The legacy of Wendell King ’24

A reunion 70 years in the making
3215 St. Claude is part of an exhibit, "When We Lived Here," on display at the Mandeville Gallery through Dec. 3. The show features 32 works by Laini Nemett, the John D. MacArthur Assistant Professor of Drawing and Painting, that explore the concept of home through collaged architectural environments. She describes her work as a response to "personal histories as recalled by the buildings that house them... I collage and collapse planes to conjure the passing of time and the generations of lives lived between the aging walls."

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70 years later, Union and St. Lawrence alums reconnect
The College honored a lifelong friendship between Donald Sommers ‘45 and Teddy Rosen (St. Lawrence University) at an October football game. The two, close growing up, had been out of touch for 70 years until recently.

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20 Race, radio & the legacy of Wendell King ’24
It’s been a century since Wendell W. King ’24 played a role in a polarizing strike at General Electric, where he worked the summer following his freshman year. Chief engineer of Union’s student-operated radio station, the Encyclopedia of Union College History notes he was “the first black student to attend Union for any significant length of time.” King went on to become a research electrical engineer in Erie, Pa., where he helped create the first radio station in 1927.
Reflections on a Final Year of Service

Every fall, Judith and I host a reception for all 40 of our Posse Scholars. The reception provides an opportunity for us, and the Posse Scholars who are already enrolled at Union, to meet the incoming first-year Posse students and welcome them to the Union family. Before we take our group photo on the conservatory steps at the President’s House, I like to talk briefly to them about the many ways in which they make a difference at Union. This time, I ended my remarks by noting that this year would be our last in presidential service to Union, and I thanked them for being such a special part of our Union experience. They responded, in turn, by surrounding the two of us and giving us a 40-person group hug. It was wonderful.

The reaction of the Posse scholars is representative of the remarkable outpouring of appreciation that we’ve received from students, faculty, and alumni. At this year’s opening Convocation in a packed Memorial Chapel, we received a standing ovation. Heartfelt letters and emails have voiced thanks and offered best wishes for the next chapter in our lives. This has been gratifying to be sure but it’s also been humbling. It has also been a reminder of what we’ve come to treasure about our Union experience—that is, the strength of this community and just how special it is to be part of it.

When I assumed the presidency in 2006, I’d have been very pleased if I’d been told I’d have a 12-year tenure. After all, the average tenure of presidents is far shorter. In 2011 the American Council of Education (ACE) reported that it was seven years (a decrease from an average of 8.5 years in 2006) and it may well be shorter today. This community, with remarkably talented faculty, students, and staff and an equally talented and supportive Board of Trustees and committed alumni made the years fly by.

Before I came to Union, I attended an orientation for new college and university presidents hosted by Harvard University’s School of Education. I was told that I could expect to become what they called the “bi-pedal representation” of the college and there have been many occasions when I’ve been reminded of that—situations where I was aware that my presence was seen as the walking embodiment of Union. What they didn’t tell me at Harvard is that I would internalize everything about Union as a part of my very self, that Union would become a part of who I am, how I see the world, and what I hold dear. I know the same is true for Judith.

As I remind people on campus, we still have 1/12th of our presidency ahead of us. We have much to do. First, I am committed to helping Union secure the best possible successor, and I will do all that I can to ensure that the passing of the baton is smooth and effective. We have remarkable momentum as an institution and I want to ensure that this momentum continues without interruption. Second, we have a number of projects underway that are essential to Union’s future. Work on the integrated science and engineering complex is on time and on budget, and we will open the first portion of this exciting new facility in the fall of 2018. Work on an addition to Grant Hall is just getting underway and this will greatly enhance our work in admissions, allowing us to put our best foot forward when talking to prospective students and their families and, because of the remarkable technologies that will be incorporated into it, we’ll be able to more effectively tell the Union story to students across the country and across the world. And, we will complete a new arts courtyard that will create exciting outside space and serve to integrate the remarkable facilities in the arts that we now enjoy. And, we will use the year to thank the many members of our community who have been part of our amazing 12-year journey—people who’ve been so generous in their support of our efforts to enhance Union while retaining what has been so special about it for more than two centuries.

It has been the honor of a lifetime to serve and advocate for Union College. We look forward to seeing many of you in the months that remain and saying thank you. I can assure you that Union will remain part of us for the rest of our lives.

STEPHEN C. AINLAY, Ph.D.
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We hope you will join us!

A great edition of the magazine! Love the article about the set designer [Charles Stecker] and the pictures of some of his sets. The Nott Memorial is at the center of my many fond memories of Union College.

I was pleased to read all the information about the new Integrated Science and Engineering Complex and to learn the ambitious goals for its effect on education at Union. All this makes me proud to be an alumnus of Union.

As I perused all the information about the project, I couldn’t help but notice an apparent difference in the illustrations. On page 17 there appears to be a covered access to Steinmetz, but on page 23 it does not appear covered. I am curious: which is the correct version of the plan?

FRANK ARGERSINGER ’66

Editor’s response: The new building will be accessible from Steinmetz Hall.

Be Union’s next alumni trustee

The Alumni Council will select up to three candidates to run in an election during spring 2018 for the position of alumni trustee. The alumnus/a elected will serve a four-year term through June 2022.

To run as a petition candidate, you must provide:
• A petition signed by 50 alumni
• A brief biography
• A statement detailing why you would like to serve as a trustee
• A recent 5x7 photo, head and shoulders

The material must be received by the Office of Alumni Relations on or before Feb. 1, 2018. Petition candidates will automatically appear on the election ballot if duly certified. Petitions are available online (uconnect.union.edu/alumelection) or through the alumni office (518-388-6168).

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President Stephen C. Ainlay announces final year

President Stephen C. Ainlay has announced that he will step down as president at the end of the upcoming academic year, completing 12 years of service to the College.

“It’s truly been a privilege serving as president of this historic institution,” Ainlay said. “Union is a remarkable place. My wife, Judith, and I are grateful for the support we’ve received from trustees, faculty, students, staff and alumni over the years. While we have a hard time thinking of life without this wonderful campus community, we are both confident the College is in a strong position going forward and that this is the right time to pass the baton.”

Ainlay became the 18th president in 2006. He also serves as the chancellor of Union University, whose member institutions include the Albany Law School, Albany Medical College, Albany College of Pharmacy and the Dudley Observatory. He holds a faculty position as professor of sociology at Union.

In his years as president, Ainlay has worked to secure Union’s place as a leading institution with liberal arts and engineering, where outstanding students get a deep and broad education that integrates and redefines fields of learning.

He has overseen two strategic plans that have advanced the College’s initiatives in admissions, development, sustainability, community service, diversity and inclusion. Union has become the school of choice for many of the nation’s top students. It has steadily grown its applicant pool to the largest ever this past year, resulting in the most selective admissions process in history.

Under Ainlay, the College completed the largest campaign in its history and one of the largest for any liberal arts college, raising $258 million. That campaign enabled Union to strengthen facilities, and build or renovate 14 major structures. Union has nearly doubled the size of the Annual Fund—a direct contribution to the actual costs of educating its students.

Last spring, the College broke ground on its most ambitious project to date: the Integrated Science and Engineering Complex. The $100-million, 142,000-square-foot facility will promote visibility and connections across disciplines. The building will house primarily six major departments: Biology, Chemistry, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Physics and Astronomy.

Union is now the most diverse and global it has ever been, and it has established Multi-cultural Affairs and Title IX offices to make Union a more inclusive and safer community.

In 2007, Ainlay made the College a charter signatory of the Climate Commitment, adopting a plan to reduce the College’s carbon footprint and provide research and education. The College has ambitious recycling programs, presidential grants to promote sustainability programs and a new co-generation plant that has dramatically cut emissions and saved energy.

Ainlay has capitalized on Union’s location in the Capital Region of Upstate New York to provide unique opportunities for students, and to enhance the College’s reputation and influence. He led the acquisition of the former home of environmentalist Paul Schaffer and the Adirondack Research Library to create the Kelly Adirondack Center, which provides rich opportunities for studying and enjoying the Adirondacks.

The revitalization of Schenectady, in which Union is a strong participant, has created new opportunities for partnerships with local organizations, and Union has been repeatedly placed on the Presidential Honor Roll for Community Service.

John E. Kelly III ’76, chairman of the board of trustees, praised Ainlay’s leadership in a note to the Union community.

“We have revitalized our campus infrastructure, and work will continue on the integrated science and engineering complex. We’ve seen record interest in Union, as evidenced by applications and early decision requests. Our reputation continues to grow.”

He also expressed gratitude to the president and his wife, Judith, for their service.

“They have become fixtures in the Union community, building close relationships with students, faculty and staff, as well as...
trustees, alumni and the many friends of the College. They have also built close relationships with many in the Schenectady community. It is hard for me, and probably many of you, to imagine Union without the Ainlays.

“That said, Union is incredibly well positioned to lead higher education and prepare our students for an increasingly global, complex and technological world. I am confident that we will attract another great leader to become Union’s 19th president.”

Kelly appointed Trustee Kelly Williams ’86 to chair a national search committee.

Ainlay has been active in higher education circles. He serves on the Board of the Commission of Independent Colleges and Universities (CICU). President Ainlay joined with five other college presidents and, with the help of the Andrew Mellon Foundation, created the New York Six Consortium. The New York Six facilitates collaborative efforts between Colgate University, Hamilton College, Hobart and William Smith College, Skidmore College and Union College.

Ainlay is a sociologist with a distinguished record as a scholar, teacher and administrator. His research projects have focused on investigations of blindness, aging, spirituality and various aspects of Mennonite life, all aimed at better understanding the ways in which people find meaning in their lives.

Before joining Union, Ainlay spent 23 years at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass. At Holy Cross, he was a professor of sociology and held a number of positions in the administration, including the director of the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies and the vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college.

A native of Goshen, Ind., he earned his bachelor’s degree in sociology from Goshen College, and both his master’s and Ph.D. in sociology from Rutgers University. Ainlay held a post-doctoral fellowship at Princeton University. He was also a visiting scholar at St. Edmund’s College in Cambridge University and a summer fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences in Palo Alto, Calif.

Members of the Union community are invited to share recollections of President and Mrs. Ainlay.

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During President Stephen C. Ainlay’s final Convocation, he was at times nostalgic, celebratory and cautionary about the challenges ahead.

He reminisced about his time at the College and his love for all things Union. In the wake of national events that exposed hatred in society, like those in Charlottesville, he repeated his message from Convocation a year ago about the need for Union to be a diverse and inclusive community dedicated to civil discourse. He talked about the challenges faced by higher education, but also celebrated the opportunities.

“Let us commit ourselves to responding—as Union has always done—to the challenges of our day with creativity and innovation and with vision and imagination,” he said. “But let us also respond with compassion, concern for each other, openness to new ideas, respect for difference and affirmation of our common humanity.”

Also during Convocation, Joanne Kehlbeck, associate professor of chemistry, was honored with the Stillman Prize for Excellence in Teaching. Kehlbeck joined Union in 2002. The prize was created by David I. Stillman ’72, Abbott Stillman ’69 and Allan Stillman in honor of Abraham Stillman, father and grandfather. It is given annually to a faculty member to encourage outstanding teaching.

Elyse Clark ’18 (below) received the Hollander Prize in Music, established by Lawrence J. Hollander, dean of engineering emeritus. A soprano, Clark performed Mozart’s “Alleluia” from Exsultate, jubilate, K. 165/158a. A double major in sociology and music, Clark was accompanied on piano by Palma Catravas, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering.
Growing up as the son of an oncologist, Matt Wu ’17 was familiar with the long, downward spiral faced by many cancer patients. He viewed death solely as a negative experience.

When he arrived at Union from Bellevue, Wash. and started taking Leadership in Medicine classes, the biology and sociology major began learning about hospice and the comfort it affords the afflicted.

In his sophomore year, Wu began volunteering weekly at Schenectady Community Hospice. There, he developed close relationships with more than two dozen patients and their families. But it was a couple, including an alumnus, who had a profound impact on Wu.

Selected to be the student speaker at Union’s 223rd Commencement, Wu shared the inspiring story of the couple and their message for the 475 members of the Class of 2017: Love lots. Love always. Love your community.

Referring to them as Rick and Ella for privacy reasons, Wu spoke of how the couple used to stroll through Jackson’s Garden when they were younger. How Rick’s time at Union was cut short when
he joined the Navy to fight in the Korean War, but not before he proposed “so that no other bastards could while I was gone.” How he returned two years later for his degree and his bride.

They were together for 70 years, four children and eight businesses. When she went to hospice with Alzheimer’s, Rick remained at her side. He would repeat often to Wu what Ella believed:

Love lots. Love always. Love your community.

Ella died during Wu’s junior year. But her lesson applies to the Class of 2017.

“Union is about community,” Wu told his classmates. “It is the professors who gave me advice in the classroom and in life; my family who flew all the way out here from Seattle to support me; my friends who would drive down to New York City with me to get a slice of pizza; and of course, Rick and Ella, who taught me what’s really important. Look around, and cherish those relationships that have shaped you into the person you are today. The most important thing in life, more than money or success, is those kinds of people that will be with you at your bedside.”

• Featured speaker John Sexton (right), president-emeritus of New York University, advised graduates to: “Play another octave of the piano. If there are notes you haven’t touched, reach out and touch them. If there’s a food you haven’t tasted, or a place you haven’t been, if there’s a book you haven’t read, if there’s music you haven’t heard. Play another octave of the piano.” Sexton received an honorary doctorate of laws degree.

• Cancer research pioneer Tyler Jacks received an honorary doctorate of science degree. Jacks is the director of the Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was nominated by Scott Kirkton, associate professor of biology.

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Nearly 1,500 came home for ReUnion 2017

In addition to all the perennial favorites—the Alumni Parade, convocation, picnic and fireworks—ReUnion featured a special ground-breaking ceremony for the new Integrated Science and Engineering Complex.

The $100 million project, the most ambitious and largest in the school’s history, will be completed in phases over the next two years. This includes an addition completed for fall term 2018 and renovation of three sections of the existing S&E Center by fall 2019.

President Stephen C. Ainlay promised the complex will take Union to greater heights, not only in the STEM fields but across all disciplines. “I believe this building is going to be the catalyst for the incredible re-opening of the minds of the entire campus,” he said during the groundbreaking. “Make no mistake, this building will set the standard for what it means to be a liberal arts college.”

He offered generous praise to the donors and the Board of Trustees, “who had the vision to understand that this was a historic opportunity and had the courage to make this day possible.”

Other ReUnion highlights included book signings by Nancy Borowick ’07 (The Family Imprint) and Dr. Laurie Mintz ’82 (Becoming Cliterate), a Phi Beta Kappa 200th anniversary reception, and a multicultural/LGBTQIA reception.

The Alumni Council also presented Alumni Gold Medals to Drena Webster Root ’87 (technical director, MGH Fireman Vascular Center); Jason Oshins ’87 (Law Offices of Jason Oshins, CNN commentator); and Nick Famulare ’92 (senior director of development, Union College).

Charles Steckler, professor of theater and resident scenic designer, received the Faculty Meritorious Service Award.

“ReUnion 2017 was a great success and gave alumni an opportunity to reconnect with classmates, faculty and the campus, and recall what it felt like to be a student,” said Marna Redding, director of Alumni & Parent Engagement. “Amidst all the fun and memories, we hope this weekend also reminded alumni that the Union of today could not be what it is without them, our loyal graduates.”

The 50th ReUnion Class of 1967 received the Anable Cup for the greatest participation, while the Class of 1947 received the McClellan Cup for greatest class percentage. The Class of 1957 received the Van Voast/Class of 1941 Cup for best costume. The Class of 1967 also received the Class of 1943 ReUnion Award for greatest ReUnion effort.

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William J. Perlstein ’71
MAJOR: Economics and political science
ADVANCED DEGREE: JD, Yale Law School
CAREER: Bill is senior deputy general counsel at BNY Mellon, where he is responsible for regulatory affairs, government relations and corporate services. Previously, he was a partner and managing partner at WilmerHale, where he worked for nearly 40 years. He actively practiced in the firm’s bankruptcy and financial restructuring group, and in the regulatory and government affairs and strategic response practice groups. A former chair of Union’s President’s Council, he received the American Lawyer 2014 Law Firm Distinguished Leader Award for his accomplishments in law firm management.

Arthur L. Holden ’77
MAJOR: Psychology
ADVANCED DEGREES: MBA, Northwestern University Kellogg Graduate School of Management; and candidate for Ph.D. in neuroscience, University of Cincinnati
RESIDENCE: Winnetka, Ill.
CAREER: Arthur has had a 40-year career in healthcare technology and life sciences. He was general manager and VP of Baxter’s Renal Products division. He also served as senior vice president of Illumina, the world’s leading developer of DNA sequencing and array technologies. He is currently Chairman and CEO of the Genomic Resources Consortium, a multi-pharmaceutical, biomedical research group focused on accelerating the genetic evaluation of clinically important diseases to enhance the productivity of new drug development. He is also founder, chairman and CEO of the International Serious Adverse Events Consortium which is researching the genetics of all major drug-related serious adverse events. A founding member of Union’s President’s Council, he also had a leading role in founding and building two life sciences companies—Celsis International and First Genetic Trust.

Dennis Hoffman ’85
MAJOR: Electrical engineering
ADVANCED DEGREE: MBA, Harvard University
RESIDENCE: Westborough, Mass.
CAREER: Dennis is senior vice president, corporate strategy, at Dell Technologies. He is responsible for development and execution of the company’s strategic planning process, coordination of Dell’s strategically-aligned businesses, and leadership of select strategic programs and partnerships. A 25-year veteran of the technology industry, he previously served as senior vice president, strategic planning and programs, at EMC Corporation. Additionally, Dennis is a lecturer at MIT Sloan School of Management, where he co-teaches technology sales and sales management classes in the M.B.A program. He is chair of Union’s President’s Council.
In 1882, before the Secret Service tightly restricted access to the President, the folks of Marblehead, Mass. all but kidnapped Chester A. Arthur as he was passing through.

The Class of 1848 grad was briefly welcomed as he came ashore and got in a carriage for Salem, Mass., where he was to give a speech.

But Marbleheaders wanted more. After Arthur sent his regrets to an invitation to speak at Marblehead on his way home, things got serious.

“As his carriage neared Marblehead he was accosted by Capt. Benjamin Pitman, who informed [Arthur] that he had been instructed to capture the president … in the name of the people of Marblehead,” according to History of Essex County, Massachusetts edited by D. Hamilton Hurd.

Arthur went along, not that he had a choice. He was escorted to town by the Marblehead Light Infantry. Church bells and fire alarms announced his arrival. The town’s hook and ladder truck was moved to block his escape.

Arthur made some brief remarks at town hall, where “the people cheered themselves hoarse in their delight and enthusiasm,” according to Hurd.

The story is related in an article in the summer issue of Marblehead Home and Style, whose author, Alan Burke, observes the irony that the president was so accessible. Arthur was elevated to president on the assassination of James Garfield in 1881, just 16 years after Lincoln’s assassination. The Secret Service would not take on the responsibility of presidential protection until after the assassination of William McKinley in 1901.

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Jennifer Fredricks has been named the new dean of Academic Departments and Programs and professor of psychology. She takes over for Wendy Sternberg ’90, who has accepted a position as vice president for academic affairs and dean at Occidental College.

Fredricks was selected from among nearly 100 candidates after a national search.

“Jennifer brings a wealth of experience and knowledge in higher education that will serve her well in advancing the terrific work done in our academic departments and programs and by our faculty,” said Strom Thacker, the Stephen J. and Diane K. Ciesinski Dean of Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs. “And others across campus look forward to working closely with her.”

The dean of Academic Departments and Programs works with department chairs and interdisciplinary program directors to support academic excellence at the College. The dean is responsible for faculty development, overseeing faculty hiring, participating in faculty reviews, designing and conducting faculty orientation programs, and administering internal research grants and fellowships, among other duties.

Previously, Fredricks was a professor of human development at Connecticut College, where she also served as the faculty director of the Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy.
Nearly 160 years ago, a plan to honor those who exemplified American innovation inspired “Men of Progress,” one of the most enduring portraits of the 19th century. Begun by French artist Christian Schussele in 1857 and completed five years later, the portrait depicts the founding fathers of American invention.

Union’s longtime president, Eliphalet Nott, is featured prominently in the painting. An expert in the physics of heat (he became popularly known as “Philosopher of Caloric”), Nott solved, through 20 years of experimentation at the College beginning in 1812, the problem of how to efficiently use the cleaner, hotter, longer-burning anthracite coal in stoves.

Nott is positioned in the center of the portrait, surrounded by an impressive group of industrialists, inventors and innovators. Some are familiar, such as Charles Goodyear (vulcanized rubber), Samuel Morse (telegraph) and Samuel Colt (revolver). Others are more obscure, like Cyrus Hall McCormick (mechanical reaper), Elias Howe (sewing machine) and dentist William Morton (anesthesia).

Standing watch over the group—19 men in total—is a painting of Benjamin Franklin, arguably America’s greatest inventor.

While others acknowledge the glaring omission of women, the portrait is meant to represent the ambition, promise and achievements of a young nation at a crossroads.

“All honor to them—the inventors—for to them we owe the mighty triumphs of modern civilization; and the debt of gratitude due them is all the more, that theirs has been a path strewn with many thorns and few flowers...” reads the key to the engraving of the painting written by artist, architect and engineer John Skirving, the creative force behind the project.

The 4-foot-by-6-foot painting hangs on the first floor of the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C. in the permanent collections galleries devoted to 18th and 19th century history.

It continues to inspire generations of people.

After Carl George, professor emeritus of biology, visited the National Portrait Gallery years ago, he spearheaded an effort to make copies of the painting for campus use. A print still hangs in the Becker Career Center.

“Today, when we are thinking hard about where technology is taking us, it is fascinating to look at the beginnings of some of those technologies and their inventors,” said Brandon Fortune, chief curator of the National Portrait Gallery. “Men of Progress’ has special resonance as it is shown in the National Portrait Gallery; the museum is situated in the Old Patent Office building, where inventions were registered and shown for many decades.”
For most of her young life, Myalin Schnitzer was forced to rely solely on her left arm and hand to enjoy typical kid activities. Born in Luohe City, China, with an upper limb deficiency, Myalin is missing part of her right arm. Fitted with a conventional prosthetic when she was three, Myalin found it too unwieldy and uncomfortable. She rarely used it.

Her medical condition didn’t slow down the energetic sixth-grader. She learned to tie her shoes, play the trumpet and participate on a competitive swim team. She even performed acrobatics at a clown camp, all singlehandedly.

When Myalin’s parents, Mark and Marie, learned about prosthetics created from a 3D printer, the family was game to give one a try.

The Schnitzers discovered that Union recently became a chapter for e-NABLE, an organization with 7,000 members in 80 countries that donates 3D-printed prosthetic hands to children around the world. Many of the families are unable to afford a conventional prosthetic, which can run as much as $3,000.

That’s when computer engineering major Diego Bazan ’18 went to work. In the final weeks of spring term, Bazan spent dozens of hours in the Collaborative Design Studio, an interdisciplinary research Makerspace in the Wold Center, to create a prosthetic limb for Myalin.

Using a design from e-NABLE, Bazan assembled the prosthetic based on measurements of the girl’s limb. Made with a corn-based plastic called polylactic acid, the prosthetic includes more than a dozen 3D-printed parts, along with fishing line and screws.

The cost for all the materials: less than $100.

The process wasn’t always smooth. Sometimes the print quality was not good. Or the fingers didn’t close all the way. But when Myalin, 11, had a final fitting in mid-June, she was thrilled. She returned to campus recently for a follow-up visit.

“It’s really cool,” she said, using her new fuchsia-colored hand to dig into a snack bowl of sugar snap peas held by her mom. “It makes it easier to pick up or hold things.”

Her parents, both engineers, are pleased with the prosthetic.

“There doesn’t seem to be an equal as far as functionality and low cost,” Mark said. “The old-style equivalent had a strap that crossed over the back and looped around the opposite shoulder and the grasper was essentially a pinching hook. They looked uncomfortable and the grasping hook looked a bit strange. The fact that this prosthetic resembles the look and function of an actual hand made Mya more interested in trying it. It is truly a work of art.”

Added Marie, “Diego did great work on this. He was very dedicated. We feel honored to be the first family to benefit from this at Union.”

Experts view 3D-printed prosthetic limbs as the next revolution in medicine, with 30 million people worldwide in need of artificial limbs and braces. With Union named a new chapter of e-NABLE, students will have an opportunity to be a part of the wave.

“This has so much potential for an interdisciplinary approach,” said Amanda Ervin, the College’s Makerspace coordinator. “It gives students like Diego a transfer of skills. It’s one thing to make cool cellphone cases with the 3D printer. Projects like this have real-world applications.”

“I’m so happy for her,” Bazan said. “She was so excited.”

Myalin wants to be a veterinarian someday. In about two years, she will outgrow the prosthetic. She hopes to return to Union to be fitted with a larger one. In the meantime, she’s excited to try simple tasks such as a handshake.

“I really like having a hand,” she said.
Lessons from life’s last chapter

The neat yellow house in a quiet Scotia neighborhood houses two people at the end of life, and it also engages volunteers like Matt Liquori ’18, who find great rewards in helping terminally ill residents reach their final days with dignity.

Liquori, a biology major from Bethel, Conn., and a guard on Union’s basketball team, is aiming for a career in medicine.

But first, he spent two months last summer seeing what comes last. As a CARE Fellow (CARE stands for Community Action, Research & Education), and funded through Becker Career Center, he worked at the Joan Nicole Prince Home, one of several area homes for the terminally ill. Two other Union CARE Fellows, Sydney Keane ’18 and Kristin St. Andrews ’18, did their work at Mary’s Haven in Saratoga.

Liquori said he was first drawn to the program because he could be involved in direct medical care. But he found that the emotional and psychological elements will have the most lasting impact for a career in patient-centered care.

“The most meaningful time I had was simply spending time with the residents, listening to their stories and concerns, talking about their accomplishments and regrets,” he said.

“I was caring for a loving father and talented musician with incredibly supportive friends, not simply a person dying of cancer. I learned it’s not as much about the morphine and catheters as it is compassion, empathy, and an ability to connect with patients.”

Carol Weisse, professor of psychology and director of Health Professions, is an honorary board member of Joan Nicole Prince Home who saw ideal volunteers in students aspiring to careers in health care. Since 2008, she has encouraged hundreds of students to volunteer at JNPH and other programs that offer palliative care, but the CARE program offers more than volunteering because of its curricular and research components.

This year, she used a grant from the New York Six to continue the CARE program for students from Union and other NY6 colleges. Students spent up to 30 hours per week for eight weeks involved in all aspects of palliative care. Students also did research projects to address a problem identified by the home’s director, such as changing nutrition needs for the terminally ill.

“Health care is very focused on cure,” Weisse said. “But this experience forces students to step back and realize, there isn’t always a cure, but that doesn’t mean there’s nothing we can offer to alleviate pain and suffering. There is healing that happens at the end of life, and being present, being comforting and attentive is a form of medicine and it does provide healing.”
PROF. BERK: A HALF CENTURY OF TEACHING

Stephen M. Berk, the Henry and Sally Schaffer Professor of Holocaust and Jewish Studies, reached a milestone this year. Honored by the College for 50 years of teaching, his Union tenure is the longest of current faculty, and perhaps one of the longest in history. President Eliphalet Nott, also a member of the faculty, was at Union for 62 years. Berk, a popular speaker on the alumni circuit, says he has no plans to retire.

He was honored this year along with seven faculty who are retiring with an average of over 36 years of service. They are Janet Grigsby, Sociology, 17 years; Peter Heinegg, English, 41; James Kenney, Economics, 45; Gary Reich, Physics and Astronomy, 38; Charles Steckler, Theater and Dance, 46; Frank Wicks, Mechanical Engineering, 28; and Brenda Wineapple, English, 40.

Union choir gets rave reviews in Europe

Rave reviews met the Union College choir on the first stop of their March tour of Germany, Austria and the Czech Republic.

“As it would have sounded in Mozart’s time,” said Salzburg Cathedral’s Music Director János Czifra after a performance of Sancta Maria, Mater Dei. “The tempo, the number of basses, the sopranos’ pure sound . . . just like boy sopranos.”

Mozart wrote the piece at 22, the age of many of the students, and likely saw it performed in the same venue in 1778.

Dianne McMullen, professor of music, planned and led the Mozart-themed trip with stops at prestigious venues in regions rich with history, music and culture. The choir performed at St. Peter’s Church in Vienna and St. Nicholas Church in Prague. They also gave informal performances at Melk Abbey and at St. Michael’s Church in Mondsee (scene of the wedding in The Sound of Music).

The group also visited the Marienplatz in Munich; Mozart’s birthplace in Salzburg; Schönbrunn Palace, Belvedere Palace, and St. Stephen’s Church in Vienna; and the town square, the Castle, and St. Vitus Cathedral in Prague. A day spent on The Sound of Music Tour included a memorable lunch along the sunny banks of Wolfgang-see amidst snow-capped mountains.

McMullen said the trip is believed to be only the third European choir tour from Union.
The College’s annual Community PRIDE Walk takes place. This year’s theme is “Embrace the Rainbow,” to draw attention to the diversity of sexual orientations, identities and gender expressions.

Henry Petroski, the Aleksandar S. Vesic Professor of Civil Engineering at Duke University, delivers the keynote address at the College’s annual symposium on integrating a liberal education with engineering.

Chabad hosts Holocaust survivor, Marthe Cohn, who shares her story as a Jewish spy in Nazi Germany. Cohn was born in Metz, France in 1920. She was a young Jewish woman living just across the German border in France when Hitler rose to power.

A group of Union students and faculty travel to Washington, D.C. to protest the environmental policies of U.S. President Donald Trump and his administration. Over 40 students, faculty and staff represent the College at the Peoples Climate Movement. Angelica DeDona ’19 and Jeffrey Corbin, associate professor of biology, organize the group.

The Department of Theater and Dance presents a production of Molière’s “The Learned Ladies.” Directed by Patricia Culbert, the whimsical and entertaining play takes place in a cartoonish world turned “topsy-turvy in the pursuit of higher learning.”
Valerie Barr, visiting professor of computer science, is honored by the Association for Computing Machinery for her “outstanding contributions in supporting women in the field.” As chair of the association’s Council on Women in Computing, Barr is credited with reinventing the council, increasing its effectiveness in supporting women in computing worldwide and encouraging participation in ACM.

Union’s student newspaper, Concordiensis, announces archives dating back to 1877 are now online. The paper’s inaugural issue and thousands more, through 2000, are available at nyshistoricnews papers.org/lccn/ sn96027707

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

Union officially welcomes the Class of 2021 Sunday, Sept. 3.

They were selected from a record 6,676 applications, one of the most impressive admissions cycles in College history.

Laini Nemett explores the concept of home through collaged architectural environments she creates from cardboard models and large-scale oil paintings in “When We Lived Here.” The exhibition includes 32 works by Nemett, the John D. MacArthur Assistant Professor of Drawing and Painting at Union.
The campus community gathered in the Nott Memorial Oct. 12 for a moving service to celebrate the life of Alexander Askenazy ’20.

The 19-year-old passed away in his residence hall Oct. 8 from an existing medical condition. A biochemistry major from Albuquerque, N.M., Alex was an avid hockey fan and played goalie for Union’s club hockey team. He was also president of the fencing club.

News of his death shattered the calm of campus that morning, leaving many to struggle with a profound sense of loss and sadness.

The 45-minute service was a chance for the hundreds who filled the Nott to remember and grieve, and to shed tears and to laugh, said Viki Brooks, director of Religious and Spiritual Life.

“Alex lived life fully and died much too soon,” she said, as images of Alex flashed on a screen behind her. Mementoes that served as poignant reminders of his life decorated the podium. Three goalie sticks. Home and away hockey jerseys with his number 11. A fencing sword and mask. A snare drum. A backpack.

“Alex’s friends, who show the depth of love shared among them with uncommon authenticity, have been the major designers of today’s tribute. From the artifacts all around me to the programs you hold, to the voices you will hear in spoken and sung word, all are a result of these young people knowing how best to honor their friend.”

One of Alex’s closest friends, Kyle Doney ’20, tenderly read his translation of the beautiful elegiac poem, Cattulus 101. Written by the Roman poet Gaius Valerius Catullus as a tribute to his dead brother, it ends with Cattulus saying goodbye.

Doney was joined by Brian Zick ’19, who read the Latin version:

Brother, through many people and across many seas,
I have arrived at these wretched funeral rites for thee,
So that I might honor you with the final gift which the dead receive,
And in vain I might address your silent ash.
Since indeed fate stole you from me
Alas, poor brother stolen from me prematurely
But even so, accept these words,
As a sorrowful gift for the funeral rites,  
Which are wet with familial tears,  
And so forever, hail and farewell, brother.

Maddie Goldberg ’20 followed with a  
moving a cappella performance of the  
James Taylor hit “Fire and Rain.”

Roderick Landreth ’20, Alex’s roommate  
their first year, called him trustworthy, brave  
and loyal with a wonderful sense of humor.  
Another friend, Lindsey Randle ’20,  
joined him in the fencing club. He taught  
er so much about the sport she said, and  
about life.

“It’s not possible to explain how lucky I  
was to know him and gotten so close to  
him,” she said, sobbing. “We all loved him  
so much.”

Alex was a huge fan of J.R.R. Tolkien’s  
Lord of the Rings. Aaron Rapaport ’20  
chose the poem, “In the western lands  
beneath the sun” from the third book,  
Return of the King, to honor his friend. He  
also shared a quote from the fictional  
wizard Gandalf:

“It will be better to ride back three  
together than one alone. Well, here at last,  
dear friends, on the shores of the Sea  
comes the end of our fellowship. Go in  
peace! I will not say: do not weep; for not  
all tears are an evil.”

Michelle Ricci Bell, associate professor  
of German, talked of Alex’s intellect,  
curiosity and sense of humor. Glancing at  
his friends in the first few rows, she said,  
“You chose well in choosing to share your  
life with Alex. But Alex chose well also.”

A frequent study companion of Alex  
was his classic rock playlist featuring more  
than 200 songs. Music from that playlist  
filled the Nott before and after the service.  
In tribute, the Dutch Pipers performed  
their a cappella version of “Africa” by Toto.

In reflecting on Alex’s passing, an  
emotional President Stephen C. Ainlay  
was reminded of the words of the French  
philosopher and writer Simone de Beauvoir.  
She wrote that when death occurs, it is  
difficult, it always leaves a hole,” Ainlay  
said. “When it happens at Alex’s age, it is  
doubly difficult.”

Turning to Alex’s parents, Philip Askenazy  
and Wendy Hansen, Ainlay assured them  
that their son remains part of the Union  
family and by extension, so do they.

“We hope that you feel our institutional  
embrace,” he said. “We hope that this  
provides comfort.”

He called Alex an exceptional student,  
a loyal and caring friend and someone  
deeply engaged in the life of the College.  
He shared the story of a note he  
received from one of Alex’s teachers,  
Scott Kirkton, associate professor of  
biology. Kirkton mentioned that Alex  
always thanked him at the end of each  
class. Ainlay encouraged those in  
attendance to honor Alex’s memory by  
appreciating the opportunities afforded  
them and those who surround them.

“We can all take comfort in knowing  
that Alex’s was a life well lived,” Ainlay said.  
“We can all take comfort in knowing he  
appreciated and loved this College and his  
many friends. We can all count ourselves  
lucky that he chose Union. I know I’m very  
proud and grateful that he did.”
At 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 14, 1920, Union’s student-operated radio station conducted a historic broadcast. Using a 150-watt transmitter from a studio in a shack behind the electrical engineering building with the antenna strung between two trees, the half-hour broadcast opened with tenor John Steel’s “Tell Me Little Gypsy.”

Back then, the station signed on as 2ADD. Those were the personal call letters of Wendell W. King ’24, the chief engineer and an avid amateur radio hobbyist.

“What is believed to be the first attempt of a college radio club to give a musical concert by wireless telephone was successfully made last night at Union College,” the Schenectady Gazette noted the following morning. “The strains of a phonograph playing into the receiver of a radio telephone set for a 100-mile radius were plainly heard by amateur operators within 50 miles...”

King’s contributions received accolades on campus and in the community, but his story dimmed over the decades.

This summer, King’s name re-entered the
public consciousness for his role in a polarizing strike at the nearby General Electric plant. On June 18, 1917, more than 2,000 machinists walked out to protest King's presence in their shop. King was black, and the labor union supported the segregation of “Negroes from the white workers.”

The strike occurred following King’s first year at Union. Media coverage surrounding the 100th anniversary has provided an opportunity to reflect on King’s complicated time on campus.

When he entered Union in 1916, King’s reputation for radio wizardry had already taken root. Growing up in nearby Troy, he took a keen interest in wireless telegraphy. At 12, he started his own amateur radio station. He later became president of the Troy Amateur Radio Club.

King’s arrival on campus was notable in another regard: he was, as the Encyclopedia of Union College History notes, “the first black student to attend Union for a significant length of time.”

How he or others on campus felt about that distinction is unknown. The archives contain no material addressing the subject, and subsequent profiles of King during his professional career make no mention of it.

In any event, with his passion for amateur radio, King picked electrical engineering as his pursuit of study and joined the fledgling Union College Radio Club.

After his freshman year, King and about two dozen other students were referred by the College for summer jobs at GE. King was assigned to operate a drill press. If his skin color was irrelevant on campus, it was a lightning rod for the machinists at Building 23 at the industrial giant’s massive campus. They had already feared GE was going to import black labor from the South for their jobs.

“The company has been employing a large number of Negroes recently and placing them in the yard as laborers, but a short time ago, one of them who was more intelligent was placed in the shops on the machine,” read a front-page story in the Schenectady Union-Star. “The men are not asking for the discharge of the Negro, but simply that he be taken off machinists’ work.”

When management balked at the union’s demands, the machinists walked out and marched to Crescent Park (now Veteran’s Park) for a rally.

“Do not lose sight of the fact that we are fighting, not on the grounds of race...”

“When he arrived at Union, Wendell King was already so intently focused on radio—a subject not yet part of the Electrical Engineering curriculum—that he studied almost exclusively in the students’ college, especially the Radio Club.”

—Wayne Somers, editor of the Encyclopedia of Union College History

The legacy of Wendell King ’24 is being revisited on the 100th anniversary of his role in a polarizing strike at General Electric while a student at Union.
prejudice, but on the grounds of moral convictions,” the leader, Joseph Lefkowitz, told his men.

“This nation has several regiments of Negro soldiers,” he continued. “It is known that those Negroes are not allowed to frequent the same recreation grounds as the white soldiers nor are they in any manner allowed to mingle with the whites. What this government sees fit in practicing, we feel justified in demanding.”

Lefkowitz threatened to enlist other unions in the fight, which could have been devastating to GE, a major supplier of military equipment during World War I.

Stating that it did not tolerate discrimination, the company refused to yield. After eight days, the strike ended abruptly.

“It is understood that the colored man, who was the direct cause of the strike because the men refused to work with him, will continue at his machine tomorrow morning,” according to a front-page account in the Times Union June 26, 1917.

“But he will be transferred to other work, thus permitting both sides to save their face, as it were.”

So how did the episode sit with King, who had just turned 20 a month earlier? Remarkably, the voluminous amounts of press coverage of the strike failed to include comment from the college student at the center of the dispute.

King returned to Union in the fall to resume his studies. He took a brief hiatus the following year to enlist in the service. He was assigned to the U.S. Army Signal Corps, which specialized in radio communications. He attained the rank of sergeant, but was never deployed because the war was ending.

A member of Omega Psi Phi, King also joined Union’s Cosmopolitan Club, which “promoted international understanding and good feeling.” During a year-long celebration of the different cultures that formed the membership, King oversaw “Negro Night.” He gave talks on “The Services of the Colored People During the War” and “Prominent Negroes of Today.” His mother performed “typical colored songs” including “Swanee River” accompanied by her husband on violin. The program concluded with the King family singing “I Follow Thee.”

King continued to devote considerable time to amateur radio. He received minor attention in the press.


King’s involvement in outside activities undoubtedly contributed to his poor academic record. He was forced to repeat his freshman and sophomore years, and after six years, he had still not completed his junior year.

The 1921 yearbook entry on King states: “We hardly know what to say about King. Just as soon as classes are over, he makes for the E.E. Lab and hides himself away in the wireless room, and you couldn’t get him out for love or money. His whole time is taken up with tuning coils, vacuum bulbs, rotary spark gaps, etc…”

In April 1922, Dean Garis wrote to King’s father, Henry: “On account of the unwillingness of your son to attend regularly to his college work I have found it necessary to ask him to withdraw from college.”

Despite not graduating from Union,
King kept loose ties with the school. He donated sporadically to the Annual Fund, and when he died in April 1965 from heart disease at 67, his widow, Iva, wrote to the school to inform them of his passing.

After Union, King worked as chief engineer for an Ohio radio station and spent years as a research electrical engineer in Erie, Pa., where he helped create the first radio station in 1927. His skills were recognized in a profile in the Journal of Negro Life in 1930.

"Wendell W. King is not only a competent radio engineer but he is a Negro radio engineer who has met and obliterated the 'color line,'" the article states.

So how should King be remembered? He will be featured in an upcoming exhibit on WRUC at Schaffer Library.

"President Dixon Ryan Fox once observed that 'There is much to learn in the students' college as well as in the professors' college,'" said Wayne Somers, editor of the Encyclopedia of Union College History. "When he arrived at Union, Wendell King was already so intently focused on radio—a subject not yet part of the Electrical Engineering curriculum—that he studied almost exclusively in the students' college, especially the Radio Club. The College's remarkable willingness to keep giving King another chance to pass his required courses suggests that the faculty understood him pretty well and sympathized.

"In the end, he got from Union most of what he could use, though he clearly hoped to earn a diploma, as well. Despite the GE fracas, the fact that King was the first black student to spend much time at Union now seems almost irrelevant to his personal story."
Last fall, Caroline Sommers was sorting through old family photos. One picture from decades ago intrigued her: it showed a smiling young woman flanked by her father and another man.

“Who’s the girl?” she asked.

“I don’t remember,” her father, Donald Sommers ‘45 replied. “But the guy is Teddy Rosen.”

The girl may have faded from Sommers’ memory, but not Rosen. As teenagers growing up in the Albany area, the pair were part of a group of four Jewish boys who hung around together at a time when anti-Semitism was rampant. They went to football games and dances, and even dated the same girls.

“Teddy’s always been a great guy,” said Sommers, who, at 95, is two years older than Rosen.

“They really were good old times,” said Rosen. “Donnie and I became fast friends. We were inseparable.”

But that friendship got interrupted by time, distance and war. For nearly 70 years, the two men were out of touch with one another.

They were together again, like old times, when Union hosted St. Lawrence in football Oct. 7.

After high school, Sommers came to Union. He joined Phi Sigma Delta and enjoyed going to Broadhorst’s for a malted. Rosen attended St. Lawrence, where he played football. His best friend at the school was Bobby Thomson, who hit the most famous home run in baseball history—the “shot heard round the world”—to give the New York Giants the pennant against the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1951.

Both left school early to join the Army during World War II. Assigned to the infantry, Sommers traveled to England, France and Belgium. He never saw combat.

Rosen was not as lucky. Serving with the fabled 10th Mountain Division in Italy, he was seated in the rear of a Jeep in February 1945 when a German hand grenade tossed into the vehicle exploded, detonating the two hand grenades clipped to Rosen’s belt. The major and the driver of the Jeep were killed. Rosen suffered burns and shrapnel wounds. Miraculously, none of his bones were broken.

Acting on a tip from a nurse who treated
In March, Teddy Rosen and Donald Sommers ’45 met for the first time in nearly 70 years at Rosen’s apartment in New York City. They met again at the football game between Union and St. Lawrence Oct. 7.
him, the syndicated newspaper column Ripley’s Believe It or Not dubbed him “The Indestructible Man” in a cartoon feature. “He’s a real hero,” said Sommers, who still resides in Albany.

“I’m no damn hero,” countered the feisty Rosen. He grew up in nearby Troy but now lives primarily on an estate in Pawling, N.Y. owned by the former TV talk show host Sally Jesse Raphael. The two have been friends for years.

“I just got wounded. The rest is crap,” Rosen said.

For decades, Rosen was razzed about his Ripley’s honor. He hated the attention. He tried to keep his thoughts about the war private. He did grouse though that he was never paid the $50 he was promised from Ripley’s for its feature.

In 2013, when the president of Ripley’s in Times Square learned of this, the organization presented him with a check for $645 ($50 in today’s dollars). Rosen took the check, added $355 of his own money and sent the thousand dollars to an organization to help the survivors of the Boston Marathon bombings. The explosions were a flashback to his experience.

After the war, both men returned to college on the GI bill to complete their degrees. Sommers eventually launched his own law firm, which is now led by his son, Andrew. Rosen had a successful career in finance and was a founding partner of Drexel Burnham Lambert.

Marriages, followed by children and grandchildren, created more legitimate distractions.

“But I did wonder what happened to him,” said Sommers of his childhood friend. Caroline, a television producer in New York City, decided to track down Rosen. After she located him, the men talked on the phone. A lifetime had passed since they had heard each other’s voice. They were also humbled by a sobering fact.

“We realized we were the last two survivors of our group,” said Sommers.

In March, Caroline arranged for the men to reunite at Rosen’s apartment on the Upper East Side. It was one of those raw, cold rainy days that can suck the spirit from a conversation.

“It was a very sentimental moment,” Sommers recalled. “It makes you reflect on your youth. It goes by too fast, I’ll tell you that.”

“I was shocked,” Rosen said. “Don was
this tall, skinny guy I used to lift over my head, he was so thin. Now we’re just old. But it was great to see my friend.’

The reunion raised Sommers’ spirits. His beloved wife of 61 years, Miriam, had died a month earlier. At the gathering, Rosen’s third wife, Jill, joined the men and Caroline. Jill, too, passed a couple of months later, in May. The couple had been married for 35 years.

“We are now struggling together with the same loss,” Sommers said.

Since the reunion, the men have called each other often.

“He’s loquacious, I’m loquacious, so we talk,” Rosen said. “We may not say much, but we talk.”

They have even FaceTimed, two men of the Greatest Generation fumbling with the technology of the millennial generation.

“It’s scary,” Sommers said. “I’m still having trouble with the 20th century, let alone the 21st.”

“He’s ugly, I’m good-looking,” Rosen joked of the virtual meetings between the nonagenarians.

Both men still golf, drive and in Sommers’ case, go in to the office regularly. Sommers had a heart attack in June, but each say they are relatively healthy.

Sommers recently suggested their next face-to-face meeting should be at the upcoming football game between their two schools. He has attended games regularly since he was a student.

“When they are winning, I go to them all,” Sommers said. “When they are losing, I only make it to one or two a year.”

Rosen recalled playing against Union when he was a running back for St. Lawrence. He can’t remember who won.

“We always had a crappy team,” he said. “I don’t know how we won any games.”

Union honored the special bond between the two men and their service to the country by inviting them to participate in the coin toss. Sommers and Rosen also joined their respective teams for the playing of the national anthem.

Then the 95-year-old and the 93-year-old friends retreated into the stands at Frank Bailey Field to watch a football game, just like they used to long ago. Union prevailed, 30-6.

“We’ve sure aged a lot, but we’re still here,” Sommers said.
**BURK KETCHAM ’48**

Some Haiku for You
Green Hollow Press

The traditional form of haiku poetry, as it evolved in Japan, was three lines of five, seven and five syllables with an emphasis on nature and the seasons of the year. Since there are linguistic differences between Japanese and English (haiku has three syllables in Japanese), those who write haiku in English are not tied to syllable counts and generally present the genre in three brief lines on broad range of subject matter. Rhyming is discouraged. The author has been writing haiku since 1999 and is a member of Commencement Bay Haiku in Tacoma, Wash. In this, his first book of poetry, he has used haiku to express his concerns about the environment and social and economic injustices. As a nonagenarian, some of his haiku also reflect the nostalgia associated with a long and interesting life. He also did the pen and ink sketches that illustrate the book.

**DAVID HOLDRIDGE ’66**

The Avant Garde of Western Civ
Press Americana

After being hauled out of a Vietnamese rice paddy in 1969 and then spending months in various neuropsychiatric wards in the United States, David Holdridge evolved to become a stalwart in the promotion of the American narrative overseas. As such, the author witnessed that “business” grow from a rather lonely pursuit to the global industry it is today—most commonly known in the West as “Overseas Relief and Development.” The Avant Garde of Western Civ is the story of one “foot soldier” and his family as they sought to provide salve and transformation within the aftermath of the Iraq invasion in 2003. This memoir explores how difficult and often complicit “giving” can be.

**MARSHA THERESÉ DANZIG ’85**

From the Roots
Skyhorse Publishing

From the Roots tells the story of Marsha Therese Danzig, a childhood bone cancer survivor who has lived through more than her fair share of long-term side effects, including limb loss, kidney failure and kidney transplant. Her book is an elegant yet hilarious pursuit of life purpose and living with loss—there are no pat answers, preachy messages, or “magical triumphant wake-up calls.” Rather than another tell-all about a “girl who is sick and mad about it,” this book seeks real resolution and, most importantly, spiritual meaning to the overwhelming losses she is describing.

**PETER HUTCHISON ’86 (CO-EDITOR)**

Requiem for the American Dream: 10 Principles of Concentration of Wealth & Power
Seven Stories Press

Noam Chomsky is widely regarded as the most influential thinker of our time, but never before has he devoted a major book to one topic, income inequality. In Requiem for the American Dream, Chomsky skewers the fundamental tenets of neoliberalism and casts a clear, cold, patient eye on the economic facts of life. What are the ten principles of concentration of wealth and power at work in America today? Reduce democracy, shape ideology, redesign the economy, shift the burden onto the poor and the middle classes, attack the solidarity of the people, let special interests run the regulators, engineer election results, use fear and the power of the state to keep the rabble in line, manufacture consent, marginalize the population. Requiem for the American Dream was produced in tandem with a film of the same name. Chomsky and his editors, the filmmakers Peter Hutchison ’86, Kelly Nyks, and Jared P. Scott, returned to the many hours of tape and transcript to create the book.

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**BOOKSHELF**

Bookshelf features new books written or edited by or about alumni and other members of the Union community. To be included, send the book and the publisher’s press release to:

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**CONSIDERATION**
Moving beyond the typical sentimentality, romanticism, or cynicism common to writing on boxing, the contributors to *The Bittersweet Science* are skilled writers who also have extensive firsthand experience with the sport. Editors Carlo Rotella and Michael Ezra have assembled a roster of fresh voices—journalists, fiction writers, fight people, and more—who explore the fight world’s many aspects, considering boxing as both craft and business, art form and subculture. From manager Charles Farrell’s unsentimental defense of fixing fights to former Golden Glover Sarah Deming’s complex profile of young Olympian Claressa Shields, this collection makes us feel the stories of the people who are drawn to—or sometimes stuck in—the boxing world. We get close-up profiles of marquee attractions like Bernard Hopkins, portraits of rising stars and compelling cornermen, and first-person, hands-on accounts from fighters. We learn that for every champion there’s a regiment of journeymen, dabbler, and anglers for advantage; for every aspiring fighter, a veteran in painful decline.
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Boston area alumni and families came together to learn more about the Minerva Fellows Program and hear past fellows reflect on its impact. Bottom row (left to right): Lyndsay Wehrum ’09, Tom McEvoy (director of Minerva Programs), Hal Fried (David L. & Beverly B. Yunich Professor of Business Ethics), Maggie Hoffman ’15 and Charlotte Bloom ’15. Top row (left to right): Davis Cutter ’15, Michael Eisenman ’09, Joe Hinderstein ’15, Alex Butts ’08, Dave Shulman ’08 and Brendan Kinnane ’11.

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1948
Dr. Leslie De Groot writes, “I spend a lot of my time publishing two free endocrinology web-text books, www.endotext.org and www.thyroidmanager.org. We have about 3,000 visitors a day from around the world. The books are prepared by more than 400 medical experts, are comprehensive, authoritative and constantly updated.”

Harold Enstice was recently featured in the Clarence Bee. Recently inducted into the New York State Senate Veterans’ Hall of Fame for his gallantry in the U.S. Armed Forces, the story focused on his service during World War II. Harold fought as a member of the Army’s 36th Infantry Division and as part of Operation Dragoon.

1951
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1952
David Weichert writes, “It was our honor to represent the Class of 1952 in the alumni parade, where it was the second most senior class. The campus has had many changes but was familiar too. My father, a graduate of Union in 1925, took me to visit the campus on many occasions. Nott Memorial, the old Civil Engineering Building and the Chapel all reminded me of the four years spent in Schenectady. The civil engineering students spent a summer there also learning to be land surveyors. I was licensed to be a land surveyor in New Jersey as well as a professional engineer. The most outstanding teacher in all my years was Gil Harlow, who was an excellent communicator, interested in the students and the subject matter equally, and maintained that interest in the years following.”

1953
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Edward Lee writes, “Retired from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in 1992. Currently serving as a visiting scientist at this laboratory.”

1954
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Avrom Gold writes, “I’m sad to report that two members of our class, Howard A. Fox, M.D., and Marcus L. Shoobe, M.D., my brothers at Kappa Nu fraternity and each the other’s roommate during their college careers, died on May 15 and May 28, 2017, respectively. Howard and his wife Barbara were longtime residents of Little Silver, New Jersey. Howard received his M.D. degree from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1962. He performed his residency at Babies Hospital Columbia–Presbyterian and a fellowship in neonatal perinatal medicine at Yale University. He served as a commander in the United States Navy. At the time of his death, he was professor emeritus and retired chair of pediatrics at Hahnemann School of Medicine in Philadelphia, Penn., and at Monmouth Medical Center in New Jersey. Following his retirement, he earned a B.A. degree in art history from Rutgers University in 2001 and was a member of the Visiting Committee and a volunteer in the Department of Drawings and Prints of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. He was an avid collector of antique prints. Marcus and his wife Maureen resided in Albany during his entire professional life following his graduation from Albany Medical College. He served as clinical assistant professor of surgery at Albany Medical College, chief of the department of urology at the Child’s Hospital and attending urologist at St. Peter’s, Albany Medical Center and Memorial hospitals. He served as president of the New York State Urological Society and as a director of that organization, and of the American Association of Clinical Urologists. He was inaugurated as president of the Northeastern Section of the American Urological Association. In retirement, he and Maureen cruised the East Coast of the United States and Canada in their boat, ‘Why Knot.’ He was also a ham radio operator. They spent their winters in Myrtle Beach, SC. I have one further unrelated note: I read in a recent issue of the alumni magazine of the death of Pete Kahn ’56. Pete was my fraternity brother and he and I were the Kappa Nu tennis team in the 1954 intramurals. I was reminded by an article in an old issue of the Concordy, and from a similar passage in my yearbook, that he and I won our final matches against DU to take the tennis...
title and propel KN to a second-place finish in the final intramurals standings. I remember Pete fondly and send my condolences to his family and friends."

1955 CLASS CORRESPONDENT
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Roger Likewise writes, "Still living part of the year in N.M. and summer in Jay, N.Y. (near Lake Placid). Wife is still in the living part of the year in N.M."

Gordie Carlson joined the ranks, I have chosen to put forth some things I gleaned in communication from our due to a diminishing interest on the college’s web site. I want to know more, read it if they pass through West Virginia. Son, Jonathan '89, is in Marin County, CA."

David Wainwright writes, "We are leaving beautiful Rancho Bernardo, Calif. after 35 years to a retirement community in Peoria, Ariz."

1958 CLASS CORRESPONDENT
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Steven Artz writes, "I am still teaching full-time at WVU School of Medicine branch in Charleston, WV. Would like to hear of any of my classmates if they pass through West Virginia. Son, Jonathan '89, is in Marin County, CA."

1959 CLASS CORRESPONDENT
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Peter Wells reports that he and wife of 56 years, Barbara, have sold their home in N.H. and are now happily living in Saint Cloud, Fla., glad to be well away from that terrible "global warming" up north. In April, Peter gave a presentation to a
using both historical references and scientific data, he said, clearly demonstrated that there is nothing unusual going on with our climate. He said the real problem is that we are rapidly (in geologic terms) approaching the next ice age which will once again bury all of New England and New York under a mile thick layer of ice.

A. Lee Fritschler has become professor emeritus at George Mason University and completed a book for the Brookings Institution Press, Public Policymaking by Private Organizations: Challenges to Democratic Governance.

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 insiders book on what it takes to be a political advance man, but he delves into the pitfalls of blind loyalty to the president 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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1961

1962
Peter Lefcourt has published his ninth novel, Purgatory Gardens, available on amazon.com.

David Dorward writes, “Priscilla, my wife, and I continue to enjoy retirement in Australia, the grandchildren, travelling (Alaska and Canadian Rockies 2015, China 2016, India 2017, looking forward to Russia in 2018). Melbourne has a thriving art, opera, music and theatre culture; was a volunteer on-stage extra in Opera Australia’s production of Wagner’s Ring Cycle at the State Theater in 2016. Was a contributor to the new translation of Akiga Sai, History of the Tiv, edited by Harold Bergsma and Martin Akiga (Ibadan: Bookcraft, 2016), sponsored by the International African Institute, London.”

1963
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
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Tom Ackerman writes, “The Union Alumni Council met again in April and I attended as the Class of 1963’s representative. I believe my term will be up in 2018, although any alumnus can attend these semi-annual meetings and I hope to continue to do so. From what I have learned, let me give you some additional reasons to come back to our 55th ReUnion next spring. You will have a chance to visit the 14 buildings that have been built or completely renovated during President Ainlay’s tenure. The last of the 14 was just completed and that is the Visual Arts Center. In addition, the construction of a new $100 million Science and Engineering Center will be well underway at the time of our ReUnion. Dr. Ainlay and many others firmly believe that the best liberal arts colleges will be those that have successfully integrated liberal arts with science and engineering or technology. You may also have a chance to ask President Ainlay at our ReUnion why he thinks Union will soon be the best of the best. The experts said Union couldn’t raise $250 million in a capital campaign. In fact, Union exceeded that goal. I am very happy that Union recently extended Dr. Ainlay’s until June 2018. These developments aren’t going unnoticed in the world outside Union. USA Today’s College Guide for 2017 named Union among the top 5 universities...”
or colleges in the U.S. for women studying STEM. Union is also now in the Princeton Review for best return on investment and one of 63 colleges and universities in Greens’ Guides to the Hidden Ivies. Applications to the college have responded very well to all of the above, as well as to an enhanced and improved worldwide communications and marketing program at the college to raise Union’s visibility. For the class of 2021, applications rose to another record high of 6,676. Early decision applications of 413 were up from 366 the year before, an increase of about 13 percent. International applications and from those outside the northeast and Mid-Atlantic states rose even more sharply. Applicants applied from 48 states and 103 countries. I hope to see many of you in 2018.”

David Eales writes, “My wife Kathleen and I moved to Richmond, Va., last January from our home, for the past eleven years, in Tucson, Ariz. The move was primarily to be near our son Trevor and Melissa who will be making us brand new grandparents this fall. We are living in a 1923 vintage home in the city enjoying the urban life and the meeting of many new friends in our neighborhood. Also, it is convenient to be on the ‘Winter Migration Trail’ from the Northeast to Florida and back and have enjoyed having several classmates stopping by for a hello, among them Rudy Umscheid and Chuck Converse and spouses.”

Dan Schwarz 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 post-graduate 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 of English and Stephen H. Weiss Presidential Fellow at Cornell.

1965

Robert Hoffman writes, “Back from wonderful trip to Peru with my wife to celebrate our 20th wedding anniversary. Visited with all three grandchildren back from college and newborn 11th grandchild. Terrific Father’s Day weekend with two sons, their wives, eldest’s two daughters (ages 3 1/2 and 2) my 97-1/2 year old mom. Going to Kate Wolf festival in northern California this weekend with two daughters and my wife.”

1966

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Neil Tischler writes, “I delayed my retirement for 2-1/2 years to help design the new award-winning ‘Solea’ dental laser for a start-up company, Convergent Dental (www.convergentdental.com). This laser will change the way dentistry is practiced by allowing pain-free, blood-free, multi-quadrant dentistry. It eliminates the need for anesthesia for over 95 percent of patients, offering them a sensation-less experience. For the dentist, it yields major time-savings, with the ability to perform hard and soft tissue procedures anywhere in the mouth in one visit. This highly successful instrument nicely concludes my long career as a product design consultant. I am adjusting to retirement by spending more time on my nature photography (www.neilittischler.com), playing percussion in the Concord Band (member since 1972), and kayaking and traveling with my wife Regina, whom I met at Penn State (master’s in engineering). We live in Acton, Mass., just 25 miles west of Boston, which gives us access to the rivers, mountains and ocean beaches of New England. It’s now time to really explore the region, savoring good food as we go.”

The Avant Garde of Western Civ was published in February by Press Americana. It recounts the seven years David Holdridge spent inside Iraq as a manager of humanitarian programs for the war afflicted. For more, see p. X of this magazine.

Robert Dickman writes, “Compared to Schenectady, Virginia seemed pretty far south. According to our new neighbors, our previous address in Northern Virginia is almost Yankee country. Osprey Cove in Saint Marys, Georgia is as far southeast as you can get in the state, across the Saint Marys River from Florida and 30 minutes from our son in Jacksonville. Year-around golf, Cumberland National Seashore, incredible seafood AND ‘zero inches average annual snowfall.’ What’s not to love? Oh, yeah: Go Jags! Come see us.”
1967
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Van Hubbard writes, "I finally retired from federal service after nearly 40 years (November 2015) and remain in Bethesda, Md. Recently, I was honored by the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition in recognition of exceptional achievement in practice, research, and service to the organization. In retirement, I stay busy playing racquetball, attending bluegrass festivals, being chauffeur for my wife to attend mountain dulcimer workshops, and traveling to see family members in Virginia, Colorado, and Connecticut."

Joseph Pace writes, "On September 23, my wife Barbara and I will celebrate 50 joyful years of marriage together with our family: Gina, Nick and Ally (who played in an AAU basketball tournament at Union in June), Carson, Julie, Ryan, Rylie and Kennedy Trimble, Joe, Amy and Emma Pace and our special daughter Jenny Pace. One of our most recent joys was celebrating our 50th class ReUnion this past May with Steve and Vickie Yohay, Frank and Katie Dougherty, Dave and Carol Miller, Ed and Betsy Stroshahl, Norm and Dorothy Olsen and Jack and Evelyn Stokvis. We are grateful for the love of good friends and a close family."

1968
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Robert Hoffman writes, "We just welcomed out 11th grandchild into the world in San Carlos. While visiting, we attended a professional play in San Francisco starring our 16-year-old high school junior grandson in a lead role, for which he has received rave reviews in the local papers. He hopes to follow in the footsteps of his older brother who is now entering his junior year at Carnegie Mellon, one of a literal handful of thousands of applicants accepted to the acting program. We are grateful that all of our children and their children are thriving, the children all working in fields we respect and admire because they are about helping humanity and the planet, not about financial success. Having recently returned from a bucket list trip to Peru, I continue to work fulltime, visit the grandchildren around the state three out of four weekends, and am about to perform as second French horn with the Gold Coast Wind Ensemble in our last concert of this season. Next on the travel agenda is a music cruise from Memphis to Nashville with stops in both cities before ending with a visit to family in Louisville in October."

Samuel Wright writes, "After retiring (several times) as a corporate attorney and D.C. lobbyist, in 2013 I was asked to serve on the Board of Trustees of McDonogh School in Baltimore, where I graduated in 1964. For the last year I have been serving as chair of the school’s development committee. This past April, I was the recipient of the McDonogh Alumni Distinguished Service Award. I note that the only other member of McDonogh’s Class of 1964 to receive this award is Robert Seigman. Bob, who passed away almost 10 years ago, was also a member of Union’s Class of 1968! I am looking forward to my 50th ReUnion next spring."

1969
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Gary Prevost writes, "I recently retired after 40 years of teaching political science at the College of St. Benedict and St. John’s University in Minnesota. I will continue to work as a research associate in political studies at Nelson Mandela University in Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

Allan Page writes, "Brick Susko’s passing while cycling through France left his Union friends deeply saddened. Brick had an aura which was immediately likable. Even though he graduated Phi Beta Kappa, was an accomplished attorney, earned business and law degrees from Stanford and taught law classes at both NYU and Yale Law Schools, his personal foundations never strayed much from his upbringing in Donora, Pennsylvania. While at Union, Christine (the love of his life, whom he married), was never far from his thoughts or conversation. Brick loved Union, loved watching his son, Mark, play soccer while at Union and had the best of times with his Union College buddies whether in New York City or at ReUnions. Brick was the Union College graduate that the College could hold up as a quintessential example of fulfilling its mission, to the person, society and the nation. To say Brick had a full, productive, and rewarding life is an understatement. Maybe not as originally planned but shortly, Brick, we are looking forward to your spirit being with us for our 50th ReUnion."

Brick is further remembered on pg. 59 of this magazine.

1970
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Robert Orenstein writes, "After 42 years of practicing dentistry, I have finally retired! It’s amazing to me how I got all the things done when I was working full-time, but I did!"

Brick Susko ‘69 passed away in June
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**CLASS NOTES**

Roy Wiese writes, “Where do 46 years go? Union prepared me well for the journey: Yale grad school, teaching at Union, foreign affairs career, USG contract consultant, volunteer English teacher as a Christian ministry for three years in the Czech Republic, and now ‘temporarily retired’ near Valley Forge, Pa. Cindy Edwards, my wife and fellow sojourner, has put up with me for the last 42 of these years. Long walks and hiking keep us fit. For now we’re enjoying the blessing of more time with our three married children and eight grandchildren, who are wondering what granddad and grandmom will venture in to next. Also enjoying keeping in touch with classmates Jonathan Conly, Jim O’Sullivan, and Jim Winston. Obviously haven’t done well at updates in class notes or making it back to ReUnions, but would welcome hearing from classmates and former students.”

William “Allen” Schade writes, “Took first place in the Santa Barbara Outrigger Canoe Race (Golden Master Division). Feel very blessed to still be able to compete.

Jerome Levine writes, “As of September 2016, I became the chief medical officer of Chilton Medical Center, part of Atlantic Health System in New Jersey.”

Jeffrey Weiner writes, “Had a career change nine years ago when I decided to begin a coaching career. When I moved to Charleston I started coaching Girls Lacrosse at Bishop England HS (learned from my daughter who was head varsity coach at Hauppauge HS on Long Island). Started out slow as expected but have been in the SC State Championship Game 4 of the last five years and have won the last two years. Lots of fun and it certainly keeps me occupied.”

Harvey Schwartzman writes, “Living in the San Luis Obispo area on the central California coast. Terrific college town with great people, outstanding year-round weather, beautiful scenery and lots of outdoor recreational things that keep my wife and I busy. If any other Union College alumni are looking for a great place to live, this is it (the taxes aside)! Anyway, feel free to contact me by either email, phone or through the Alumni office if you need some tips or other help in getting started.”

Frank Allocca enjoyed a mini-ReUnion at Trattoria Trecolori near Times Square in New York on March 7, 2015 with John Perlstein ’74, Susan Sosensky Alifanz ’74 and Jeff Alifanz.

Leighton “Chris” Wood writes, “Our daughters, Meghan ’02 and and Liza, have been busy. Meghan had a charming baby daughter (Peyton) last year (January ’16) and Liza had a baby boy (Knox) this year (March ’17). Both are growing like crazy and we are thrilled. Grandparents at last. As for me, I’m still happily married to the lovely Sarah after 38 years and am finally planning to retire next year on my birthday; Social Security and all that. Now I have to figure out what to do post retirement. Maybe I’ll learn how to play my electric guitar correctly vs. just loudly. Best to all of the Class of ’70 and Go Garnet Go!”

**CLASS CORRESPONDENT**

1971

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Bridge Growth Partners, LLC, a sector-focused, growth-oriented private equity firm, recently announced that Steve Mills has joined the company as a senior advisor. Steve, former Executive Vice President of IBM, was closely associated with the growth of IBM’s software business over the last 25 years. During his tenure at IBM, Steve oversaw many of IBM’s key strategic initiatives including transaction systems, development tools, security products, data base and analytic offerings, including IBM Watson. His systems responsibilities included IBM servers, storage and semi-conductors. He directed organic investments and acquisitions measured in the billions of dollars. Under his leadership, IBM was able to acquire and integrate over 150 companies bringing many thousands of new employees into IBM.

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1974

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Several alumni participated in the second Park to the Nott Ride to fight Parkinson’s disease. The group, which included Sara Miltenberger ’15, Dave Gordon ’76, Fred Weil and Arthur Miller ’76, left Tavern on the Green in Central Park (NYC) May 18. They arrived at Union College on May 20, during ReUnion weekend. This year’s ride raised more than $12,000 for the Michael J. Fox Foundation.

Roy Rubinfeld has received several patents for an advanced treatment for an eye disease called keratoconus. In addition to his eye surgery practice in the Washington, D.C. area, he is the founder and managing member of a biotechnology startup, CXL Ophthalmics, LLC.

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.

Bruce Goldberg ’73 won two Open Water Masters National Championships this past summer in two countries—the U.S. and England—swimming for Dallas Aquatic Masters in the U.S. and East Leeds in Britain.

Dan Rothblum ’75 recently traveled to NYC from southern California to take in a Yankee game with his former roommate, Alan Koenigsberg ’75.

Mark Shugoll ’73, Helena Binder ’76 and Bob Bernhardt ’73 were recently in Chattanooga for the Chattanooga Symphony and Opera’s production of “Madame Butterfly,” which Bob conducted and Helena directed.

learn yet—hard to fit into the engineering curriculum back when time and money were more limited. Would be happy to hear from long-lost college connections.”

Marty Silverman writes, “My wife Trudy and I were thrilled to have a ‘Mini Hattie Street Reunion’ at the wedding of our daughter Dara on May 13 at the Saratoga National Golf Course. In attendance were Brenda (Silver) Shiff, Carl Schwartz and wife Susan Dryer, Naomi Robbins, Mark and me. As longtime fans of our family’s favorite baseball team, the Yankees, we took the opportunity to see our Yankees play at Yankee Stadium during the Memorial Day weekend. As fans of the Great Race, we were especially happy to drive from Florida to Michigan this year as we joined our friends from across the country to enjoy this annual event.”

Alumni attend the wedding of Marty Silverman’s (Class of 1976) daughter, Dara. Standing, from left, are Brenda (Silver) Shiff ’76, Carl Schwartz ’76, Naomi Robbins ’76, Mark Gross ’75, Alan “Bones” Schiffman ’76, Marty Silverman and Alan’s wife, Jennifer. Seated are Carl’s wife, Susan Dryer, and Ward Dales.
Gross ’75, Alan ‘Bones’ Schifman and wife, Jennifer, and Ward Dales. Ward is the drama teacher at Albany High School and has no connection to Union, but he met the crew during the cocktail hour and thought they were way more fun than the table he’d been placed at! It was a completely wonderful event made even better by the presence of these old friends.”

1977
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David Moskowitz writes, “Wells Fargo recently promoted me to the newly-created position of EVP and head of Government Relations and Public Policy (leaving Wells Fargo’s legal department after 24 years). Heidi and I celebrated our 35th anniversary in June, and five years ago moved back to the Washington, D.C. area (Bethesda, Maryland) after spending 13 years in Des Moines, Iowa. Both of our sons, Michael (29 years old) and Adam (26 years old) were married last year. Never a dull moment!”

Nancy Murphy writes, “I’ve been retired one year now after 39 years in high risk insurance underwriting. It was a career I really enjoyed but I so appreciate having more time now to devote to other things that are also important to me. Since retirement, I have done the usual things—more time with family and friends, more travel and more volunteer work. I also wrote and performed a one person show in the Hollywood Fringe Festival last year called ‘Freak Out,’ about turning 60, where it won an Encore Award. It was one of the scariest and most fun things I’ve ever done!”

1978
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
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Gwen Young Sachnoff writes, “Spent the day with the Women’s Softball Team while they were in Florida for spring training. Thanks to their coach Michelle Connors for introducing me to the team and the rest of the coaches, and allowing me to tell stories and show them pictures from the 1975-1978 team that I was proud to be a member of. Things have sure changed in 40 years since we played on Library Field!”

Phil Rosenblatt, a partner and co-chair of Nutter’s Commercial Finance group, was named a “CJP Superstar” by Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston, Inc. (CJP) in recognition of his tireless work to support CJP. Phil recently undertook a leadership role with CJP’s Governance & Nominating Committee, in which he works with fellow committee members and staff to update the organization’s bylaws. In addition to his new leadership position, Phil serves on CJP’s board of directors and has been an active volunteer with CJP and the larger community for many years. At Nutter, his practice focuses on complex finance, syndication, and securitization transactions.

Geoffrey Blum writes, “After spending the last 12 years at Tilton School in N.H. working in admissions and managing financial aid, I am retiring and will be residing in Wayland, Mass. Looking forward to doing some traveling.”

Janet Edgette writes, “Continuing to enjoy my solo practice as a psychologist for kids and teenagers, as well as writing. One of my sons just graduated U Hartford, another (his twin) is down in North Carolina playing baseball in the Coastal League, and my oldest son is a music producer in Hong Kong. Still love horses and dogs and foosball! Would love

Gwen Young Sachnoff ’78 with the UC Women’s Softball Team at spring training

Glenn Meyers ’78 and family at daughter Tanya’s graduation

Janet Edgette ’78

A new tree, purchased from Elhannon Wholesale Nursery, was recently planted on Union’s campus. The nursery is owned by Jim Sutton ’78, at left.
to hear from my old friends.”

Glenn Meyers writes, “I am presently the regional medical director for the Mid-South Region of Humana. Our daughter Tanya recently graduated from Nova Southeastern University with her MBA. She works at Disney and the boys (Alex and Andrew) have their own entertainment company in South Florida. Heidi and I just celebrated 34 years of marriage. All is good.”

Harris Halpert writes, “Hard to believe it was 40 years ago this summer that 28 Union students (most from the Class of 1978) under the supervision (if you want to call it supervision) of Prof. Robert Baker headed to London, Stockholm and Warsaw for the inaugural Socialized Medicine term abroad. While we were exposed to a great educational opportunity, the extracurricular activities and daily fun were experiences of a lifetime. I know from the other participants I am in touch with, they feel the same. Thanks Prof. Baker for putting together a great experience.”

Jeff Laniewski has formed a start-up company (Globeco-Maine) that processes eco-sustainable fabrics from bio-based (wood) materials. Its Durafresh™ cloth is being sold at more than 1,400 retailers throughout the country.

David Grossman, MD, and his wife of three years, Cathy, have moved to Delray Beach, Florida. After 26 years of practicing oncology and hematology in West Chester, PA, David has joined the Cleveland Clinic Cancer Program in Weston and West Palm Beach, Florida.

1979

Vladimir Ivanovic writes, “I’m happily retired. I’m the cook, dish washer and chauffeur for my two children (entering seventh and fifth grades), while my wife brings home the bacon, so to speak. I’m also an elected board member of our elementary school district. I’m in my third (out of four) years, and I have to say it’s been an interesting (ahem) time. I wish that more people in their 20s and 30s took an interest in politics and ran for office. Politics shouldn’t be only for old people.”

Leslie Seff writes, “Have worked for the past 15 years in NYC as the managing director of operations for a non-profit in the environmental sector. Live primarily in the Hudson Valley of N.Y., formerly playing hobby farmer by raising animals and crops, etc. Have five grandchildren in Texas, all girls. Married with one son, 25, who is also living & working in the city. Love to travel the world, our latest trip being to India, and we make occasional forays to Costa Rica, where we developed some land on the Pacific coast. I still dabble in all things philosophical, and made a trip back to St. Andrews University in Scotland a few years back, when our son was applying to colleges. It wasn’t as magical as I remembered it as a 21-year-old, however.”

Julie Swidler was included on ELLE magazine’s Women in Music Power List, which appeared in the June 2017 issue. Julie, a Union College trustee, is executive vice president of business affairs and general counsel at Sony Music Entertainment.

Madeline Berger writes, “Time flies! Still living in Midtown NYC, I just celebrated my fifth anniversary at Google, where I’m now working at YouTube using my expertise marrying traditional television with new distribution opportunities.”

1980

Kenneth (K.R.) Marshall was recently named a vice president and senior transportation technical manager for WSP USA, a leading engineering and professional services organization. Based out of WSP’s Baltimore office, he will serve as the northeast regional manager for intelligent transportation systems and transportation technology. Kenneth has over 35 years of experience in traffic engineering, traffic operations, ITS, transportation infrastructure design, transportation planning, and telecommunications. A licensed professional engineer in Missouri, Kansas, Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia, New Jersey, New York, Florida, District of Columbia, West Virginia and Illinois, Kenneth received a master of engineering degree in transportation engineering from Texas A&M University.


David Schwartz writes, “After 58 years of living in Great Neck, we decided to try something different! We moved out to a farmhouse in upper Brookville, a full nine miles away. Very daring. So I am fully expanding my vegetable garden empire and battling all the varmints that want to take me on! No livestock in the barn yet.”

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 and 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

Thomas Farrell writes, “I’m going to be playing a supporting (small) role in a new NBC series called ‘Rise.’ It should start airing in the winter.”

Michele Coven Wolgel is happy to announce the marriage of her daughter, Chaya Sara Wolgel, to Elon Amit. This is the second of her children to get married.
Laurie Mintz '82 is calling for a revolution. That may sound unusual for a psychologist, but Mintz’s work is far from typical. She uses science to promote sexual health and well-being.

In her second book, *Becoming Cliterate*, which hit stores May 9, 2017, Mintz combines feminist analysis, anatomy, and psychological research to help close the pleasure gap between women and men.

To Mintz, this sexual disparity is an aspect of gender inequality in society, and she is determined to rectify it—a drive she attributes to her education at Union College.

“My time at Union was transformative,” said Mintz, who majored in psychology. “My professors and classmates instilled in me the skills and attitudes of critical thinking and taking risks to fight against societal inequities.”

“It’s hard to believe that in 2017 so many sexual inequities still exist. It’s especially shocking that an under-standing of women’s pleasure is still not more widely known,” Mintz added.

Millennials, the target audience of the book, have grown up with access to pornography yet without sex-positive sex education. The result, Mintz said, is that “this generation of women often falsely think something is wrong with them.”

Taking this further, in a *Psychology Today* blog that went viral, Mintz stated, “Millennials are the most sexually misinformed generation of women ever.”

How does Mintz know so much about this generation? She teaches hundreds of them each year in her wildly popular *Psychology of Human Sexuality* class at the University of Florida. Data she’s collected in this class and quotes from her students’ pepper her new book.
result of that dinner, we now have our second group of students spending the summer on a term away in San Francisco learning about Silicon Valley and entrepreneurship!”

Richard Altman writes, “Just came to Union to see my son, Nathaniel, graduate with the Class of 2017.”

Nancy Dubow-Kanell writes, “I was asked to give the commencement speech at Andover High School in Massachusetts. It was my first opportunity to wear a Union hood, which actually was one of the factors that made this a moving experience for me. You can watch the video at https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=fmOjagVKVs.” Nancy is president of Project Home Again, which provides low-income families with recycled household goods, furniture, and appliances necessary to live with comfort and dignity.

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Dr. Kathy Magliato was recently featured in New York Minute Magazine. The story focused on her career as one of the few female heart surgeons in the U.S.

Steven E. Cole has been named managing partner of Leclair Korona Vahey Cole LLP, a business litigation law firm in Rochester, N.Y. that he co-founded in 2007. He represents businesses and individuals in complex disputes in federal and state courts, in arbitration, and before governmental agencies. He also represents companies and individuals in the financial services industry in investor disputes, regulatory inquiries, and cases involving the enforcement of restrictive employment covenants. In 1989, Steve began his career as a trial attorney with the United States Department of Justice. As an attorney with the Justice Department and in private practice, Steve has been involved in numerous trials and arbitration hearings, including hearings before the Financial Institution Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and its predecessor organizations. He graduated from American University College of Law.

Tim Hesler writes, “After four years, I am still at New York University as assistant treasurer, running the cash and investments for the university globally, along with all of the banking, lines of credit, payment strategies and foreign exchange. On July 1, I was also named the president of the Pinnacle Consortium of Higher Education, a Vermont reciprocal insurance company owned by NYU and 16 other peer universities in the Northeast and Middle Atlantic. This gives me an opportunity to learn more about risk management. After spending 15 intense years in the management consulting industry, moving to higher education has been a welcome change, albeit with different challenges. I still remain engaged in consulting on a part-time basis, as a senior advisor for McKinsey & Company for the strategy and corporate finance practice in New York. I have been married
to my wife, Wendy, for 28 years, and my twin daughters, Ann and Kate, are living in the city, both in grad school at NYU and Columbia, respectively.”

Elissa Adler Lerner writes, “We had a wonderful time in Cuba on Professor Berk’s trip in March 2017 and met several other Union alum, spanning 21 years on campus.”

Kelly Williams and her husband, Andrew Forsyth, participated in National College Signing Day in May at the Public Theater in New York City. Former First Lady Michelle Obama was the featured speaker at the event, which was aimed at encouraging high school students to pursue higher education.

Tony Dunai has been named executive vice president and head of international affairs for the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, the world leader in public performing rights and advocacy for music creators. He will oversee ASCAP’s international business and society relations outside of the United States. Prior to joining ASCAP, Tony was senior vice president of digital products at iN Demand, a joint venture owned by Charter, Comcast and Cox.

Lisa Freed was named a Woman Worth Watching in STEM by Profiles in Diversity Journal. Her work in STEM education since graduating Union as a Civil Engineer set the stage for her receiving the award. Lisa is the STEM Program Manager for iRobot, one of the few companies with a designated, staffed STEM outreach program. Under her guidance, they annually host over 150 tours at the iRobot headquarters Cool Stuff museum; visit over 300 school programs and classrooms; and provide job shadows, mentorships and other impactful ways to inspire students in STEM. iRobot is also the founder and lead organizer for National Robotics Week, which also falls under the STEM program. While encouraging everyone in STEM education, Lisa holds a particular passion for making sure young girls and women know that STEM is an opportunity for their own success.

1985

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1986

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1988

Sarah Bittleman was recently appointed deputy director of Special Projects by New York Governor Andrew Cuomo. Previously, she has worked in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Departments of the Interior and Agriculture, as well as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. She comes to the administration most recently after serving as a Legislative and Policy Director for U.S. Senator Ron

Alexandra Roalsvig ‘90 writes, “I was honored, as an alumna and as director of Parks and Rec for Long Lake, to host the Union College vs. SLU Saints Adirondack Cup (first ever) on Long Lake in May. Union College prevailed! Here’s a picture of the winning team. That is a great perk of my job!”
Wyden and the U.S. Senate Finance Committee. She holds a J.D. from Tulane University and an M.P.A. from East Carolina University.

Kathleen Browne has been named the new chief investment officer at Denison University. She previously served as the managing director of the endowment at Wellesley College. Kathleen earned a juris doctorate from Boston College Law School and a master’s degree in business administration from MIT Sloan School of Management.

W. Todd Harder writes, “My wife and I are near completion of a major renovation/rebuild of an old family home (her side) on the Saint Lawrence River in the Thousand Islands region outside of Alexandria Bay. If you visit now, you might need to bring a hammer, but we are looking forward to having visitors next summer in boats, bikes, canoes, etc. The Navy dropped me off, retired, in Washington, the state not the city, and I look forward to spending more time in New York.”

1991

Lisa A. Janis was recently named vice president for client and provider engagement New York/New Jersey Region at DentaQuest. Lisa has more than 20 years of health care industry experience. Previously, she served as a senior leader at the Bronx-based Affinity Health Plan, where her efforts focused on improving network access and developing effective relationships with providers and vendors. She completed her MBA, health care administration, at Union College.

Rob Vlock’s debut children’s novel, *Sven Carter & The Trashmouth Effect*, has been published by Simon & Schuster/Aladdin. The novel tells the story of Sven Carter, a 12-year-old boy who discovers he’s actually a cyborg programmed to destroy the entire human race. Book two in the Sven Carter series releases in the fall of 2018.

1992

Andrew Wagshul writes, “In my fifth year actively training in ATA style Tae Kwon Do. Recently competed as a first-degree black belt in the 2016/17 ATA District Championships held in Lancaster, Pa. The district stretches from Maine to Ohio to Virginia and all points in between. For the age group 40-49, I finished second, fourth and fourth in traditional weapons, combat sparring and traditional forms, respectively. I’m working toward second-degree black belt by the end of the year (if all goes well).”

Michael Beauvais writes, “We are still in Winchester, Mass. My son and daughter (9 and 8) are really enjoying all of the social, cultural and athletic opportunities that the town offers. I am continuing my efforts as the founding partner of Concussion Mitigation Technologies. We are devoted to mitigating the effects of head trauma in athletes and United States Armed Forces members.”

1993

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Jill Baldwin Pryce ’94, president of Calvert Social Investment Foundation, spoke with students on campus last spring.

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It was recently published in January, our distillery business is growing (apple brandy is almost ready to bottle), and my son Tristan graduated from high school this June. Can’t wait to see what the second half of the year has in store for us.”

1994
Brandon Torres Declet ’97 learned to think creatively at Union, and it’s helped him become an innovative businessman.

“Union was good at allowing students to think outside the box,” Declet recalled. “And as soon as you start doing that, you start thinking about how you can make a change. My political science degree and everything I learned at Union has influenced Measure and where we’re going.”

Measure, of which Declet is CEO and co-founder, is the nation’s leading Drone as a Service® company, providing solutions to acquire, process, and deliver actionable aerial data and media to enterprise customers.

“We do everything for our customers, many of them Fortune 500 companies. We provide the drones, we operate them, we use them to collect aerial data and then we analyze that data,” Declet said.

What kind of data? Measure’s inspected cell towers for Verizon; collected aerial footage in the aftermath of natural disasters for Fox News and CNN; and done site audits for huge engineering firms.

Data is even how Measure got its name.

“We collect data and we use it to measure things—the height of a cell tower or progress on a construction site,” Declet said. “So that’s the reason we came up with Measure.”

And these measurements are in demand.

“Since 2014, we’ve grown to about 55 employees and we’ve raised about $28 million in venture capital,” Declet said. “We’re based in Washington, D.C. but also have offices in Los Angeles and New York City.”

Prior to founding Measure, Declet served in several senior positions on Capitol Hill, including as counsel with the Senate Committee on the Judiciary and the House Homeland Security Committee, specializing in national security, technology and related issues.

Declet holds a J.D. from the Fordham University School of Law and an L.L.M. from the Georgetown University Law Center.

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Learn more about Measure at www.measure.com or on Twitter @droneasaservice
Joanna Rudolph is the executive producer of Indie film, “Burning Annie,” which was released internationally on major HD platforms via the Sundance Creative Distribution Initiative on May 15. To read more about the movie and the story of its creation, visit www.moviemaker.com and search for “Burning Annie.”

Peter Mody III was recently appointed principal of South Glens Falls High School (N.Y.). Previously, he was an assistant principal at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School. Peter holds a Master of Arts in Teaching (English) from Union College. He completed his Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Leadership in 2012 at the State University at Plattsburgh.

Patricia Acerbi writes, “Book about street vendors in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, during the transition from slavery to freedom was released.” The book is called Street Occupations: Urban Vending in Rio de Janeiro, 1850-1925.

1999
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2000
Kasowitz Benson Torres LLP announced recently that Stephen W. Tountas, a leading authority on plaintiffs’ side securities litigation, has joined the firm’s New York office as a partner. With over a decade of plaintiff-side securities experience, Stephen has worked with shareholders to obtain historic settlements in many large, high-profile cases. Among other accomplishments, he settled the largest securities class action recovery in history obtained from a pharmaceutical company; and was also responsible for securing the largest settlement in a back-dating case from an outside audit firm. Stephen also has substantial appellate experience and has successfully litigated several appeals before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second, Third and Ninth circuits. He holds a Juris Doctor from Washington University School of Law, where he was editor-in-chief of the school’s Journal of Law & Policy.

2001
Joe Chan has created an app called Marriage Match. The website, MarriageMatch.com, is still in beta phase, but the app (available on iOS and Android) is ready for use.

Mark McKee was recently featured on martecheadvisor.com. The Q&A focused on trends and opportunity in video, and its role in advertising. Mark is senior vice president of sales and marketing, North America, for Videology.

2002
Allison Brant was recently featured in Town & Country magazine. The story focused on her management of her father’s (Peter M. Brant) famous contemporary art collection and the Brant Foundation Art Study Center.

Kyle Schack recently became associate head coach of Yale University’s swimming and diving program. Kyle has a wealth of experience coaching collegiate swimmers. Getting his start as a volunteer assistant coach at the University of Texas in 2007, he was the assistant coach at Arizona State University and the associate head coach at Northwestern University before joining Crimson Aquatics Boston as the head coach in 2012. Over the past five years at the helm of Crimson Aquatics Boston, Kyle has coached multiple athletes to the USA National Junior Team, FINA World Junior Championships and also a top-eight finalist at the U.S. Olympic Trials.

Katie Doling-Bastianelli writes, “Hi everyone! I wanted to share my daughter’s project with you. Maia, age 8, started an initiative at age 7 to raise money for children with serious health concerns at a local pediatric respite center called Daystar. Maia is a young artist and wanted to use her artwork to help the children. We decided to transform several of her paintings into notecard form. The notecards were sold in a variety pack of six cards/envelopes for $10, with 100% of the proceeds benefitting Daystar. She has raised almost $15,000 in just over a year for Daystar. Please take a look at her website www.madebymaia.com to learn more about her project.

Thank you! We are in Rochester, N.Y., and would love to meet other local alumni.”

Maia, daughter of Katie Doling-Bastianelli ’02

2003
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2005
Dr. Aimee Talleur recently became a research associate in the Department of Bone Marrow Transplantation and Cellular Therapy at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. She originally joined the institution in 2012 as a clinical fellow in the Department of Oncology, a three-year appointment. As a full-time faculty member, Aimee will focus her research and clinical work on immunotherapy and cellular therapy, focusing on chimeric androgen receptor (CAR) therapy, which takes donor or patient T-cells and reengineers them to recognize a tumor cell and kill it. Aimee completed her pediatric residency training at Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. She received her M.D. from SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, N.Y.
Chris Macomber is just completing his first year in Minneapolis following the merger of his private group practice, Surgical Specialists of Minnesota, with Allina Health, now Allina Health Surgical Specialists. He is currently practicing general and minimally invasive/robotic surgery and is one of the three surgeons on the Abbott Northwestern Acute Care Surgery Team. In addition, he will be heading up the new Complex Hernia and Abdominal Wall Reconstruction Program at Abbott Northwestern, as well as expanding his practice in minimally invasive biliary, foregut and colorectal surgery. He still continues his work in medical technology with several active start-ups and consulting/advising roles to industry and other early-stage ventures and entrepreneurs. He also recently became engaged to Grace Thorne, his beautiful girlfriend of three years, who made the brave trek out west with him. The wedding will be this coming fall in Minnesota.

Grant Van der Beken writes, "After pit stops in Chicago, Scottsdale, Ariz., and Philly, my family and I relocated back to my hometown of Bedford, N.H. My wife, Molly, and I have been married since 2013 and have two boys (Will—2 years, and Luke—9 months). All of us are happy to be closer to our family. I’m still with the Hartford Insurance Company (since graduation) and I manage our New England territory from Maine down to Fairfield County, Conn., and out to Albany, N.Y. I was on campus for a hot minute a few weeks ago—grabbed a few sweatshirts and had to head out."

2007

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This year, Jeff Meyer and Shane Hubbell are celebrating 13 years of friendship on Facebook and 22 years of friendship in real life.

2009

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Sean Mulkerne ’09 writes, “I was working in Rwanda recently, conducting some research fieldwork in the northwest of the country. While driving back to the capital, in the middle of nowhere in particular, I came across this photo. I immediately noticed the logo on her shirt and asked the driver to stop and pull over. She didn’t speak a word of English and had to translate through a colleague. I think her name was Aline; she bought the shirt in a market in Kigali for $5ish. She had no idea what Union College was, so I showed her pictures of the campus I had from recent visits. Of course I insisted on taking a photo given the near impossibility of this sort of thing happening!”

Nadia Alexis ’09

Nadia Alexis writes, “My photography will be published in Mfon: Women Photographers of the African Diaspora, a book featuring 100 women photographers of African descent from around the world. The book will be released this fall and can be pre-ordered at http://www.mfonfoto.org”

2011

Kirstin Burdett writes, “Since graduating from Union College I have lived and worked in the NYC area and recently changed careers. Towards the end of 2016 I left the world of healthcare and transitioned into my current role as the New York Community Programs and Events Manager at Best Friends Animal Society— I love it! In May, I finally completed my master’s degree from Columbia University, where I studied nonprofit management. Kevin Quillinan ’12 and I spend our free time fostering cats and dogs, mostly those with special needs. So far we have helped 14 wonderful animals along in their journeys and I feel blessed to have turned my passion for animal rescue into a career.”

2012

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On May 23, 2017, Shilpa Darivemula ’13, Tri Trang ’12, Prof. Carol Weisse, Tori Chee ’13, Misty Shah ’12, Faraz Khan ’13 and Cara Zimmerman ’14 were inducted into the Gold Humanism Honor Society induction ceremony

2010

Meredith Scaplen writes, “Andrew Scaplen ’09 and I recently moved to the greater Portland area of Maine. We’re right near Sebago Lake, so come visit! Andrew continues to work remotely for athena-health, based in Watertown, Mass., and I work for Bates College.”

2013

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After graduating from Union, Rhianna Kurio returned home to Calgary, Alberta, Canada and continued playing hockey. She played for the Calgary Inferno in the CWHL (Canadian Women’s Hockey League) Professional Women’s Hockey League. In the 2015-16 season they won the Clarkson Cup (championship). Also in the same year, she won the Canadian Ball Hockey Championship (2016). She then was selected to play for Team Canada in the ISBHF
Last year, Rachel Magin ’14 was helping autistic children through a social skills group that relies on theatre. It’s a unique approach that has caught the attention of parents, professionals and media like NPR. And it’s an approach she started at Union, where she was a double major in theatre and psychology.

“The idea for the social skills group was sparked while I was babysitting an 11-year-old boy with autism, anxiety, and ADHD,” said Magin, now a Psy.D. student in clinical psychology at Indiana State University. “I decided to play some random theatre games with him and noticed that he caught on really quickly and was better able to communicate while doing them.”

“So I decided to use theatre and improvisation techniques to improve the social skills and reduce the anxiety of children with high functioning autism,” Magin said. “Suzie Benack (psychology professor) thought it was a great idea and my thesis began. I truly believe that I would not be at ISU earning a doctorate if not for Union College and this thesis.”

The social skills group, part of her dissertation, lasts for seven weeks and each group usually consists of four to seven kids.

“We use improvisation and role-playing techniques to help the children learn different skills,” Magin said. “These include introducing oneself, working together, understanding emotions, self-control, assertiveness, managing stress and understanding others’ perspectives.”

“Children with autism have difficulty reading nonverbal cues, communicating, and expressing emotions,” Magin said. “Improv requires them to do all of these things. In addition, it is always safe.”

Improv is also a social activity. “This is something that children with autism also have difficulty with,” Magin said. “This gives them exposure to a social situation and the opportunity to interact with other children who have similar difficulties.”

To learn more about her efforts, visit www.npr.org and search for “Rachel Magin.”
2014

The San Jose Sharks recently re-signed Troy Grosenick to a two-year NHL contract. The former Union netminder won the Aldege "Baz" Bastien Award as the AHL's top goalie this past season.

Colleen Kilbourne writes, "I am entering my final year at Albany Medical College and am in the process of applying to a residency position in family medicine. I hope to return to the Finger Lakes region after graduation to practice as a rural primary care physician."

Jennifer Brodsky has launched perNYC, the podcast exploring NYC creations, per their creators.

2015

Shayne Gostisbehere recently signed a five-year, $22.5 million contract with the Philadelphia Flyers. The native of Pembroke Pines, Fla. recorded seven goals and 32 assists for 39 points in 76 games this past season, leading all Flyers defenseman in scoring and ranking fifth overall on the team.

Sara Miltenberger was accepted to Columbia University's School of Professional Studies in collaboration with the Earth Institute for an M.S. in sustainability management.

2016

Members of the class of 2016, Jared Diou-Cass, Alexander (Buddy) Pollack and Quisqueya Witbeck, won second place at the 21st Amendment's weekly trivia night in Boston, Mass. They attribute their success to the Union-themed team name: O The Year Was 1795.

Kylie Gorski writes, "I work in Albany for Mayan Hands, a non-profit fair trade company. It allows me an incredible creative freedom and a practical application for my background in social justice. At Union I dedicated my extra time to the pursuit of equity for marginalized students, particularly LGBTQIA+ identifying students. My desire to fight for human rights is fulfilled now by the part I am privileged to take in ensuring that Mayan weavers in Guatemala have access to fairly compensated labor. I take pride in handling ethical and sustainable products, and I am constantly learning about the unique challenges fair trade organizations face. I'm also learning about the intricacies of sales. I spend my time off traveling, and it is my goal to visit as many different countries and cities as I can. In March I traveled to Tanzania, East Africa to see a labor clinic that my cousin helped to build in the village of Mloka, southwest of Dar es Salaam. I look forward to travelling to Australia within the next year."

2017

Friends in the Class of 2017 gathered on Terrace Wall the eve of Commencement for a dress rehearsal of the cap toss. From left, they are Jenna Pradhuman, Marissa Visingardi, Sydney Spett, Lindsay Reich, Stephanie Scharbach, Catherine Wadman, Alexa Schilaci, Anna Doran, Meg Girton, Jaime DeFelice, Margaret Oppenheim, Jacqueline Aboulafia, Emily Newman, Alexa Tsao and Brianna Seid. The photographer was John Kodera.
1998

Joanna Rudolph married Luke E.T. Smith on June 10, 2017 in her parents’ backyard in Lee, Mass., with a reception at the Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge, Mass. They split their time between Manhattan, where they work, and New Paltz, N.Y., where Luke’s family has a home. Luke works for the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, which manages the Daytime, Sports and News and Documentary Emmy® Awards. Joanna is a social worker at West Midtown Medical Group. She is also an executive producer on the feature film “Burning Annie,” which celebrated its 10th anniversary this year.

2000

Jason Tabor and Emily DeSantis-Tabor ’00 were married Nov. 26, 2016 in Oswego, N.Y. Alumni in attendance included Kelen (Barr) Walker, Sean Spindler-Ranta, Marin (Richardson) Ranta,
Monica DeWan, Jim DeWan, Darcy (Tuczynski) Czajka, John Czajka, Sarah Shoemaker and Michael Iger.

2006

Carol (Behrendt) Meola ’76 and Peter Meola ’77 write, “We had the pleasure of celebrating the marriage of our son, Jeffrey Meola to the lovely Krista Peterson on Sept. 24, 2016 at Hall of Springs in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. We were joined by our daughter, Jessica (Meola) Perillo ’08, my father, Gary Behrendt ’45 and my brother Tom Behrendt ’75, his wife, Lisa Kasten ’75 and our niece, Patty Stadulis Hagan ’92. The bridal party included Marc Magee ’07, Todd Buffum ’07, Christopher Carr III, Todd Marsh, Matt Ramon, and Brendan Merrell.

Other Union friends in attendance included Sam Assini ’19, Cathy (Cummins) Rimsky ’76, David Schneiderman ’07, Eric Rautiola ’07, Karen Sokoloff ’76, Gary Borgese ’77, Sam Coppola ’74, Ronna (Feldman) Coppola ’76, Charles J. Assini Jr. ’78, Lee Rimsky ’76, Naomi Robbins ’76, Alan Schifman ’76, Jon Sargent ’77, Liz (O’Connor) Magee ’08, Erin (Lawson) Rautiola ’08, Mark Gross ’75, Alexandra (Sparks) Rautiola ’08, Mark Rautiola ’07, Erika (Eisenhut) Rahill, James Rahill, Leah Ziamandias ’07, Chris Murphy and Donna Sockell ’77.

On June 10, 2017, Josh Davis married Stacy Weissman in Boca Raton, Fla. Josh met Stacy after moving to Florida from New York. They were married with the company of old friends from Union!

2010

Matthew Kissane and Megan (Clark) Kissane were married Nov. 11, 2016 at the Canfield Casino in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
Alumni in attendance included Joe Catalano ’09, Jon Lareau, Max Abbott, Cam Berjoan, Kyle Welch, Tim Cook, Lauren Hennessey ’11, Chris Westlund, Michael Kissane ’07, Mary (Larkin) Kissane ’07, Andy Philbin, Jared Kinsler, Bianca Germain, Monica Niedermeyer, Katrina (Neiley) Schellens, Michael Falvey, James Schellens, Monique (Audino) Vellano, Timothy Cannon ’06, Jill (LaForest) Cannon, Jennifer Hagopian, Maggie Popeo, Rachel Schneidman and Sarah Tonry.

Scott Stone ’09 and Lindsay (Colvin) Stone were married at Sugarbush Resort in Warren, Vt., on April 1, 2017. Attendees included Katrina (Neiley) Schellens, Jamie Schellens, Claire Chazen, Lauren McCartney, Gillian Russo, Briana Cincotta, Nate Saslow ’09, Allison Frederick, Nancy Wilk, Meredith (Crawford) Scaplen, Andrew Scaplen ’09, Ryan Gwinn, Rob Shirley ’09, Rob Kramer ’09, Sara (Callahan) Donovan ’09 and Kevin Donovan ’09.

Austin Scaplen ’12 and Samantha Steenburn ’13 got married June 10, 2017 in York, Maine.

Sasha Rothenberg ’12 and Richard Corde ’12 were married June 17, 2017 in Stowe, Vt., surrounded by many fellow Union alumni.
2012

Alex Boyd married Lauren Hamilton (Auburn, ’12) at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington, Va., on April 8, 2017. Alumni in attendance included, “Hock” Hochschartner ’74 (uncle of the groom), Kevin Kewin ’09, Robbie Presutti ’09, Todd Herman ’10, Ian Drillinger, Kaleigh Ahern, Priscilla Wright, Lia D’Ambrosio and David Sorensen ’13.

2013

Tess Koman ’13 and Michael Dolinger ’10 were married on May 28, 2017. Michael was Tess’s Orientation Advisor—they met on her first day at Union and have been together ever since. They write, “It was a Union-heavy wedding; we partied like it was DKE in 2009. Our cake topper was a naked Nott run. The Nott was so kindly 3D-printed and provided by Prof. Ron Bucinell in Mechanical Engineering. The little naked people were courtesy of Etsy.” (Photo by Weddings By Two)
1992

Susan Hulse writes, “In August 2016, I became the proud mother of a 13-year-old through adoption. Nichole is a beautiful young lady inside and out and I’m blessed to have been chosen as her mom.”

1998

Sara Saltsman writes, “On December 21, 2016, my husband, Patrick, and I welcomed a baby boy, Nicholas Joseph. Patrick and I were introduced in 2007 by Megan McKeever, Class of 1999, and her husband, Roy, and were married in Manhattan in 2013. We reside in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.”

2000

Meghanne (McClendon) Hicks writes, “I am happy to announce the birth of our daughter, Charlotte Catherine, on July 27, 2016. She joins proud big sister Caroline!”

2003

Brian DeMichele writes, “2016 and 2017 have been busy years for the DeMichele family. Most importantly, my wife, Kelly, and I welcomed the birth of our son, Lucca Dascher DeMichele, on May 1, 2017. We also moved into a new house in Ballston Lake, N.Y., back in December ’16, and I have completed two full school years back at Union College working in the College Relations Department. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with alums and showing them how to make a meaningful difference to Union through their philanthropic gifts. Looking forward to seeing all of you back for our 15th ReUnion on May 18-20, 2018, and if I’m in your area don’t be surprised if I contact you to catch up. If you’re local please don’t hesitate to reach out. My email is demicheb@union.edu”

2005


Abby and Steve Burchett are proud to welcome their fourth daughter, Blair Grace. They write, “Sisters Genevieve, Georgiana, and Darcy couldn’t be happier. Mom and Dad could use a nap!”

Kingsley Enzo Abosi (Abosi '06)
Isla Elizabeth Cline (Cline '06)
Justine Neary with sons
Jackson and Ford (Neary '08)
Zachary Karelitz (Karelitz '08)

Mason William Michael Busino
(Busino '06)
Isla Elizabeth Cline (Cline '06)
Cameron Michael Buffum
(Buffum '07)
Hunter Frederick Weiss
(Weiss '08)

Diana Koch Busino and David
Busino are proud to announce
the birth of their son, Mason
William Michael, on Jan. 24,
2017 in Voorhees, N.J.

Trevor Simon and his wife,
Emily, welcomed their son, Finn Jackson Lewis.
Everyone is happy and healthy.

Cassandra (Mariani) and Eze
Abosi welcomed their son,
Kingsley Enzo Abosi, July 22,
2016.

Trevor Simon and his wife,
Caitlin, welcomed baby Corbin
on June 24, 2017.

2006

Corbin Simon (Simon '06)

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Busino are proud to announce
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William Michael, on Jan. 24,
2017 in Voorhees, N.J.

On March 21, 2017, Oliver Lewis
and his wife, Emily, welcomed
their son, Finn Jackson Lewis.
Everyone is happy and healthy.

2007

Alex Cline and Sara (Gagnon)
Cline '06, of Charlestown, Mass.,
welcomed their first child, a
beautiful baby girl, Isla Elizabeth,
on Feb. 1, 2017. She weighed 6
pounds, 4 ounces.

Todd Buffum writes, "Cameron
‘Cam’ Michael Buffum, was born
on Thanksgiving 2016 at a
healthy 7 pounds, 10 ounces. He
attended his first Union hockey
game in February against
Harvard and made an appear-
ance at ReUnion in May!"

2008

Eden Neary writes, “Justine and I
welcomed Ford Ryder Neary on
8/12/2016. Big brother Jackson
Ryder Neary was very excited to
meet Ford! Their birthdays are 2
years and 8 days apart.”

Carol (Behrendt) Meola ’76 and
Peter Meola ’77 write, “Our
daughter, Jessica (Meola) Perillo
and her husband, Mike,
welcomed their son, Colin Peter,
on Oct. 12, 2016. He is the love
of all our lives.”

Ellie Helmer was born March 17,
2017 to Jackie Raftery-Helmer
and John Helmer.

Brett (Rosenzweig) Weiss and
her husband, Michael, wel-
comed Hunter Frederick into the
world on Nov. 26, 2016.

2008

Brad Karelitz and Cara Gallivan
Karelitz ’09 welcomed baby
Zachary to their family on June,
12—his due date. Everyone is
doing great, and very excited to
move to Needham, Mass. in the
fall.
Dr. Arthur J. Katzberg '34, of Clinton, S.C., who graduated from Georgetown University School of Medicine and served in the Civilian Conservation Corps before serving with the U.S. Army Air Corps as a flight surgeon during World War II, May 12, 2017. Arthur, who was chief of surgery at Keesler Air Force Base during the Korean War, retired from the Air Force as chief of professional services for Tactical Air Command (Hampton, Va.). The former medical director at Whitten Center in Clinton, he was 103.

Bernard J. O'Neill '42, of Fly Creek, N.Y., who worked at General Electric before joining the U.S. Navy and serving aboard the U.S.S. Saidor during World War II, Jan. 18, 2017. Ultimately vice president of engineering and general manager at Lear Siegler, he later transitioned from electrical to civil engineering and ran a consulting practice out of his home. A member and chair of the Town of Otsego Planning Board, he was also a master gardener. He was 95.

Samuel G. Kohlenberg '42, of Coral Gables, Fla., a veteran of World War II and the Korean War who graduated from NYU and NYU School of Dentistry, April 30, 2017. Sam, who practiced dentistry for over 50 years in Miami and flew airplanes, enjoyed boating, fishing and sailing. A pianist and clarinetist, he was 95.

Kenneth Hollister '44, of Rye, N.Y., who served in the U.S. Navy during World War II aboard the U.S.S. Revenge before graduating from NYU and studying economics and French at Leyden University (Netherlands), May 2, 2017. Ken, who worked in the financial industry with Brown Brothers Harriman and Carl M. Loeb Rhodes Inc. before becoming a chartered financial analyst with Merrill Lynch, Dean Witter and WH Reaves, also spent 20 years in the Naval Reserves, retiring as commander. He was 94.

Robert A. Boyar '45, of New York, N.Y., who was director of Broadway Insurance and one of the entertainment industry’s leading insurance brokers, March 16, 2017. Bob, who taught at New York University and lectured at the City Bar Association and Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, is the world’s only insurance broker to have his caricature on the wall at Sardi’s. He was 93.

Irwin Welber '45, of Albuquerque, N.M., who had a long career with Bell Laboratories before retiring as president of Sandia Laboratories, Dec. 17, 2016. He was 92.

James E. LaPan '45, of Saranac Lake, N.Y., a World War II veteran who served with the U.S. Army and received numerous commendations, including the Combat Infantry Badge, Purple Heart and World War II Victory Medal, June 19, 2016. A graduate of Albany Law School, Jim was attorney for Saranac Lake Federal Savings and Loan for many years. He also served in the New York State Assembly and, for 19 years, on the board of the Saranac Lake General Hospital. He was 92.

Dr. William J. Jameson Jr. '46, of Loudonville, N.Y., and Beaufort, S.C., who served with the U.S. Navy in Guadalcanal and graduated from New York Medical College, April 5, 2017. Chief of staff at Bellevue Hospital for Women, he specialized in obstetrics and gynecology and delivered about 15,000 babies. William, who received the Physician of the Year Award in 1990, was 93.

Terence J. McDade '47, of Buffalo, N.Y., who was an electrical engineer with Calspan, General Electric, and Emerson Electrical, Jan. 31, 2017. He was a member of the IEEE Society, Foothills Trails Society and Buffalo Shooting Club.

Clyde M. Womer '47, of Colorado Springs, Colo., May 10, 2016. He was 93.

Morton L. Goldberg '48, of Port Saint Lucie, Fla., April 12, 2017. He was 93.

Lambert Ginsberg '49, of Troy, N.Y., who graduated from Harvard Law School and had been a senior partner with Pattison, Sampson, Ginsberg & Griffin Law since 1986, May 1, 2017. Representing many nonprofits, his areas of expertise ranged from education law to real estate to estate planning. A member of many professional organizations, including the Federal Bar Council, and director of the Schenectady Legal Aid Society, he was 89.

Leonid Pratt '49, of Medford, N.J., who served with the U.S. Navy and the reserves before rising to senior vice president of Brouillard Communications at J. Walter Thompson Company, May 13, 2017. Lee, who went on to be executive vice president of RJR Nabisco Broadcast and chief operating officer at Ohlmeyer Advertising, was civically active. A member of the board of the Norton Bay Community Association and a delegate of the Darien Republican Town Committee, he was 90.

George M. Sauer Jr. '50, of Aurora, Ohio, a retired major in the U.S. Army who held a master’s in civil engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Dec. 25, 2016. George, who served in the Army Corps of Engineers during World War II, was 93.

Charles D. Abba '50, of Largo, Fla., who served with the U.S. Army after World War II and spent his career with the Schenectady City School District, May 12, 2017. A former football, baseball and basketball coach who was superintendent of schools, he played football in high school and at Union College. Inducted into the Schenectady School District Hall of Fame in 2000, he was 91.

John W. Stauffer '50, of Brookfield, Conn., a Navy veteran of World War II and longtime claims manager with Liberty Mutual, June 6, 2017. A member of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church and the Brookfield Volunteer Fire Company, where he was treasurer for 35 years, John was also a founding member of the CT Antique Machinery Association. He was 90.

Dr. Stephen S. Elgin '51, of Washington, D.C., Jan. 17, 2016. He was 86.
Charles H. Clark '51, of Schenectady, N.Y., who served with the U.S. Army during World War II, graduated from Albany Law School and practiced law in Amsterdam and Canajoharie, March 30, 2017. At times attorney for the towns of Palatine and Canajoharie, and the Beech-Nut Employees Association, he also served as a hearing officer with the NYS Public Employment Relations Board. A member of the NYS Historical Association, he was 92.

Frederick Law Comstock Jr. '51, of Prescott, Ariz., a pilot who served with the U.S. Air Force and later the NYANG in the Korean and Vietnam wars, March 7, 2017. After discharge as a lieutenant colonel, his civilian career revolved around the development of flight simulators for military and civilian aircraft. He was 87.

Dr. Charles R. Markason '51, of Utica, N.Y., who graduated from State University College of Medicine at Syracuse and served with the U.S. Army in the medical corps, May 28, 2017. Charles, who after retirement from 30 years of private practice worked at NYS Walsh Medical Center and NYS McPike Treatment Center, was an avid outdoorsman. A past president of the Tramp and Trail Club, he also enjoyed running the Boilermaker Road Race. He was 88.

Walter H. Krupa '51, of New York Mills, N.Y., who served with the U.S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. Alabama during World War II, June 4, 2017. Walter, who spent 35 years as a civil engineer with the NYS Department of Transportation and Kelsey-Hayes, was a communicant and lector of St. Mary's Church. Past president of the Holy Name Society and a member of VFW Post 7393, and former member of the N.Y. Mills School Board, he was 92.

Robert L. West '51, of LaGrangeville, N.Y., who completed his Ph.D. in Champaign-Urbana, Ill., and spent his professional life at IBM, working on the development of many early computer systems, July 8, 2017. A member of Bulls Run–Oswego Friends Meeting, he was an avid photographer and reader, and served as president of the board of directors of the Poughkeepsie Ballet Theater for a number of years. He was 87.

Warren J. Thoreson ’52, of Palm Springs, Calif., who graduated from UCLA, earned his CPA and spent 28 years as an account executive with IBM, March 21, 2017. Warren, who also earned a financial planning certificate from UC-Berkeley and operated his own practice in Palm Desert, was active in his community. Involved in the UCLA scholarship committee, he served on the board of the Lakes Country Club and as treasurer for St. Margaret’s Episcopal Church. He was 87.

Dr. Paul R. Fleisher ’52, of New London, Conn., and Estero, Fla., who graduated from the University of Basil (Switzerland) Medical School and operated a private practice affiliated with Lawrence and Memorial Hospital, May 5, 2017. Involved in many community organizations, including the Northeastern MS Society and the Masons, he enjoyed golfing, fishing and hunting. He was 87.

Albert E. Herner ’52, of Washington, D.C., a U.S. Army veteran who held an M.S. from New York University and Ph.D. in biochemistry from Florida State University, April 23, 2017. A biochemist who discovered the important role of hemoglobin A1C, he worked for New England Nuclear Corporation before establishing Herner Analytics medical reference laboratory. Also employed by the Department of Agriculture’s Agricultural Research Service, he was 86.

Thomas H. Putman ’52, of Pittsburgh, Pa., who held an M.S. in electrical engineering and Ph.D. from MIT, May 16, 2017. Tom, who enjoyed gardening and woodworking, retired from Westinghouse after 34 years. He was 86.

Dr. James L. Cusato ’53, of Tomball, Texas, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania dental school and ran his own practice in Arlington, Mass., and Texas, April 5, 2017. Honored by the American and Texas Dental Associations for his 50-year career, he also helped found the chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society in Spring, Texas. He was 85.

Dr. Howard A. Fox ’54, of Little Silver, N.J., who received his medical degree from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and served in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, May 15, 2017. Chairman of the department of pediatrics and director of neonatology at Monmouth Medical Center before his retirement, he also held a degree in art history from Rutgers University. A long-time volunteer at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, he was 84.

John M. Bird ’55, of Ithaca, N.Y., who served with the U.S. Army in the Counter Intelligence Corps and held a Ph.D. in geology from RPI, April 27, 2017. A professor of geology at SUNY Albany and Cornell University for 45 years, his fieldwork took him to places like Newfoundland, Siberia and Greenland. John, who loved hunting, fishing and golfing, was 85.

Van E. Wood ’55, of Concord, Ohio, who earned masters and doctoral degrees from Case Institute of Technology and spent his career with Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus, May 19, 2017. The author of numerous technical papers and co-holder of 11 U.S. patents, he was a life member of the IEEE, and served for many years on its National Ferroelectrics Committee. Also a long-term member of the American Physical Society and Sigma Xi, Van enjoyed genealogy and nature studies extending to birds, plants, butterflies and dragonflies. He was 83.

William G. Bartlett ’57, of Mansfield, Ohio, who worked at Bethlehem Steel before retiring, March 8, 2017. A member of St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Parish, he taught computer classes at St. Mary’s Catholic School. Interested in disassembling and reassembling things, and making music with his wife, he was 83.

Alexander M. Churchill ’57, of Medford, N.J., who founded AM Churchill Associates in Berlin and was a professional engineer, planner and licensed surveyor, April 14, 2017. Known for his clam chowder, he worked with Engineers Without Boarders to design a village well in El Salvador. Alex, who enjoyed gardening and herding chickens, was 83.
at Eastman Kodak, April 20, 2017. An Eagle Scout and Silver Beaver recipient, he helped develop a Cub Scout Adventure Camp in the Bristol Hills. He was 82.

**Foster C. McAllester ‘58**, of Buffalo, N.Y., Feb. 9, 2017. He was 81.

**Edward F. Lazar Jr. ’59**, of New Bedford, Mass., who served in the U.S. Marine Corps and held a master’s in industrial engineering from Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute and an M.B.A. from Columbia University, April 1, 2017. Ed, who spent more than 20 years at Digital Equipment Corporation and led the group that developed text-to-speech conversation technology called DECTalk, was an avid fisherman and boater. He was 79.

**Douglas S. Hallgren ’60**, of Ballston Lake, N.Y., who worked for Ernest F. Fullman Inc. and Dudley Observatory conducting atmospheric science research—the results of which were launched into space on NASA rockets (Gemini, Apollo, Skylab programs), March 27, 2017. Active in his community in many capacities, including as long-time chair of the Town of Ballston Planning Board, he also operated Maple Hill Woodworking. He was 86.

**Robert Richard Walker ’61**, of Cumberland Head, N.Y., who graduated from the American Academy of Funeral Service, was a licensed funeral director for over 50 years, and operated the business established by his father, R.W. Walker Funeral Home (Chazy, N.Y.), Nov. 5, 2016. A member of his father, R.W. Walker Funeral Home and operated the business established by his father, R.W. Walker Funeral Home (Chazy, N.Y.), Nov. 5, 2016. A member of many professional and community organizations, he was president of the North Star Funeral Directors Association and served in the Vermont Air National Guard for almost 24 years. He was 78.

**Roy J. Hjelmar ’62**, of West Milford, N.J., who earned a master’s in applied mathematics from Long Island University before spending 32 years working in information technology with the New York-Presbyterian Hospital (Manhattan), April 2, 2017. Roy, who spearheaded the Y2K remediation project and the NYPH offsite disaster recovery program, was 76.

**Robert J. Kelb ’62**, of Durham, N.C., who worked with IBM as a program designer and manager for display products, and was a member of Duke’s OLLI program and OLLI band, June 3, 2016. Bob, who loved college sports, especially Union College hockey and Duke basketball, was 75.

**Carmen J. Pace ’62**, of Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 11, 2016. He was 76.

**Roland W. Schmitt H’85**, former trustee, past president of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and former head of the Research and Development Center at General Electric, died March 31, 2017. A champion of science, engineering and mathematics education who lived in Ballston Lake, N.Y., he was 93.

Roland, who developed a love for science growing up in Seguin, Texas, changed the field of corporate research during his tenure as senior vice president of science and technology at GE. He helped usher in an era in which researchers were connected to the businesses turning their work into products. It’s a model that’s still popular and successful today.

A proponent of entrepreneurship and economic development, Roland was the recipient of countless accolades, including the Hoover Award and the Vision Award from the Center of Economic Growth. He was also recognized with 11 honorary degrees, one of which—a doctor of civil law—he earned from Union College in 1985.

He was a staunch supporter of education at Union and elsewhere. He and his wife established the Roland W. and Claire K. Schmitt Scholarship at Union and made similar gifts of scholarship support to scholarships at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Rice University. He also endowed a professorship at RPI, and served on the Union College board of trustees from 1981 until 1984. Roland was later a member of the College’s trustee board of advisors.

Also a member of the RPI and New York State Capitol Region halls of fame, he chaired the National Science Board (to which he was appointed by President Ronald Reagan). He was a science and technology advisor for Chrysler Motors, Motorola and Mobil Oil, and was a mentor and investor in numerous start-up projects. Roland served a key role in FIRST, which sponsors competitive robotics competitions for pre-college students.

An Air Force cryptographer in Iceland during World War II, he held a bachelor’s degree in physics and math from the University of Texas. He also earned a doctorate in physics from Rice University.

Roland is survived by his wife of 56 years, Claire Kunz Schmitt; children Larry, Brian, Alice and Henry; and 14 grandchildren.
Church before his retirement. A volunteer firefighter who loved to travel, he was 78.

Dr. Donald Zinn ’64, of Guilford, Conn., who practiced general radiology on the Branford Green for decades and was an early proponent of mammography for early detection, March 19, 2017. Don, who did his radiology residency at Yale and later joined Radiology Group PC of New Haven, went to culinary school and volunteered in the soup kitchen. He was 74.

Michael C. Miller ’64, of London, England and Watertown, N.Y., who served in the U.S. Air Force and was director of external affairs at the American School in London (1998-2008) and was principal of MLW Consultants, April 2, 2017. Mike, who held a master’s in school administration and international education from the University of Michigan, served on numerous boards and was committed to the advancement of independent and international schools around the world. He was 74.

Charles Y. Small ’64, of Plymouth, Vt., Jan. 1, 2016. He was 75.

Alan M. Binder ’65, of Lexington, Mass., Nov. 2, 2016. He was 76.

Spencer D. Chamblin ’65, of Columbus, Ohio, who graduated from the University of Cincinnati Law School and practiced law in Cincinnati and Columbus, June 3, 2017. He was 76.

Robert P. Klomp ’67, of Old Saybrook, Conn., who was a practicing attorney, Feb. 9, 2017. He was 71.

Kenneth E. Roberts ’69, of Haverhill, Mass., who spent his career as a software engineer with Lucent Technologies, April 12, 2017. Kenneth, who enjoyed cards, games and was an avid reader, also liked hiking, walking and spending time at the family lake house in Moultonborough, N.H. He was 69.

Brick Susko ’69, of Short Hills, N.J., who joined the Cleary Gottlieb law firm in 1974 and became senior counsel in 2013, June 10, 2017. Brick, who spent many years teaching at Yale Law School and NYU School of Law, was an avid cyclist. He sometimes chronicled his rides in his blogs, like “Brick’s Ride Across the UK” and “Hail Caesar! London to Rome.” He was 69.

The College mourns the passing of Ekram Hassib, professor of electrical and computer engineering emeritus, who died May 20, 2017, at the age of 74.

Ekram, who taught at Union from 1980 until 2011, held a Ph.D. from Warsaw Technical University (Poland), an M.S.E.E. from Al-Azhar University (Egypt), and a post graduate diploma in electronic circuits and communications, also from Al-Azhar. He earned a B.S.E.E. from Cairo University (Egypt).

While at Union, he taught courses in semiconductor devices and circuits, wireless communication circuits, communication systems and digital electronics. A thesis and summer research advisor for many students over the years, Ekram was also an advisor of the Phi Chapter of Eta Kappa Nu and the Society of Women Engineers. He participated in numerous national conferences, published many professional papers and was the Engineering representative on the liaison committee for Admissions, and the Committee on Teaching.

As department chair, he was a wonderful advocate for faculty and students, said Cherrice Traver, the David Falk & Elynor Rudnick-Falk Professor of Computer Engineering.

He was perhaps best known among students for his teaching in electronics, according to Prof. John Spinelli. “No student could graduate from ECE at Union without being exposed to his extraordinarily thorough, organized and insightful treatment of electronic design,” Spinelli said. “He would spend unlimited time and effort helping every student to meet his exacting standards, but the standards would never budge.’

“As a colleague, he was similarly generous with his time, and I learned a great deal about teaching by sitting in on his classes,” Spinelli added. “He was an extraordinary teacher, and a caring person.”

Formerly of Kuwait and born in Tanta, Egypt, Ekram was an associate professor of electrical engineering at the Kuwait Institute of Technology before joining the Union faculty. He also taught electrical engineering at Al-Azhar University and was an assistant professor of electrical engineering at the Military Technical College (Baghdad).

He received the Academic Excellence Award from Cairo University, the IEEE award for most distinguished electrical engineering professor, and the Arthur Schmidt Faculty Award each year from 1983-1989.

A member of several professional societies, included Sigma Xi, Tau Beta Pi, Eta Kappa Nu and IEEE (communications society/circuits and systems society), Ekram enjoyed traveling, sports and the history of Islam.
John E. McGraw ’71, of Brunswick, Ga., Nov. 14, 2016. He was 67.

Richard G. Hoppenstedt ’73, of Eatontown, N.J., who worked for Visidaq and EAI, and served on the zoning board of Eatontown, April 15, 2017. He enjoyed bridge games with friends and summers at Manasquan Beach, and was known for his “Mr. Fix-it” skills. He was 66.

Deborah Burton ’76, of Maplewood, N.J., who studied electrical engineering and worked for more than 20 years at the Garden State Parkway, first as a toll collector and later as supervisor, March 13, 2017. A mother of four dedicated to caring for her children, she was 62.

Jeffrey S. Capelle ’81, of Hartford, Conn., and Provincetown, who worked for Cigna Healthcare for more than 30 years, June 3, 2017. He was 58.

Lincoln Blackburn-Bartholomew ’90, of Niskayuna, N.Y., Feb. 24, 2017. He was 72.

Jaimie Lipsher ’90, of Woodbridge, Conn., April 4, 2016. She was 48.

Anthony M. Salerno Sr. ’90, of Albany, N.Y., who served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II and was awarded the Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal and American Theater Ribbon, June 16, 2017. A graduate of Sage College Evening Division and president and owner of the Glenn Davis Co., he earned an honorary doctor of civil law degree from Union. Named a Patron of Schenectady, he was active in many community organizations. A trustee of St. Clare’s Hospital and member of the executive committee of the Union College Annual Business Campaign, he was 98.

James R. Fink ’94, of Exeter, R.I., who graduated from the Navy Nuclear Power School before serving as a nuclear engineer in the U.S. Navy submarine fleet

Justin A. Lloyd ’16, a former Union College baseball player and senior in the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences at Boston College, died Aug. 3, 2017 after a long battle with cancer. He was 23.

A native of Milton, Mass., Justin was captain of the varsity baseball team at Thayer Academy in Braintree before coming to Union in 2012, where he looked forward to his first season with the Dutchmen. But in early 2013, he was diagnosed with adenocarcinoma, a rare form of glandular cell cancer.

His new teammates rallied around Justin, ordering bracelets that read “Lloydstrong” to sell in a fundraiser, and the Dutchmen developed a ritual of concluding their pregame huddles with a “Lloydstrong!” chant. Later in 2013, Union also hosted a charity “Justin Just Out Home Run Derby” for the campus community that raised tens of thousands of dollars.

“Justin touched the lives of every person he met,” former teammate Kent Curran ’17 said. “He was the bravest person I know and he gave inspiration to myself and the rest of Union’s campus every day with his extremely positive approach to life. He wasn’t just our teammate; he was our brother. Justin’s contagious smile and laugh will be deeply missed by all of us.”

In 2014, following six months of chemotherapy at Massachusetts General Hospital, Justin returned to Union and appeared in 10 games during that season. But in January 2015 after the cancer reappeared, Justin transferred to Boston College to be closer to home and MGH.

Justin is survived by his parents Kenneth and Jeanne Lloyd, and brothers Jonathan and Jared. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Lloydstrong Medical Trust, Commonwealth Financial Group, c/o Melanie Kelly, Suite 800, 75-101 Federal Street, Boston, Mass., 02110.
and then earning his M.B.A. from the University of Rhode Island, May 5, 2017. Jim, who also held an M.S. in electrical engineering from Purdue University and operated his own consulting business in forensic engineering, Kleinholz Inc., enjoyed numerous activities including tennis and obstacle course construction. He was 44.

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Andrew O. Carpenter ’12, of West Hartford, Conn., who held a master’s in biomedical sciences from Tufts University School of Medicine, June 2, 2017. A member of Theta Delta Chi fraternity, he had just completed his first year at Saint Louis University School of Medicine. He was 24.

Thomas J. Franzese Jr. ’14, of Allendale, N.J., who was currently attending Ramapo College and was a parishioner of Guardian Angel RC Church, April 19, 2017. A Liberty League All-League running back three years in a row while at Union College, he was 26.

Friends of Union College

Albert R. Garz, of Ballston Lake, N.Y., who served with the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and was a mechanic at Union College for 25 years, April 14, 2017. Known for his foreign mechanical expertise, he worked on Maserati, Jaguar and Porsche cars, and was employed by Langan Motors for a number of years. He was 77.

Sheridan C. Biggs Jr., of Quaker Street, N.Y., who joined Price Waterhouse, NYC in 1963 and retired as vice chairman in 1994, June 11, 2017. In retirement, he became executive-in-residence at Union Graduate College and was director of Beech Tree Labs Inc. A founding member of New Yorkers for Growth, he was 83.

William “Billy” McCarron, of Schenectady, N.Y., who was a dining services specialist at Union’s West College Dining since 2003, July 4, 2017. He was 55.

FILADELFO PANLILIO
Professor of mechanical engineering emeritus

Filadelfo Panlilio, professor of mechanical engineering emeritus, whom a colleague referred to as a “must see” professor for returning alumni, died Monday July 24, 2017 after a brief illness at Emory Hospital Hospice in Atlanta, Ga. He was 99.

Praised by colleagues for his knowledge of subject and his willingness to help students outside the classroom, he was also vital to the development of younger faculty whom he mentored on effective ways to analyze problems.

“Filadelfo Panlilio was a man of integrity, always polite, courteous, a true gentleman,” recalled Frank Milillo, professor of mechanical engineering emeritus. “He possessed a deep knowledge of dynamics and mechanics of materials. If Fil did not have an answer to a technical question, one would be hard pressed to obtain an answer from another source. He was a very challenging teacher. He expected dedication and effort of his students, yet his office door was always open for one-on-one consultations.”

Prof. Panlilio was hired at Union during strict U.S. immigration quotas, and only Union offered him a job and sponsorship for his family, his daughter, Lisa, recalls. “My family is so grateful to Union College for having sponsored [our family] in 1955,” she said. The late Prof. Mortimer Sayre, who chaired Mechanical Engineering, was instrumental in promoting sponsorship by the College and facilitating the family’s entry to the U.S., she said. The Panliilos stayed at the Sayre home near campus for a few weeks until they bought a home in Niskayuna.

A native of Angeles in the Province of Pampanga in the Philippines, he graduated with honors from the University of the Philippines in 1938, with a bachelor’s in mechanical engineering and election to Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi. In 1941, after three years teaching at his alma mater and only months before the Japanese invasion of his country, he came to the U.S. for graduate study at the University of Michigan, from which he earned his master’s and Ph.D.

He taught at Michigan from 1944 to 1948, when he returned to teach at the University of the Philippines. He joined the Union faculty in 1955, and retired in 1987.

He wrote a text, Mechanics, based on computer programs used in his class on Finite Element Methods. He served as an industry consultant specializing in stress analysis to ALCO Products, Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory and Watervliet Arsenal.

Among his service engagements, he served on the Computer Services Advisory Panel and as the Division IV representative on the Appeals Committee.

An area resident for almost 50 years, he moved to Atlanta in 2004. Survivors include his daughters, Cynthia Panlilio and Adelisa Panlilio; and a grandson, Emily Eilers.

He was predeceased by his wife of almost 65 years, Dr. Elsie Belle Nessia Panlilio.

Memorial contributions may be made to the University of Michigan College of Engineering or to the charity of your choice. Online condolences may be expressed at www.wagesandsons.com.
George Richards, who served 20 years as director of personnel for the College, died May 13, 2017. He was 80. He joined Union in 1977, and retired in 1997.

Born in Scranton, Pa., he graduated from Scranton Central High School. He earned a bachelor’s degree from Wilkes University, and a master’s in divinity from the Episcopal Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. Following ordination in the Episcopal Church, he was pastor of churches in Pennsylvania, and in Clifton Springs and East Rochester, N.Y.

He also served as director of human resources at the University of Rochester and Clifton Springs (N.Y.) Hospital.

After retirement from Union, he returned to the ministry, serving United Methodist Churches in Crown Point, Moriah, Middle Grove, Rock City Falls, East Stone Arabia and Fonda-Fultonville.

He was a long-time member of the bass section of the Mohawk Valley Chorus and a founding member of the Hudson-Mohawk Chorale, with which he toured the European Low Countries in 2015. He was also an avid boater, with a particular love of Lake Ontario.

Survivors include his son, Jeffrey Richards, of Columbus, Ohio.

Thorah Girke, a longtime department secretary in English who was deeply concerned about Union and the quality of its education, died April 26, 2017 at the age of 83.

Known for her dedication to students and faculty, she ensured that students met with advisors and that student workers had meaningful tasks.

First hired as a secretary in Schaffer Library in 1962, she later joined the English department, from which she retired in 2005.

She was born in Canastota, N.Y., the daughter of the late Robert and Marian (McConnell) Girke.

She was close friends with April Selley, a faculty member who took on the role of caring for Thora in her later years. Prof. Selley passed away last year.

“[Thora] was remarkable for her intelligence and her sense of integrity,” recalled Frank Gado, professor of English emeritus. “More important was her devotion to the department’s student aides. If there was no department business for them to do, she would invent some as a means for them to learn ‘something.’ Wasting time or doing homework did not qualify. Some aides did all they could to avoid assignment to Thora, but those who appreciated her attitude and interest in them were grateful.”

Marianne E. Moore, who served as department secretary for Political Science for 15 years, died April 30, 2017. She was 81.

Born on October 25, 1935 in Schenectady, she was the daughter of the late Aurielio and Maria Kappel Pastrana.

After graduating from Mont Pleasant High School, she became a secretary at General Electric. She later worked as an assistant for Schenectady attorney, Alfred Goldberger. She joined the College in 1988 and retired in 2003.

She was predeceased in 1980 by her husband, Robert J. Moore.

Family was always very important to Marianne, and she was very close with her four children. She was a fan of “Me TV,” easy listening music, shopping and dining with friends. She loved animals, especially dogs. Her favorite color was blue.

Survivors include her children, James Stevens III (Patty), Eric Stevens (Patti), Robert “Rob” Moore and Jennie Kingsley (Ron); seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.
Building Our Third Century

Remainder proceeds from two charitable gift annuities were received from the estate of Moey L. Friedman, Class of 1942. Proceeds will support areas of greatest need. Mr. Friedman was an attorney and real estate developer, later consulting for the family realty business in retirement.

A quarterly trust distribution was received from the estate of Robert L. Slobod, Class of 1935. Proceeds will be used to support areas of greatest need.

An unrestricted gift was received from the estate of David J. Fitzgerald, Class of 1956. Proceeds will be used at the discretion of the Trustees. After military service, Mr. Fitzgerald enrolled at Union to pursue a degree in Social Sciences. A businessman, he was active in tourist accommodations and property development and authored a published novel and collection of short stories.

A bequest was received from the estate of Judith A. Bresler. Proceeds established the Andrew M. Clute 1870 Endowed Scholarship, in memory of her great-grandfather and will support students studying the Classics. Mr. Clute, Class of 1870, earned a degree in the Classics from Union.

An unrestricted gift was received from the estate of Willard Goodwin II, Class of 1969. Proceeds will be used at the discretion of the Trustees. While at Union, Mr. Goodwin pursued a degree in English and was a member of Alpha Delta Phi. He enjoyed a career as a university bibliographer and rare book cataloguer and later as an independent rare book dealer.

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

An additional bequest distribution was received from the estate of Paul R. Jacobson, Class of 1970. Along with earlier distributions, the proceeds were added to the W.R.U.C. Fund, Union’s radio station.

An unrestricted distribution was received from the estate of Thomas R. Stanwood, Class of 1961. Along with an earlier distribution, these proceeds will be used at the discretion of the Trustees.

A bequest was received from the estate of Jane Perlstein. Mrs. Perlstein was the widow of Justin S. Perlstein, Class of 1942. Proceeds were added to the Jim Perlstein ’42 Endowed Scholarship which was previously established by the Perlstein family in his honor.

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

An unrestricted gift was received from the estate of Mariette Nottidge. In memory of her son, Simon, partial proceeds were added to the Simon F. R. Nottidge ’91 Memorial Endowed Scholarship; the remaining proceeds will support areas of greatest need. The scholarship was previously established by Simon’s classmates as a way to honor him.

A bequest, along with the remainder proceeds from a charitable gift annuity, was received from the estate of John D. Don, Class of 1944. A portion of the proceeds will establish the Professor Frederick J. H. Burkett Endowment Fund for Mathematics and the remainder will be used at the discretion of the Trustees. Lt. Cmdr. Don left Union early to pursue a career as a naval officer. After his retirement from service, he founded a company that produced parts for the airline and space industries.

**CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES**

Two charitable gift annuities were established by F. Burk Ketcham, Jr., Class of 1948. Remainder proceeds will be used at the discretion of the Trustees.
Most baseball fans do not know the name of Frank “Curly” Mountain, Class of 1884. Julie Mountain, 1987, is trying to remedy that.

Her great-grandfather played in the pre-modern era of baseball, which produced few stars whose names are familiar to us now, and was widely regarded as one of the best players of the late 19th century. On his first day in the majors, pitching for Detroit in New York City’s Polo Grounds in 1881, he won both games in a double header.

In the 1883 season—well before the days of the five-man rotation and a stable of relievers—he pitched 57 complete games (four of them shutouts) and played another 12 in the outfield. On June 5, 1884, Mountain threw a no-hitter (if not for the one walk he issued, it would have been a perfect game, the rarest of pitching feats). For good measure, he hit the only home run in the game.

Then there are Curly’s unique contributions to the game’s development. He was reportedly the first pitcher to use a toe-plate, and the first player to coach a pitcher from the bench. He is thought to be one of several players credited with discovering the spitball.

And it all started at Union College.

Born in Fort Edward, NY, in 1860, Curly’s family moved to Schenectady when he was five. His love of the game and his exceptional skill led him almost intuitively to the Union campus, where, in the days when such things were allowed, he played on the college team even though he was still a local high schooler. He matriculated in 1879 and was the second baseman on the Union team of 1880, which won New York State college championship.

On campus, Mountain found the intersection of academics and athletics. He worked with Union’s Professor Cady Staley to set up tests to prove that the curve ball—at the time, widely considered an optical illusion—was a real physical phenomenon. In one test, Staley’s physics class placed stakes along a section of the Nott Memorial and had Mountain throw a curve that followed their path. In another, according to Reverend W.N.P Dailey, writing in The St. Johnsville Enterprise, Curly “placed his teacher so that unless he moved suddenly in the straight pitch the curved ball at the plate would have hit him.”

Curly, who played professionally while still a student, pitched in an era with significant differences to today’s game. Foul balls did not count as strikes, the pitcher was closer to the plate, and it took eight balls to draw a walk. Gloves were optional. All that wear and tear took a toll on his arm, and his career ended in 1887. He returned to Schenectady and spent almost 40 years at General Electric as an assistant fire chief, singing tenor in St. John the Evangelist’s choir for over 25 years.

And he was a regular in the Central Park bleachers, cheering on local teams. While he may have been forgotten by fans, he was still revered by players, and in 1937 the National and American Leagues presented him with a lifetime pass to all major league baseball parks “in appreciation of long and meritorious service.”

Now Julie Mountain would like to see him in the Baseball Hall of Fame. She’s been collecting stats and data from his career to support his candidacy for the Buck O’Neil Lifetime Achievement Award—a long-shot goal, but one she is pursuing with passion.

“He really made some significant contributions to the game,” she says with pride. “He deserves to be remembered.”

If you have any additional information about Frank Mountain, please contact Julie directly at mountain_299@hotmail.com.
Union led to a life “full of magic”

“Union helped me get to where I wanted to go in life—a life that has been full of more magic and wonderment than I ever could have imagined.”

Dr. Ron Crowell ’66 came to Union as a nervous 16-year-old, riding a train alone from Miami, Fla., where his father was an internist and cardiologist. “It was a bit of a stress,” said Ron, who skipped a grade in high school. “But that’s why I’m so fond of Union, it was a safe place that provided a high-quality education.

The classes were small and intimate. The College allowed you to take all the pre-med classes toward a science major, freeing up time for the arts and the humanities.

After earning his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania, Ron became one of the country’s first 20 residents in the emerging specialty of emergency medicine.

He held leadership positions in the American College of Emergency Physicians, both nationally and with the California chapter.

As director of the Paramedic Training Institute of LA County, the largest paramedic training facility in the country, he oversaw the development of the first prehospital standards for cardiovascular and pediatric care. Ron chaired the California Commission of Emergency Medical Services, which had oversight and veto power over state rules, as well.

Thirty years ago, Ron and his wife, Susan, also founded HealthFirst Medical Group, an occupational medicine practice, in Santa Fe Springs, Calif. In 2015, HealthFirst was recognized as Business of the Year. Susan is a founding member of the Youth Enrichment Fund, which has developed scholarship and mentoring programs for local high school students.

The Crowells, who believe business activities should include giving back to the community, are passionate collectors of Inuit, Maori and Northwest Coast Native American art and fine photography.

Their support of Union reflects their diverse interests. They’ve made gifts to the arts, naming a gallery in the Feigenbaum Center for Visual Arts, and to the sciences.

“We like the unique vision of mixing engineering with the liberal arts and sciences and better preparing students for life,” Susan said. Their estate gift will establish an endowed professorship at Union.

The urge for such a gift “really starts in your heart,” Ron said. “You have to ask yourself what made your life memorable and has ongoing value that you want to see prosper. Our gift will be our way of saying, ‘Way to go, Union! I’m proud to be an alumni, and we’re proud of where the College is headed.’”

It also acknowledges the extraordinary leadership of President Stephen Ainlay, he added.

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The renovation and expansion of the Integrated Science and Engineering Complex is well on its way. As of late September, the many signs of progress included an excavated and backfilled courtyard, the placement of concrete for foundations, and the installation of sleeves for electrical and plumbing utilities. The $100 million project includes an addition completed for fall term 2018 and renovation of three sections of the existing S&E facility by fall 2019.

For more construction updates, a building timeline and other information, visit union.edu/se