Two hives of bees moved into their home this spring in a remote corner of campus, thanks to some help from Emily Monac ’18, perhaps the first campus beekeeper. By mid-summer, the hives had produced nearly 50 pounds of light colored honey, which will be used in campus dining. “I am very proud of the bees and interested in how they work together in the hive, how they impact humans and thus how they impact agriculture and the planet,” said Monac, a Spanish major from Medfield, Mass., who is also a track and cross country athlete. Her apiary project is supported by a Presidential Green Grant, which funds environmentally sustainable projects at Union.

Photo by Charlie Casey
Adventures in the Adirondacks

Students in the inaugural “Adirondacks and American Environmental History” course didn’t just study the northern New York region, they got to know it—personally. They took a trip to an Adirondack ghost town and an abandoned iron works, made a five-mile trek (one way) to a stunning lake and 19th-century great camp, and had an overnight adventure with paddling, s’mores and a hike to an old fire tower. It made for one of the best classes many of the students had ever taken.

John Wold ’38: 100 years of making a difference

John S. Wold ’38 celebrated his 100th birthday Aug. 31. The Casper, Wyo., man, who recently announced a $5 million gift to Union, has dedicated his long life to making remarkable things happen here at the College and well beyond.

Hunting for herps

Students in “Herpetology: Biology of Amphibians and Reptiles,” taught by senior lecturer Barbara Pytel, had a blast hunting for frogs, snakes, turtles and salamanders on a number of field trips this spring. See some of the cool critters they studied—and met in the wild—in this photo-feature.

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WHEN I SPOKE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2016 AT THIS YEAR’S COMMENCEMENT, I REMINDED THEM THAT IN SELECTING UNION, THEY CHOSE A LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP IN THIS REMARKABLE INSTITUTION. THIS IS ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS, OF COURSE, AND THEY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY ENJOY CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS WITH FRIENDS, MEMBERS OF THE STAFF, ADMINISTRATION AND FACULTY. BUT IT’S ALSO ABOUT A CONNECTION TO UNION ITSELF.

I’VE SEEN EVIDENCE OF THIS SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE UNION COMMUNITY AND THE COLLEGE MANY TIMES OVER MY 10 YEARS HERE. IT’S PART OF WHAT MAKES REUNION SO SPECIAL FOR ME. WE HAD ANOTHER GREAT ONE THIS PAST MAY. I WAS GIVEN AMPLE EVIDENCE OF THE SPECIAL BOND THAT FORMS HERE WHEN I PRESENTED THE 50-YEAR MEDALLIONS TO RETURNING MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1966 IN THE NOTT MEMORIAL. I WITNESSED THE CONNECTION IN THEIR EYES AND WHEN THEY PASSED THE PICTURES OF CLASSMATES NOW GONE. I SAW IT AS THEY MARCHED IN THE ALUMNI PARADE AND AS THEY SAT AS A CLASS IN MEMORIAL CHAPEL. AND I CERTAINLY SAW IT WHEN THEY PASSED DOWN THE CENTER AISLE OF THE CHAPEL, SHAKING HANDS WITH THE CLASS OF 2016. YES, CONNECTION.

JOHN WOLD ‘38 RETURNED TO CAMPUS IN JUNE, JUST MONTHS BEFORE CELEBRATING HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY. JOHN TOO FORMED A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP TO UNION THAT IS AS SALIENT TODAY AS EVER. HE GREW UP ON CAMPUS, LIVING WITH HIS FAMILY IN THE NORTH END OF NORTH COLLEGE (NOW APPROPRIATELY NAMED WOLD HOUSE). HIS FATHER WAS CHAIR OF THE PHYSICS DEPARTMENT. AS WE TOOK EVENING WALKS AROUND CAMPUS DURING HIS VISIT, JOHN’S MEMORIES CAME BACK TO HIM. HE COULD NAME ALL THE FAMILIES WHO LIVED ON CAMPUS, HE RECOLLECTED FACULTY AND FRIENDS WHO MADE SUCH A DIFFERENCE TO HIM, AND HE HAD A STORY TO TELL ABOUT NEARLY EVERY BUILDING HE PASSED.

BUT HIS CONNECTION TO UNION EXTENDS WELL BEYOND DAYS LONG GONE. AS WE ENCOUNTERED STUDENTS, JOHN WOULD STOP THEM AND INQUIRE ABOUT THEIR RESEARCH, THEIR MEMBERSHIPS IN CLUBS AND GREEK ORGANIZATIONS, THEIR ASPIRATIONS, AND THEIR UNION EXPERIENCE. HIS MEETINGS WITH DANCERS IN THE HENLE DANCE PAVILION, HOCKEY PLAYERS IN MESSA RINK, AND STUDENT AND FACULTY RESEARCHERS IN THE WOLD CENTER, LEFT US INSPIRED AND DAZZLED.

JOHN REMAINS CONNECTED TO UNION, CONTINUES TO PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE MANY WAYS IN WHICH THE COLLEGE MAKES A DIFFERENCE, AND HE HAS TIME AND TIME AGAIN HONORED THE COLLEGE WITH HIS SUPPORT. HIS MOST RECENT GIFT, WHICH YOU WILL READ ABOUT IN THIS ISSUE, MEMORIALIZES HIS WIFE JANE WHO LOVED UNION Dearly AND BECAME EVERY BIT AS close TO THE COLLEGE AS HER BELOVED HUSBAND. JANE’S PHILANTHROPIC WORK HELPED MANY ORGANIZATIONS BUT HER SUPPORT OF UNION WAS SECOND TO NONE.

THIS ISSUE OF THE MAGAZINE DOCUMENTS THE WAYS IN WHICH OTHERS HAVE REMAINED CONNECTED AND SUPPORTED THE WORK AND MISSION OF UNION. IN 2011, JOHN E. KELLY III ’76 AND HIS WIFE HELEN-JO MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR UNION TO PURCHASE OUR CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF THE ADIRONDACKS—NOW THE KELLY ADIRONDACK CENTER.

THIS REMARKABLE FACILITY INCLUDES THE ORIGINAL HOME OF ADIRONDACK CONSERVATIONIST, PAUL SCHAEFER, AS WELL AS THE ADIRONDACK RESEARCH LIBRARY THAT HOLDS A VAST COLLECTION OF PAPERS, HISTORIC MAPS, AND OTHER MATERIALS. WE CELEBRATED THAT COLLECTION AT A SPECIAL RECEPTION DURING OUR ANNUAL ADIRONDACK WEEK. THE CENTER’S WORK HAS LED TO NUMEROUS STUDENT OUTINGS INTO THE ADIRONDACKS, THEREBY BETTER LEVERAGING OUR LOCATION IN UPSTATE NEW YORK. IT HAS BECOME A BUSY HUB AND BEEN A CATALYST TO A NUMBER OF NEW COURSES, INCLUDING THOSE Taught BY PROF. ANDREW MORRIS IN OUR HISTORY DEPARTMENT AND PROF. JILL MARIE MURPHY IN OUR ENGLISH DEPARTMENT. THE GENTROSITY OF THE KELLYS STEMMED FROM THEIR CONTINUED CONNECTION TO AND BELIEF IN UNION AND THEIR SUPPORT HAS MADE A HUGE DIFFERENCE AS WE STRENGTHEN THE COLLEGE.

ALSO PROFILED IN THIS ISSUE IS UNION GRADUATE LINDA KLEIN ’80. LINDA IS THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION—A REMARKABLE HONOR AND TESTIMONY TO THE LEADERSHIP SHE’S PROVIDED TO HER PROFESSION.

NOT SURPRISINGLY, SHE RESPONDED GENEROUSLY TO OUR REQUEST THAT SHE COME BACK TO UNION TO SHARE HER EXPERIENCES AND HER VISION FOR THE LEGAL PROFESSION WITH OUR STUDENTS. BY DOING SO, SHE UNDOUBTEDLY INSPIRED FUTURE LAWYERS AND LIFTED THE SIGHTS OF THE TALENTED YOUNG PEOPLE WHO CONTINUE TO CHOOSE UNION. BOTH SHE AND THEY BECAME CONNECTED IN SO MANY WAYS AND, IMPORTANTLY, LINDA DEEPENED AN ALREADY STRONG CONNECTION TO TODAY’S UNION.

YOU WILL READ ABOUT MANY OTHERS IN THIS MAGAZINE WHO INSPIRE US BY THEIR EXAMPLE, WHO CONTINUE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR UNION AND ITS STUDENTS, AND WHO HAVE MAINTAINED OR RENEWED THEIR CONNECTION TO THE COLLEGE. YES, UNION IS A LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP. I HOPE IT REMAINS SO FOR YOU.
CUBA STORY MISSED THE MARK

I was appalled that the focus of the article was on the high literacy rates and free healthcare and meals supplied under Castro's communist regime. “Discovering Cuba,” Spring 2016 Did those students really not learn any balanced view about Cuba and communism? Maybe take a peek into Cuba's stagnant economy, its historic reliance on external economic aid, and most importantly, its horrible human rights violations and ruthless oppression of political opposition? It's swell that everyone can read and write. Too bad they can't use their literacy to enjoy free speech or a free press.

— Susan Mautner '92

REMEMBERING CUBA

‘Discovering Cuba’ [Spring 2016] reminded me of my own trip to Cuba in 1959. I was a delegate from Union at the U.S. National Student Association, which had been invited by the Cuban Federation of Students to “Visit Our Revolution.” Our Cuban hosts could not have been kinder, and we Americans asked a lot of questions about the strength of the Catholicism, their commitment to democracy and the impact of the revolution on daily life. The highlight was attending an address with Castro himself, in green uniform with a pistol at his hip and bodyguards ever present. He spoke for 90 minutes, all in Spanish, but said nothing different from earlier speeches. However, we did feel the intensity and devotion to the cause for which the new government had fought. The trip to Cuba set in motion my real interest in the world, its institutions, its people and how things work and helped confirm my path to a career in international business. The critical thinking, careful examination of the facts and care for people, which began at Union, have served me well.

— Kenneth S. Hoyt '59

Mr. Hoyt is the retired president of KSH International, an international technology management consultancy.

THE CDC AND LYME DISEASE

Ms. Judd’s comprehensive article is to be applauded. I've been treating Lyme disease for 30 years since I came up from the NIH. It is easily diagnosed and treated. However, the CDC and anointed experts muddied the field with misinformation. In '88 I described a group of patients who got a small dose of antibiotics soon after they were infected. These folks developed chronic symptoms but never developed antibodies, they were seronegative. Inexplicably, the CDC endorsed a single antibiotic dose regimen which left people both chronically infected and lacking the indicative blood test. Curiously, the head of one of the CDC’s own divisions showed the single-dose regimen left 80 percent of newly infected mice chronically infected. Also, the CDC insisted that a positive blood test must have 5-10 antibody reactivates when one characteristic band is sufficient. Lyme disease is said to be confined to the Northeast when it’s a nationwide epidemic. It is difficult to understand why an agency tasked with protecting our health could behave so.

— Dr. David Volkman '66

Professor emeritus, medicine and pediatrics, SUNY Stony Brook
Mass. Gov. gives grads lesson in history

Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker offered some practical advice for the Class of 2016: Don’t be a jerk. Don’t settle for average. And don’t be afraid to fail.

“I would ask all of you to appreciate the value and the importance of civility in your personal and professional lives,” Baker told the 550 members of the Class of 2016.

The governor, the father of graduate Andrew (A.J.) Baker, praised President Chester Arthur, Class of 1848, who he said “treated everyone with dignity and respect” and lived “by a code that was built on trust and decency.”

Baker said Arthur was an inspiration, a “standup guy” who eschewed the rough-and-tumble politics of his day.

“It might be hard sometimes to turn the other cheek, but over time, it will serve you well,” he said. “As my dad has often said, ‘When people see two folks fighting, you can be pretty sure one of them is a jerk.’ Don’t be the jerk.”

Baker, elected in November 2014, was inaugurated Jan. 8, 2015, as the commonwealth’s 72nd governor. A Republican, he previously served as a cabinet member in the administrations of Gov. William Weld and the late Gov. Paul Cellucci.

He urged the class to not be deterred by failure. “I ran against former Gov. Deval Patrick in 2010 and lost,” he said. “I learned a ton from the experience, and I sincerely doubt I would have won in 2014 if I hadn’t run and lost in 2010.”

Baker received an honorary doctorate of laws degree. Receiving an honorary doctor of letters degree was William H. Kimbel, the Virginia M. Ullman Professor of Natural History and the Environment at Arizona State University’s School of Human Evolution and Social Change. As director of ASU’s Institute of Human Origins, he is a preeminent researcher in the field of early human origins.

In his charge to the graduates, President Stephen C. Ainlay recounted a number of their accomplishments, both academically and in the
Denim Day, a campaign against erroneous and destructive attitudes about sexual assault, is observed. The campus community is asked to make a social statement by wearing jeans as a visible means of protest against the misconceptions that surround sexual assault.

community. This included supporting the Boys and Girls Club, the Heritage Home for Women, the City Mission, Schenectady Schools, Habitat for Humanity and a host of other organizations.

He expressed appreciation for their input in a series of campus infrastructure projects such as Karp Hall, the conceptual plans for a new dining hall, the renovation of the Visual Arts Building and the design of the co-generation plan. He also praised them for their role in updating the College’s motto to reflect today’s Union.

Student speaker Alexandra Speak reminded her classmates of the bonds created over the past four years, the lessons learned and the challenges that await. “My call to action for the 550 of you before me is to understand this privilege we have been given,” said Speak, an economics major from Montreal.

Also, William Keat, professor of mechanical engineering, was announced as the winner of the Stillman Prize for Excellence in Teaching, which will be presented at Convocation in the fall.

Therese McCarty, the Stephen J. and Diane K. Ciesinski Dean of the Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs, officiated her 11th and final commencement. She is stepping down to return to the Economics Department. Ainlay thanked McCarty for her “exemplary and generous service” to Union.

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What’s in a name? At Commencement, a lot

Commencement can be a stressful time, perhaps most especially for the person whose job it is to accurately read the name of every graduating student.

A recent survey found that hearing one’s name called over the public address system is overwhelmingly the most important issue for graduates and their families.

For the last 11 years, the role of pronouncing each graduate’s name has fallen to Therese McCarty, the Stephen J. and Diane K. Ciesinski Dean of the Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

This year’s Commencement was McCarty’s last; she stepped down as dean at the end of the academic year to return to the classroom. By the time this year’s ceremony ended with the reading of the 550 or so names, McCarty had learned the proper pronunciation of nearly 5,000 Union graduates.

“It’s a big job,” said McCarty. “It’s both a challenge and a joy. But I find it very worthwhile because it matters to people.”

McCarty said has been “tremendously helpful.” Students record their names, and McCarty can listen and practice, much like language-learning software.

Starting about two weeks before Commencement, McCarty practices at home. Often her husband and daughter provide an audience.

Still, there are challenges. Many names have been Americanized. McCarty has to resist the urge to pronounce the name the way she believes is right since the same can have various pronunciations. She has discovered that even parents and students can have different opinions on how to say a name.

Pace is nearly as important as pronunciation. McCarty allows an average of about six seconds for each name, to ensure there is no backup on the stage as students enter and exit when called. She also tries to avoid falling into a monotonous buzz, no easy task when reading off more than 500 names in front of a restless audience in the midst of a two-hour ceremony.

Despite all the preparation, McCarty has stumbled a time or two over the years. She regrets those moments, and has sent a note of apology to the student when she is aware of an error.

Otherwise, there have been few complaints.

Shortly after noon on Sunday, June 12, McCarty read from a 12-page spreadsheet the final name from the Class of 2016, Qin Zhou.

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Fifth annual PRIDE Walk celebrates LGBTQ members of the Union community and beyond. The walk is part of a larger week of activities that included a presentation of the “Queer Monologues,” a bagel brunch and more.

Members of U-Sustain plant Green Mountain sugar maple in honor of Arbor Day. Union’s meticulously maintained landscape includes about 1,300 major shade trees, 650 flowering shrubs, and 5,000 shrubs and smaller trees.
The Model United Nations team received several distinctions for participation in a NYC event: Delegates from 7 of 8 committees won Outstanding Position Paper Awards, Union’s overall delegation earned a Distinguished Delegation Award.

Union College Hillel observes Yom HaShoah. Murray Jaros, a Holocaust survivor, speaks about his experiences. Jaros was only a boy when Nazi forces infiltrated their village in the summer of 1941. He and his family escaped, and they were on the run, seeking food and shelter at various farms, for several months, until the war ended.

Meet your new alumni trustee

Matthew Cohen ’98, Union College’s newest alumni trustee, began his four-year term July 1.

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VOTTOS RETURN TO CAMPUS

Members of the Votto family returned to campus in April to share tips and advice about their entrepreneurial endeavors.

Amanda Votto ’00, a physician assistant specializing in cardiology, spoke with the Pre-Health Society. Offering insight into her education at Union and career, she also focused on her new venture, the Divine Within, dedicated to the practice of mindfulness. Learn more at divinewithin.me

Amanda’s husband, Michael Votto ’00, and his cousin, Stephen Votto ’08, met with the Entrepreneur’s Club. The duo spoke about their time at Union and the business they co-founded. Votto Vines Importing focuses on importing and wholesale distribution of wines from around the world as well as high-profile, private label and wine licensing transactions. Mike, CEO, and Stephen, CFO, also held a wine-tasting event with the President’s Council.

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Research reverberates on campus during Steinmetz Symposium

For centuries, hair has been an integral part of African-American culture, often serving as a racial marker for black identity. Beginning with the first African slaves being brought to the “New World” in 1441, that unique identity has been methodically stripped from the culture.

In a classroom in Karp Hall on May 6, Olivia Britton ’18 tried to untangle the roots of black hair, its styles and its role today in shaping one’s identity.

‘Hair is now being used as a vehicle to promote self-love and dignity, and to reclaim and adopt the black identity once again,’ said Britton.

A double major in political science and anthropology from New Hempstead, N.Y., she was part of Union’s annual celebration of undergraduate research—Steinmetz Symposium.

In 26 years, the symposium has grown from 130 students to more than 500—with nearly 300 oral presentations and more than 65 poster presentations. Some 200 students are involved in a dance performance, musical concerts, an art exhibit and other activities.

Overseen by Rebecca 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.

“I love Steinmetz,” said Britton. She also presented as a first-year student. “It’s a great opportunity to show your peers the work you have been doing.”

Stephen Hoeprich ’16 explained tempo-sensing feedback system for student conductors. Andrew Fellows ’16 expounded on the economics of edible insects. Eliza Burbano ’16 discussed the persistence of patriarchy in Latin America, while Cara Peterhansel ’16 gave a poetic response to the life and work of Virginia Woolf. And Yuki Shimano ’17 examined the art of specimen reconstruction through biological illustrations.

The day began with a breakfast of regional science, business and government leaders featuring remarks by Thomas Caulfield, senior vice president and general manager of GlobalFoundries, and father of Matthew Caulfield ’19.

In the afternoon, more than 90 performers took to the stage in the Nott Memorial for the Lothridge Festival of Dance. The show included highlights from this year’s Winter Dance Concert, “Minds of Interest,” inspired

“Fuddy Meers” comes to Yulman Theater. The play is a story that involves amnesiac Claire, a kidnapping, and revelations that only the resulting mayhem could uncover. William Finlay, chair of the Theatre and Dance Department, directs the performance.

Linda A. Klein ’80, right, a prominent Atlanta attorney who recently became president-elect of the American Bar Association, returned to campus to give a talk, introduced by Abby Hollander ’16. Her visit was sponsored by the Alumni Speaker Series.
PROF. MARY CARROLL NAMED FELLOW OF ACS

Mary K. Carroll ’86, professor of chemistry, has been named a fellow of the American Chemistry Society in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the field and to ACS, the world’s largest scientific society.

ACS recognized Carroll for the establishment of a highly productive, cross-disciplinary research group of faculty and students that has developed and patented an alternate approach to preparing aerogels, highly porous nanostructures that have applications as insulators and chemical sensors.

Long active in ACS, Carroll served as councilor for the Eastern New York Local Section since 1998 and chaired the Society Committee on Education from 2010 to 2012, where she was instrumental in establishing the Undergraduate Programs Advisory Board.

Carroll, who holds a B.S. in chemistry from Union and a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from Indiana University, was the first Union alumna to return to campus as a tenure-track professor, in 1992.

She has a long-standing involvement with undergraduate research, including serving as Union’s director of undergraduate research. She has sponsored a number of students for the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, summer research and the Steinmetz Symposium.

From 1992 to 1994, she held the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Assistant Professorship in Chemistry at Union. In 1996, she was awarded Union’s Stillman Prize for Excellence in Teaching.
Creating a culture of creativity

When Hristina Milojevic ’15 was dreaming up plans for a space that would foster a culture of creativity by bringing together students from all disciplines, she had one request.

“She kept using the word ‘fun,’” said College Librarian Frances Maloy. “And that’s so important for brainstorming, generating ideas and solving problems. Fun is an important element.”

Maloy spoke in May at the dedication of Union’s Idea Lab, an interdisciplinary project designed to foster innovative thinking.

Located in the basement of Schaffer Library, the 1,376-square-foot space consists of three meeting rooms and an open area. Whiteboards, flexible furniture and sticky notes grace the space.

Despite its subterranean location, the space is in the center of campus, and fits in with the College’s original design of creating areas that bring people together.

Since opening at the beginning of the academic year, the Idea Lab has attracted dozens of students brimming with energy who have collaborated on a diverse mix of unique projects.

“It’s a place where people run into each other and share great ideas,” said Therese McCarty, the Stephen J. and Diane K. Ciesinski Dean of the Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs. “Surely the things that students create will be on the shelves here, but also in other forms of media the library supports.”

That’s exactly what Milojevic envisioned a couple of years ago.

A mechanical engineering major, Milojevic became Union’s first University Innovation Fellow in 2014. A highly selective program, it’s designed to help foster entrepreneurship and innovation among students nationwide.

Funded by the National Science Foundation and directed by Stanford University, the program empowers student leaders to increase campus engagement with entrepreneurship, innovation, creativity, design thinking and venture creation.

Sean Farrell ’17 was named a University Innovation Fellow last year. When Milojevic graduated, he continued her project.

“I hope many generations of students and their peers will continue to expand upon the concept of the Idea Lab and use it for class projects, after-class discussions and a place for inspiration,” said Milojevic via Skype from her native Serbia. She is on break from her graduate studies at the University of Southern California.

The dedication of the lab coincided with the pinning ceremony for Union’s latest group of University Innovation Fellows. They are: Luke McCaffrey ’18, Lakhena Leang ’18, Arielle Singer ’18, Robert Barsamian ’17 and Vera Marsova ’18.
Environmental protection and progress on climate change requires a strong, diverse, and inclusive movement, said Sierra Club President Aaron Mair in the keynote talk of the College’s Adirondack Week in May.

Mair, a Schenectady native, spoke on “The Value of Wilderness” as part of a series of events focused on the Adirondacks.

On the Adirondacks, he noted that the “forever wild” clause for the region created a model for the Sierra Club and its role in preserving wilderness at the national level.

“The Adirondacks is one of our greatest treasures,” he said. “Protecting and expanding the region will make it that much more valuable and rich for future generations.”

Over 30 years, Mair led a decade-long battle that shut down a solid waste incinerator in inner-city Albany and brought a settlement award to that community. He also was a key figure in the Sierra Club’s involvement in the upper Hudson River campaign, which resulted in a settlement between the EPA and GE to dredge PCBs from the river.

Among other events in Adirondack Week, the College presented two exhibits, “Grassroots Activism and the American Wilderness: Pioneers in the 20th Century Adirondack Park Conservation Movement” and “The Kelly Adirondack Center: From Family Home to Academic Institution;” a talk by environmental entrepreneur Tony C. Anderson; a panel discussion on the “State of the Arts in the Adirondack Park;” and the fourth annual Adirondack Fair.

The Nott Memorial is among landmarks featured in a new adult coloring book, “Our Colorful Capital Region.” Published by the Times Union, the $12 paperback includes 28 drawings by editorial artist Jeff Boyer based on the work of the newspaper’s photographers.

Eight members of the Class of 2016 are the newest Minerva Fellows. They will work in developing countries while paired up with social entrepreneurial organizations. They are: Johnny Martin and Zibusiso Dhlamini (Ecuador), Matt Wolford and Brianna Caruccio (Uganda), Allison Borek and Emily Meyers (Cambodia), Andrew Fellows (Ghana), and David Roy (South Africa).
Celebrating ReUnion 2016

More than 2,000 alumni and guests came home to celebrate the Union community at ReUnion 2016.

Besides the traditional class dinners, Alumni Parade, convocation, picnic and fireworks, this year featured a panel on journalism with three generations of Wall Street Journal reporters. Barry Newman ’67, Matthew Futterman ’91 and Joanna Stern ’06 have more than a half-century of experience reporting for the Journal. They shared their experiences at the nation’s largest newspaper and discussed the rapidly changing landscape of journalism.

At the Alumni Convocation, President Stephen C. Ainlay remarked that the sense of community at Union, as evidenced by overflow crowds at events both on- and off-campus, has never been stronger.

Citing top rankings, record applications and strong alumni support, Ainlay said that perhaps the most important measure of the College’s strength can be seen in the students, particularly the Class of 2016. “Talk to them about what they have accomplished,” he said. “When other colleges across this country were brought to their knees over issues related to diversity, this College stood together to affirm the values of diversity and to oppose persecution and harassment wherever it occurs and whatever form it takes.”

The president also recalled a note from an alumnus who referred to the campus energy as “lightning in a bottle.”

“That is about you,” he said. “It’s about the Class of 2016. It’s a great institution, one you can be proud of, one that is worthy of your support, one that is worthy of your membership. It is lightning in a bottle.”

Peter Durkin ’16, senior student trustee, cited a number of student accomplishments including a march of solidarity against discrimination, a revised motto to include the word “soeurs” (sisters) to reflect the College’s co-educational mission and the establishment of Zipcar on campus.

Mark Webster ’88, co-chair of the Annual Fund, announced class gifts totaling more than $10 million, with the Class of 1976 giving a total of $6 million.

Andrew Kelly ’46, the oldest participant, celebrating his 70th ReUnion, got a standing ovation.

Susanna Ryan Berger ’99, president of the Alumni Council presented Alumni Gold Medals to James Taylor ’66, president and CEO of Taylor Made Group; Kelly Williams ’86, senior advisor to GCM Grove, and John Sciortino ’81 (posthumously), founding partner of law firm Segar & Sciortino. Ann Fleming Brown, director of Admissions, received the Faculty Meritorious Service Award.

“ReUnion 2016 was a great success with alumni and friends back to celebrate Union and reconnect,” said Marna Redding, director of Alumni and Parent Engagement. “The weekend celebrated all that makes Union special and offered time for classmates to remember and reflect. Thanks to those of you who came home, we look forward to welcoming you back next year.”

The 50th ReUnion Class of 1966 received the Anable Cup for the greatest participation and the McClellan Cup for greatest class percentage. The Class of 1956 received the Van Voast/Class of 1941 Cup for best costume. The Class of 1991 received the Class of 1943 ReUnion Award for greatest ReUnion effort.
Liberal arts & engineering symposium features leader in STEM education

Freeman Hrabowski III, a prominent leader in science and math education, delivered the keynote address—“Inclusive Excellence Across the Disciplines”—at the College’s ninth symposium on integrating a liberal education with engineering in June.

“The power of the liberal arts education is in thinking broadly about ways of getting people not in our disciplines to understand those disciplines and their impact on all of society,” he said.

“Teachers touch eternity,” he told the audience of higher ed teachers and administrators. “What we do not only changes the lives broadly of society, but we have the opportunity to touch people every day.”

President of UMBC (University of Maryland, Baltimore County) since 1992, Hrabowski is a consultant to national agencies, universities and school systems.

He was selected by President Obama to chair the new President’s Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans. He also chaired the National Academies’ committee that produced the report, “Expanding Underrepresented Minority Participation: America’s Science and Technology Talent at the Crossroads.”

Hrabowski has been named one of the 100 Most Influential People in the World by TIME and one of America’s Best Leaders by U.S. News & World Report.

Born in segregated Birmingham, Ala., Hrabowski was a child leader in the civil rights movement. In 1963, when he was 12, Hrabowski participated in the Children’s Crusade march. He was arrested and spent five days in jail. He appeared in Spike Lee’s 1997 documentary, Four Little Girls, about the racially motivated bombing in 1963 of Birmingham’s 16th Street Baptist Church.

Hrabowski is the author of Holding Fast to Dreams: Empowering Youth from the Civil Rights Crusade to STEM Achievement.

The two-day symposium featured a number of presentations and workshops that explore pedagogical approaches to teaching engineering in a liberal arts context.

It was funded in part by the Laurence W. Levine ’52 and Barry Traub ’53 Endowed Lecture Fund.
Adventures
(or lessons in
Adirondacks)
“I heard a rumor this was going to be a really fun class.” That’s why Chris Graff ’16 signed up for the inaugural “Adirondacks and American Environmental History” course this spring. Well, that and—as a European history major—he wanted to take at least one American history class before graduating.

Either way, the course didn’t disappoint. Developed by Associate Professor of History Andrew Morris, it makes a case study of Adirondack environmental history within the context of broader American environmental history.

Some of the fun included a field trip to an Adirondack ghost town and an abandoned iron works, a five-mile trek (one way) to a stunning lake and 19th-century great camp, and an overnight adventure with paddling, s’mores and a hike to an old fire tower (and some quintessential black flies, too).
"The field trips really helped give me a greater appreciation for the region," Graff said, "especially since I had very little experience with the Adirondacks before the course."

And that’s exactly why Morris incorporated them.

“That sense of place was really important in the development of different attitudes toward the Adirondack environment and region,” Morris said. “It was vital to get students up there so they could have their feet on the ground and the landscape in their memories.”

Henry Scherck ’16 certainly won’t forget the hike to Santanoni, a great camp near Newcomb, N.Y.

“Some of my most poignant experiences at Union have been labs—I’ve been able to go into caves and study volcanoes,” said Scherck, who majored in political science and classics. “I feel like labs are what’s missing from the humanities and social sciences.”

“But you get that with this class. You get to go to the Adirondacks. Santanoni is art. It’s hard to imagine what that is without being there. You can really feel it,
“The field trips really helped give me a greater appreciation for the region, especially since I had very little experience with the Adirondacks before the course.” —CHRIS GRAFF ’16
Early Industrial History (1800s–1890s)

"Up until the early 1800s, nobody thought the Adirondacks were good for much of anything. The landscape also discouraged settlement. It was very rough for what was primarily an agricultural society," Morris said. "People went for greener grass, literally. It was also economically and technologically unfeasible to make much use of the multitude of timber."

So the Adirondacks remained relatively unexplored until the 1820s, when technologies like the steamboat and railroad made it possible for remote regions with near limitless resources to be integrated into the growing, industrializing national economy, Morris said.

"Nature was seen almost exclusively as something to be utilized for the growth of human societies," Morris explained. "In the Adirondacks, it was the bark from hemlock trees—an essential ingredient in the tanning process for leather—that was the first to be intensively exploited."

Then came mining, mostly for iron ore, and logging for timber.

Most mining took place on the eastern edge of the Adirondacks, where the ore could be floated out on Lake Champlain and taken to market, Morris said. That wasn’t the case for the Adirondack Iron Works, which Morris’s class visited. Situated in the mountainous interior near what is now Newcomb, N.Y., the operation dammed the Hudson River. This made it possible to float iron ore out and move the timber that fed the mine’s charcoal kilns, and built the mining town called Adirondac.

"People were modifying the landscape left and right," Morris said. "These mining sites left very visible scars on the landscape.”

Some of those scars are still visible at the Tahawus titanium mine site, Newcomb, N.Y.

"The size of the furnace shocked me. We stood at the base of it to take a group picture and all I could think about was how people back in the 1800s could have built such a massive and complex structure that today is still in a very remote location."

—CHRIS GRAFF ’16

Yet even as these remote locations were being mined and logged, ideas about what all this wilderness was good for were beginning to shift.

“Christy Brown ’17
Did You Know?

THE VILLAGE OF ADIRONDAC (ADIRONDACK IRON WORKS):

- Has some of the highest grade iron ore deposits in the Northeast
- Was the first geographic application of name Adirondac (with/out the ‘k’)
- Provided iron for the first steel produced in the U.S. (at company’s New Jersey works)
- Has the rare distinction of being ghost town twice: abandoned 1856, reoccupied 1876, abandoned again 1963
- Was famous for extraction of iron and titanium dioxide: iron at Upper Works (1826-1856), titanium at Tahawus, three miles south (1940-1989)
- Remains one of the largest titanium dioxide ore deposits in the U.S.

Source: Paul B. Hai, program coordinator, Northern Forest Institute, ESF Newcomb Campus.
Did You Know?

CAMP SANTANONI

- Only Adirondack great camp owned by State of New York and completely open to public
- Camp derives its name from mountain it sits under, which in turn is named for Saint Anthony (it was changed by Native Americans during early Jesuit conversion attempts)
- Owner Robert Pruyn’s commitment to self-sufficiency resulted in state-of-the-art dairy, which produced enough milk and produce for regular delivery to family’s home in Albany
- Farm complex alone included over 20 buildings
- Then-NYS Gov. Theodore Roosevelt visited at least once, signing guestbook in May 1899 and staying the weekend

Learn more at www.aarch.org/preserve/santanoni

Source: Paul B. Hai, program coordinator, Northern Forest Institute, ESF Newcomb Campus

Top: Camp Santanoni
Middle: Remains of a barn, Camp Santanoni farm
Bottom: Anouk Nouet ’18 signs trail register at Camp Santanoni trail head.
Shifting Idea of Wilderness (1860s–1890s)

“It’s not too long into the early industrial period that we see movement away from this idea of wilderness as a foreboding place that needs to be subdued,” Morris said. “By the 1830s or so, the Hudson River School of artists sees a spiritual power in these landscapes.”

“It’s the idea that this is a place man hasn’t touched, where there is direct evidence of what God originally created on earth. The idea that you can encounter God directly in the wilderness, that you can be spiritually renewed there.”

But the notion that the Adirondacks were good for something other than iron and wood doesn’t become popular until after the Civil War. By then, people of means were looking at wilderness as an attractive place for leisure and physical healing, away from swelling urban centers.

Between 1860 and 1900, New York City’s population exploded from 1.2 million to 3.4 million.

“In the late 1800s, the people who went up to the Adirondacks were members of the wealthy upper class from the cities (mainly New York), who were trying to escape the crowds and garbage,” Graff said. “The fresh air of the Adirondacks was also thought to have positive health benefits, especially for tuberculosis patients, and many sanitariums sprung up in the Adirondacks.”

Another driving factor in this craving to escape urban life were books like those written by William Murray. His Adventures in the Wilderness (or Camp Life in the Adirondacks), was the inspiration for many.

Released in 1869, and republished numerous times, the book “really speaks to this desire for physical adventure, for hunting and fishing,” Morris said. “But it’s also literally a guide book with how-to advice, what-to-take lists, how-to-get-there directions, and railroad timetables.”

Some of those who followed Murray’s advice built their own havens in the Adirondacks. Robert Pruyn, a prominent Albany businessman and banker, built Santanoni, the great camp Morris’s class visited.

Roughly 35 of these sprawling rustic estates (which left little comfort unfulfilled) were built in the Adirondacks. Santanoni, mostly completed by 1892–93, was established after Pruyn amassed some 12,500 acres, according to Adirondack Architectural Heritage.

The retreat included three main groups of buildings. The gatehouse complex boasted a massive stone gateway, a caretaker’s home, and wagon sheds. The farm complex included huge barns, four farmhouses, a stone creamery, chicken house, kennels and smokehouse. The main camp, five miles in from the gatehouse, consisted of a main lodge that was actually six separate buildings. About 1,500 trees were used in its construction.

Much of Santanoni remains in superb condition.

“It made me reminisce, I hadn’t been in the Adirondacks much in six years,” Scherck said. “I hadn’t experienced the level of quiet that you get at Santanoni in a long time. The kind where you can’t hear anything but your own ears ringing and you just bask in the silence.”

Pruyn and his rich peers certainly weren’t roughing it in the woods, but their presence was indicative of this shifting idea of wilderness.

“The great camps demonstrated that the wealthy elite were beginning to value the American landscape. Rather than spend months abroad in Paris or Rome, families like the Rockefellers, Vanderbilts and Durants constructed rustic palaces in the Adirondacks.” —CHRIS GRAFF ’16

Artists studio at Camp Santanoni
The Adirondacks & Conservation (1880s–90s)

But early conservation was less about preservation and more about safeguarding the economy that bolstered the fortunes of the urban wealthy.

“Lumber companies devastated large tracts of land,” Graff said. “Movement to protect the Adirondacks wasn’t from some altruistic desire to save nature. People worried that deforestation would damage the Adirondack watershed, which supplied the Hudson River and Erie Canal, two vital transportation highways of the day.”

“Another concern was that the timber would be completely depleted, and some wanted the forest to be managed so it could be lumbered more effectively,” he added.

Theodore Roosevelt, for instance, who is often remembered as “the conservation president,” believed that forests could—and should—be responsibly managed. He also appreciated their scenic and recreational value, something he learned, in part, in the Adirondacks.

“Roosevelt, who was also governor of New York, was involved in the movement in the Adirondacks before getting involved in what was happening on a national level,” Graff said.

In fact, Roosevelt was hiking Mt. Marcy (the highest peak in the Adirondacks), when President William McKinley was assassinated in 1901.

During the 8 years that followed, according to the National Park Foundation, Roosevelt established the U.S. Forest Service, 51 wildlife refuges, 150 national forests and five national parks.

He also added land to Yosemite, originally created as the second national park (Yellowstone was the first) in 1890.

Protections were also given to the Adirondacks in the late 1880s. But they were different. Unlike national parks, logging wasn’t banned outright. Restrictions in the Adirondacks were initially meant to foster a responsible lumber industry, like those applied to national forests.

“The Adirondack Forest Preserve was created in 1885 out of land that New York owned, where cutting of timber would be regulated by the state,” Morris said. “But this didn’t end up working out, there was still a lot of illegal logging.”

“So by 1892, we get the creation of the Adirondack Park,” he continued. “This draws a line around the area the state is most interested in protecting, where the state will concentrate its efforts to acquire lands.”

And this is where it can get confusing. Because unlike national parks—totally public in all aspects—the Adirondack Park is both public and private.

The park—everything inside the so-called blue line—are the private lands the state of New York is most interested in buying and adding to the preserve. (It’s called the blue line, incidentally, because it was originally a line drawn in blue on a map.)

The preserve is public land that has New York’s famous “forever wild” protection.

“Because logging abuses still continued after 1892, an amendment to the state constitution was adopted in 1894,” Morris said.

The first two sentences read: “The lands of the state, now owned and hereafter acquired, constituting the forest preserve as now fixed by law, shall be forever kept as wild forest lands. They shall not be leased, sold or exchanged, nor taken by any corporation, private or public, nor shall the timber thereon be sold, removed or destroyed.”

Today, the preserve amounts to 2.6 million acres of the 6 million acre park. And many areas in the park that are privately owned are still open to logging and other industry. But for preserve lands, protection is strict.

The amendment gives New York the distinction of being the only U.S. entity—state or federal—to grant constitutional protection to wilderness.

Students in “Adirondacks and American Environmental History” met twice a week at Union’s Kelly Adirondack Center, the former home of Paul Schaefer, a prominent leader of the Adirondack conservation movement (1930s–1996). Schaefer’s legacy—his life’s work and his extensive Adirondack Research Library (housed at the center)—was invaluable to students. To learn more about Schaefer and the Kelly Adirondack Center, visit www.union.edu/magazine
JOEL TYLER HEADLEY, 
Class of 1839
Minister and writer who penned one of the first books dedicated entirely to the Adirondacks. *Adirondac; or Life in the Woods* was published in 1849, and inspired many others to visit the area he wrote so passionately about.

WILLIAM JAMES STILLMAN, 
Class of 1848
Author and artist who spent several summers in Adirondacks, including a famous one at Follensby Pond with likes of Ralph Waldo Emerson and James Russell Lowell. It became known as “The Philosopher’s Camp” and inspired Emerson’s poem, “The Adirondacs.”

FRANKLIN B. HOUGH, 
Class of 1843
First federal forestry expert and chief of U.S. Division of Forestry (created 1881), he called for urgent reform to responsibly manage Adirondack forests, as well as the nation’s forests. The Adirondack Forest Preserve was created in 1885, followed by the U.S. Forest Preserve in 1891.

WILLIAM F. FOX, 
Class of 1860
Superintendent of forests in NYS, he developed policies and programs about fire protection, tree nurseries, forestry research. Under his tenure, the Adirondack Forest Preserve grew from 715,000 acres to more than 1.6 million acres.

OSWALD D. HECK, 
Class of 1924
Speaker of NYS Assembly during Black River Dam Wars, he used his influence to fight hydroelectric dam construction on Moose River. He supported amendment to state constitution specifically forbidding construction of any dams in Adirondack Forest Preserve.

“I didn’t realize Union was so connected to the Adirondacks ... but historically, we’ve been there in a big way.” – HENRY SCHERCK ’16

Professor Andrew Morris tells his class about the floor-to-ceiling Adirondack relief map in the Kelly Adirondack Center.

Union’s Adirondack Alumni

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John Wold ’38 
donates $5M in memory
The bonds between a man and his alma mater are strong. They are enduring. But perhaps none have endured longer or grown stronger than the bonds between Union College and John S. Wold ’38. The Casper, Wyo., man, who celebrated his 100th birthday Aug. 31, has devoted his long life to making remarkable things happen. Here at Union, and well beyond. This summer, Wold made his most recent gift to the College—$5 million in memory of his wife, Jane, who died Nov. 18, 2015, at the age of 92. They were married for 70 years.

Its designation yet to be announced, the gift will further advance the extraordinary things that the Wolds have already done for Union. Together, they gave a $20 million gift that made possible the Peter Irving Wold Center, named for John’s father, who chaired the Physics Department from 1920 to 1945. The gift also established the John and Jane Wold Professorship in Religious Studies, supported Wold House, and established the John and Jane Wold Professorship in Geology.

Such unbridled generosity has been born of a bond that began to form long before Wold was ever a Dutchman. A self-described “campus kid,” he grew up at Union. While his father led the Physics Department, the family resided in North College, in the building that is now Wold House. And on his daily walk home from school, young Wold
habitually visited the place where old Geology Department specimens were discarded.

“I would paw through those samples and eventually built up a pretty nice collection of minerals from around the world,” Wold told the Union College alumni magazine in 2003. “That dump was one of the first things that got me interested in geology.”

He went on to play hockey at Union and was a St. Andrew’s University Exchange Scholar, and a member of Terrace Council, the Sigma Xi science honor society and Alpha Delta Phi fraternity.

Then he earned a master’s of science in geology from Cornell University before becoming one of the world’s most successful and innovative geologists.

And Wold, founder and president of Wold Oil Properties, Inc., has always made sure this success was not just his,
Joseph Wold ’10 even surprised his grandfather—Wold didn’t know the younger man was planning to be there for it all.

but everyone’s. His generosity has done incredible things for science and science education at the likes of Casper College, Casey Eye Institute (macular degeneration research), University of Wyoming and Cornell University.

Jane, a prominent philanthropist in her own right, volunteered tirelessly. She helped with the founding of Casper’s Planned Parenthood chapter and was a past Casper YMCA board member, receiving the YMCA Distinguished Service Award in 2013.

Of why philanthropy has been so important, Wold posed this question to the Natrona County Republican Party in 2014: “As you look back on your life, what have you done to leave the world a better place to live in than when you came aboard?”

A trustee emeritus at Union, Wold is a former U.S congresswoman who served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, first as a consulting physicist and later as a gunnery officer. He was instrumental in the exploration and development of the second largest talc mine in North America. He was also the genius behind trona production in southeastern Wyoming.

In 2015, he received the Energy Pioneer award from the Wyoming Natural Gas Fair Association, the latest in numerous accolades for his trailblazing creativity in the energy industry.

Union recognized Wold’s visionary achievements much earlier. First in 1999, with the Eliphalet Nott Medal, which honors the perseverance of distinguished alumni who have attained great distinction in their fields. And again in 2008, when Union bestowed an honorary doctor of science degree on Wold. President Stephen C. Ainlay, Judith Gardner Ainlay and others at Union were also among the first to wish Wold the happiest of birthdays—a few months early—when he visited campus in June (Ainlay joined the family celebration in Casper in August, as well). Wold enjoyed a party hosted by the students of Wold House, a tour of the Wold Center and time spent with geology students and faculty, and the men’s ice hockey team. Joseph Wold ’10 even surprised his grandfather—Wold didn’t know the younger man was planning to be there for it all.
On the hunt for all hops, slithers and
Students in “Herpetology: Biology of Amphibians and Reptiles,” taught by Senior Lecturer Barbara Pytel, had a blast hunting for frogs, snakes, turtles and salamanders on a number of field trips this spring. In-class topics included structural and functional characteristics, reproductive adaptations, and evolutionary relationships within the Amphibia and Reptilia, and among other vertebrate groups. Special emphasis was given to local fauna (which students happily got to know on outings like this one to Helderberg Workshop near Voorheesville, N.Y., in May). Al Breisch, retired New York State Department of Environmental Conservation wildlife biologist and author of *The Amphibians and Reptiles of New York State*, helped Pytel lead this field trip.

Top, Al Breisch examines salamanders with King Mazumdar ’17 and Kathryn Martin ’17.

Middle, a brown snake (*Storeria dekayi*).

Bottom, Tacia Angelopoulos ’18 with a brown snake (*Storeria dekayi*)
Barb Pytel and Al Breisch discuss salamanders with students.

A spring peeper (Pseudacris crucifer)
Right, Jacqueline Sharry ’18 and a green frog (Rana clamitans)
Students hunt for frogs and newts with Barb Pytel and Al Breisch.

Left, an Eastern (red-spotted) newt (Notophthalmus viridescens)

Above, Daniel Mayne ’16 shows off a green frog (Rana clamitans).
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 a glimpse of the diverse and intriguing work they do.

Laura MacManus-Spencer, associate professor of chemistry (with Paul Hebert ’10, Megan O’Connor ’12, Michael Morris ’14, Andrew Glaser ’16, Jake Ulrich ’17)

Don’t drink the water. That’s what people from Flint, Mich., to a little New York town called Hoosick Falls have been hearing.

In Flint, it’s lead. We all know what that is. In Hoosick Falls, it’s perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA). Never heard of it? Well, it’s probably in your kitchen or closet, and almost definitely in your body.

PFOA is a type of perfluoroalkyl acid (PFAA), a group of chemicals studied by Laura MacManus-Spencer. And PFAAs are used in everything from Gore-Tex clothing and Dupont’s StainMaster carpet to non-stick pans and coatings for microwave popcorn bags.

“PFAAs are everywhere in the environment. Every U.S resident has a measurable amount of PFAAs in their blood,” she said. “And literally every organism that scientists pluck out of the environment has these chemicals in their blood.”

“These chemicals are not known to be very acutely toxic (it won’t cause illness immediately), unless you’re exposed to really high concentrations,” MacManus-Spencer continued. “The concern is more that they are so persistent in the environment that they are going to be a problem for a long time, and we don’t yet know much about the effects of long-term, low-dose exposure.”

So she’s studying the way PFAAs interact with human serum albumin (HSA), the most abundant protein in the blood of most organisms. The work is supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation.

“Understanding how PFAAs interact with proteins helps us understand where PFAAs end up in the body and how long they stay there,” MacManus-Spencer said.

PFAAs are known to accumulate in the kidneys, liver and blood. And for PFOA, half the original concentration will be gone from a person’s body in about 4.5 years.

MacManus-Spencer acknowledges that there might be a concentration of PFAAs in the body that is safe and would not cause harm.

“The problem, however, is that because PFAAs accumulate in people, there is probably not a safe level to ingest on a daily basis,” she said. “PFAAs exist in soil and water samples in concentrations on the order or parts per trillion, and in organisms in parts per billion—three orders of magnitude higher.”

But because acute toxicity appears low, MacManus-Spencer added, there’s no need to panic. She suggests instead that people focus on reducing their daily exposure to PFAAs as much as possible. Getting rid of that non-stick pan, for instance, would be a good start.

This approach won’t be as useful to the people of Hoosick Falls, however. They’ve been exposed to a much higher level of PFOA for an undetermined period of time. The source of the
Pulling strings for preservation

Abi Simkovic, project archivist/curator; Donna Burton, reference librarian/associate professor; Annette LeClair, librarian/head of technical services

John S. Apperson, an early champion of Adirondack preservation, knew how to pull strings. So too did his protégé, Paul Schaefer.

In 1926, Apperson wrote a letter to a well-connected New York City attorney—Franklin Delano Roosevelt—asking him to lobby New York Governor Alfred E. Smith to support the state purchase of thousands of acres along Lake George.

“While the Lake George problem has bothered the governor at times, it has also made him many admiring friends and followers,” wrote Apperson, also a mentor to other noted Adirondack preservationists including Robert Marshall, founder of the Wilderness Society; and Howard Zahniser, author of the 1964 Wilderness Act, one of the defining moments of modern American environmentalism.

The letter to Roosevelt is featured in an exhibit—“Grassroots Activism and the American Wilderness: Pioneers in the 20th Century Adirondack Park Conservation Movement”—which runs through December in Schaefer Library’s Lally Reading Room.

The John S. Apperson Jr. Papers (1878–1963) and the Paul Schaefer Collection total about 210 cubic feet of archival material housed in Union’s Kelly Adirondack Center, the former home of Schaefer.

The exhibit features photographs, maps, pamphlets, meeting minutes and lantern slides that chronicle the achievements and personal lives of Apperson and Schaefer.

Apperson, a GE engineer who dedicated his life to protecting the region said, “Lake George is my wife, and her islands our children.” He hosted rip-rap parties, inviting friends to stack rocks against eroding shorelines.

Schaefer was a builder, author and guide who led regular hiking and ski trips in the High Peaks region. His Niskayuna home was a gathering place for Adirondack activists.

With a 2013 grant from the Council on Library and Information Resources, the College has catalogued the materials and developed an interactive website (clir-adk.union.edu) that includes descriptions and finding aids for both collections and a digital catalog of 525 scanned photos and manuscripts.

— Charlie Casey

contamination is a plant owned by Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics, formerly by Honeywell International. PFOA (and PFAAs in general) is used in the commercial production of Teflon, which was used in products made at the plant.

“In Hoosick Falls we see a population that’s suffering from abnormally high rates of aggressive thyroid cancer,” Andrew Glaser ’16 said. “PFOA exposure also causes liver toxicity, neonatal toxicity and kidney and testicular cancers.”

MacManus-Spencer is working to help members of this community, and those of North Bennington, Vt. (whose water also tested positive for PFOA). In May she and Andrew gave a seminar about the chemical at Bennington College, and she hopes to soon begin testing water from both communities.

Residents have had their water tested once, but this is akin to a single snapshot in time, MacManus Spencer said. To get a more complete picture of the problem, she will partner with faculty at Bennington College to determine if PFOA concentrations change over time and at different locations on residents’ property.

MacManus-Spencer is also initiating a research project with Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute to determine the extent of the PFOA plume. That is, how far the contamination reaches in all directions. The researchers hope to do soil studies to discover how quickly the chemicals leach through the ground, as well.

— Erin DeMuth Judd
Public Policymaking by Private Organizations: Challenges to Democratic Governance
Brookings Institution Press

From accrediting doctors and lawyers to setting industry and professional standards, private groups establish many of the public policies in today's advanced societies. Yet this important role of non-governmental groups is largely ignored by those who study, teach or report on public policy issues. As such, that territory demands to be fully explored, documented and understood. Even more urgently, private governance should be recognized and scrutinized as a distinct and important area in the field of public policy.

Power: Oppression, Subservience, and Resistance
SUNY Press

Frequently understood in simplistic and often highly negative terms, the concept of power has proven to be both uncommonly intriguing and maddeningly elusive. Raymond Angelo Belliotti’s 18th book begins by fashioning a general definition of power that is refined enough to capture the numerous types of power in all their multifaceted complexity. He then proceeds in a series of discrete yet thematically connected meditations to explore the meaning of power in ancient, modern and contemporary thought. In grappling with the critical questions surrounding the accumulation, distribution, and exercise of personal and social power, this work allows us to confront fundamental questions of who we are and how we might live better lives. Belliotti is SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor of Philosophy at the State University of New York at Fredonia.

School-Linked Services: Promoting Equity for Children, Families and Communities
Columbia University Press

School-Linked Services details an array of evidence-based services, programs, initiatives and relationships that are crucial for children’s success in school and life. Practices and programs include afterschool and summer sessions, early-childhood education, school-linked health and mental health services, family engagement, and youth leadership opportunities. This volume also addresses the policy and funding requirements that help these partnerships thrive in both rural and urban contexts, and evaluates school-community partnerships across the world. Representing collaborations across professions and organizations, this book will appeal to those in social work, education, psychology, public health, counseling, nursing and public policy. Bronstein is dean of the College of Community and Public Affairs, professor of social work, and executive director for the Institute for Multi-generational Studies at Binghamton University, State University of New York.

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Katabatic Wind is an inspired collection of essays drawn from the lost, unknown, sacred tradition of the West. Using the lens of mythology, pre-Socratic Greek thought, sacred geometry, and long essay comparing the West with the Indian Tradition through the character of Hamlet and Arjuna of the Bhagavad Gita, the book illuminates how these traditions shadow life lived today. It also includes a look at how and why there was a shift from the original myth of Orpheus (in which he actually rescues Eurydice) to the current one where he loses her. Additionally, the book features discussion of Plato’s cave allegory in terms of older Greek traditions of finding wisdom in underground precincts. The kernel of these essays is loss, longing for return and the grief of living in a society without an inkling of its sacred origin story.

God’s Business: Making Church Leaders Less Stressed and More Effective by Leveraging the Experience of Others
LEVR Consulting LLC

Learn the things they don’t teach you in seminary. God’s Business was written with the pastor and leaders of small to medium-sized congregations in mind. It serves as a go-to resource for quick ideas and answers on specific issues so that clergy and other leaders can focus more on pastoral work instead of operations management. The book shares insights and best practices from pastors and leaders from multiple denominations across the United States. God’s Business also provides practical expertise from industry experts in finance, IT and public safety.

in-Training: Stories from Tomorrow’s Physicians
Pager Publications, Inc.

This is a collection of 102 manuscripts published on http://in-training.org, the online magazine for medical students. All of the manuscripts were written and edited by medical students, and were chosen by the editors for their humanistic merit in authentically presenting the challenges of being a physician-in-training. The book is designed as a resource guide for medical students and educators interested in the medical humanities. It presents first-person accounts of experiences in dissection lab, in the classroom, and on the wards; reflections on the patient-physician relationship, burnout and systemic barriers to care; and discovering passion for the healing arts. Each manuscript is accompanied by discussion questions written by the medical student editors of in-Training, and the questions were reviewed by members of the Arnold P. Gold Foundation, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting humanism in medicine and medical education.

Irish Feminist Futures
Routledge

This book is about the future: Ireland’s future and feminism’s future, approached from a moment that has recently passed. The Celtic Tiger (circa 1995-2008) was a time of extraordinary and radical change, in which Ireland’s economic, demographic and social structures underwent significant alteration. Conceptions of the future are powerfully prevalent in women’s cultural production in the Tiger era, where it surfaces as a form of temporality that is open to surprise, change and the unknown. Examining a range of literary and filmic texts, Irish Feminist Futures analyzes how futurity structures representations of the feminine self in women’s cultural practice. Relationally connected and affectively open, these representations of self-enable sustained engagements with questions of gender, race, sexuality and class as they pertain to the material, social and cultural realities of Celtic Tiger Ireland. This book will appeal to students and scholars of Irish studies, Irish feminist criticism, sociology, cultural studies, literature, women’s studies, gender studies, neo-materialist and feminist theories.
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An unrestricted gift was received from the estate of Harry G. Silleck, Class of 1940 along with the remainder proceeds from a charitable gift annuity he established with the College. Proceeds will be used at the discretion of the Trustees. An attorney who specialized in railroad law, Mr. Silleck practiced for many years in New York City.

A trust distribution was received from the estate of Robert L. Slobod, Class of 1935. Proceeds will be used to support areas of greatest need. A gift was received from the estate of Arthur E. Lowenthal, Class of 1941. The proceeds will be added to the College’s endowment. Mr. Lowenthal earned his degree in mechanical engineering and later worked for the family business for many years, continuing to consult in the trade after retirement. He was passionate about sailing and the restoration of antique sailing vessels.

An unrestricted gift was received from the estate of Armand D. Versaci, Class of 1945. Proceeds will be used to support areas of greatest need. Dr. Versaci was a prominent surgeon specializing in plastic surgery and reconstruction. He also participated in many missions to South American countries with other medical staff to teach and establish burn units.

An unrestricted gift was received from the estate of Richard C. Dargusch, Class of 1957. Proceeds will be used to support areas of greatest need. While at Union Mr. Dargusch earned his degree in electrical engineering and was a member of WRUC and Sigma Phi.

Remainder proceeds from a charitable gift annuity were received from the estate of Jessica Spacil and added to the Charles N. and Dorothy W. Waldron Memorial Fund in memory of her father and mother.

An additional bequest distribution was received from the estate of Donald M. Foster, Class of 1947. Proceeds will be used at the discretion of the Trustees. A radiologist, Dr. Foster spent his entire professional career in Bakersfield, Calif. He was one of the first Life Members of the Terrace Council supporting Union for many years.

A bequest was received from the estate of John E. & Dorothy T. McElfresh. Proceeds will be used to support areas of greatest need. Mr. McElfresh was a member of the Class of 1942. While at Union, he earned a degree in economics and was a member of Psi Upsilon.

A gift was received from the estate of Anita Meyer Gladstone; proceeds designated to the Berkenblit Artist Fund in support of the Union College Concert Series.

A gift was received from the estate of Margaret Sager to support scholarships for students studying for a career in health services. Mrs. Sager was the widow of Dr. Virgil J. Sager, Class of 1935.

A trust distribution was received from the estate of Jeremiah Gray, Jr., Class of 1956. Proceeds will be used to support areas of greatest need.

Remainder proceeds from a charitable gift annuity were received from the estate of Paul P. Castrucci, Class of 1956, and will support the Peter I. Wold Center for Science and Engineering. Mr. Castrucci received his degree in physics and enjoyed a career in the field of semiconductor development and manufacturing.

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

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES
A charitable gift annuity was established by William S. Parry, Class of 1965. The remainder of this gift will be added to the Jonathan Stanley Parry Scholarship.
Howard Bishop writes, "I was shocked when, in the spring of 2013, I was the only one who came to participate and represent our class in the alumni parade for our 65th ReUnion. After 43 years as a research and development chemist at Sterling Drug, I retired to spend time with my wife of 63 years traveling to Europe and across the U.S.—from Cape Cod to California—visiting our family and friends. So far we have been able to care for our acre of lawn, flower gardens and shrubs here in Voorheesville, N.Y. Living close to the campus, I have been privileged to attend almost all of the Alumni Council meetings as one of our class representatives since being chosen as a member in 1950. This might be a record!"

Robert Ketchum writes, "Still teaching and learning thanks to the Harvard Institute for Learning in Retirement here in Cambridge, Mass. During the summer breaks, I make annual month-long visits to Paris to manage my impromptu language exchange school. One-on-one, in cafe settings, I barter my English for the French of my dozens of Parisian conversation partners. A great way to maintain and grow my knowledge of French while getting another perspective on current global issues. And all this for just the price of a cup of hot chocolate."

Dr. Richard Pollen writes, "I’m now in my 55th year of full-time, active medical practice in Kensington, Md., a close in suburb of Washington, DC, a founder and now most senior partner in a practice that’s affiliated with Johns Hopkins Medicine. I enjoy seeing patients and acting as a ‘resource’ for my younger colleagues. When able to I get away for some bird watching in nearby parks and enjoy keeping up with five grandchildren, four already out of college with the fifth soon to finish up at Georgia Tech. I remain reasonably well and fit, though at my age that’s a relative term!"

Garrett Murphy writes, "I left my volunteer job at Library of Congress in January after 11 years. No pension, no gold watch. I am now trying to understand my iPhone, Kindle, Fios and Windows 10. I still have problems with the flashing time “12:00am” on my VHS. Other good news is that I am an officer on my condo board. The bad news is that the board officers are being sued for $1,500,000 by some members of the condo."

Family and friends write that Peter B. Kahn, a much loved and admired professor of physics at Stony Brook University, with great fondness. Born in New York in 1935, he passed away suddenly on April 27 in Shoreham, N.Y. In retirement, Peter volunteered at the
Michael D’Innocenzo has completed 56 years at Hofstra (longest service in the University’s history). He is a founding member of Hofstra’s Center for Civic Engagement, and is now working to establish an Institute for Peace Studies. His book chapter, “Will Rogers: The Humorist as Social Critic,” was published in May. His columns concerning current events in perspective can be found at www.theislandnow.com (“Opinions”).

1958
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Dave Wainwright writes, “Retired in Rancho Bernardo, Calif. Play golf, involved in the community. Married with five grandchildren and one great-grandson.”

1959
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Dr. John Streit writes, “Having retired from my Ob/Gyn practice in Saratoga Springs in 2000, I assumed that I would tend the sheep, chickens and turkeys on our little farm in Greenfield, N.Y. I did not realize that by going on a cleft-lip repair mission to Gitwe, Rwanda, Africa in 2005, that an unintended consequence would be the passion of my life. The following year I was asked to participate in an initiative to create a private medical school, Gitwe Medical University, only the second school in a country of 10 million. Eighteen trips and 252,000 miles later and the school is in the third year of a six-year curriculum in English with 357 Rwandan medical students (51 percent female). I am working with three American Board Certified orthopedic surgeons who are preparing to go to Rwanda to teach the principles of their specialty. One is Lawrence Fein ’78. If any Union grads would like to have a bucket experience and feel they have useful teaching skills to offer, please drop a line.” John is president of Gitwe Medical University.

A. “Lee” Fritschler writes, “Coauthored a book to be published by Brookings Institution Press this summer titled, Public Policymaking by Private Organizations: Challenges to Democratic Governance.”

Jerrold Fleisher writes, “Am celebrating our (Anne) 55th anniversary on June 11th. Fortunately we were able to do so with our 3 children and 6 grandsons! I am still teaching business law and related courses at the college level as well as operating a legal research service for attorneys. I am in contact with Marty Barandes and David Berger, who seem to be doing well.”

Dal Trader writes, “I communicate frequently by e-mail with Bruce Peters, by phone with Bob Francis and Donald J. May and, occasionally, with Peter England and David Watts. I’m hoping that more of my classmates will make use of this ‘Era Of Easy Communications’ and send their comments on work, retirement, family, hobbies and travels, etc. directly to Union’s Alumni Office. I continue to work every day as a longshore superintendent for the West Basin Container Terminal of Ports America in the Port Of Los Angeles, off-loading/loading container ships. Since the current presidential race has been so turbulent, I have re-read our deceased classmate, Charles Stuart’s book on the Nixon years in the White House, Never Trust A Local. (Inside The Nixon White House), Algora Publishing, 2005. Charles was an advance man in Nixon’s presidential campaign and his trip to China. Charles worked as an assistant to Nixon advisor John Ehrlichman, and, later Nixon’s Chief of Staff Bob Haldeman. Charles’ wife, Constance, served as first lady Pat Nixon’s staff director and press director; lots of inside information. As Hearst columnist Helen Thomas put it, ‘Charles Stuart has written a fascinating insider’s book on what it takes to be a political advance man, but he delves into the pitfalls of blind loyalty in the presidency by White House staffers.’ In 1999, my wife, children and I were privileged to visit the Stuarts at their 603 acre farm, Rose Hill, Port Tobacco, Md., built in 1715; and owned by George Washington’s doctor, Gustavus R. Brown. A real treat! Because Charles Stuart was such an ethical person, I always thought that he might be ‘Deep Throat,’ until someone else claimed that title a few years ago. Union College has graduated many exceptional achievers and movers and shakers for our beautiful America!”

1960
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North Shore Public Library, the Garden Club, and for numerous other causes. Known for walking daily around Shoreham Village, he talked with all his neighbors, sharing his passion for learning, books, and so much more. Peter was predeceased by his wife, Vicki McLane, and is survived by his three children, Miriam, David, and Jeffrey, grandchildren Caleb and Skyler, his brother Michael Kahn and ex-wife Lois Kahn; and numerous relatives. Peter was a life-long friend and mentor for all the relatives. Peter was a life-long relative. Peter was a life-long family, hobbies and their comments on work, retirement, family, hobbies and travels, etc. directly to Union’s Alumni Office. I continue to work every day as a longshore superintendent for the West Basin Container Terminal of Ports America in the Port Of Los Angeles, off-loading/loading container ships. Since the current presidential race has been so turbulent, I have re-read our deceased classmate, Charles Stuart’s book on the Nixon years in the White House, Never Trust A Local. (Inside The Nixon White House), Algora Publishing, 2005. Charles was an advance man in Nixon’s presidential campaign and his trip to China. Charles worked as an assistant to Nixon advisor John Ehrlichman, and, later Nixon’s Chief of Staff Bob Haldeman. Charles’ wife, Constance, served as first lady Pat Nixon’s staff director and press director; lots of inside information. As Hearst columnist Helen Thomas put it, ‘Charles Stuart has written a fascinating insider’s book on what it takes to be a political advance man, but he delves into the pitfalls of blind loyalty in the presidency by White House staffers.’ In 1999, my wife, children and I were privileged to visit the Stuarts at their 603 acre farm, Rose Hill, Port Tobacco, Md., built in 1715; and owned by George Washington’s doctor, Gustavus R. Brown. A real treat! Because Charles Stuart was such an ethical person, I always thought that he might be ‘Deep Throat,’ until someone else claimed that title a few years ago. Union College has graduated many exceptional achievers and movers and shakers for our beautiful America!”

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Peter Kahn ’56 passed away
April 27, 2016
Dan Schwarz ’63 recently spoke about his new book, How to Succeed at College and Beyond: The Art of Learning, in the Nott Memorial.

1963
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Robert Sherwin writes, “I have served on the faculty at Yale University School of Medicine since 1974 and am currently the C.N.H. Long Professor of Medicine, the director of the Yale Center for Clinical Investigation funded by a Clinical Translation Science Award from the NIH, and director of the Yale Diabetes Research Center. In the past year, my research has been recognized by several awards: the Naomi Berrie Award for Outstanding Achievement in Diabetes Research from Columbia University; the Rachmiel Levine Award for outstanding contributions to clinical diabetes research and mentoring of young investigators; the Edward H. Ahrens, Jr. Distinguished Investigator Award from the Association for Clinical & Translational Science; and Davidson Lectureship and Award from the University of Toronto.”

George Ball writes, “In my freshman year, I remember playing drums at the Rathskeller in a band with Hank Spring ’60. From Neil Kleinman: ‘In my sophomore year I took a date to the Rathskeller for coffee. She was from Tennessee, and when she saw me start to put milk in my coffee she said, ‘Why do you ruin good coffee?’ Since that date I only drink my coffee black.’ Does anyone else in our class have memories of the Rathskeller? Send them in—we’d love to hear from you.”

Dan Schwarz ’63 writes, “As part of a series bringing alumni guests to campus, I had a wonderful visit to the Union College campus, which looks terrific. I gave two talks while there and enjoyed interactions with students and faculty. The first was at the Nott Memorial on my new book, How to Succeed at College and Beyond: the Art of Learning. My book combines advice on how to choose the right college and how to get the right college to choose you, with advice on how to negotiate the challenges of college from freshman year through senior year, as well as how to approach postgraduate life. My second talk was to literature students and focused on James Joyce’s Dubliners, with a particular focus on Araby.” Dan is the Frederic J. Whiton Professor

Joel Kupersmith writes, “I have had a long career in academic medicine (with over 170 publications and three books) up to being the dean of a medical school in Texas and CEO of its practice plan. After that, I ran the VA medical research program, one of the country’s largest, with many accomplishments including starting the Million Veteran Program, a megagenetic database which is a centerpiece of the President’s Precision Medicine Initiative; groundbreaking collaborations with the Department of Defense (another Presidential executive order); development of new research methods; long needed improvements in infrastructure; and, a component winning the prestigious Baldrige Award. I have been on many Federal councils, including the White House Council of Science. (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joel_Kupersmith) At present, I am starting a program for Veterans Studies at George-town University. I have been married for 47 years to Dr. Judy Kupersmith, a psychia-trist and former New York City Ballet dancer, and have three children and four grandchildren.”

Dean Anderson writes, “My father, James Emmons Anderson, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, on June 22, 2016 in Naples, Fla. He was a second generation Union graduate (his father, William Anderson, is Class of 1910), who then received a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from Princeton University, before commenc-ing a 37-year career with Ford Motor Company’s Research Laboratory in Dearborn, Mich. He collaborated with scientists the world over (including a sabbatical at the Max Plank Institut in Frankfurt and a later one at Stanford University). And though he retired in 2001, his desire to travel continued, taking him to Russia, Costa Rica, and Chile (all with family members in tow). An enthusiastic tennis player and linguistics student (German, Spanish, and a bit of Russian) he is survived by his wife, Betsey, and children Wendy Anderson, Stephen Anderson, myself, and Nina Anderson, and nine fabulous grandchildren. He is dearly missed.” James is further remembered on pg. 69 of this magazine’s In Memoriam section.

the classes
of English and Stephen H. Weiss Presidential Fellow at Cornell.

1964

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Alan Horn was recently awarded the Alumni Achievement Award by the Harvard Business School.

1965

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Martin Jay writes, ‘After 45 years on the faculty, I’m retiring this spring from the History Department at the U. of California, Berkeley. I will be giving the Commencement address and will be honored with a conference organized by my students, many of whom teach at leading universities here and abroad, in the fall. My latest book, Reason After Its Eclipse: On Late Critical Theory, was just published by the U. of Wisconsin Press.’

Dr. Robert S. Hoffman writes, ‘Still practicing integrative medicine and psychiatry (check out robertshoffman-md.com) four long days/week, Tues-Fri (full time), with no plan to retire. But taking more long weekends to visit our 10 grandkids. Looking forward to 10-day rail vacation from L.A. up coast to Seattle, then through Glacier National Park and Chicago to Niagara Falls in August. Still occasionally debating politics with Si Sobo, MD (’64) via email. I could not have hoped for my life to turn out better than it has, filled with work I love, music (playing French horn with a professional quality wind ensemble), a beautiful home in the lovely Santa Monica mountain and loving relationships (marriage to the best human being I have ever known, who is more beautiful inside than outside, and she is great looking), truly amazing children and grandchildren and wonderful friends. And I see my 96½ year-old unconditionally loving Jewish mother at least every week for dinner, often for the weekend and/or trips with us in our RV to see her great grandchildren.’

1966

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David Holdridge was drafted into the U.S. Army in early ’67 and after being hauled out of a rice paddy in Vietnam in 1969, spent 18 months in various neuro-psychiatric wards in the U.S. With time, he evolved to become a stalwart in the promotion of the American narrative overseas. As such, he witnessed that promotion grow from a rather lonely pursuit to the global industry it is today; most commonly known in the West as “Overseas Relief and Development.” Recently, he was awarded Prize Americana for Prose, for his upcoming book, The Avant Garde of Western Civ, which is the story of a foot-soldier and his family as they sought to provide salve and transformation within various wars and their aftermath from 1980-2014. It explores how difficult and often complicit ‘giving’ can be. And how untoward, as it was transformed into a ‘force multiplier’ by the United States Government. The book follows the family of four from the Middle East to the Maghreb, to Africa, to Asia, Russia, the Balkans and back to the Middle East. Partially a policy critique, partially an expose of how the charity industry hoodwinks the Western public, but more often about the struggles of a family as it confronts the threats to its own survival. The book will be available for purchase in October 2016. Since 2009, David has been the author of dozens of op-eds, participated in as many TV and radio interviews, and has been the head of an advocacy organization in Washington, D.C.

Andy Carlson writes, ‘On a sunny May day, 44 members of the Class of 1966, were back on campus for a great weekend of fun, reminembrances and renewed friendships at ReUnion. The Class of 1966 had the most returning and the highest percent participation of all ReUnion classes. The festivities began with the Joseph P. Sawyer ’66 Open at the Edison Club. Others were treated to a tour of Jim Taylor’s amazing collection of 100 antique and classic cars. The day was capped by a reception sponsored by class president Larry Fabian and the Keeper of the Jug, Fred Hay, at Aperitivo Bistro. Friday after our induction into the Garnet Guard with the 50th medallion ceremony at the Nott Memorial, we enjoyed the hospitality of President and Mrs. Ainlay at their home on campus. Then, dinner at Hale House, perhaps the best meal anyone in the class may have ever had there. Food and conversations aside, a highlight of the dinner, was the presentation of the Alumni Council Gold Medal for commitment and service to Union. After Joe Sawyer and I presented President Ainlay with a ceremonial check for over $800,000, representing the class’s contributions to the Annual and Capital Funds. Our class exited Memorial Chapel with the ‘Senior Handshake.’ A very impressive and touching moment! On Sunday, before we began the transition back to reality with brunch at West College, Jan Werner once again took on Minerva’s Foot Race. The oldest entry by 20 years, he beat many, with the fan support of Chip Bacon and Chuck Fenimore. Jan still fits into his freshman blazer. A last hurrah for great memories. Thanks to Union, thanks to Minerva for making us who we are.’

1967

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David G. Brock, a local trial attorney with over 40 years’ experience in litigation in federal and state courts throughout New York State, has joined Kavinoky Cook LLP (Buffalo, N.Y.) as senior counsel. He previously was a partner in Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel, LLP’s dispute resolution area. David’s practice includes broad experience in the defense of municipal liability, legal ethics and malpractice, as well as product liability,
Bill Warcholik writes, "We are enjoying our third year of sightseeing in middle America from Minnesota to Texas and Michigan to Colorado. Not retired, but making pastoral visits and preaching while serving in the planned giving department of It Is Written (ItsWritten.com). During our occasional visits to our home in Tennessee, we are enjoying the warmer weather and the grandkids. We hope to make another trip to the Middle East, where one of our sons (with his family) provides leadership for health ministries of the Seventh-day Adventist Church throughout North Africa and the Middle East."

Bill ‘68 and Nathel Warcholik

In New Zealand recently were (from right) Susan Marcus Sachs and husband Bob Sachs ’72, Alden Kaplan ’72, Ted Berger ’72 and wife Robbie Brinton, Janet Kaplan (Al’s wife), Mike Attwell and Sue Attwell.

1969

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Gerald Sternberg writes, “My lovely wife, Merle Sternberg, had an art exhibit with 44 portraits of drawings and paintings at the Scarsdale Public Library in June, including some of President Obama and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Also, unrelated, given Muhammed Ali’s recent passing, I specifically recall attending a wonderful speech he gave in 1968 at Union College’s Memorial Chapel about the reasons for his conscientious objection to his participation in the Vietnam War.”

1970

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Stuart Shapiro writes, “Re-launched Night Flight, Stuart’s omnibus Cable TV series from the 1980’s on USA Network, as a new video blog and subscription OTT Channel available at NightFlight.com and NightFlightPlus.com.”

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1968

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A portrait, “Spanish Beauty,” by Merle Sternberg (wife of Gerald Sternberg ’69)

1968

David G. Brock ’67

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Douglas Vergith writes, “After many years as a volunteer, I’m now completing my second year as executive director of the Long Island Golf Association (LIGA). The LIGA runs 15 golf tourna-ments each year including the LI Open, LI Amateur, LI Junior, LI Senior Amateur and the LI Senior Open. I’m also executive director of an affiliated 501(c)3, the Long Island Caddie Scholarship Fund. There we raise money..."
Gordon Ellmers '71 has seen pretty much every kind of cat Washington County (N.Y.) has to offer. He's been a veterinarian there for 36 years, after all.

But one day in March, driving along County Route 113, a couple of cats made him slam on the brakes. Literally.

"I was looking for bald eagles and all of a sudden this bobcat steps in front of my car. He wasn't 100 feet from me and I just grabbed my camera and started shooting out the window," said Ellmers, also an avid wildlife photographer. "When I did, I heard a big truck come up behind me. I didn't even turn around to make sure it would stop. I didn't want to miss the shot."

The truck driver, fortunately, was just as astounded and was taking pictures with his cell phone. The two men were now looking at a pair of bobcats. The one that initially stepped in front of Ellmers' car was a male and the second that appeared was a female. It was mating season and the two cats exchanged playful growls before moving off into the brush after a minute or two.

"For me, it was like hitting the lottery. I've been playing the lottery for a long time and never won anything," Ellmers said. "I don't expect I'll ever come on a scene like that again."

His veterinary practice in Fort Edward, N.Y.—Fort Edward Animal Hospital—has also been a source of exciting experiences over the years.

While his patients are mostly cats (of the common household variety) and dogs these days, he started out doing what his father did.

"I grew up next to this practice, which was my dad's, so I've been exposed to veterinary medicine my whole life. When I was little, I would ride with my dad on cow and horse calls," Ellmers recalled. "When I graduated from Cornell and came back here in 1980, we still did a lot of that."

And then some.

"We used to see all kinds of animals. I remember one young woman who didn't appear to have a pet with her," he said. "She was wearing kind of a loose-fitting leather jacket, and when we called her back, she unbuttoned her jacket and wrapped around her chest was a python."

"Sweet Baby James she called him, and he liked being warm so she walked around with him that way," Ellmers added, chuckling. "Anyway, the snake had been bitten by a mouse and had an infection in its mouth. So I gave him an injection of penicillin and they went on their way."

He credits Union with preparing him for such a varied career.

"At Cornell, I was glad I had a good academic background, because vet school is very challenging. It's a very tough schedule and they work you very hard," Ellmers said. "If somebody wasn't used to strong academics and a full schedule, it would have been very difficult. But I was used to that, I was ready for it."

And because he was prepared, he's spent a lifetime doing what he loves. Working with animals all these years has also seamlessly lent itself to a photography hobby Ellmers cherishes.

"I started taking wildlife pictures when I got my first digital camera 15 years ago. Film wasn't that much fun for me—you have to wait until the film is developed to see your photos and you can't do anything to them, like sharpen them up," he said. "But digital photographs you can see immediately and that's a lot of fun."

"I'll shoot any kind of wildlife—birds, deer and foxes and coyotes. I even saw a mink once," Ellmers continued. "I like nature and wildlife. I like animals. Veterinary medicine and wildlife photography are the same kind of thing in that way. They kind of fit together really well."

See more of Gordon Ellmers' photography at union.edu/magazine, or find him on Facebook at facebook.com/gordon.ellmers
William Fellows ’76 lives and works in a beautiful European city, just east of which a war is going on.

But for the chief of water, sanitation and hygiene for UNICEF in Kyiv, Ukraine, doing good in war-touched (and torn) places—or places besieged by disease and scarcity of basic necessities—is pretty much the definition of his career. In Kyiv, one of his primary responsibilities is managing a program to ensure safe drinking water remains accessible for all children affected by the war. It’s not an easy job.

“There are two large water systems in the east that serve 5 million people. In Luhansk Province the water source is in a government-controlled area but the pipes go to the non-government controlled area. The government would like to shut it off but that would violate International Humanitarian Law,” Fellows explained. “In Donetsk Province the water source is in the government-controlled area, the water goes into the non-government controlled area and then back into the government-controlled area.”

“The challenge is working with the International Committee of the Red Cross to keep the water supply running and the treatment plants operating,” he continued. “The water companies have had a dozen people killed on the job and yet they continue to repair damage from daily shelling. They’re running the plants even when being fired upon. It is a privilege to work with and support them. A privilege he really couldn’t have imagined during his Union days. He first majored in physics, then biology and finally environmental engineering.

“I suppose I was a nerd before there was such a thing and computer science and physics fascinated me,” joked Fellows. “I wasn’t really thinking about what I wanted to do for a living.”

And by the time he graduated, he had never been south of Newark, N.J., or west of Buffalo, N.Y. Then he joined the Peace Corp in 1976, and caught a glimpse of his future.

“That’s when I met a bright young lecturer in agriculture who was training community development workers. She has been my wife for 35 years now.”

And Fellows couldn’t be happier that his life has been dedicated to others.

He’s been tasked with providing safe drinking water for parts of Iraq, for South Asia after the devastating 2004 tsunami, for Pakistan in 2005 after a devastating earthquake. And that’s just in the last decade of his career.

“To paraphrase Harry Chapin paraphrasing Pete Seeger, I have no idea if I have made any difference in the world. But it has been a life worth living because I have been living and working with people who have live hearts, people who are motivated by the right things,” Fellows said. “I may not always have had electricity or running water but I have always been blessed.”

But after 32 years, he figured it was time to retire in December 2012. His first couple of months post-retirement he was sleeping 12 hours a day.

“But I was decompressing from a lifetime of stress,” he said. “My last three years I was the global water, sanitation and hygiene cluster coordinator for UNICEF.”

“I was responsible for coordinating the WASH responses in all emergency responses everywhere in the world, so it was pretty intense,” Fellows continued. “At any given time there are about 40 emergency operations going on.”

And while retirement eased his stress level significantly, being relaxed was a strange sensation for him.

“The more I recovered the more I missed it. Three-hour walks are nice but not too intellectually challenging.”

So it wasn’t surprising when he agreed to help with cholera epidemic in Sierra Leone soon after retiring.

“Since that is where I started, I figured it would close the circle. Little did I know that I was just starting a whole new set of circles,” Fellows said. “Since then I have been to Yemen (war), Kenya (drought), Iraq (war), Vanuatu (Cyclone Pam), and now Ukraine.”

And even though he still loves his work, something saddens him greatly.

“In retirement I seem to have tremendous job security,” Fellows said. “If I asked you how many armed conflicts are going on in the world right now, you might guess 5 to 10. But right now ICRC, who are the custodians of International Humanitarian Law and the Geneva Conventions and only deploy to armed conflicts, are deployed to 42 countries. Armed conflicts, along with climate change, mean that I am in great demand—something I am not really happy about.”

But focusing on mentoring promising, capable colleagues is just one of many things that keeps him positive.

“I am currently supervising three people who are younger than my youngest child. It keeps you young and gives you hope,” Fellows said.
Bruce Sostek, an attorney with Thompson & Knight (Dallas, Texas), was recently named to the 2016 IAM Patent 1000—The World’s Leading Patent Practitioners in Intellectual Asset Management magazine. He was recognized for delivering top-quality patent services in the litigation and transaction categories.

David Heilberg writes, “I am within my fourth decade of experience, principally as a have been working to help build the internet since the late 1970s. I will be sailing on my sailboat, Surprise, in the 2016 Pacific Cup race from San Francisco to Hawaii in July. This will be the fourth time I have made this trip. It is a real adventure.”

William Schade writes, “Sold my audiology practice. Adopted a blind dog. Still heavily involved in outrigger canoe racing. Began dating one of our women paddlers. Her name is Ruby, the dog that is. Josie is the paddler.”

Paul Dale retired last year after 42 years in computer software. He is volunteering with several non-profit organizations to advance Massachusetts legislation targeting global warming. He is still a technical climber and mountaineer but spends more time rowing and competes in a variety of masters rowing races. His wife Karen continues to work at the Boston College graduate school of social work. The two children are in Philadelphia. Scott is an ER doctor and Sarah is a veterinarian. paulbdale@gmail.com

1973

Stanley White received the ASCE Coasts, Oceans, Ports and Rivers Institute 2016 John G. Moffatt-Frank E. Nichol Harbor and Coastal Engineering Award. The award is for “exemplifying the ideals embodied in this award: innovation for engineering and construction techniques; application of practical solutions; and contributions to the coastal and harbors profession and public at large.” In particular, the selection committee noted that his “contributions to the offshore and waterfront construction industries can been seen in practical and constructible engineering solutions across the globe.”

1975

Fred Weil took the longest trip on two wheels to attend ReUnion in May. He arrived by bike on campus with five other cyclist friends to end a three-day ride that started in New York City’s Central Park. Besides getting to ReUnion and visiting his daughter, Elora Weil ’16, the ride raised funds for the Michael J. Fox Foundation and Parkinson’s disease research. He carefully planned the 180-mile route—“200 miles if you count wrong turns”—and averaged 60 miles each day.

Robert Hinden’s (Class of 1972) sailboat, Surprise

Brothers William ’68 and Mark Sanderson ’72 had a chance to cheer on the Union hockey team in a hard fought, but losing effort, against Brown University earlier this year.
trial attorney. For more than a decade, I’ve been a partner in Dygert, Wright, Hobbs & Heilberg, PLC, in Charlottesville, Va. I taught at continuing legal education seminars, college and law school, most recently as adjunct faculty teaching trial advocacy at the Washington & Lee School of Law (alma mater). In 2011, I served as president of the Virginia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Along with co-editor Corinne J. Magee, we are responsible for the entire Defending Criminal Cases in Virginia manual published by the VACDL and Virginia CLE Publications, and I authored Chapter 8: Eyewitness Identification Procedures. Since 2011, I’ve been recognized by Superlawyers for criminal defense in Virginia and was peer rated AV with Lawyers.com/Martindale-Hubbell. I’ve handled several cases of wide local interest but my best known client was the late John Allen Muhammad (known as the Beltway Sniper) who needed court appointed counsel for a round of his appeals. My adult children and spouses settled back in Charlottesville after finishing college so we truly enjoy having our family nearby.*

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Mark Walsh, past chairman of Union’s Board of Trustees, was appointed earlier this year by President Obama to be the head of Innovation and Investments at the Small Business Administration in Washington D.C. He oversees several venture and private equity investment vehicles, partnerships and grant programs, including SBIRs, and SBICs, among others. It is his first government job.

Gary Geller writes, “I moved to Geneva, Switzerland in February (2015) for a two-year appointment to the Group on Earth Observations (GEO), a quasi-UN organization working on the utilization of Earth observations for improved decision making. GEO is building (coordinating the build of, actually) what is known as the Global Earth Observing System of Systems (GEOSS), but doing so is a real challenge for a variety of mostly non-technical reasons. My focus areas are biodiversity and ecosystems, and I am fortunate to work with some really excellent people both within GEO as well as GEO’s many country members and partner organizations. Ski season should be starting soon but so far this year, as last, is warmer than usual, a bit disappointing (not that I was skiing a lot in Los Angeles).”

John Corey writes, “Cluster of events this year: 40th ReUnion, 40th wedding anniversary with Sue, daughter engaged, son graduating (Clarkson, BSME), my mother and Sue’s father died, and I gave notice at work after an unnatural five years as a corporate tool (earn-out agreement, post-sale of latest biz development). Also my 60th birthday. Don’t know what we’ll do next. I’d like to go back to school, maybe Union, if I can get in nowadays. There was never enough time to absorb all there is there to explore. We’re still healthy (just a wee bit more achy as accumulated minor injuries reassert their claims). This summer, its cross country rally with my son, in a modified 1932 Buick we hope we’ve made roadworthy. Mighty glad to have seen fellow ’76ers at ReUnion. Still the coolest class ever.”

1977
Neal Schwartz writes, “Received college counseling certification with distinction from UCLA extension—December 2015. The last of seven courses involved a practicum which I chose to do at Yonkers High School. I am still volunteering in Yonkers through their Yonkers Partners in Education program.”

1978
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Richard Rosenthal writes, “I retired from Wall Street in 2002 and my second career as a NYC residential real estate agent has given me the opportunity and pleasure to work with many Union alums. I look forward to working with more Union College alums in the future.”

Dr. Patrick O’Connor, a professor of medicine at Yale School of Medicine and a past president of the American Board of Addiction Medicine, was recently quoted in The New York Times. The story focused on the death of Prince and the pop star’s struggle with pain and reliance on opioids—some-
thing that resonates with thousands of patients who have endured similar battles to manage pain.

Harris Halpert writes, "Class of 1978 turns 60 this year! To celebrate, Steve Lapidus, myself, Michael Gray, Michael Rotondi, Rich Stauber and Peter Aronson got together in NYC for a weekend of fun. Dinners, Coney Island and a race in Central Park. As we always report, hard to believe we have been friends for over 40 years and its always non-stop laughs."

1979

Julie Swidler, executive vice president, business affairs and general counsel (global), at Sony Music Entertainment, recently received two awards for her civic dedication. The 2016 ELI Service Award by the Grammy Foundation is given to an attorney who has demonstrated a long-term commitment to the music community through service. The VLA (Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts) Champions of the Arts award is given to those who show exemplary commitment to the New York arts community. Upon receiving her award from the Grammy Foundation, she recalled that music has always been important to her. She said, "When I was little, I shared a room with my sister, Lori. After the lights went out, we played Ed Sullivan. Lori was Ed and I was all the acts. I played three instruments, clarinet (yes, I was a band geek through junior high), piano and I taught myself guitar. I watched every music show on TV from Hullabaloo to Hee Haw. By college I made sure to get my radio license so I could have my own radio show. I ran the

DOING THE JOB NOBODY WANTS

If you take the job nobody wants, good things can happen.

Just ask Linda Klein ’80, the new president of the American Bar Association, who launched her career by taking on challenges most of her colleagues would avoid.

As a young lawyer, she represented a widower whose wife was killed by a falling tree at a public campground. Other lawyers declined the case, citing that sovereign immunity meant the government could not be sued. Motivated to help the man’s two young boys, Klein made a phone call and discovered that the campground had been leased to a private company.

"The joke in the office was that the young new lawyer made a phone call and got a big check," she said. “But the reality was that two other lawyers didn’t bother to do the research.”

Her first role with the State Bar of Georgia was another job nobody wanted: to poll Georgia lawyers for their thoughts on the new uniform rules of the court. Her work was published in the Atlanta bar journal, then the state bar journal. That led to an invitation to run (successfully) for the Board of Governors of the Georgia State Bar.

“It all came from taking the job that nobody wanted,” Klein told students last spring during a campus talk.

Klein is the senior managing shareholder at the Atlanta, Ga.-based firm of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Breland. Her practice includes most types of business dispute resolution, including contract law, employment law and professional liability. She works with clients in the construction, higher education and pharmaceutical industries.

In 1997, she became the first woman (and the “first Yankee,” she noted) to serve as president of the State Bar of Georgia. During her term, she advocated for state funding to hire lawyers for indigent victims of domestic violence. She organized a statewide group of community organizations and local and minority bar associations that together convinced the General Assembly to appropriate $2 million. Since then, the annual appropriations have helped thousands in Georgia with legal issues related to domestic violence.

She served as chair of the ABA’s House of Delegates, the second highest office in the organization, from 2010–2012. She has also served as chair of the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section, chair of the Committee on Rules and Calendar of the House of Delegates, chair of the Coalition for Justice, and chair of ABA Day, the Association’s Congressional outreach effort. She is a member of the Council of the ABA Section of International Law and also serves as a columnist and on the Board of Editors of Law Practice Management Magazine. In 2004, the American Bar Association honored Klein with the prestigious Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award.

The author of numerous published works, she is a frequent lecturer in the southeast U.S. She also has given talks in France, Sweden, Spain, Russia, Great Britain and Canada.

After graduating from Union, she earned her law degree from Washington & Lee University.

Among her plans as president of the ABA, she will focus on coordinating legal services for veterans and their families, who face a range of challenges including evictions, child custody and denial of benefits.

“When our justice system fails veterans, the legal profession has to answer the call on their behalf,” she said. “Those who sacrifice so much for our freedom and for our country deserve nothing less.”
the classes

College coffee house, where I chose which artists would perform and handled the contracts between the college and these artists. I was also part of a performing duo. In law school I was part of the Arts and Entertainment Law Society.”

1980
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Richard Templeton and Mary Templeton delivered the Southern Methodist University Commencement address May 14. Richard, a member of the SMU Board of Trustees, is president and CEO of Texas Instruments. Mary, a financial analyst and computer scientist, was paralyzed in a swimming accident two years ago. SMU President R. Gerald Turner said of the couple, “Richard and Mary Templeton’s lives reflect an exceptional commitment to community service and a determination to squarely face and adapt to unanticipated life changes. Their message will both inspire and guide our students at this important stage of their lives.”

Benjamin Eldridge ’82 writes, “My wife, Carol Lesley Mckenzie-Wilson, passed away on March 27 after a two-and-a-half-year struggle with ALS. She died at home with her family and beloved animals around her. After moving to Danville, Calif., in 1995, Carol became active in Contra Costa County. She loved scuba diving, and dove and traveled the world. She is survived by her two adored sons, Colden of Boston, Mass., and Baxter of Danville. Her generosity of spirit and radiant smile will be missed by all who knew her.”

Carol is remembered in p. 70 of this magazine.

Peter Raymond writes, “We saw our son, Ben (age 22), off last night for a backpacking trip across Southeast Asia. The house is empty again.

Tom, his older brother and a Union alum (Class of 2014) is living in New York City. Aislynn, his older sister, is in her fourth year of medical school at George Washington in DC. Karen took an early retirement from teaching last year and is enjoying her new found freedom with art, travel and gardening. I am still at PwC with a new position leading our global capital projects & infrastructure business. This keeps me on the road quite a bit but it is a great role which draws on both my business and political science education. Saw a few of my classmates at last year’s 35th ReUnion. Hardly seems that that much time has passed, but apparently it has. A few Union classmates and I will be dusting off our bikes to ride the Sierra Nevadas this fall. That includes Gregg Singer, Jim Quittmeyer and hopefully, Steve Buchanan and George Von Klan. It’s been, and remains, a good life—with good friends, close family and meaningful work. We feel blessed.”

1981
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Stephen Crimi writes, “Don Dulchinos ’78 and I are editing The Collected Works of Fitz Hugh Ludlow, Union luminary, Class of 1856. Don was invited and gave a talk about the effort at Union in May.” About the book: For the first time the complete writings of Fitz Hugh Ludlow (1836-1870) will be available in one set, including his major fiction and non-fiction work, each volume edited, introduced and contextualized. Ludlow is a forgotten master of prose writing from, and about, a mid-19th century America full of volatility, destiny, and a new sense of its own erudition. The editors hope this set helps return Ludlow to his rightful place of importance in the history of American letters. These are hard cover editions with the original accompanying illustrations. The Collected Works of Fitz Hugh Ludlow is published by Logosophia Books.

Joan Moumbleaux writes, “I recently joined the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of General Counsel, focusing on early case assessment and management. I thoroughly enjoyed attending my first meeting of the Ramée Circle Society and my 35th class ReUnion. My most exciting news is that my great-nephew, Thomas Kiernan, is a member of the class of 2020!”

1982
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Rachel Mandel, MD, MHA recently transitioned out of private practice to take the assistant VP of medical affairs position at Frederick Memorial Hospital in Maryland. Rachel and her husband are very proud of their son, who is a biomedical engineering graduate student in Philadelphia.

Deborah (Petrillo) Spencer writes, “I’m on my next career teaching high school physics and engineering in Morris-town, N.J. Steve ’80 and I have taken up model rocketry. You might see us at launches from Maryland to upstate New York.”

Rachel Gertzog writes, “My best friend, the Rev. Amy Edwards, passed away May 13, 2016. Amy’s guiding principle was that we need to use our lives wisely and well, and that simply allowing life to happen is an unacceptable response to the magnificent gift that is life. This philosophy...”

In true 21st century fashion, the character apparently made enough of an impression on the public to have earned his own Reddit page. Whatever that means.”
took Amy through the practice of law, into counseling and therapy, to ownership of Lotus Rising (a holistic wellness center), to finally serve as pastor of the Federated Church of Edgartown, Mass. As her brother, Mark Edwards, emphasized, if a pebble makes a ripple, Amy was truly a boulder. She touched the lives of hundreds of people. Her call to the ministry was driven by her deeply loving character, profound spirituality and lifelong desire to serve others. Amy was the beloved wife of the late Michael J.B. Pierce, the loving stepmother of Michael and Brittany Pierce, and cousin of the Rev. Lance Humphrey '86. The world is a sadder place for many without her loving presence. Amy is further remembered on pg. 70 of this issue’s In Memoriam section.

1983
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John Jablonski was recently named vice president for academic affairs at SUNY Adirondack Community College. John spent the first 13-plus years of his career as professor in engineering and science at Fulton-Montgomery Community College. He moved on to administration and served as provost and vice president for academic affairs at the college. In 2009, he took over as president of Clinton Community College and held that position until 2014. John has a master’s degree in engineering from University of Pennsylvania and a master’s degree in educational administration and policy studies from the University at Albany. He is pursuing his doctorate in education administration and policy studies from the University at Albany.

Captain John Hartzell recently retired from the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Buffalo, N.Y., where he had served as the senior reserve officer. In his civilian career, John continues to serves as the county solicitor for Adams County, Penn. John and wife, Jan, live near Gettysburg and have two sons: Jimmy, a 2013 Cornell University graduate, who is a software developer for a trading company in NYC; and Zachary, a 2015 WPI graduate, who is a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army assigned to Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas.

Linda Boff has been promoted to vice president, Chief Marketing Officer, GE. Linda joined GE in 2003 and has held a series of leadership roles in GE and NBC Universal. She is a 2016 New York Women in Communications’ Matrix award winner, as well as one of FastCompany’s Most Creative People, and an Advertising Women of New York’s Changing the Game award winner.

Magda Sura Mininberg and son, Mark Mininberg ’18, have been hard at work with the rest of their family collaborating on the invention and design of a Lock Out/Tag Out device for pistol grip rotary control switches used on circuit breakers in switchgear called the CS Lockout Device. They received a U.S. patent for their device in mid-2016. It was put into production in injection molded plastic using a Capital District women-owned production firm. The new device has been well received and is now sold by Magda and Gus’s company, High Voltage Equipment at CSLockout.com.

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Michael Rogers was recently elected as an independent director to Keryx Biopharmaceuticals’ board of directors. He has more than 25 years of biopharmaceutical industry experience, serving as chief financial officer of four additional healthcare companies: BG Medicine, Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Advanced Health Corporation and Autoimmune. Michael holds an M.B.A. from the Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia and serves on the board of directors for pSivida Corp.

Justin (Tim) Green is a partner at Kreindler & Kreindler LLP, and represents the victims of aviation disasters. He is a CNN Aviation Analyst, the editor of the leading treatise on aviation law, Kreindler Aviation Accident Law, and is a columnist on aviation law for the New York Law Journal. He currently represents the families of victims of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 in litigation pending in the U.S., Australia, New Zealand and Malaysia.

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Michael Mosher was recently named president and CEO of Central Hudson Gas & Electric. In 1985, he joined the company as a junior engineer. He went on to work elsewhere,
but returned to work for Central Hudson Enterprises Corporation in 1993, eventually becoming a vice president with the company responsible for energy services and retail electric sales. In 2003, Michael became Central Hudson’s manager of corporate services, assuming responsibility for the utility’s purchasing, transportation, storeroom, security and facility functions. He was appointed Central Hudson’s vice president of regulatory affairs in 2006.

1986

Lisa Freed writes, “In June of 2015 I was honored by WEPAN (Women in Engineering ProActive Network) as the recipient of the Women in Engineering Champion Award. The award recognizes an individual employee in industry for their volunteer contributions to STEM education at the primary, secondary, or collegiate levels. I continue that work at iRobot with our STEM program and National Robotics Week.”

Kelly Williams was elected to the Board of Commissioners of the Smithsonian American Art Museum in 2016. She and her husband, Andrew, participated in the renovation of SAAM’s Renwick Gallery in Washington, D.C. Kelly will be a speaker in June at the 2016 White House Women’s Summit on the topic of women’s entrepreneurship.

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**Dr. David Padden** is one of the pioneers of robotic assisted total hip replacement surgery and is one of the top five surgeons in the world in the use if this technology. He is a consultant for Stryker Corporation and is both an international and domestic instructor and trainer for Stryker Corp. in robotic assisted total hip and partial knee replacement surgery. He practices at Holy Cross Hospital in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Joann Sternheimer, managing partner at Albany-based law firm of Deily & Glastetter, LLP, has been appointed president of the Legal Project’s board of directors. Joann has been an active member and strong proponent of the Legal Project for many years. Since 2002, she has been a regular participant in the various community clinics the organization offers. She has also served in several leadership capacities and has been a member of the board since 2012.

1988

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**Michael Mulcare** writes, “After 13 years with Microsoft Corporation, and two years working with Microsoft as a marketing consultant, I’ve joined Salesforce.com working in global partner management.”

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**Dr. Jonathan Artz** (PBK) writes, “Ending my 15th year as a staff neurologist/neurophysiologist at Kaiser San Rafael in Marin County (SF Bay Area). Program director for cognitive disorders and to be assuming medical directorship of the stroke program. Just selected as a physician recruitment ambassador for the Permanente Medical Group in Northern California. I continue with year-round endurance running—my goal for 2016 is re-qualifying and then running my 5th Boston Marathon (in 2017). email- jonathan.artz@kp.org”

Blaut Weiss Law Group recently announced that Michael A. Weiss was certified by the Supreme Court of Florida as a circuit civil mediator. Mediators work with plaintiffs and defendants to settle disputes without the costs and risks associated with trials. Michael’s depth of experience includes representing both defendants and plaintiffs in personal injury and medical malpractice cases. He was recognized as one of South Florida’s top-rated lawyers in 2012, and named to Florida Trend’s Florida Legal Elite 2014. In 2016, Michael was rated a top 100 Lawyer by the American Society of Legal Advocates. Michael is a graduate of the University of Miami School of Law.

Lakshmi (Vadlamudi) Gordon got to see several alumni this year. She met Maria Kapogiannis in September at the Culinary Institute of America in Poughkeepsie and Robert Stoltz in May in Atlanta. She also gets together with Lorie (Anderson) Lindyberg often in Raleigh. She writes, “It’s so nice to see fellow Union alum and their families.”
Dr. Richard J. Steele has completed the first year of law school at the University of New Hampshire School of Law (formerly known as the Franklin Pierce Law Center).

1990

After over 25 years supporting AT&T both as an employee and later as a partner with IBM, Elliot Oschwang left IBM in January to take a position as a senior director with Sabre Airline Solutions.

Craig Ruoff writes, “After 12-plus years with Rakow Commercial Realty Group, Inc. (a NY & CT regional commercial real estate company) as its managing director and associate broker, and 25-plus years in the commercial real estate industry, I am very excited to report that I have made a major move. I have joined Cushman & Wakefield as a senior director of brokerage in their Westchester County, N.Y. and Fairfield County, Conn. offices. My home markets continue to be Westchester County and Fairfield County, however now I can better serve my national and international clients as well as my local clients.”

Jennifer Hutchins was recently featured in the Portland Press Herald. The story focused on her new job as executive director of the Maine Association of Nonprofits. Jennifer had been executive director of Creative Portland, a nonprofit established by the city of Portland in 2008 to capitalize upon and grow Portland’s creative economy, since December 2010. Prior to that, she was director of communications and external affairs for the University of Southern Maine’s Muskie School of Public Service. She holds a master’s in public policy and management from the Muskie School of Public Service at the USM.

1991

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Ellen Matloff writes, “I left Yale after 18 years to start my own company, My Gene Counsel, in July 2014. We specialize in digital genetic counseling to accompany genetic test results. My daughter, Leah, is 6 years old and accompanied us to my 25th class ReUnion this May. It was great to see so many of you! I’m also getting married this fall to Mike Bowler—lots of big changes!”

Gregg Cohen lives in Natick, Mass. with his family. He is the founder of Campus Bound and Career Bound, companies that support individuals with applying to college and pursuing careers after graduation. Services are delivered in person and through online platforms. The team is well represented with Union alumni, including Jennifer Whittimore Klemanski ’02, Kristen Morse Newmark ’95 and Brooke Sajor Fincke ’02. Gregg writes,

“Pictured are Nate Fitch ’93 and Kurt Kimball ’02 and their kids. Nate and Kurt coached the Oyster River (Durham/Lee/Madbury, NH) U7 and U9 teams this season, each with a son on the U9s and a daughter on the U7s.

“...It was great to see so many old friends at ReUnion. Thank you to so many of you that have donated to the Simon Nottidge Scholarship Fund that was set up last year at Union in memory of our classmate. The generosity has been incredible!”

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Anne E. Zaccheo received an Excellence in Health Care Award for Practice Manager of the Year. She received a combined B.A.-M.B.A. in health administration from Union and completed her internship at Albany Memorial Hospital, and fellowship at the Albany V.A. She worked at the Syracuse V.A. as a JCAHO continuous quality improvement coordinator, and later joined Voluntary Hospitals of America as a quality improvement specialist. In 1996, she joined Voluntary Hospitals of America as a quality improvement specialist. In 1996, she joined Voluntary Hospitals of America as a quality improvement specialist.

Jared LaCorte writes, “I live in lower Manhattan with my wife, Stacy, and three daughters, ages 14, 6 and 4. I own my own medical practice: Staten Island Pediatric Cardiology. I’m an avid fan of Union hockey and proud supporter of the Garnet Blades.”

1993

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J.R. Clearfield writes, “I got promoted to Colonel on 1 April 2016 and I am assuming command of the 15th Marine
Each day Dr. Jill Brodsky ’02 is a warrior battling a powerful enemy. But as a pediatric endocrinologist at Caremount Medical in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., it comes with the territory.

A territory that has inspired her to do all she can to help kids with Type I and II diabetes, and other endocrine system associated challenges.

About 208,000 of Americans under age 20 are estimated to have diagnosed diabetes, according to the American Diabetes Association. Approximately 0.25% of that population and approximately 1.25 million American children and adults have Type 1.

“Type I diabetes is an autoimmune disease so for those children, it just happens to them,” Brodsky said. “It would be overwhelming for any adult to deal with, let alone an eight-year-old.”

The question that she constantly chips away at is: How can we prevent it from even happening and how can we improve the lives of people who already have it?

“We are very technology focused,” she said. “Once we can get people to utilize continuous glucose monitors and insulin pumps, it helps increase their quality of life because it decreases a lot of the burden that comes with the disease. But it’s still a 24-hour-a-day job for them.”

Type II diabetes is on the rise in children and requires additional considerations on the part of the doctor and patient.

“Type II is directly impacted by lifestyle,” Brodsky said. “That is a different challenge than Type I because it involves trying to motivate an entire family to change. A lot of times not just the child is overweight and obese, but the parents too.”

But both versions of the disease can have devastating side effects.

“It leads to complications such as blindness, kidney failure, early onset cardiovascular disease, heart attack, stroke, poor circulation,” Brodsky explained. “This is something that can start happening to these children in their 20s, 30s and 40s.”

Through a combined program, Brodsky was able to complete her undergraduate and medical school program at Union in seven years, linked with Albany Medical School. She followed this with residencies in pediatrics and pediatric endocrinology at Yale Children’s Hospital and the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, respectively.

And while she was a medical student, she volunteered at a camp for children with diabetes.

“I fell in love with the kids and I thought diabetes was very interesting—it’s the same disease but it’s very different in each individual,” she said. “You have to make things work for that particular patient so that they can be motivated to have good control; so that was a really significant experience for me.”

Another significant experience was time spent in her mother’s research lab as a child.

“I would play with test tubes with water and do my own experiments,” she said. “Being encouraged by my parents to pursue math and science was huge for me; that was the beginnings of it.”

On June 3, Brodsky was honored with the distinguished Founder’s Award by the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

“I teach children with chronic illness the importance of taking care of themselves and try to give them the tools to be able to succeed as adults,” she said. “If I do my job well, I’m setting them up for a trajectory of improved health, decreased complications and success for the rest of their lives.”

“I take that responsibility very seriously. My hope is that we will be able to change a lot of the complication rates and issues that endocrine patients experience as they get older. We just need to work on teaching them well now as pediatric patients.”

FIGHTING DIABETES
By Molly Congdon ’12
other financial services providers. The committee’s work includes examination and presentations on regulatory, legislative, transactional and lending topics. Its members include in-house and outside counsel having a variety of disciplines, as well as attorneys employed by regulatory agencies.

**1997**

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Jessica Sanderson was recently appointed assistant middle school principal for the Niskayuna Central School District. Previously, she was an Earth science teacher at Shaker High School and is a former eighth grade science teacher.

Christina (Lamb) Sidell writes, “After 8 years away (Japan, India, Vermont) my husband, son and I moved back to Boston and are settling in to a new routine and very excited to be back here. Quinn loves his new school and is excited that for the first time he does not go year round. We will be spending our summers in Vermont still but the school year here. I had forgotten how many people from Union are in the area and still love watching Union hockey.”

**1999**

**CLASS CORRESPONDENT**

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Brian Goldberg and his wife, Missy, have welcomed their first little one into the world, Ava Rose Goldberg. The growing family will be relocating to the Boston area and looks forward to re-connecting with Union alumni. Brian will be working at MIT as a project manager in the newly created Office of Sustainability.

**2000**

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**2001**

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Anne Blankman recently visited the Schenectady County Public Library. She talked about her writing process and her young adult novels, and read from her most recent release, *Traitor Angels*.

**2002**

**CLASS CORRESPONDENT**

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Gina Campanella writes, “I am pleased to announce that I opened my own law practice, Campanella Law Office LLC, in Wyckoff, N.J., on Nov. 1, 2015. I bring with me my corporate healthcare practice and I also provide residential real estate services (including closings) as well as wills, living wills and advance directives. I practice throughout the state of New Jersey and in southeastern New York. I am hoping to make it up to campus for Homecoming in the fall.”

Michael McGuire writes, “It has been a busy year for the McGuires, with many firsts for our son Declan, including his first birthday! I also published my second novel, *An Untoward Induction*.”

David Ward writes, “I celebrated my company’s 7th year in business on November 2. 2015 has been an exciting year for Meticulosity, I’ve grown the company from a one-man-band to over 20 employees in just nine months with most of my new team now located in Delhi, India. We continue to expand our business offerings in the USA and Caribbean beyond ecommerce, providing custom application development, offshore payment gateways, and more.”

Seamus Galligan was recently featured in the *Providence Journal*. The story focused on Seamus’s career as a songwriter and his position as a finalist in the Performing Songwriter Competition at the Rose Garden Coffeehouse (Mass.) in May. Terra Conlon recently joined Dimension Data as a principal engineer. Prior to joining, he spent almost eight years at AT&T Consulting. His focus is on unified communication and collaboration products and services for customers in the northern California. His spare time is spent on two wheels, traveling, and helping out with the Bay Area Union College Alumni group.

**2003**

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Rebecca Falzano was recently promoted to editor-at-large of Maine, Maine Home+Design, and Old Port magazines in Portland, Maine.

Portia Zwicker recently accepted a position as technical writer with Send Word Now Communications in Albany, N.Y. After 11 years away from the Capital District, she is looking forward to reacquainting herself with the area and connecting with fellow alumni.

LeeRoy “Tito” Bailey writes, “Hi everyone. I am now a licensed mental health counselor and a clinical supervisor in Massachusetts. My daughter, Leila, is now two years old and I have been happily married to my lovely wife, Kapri, for eight years now.”
2004

Matthew Fowles was recently featured in the Albany Times Union. The story focused on students at Tech Valley High School, who learned how the electric grid operates by building one themselves. Matthew, an engineer for National Grid, visited the class and helped with the project.

Greg LiCalzi Jr. writes, “All is well for the LiCalzi family. My wife Kim and I have settled down in Manhasset, N.Y., and have 2 young girls. Colette (Coco) is 3 and Lucia (Lulu) is 1, and both are loving life. We debate whether they will be future Stags (Kim is a Fairfield alum) or Dutch(wo)men. I work in the public finance sector in New York City, as well as run Ace in the Hole Foundation (aceintheholefoundation.org). Ace in the Hole was started to honor my twin brother Mike who died in Iraq in 2006. Mike was also accepted to Union and was very close to coming but chose the US Naval Academy after receiving endorsements from Senator Schumer and Congresswomen Carolyn McCarthy. We aim to help Mike’s former Marine battalion as well as health and veteran organizations. I appreciate the support from many fellow alumni who have come to our annual beach run at Lido Beach in May. I still run into many Dutch throughout the Northeast and can’t avoid some elder alumni: Greg ’74 (dad) and Mark ’77 (uncle).

2005

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Andrew B. Palumbo was named Worcester Polytechnic Institute’s first dean of admissions and financial aid in December 2015.

Peter Gross writes, “On April 29, 2016, Staff Sergeant Michael Sargent ’08 was awarded the Silver Star for valor for his heroism in combat in Afghanistan. Michael’s profound bravery and selflessness in the face of enemy fire and against extreme odds are astounding. I’m proud to call him a close friend, having shared the lacrosse field with him at Union College. As an American, I’m humbled at the thought of what men like him experience and sacrifice to protect our freedoms. Thank you for your service, Michael. You are forever a hero.” See related story on pg. 56.

2006

CLASS CORRESPONDENT
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Emily (Clark) Williams writes, “I recently transitioned from a career in the travel industry to higher education and started my new path as assistant director of alumni relations at MIT’s Sloan School of Management. It’s been an exciting and engaging opportunity thus far. Not to mention, I’ve been able to reconnect with fellow Union alumni—working on a team with Haley Lamson ’04, and occasionally bumping into MBA students Kevin Flike and Jeff Meyer ’08.”

On June 29, 2016, 2nd Lt. Justin Merolla, USMC, and 2nd Lt. MarcAnthony Parrino ’14, U.S.M.C., graduated from the United States Marine Corps Basic Officer Course in Quantico, Va. While in the same platoon at the Basic School, Merolla and Parrino reminisced about their days at Union College and how their leadership development experiences there prepared them to accomplish the Basic Officer Course’s mission. Merolla is training on Camp Johnson, N.C., before beginning the Logistics Officer Course in October. Parrino is attending the Infantry Officer Course in Quantico, Va.

2007

CLASS CORRESPONDENT
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Matt Smith was recently named the Charter Athletic Association Division II Coach of the Year for the second time in three years. He coaches the varsity boys basketball team at BASIS Chandler, an elite charter school in Chandler, Ariz., that was named the second most challenging high school in American last year by the Washington Post. Smith also teaches a senior capstone course, AP U.S. History, and AP World History. One of his proudest teaching moments was when over 10 seniors from this year’s Class of 2016 applied to Union.

Reyna Machado writes, “On Feb. 19, 2016 I took the licensing exam to become a licensed master social worker. I passed and received my license, dated Feb. 24, 2016. I can now officially call myself Reyna Starr Machado, LMSW!”

Jess Cromeek is operations manager for Ethical Electric, a Washington, D.C. based wind and solar power supplier. Her specialties include EDI utility system data, exceptions management, Renewable Energy Credit (REC) tracking administration, and Green-e Energy Audits. Ethical Electric is a supplier of 100 percent clean, renewable energy and a retail electricity supply company. Ethical Electric is a Certified B Corporation, which means it is certified by the nonprofit B Lab to meet high standards for having a positive impact on the world and benefiting society. It...
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Photographs by Nancy Borowick documenting her parents’ parallel struggle with Stage 4 cancer continue to make their way around the world at art exhibits and in many online media outlets. Nancy has spent the last four years working on the project, called Cancer Family, Ongoing, which has struck a chord with thousands of viewers. She is now busy compiling a book to tell the story of her parents’ journey through their illnesses and a look back at their lives before they were sick. Borowick’s Kickstarter campaign to fund publishing costs easily surpassed its $34,000 goal. A total of 740 backers pledged more than $65,000 to help bring the project to life. Accompanying the recent campaign launch was a piece on the New York Times Lens Blog written by Borowick, with never-before-seen photographs from the project and a personal essay. For more information about the project, or to share comments or ideas, contact CancerFamilyProject@gmail.com.

2008
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Carla Reeves writes, ’I was recently selected for inclusion in the 2015 Massachusetts Rising Stars list. Each year, no more than 2.5 percent of lawyers in Massachusetts are selected by the research team at Super Lawyers to receive this honor. I also recently joined the business litigation and labor, employment & employee benefits groups at Burns & Levinson LLP, a Boston-based, full-service law firm with over 125 attorneys in Massachusetts, New York and Rhode Island.’

Caroline Kernan and Pye Russell became engaged on February 12. Caroline and Pye were introduced freshman year by Doug Richardson in the bathroom of Davidson Hall as Doug was giving Pye a haircut. They are planning a 2017 wedding near Boston, where they reside.

2009
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Beth Solomon was named assistant director of residence life at Merrimack College in January 2015. Her responsibilities include running housing selection and placements, as well as managing furniture and occupancy of the college.

2010
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Tom Fagin won the North Olympic Discovery Marathon in June in Port Angeles, Wash. The former Union track and cross country runner bested the field of 119 in 2:55:01. A Ledyard, Conn. native, Tom has had a successful marathon career, running a personal-best time of 2:38:19 at the 2014 Boston Marathon.

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The Silver Star is the United States’ third-highest award for valor. On April 29, 2016, Michael Sargent ’08 was presented with his.

He earned it serving his second tour of duty in Afghanistan as a staff sergeant with the Green Berets (A Company, 1st Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group).

On Dec. 17, 2015, Sargent, an Army Special Forces engineer, was an assault team leader participating in a mission in the Khan Neshin Valley, Helmand Province. Early that morning, a team of Afghan commandos working with the Green Berets was involved in a brief firefight. Two Afghan soldiers were killed.

After hearing the area was safe, Sargent’s group entered the courtyard to retrieve the fallen Afghans.

“When myself and a small contingent of five men entered the courtyard we came under heavy [automatic weapons] fire,” Sargent recalled. “My interpreter was struck in the upper arm, an Afghan commando was struck in the leg and my junior Special Forces engineer was struck in the wrist.”

All three injured men were able to get themselves to safety, leaving Sargent and another soldier alone in the courtyard.

The citation accompanying his Silver Star had said this of the minutes that followed: “With total disregard for his safety, SSG Sargent moved to the casualty closest his position, retrieved the body and dragged the deceased [Afghan] soldier out of the courtyard under a hail of gunfire. Upon exiting the courtyard in relative safety, SSG Sargent returned into the courtyard without hesitation and recovered the second body and aided the remaining teammate still under fire.”

By then a burning building had set off a chain of violent secondary explosions.

But Sargent went back in, anyway, using two hand grenades to cover the team’s withdrawal. And when the Green Berets were pursued, Sargent and his uninjured teammate protected the team’s escape, killing five enemies.

The entire thing lasted 15 or 20 minutes, Sargent said, but he and his fellow soldiers never panicked. They were trained for this. They knew what to do.

“The Special Forces selects you based on your aptitude to handle stressful situations, and then reinforces that aptitude through approximately two years of advanced training,” Sargent said. “But truthfully, in that situation I did what I felt was right. I did what was expected of me. I did what any one of the men that I work with would have done.”

“I couldn’t be more honored to serve with the Green Berets over these last eight years, or more humbled by the example each one of them leads with.”

A member of the 19th Special Forces, an elite National Guard Unit, Sargent returned from Afghanistan in February. Prior to joining the Guard he was an active duty member of the U.S. Army, joining immediately following his graduation from Union in July 2008, and serving until September 2014.

His decision to join the Green Berets grew from a lifelong desire to be part of something greater than himself.

“For as long as I can remember, I have wanted to serve. As I got older, it became more of a matter of how than if,” Sargent said. “In exploring different options I leaned heavily on Theta Delta Chi brother and Green Beret Kevin Flike ’06 for advice and mentorship. Kevin had undergone the same introspective process and was a huge asset.”

Other Union connections also played important parts in who Sargent is today. Sargent credits Professor Byron Nichols’ introduction to political science class with helping create a framework...
through which Sargent now views the world.

"Unbeknownst to me at the time, it was that class that inspired me to pursue the Special Forces as opposed to other Special Operations Units," he said. And then there’s Coach Paul Wehrum. "I had the privileged to play lacrosse for Coach Wehrum, and more specially, get cut by Coach Wehrum," Sargent said. "He taught me a valuable lesson about life—that you need to prioritize what’s important even when it means making sacrifices.”

The very nature of the Army Special Forces also had something to do with Sargent’s chosen path.

"It was ultimately the specific missions associated with each unit that sold me on the Green Berets," he said. "More than direct action, special reconnaissance and counterterrorism like all of the other Special Operations Units, the Green Berets conduct unconventional warfare as well.”

By unconventional, he means cooperative. Green Berets fight and train with partner forces in other countries.

"I am a firm believer that in order for the United States to have impactful change abroad, it must tailor its interactions to foster long-term relationships, whereby our partners become independent and self-sustaining," Sargent said. "The Department of State is fairly good at doing this, but it becomes exponentially more difficult in a combat zone.”

“As such, units like the Green Berets embed themselves in foreign, austere environments, sharing the hardships of combat and building the sorts of bonds that amount to lasting alliances," he added.

And that’s exactly what his team was doing in Afghanistan.

"Although we find ourselves fighting a lot, our primary focus is to fight a common enemy in such a way as to leave the partner force self-sustaining,” Sargent explained. "On this deployment we had been assigned to the 3rd Kandak Afghan Army Special Operations Unit. We worked with their leadership to develop training regimens, planning proficiency and ultimately tactical experience.”

In doing so, he grew to know his allies well and developed a sincere respect for them.

"As for the soldiers I had the privilege of working with, I can honestly say that some were the utmost professional and inspiring individuals I have ever worked with. Their courage and unwavering optimism for the future of Afghanistan was truly inspirational.”
Engineering Leadership Program in 2015 and works as an integrated product team lead on Navy Submarine programs. She also received a master's degree in mechanical engineering from Purdue University in May 2015. Krystle is an active volunteer for the Berkshire United Way, steering committee member for the Berkshire Leadership Program, and a volunteer for Engineer’s Week and other local STEM programs.

**Patricia Sanchez** writes, “As an English language learner in elementary school, I quickly learned the value of education and the opportunities it affords. Attending Union College solidified my investment and deep appreciation for education by giving me an unforgettable experience. As a result, I have made it my personal and professional mission to develop a love of learning and an appreciation for education in today’s youth. Today, you can find me working as the dean of students at a middle school charter school in Brooklyn, N.Y. I really love my job because it allows me to help develop the character of my students and provides me with a platform to influence my students to invest in their own educations. I simultaneously work to hold students accountable for their choices while finding numerous ways to infuse joy into their educational experiences in order to build a vibrant school culture.”

**Anna Sise** was recently hired as the Handle Bar indoor cycling studio’s newest instructor. She is teaching in their three Boston area locations (South Boston, Fenway, and Harvard Square).

**2013**

**CLASS CORRESPONDENT**

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Jillian DeBono writes, “Engaged to Andrew Beaule, Class of 2014!”

Caitlin Maloy writes, “After graduating from Union, I spent a year serving children with mental health disabilities, which helped me discover my true passion for serving others. I just graduated with an M.S. in mental health counseling from Columbia University and I couldn’t be more thrilled to turn my passion into a career in this exciting new field! For the rest of the summer, I will be taking a much needed staycation in NYC before starting a job in the fall. My undergraduate degree from Union was a great springboard into the real world and an experience I am eternally grateful for.”

Halley Darling recently became engaged to Daniel Otto ’12.

Sonika Raj is engaged to Dr. Sujoy Phokan of Albany Medical College. Sonika is a third-year student at Albany Medical College.

Julia Duros recently passed the Series 7 & 66 exams.

Chris Paolini recently graduated with an MBA in healthcare management from Clarkson Graduate College. He resides in Charleston, S.C., where he’s a project manager in quality improvement for Molina Healthcare of South Carolina.

Carissa Vazzana was recently promoted to legislative director at top-ranked New York lobbying firm Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker.

Ryan Semerad graduated from the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law in May and started as an associate at Jones Day in Cleveland, Ohio this fall.

Kyra Burnett writes, “I just graduated WPI this spring with my master’s in biomedical engineering, still continuing with my Ph.D. there, and I am currently in Vienna, Austria, completing my international research experience for my NSF fellowship. Currently I am working at the Research Institute for Molecular Pathology and working with the Zimmer lab (an awesome C. elegans lab).”

Brileigh Pinkey, Cristina Vazzana, Krystal Figueroa and Simona Teixeira-Mayhew met in London this past winter for a mini ReUnion.

Caitlin Moore has completed her master’s degrees and passed her boards to become a certified physician assistant. She joined Texas Children’s Hospital to work with pediatric patients in Houston, Texas this fall.

**2014**

Nate Foster writes, ”Starting in the fall of 2015, I have been a student at SUNY Optometry in NYC. I am at the end of my first year, and I love the work I do and cannot wait to be a practicing optometrist. My time at Union has definitely given me excellent preparation for this field!”

Gabriella Levine attends Albany Law School and is the executive editor of State Constitutional Commentary of the Albany Law Review. She recently worked for the Albany law firm of Whiteman Osterman & Hanna as a summer associate.

Sarah Wizner writes, “I graduated with my masters in social work (MSW) from the University of Connecticut on May 7.”

**2015**

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John Famulare was recently featured in the Times Telegram. The story focused on his solo exhibition, “Introspection,” which was on display in the 401 Gallery of the Mohawk Valley Arts Center (Little Falls, N.Y.) in April and May.
Alumni at the wedding of R.J. Prossner '02 and Colleen Watson

Pennacchia '02,* Leif Erik Liland completed University of Colorado's one-year intensive nursing program in December 2015 and earned his license as a registered nurse.

2000

Leif Erik Liland and Laura Richardson '02 married in the mountains of Norway on Aug. 1, 2014. Present was Ricardo Laremont. They write, ‘We celebrated back in Massachusetts with family and friends, including Matthew Gendron, David Pennacchia '01 and Jane.

2002

R.J. Prossner and Colleen Watson were married in Bermuda on Saturday, June 14, 2015. The wedding ceremony was held at Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity in Hamilton, followed by a seaside reception at the Mid Ocean Club in Tuckerstown. Many Union alumni were in attendance, including Russ Kerbel, Jane (Kaplan) Peck, Nate Peck, Kaelyn (South) Phillips '01, Michael Tatelman, James Weaver, Ariel Pasch and Kurt Kimball.

Kathleen (Meloney) Cunningham writes, ‘I married Eric S. Cunningham in Las Vegas, Nev. on June 13, 2015. Eric is originally from Oregon and works as an aerospace manufacturing consultant. I am still teaching high school mathematics in San Juan Capistrano, Calif., and we reside in Anaheim Hills with our four-legged furbaby. I hope to be able to see everyone and catch up at our 15 year ReUnion in 2017!”

2004

Allison Sandella and Brent Hardenbergh were married in May 2015 in Portsmouth, N.H., surrounded by friends and family. The next big adventure afterwards was forming a real estate business together and remodeling a home in the Boston area.

2005

Katye and Scott Bresney were married at Cranwell Resort in Lenox, Mass., Oct. 3, 2015. Alumni in attendance included Phil Chorba, Alex Nitka, Aaron Swan '06, Evan (Duffy) Brett '08, Matt Coats, Matt Ramon '06, Patrick Kelly, Jason Farrow, Devon Bruce,
Andrew Dikan ’06, Tyson McCabe, Todd Marsh ’07 and Andrew Brett ’06. Katye and Scott reside in Boston and are expecting their first child in November.

2006
Benjamin Birnbaum ’07 and Ashley LoTempio were married March 19, 2016 in New York, N.Y. Alumni in attendance were Andrew Shohet ’05, Josh Holdreith, Nordo Nissi ’07, Kate Swartz ’07, Marc Tohme ’07, James Benedict ’07, Alexander Mossman ’07, Eric Lupton ’07, Rachel (Goldberg) Nissi, DeVer Warner, Ryan Goltzman ’07, Andrew Drzanin ’07, Jared Tilbor, Ashley (Sullivan) Wider, Caitlin Mahoney, Samuel Calder, Adriana Bonforte ’04, Michael Vila ’07, Charles Benedict ’07, Sarah (Meyer) Wilde, Alexander Wilde, David Schneidman ’07, Brian Rhone ’07, Jennifer Bernstein, Jaime (Uresse) Fairey, Kaitlin Connelly and Katherine (Murphy) Macherone.

Alex Cline ’07 and Sara (Gagnon) Cline were married Dec. 31, 2015 at The Inn at the Round Barn Farm in Waitsfield, Vt. The couple lives in Charlestown, Mass.

2007
Becky Haldane and Johnny Woof were married May 28, 2016 at the bride’s parents’ home in Ossining, N.Y. Alumnae in attendance included Carolyn Reider, Lisa Gorbaty Haldane ’78, Kristin Will, Sara Renzulli, Julie Condit and Christine Paiva.

2008
Meredith Katz and Steve Madej ’09 were married on October 10th, 2015 at Mayacama Golf Club in Santa Rosa, Calif. The bridal party included bridesmaids Jennifer Turecamo, Danielle Pomarole, Cristin Tenety, Chelsea Cobb, and Jenny (Davidow) Katz ’05, as well as best man Brian Groark ’09 and groomsmen Trip Botsford ’09, Sean Clancy ’09, Patrick Irwin ’09 and Brian Leistman ’10. Other alumni in attendance were Jennifer Saad, Lauren (Hutchinson) Coyle, Corinne (Simisky) Ritter, Amanda (Riitano) Curran, Keri Messa, Brett (Rosenzweig) Weiss, Katy (Osborne) Motley, Emily Bryson, Akosua (Dwomfour) Davis, Devon (Ciliberto) Allocco, Libby (Fortier) Botsford ’09, Samantha Beatty ’09, Jonathan Long ’09, Ryan Deck ’09, Ryan Kraynak ’09, Andrew Cataliier ’10, Christopher Brolley ’10, David Carson ’10, Scott Coblyn ’10, Doug Davis ’07 and Thomas Nozny ’84. Meredith and Steve reside in San Francisco, Calif.

2009
Alexandra (Gallagher) Heard and Wyatt Heard were married April 23, 2016 at Belhurst Castle in Geneva, N.Y. Alumni in attendance included Beth Solomon, Nicole (McRuiz) Jayko and Tim Jayko ’07. Alexandra and Wyatt met freshman year at Union while residing in Davidson. They live in Leesburg, Va.

2010
Michael Cancannon and Natalie Grome were married
June 13, 2015 in Skaneateles, N.Y. Alumni in attendance included Mary (Swift) Strader, Tory Peabody, Lauren Trell, Alexandra (Percy) Modliszewski, Sarah Doucett, Katie Davis, Dana Goldsmith, Elizabeth Osborne, Amy Frankenthaler, Kevin Grome, Paul Gerver, Richard Modliszewski, Brian Leistman, Christopher Brolley, Andrew Cattelier, Scott Coblyn, Jeffrey Temple, Charles Kaliades, Charles Hovsepian, Robert Lord, Andrew Reigle, Brian Groark, David Carson and Connor Cohn. Natalie writes, “My husband and I recently moved to Minneapolis, Minn. in October 2015. My husband works as a national account manager for Coty and is enrolled in the Carlson MBA program at the University of Minnesota. I graduated from the Yale physician associate program in December 2012 and am working for a practice called Minnesota Oncology.”

Bridget Natalie Jameson was married May 14, 2016 to Christopher Winslow Johnson. The Rev. John O’Kane, a Roman Catholic priest, performed the ceremony at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Bolton Landing, N.Y. Bridget is a communications associate at Pew Research Center in Washington. She received a master’s degree in public relations from Georgetown. Christopher is a senior investment associate in the Arlington, Va., office of Cambridge Associates, a Boston-based investment advisory firm, where he consults with institutional clients on how to manage their endowment portfolios. He graduated from the University of Richmond.
Alumni attend the wedding of Brooke Donnelly ’12 and Ted McKenna ’12

in New York City, followed by a reception at the Loeb Boathouse in Central Park. Alumni in attendance included members of the Class of 1974: Jim Brennan, Bill Breg, Caren (Fox) Linden, Pete Tavino, Kevin Donnelly (Brooke’s father); Brenny Kinnane ’11; members of the Class of 2012: Will Mahoney, Hilary Bergman, Melanie Kramer, Brianne Fennessey, Mike Lewis, Lexi Burtnan, Andie Coopersmith, Chris Diskin, Holland Martini, Caitlyn Gallagher, Nicole Reeger, Rebecca Brodoff, Kelsey Mulvihill, Ethan Meyer, Matt Livingston, Taylor Galbraith, Jonathan Stidd, Gaby Cohen, Jack Farrell; members of the Class of 2013: Katie Greenbaum, Sean Read, Joey Cordrey, Peter Griesinger.

Christina Todorova got married this past May in Kazanlak, Bulgaria, and was accompanied by Union friends, Nathalie Marte and Gabriela DeAndrade.

Brendan Steiner and Meredith McLennan were married June 18, 2016 in Rye, N.Y. Alumni in attendance included Peter Kennedy, Jeff Lounsbury ’11, Kyle Riter, Sam Light, Andrew Cassin, Ted Civetti, Cam Skinner ’11, Hilary Segar, Katie Weinstein, Hallie Mabrey, Allie Cuzzo, Hank Myers ’11, Chris Foley ’11, Kate Foley ’13, Ashley Simses, Jess Lifton, Jack Scott, Andrew Heitmann ’11, Rachel Tarica, Lindsay Gabrielski, Elizabeth Litwin, Catie McGuinness, Jack Mara, Monica Niedermeyer, Lizzy Moran, Lauren Trel, Molly Osborn, Scott Garibaldi, Jeff Combs, Andrew Higgins, Billy Tully, Chris Jacobson, John Lareau and Mark O’Shea ’11.

2012

Brooke Donnelly and Ted McKenna were married April 23, 2016 at St. James’ Church

1995

Rachel (Goldfine) Sifri writes, “Ramzi and I are happy to announce the birth of Ella Rose Sifri. Big brother, Jacob, has been a great brother to Ella from the day she was born on Oct. 26, 2015. We love seeing Ella grow through the year. We can’t wait for friends to meet her.”

1997

Seth Camhi and his wife, Michelle, are thrilled to announce the arrival of their triplets—Sarah, Leah and Luke—born Feb. 25, 2014. They join their older brother Max (Class of 2031). The Camhi family is now living in San Diego, Calif.

2013

Kyle Lanzit and Sarah (Darsigny) Lanzit were married June 11, 2016, with a whole host of fellow Union alums in attendance. They write, “We met at Union in our freshman year, and were so happy to have so much of our Union family with us on our big day!”

Gabriele (Mueller) Shakeri writes, “We welcomed our fifth child and first son, named Yusuf, on October 30. We have recently moved back to N.Y. from Dubai, UAE, and are glad to be back in town.”

Eric Freeman and his wife, Yael, are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Gabrielle Kanog Freeman, who arrived April 12, 2016. The family resides in Great Neck, N.Y.

Chris (LeDuc) Jernigan writes, “A super late birth announcement for our twins, Layla Christine (4 lbs. 8 oz.) and Elias Philippe (4 lbs. 1 oz.) Jernigan, born Dec. 7, 2013. Funny thing about their weight, their total was exactly the same as big brother Emerson (8 lbs., 9 oz.). It’s been a busy few years for us and now we’re looking forward to our adventures out and about!”
1998

Courtney Seymour and Peter Farnum are pleased to introduce Theodore LaVecchia Farnum (Tad), brother of Stuart Antony (S) and Eben Charles (2). All three boys were named in memory of Tony LaVecchia and in honor of Tony’s family. Tad was born at Bellevue Women’s Hospital in Niskayuna, N.Y. on Dec. 28, 2015.

1999

Robert and Ellen Eden are happy to announce the birth of Theodore James Eden in December of 2015. His older brothers, Benjamin Robert (8) and Donovan Hovsep (5), were very excited to welcome him to our new home in Bethlehem, N.Y.

2001

Erin (Fitzpatrick) Herlihy and Ryan Herlihy are proud to announce the birth of a second baby boy, Chase Patrick Herlihy. Chase was born on March 23, 2016 and weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces. Mom, Dad, and big brother, Colin, are all doing well and enjoying their newly expanded family.

2002

Andrea (Alderman) Bixler and her husband, Eryle, are happy to announce the birth of their son, Declan Edward, on Feb. 8, 2015. Declan, who recently celebrated his first birthday, joins big brother Liam.

2003

Becky (Wolf) Stiles and Paul Stiles are proud to announce the birth of their second child, Hannah Zoe Stiles. She was born July 27, 2015, at 9 pounds, 6 ounces and 21 inches long. Big brother Sonny is loving having a little sister. Becky and her family live in West Nyack, N.Y., and are enjoying being a family of four.

2004

Annie Rutter and her husband, Steve Stutzman, welcomed their daughter, Isabel Nicole, on May 18, 2015.

Sarah (Handler) Kelley and her husband, Christopher Kelley, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Rose Kelley. Hannah was born on Aug. 31, 2015 and weighed 9 pounds.

2005

Adison Brooke Ginsberg was born Nov. 18, 2015 in New York City to Aaron and Jill Ginsberg. She is the granddaughter of Susan and Harris Ginsberg ’72.
Andrew B. Palumbo and Krista Palumbo are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Zoe Frances. She was born Jan. 11, 2016 in Worcester, Mass., and weighed 8 pounds and 6 ounces. Her two-year old sister, Cecelia Mae, is thrilled to be a big sister.

Jeremy Jones writes, “On Dec. 22, 2015 my wife, Jamie, and I welcomed our first child. Our baby girl, Sophia Jeramie Jones, was born at 7:03 p.m., weighing in at 8 pounds, 3 ounces in New York City.

2006

Vin Mattone and his fiancé, Laura Delargy, are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter, Quinn Rose. Quinn was born March 20, 2016 and weighed in at 7 pounds, 4 ounces. Both Mom and Quinn are doing well and dad couldn’t be happier.

Jaime Quinones and Jazmin Puicon ’07 welcomed a beautiful baby girl on Jaime’s birthday, October 28, 2015. Serafina joins big brother Joaquin and sister Marbella as part of the Quinones family.

2007

Brian Feldman and Meng Kui Yan ’06 are excited to announce the birth of their first child, Olivia Rose Feldman, born Dec. 11, 2015, at a weight of 7 pounds, 11 ounces. They write, “She is the first grandchild on either side, and her grandparents were overjoyed with her arrival. Everybody comments on her copious and sometimes crazy hair!”

On Dec. 20, 2015, Victoria (Hurley) ’05 and Nicholas Salvatoriello welcomed their baby boy, Grantham John, into the world. He weighed a healthy 9 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 21 inches. He was greeted by four grandparents, 23 uncles and aunts, and five nieces and nephews. He is enjoying his new home in Braintree, Mass., and has been visited by many Union alumni family and friends.

2008

Rachael Federico and Matthew Blythe welcomed their daughter, Henia Justine Blythe, on Jan. 26, 2016. She was born in Silverton, Ore., weighing 7 pounds and 2 ounces. Joanne Dannenhoffer assisted in the birth.

Andrew Bigness and his wife, Jessica Vigars, of Niskayuna, N.Y., welcomed their first child, a son, James Reginald Bigness, on Nov. 17, 2015. James was 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

Ashley (Banta) and Michael Gallagher are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Paige Elizabeth. She was born in Boston, Mass., March 18, 2016, weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
1930s

Anthony Canale ’38, of Queensbury, N.Y., who earned a M.A. from Columbia University and served in the U.S. Army before teaching languages, driver’s education and tennis in area schools, March 30, 2016. After leaving Glens Falls High School in 1968 to practice real estate, Tony was the owner-broker of Ridge Meadows Realty until recently. Tony, who also taught Italian to senior citizens at Empire State College, was 100.

John W. Van Laak Jr. ’38, of Queensbury, N.Y., a veteran of World War II who served with the 21st Weather Squadron attached to the Eighth Air Force before retiring in 1979 as chief budget examiner, after nearly 40 years with the New York State Division of Budget, April 7, 2016. A third degree member and trustee of the Knights of Columbus and a communicant of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church, he was 99.

1940s

Robert Fitzpatrick ’42, of Ponte Vedra, Fla., who spent 40 years with General Electric in marketing and was a national sales manager with the company, and who served in the U.S. Army during World War II, Feb. 25, 2016. Robert, who enjoyed golf, tennis and cheering for the Red Sox, was 96.

Donald R. Brockwehl ’42, of Slingerlands, N.Y., who served in the U.S. Navy Reserve before becoming a partner in McManus, Lange, Brockwehl General Contractors (now MLB Construction Services), in memoriam

DR. RICHARD SELZER ’48

Dr. Richard Selzer ’48 Sc.D., a surgeon whose mid-career change to become a writer helped create the literature for the evolving field of medical humanities, died June 15, 2016. He was 87.

Selzer’s writing sparked the movement that has become important to a new doctor-patient-centered medicine, according to Mahala Yates Stripling, author of Imagine a Man: the Surgeon Storyteller, a literary biography of Selzer. His work—rich in themes of empathy—is integral to the canon of literature used to train humanistic doctors, she said.

From an early age, Selzer cultivated interests in both medicine and literature. Born to Russian immigrants in 1928 in Troy, N.Y., Selzer was the son of a family physician who brought him on rounds to witness what Selzer later called “the glorious privilege of healing.” His mother—an artist, singer and actress—fueled his lifelong passion for literature.

When his father died suddenly of a heart attack, the 13-year-old vowed to fulfill his father’s career in medicine. His mother’s influence remained, however, and would blossom decades later.

At Union, Selzer majored in biology but took a steady dose of courses in French, psychology, English literature and composition, and European history. “This diverse undergraduate experience, merging the two seemingly disparate fields of science and the humanities, was fundamental to his hybrid artistry,” wrote Stripling.

Leonard Clark and Allan Scott, biology professors known for their wide-ranging research interests, inspired Selzer while he was at Union. He was a member of Phi Sigma Delta fraternity and wrote for the student newspaper, Concordiensis. He recalled his time at Union as “an intimate, personal, thorough education at a small, congenial college.”

After Union, he went on to Albany Medical College, earning his M.D. degree in 1953. He served a surgical residency at Yale University, interrupted by two years of service as an Army medic during the Korean War.

In 1960, he began a private surgical practice at Yale-New Haven Hospital. At 40, he began to write through a dedicated routine of going to bed early and getting up in the middle of the night to write. Selzer preferred to write in longhand, as if holding a scalpel. “Blood and ink, in my hands, have a certain similarity,” he once wrote. “When you hold a scalpel, blood is shed; when you hold a pen, ink is spilled. Something is let in each of these acts.”


Selzer retired from medicine in 1985 to write full-time.

He holds an honorary doctor of science degree from Union. He was profiled as a Union Notable, an exhibit of accomplished members of the Union community.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Janet White Selzer; and three children.
June 16, 2016. An avid skier and golfer, he was a member of the Schuyler Meadows Club for 50 years and volunteered for decades to help run Hickory Hill, where his family skied. He was 95.

**Stephen H. Glucroft ’45**, May 5, 2016. He was 92.

**Harry William “Bill” Smith ’45**, of Cooperstown, N.Y., a longtime Ford dealer and former racecar driver who went on to various positions with McLaren Racing, Aug. 10, 2016. He was 88. An active volunteer for Union, he was also involved in a number of community organizations in Cooperstown and his native Norwich, N.Y.

**Robert J. Sise ’46**, of Amsterdam, N.Y., who served in the U.S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. McKinley, graduated from Albany Law School, practiced law in Amsterdam with his son at Sise & Sise, and was a professional baseball player for a short time, March 22, 2016. Robert, also a member of the judiciary for 30 years, served on the bench in many capacities, including as chief administrative judge for the courts outside New York City. He was 90.

**Dr. Richard B. Tobin ’46**, of Omaha, Neb., Dec. 3, 2015. He was 90.

**James N. Fritze ’47**, of Shreveport, La., a fighter pilot who served 10 years with the U.S. Navy, rising to lieutenant, and graduated from LSU-S just before his 70th birthday, May 22, 2016. Owner and dealer of Red River Motor Company (1960-2012), he was active in many community and professional organizations, including as president of the Shreveport Bossier New Car

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**PROF. H. ALAN NELSON ’46**

Prof. H. Alan Nelson ’46, professor emeritus of English and a genial campus advocate for good writing, died June 3, 2016 at his home in Saratoga Springs. He was 92.

He joined the faculty in 1954 as an instructor of English, and rose to full professor. During his tenure, he served as associate dean of faculty, department chair, and as a member of numerous tenure and ad hoc committees.

At Nelson’s retirement in 1989, the late Prof. William Murphy praised his colleague’s “pervasive and long-lasting” influence on curriculum, academic standards, student behavior and faculty morale.

A specialist in rhetoric, composition and linguistics, Nelson was a frequent source for students and colleagues who turned to him for writing help. “His principal contribution to us all has been as unsleeping guardian of the purity of the mother tongue, protecting it against assailants within and without the walls,” Prof. Murphy said. “He taught the virtues of correctness, elegance and clarity.”

He is well remembered as founder and director of the College’s Writing Center. It was not a “fix it shop” for re-writes, Nelson said at the center’s opening in 1984, but a place where students could get help from tutors in the process of writing. Urging for proactivity, he added, “The earlier you come, the more they can help you. Prenatal care is better than a post mortem.”

Nelson loved campus news and often visited around campus to share the latest. He frequented the Office of Public Relations, where he was a resource for news, grammar and style. He was a fixture at ReUnions and other alumni events. A fan of classical music, he enjoyed the Union College Concert Series.

A native of Erie, Pa., he arrived at Union at the height of World War II and was enrolled in the Navy V-12 officer training program. He was a member of the College band, glee club and Sigma Chi fraternity. He wrote for the *Idol*. After earning his A.B. in English, he served the Navy as an anti-submarine officer aboard the *U.S.S. Coolbaugh*, a destroyer escort.

He earned a master’s and Ph.D. in English from Northwestern University. He was a member and past board member of the National Council of Teachers of English, and a member and past fellow of the New York State English Council.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis; two daughters, Peggy B. Seward and Mary B. Gibbons; two sons, Hugh and Peter; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his first wife, Marjorie; and his son, Michael W. Beson.

Arrangements are private. Contributions may be made to St. Peter’s ALS Regional Center, 19 Warehouse Row, Albany, N.Y. 12205 in memory of Michael W. Beson, or to Community Hospice Foundation, 295 Valley View Rd., Rensselaer, N.Y. 12144.
Dealers Association and president of Bossier Chamber of Commerce. He was 90.

Harry I. Mazer ’48, of Montpelier, Vt., a veteran of World War II who received the Purple Heart and an Air Medal with four bronze oak leaf clusters before earning a master’s in education from Syracuse University, April 7, 2016. A factory welder, gandy dancer on the railroad and teacher, Harry also wrote young adult novels, including *Snowbound* and the *Boy at War* series. A winner of the Knickerbocker Award and the ALAN Award, and numerous other honors, he was 91.

Robert E. Carpenter ’48, of Parkville, Md., who was a U.S. Army veteran, May 1, 2016. He was 89.

Kenneth N. McIver ’49, of Scotia, N.Y., who served with the U.S. Navy during World War II before working for the Rocket Engine Test Facility and General Electric Co. Foundry, retiring as an electrical engineer, June 8, 2016. Active in his community, he was a charter member of the Garnet Blades at Union College and the Adirondack Chapter of the NYS Archeological Society, and a longtime member of Guan Ho Ha Fish & Game Club. He was 90.

Stephen S. Israel ’49, of Niskayuna, N.Y., who served in the U.S. Navy during World War II before working for the Rocket Engine Test Facility and General Electric Co. Foundry, retiring as an electrical engineer, June 8, 2016. Active in his community, he served as co-chair of Niska-Day, was a founding member of the A.G. DAVIS PHILIP ’51

The College mourns the passing of A.G. Davis Philip ’51, a research professor in Physics and Astronomy and an internationally-known astronomer who also had passions for travel and photography. He died March 28, 2016 at the age of 87.

A fixture in the department, he collaborated with colleagues on a range of projects and served as a thesis and research advisor to a number of students.

He received his B.S. in physics from Union, a master’s in astronomy from New Mexico State University; and his Ph.D. in astronomy from Case Institute of Technology. He served two years in the U.S. Army.

An educator and editor, he was foremost a world-renowned astronomer. In 1980, he was the first American astronomer to use the six-meter telescope at the Special Astrophysical Observatory in Russia, then the largest telescope in the world.

His published over 60 scientific journal articles and numerous conference proceedings. He is best known for his work on globular clusters, dense star clusters that orbit the Milky Way. With his brother K. W. Philip and others, he published a 1991 book on fractals titled *Midgets on the Spike*. From 1988 to 1991, the brothers did a lecture tour in the U.S. and Canada on “An Introduction to the Mandelbrot Set.”

He chaired many meetings of astronomers and published the proceedings. He published 23 books through L. Davis Press. For 10 years, he administered the Harlow Shapley Visiting Lectureships, which sends astronomers to colleges to promote careers in the field.

He was a visiting fellow at Yale. He was a visiting astronomer at Moletai Observatory in Lithuania, the Vatican Advanced Technology Telescope in Arizona and the CASLEO Observatory in Argentina.

He taught at the University of New Mexico and the University at Albany. He was a member of numerous scientific societies including the American Astronomical Society, the Royal Astronomical Society of England, and the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences. He was a founder of the New York Astronomical Corporation and Astronomical Society of New York. He was also an enthusiastic member of the H. Rider Haggard Society.

He loved to travel. With his wife, Kristina, he took annual trips to England. He fulfilled his life goal of visiting every continent with a trip to Antarctica in 2008.

An accomplished photographer, he had a particular affection for the small town of Tepotzlan, Mexico, where he first photographed the villagers when he was a young man. He took photographs in subsequent years, and after 25 years he did a photo/slide presentation in the village square. Many of the villagers recognized themselves as young children and saw their parents and grandparents.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Kristina; and daughter, Elizabeth.
in memoriam

1950s

Dr. Paul R. Palmer ’50, of Syracuse, N.Y., who served with the U.S. Army in the first MASH unit and graduated from New York Medical College before co-founding Bluto and Palmer PC in Camillus and retiring in 1994, March 27, 2016. The director of Family Medicine Resident Education at Community Hospital for 30 years, he was a volunteer clinical faculty member at SUNY Upstate his entire career. A member of many professional organizations who received numerous awards, he was 90.

Russell L. Parker ’50, of Walkersville, Md., who served as a U.S. Navy aviation radioman during World War II, earned a master’s degree in civil engineering from RPI and spent 38 years in the bridge design office of the New York State Department of Transportation, May 8, 2016. Subsequently employed by Gandhi Engineering Inc., Russell was a longtime member of the Delmar Methodist Church and enjoyed photography and playing the harmonica, among many hobbies. He was 90.

Edward A. Larson ’50, of Detroit, Mich., and recently of West Chester, Pa., who served in the armed forces and graduated from Harvard School of Business, Sept. 30, 2015. Edward, whose first career was the family business, Clay Pipe Manufacturing (Detroit/Ohio), went

ANTHONY P. TARTAGLIA ’54

Dr. Anthony P. Tartaglia ’54, a prominent blood disease specialist and dean of Albany Medical College, and active and supportive Union College alumnus, died March 21, 2016. He was 83.

A graduate of Albany High School who was Phi Beta Kappa, winner of the Bailey Cup and pre-med at Union, Anthony earned his medical degree from the University of Rochester School of Medicine.

His long association with Albany Medical College began shortly thereafter in 1959, when he was a resident and later a fellow in hematology. From 1970-75, he was head of hematology, before becoming chief of medicine at St. Peter’s Hospital. Anthony returned to Albany Med in 1984 as executive vice president for patient care.

Also a respected professor, famous for the forceful delivery, sophistication and intelligence of his lectures, he was dean of Albany Medical College from 1990 to 1995. He oversaw the activities of 500 medical students and 100 graduate students, and is credited with convincing exceptional faculty to leave the likes of Harvard and the National Cancer Institute for Albany Med.

Through it all he remained dedicated to Union. Anthony was a member of the Trustee Board of Advisors and president of his class. As an annual fund volunteer, he was associate class agent. He also co-chaired his class ReUnion in 1999, endowed the Anthony Tartaglia ’54 Scholarship and supported Yulman Theater.

A passionate teacher who cared deeply for his students and patients, Anthony received several recognitions for his accomplishments in medicine. He was just as proud of the Golden Lion Award he received from the local Sons of Italy chapter, and Italian of the Year award from the Italian-American Community Center in Albany.

Anthony also received the prestigious Citizens Laureate award from the University at Albany Foundation. A scholarship fund in his name at Albany Medical College was set up by the class of 1970 in honor of his mentorship.

Always an active contributor and supporter of his community, Anthony also served on numerous boards, including Opera Saratoga, the Albany Symphony, American Red Cross, New York State Hospital Review and Planning Council and the Double H Ranch, in which he took a special interest.

And after he retired from Albany Med in 1998, he was involved in the development of live, interactive medical programs that helped train medical students via satellite in Poland, Georgia, Ukraine, Russia and other countries.

Anthony is survived by his wife of 58 years, Jeannie; brother, Philip O. Tartaglia, of Potsdam; sisters, Catherine Plummer and Louise Finkell, of Albany; three children, Robert Tartaglia of Weston, Conn., John Tartaglia, of Rye, and Catherine Tartaglia of Campton, N.H.; and five grandchildren.

Empire State Aerosciences Museum, and was a lieutenant in the Civil Air Patrol. He was 89.
on to own and manage two restaurants in Malvern, Pa. He was 87.

Theodore H. Klotz Jr. ’52, of Schenectady, N.Y., who earned a master’s in computer science from Union College, was an avid astronomer, and was an electrical engineer for General Electric until retiring in 1992, May 11, 2016. A life-long member of Good Shepard Lutheran Church who was a broadcast engineer for an Albany radio station, Theodore also loved classical music and was an amateur ham radio operator. A member of the Clifton Park Community Orchestra, he was 85.

Judson R. Escalante ’53, of Chatham, Mass., who served with the U.S. Army during the Korean War before working at the National Commercial Bank (Albany, N.Y.), April 18, 2016. An officer and part-founder of Fidelity Bank of Colonie (Latham, N.Y.), he later established an income tax business, where he worked until retirement. He was 86.

Raymond M. Philip ’53, of St. Andrews, Scotland, Sept. 8, 2015. He was 84.

Joseph E. Czaban Sr. ’53, of Burnt Hills, N.Y., who served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force, stationed in Tennessee, and began his career with the University of Rochester, was 81.

John E. Sigsby ’53, of Raleigh, N.C., who retired from EPA as a chemist in 1992, Sept. 16, 2015. He was 84.

Robert L. Tofel ’54, of New York, N.Y., who practiced law for half a century, March 12, 2015. He was 83.

Donald Peter Hirshorn ’56, of Schenectady, N.Y., who graduated from Albany Law School, was a partner at Levy and Hirshorn and was an assistant attorney general for New York State, March 23, 2016. Counsel and lobbyist for the Retired Public Employees Association of N.Y., Donald served 31 years in the N.Y. Army National Guard, many as a JAG senior officer. An active leader of the Class of 1956 ReUnion planning committee, he was 81.

Peter B. Kahn ’56, of Shoreham, N.Y., who earned a Ph.D. from Northwestern University and was a professor of physics at Stony Brook University from 1961 until 2003, and was a founding member of Hillel at Stony Book and of the Women in Science and Engineering program, April 27, 2016. Peter also served as dean of undergraduate studies, director of the undergraduate program in physics and the graduate program in physics. He was 81.

Richard C. Dargusch ’57, formerly of Batavia, N.Y., and Old Saybrook, Conn., March 11, 2016. He was 79.

Dr. Martin J. Poppo ’57, of Longmeadow, Mass., who earned his medical degree from McGill University and practiced rheumatology from 1965 until March 2013, Sept. 3, 2015. Martin, who initiated and directed the Immunology Lab at Springfield Hospital (now Baystate Medical Center) and served as chief of rheumatology there, also founded Rheumatology Associates (now the Arthritis Treatment Center). He was 79.

Richard F. Windeler ’59, of Greene, N.Y., Sept. 30, 2015. He was 78.

1960s

Thomas W. Wallace II ’60, of Niskayuna, N.Y., who served in the U.S. Army, and spent 30 years with the State of New York and was the first-ever executive director of the State Board of Elections, a post he held until retirement in 1992, May 23, 2016. A member of many organizations, including the American Society for Public Administration and the New York State Interdepartmental Council of Fiscal Officers, he was 79.

James E. Anderson ’60, of Naples, Fla., and Hyannis, Mass., who held a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from Princeton University and spent 37 years with Ford Motor Company’s Research Laboratory, June 22, 2016. The author of over 75 articles and holder of many U.S. patents, he collaborated with scientists around the world, traveling frequently to Europe, Africa and Greece. The benefactor of the James E. Anderson ’60 Endowed Scholarship Fund at Union College, he was 77.

Arthur S. Milliman ’61, of Durham, N.C., who was a program designer and manager for display products for IBM, June 3, 2016. Bob, who loved learning and music, joined Duke’s OLLI program following retirement and played in the OLLI band. A fan of Union College hockey and Duke basketball, he was 76.

Dr. Judson C. Harrington ’64, of Aiken, S.C., June 17, 2016. He was 74.

Steven H. Olsen ’65, of Dunkirk, Md., March 9, 2016. He was 72.

John J. Soper ’65, of Rochester, N.Y., who graduated from the University of Rochester and began his career with the Webster Central School...
District as a social studies teacher, becoming a social studies administrator, vice principal and principal, May 20, 2016. John, who enjoyed traveling and spending time with family at their home on Seneca Lake, was 72.

Anthony D. Judge ’66, of White Plains, N.Y., who served in the U.S. Marines, was an accomplished wrestler at Union, and donated his time for many years as a coach and umpire with Pelton Baseball, March 5, 2016. He was 71.

Rolf G. Kasper ’66, of Old Lyme, Conn., who earned an M.S. from Georgia Tech and a Ph.D. from Yale, and worked at the Naval Underwater System Center and was the author of numerous papers and inventor on more than half a dozen patents, April 30, 2016. Recognized throughout his career, he received the Presidential Rank Award, the Decibel Award and the Robert Dexter Conrad Award. He was 73.

Richard P. Sifton ’66, of Roanoke, Va., who served with the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War and earned an MBA in finance from Columbia University before working in the commercial airline and mutual fund industries, June 16, 2016. Most recently employed by a logistics company, he was a founder of the Roanoke Diversity Center. He was 71.

Will Goodwin ’69, of Austin, Texas, who earned a graduate degree in library science from UCLA and was a modern literature biographer and rare book cataloguer for the Harry Ransom Center at UT Austin, April 9, 2016. Later an independent rare book dealer, he was 68.

1970s

William Fox ’72, of North Greenbush, N.Y., who attended Albany Law School before practicing law in East Greenbush and serving as deputy town attorney, a law guardian and president of the Rensselaer County Bar Association, March 14, 2016. Bill, who enjoyed spending time with friends on the golf course and supporting the Union men’s hockey team as an executive committee member of the Garnet Blades, was 65.


Timothy D. Cain ’73, of Albany, N.Y., who earned an M.B.A. from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, May 21, 2016. Timothy, who worked in the financial industry at Ernst & Ernst; Moody’s Investor Services; and as director at PNB and UBS PaineWebber, was 65.

Philip N. Ford Jr. ’74, of Portland, Maine, who ran the family book binding business in Boston before forming Ford Stanhope Real Estate (Yarmouth), Feb. 24, 2016. Philip, who also worked in sales for F.S. Plummer and Prudential Nail, and in real estate on Cape Cod with companies including Reef Realty, spent the past few years as a school crossing guard for the City of Portland. He was 64.

Stephen M. Andrews ’75, of Springfield, Mass., who held an MBA from Western New England College and spent 15 years with Albert Steiger Co., which he represented on international buying trips, March 26, 2016. Stephen, who also held buying positions with Bradlees Inc., Work ‘n Gear Stores and other companies, was also a substitute teacher, Sunday school teacher, and softball coach. He was 63.

Virginia Hobart ’78, of Schenectady, N.Y., who loved to ski, garden, sail and travel, and was intimately involved the Foundation for Water & Education, Cambodia, March 4, 2016. A board member of the Chebeague Island Recreation Center (Maine), she devoted much of her energy to raising her children and managing her husband’s medical practice in Troy, Virginia, who with her husband supported the Second Wind Farm on the island, was 61.

1980s

Carol Lesley Mckenzie-Wilson ’80, of Danville, Calif., who worked as an electrical and software development engineer in New York and Connecticut before moving to Danville and becoming a volunteer at the Montair School, March 27, 2016. A certified master gardener, she also volunteered at Forest Home Farms in San Ramon, where she managed the planting of their organic gardens and was a docent. She was 56.

Scott L. NeJame ’82, of Chatham, N.Y., who earned his juris doctorate from the New England School of Law and was an attorney for the State of New York for 25 years, the last 10 of which he served as an administrative law judge for the Department of State, May 1, 2016. An expert skier, golfer and tennis player, and active supporter of animal rights, he was 56.

Rev. Amy E. Edwards ’82, of Westport, Mass., who graduated from Suffolk University School of Law, earned a degree in social work from Rhode Island College and a master’s of divinity from Andover Newton Theological School, May 13, 2016. An advocate for women’s issues at Union, she founded the Union College Women’s Network in 1978. At the time of her passing, she was the pastor of the Federated Church of Edgartown, Mass. She was 55.

Robert J. Hickson ’87, of Bethel, Conn., who attended West Point, where he played football, a sport he also participated in at Union, May 18, 2016. A member of the Sheet Metal Workers Union, he was 52.

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Ian U. Prout ’94, of Deep River, Conn., who owned and operated The Sport Car Driving Association, which gives people of all abilities the chance to experience race car driving.
driving on prestigious New England tracks, April 9, 2016. Devoted to his family, Ian holds five lap records at three different tracks: Watkins Glen (his favorite), Lime Rock Park and Thompson. He was 44.

Kathleen Lynch Farrell ’99, of Albany, N.Y., who earned a civil engineering degree at Union and went on to a distinguished engineering career working in Dublin, Boston, Albany and on the Hudson River dredging project, March 28, 2016. Accomplished in woodwork-ing, tiling, plumbing, electric work, painting, gardening and cooking, she enjoyed traveling and her camp on Lake George. She was 38.

Friends of Union College

Vaughn C. Bell, of Schenectady, N.Y., who worked in dining services at West College and joined Union College in 2006, March 20, 2016. Vaughn, who will be remembered for his quiet demeanor and infectious smile, was 32.

Mary M. Woods, of Schenectady, N.Y., who served in the U.S. Navy Supply Corps and earned a bachelor of science from the University of Iowa before retiring from Union College, Institute of Administration and Management, April 9, 2016. A communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, where she was a longtime member of the choir and played flute, she was 96.

PROF. APRIL SELLEY

Colleagues and other friends are mourning the loss of April Selley, a devoted teacher and writer who instilled in students her joy of literature and the craft of creative writing. She passed away on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 after a long illness.

A specialist in American literature, creative writing and poetry, she joined the College in 2001 as a visiting assistant professor. She became a lecturer in 2006, and a senior lecturer in 2009.

She held a bachelor’s degree from Providence College, and master’s and Ph.D. from Brown University.

Before joining Union, she taught at the College of Saint Rose and was a Fulbright lecturer in Portugal and Japan. A freelance writer, she also led a number of workshops in the region. She received the Russel B. Nye Award from the Popular Culture Association for best article published in the Journal of Popular Culture.

Her teaching and research covered all periods of American literature, especially the Romantic Period and the 20th and 21st centuries; the relationships between literature and religion, and literature and popular culture; and creative writing, including poetry, fiction and nonfiction.

Her publications included articles on Poe, Dickinson, Fitzgerald, Lovecraft, The Deerslayer, Transcendentalism and Star Trek: The Next Generation. She also wrote short stories, travel essays and poetry. She published seven works of fiction and over 40 poems in literary magazines. Her poetry chapbook In and Out of Eden won the 2001 Permafrost Competition. She was working on a memoir about living in Japan and a novel about living in Schenectady.

Prof. Patricia Wareh, recalled that, during her illness, Prof. Selley had received a number of letters and cards from students. “She was very gratified to hear from them, and said that it made her feel that she had done something worthwhile with her life,” Wareh said.

Throughout her illness, she offered detailed comments on students’ work in fiction, and sent messages to students from the hospital, according to Wareh. She attended the last Prize Day even though she was very ill, Wareh added.

“She took her teaching seriously and she took her students seriously, urging them to take responsibility for their educations,” said Harry Marten, the Edward E. Hale Jr. Professor of English Emeritus. “With quick insight and a lovely, very funny ironic sense of humor—both sweet and sharp—she helped her students to think analytically and write with clarity.”

Prof. Claire Bracken said, “Her infectious sense of fun and energetic spirit imbued everything she turned her eye to. We were so lucky to have known and worked with her and are so very, very heartbroken about her passing.”

Prof. Bunkong Tuon recalled a recent conversation he had with Prof. Selley. “It’s all about relationships,” she said. “Being kind, compassionate and generous, doing good work. I feel lucky to have known many good people in my life. I’m forever grateful.”

“Her last word to my family and me was ‘love.’” Prof. Tuon said. “I have been loved in her grace, as we all have been.”
Franz Gleich coached Dutchmen soccer between 1948 and 1957, and made a lasting impact on many of his players. So much so that Dr. Howard Rosenkrantz ’57 led a recent effort to make sure his old coach’s contributions to the sport aren’t forgotten.

A plaque commissioned by Rosenkrantz in recognition and memory of Gleich—who endowed the soccer programs at Union College—now graces Alumni Gym. It was installed beside the soccer trophy case during Homecoming Weekend in October 2015.

“I think about Franz often. He and his wife did not have any children. He really saw his players, quite frankly, as his sons—and he treated us that way,” said Rosenkrantz, a retired dentist in Marblehead, Mass., who received the Alumni Gold Medal in 1978.

“He stressed the meaning of fair play and was also very concerned with our futures, what directions we were going from Union.”

Gleich and his wife, Elsie, immigrated from Germany to the United States after World War I, settling in Schenectady, where Gleich worked as a tool and die maker at GE. A member of military all-star soccer teams in his homeland, Gleich coached at Union part-time and initiated the soccer program at the College.

He brought his teams against the likes of Syracuse, Hamilton, Middlebury, the University of Rochester, Colgate and RPI.

“We played a fairly challenging schedule as a Division III team,” Rosenkrantz recalled. “We played a lot of the more competitive colleges.”

After Gleich left Union in 1957, he and Rosenkrantz became such good friends that Rosenkrantz organized a bon voyage party when Gleich and Elsie returned to Germany in 1963. Many of Gleich’s former players attended.

The Atlantic Ocean presented no obstacle, however, and Rosenkrantz and Gleich remained close.

Starting in 1966, Gleich and Elsie would winter in Miami, where Rosenkrantz’s parents also lived.

“For 23 years, my wife and my children, we would go down to spend the day with them,” said Rosenkrantz, whose daughter, Amy, is a member of the Class of 1986.

In 1988, in honor of what he considered the high point of his life—coaching at Union—Gleich began exploring the option of funding scholarships for soccer players.

“Unfortunately, Division III rules would not allow that and it was decided that instead he would endow the sport,” said Rosenkrantz, who helped Gleich set up the Franz Gleich Endowed Fund for Soccer. Officially established in 1990, it supports both men’s and women’s programs.

That same year, Bob Magee, then coach of the men’s team, took his squad to Germany for the pre-season. Rosenkrantz arranged games near Gleich’s home outside Stuttgart, much to the joy of Gleich, Magee and the Union players.

Gleich died in 1991.

“Franz, he would always say to me, ‘We are us,’” said Rosenkrantz, whose grandson, Joshua Price, is a member of the Class of 2018.

“I never fully understood what that meant, but we just had this close relationship. Sometimes I thought of him as a second father.”

“With this plaque, I just hope that soccer players might venture up and look into that case and know that this humble man, Franz Gleich, endowed their sport at Union in perpetuity.”

To learn more about Franz Gleich, who endowed soccer at Union College, visit www.union.edu/magazine
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