MBA from NYU’s Stern School of Business, and a graduate certificate in teaching English to speakers of other languages. She has been an ESL educator at Northeastern University and Cambridge Learning Center; an ESL curriculum consultant with the YearUp program in Boston; and a program developer for several teaching projects in Uganda.

Gregg Alexander writes, “Been a while! I’m living in Los Angeles and have been super busy. I was the executive producer of Joan Rivers’ show ‘Romancing The Joan’—was sorry to see her go but was thrilled to get to work with her. I also just sold my mobile app company to MINDBODY Online. If you’ve booked a Yoga, Barre, or fitness class on a branded mobile app in the past few years there’s good chance you were using one of our apps. I’ve also been spending a lot of time at UCB (Upright Citizens Brigade) and run into a lot (I am also a UCB alum).”

Jodi (Kadish) Kerble writes, “After being head of the math department at the Winsor School in Boston for four years, I have moved over to the tech side of things, where I am the lead educational technology coordinator. In addition to supporting faculty with technology, I am still in the classroom teaching middle school mathematics. Last year I was recognized as a 2014 PBS Learningmedia Digital Innovator. I help run professional development at Winsor and love to talk about technology integration in education. Reach out if you would like to ‘talk shop!’”

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LEADING THE ALUMNI COUNCIL

Susanna Ryan Berger ’99, the global marketing leader for Pricewaterhouse-Coopers’ technology, media and telecommunications practice, is excited to be at the helm of the Alumni Council. She began her three-year term as president of the group this spring.

A political science major at Union who earned an MBA from Columbia Business School, Berger has served on the Alumni Council since 2001 and was founding president of the Boston Alumni Club. She’s also served the council as second vice president and serves on the College’s board as an alumni trustee.

“Union College has an amazing community that I love being a part of, and I want to help strengthen it,” she said. “When I was at Union, I had no idea how this small school would create a strong bond for me with everyone who is part of it.”

“There are so many affinity groups that connect alumni to the College and each other, and I hope to put a spotlight on that and help encourage involvement with these groups,” she added.

Berger, her husband, Steve, and young son, William, recently moved from Brooklyn to Edgemont, N.Y.

“We bought our house from an alumnus whose daughter also went to Union, reminding me once again how Union alums are everywhere,” Berger said. “I’m excited to connect with the Union family in Westchester and beyond in years ahead.”

The Alumni Council recently updated its bylaws.

“In 2014, the Office of Alumni & Parent Engagement conducted a survey of the Alumni Council,” said Berger. “It became evident it was time to refresh the bylaws. Many members weren’t clear about their roles and were looking for more ways to be actively involved.”

According to the Office of Alumni & Parent Engagement, bylaw changes include:

1. The council currently has two representatives per class, totaling approximately 140. Typically, 40 to 60 people attend meetings. The new bylaws define a member as any alumnus, with council membership between 30 and 60 individuals. These members will now to be able to serve two 3-year terms, with eligibility renewed after one year off the council. This new policy will be grandfathered in; members will remain until their terms expire. In 2020, the council will abide by the new rule.

2. New executive board terms were also instituted. Current terms are two years, with the option to serve two terms. The new bylaws put executive terms in line with member terms of three years.

3. Council committees will be focused on partnering with the Office of Alumni & Parent Engagement in areas that directly support the office and alumni involvement with Union (i.e. admissions, career planning, alumni clubs). The bylaws committee agreed that the athletic committee is better represented by various booster clubs at this time.

Term lengths will allow more alumni to become involved, Berger said. “With the new structure, we are also a small council with meaningful committees,” she added. “This will help us create connections between the Council and regional clubs, strengthen our legacy program, and enhance other types of similar opportunities.”

To learn more about the Alumni Council, visit uconnect.union.edu

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From Lindsay’s family:

“Lindsay Deak Friedman died suddenly and unexpectedly on May 25, 2015. Lindsay lived in Brooklyn, N.Y. with her husband, Jason, and dog Marvin. Lindsay had an amazing career in the field of recruitment and human resources and was valued in her position as the VP of Talent at Vimeo. Lindsay was a free spirit who lived life to the fullest each and every day. She was an incredible wife, daughter, sister, sister-in-law and aunt. Lindsay was also a caring and giving friend to many people, including several Union College alumni. Lindsay was a member of Sigma Delta Tau while she was at Union. Her brother, Travis Deak ’01, was also a graduate of Union College. Lindsay will be missed beyond words and will live in our hearts forever.” She is further remembered of pg.62 of this issue’s In Memoriam section.

2000

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Ada Investment Management LP, an investment manager offering alternative equities-based investment programs to institutional investors, recently announced that Nikhil Sudan has joined the firm as a principal and chief operating officer. In his new role, he will be responsible for the firm’s business operations and technology. Nikhil joins Ada Investments from Bridgewater Associates, a global investment manager, where he drove strategic multi-year transformations in technology management and middle- and back-office operations.

Robyn Polansky ’00

Robyn is a vice president and private client associate with U.S. Trust in New York. Robyn works closely with individuals, families and institutions to develop customized financial strategies that align with their goals and values. She offers the acumen and knowledge she has gained from extensive experience in capital markets research and portfolio design. As the leader of a client’s U.S. Trust® team, Robyn is a central resource for a range of needs. She collaborates with in-house specialists to devise and implement integrated initiatives in investment management, including socially innovative investments; trust and estate planning services; philanthropy; and credit and lending through Bank of America, N.A. Robyn grounds her approach in client education, fostering engaged and informed decision-making.

Matt Gendron writes, “After working in the Massachusetts Attorney General’s office for almost seven years, I started with the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation in May 2015. I’m primarily enforcing RI’s securities and insurance laws and regulations. With two boys of 1 and 3 years, the commute change has been terrific!”

2001

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Dr. Allison Graziadei was featured in the Troy Record recently. The Q&A focused on her career with Capital Region Diabetes & Endocrine Care in the Clifton Park, N.Y. For more, visit www.troyrecord.com and search “Graziadei.”

Rebecca Brown is the organic dairy program director at Wolfe’s Neck Farm in Freeport, Maine. The program, new this year, is designed to help reverse the shrinking population of organic dairy farmers by training qualified and experienced farmers. It’s goal is to increase the number of organic dairy farms in Maine by 30 percent over the next five years. Since graduation, Rebecca has studied pasture-based management on diverse dairy farms in New Zealand, Virginia, Wisconsin and Hawaii before becoming Pennsylvania regional director and biological farming consultant for Midwestern Bio-Ag.

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Hirschler Fleischer recently announced the expansion of its litigation section with the addition of Richmond, Va.-based partner Jeffrey H. Newhouse. Jeffrey advises clients on complex commercial litigation matters, including class actions and high-exposure individual actions. He earned his law degree from Fordham University School of Law.
Wondering why organic cheese or milk is sometimes hard to find? Well, there aren’t as many farmers as there used to be—at least in Maine and Northern New England.

“The average age of American dairy farmers is approaching 60, and passing the farm on to the next generation no longer works like it used to,” said Rebecca Brown ’01. “Dairy and livestock are very intensive, especially when you factor in the price of the land and the amount of land needed.”

“And if you weren’t raised on a farm with the complex skill set required, it makes it all the more challenging to be a farmer,” she continued. “Those in the sustainable agriculture industry are looking for a solution.”

And that solution, at least in terms of Brown’s role, is the Organic Dairy Farmer Training Program at Wolfe’s Neck Farm in Freeport, Maine. The effort, of which she is director, will graduate four new farmers every six months who will learn all the necessary skills, business management and pathways to capital to make a successful farm.

The program puts particular emphasis on forage-based farming, which rotationally grazes cattle on plants that grow naturally in the environment. This helps avoid some of the costly feed and other items organic farmers must buy.

“By keeping things simple and expenses low with pasture-based systems, most of the other inputs—like heavy reliance on antibiotics—can be seen for what they are—unnecessary, expensive props to keep a sick animal/farm/system afloat,” Brown said. “Raising animals naturally is a win-win, the quality of the food and the benefits to environment alone are enough to warrant such practices.”

Such practices are also appealing to the consumer.

“People are becoming increasingly aware of what goes into their food and that is driving the demand for organic products,” Brown said. “The organic industry is growing year after year.”

Brown, who was raised on a diversified farm on Martha’s Vineyard, also managed a 35-cow dairy there. She previously served as regional director and biological farming consultant for Midwestern Bio-Ag. She studied environmental science and natural resource management at Union.

“My Union professors were incredibly supportive in allowing me to study sustainable agriculture. I almost transferred to an agriculture school but am very grateful I stayed because I got to learn how to learn for myself,” Brown said. “Union allowed me to explore and discover a new type of practice long before it became well-known and validated by other institutions.”

To learn more about the training program or Rebecca Brown, visit wolfesneckfarm.org
**2005**

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Jordan Schur was featured in a post on the blog 06880 recently. The entry focused on his plans to put together a basketball team to compete in the Tournament. In the open-application, 5-on-5, single-elimination competition, $1 million goes to the winning team. Learn more here: http://06880danwoog.com/tag/jordan-schur/

Laura Palkovich was recently featured in Saratoga Today. The article focused on her purchase, and new role as owner, of Lily Saratoga bridal boutique in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Read more at saratogadailynewspaper.com

Kit Goldstein Grant writes, “My musical comedy for young audiences and families ‘It’s Raining Tamales!’ was recently published by YouthPLAYS! The show was premiered in 2011 by the Schenectady Theatre for Children and toured again this spring, and has been a prizewinner in the Jackie White Memorial National Children’s Play Writing Contest and a finalist for the Mountain Playhouse International Comedy Playwriting Competition. A CD is available on iTunes and Amazon. My website is www.kitgoldstein.com”

**2006**

Karen Bertasso was the top woman finisher in the 3.5-mile CDPHP Workforce Team Challenge on May 21 in Albany, N.Y. Her time of 20:22 was 11 seconds ahead of the second-place woman in the field of 8,300 finishers.

Original production of play, “It’s Raining Tamales!” by Kit Goldstein Grant ’05 (photo courtesy of Cathe Casey)

Bertasso, a physician’s assistant at Albany Medical Center, was a soccer player and track athlete at Union. She was the first American woman finisher at the London Marathon in April.

Matthew Korchinsky received an MBA in finance from Columbia Business School May 16, 2015.

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**2007**

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Adeyemi O. Adenrele is an associate of Barnes & Thornburg LLP and a member of the firm’s litigation department. Prior to joining Barnes & Thornburg (Indianapolis office) full time, Adeyemi was a law clerk and summer associate with the firm. He was also a legal intern for the Indiana General Assembly. Before law school, he served as an education volunteer with the U.S. Peace Corps in Cape Verde, Africa. Adeyemi earned his J.D. from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law and his master’s degree from the State University of New York at Albany.

**2008**

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Ashley Ryle writes, “I was recently promoted to deputy fiscal director of the New York State Assembly Ways and Means Committee. I had previously been a legislative fiscal analyst for three years. My main tasks are analyzing and negotiating the state budget, in addition to any other legislation that has a fiscal impact on the state. As deputy director, I now oversee the units of local governments, debt and capital, and financial plan (cash flow).”

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Jason Katz writes, “I’ve gone from being an English major to selling over $50,000,000 of real estate, including my favorite deal of all, the sale of Miami’s oldest hotel.” Read about the sale here http://www.miamiherald.com/news/business/article19090242.html

Lindsay Colvin received a juris doctor from Fordham University School of Law May 18, 2015.

Zachary Smith received a Ph.D. in chemistry from Tufts University on May 17, 2015. He writes, “I will now be moving to Pittsburgh to start my postdoctoral research fellowship at Carnegie Mellon University, making novel materials to help facilitate damaged nerve regeneration.”

**2011**

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Chris Smith writes, “Rachel Hogue and I set off on a three-month bicycle tour across the United States, beginning on May 17. We have been dating since the summer before our senior year at Union, and for the past three and a half years, the two of us have been living and working long distance (me as a project engineer with The
Dennis Group in Springfield, Mass. and Rachel as a software developer with Oracle in Nashua, N.H. I am leaving my job to end the long distance part of the relationship, and Rachel has been allowed a leave of absence so that we can take advantage of this opportunity to do something exciting together. After the trip, I plan to relocate to the greater Boston area to find a new job, and Rachel will return to her job and Tufts University, where she has been taking graduate courses part-time. We will start our ride in Freeport, Maine and plan to finish in northern California. We aren’t opting for an easy or a short route across the country, with our route forming a ‘W’ shape between the following cities: Freeport, Maine, Nashville, Tenn., Denver, Colo., Flagstaff, Ariz. and Eureka, Calif. The purpose of the ride (in addition to pursuing a dream of ours) is to benefit the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s research (my purpose of the ride (in addition to pursuing a dream of ours) is to benefit the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s research (my purpose of the ride (in addition to pursuing a dream of ours) is to benefit the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s research (my purpose of the ride (in addition to pursuing a dream of ours) is to benefit the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s research (my purpose of the ride (in addition to pursuing a dream of ours) is to benefit the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s research (my purpose of the ride (in addition to pursuing a dream of ours) is to benefit the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s research (my purpose of the ride (in addition to pursuing a dream of ours) is to benefit the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s research (my purpose of the ride (in addition to pursuing a dream of ours) is to benefit the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s research (my purpose of the ride (in addition to pursuing a dream of ours) is to benefit the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s research (my purpose of the ride (in addition to pursuing a dream of ours) is to benefit the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s research (my purpose of the ride (in addition to pursuing a dream of ours) is to benefit the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s research (my purpose of the ride (in addition to pursuing a dream of ours) is to benefit the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s research (my purpose of the ride (in addition to pursuing a dream of ours) is to benefit the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s research (my purpose of the ride (in addition to pursuing a dream of ours) is to benefit the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s research (my purpose of the ride (in addition to pursuing a dream of ours) is to benefit the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s research (my purpose of the ride (in addition to pursuing a dream of ours) is to benefit the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s research (my purpose of the ride (in addition to pursuing a dream of ours) is to benefit the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s research (my purpose of the ride (in addition to pursuing a dream of ours) is to benefit the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s research (my purpose of the ride (in addition to pursuing a dream of ours) is to benefit the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s research (my purpose of the ride (in addition to pursuing a dream of ours) is to benefit the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s research (my purpose of the ride (in addition to pursuing a dream of ours) is to benefit the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s research (my purpose of the ride (in addition to pursuing a dream of ours) is to benefit the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s research (my purpose of the ride (in addition to pursuing a dream of ours) is to benefit the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s research (my purpose of the ride (in addition to pursuing a dream of ours) is to benefit the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s research (my purpose of the ride (in addition to pursuing a dream of ours) is to benefit the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s research (my purpose of the ride (in addition to pursuing a dream of ours) is to benefit the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s research (my purpose of the ride Jordan Remillard ’11 (left) and Leah Pepe ’11 graduated on May 17, 2015 from SUNY Upstate Medical University with their doctorates in physical therapy.

From left: Michelle Frankel ’12, Alexander Cooper ’12 and Elizabeth D’Agostino ’12 graduated from Albany Law School of Union University in May.

Rachel Finkelstein ’12

AcrossAmerica. We documented the trip on our blog (chrachel.com) along the way.”

Katherine Morris and James Kaplan were engaged in May 2015. Katie graduated from Union with a bachelor’s degree in chemistry. Jamie graduated in 2011 from Vanderbilt University with a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering. They are both associate consultants at ZS Associates, a pharmaceutical consulting firm, in Philadelphia. Their wedding will take place in the fall of 2016 on Long Island.

2012

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Rachel Finkelstein writes, “This past year I received my MA in Hispanic studies at Villanova University. Additionally, I was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to Mexico for the 2015-2016 academic year; I will be acting as a English teaching assistant. None of this could have been possible without the support and guidance of the Modern Languages & Literature Department at Union!”

Max Balter writes, “In 2013, I began working for a medical device start-up in central New Jersey called VascuLogic. Recently, we won a Small Business and Innovation Research grant from the National Science Foundation to further develop our main product—a robotic phlebotomy device to help clinicians perform blood draws and other intravenous routines. Currently, we’re working with a design firm to prepare the robot for upcoming clinical trials. The skills and knowledge I gained from the mechanical engineering program at Union have been invaluable throughout my graduate studies and early career thus far.”

Kathryn Egizi lives in South Boston and works as the head women’s lacrosse coach at Emerson College, located in downtown Boston.

Since leaving Union in 2012, Kimberly Perry attended the University of Texas at Arlington, where she received her M.S. in industrial/organizational psychology. Kimberly lives in Orange County, Calif. with her fiancé Patrick (and their black lab), where she works as a human capital consultant for Towers Watson.

Iris Mansour graduated with her master’s in occupational therapy from Boston University and is now completing her first clinical rotation at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, Md., in the neurological rehabilitation center. This fall she will return to Boston for her second clinical at OTA the Koomar Center in Newton, Mass., a pediatric clinic specializing in sensory integration.

Elizabeth Pike attended Boston University and graduated last spring with her master’s in elementary education for grades 1-6. She completed her first year as a fifth grade teacher in Newton, Mass., and will be returning in the fall.

Samantha Guidon graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with her master’s in 2014 and is now working for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service as an environmental policy analyst. She lives in Washington, D.C. and loves it, but misses all of her Union friends and all of the sandwich places in the Schenectady area.

Sam Fein is working for the New York State Assembly, doing communications for the Democratic conference. He is also running to represent the 6th District in the Albany County Legislature. For more information on Sam’s campaign, visit www.FeinForAlbany.com

Since graduating from Union, Jacob Schneider has been cooking professionally at restaurants such as L2o, RPM, Perennial Virant, and Salero in Chicago. He plans to spend his summer teaching cooking at a camp in Wisconsin, but will return to the restaurant scene and continue his cooking journey in the fall.

Danielle Ayers and Preston Thompson got engaged in December of 2014. She
graduated from the Harvard Graduate School of Education in May, and recently moved to Columbus, Ohio to teach at a new charter school.

Paige Valchuis is working as a financial advisor at Ameriprise Financial, and she recently moved to the Navy Yard in Charlestown, Mass. with her new boxer puppy, Izzy. Paige attended an advisor conference in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Andie Coopersmith graduated from Touro College in January 2015 with a master’s in physician assistant studies. She was presented with the Maimonides Award at graduation, demonstrating the “highest professional ideals of a health sciences professional.” This fall she will be working at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York City as a physician assistant in the emergency department.

Colleen Kennedy has lived in Texas and California since graduating, but is excited to be back in Boston with other Union alumni. She is working for Lux Research as an exploration and production technology analyst.

Brooke Donnelly and Ted McKenna became engaged on May 24, while on vacation in Spain. Brooke and Ted are working in New York City, and Ted will soon be moving there from Conn. They plan to get married in April 2016 in New York City.

Jamie Therrien is a technical marketer at Acquia, last year’s fastest growing tech company in North America, where she began working soon after graduating from Union. She is living in Boston’s North End neighborhood and is enjoying the city with many fellow Union alums.

A native of Long Island, Kason graduated from Union with a major in English and a minor in economics. He is teaching and pursuing a Ph.D. in American literature at the University of Maryland in College Park. His short fiction appears in readshortfiction.com, Electric Spec, Anotherealm and JewishFiction.net among others.

While a student at Union, Kason won the Daniel Shocket Memorial Award for creative writing and the David Brind Memorial Prize for outstanding work in English.

Other speakers in this year’s Alumni Writer Series sponsored by the English Department were:

Erin Schumaker ’09, a journalist who is health blogs editor for The Huffington Post. She entered the field through a stint at a luxury travel magazine, and worked with recently deported migrants on the U.S.-Mexico border. Journalism, she says, is fast-paced, fresh and anything but dead. Her writing has appeared in The Nation, Departures and Motherboard. A double major in English and Spanish at Union, she went on to earn a master’s degree from Northwestern University’s Medill School of Journalism.

Chelsea Woodard ’04, poet, earned a B.A. in English and Visual Arts from Union College. Her first collection, Vellum, was published in 2014 by Able Muse Press, and her poems have appeared in The Three-penny Review, Southwest Review, Best New Poets, Blackbird and other journals. She earned her M.F.A. from the Johns Hopkins University and her Ph.D. from the University of North Texas. She lives and teaches in New Hampshire.
1973

Tim Cross and Connie Colten recently married and are based in Austin, Texas. His recent book, *The Architecture of Freedom*, began as a love letter to his daughters but unexpectedly became an in-depth description of a different and revolutionary paradigm for living life. The book, published by One River Press and available through Amazon, has received fantastic reviews.

2002

Melanie Thornton and Michael Capraro ’01 tied the knot in Lake George, N.Y. May 30, 2015. Matron of honor was Anne Bishko Pingpank, bridesmaids included Lindsay Baier Weinstein and Natalie Gulden. Also in attendance were Kay Stout VanWoert ’74 (The first woman accepted at Union!), Ned VanWoert ’71, Timothy B. Thornton ’67, Trish VanDerhoof (special assistant to the V.P.-Dean of Students), Katey Melito Barron ’01, Mandy Sibley Durie ’01, groomsman Dean Durie ’01, Claire Cantwell-Jones ’01, Matthew Weinstein, Michael Pingpank ’01, Matt DiStefano ’03, Chris DiStefano ’00, Roger Noyes ’00 and Ian White ’00.

2003

Portia Zwicker and Michael Rosado are happy to announce their marriage on April 24, 2015, in New York City. In attendance at the April 24 reception in NYC was Karyn (Brownstein) Brents ’97. In attendance at the May 2 reception in Latham, N.Y., were several faculty members—Bill Fairchild, Alan Taylor, Julius Barbanel, Karl Zimmerman, Kimmo Rosenthal, Robin Rosenthal, Carolyn Taylor, Susan Niefeld (all math department), Ilene Kaplan (sociology department) and William Zwicker (math department and father of the bride). The couple honeymooned in Croatia and Turkey. They live in Brooklyn, N.Y., and both work for MakerBot.
Mark Rautiola and Alexandra (Sparks) Rautiola ’08 are happy to announce their marriage on Aug. 16, 2014 in Little Compton, R.I. They reside in Hanover, N.H. Also in attendance were: Eric Rautiola, Marc Magee, Jeff Meola ’06, Lara Levine, Erin Lawson ’08, Zach Fields, Liz O’Connor ’08, Abby Weiner ’08, Amanda Schosid ’08, Stephanie Hargadon ’08, Tom Simmons ’08, Jessica Perillo ’08, Ross Williams, Jeremy Slotnick, David Schneiderman, Brendan Merrell, Ryan Goltzman, Todd Buffum, Todd Marsh and Eric D’Silva.

Carly (Mand) Mason and Jude Mason ’08 were married Nov. 15, 2014 at the Salem Golf Club in North Salem, N.Y. Carly writes, ‘Jude and I live in Edgewater, N.J., which is a small town that overlooks the Hudson River and Manhattan. We moved there from the Upper West Side in Manhattan last summer. Jude is employed with a real estate investment fund for the past six years and is the V.P. of multifamily operations. I work in business intelligence for LG Electronics, after being in the media analysis industry for four years. We both enjoy skiing, cycling, traveling, tailgating N.Y. Jets games and spending time in the city with our Union College friends.’ Alumni in attendance included Matt Kearny ’09, Ian Austin, Will Hernandez ’09, Vikram Ravikumar ’09, Elizabeth (Blake) August ’08, Julie Vairo ’09, Rob Connelly ’11, Jeremy Fritzhand, Caroline Hershey ’14, Johanna Lou, Henry Hanley ’09, Jon Wilcon ’08, Steph Libous ’12, Ethan Lieberman ’08, Karen Chan, Jordan (Silletti) Schellens ’09, Win Schellens ’07, Saul Kurtz ’11, R.C. Atlee ’08, Kelly Bayne ’07, Marissa Gordon ’11, Alex Moskowitz, John Tomlin ’08, Patrick Brown ’08, Allie Oliver ’11, Christina Maldonado ’11, Nicole (Silverman) Richardson and Doug Richardson ’08.

Katrina Neiley and Jamie Schellens were married in September 2014 in Westernville, N.Y. Alumni in attendance included Briana Cincotta, Andrew Scaplen ’09, Meredith Crawford, Justin Real, Megan Clark, Matt Kissane, Elliot Harmon, Erin Schumaker ’09, Max Abbott, Blaise Ancona ’11, Win Schellens ’07, Sean Gorski, Marissa Gaines, Scott Stone ’09, Lindsay Colvin, Lauren McCartney, Gillian Russo, Marica Dacey ’11, Claire Chazen, Jordan Schellens ’09, Jared Kinsler, Monica Neidermeyer, Amanda Judson, Tim Canavan, Veronica Mynders and Nancy Wilk.
1993

Robyn Sachs-Carpenter writes, “Many exciting changes for my family this year. I recently took a new position at Beth Israel Deaconess-Plymouth as an attending breast surgeon and welcomed a new daughter to our family—Sophia Drew Carpenter.”

1995

Stacy Rainey writes, “Patrick Cormac ‘Mac’ Boulanger joined Callan (7) and Tilly (5) on Sept. 30, 2014. He was born in Burlington, Vt. and weighed in at 8 pounds, 15 ounces. Everyone is more or less adjusting to life as a family of five!”

2002

Jane (Ruzicka) Pennacchia and David Pennacchia are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Ellie Lothian. She was born April 28, 2014 in Winchester, Mass., and weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces. She joins big brother Jack and big sister Kate.

2003

Stephen and Hong Erickson joyfully welcomed the birth of their daughter, Caroline Grace, on May 29, 2015. They write, “Big brother Keith can’t wait to share the toys!”

2004

Joshua Dubs and Lauren Dubs are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Matthew Robert. He was born on March 12, 2015 in Amherst, N.Y., and weighed 5 pounds, 11 ounces—Union College Class of 2037!

2005

Andrea (Doenges) Martin and her husband Kyle Martin welcomed a beautiful boy on Nov. 2, 2014. Their son, Everett Ryan Martin, was born at 1:41 a.m. (which was really 2:41 a.m., just turned back due to Daylight Savings time) at 7 pounds, 4 ounces. He is a healthy, happy boy and is enjoying playing in his new home in Evergreen, Colo.

2006

Jon Hammond and Becca (Winnick) Hammond ’07 are thrilled to announce the birth of their son, Dylan George Hammond, on Feb. 6, 2014. Bill Eisenhut and Emily (Curbow) Eisenhut are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Sally June Eisenhut. Sally was born on Jan. 23, 2015 in Greenwich, Conn., weighing 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
Everett Ryan Martin (Martin ’05)

Stacy (Kanter) Stevens and Grady Stevens are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Lilah Mae. She was born Jan. 22, 2015 in Portland, Maine, and weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces, 19.5 inches.

Riley Aspen Stuff (Stuff ’09)

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1940s

Jesse Albert Mould ‘40, of Orient, N.Y., who served with the U.S. Army’s First Calvary Division during World War II and received several honors, including the Bronze Star and World War II Victory Medal, before earning a master’s degree from Columbia University, April 27, 2015. Al, who taught physics, biology and chemistry at Mattituck High School, was assistant principal of Uniondale and principal at Locust Valley, and who was founding principal of Commack South High School, was 97.

Wilbert A. Heinz ’40, of Vancouver, Wash., a World War II veteran who was president of his Rotary Club and was grand marshal of a 4th of July parade in his former home of Hayfork, Calif., Feb. 11, 2015. Bill, who always kept up on world events and enjoyed reading, was 96.

Harry L. Palmer ’40, of Athens, N.Y., who served in the U.S. Navy, joined his father and brother in the Palmer Lumber Company in Ravena and retired from the New York State Office of General Services in 1982, June 5, 2015. A member of the Coxsackie-Athens Central School Board for 20 years who also was a member of the Greene County Planning Board and served in the Greene County Legislature, he was 97.

Dr. Lloyd G. Bartholomew ’41, of Rochester, Minn., and Poultney, Vt., who earned a medical degree from the University of Vermont and served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps during World War II and as a colonel in the Army Reserves, and spent 40 years at the Mayo Clinic, where he specialized in gastroenterology and was a professor of internal medicine, April 2, 2015. Lloyd, who loved history and genealogy, was 93.

Paul L. Jones ’41, of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., who served in the U.S. Army during World War II and the U.S. Reserves, and graduated from Albany Law School before practicing law for 40 years in Saratoga, eventually opening Paul L. Jones Law Firm, April 12, 2015. A member of Saratoga Springs United Methodist Church and the Rising Sun Lodge No. 103 of the Saratoga Springs Freemasons, he was 95.

Frederick Emmett Evans ’42, of Jacksonville, Fla., March 2, 2015. He was 95.

Gordon J. Semerad ’42, of Old Greenwich, Conn., who entered OCS in World War II, served overseas and was awarded two Purple Hearts before joining Hearst Publications and retiring in 1986 as advertising director and associate publisher of Good Housekeeping Magazine, April 1, 2015. Gordon, who enjoyed music and played the tenor sax, was 96.

Dr. Leon Levine ’43, of Escondido, Calif., and formerly of Schenectady, N.Y., who practiced orthopedic surgery in Schenectady for many years, April 1, 2015. He was 94.

Frank J. Salamone Sr. ’43, of Schenectady, N.Y., who spent 43 years with General Electric, first as a design engineer in aircraft systems and later as a resident engineer at General Electric Espanol in Spain, where he worked on the construction of three nuclear and six fossil fuel power plants, March 31, 2015. An avid golfer and bridge player, he was 93.

Robert T. Abbe ’49, trustee emeritus and retired manager of corporate steel purchasing at GE, died May 5, 2015 at his home in Peabody, Mass. He was 90.

Abbe served in the Navy’s submarine service for three years during World War II before attending Union and earning a degree in economics. He began at GE when he graduated and spent the rest of his career with the company, retiring in 1983.

As a student, he was a member of Delta Phi fraternity, glee club and choir. He also served as class president.

As an alumnus, he was active with the Terrace Council, Alumni Council and the Hudson-Champlain Alumni Club. He served as a career resources alumnus and member of the Trustee Board of Advisors. He served as trustee from 1993 to 1997.

He received the Alumni Gold Medal from the Alumni Council in 1990.

When he won a car in a raffle to support Union hockey, he turned it over to the admissions office to be used for staff travel.

Active in his communities—which included Schenectady, Lake George, N.Y. and Amelia Island, Fla.—he was on the boards of Bellevue Maternity Hospital, United Fund, YMCA and Community Chest. He was a director of Bonanza Development Company and Baker’s Island Wharf Company.

Abbe and his late wife, Virginia, made the gift to support the restoration of the Alumni Center and home of College Relations. Abbe Hall, the Lenox Road property formerly known as the Parker Rice House, was dedicated in 2003. The Abbes, experienced in historic preservation, saw to it that the building was restored to its original décor with natural woodworking, tapestry wallpaper, original lighting fixtures and Mission style furniture.

He enjoyed boating, skiing and home repair.

Abbe and his wife were married 58 years. Survivors include a daughter, Roberta; and two sons, Richard and John.
He was 93.

Tequesta, Fla., April 22, 2015. Holyoke, Mass., was 91.

2015. John, who retired from Medal with two clusters and was awarded the Air World War II as a B-24 pilot

Wolboro, N.H., who served in many organizations, including the Evangelical Education Society of the Episcopal Church and the Goodwin House Inc. retirement community, he was 92.

Richard W. Lent ’44, of Tequesta, Fla., as a personal manager and formed a talent agency with Winkler after graduating from Columbia Law School. From there, the two formed Chartoff-Winkler Productions. Together, they would produce the much-applauded movies “Raging Bull,” “The Right Stuff,” and “Point Blank.” Their films collected 12 Oscars and 40 nominations, and were known for featuring the kind of characters who were willing to take risks.

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1950s

Peter C. Buscemi Sr. ’50, of Annandale, Va., who served with the U.S. Navy as a radio technician during World War II, did post-graduate work at Carnegie Institute of Technology (now Carnegie Mellon Institute) and served as a chemist with Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and
Firearms in the Department of Treasury for 30 years, March 5, 2015. A lifetime member of the American Chemical Society and a former member of the American Society of Brewing Chemists, he was 87.

Patrick J. Pisaniello ‘50, of Lowville, N.Y., and formerly of Troy, N.Y., who earned a M.S. in physics from Pennsylvania State University before working for many years at Behr-Manning Company (later Norton Company) and then Barclay Home Products (Cohoes, N.Y.), April 8, 2015. He was 87.

Herbert Olsen ’50, of Bermuda Run, N.C., and formerly of Orleans, Mass., a decorated U.S. Navy veteran of World War II who earned a master’s degree from Columbia University and spent 43 years with the National Park Service, April 8, 2015. Herbert, who was superintendent of the Cape Cod National Seashore and chief of cultural resources for the North Atlantic Region of National Parks, was 89.

Henry M. Mayer ’50, of Annapolis, Md., who served with the U.S. Army between 1943 and 1946 and worked at Honeywell between 1951 and 1983, April 1, 2015. Henry, who enjoyed designing and building, puzzles, square dancing and genealogy, was 91.

Raymond E. Ball ’50, of East Greenwich, R.I., April 25, 2015. He was 88.

Arthur A. Hagar ’50, of Roswell, Ga., March 9, 2015. He was 85.

Robert James Jarrett ’51, of Shelburne, Vt., who worked for General Electric, where he became manager of advance controls development, advanced engineering, in Vermont, May 20, 2015. A skilled woodworker who enjoyed skiing, bike riding and sailing, he was 87.

Robert F. Giovannucci Sr. ’52, of Hollywood, Fla., who graduated from Boston University School of Management before spending his career with AT&T, March 19, 2015. A veteran of World War II who served aboard the Navy submarine, U.S.S. Cabezor, and then went on to serve aboard the U.S.S. Sabalo during the Korean War, he was 88.

George Francis Redington ’52, of Hillsborough, N.J., who served in the U.S. Navy, spent his career with New York Telephone, retiring as director of business methods for NYNEX Service Company-Operations Services, Feb. 13, 2015. An active participant in the communities in which he lived, he was a member of Psi Upsilon at Union, as were his father Edmund Bush Redington ’25, uncle Horace S. Van Voast ’24, and cousin Horace S. Van Voast III ’52.

George R. Mills Jr. ’52, of Scotia, N.Y., who served in the U.S. Army, graduated from Albany Law School, served as Glenville town attorney and practiced law in the Scotia area, May 7, 2015. George, who enjoyed nature, was 84.

Leroy E. Foley Jr. ’52, of Rotterdam, N.Y., who served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and spent 42 years as an electrical engineer with General Electric, sharing several patents in the fields of medical imaging and manufacturing, May 1, 2015. Leroy, who loved jazz and played trumpet and trombone professionally, and was a patron of the Empire Jazz Orchestra, was 90.

Robert J. McCoubrie ’52, of Rosemount, Minn., who taught high school math and science for 30 years and was a skilled canoeist in the Canadian Far North, Dec. 30, 2014. He was 85.

Frederick J. Emery ’54 of Washington, D.C., a regulatory lawyer, director of the Federal Register and founder of a consulting firm, the Regulatory Group Inc., April 29, 2015 at 81. Among various federal government posts, he was in the general counsel office of the FAA, where he said he wrote some of the most repeated words in the English language: “Please make sure your seat backs and tray tables are in their full upright position.” He also ran bogeybreakers.com, a web site for golf improvement.

Richard H. Lee ’54, of Fenton, Mo., April 18, 2015. He was 82.

Edward C. Robedee ’55 of Port Charlotte, Fla., who served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force, was a retired CPCU, CIC and VP from March & McLennan, and enjoyed fishing, boating, swimming and camping, April 18, 2015. He was 81.

Louis William Booth ’55, of Roanoke, Va., formerly of Richmond, who served in the U.S. Army before beginning a long career in the insurance industry, June 1, 2015. He was 81.

Richard D. Yates ’57 of Geneva, N.Y., who served in the U.S. Marine Corps and Marine Corps Reserves, earned a master’s degree in mathematics from Syracuse University, and spent 23 years as a computer systems analyst for Gould’s Pumps in Seneca Falls, March 31, 2015. Richard, who served on the board of Happiness House and retired from Hobart and William Smith Colleges, was 79.

Dr. Daniel L. Wachtel ’58, of Martinsville, N.J., who served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps during the Vietnam War, earned a medical degree from NYU School of Medicine and practiced ophthalmology for 53 years in Somerville, March 10, 2015. A member of Temple Beth-El in Hillsborough and the Azure/Masada Masonic Free and Accepted Masons, he was 77.

Gary R. Gilmore ’58, of Tyler, Texas, who served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a guidance counselor at Fox Lane High School in Mount Kisco, N.Y., for more than 25 years, May 29, 2015. A member of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, he was 83.

Brian Leo Fennelly ’58, of Kingston, N.Y., a composer who served in the U.S. Air Force before earning a master’s in music and a Ph.D. from Yale University, and who was a professor of music at New York University from 1968 until 1997, June 17, 2015. In 2013, Union College presented him the Outstanding Engineering Alumnus Award. A Guggenheim fellow whose compositions include over 100 published titles of music for orchestra, chamber ensembles, solo instruments, chorus and electronics, Brian was 77.

Donald E. Gower ’59, of Albany, N.Y., a lifetime member of the Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers who worked for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for 33 years and retired as bureau director of air quality surveillance, June 10, 2015. Donald, who enjoyed the family camp on Lake George and his role as calculus tutor to his family, was 77.
1960s


Peter A. Wehinger ’60, of Tucson, Ariz., who held appointments in astronomy at Tel-Aviv University, the Royal Greenwich Observatory and the Max Planck Institute for Astronomy before joining the Steward Observatory at the University of Arizona in 1995, April 27, 2015. Peter, who played major roles in establishing the Arizona Astronomy Board, creating the Mt. Lemmon Sky Center, and maintaining Steward Observatory’s collaboration with Tokyo Atacama Observatory, was 77.

David B. Pearce ’60, of New York, N.Y., who practiced ophthalmology in Manhattan for over 40 years and was devoted to the arts, music, literature, sailing and lacrosse, June 1, 2015. He was 76.

James P. Carroll ’61, of Spencerport, N.Y., who earned an M.S. in physics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and worked for Eastman Kodak and JML Optical, retiring as engineering manager, April 3, 2015. James, who tutored math at Spencerport High School during retirement and had a leadership role—together with his wife—in the Worldwide Marriage Encounter movement, was 75.

Samuel F. Selwood ’61, of Penn Yan, N.Y., who began his career in insurance claims and retired from Caliber (FedEx) in Akron, Ohio, as risk manager in 1997, and who enjoyed his work on the Torrey Town Planning Board and the construction of the columbarium at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, June 3, 2015. A member of Kappa Sigma at Union who enjoyed archery, hunting and woodworking, he was 76.

Gerlach J. Van Gendt ’63, of Delmar, N.Y., who held a master’s in education from Yale University and spent 40 years as a statistician with the New York State Education Department, assessing adult education programs, April 21, 2015. Fluent in Dutch and proud of his Dutch heritage, Gary was 73.

David A. Johnson ’63, of North Chicago, Ill., who earned a degree in accounting from Parsons College, served abroad the U.S.S. Ogden during the Vietnam War and retired from the Navy with the rank of lieutenant, J.G., May 15, 2015. A member of Trinity United Methodist Church, he was 73.

R. Brian Hammond ’65, of St. Louis, Mo., who worked at Catholic Charities in Syracuse, N.Y., the National Youth Community Service Demonstration Project, Texas Instruments and the Loretto Volunteer Program, March 1, 2015. Brian, who graduated from Webster University and enjoyed domestic and international travel, was 72.

James Edward Vaughn ’65, of Fort Collins, Colo., who earned a J.D. from the University of New Mexico and was the San Miguel County (N.M.) public defender and assistant district attorney prior to opening his own practice in Las Vegas, June 4, 2015. He was 73.

Paul G. Costello ’69, of Smithtown, N.Y., who was law clerk to acting Supreme Court Justice Daniel Martin, and during his 30-year legal career also served as assistant district attorney, inspector general of the Suffolk Department of Social Services, and head of the county attorney’s family court bureau, died recently. Also a graduate of the University of Wyoming Law School who served on the Suffolk Off-Track Betting Corp. board, he was 68.

Everett B. Yelton III ’69, of Pleasant Lake, N.H., who taught and established math and science curricula in schools from Pennsylvania to Vermont to New Hampshire, and owned MY Builders construction company in Londonderry, Vt. for 20 years, June 2, 2015. Everett, who enjoyed an undefeated wrestling title during his time at Union, and who refereed soccer, was 68.

1970s

Joseph D. Loney ’70, of Port St. Lucie, Fla., and formerly of Dix Hills, Long Island, who served in the U.S. Army as an intelligence non-commissioned officer and worked for Sperry Marine Division for 25 years before earning an MBA from Dowling College, April 1, 2015. Joseph, who held a private pilot license and was general manager of Westhampton Bath & Tennis Hotel & Marina, was 66.

David Lee Gallagher ’70, of Malone, N.Y., who served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War as a combat medic and earned two Bronze Stars, and who graduated from the State University of New York College of Oneonta before retiring from Bassett Healthcare Network in 2012, June 6, 2015. David, who raised pheasants and enjoyed goose hunting, was 67.

Beverly A. Wait ’75, of Rotterdam, N.Y., a homemaker who worked at Mohonasen High School before graduating from Albany Junior College and then working in the Union College library, March 28, 2015. Beverly, who earned a B.A. in history from Union and later volunteered with Hospice, as an English-as-a-second-language tutor, and as a chaplain’s aid at Ellis Hospital, was 91.

J. Bruce Batchelder ’76, of Plymouth, Mass., who spent most of his career as a machinist-maintenance supervisor for the Concord Foods Company, May 30, 2015. Bruce, who enjoyed spending time with his family, listening to Miles Davis and hiking with friends, was 61.

Raymond Haller ’76, of Washington, D.C., who spent his career at MITRE Corporation and held various leadership positions, including senior vice president and general manager of the Center for National Security and national security advisor to the chief executive officer, March 26, 2015. Ray, who loved to travel, was 60.

1980s

Timothy J. Emswiler ’84, of Walpole, Mass., who graduated from North Adams State College and worked as a residential aide at the League School and the Franciscan Hospital, and who covered news for the Walpole Times, Oct. 11, 2014. An avid reader who played many instruments, including guitar, mandolin, banjo and harmonica, he was 52.

Margaret E. Ross ’86, of Somerville, Mass., who graduated from Suffolk
Bernard R. “Bob” Carman, former director of the College’s Office of Public Relations and Publications and editor of Union College magazine, died April 3, 2015 at the age of 85.

An editor for the College’s Office of Public Relations from 1960 to 1976, Carman was known for thoughtful and engaging—and sometimes lengthy—intellectual pieces in the several publications he oversaw during his tenure.

For nine years, he edited Symposium, a magazine that “treated alumni as educated people with intellectual interests,” according to the Encyclopedia of Union College History, edited by Wayne Somers. Like other publications he edited, Symposium eschewed college news in favor of in-depth features on Union history or topics in higher education.

Symposium gave forthright treatment to student and alumni issues, and the editor asked tough questions of College administrators. The spring 1969 edition was devoted entirely to excerpts from the 1968 Garnet, in which the student yearbook used creative photos, graphics and text to cover a range of issues including race relations, Vietnam War protests and poverty in Schenectady.

In 1976, the magazine was cited for editorial excellence by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. The same year, Carman received the meritorious service award from the Alumni Council.

He also served as director of the Union College Press, which produced books by Union faculty, alumni and others.

A native of Mooreland, Okla., he was an honors graduate of Harvard University who in 1954 joined the reporting staff of the Berkshire Eagle in Pittsfield, Mass. He became city hall reporter in Pittsfield and a writer known for a local history column, “Bygone Berkshires,” with more than 150 essays. He was author of Hoot, Toot & Whistle: The Story of the Hoosac Tunnel and Wilmington Railroad (Stephen Green Press, 1963).

From 1976 to 1983 he was editor of Adirondack Life magazine. In the early 90s, Carman appeared on the game show Jeopardy, winning the first night and losing the second. He retired in 1994 as director of public information at Lafayette College in Easton, Pa.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara, whom he married in 1951; and two sons, David and James.

Friends of Union College

William VanDyke, of Guilderland Center, N.Y., who was head groundskeeper at Union College for many years, May 9, 2015. He was 86.

E. Gordon VanBuren, of Kinderhook, N.Y., who served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, earned an M.S. in public school administration from SUNY Albany and spent 34 years as a teacher, coach, athletic director and assistant principal in the Ichabod Crane Central School system before serving as the assistant basketball coach at Union College, June 10, 2015. He was 88.
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1965 Baseball: A title at Yankee Stadium

The June 1965 Alumni Review described it as “almost too good to be true.”

“... two out in the top of the seventh, the team’s stolen base leader on first. At the plate is the top scholar-athlete in the College. Coach Art Lawrence calls for a hit-and-run and second baseman Bruce Fike ’65 (B.S.E.E., magna cum laude) singles to left to score Gary Brown ’65 and put Union ahead of Old Dominion 2-1 in the game for the NCAA Atlantic Coast college baseball championship.

“To prove the lead is no fluke, Union adds a run in the eighth and outfielder Bill Toth ’67 robs Old Dominion of a sure extra-base hit with a daring, one-hand catch. Final score: Union 3, Old Dominion 1.”

The two-day tournament at Yankee Stadium on June 8 and 9, 1965 brought together three NCAA district champions—Union, Middle Atlantic States champion; Colby, New England champion; LeMoyne, the at-large representative; and Old Dominion College (now University), Southern Atlantic States Champion, and two-time defending champion of the NCAA Atlantic Coast Region.

In the first game, Union beat Colby 5-2 on the pitching of Rick Crookes ’65, who threw nine innings in 90-degree heat for his ninth win in 10 starts for the season.

Brown pitched the best game of his life in the championship: three hits, two walks and eight strikeouts. He also batted .370 in the tournament.

With no national tournament scheduled that year, the win marked the end of the best season (15-2) in Union’s 91-year history.

The 1965 baseball team, which in 1995 was feted during halftime of a home football game on the 30th anniversary of their record season, was recently elected to the Union Athletic Hall of Fame. They will be inducted on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 4 p.m. at College Park Hall.

For more information, visit www.UnionAthletics.com/halloffame.
A PROMISE TO REMEMBER UNION

Grace Munzer led a life dedicated to helping others. A native of Washington State, she died April 24, 2015, but through her philanthropy—and that of her late husband, Dr. Hans W. Munzer ’39—she continues to make a difference.

“Hans regarded his years at Union College as the most important of his life, responsible for starting him on his career and for his earning capacity... and even responsible for saving his life,” Grace once wrote. “He was a pre-World War II Jewish refugee from Germany who was accepted at Union College ‘sight unseen.’”

Starting in 1982, Grace carried on Hans’s tradition of giving back to his alma mater by making gifts to the College. The majority of these funds benefited the Hans W. Munzer ’39 Endowed Scholarship, which supports students pursuing courses of study with a concentration in modern languages and/or history, who possess above average aptitude for these studies. Union will also receive a final gift from her estate and the proceeds will be added to the Munzer Scholarship.

“Hans often said, ‘Even though I had no money, everything was made possible for me at Union,’” Grace wrote. “I promised him that I would remember Union College.”

And she has, making the same wonderful education Hans received possible for 20 different students these last decades.

Grace, who gave equally to her alma mater, Seattle University, where she earned two Bachelor of Science degrees, also spent her life serving this country. She was on active duty at the U.S. Military Academy (West Point, N.Y.) and in Germany and at Fort Ord, Calif., during the Korean War. She remained in the Army Reserves after active duty ended, while also working in civilian clinical laboratories, and graduated from Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth in 1972.

Grace was the first woman officer to teach the college’s curriculum and the first woman officer to serve as its faculty consultant and author. She retired from the Army in 1980 as a full colonel. Grace lived in Pacific Grove, Calif. until her death.

Hans, a linguist who served in France during World War II, was a professor of languages at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif. for most of his career. He died in 1976.

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