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Tenses, an exhibition by Walter Hatke, the Walter C. & May I. Baker Professor of Visual Arts, was on display this spring at the College. It marked the occasion of Hatke’s retirement after more than 20 years in the Department of Visual Arts. Hatke, who holds an MFA from the University of Iowa, has work in the collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City and the Art Institute of Chicago in Illinois. His awards include a National Endowment for the Arts fellowship and an Ingram Merrill Foundation Grant for Painting. To learn more about Tenses or Union’s Mandeville Gallery, visit www.union.edu/gallery
$11 million gift will have far-reaching impact
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Union College and the Lincoln assassination
The assassination of President Abraham Lincoln and its aftermath directly involved five alumni, and indirectly several others. The last issue of this magazine focused on Union’s connection to the Civil War; here, we examine our connections to Lincoln and his legacy.

Love and cancer: A photographic essay
Nancy Borowick ’07 followed her parents’ journeys through cancer treatment with her camera, creating stunningly honest and beautiful images. Howie Borowick was diagnosed in December 2012, Laurel Borowick was diagnosed in September 2011. He died in December 2013 and she followed a year later.
Notes on Legacy

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This past fall, Union College lost a loyal son, Armand Feigenbaum (Union 1942). His brother Donald, another loyal son of Union (Union 1946), died in March of 2013. The Feigenbaum brothers frequently talked about the debt that they owed to Union for the education they received—believing that education contributed to their success in so many ways. In particular, they cited the “convergence” of the STEM fields with arts, humanities, and social sciences and the ways in which this gave them a broad and deep perspective on the world.

A recent article by Gregory Watson in Quality Progress (January 2015) credited the Feigenbaums with integrating the various theories of quality control in ways that allowed organizations around the world to benefit. So important was their work that President George W. Bush recognized Armand with the National Medal of Technology and Innovation and both brothers received worldwide recognition.

Judith and I were fortunate enough to accompany the Feigenbaum brothers to the White House ceremony. There too, he proudly acknowledged the important role that Union played in his personal and professional development.

Before their deaths, Armand and Donald established the Feigenbaum Foundation, and the trustees of the Foundation have awarded Union College $11 million that will be used to help fund the renovation of the Arts Building, create a new professorship in Behavioral Economics, establish a need-based scholarship for students coming to Union from the Berkshires in western Massachusetts, and create a lecture series focused on innovation and creativity. Each of these initiatives, in its own way, celebrates qualities that Donald and Armand held dear. Together, these initiatives preserve the brothers’ legacy. By “paying it forward,” Armand and Donald addressed their sense of indebtedness to the College and ensured that Union’s educational legacy will also endure, allowing future generations of Union students to experience the same “convergence” that proved so valuable to the Feigenbaums. All of us at Union are extremely grateful.

This issue of the magazine celebrates other aspects of legacy and attests to the salience of a Union education. Included is the second installment of “Profound and Poignant,” which focuses on the role of Union alumni in the Lincoln administration and events surrounding the president’s assassination. On April 14th, we marked the 150th anniversary of the tragic events of that night—remembering the attempt on William Seward’s (Union 1820) life and the key role that the Rev. Phineas Gurley (Union 1837) played, ministering to the dying president and consoling Mrs. Lincoln. If you are back on campus, the exhibit in the Nott Memorial is well worth seeing. You will be amazed by Union alumni contributions during tumultuous times.

More recent graduates of the College are also featured in this issue. Nancy Borowick’s (Union 2007) powerful images of her parents’ journey through cancer can be described as stunning. Her love of family, and her ability to reveal the strength that flows from family connection, are equally stunning. It is no wonder that her work has received so much attention. Peter Haviland-Eduah’s (Union 2010) work against mass criminalization, racial bias, and gun violence is making a difference. His visit to campus this spring put today’s students in touch with this remarkable person. Marisa Jacques (Union 2002) is featured for her work as an upstate New York sportscaster who has realized professional success and had the personal satisfaction of covering her alma mater’s pursuit of a National Championship. These former Union students demonstrate the many ways in which a difference can be made and a legacy created.

I’ve been reminded again that this special college in upstate New York has been home to so many special people—people who were transformed by their experiences here and who have and are making a mark on the world. In a few weeks time, I’ll be addressing the graduates of the Class of 2015, issuing my charge to them, asking them to continue the remarkable legacy of Union College.
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In February 1795, following a lengthy battle, the state Board of Regents, meeting in New York City, granted a charter to establish a college in Schenectady.

Days later, when the news finally reached what was then a frontier town with just a few thousand residents, it ignited a series of celebrations, with proud townspeople displaying flags, ringing bells and lighting bonfires.

The charter was the first granted in the state by the board.

On Feb. 26, the campus community gathered in Memorial Chapel to celebrate the 220th anniversary of that charter on Founders Day.

"We have so much to celebrate; so much to be grateful for," said President Stephen C. Ainlay. "It's an amazing feat to not only survive but thrive for 220 years. We are among relatively few institutions of higher education in this country that can make that boast."

In introducing the keynote speaker, Laura Skandra Trombley, president of Pitzer College since July 2002 and a nationally recognized champion of liberal arts education, Ainlay reaffirmed Union's belief in the importance and relevance of the humanities to today's world.

Trombley, whose visit coincided with the recent opening of Karp Hall, talked on "The Enduring Value of the Humanities."

"There is an increased need for the humanities to help us cognize the 'human experience,' particularly in view of our multiple global challenges," she told the audience.

Noting that we have reached a cultural crossroads, she expressed dismay at the lack of respect afforded the humanities.

"Do we really need to explain why poetry, art, philosophy and theater matter?" she said. "Really, at what point did we have to start defending the value of knowing ourselves? Of human complexity? Of analysis? Communication? Meaning?"

Also at Founders Day, Therese McCarty, the Stephen J. and Diane K. Ciesinski Dean of the Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented Katerina Toulatos, who teaches Spanish at Millennium High School in New York City, with the Gideon Hawley Teacher Recognition Award. Named for the 1809 graduate of Union who was New York state's first superintendent of public education, the award is given to secondary school teachers who have had a continuing influence on the academic life of Union students.

Toulatos was nominated by Lai Wa Wong '17, an interdepartmental major studying computer science and sociology.

Poet Chelsea Woodard '04 gives a talk and reading from her collection of poetry, Vellum, as part of the English department's Alumni Writer Series.
The Brentano String Quartet, joined by violinist Hsin-Yun Huang, plays Memorial Chapel as part of the Union College Concert Series.

Union is named to President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for fifth time in six years. It’s the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for commitment to volunteering, service learning, and civic engagement.

Union’s economic impact on region nearly $300 million annually

The College contributed $298.7 million to the Capital Region economy in 2013. This included $20.5 million its 2,200 students and thousands of visitors generated, according to the analysis done by the Center for Governmental Research, which conducted the statewide study for the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities.

With 868 employees and an annual payroll of more than $52 million, Union is among the largest employers in the region. The College is also a major purchaser of goods and services in the community, as well as a source of vital construction and service contracts.

Recent construction projects at the College include the Wicker Wellness Center, the Henle Dance Pavilion and Karp Hall.

Union has been recognized nationally for its positive contributions to the city of Schenectady, including real dollars invested through its foundations and annual budgets; the presence felt from payroll, research and purchasing power; and faculty and student involvement in community service.

For more about Union’s economic impact, visit: www.union.edu/impact
across campus

‘Karp is a coup’: Renovated building draws high praise

When she was hired at Union in 2000, Judith Lewin worked in an office tucked in the basement of the Humanities building. It was dark and dreary, and a cranky heating system often drowned out students’ voices.

On the main floor, where most classrooms were located, chalkboards were the norm and few rooms were electronic. An associate professor of English and chair of the department, Lewin recalls the offices abutting those rooms and the moments when some of her colleagues’ louder, more resonant lecture voices crashed through.

“I learned a lot through those walls,” she said.

Built in 1965, the three-story, 21,000-square-foot building was showing its age.

Today, one of the most heavily-used academic spaces on Union’s campus is enjoying a renaissance. After being closed for a year-long major renovation, the former Humanities building has reopened as Karp Hall. Supported by a lead gift from the Karp Family Foundation, the building, open for just a few weeks, is already getting high marks from students and professors.

“Students and faculty have been streaming in to peek at the building and the accolades have been unanimous,” Lewin said. “Karp is a coup.”

Nearly everything about the renovation speaks to the importance of humanities in a liberal education, from the architectural designs to the wall colors and shape of the furniture. Boasting 37 offices, 10 classrooms, a lobby, a faculty lounge and a cluster of student alcoves, the design of Karp Hall emphasizes new spaces that allow formal and informal interactions and the discourse and exchange of ideas.

Though home to nearly 40 faculty and staff members in the departments of English and Modern Languages and Literatures, Karp Hall is also an interdisciplinary hub of higher learning for the entire campus.

“This is no longer the ‘Humanities’ building,” said Christine Henseler, professor of Spanish and chair of the Modern Languages Department. “The spaces are meant to be welcoming and warm, interactive and globally connective, and most of all, conducive to the kind of teaching we are known for: hybrid, creative, expansive and intellectually stimulating.”

For example, the Super FEBRUARY
‘Skyfall’ number featured in winter dance concert

It all started when Marisa Lieberman ’15 received the College’s Edward Villella dance fellowship at the end of her junior year. The award allowed her to take six weeks of aerial silk classes in New York City last summer, learning how to climb and wrap her body around the fabric to create expressive, elegant lines.

“I fell in love with this new art form and wanted to continue with it at Union,” Lieberman said. “Fortunately, the interior height of the newly completed Henle Dance Pavilion allowed for a set of aerial silks to be installed in the studio.”

For her dance project this year, Lieberman decided to pursue choreography using the silks. Her finished piece, using the title song from the James Bond movie, “Skyfall,” was among the works included in the program at the Winter Dance Concert in March.

“This piece is different than anything I have ever done before,” says Lieberman, a dance minor who is majoring in economics. “The inspiration comes from the scene where Bond is shot and falls into the ocean. He sinks down while ribbons of his own blood encircle him. Then a mysterious woman grabs his hand and pulls him farther down. I have invested a lot of time training and working on this dance, something I couldn’t have done without the help of Miryam Moutillet.”

Moutillet, director of Union’s Dance Program, conceived the show, titled ACTION! It features 20 students in dances and physical theater pieces set to soundtracks from major films in all genres.

Both Moutillet and instructor Marcus Rogers created pieces for the show. In addition to Lieberman, other student choreographers include Olivia Cipriani ’17, Giorgia Comeau ’16, Lily Herout ’17 and Fadeelah Ziyad-Islam ’15.

Guest visual designer Patrick O’Rourke’s digital animations are inspired by 10 movies, including “The Fifth Element,” “Forrest Gump,” “Mission Impossible,” “Pink Panther,” and “Slumdog Millionaire.” Theatrical lighting design is by Robert Bovard and attire by Costume Designer Brittney Belz. Guest composer Andy Iorio brings his expertise as a film scoring graduate of Berklee College of Music.

Mark Lowenthal, an internationally recognized expert on intelligence, speaks on current issues in U.S. intelligence. He is president and CEO of the Intelligence and Security Academy, a national security education, training and consulting company.

College opens “Profound and Poignant,” new exhibit on Union’s connections to the Civil War era. The exhibit runs through 2015 in the Nott Memorial.

Karp Hall was officially dedicated during ReUnion weekend on Saturday, May 30. For more on the facility visit www.union.edu/karp/ or www.union.edu/news and search for Karp Hall.
Feeling unloved? Like this post

Insecure? Craving attention? Chances are Facebook is your friend.

A new study, published in the journal *Personality and Individual Differences*, suggests that people who are generally insecure in their relationships are more active on the social media site.

In two surveys of nearly 600 people ages 18-83, researchers at Union asked participants about their tendencies in close relationships and their Facebook habits. The research indicates that there are at least two kinds of active Facebook users: people who are higher in attachment anxiety, and people who are higher in extraversion.

People who were higher in attachment anxiety—that is, they worry that other people don’t love them as much as they want to be loved—reported greater amounts of “feedback seeking.” That is, they feel much better about themselves when they get a lot of comments or likes (or feedback) on their posts and worse about themselves when their Facebook activity generates little attention, said Joshua Hart, associate professor of psychology and the lead author of the study.

Anxiously attached individuals’ level of feedback sensitivity correlates with how active they are on Facebook, Hart said, “and it appears that this strategy may work: they report receiving more attention than people lower in attachment anxiety.”

Hart’s co-authors are George Bizer, professor of psychology, and former students Elizabeth Nailling ’14 and Caitlyn Collins ’14.

Previous research on the relation between personality and styles of engagement with social media is limited and has generated mixed results. The current study is one of the first to examine the reasons people turn to Facebook and the kind of engagement they exhibit as a function of their personality style.

As for extraverts’ active Facebook use, the authors leave a fuller explanation to future research. However, they note that extraverts’ reasons for active use are different from anxiously attached individuals’.

“These studies are consistent with many people’s intuitions that some individuals use Facebook to fulfill emotional and relationship needs that are unmet in the ‘real’ world,” Hart said.

“There is a robust debate playing out in psychological science and pop culture as to whether Facebook represents a healthy or unhealthy outlet for such needs. I think the jury’s still out on that, but this research suggests that personality is an important factor to consider when investigating the causes and consequences of people’s engagement with social media.”

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Union’s media lab

The Community Media Action Lab, a first-ever course for the College, wrapped on March 3 with a packed screening in the GE Theater at Proctors.

The course, taught by Filmmaker-in-Residence James de Seve, allowed students to create videos to help local community organizations, such as the YWCA and Community Hospice.

“By merging cinematic skills, emotional storytelling and conveyance of information students were able to maximize the message for the community groups,” said de Seve.

For more on Community Media Action Lab, visit http://muse.union.edu/filmstudies/

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Applications to Union soar to record number—5,950—for the Class of 2019. This represents a 10 percent jump from a year ago and is 4 percent higher than the previous record set in 2013.
Exhibit explores intersections of humanities and visual arts

This winter, the College presented Mot Juste, a three-part exhibition celebrating the humanities and the newly renovated Karp Hall by exploring intersections between the humanities and the visual arts.

It featured contemporary artists working in video, drawing, installation, film, bookmaking, photography, sculpture and printmaking. The shows—on view in three separate campus locations—were: “Textual,” “Artists’ Books” and “Distracted Reading.”

“Textual,” in the Nott Memorial’s Mandeville Gallery, was curated by Julie Lohnes, curator of Art Collections and Exhibitions. It showcased contemporary artists who use letters and words to convey satirical humor, voice political opinion, question linguistic meaning and examine communication.

“Artists’ Books: Where to put the apostrophe?” was in Schaffer Library’s Lally Reading Room, curated by Sarah Mottalini, curatorial assistant, Art Collections and Exhibitions. It explored the confusion and controversy surrounding the medium of artists’ books, a fairly recent addition to the art world.

“Distracted Wreading (From Structural Film to Digital Poetics),” a multimedia event and discussion in Karp Hall by artist Tony Cokes, was curated by Jenelle M. Troxell, assistant professor of English. The event explored the linguistic turn that art has taken since the 1960s, when language became a primary material for artists in such movements as Pop, Fluxus, Minimalism and Conceptualism.

Dog Fight by Michael Scoggins was part of an exhibit celebrating text and language. The paper airplane, measuring 67 x 51 inches, was made of large sheets of archival paper and suspended above the Nott Memorial’s Mandeville Gallery. It is a recent acquisition of the Union College Permanent Collection. (photo by Frank Rapant)

Cheryl Charles, co-founder, president and CEO Emerita of the Children & Nature Network, speaks about developing a worldwide movement to reconnect children and nature. Her appearance is part of the Environmental Science, Policy and Engineering (ESPE) Winter Seminar Series, this year focusing on building an environmentally literate public.

Union hosts the seventh annual Mohawk Watershed Symposium, featuring dozens of oral and poster presentations of topics like flooding, water quality, watershed management, climate change and water rights.
across campus

Rob Kelly joins College as chief of staff

Rob Kelly recently joined the College as chief of staff in President Stephen C. Ainlay’s office.

“He brings a wealth of experience to the position, and I’m excited about the qualities and expertise he brings to Union’s senior staff,” Ainlay said in introducing him.

“Union is a very special institution,” Kelly said. “I’m looking forward to meeting more members of the campus community and continuing the College’s long-standing tradition of excellence in higher education.”

Kelly received his B.A. from Loyola University Maryland, and completed his master’s in education at the University of Vermont. His doctorate, in educational policy, planning and administration, is from the University of Maryland.

Most recently, he served as vice president for student development at Loyola University Chicago. He had previously served as vice president for student development at Seattle University and has held other roles at the University of Vermont, University of Maryland and Colgate University.

In addition to his administrative positions, Kelly has taught a number of courses, including “Leadership in Higher Education” and “Law and Higher Education” and “Freedom Ride: Civil Rights Now and Then.”

He has published and presented on various aspects of college life. He has served on a number of boards, including Loyola University Maryland, the National Associate of Student Personnel Administrators and the Jesuit Association of Student Personnel Administrators. He was the 2013 recipient of the NASPA’s “Pillar of the Profession Award.”

Robots take center ice at Mayor’s Cup

Between the first and second periods of the third annual Mayor’s Cup hockey game in January (in which Union’s men beat RPI 8-3) another contest played out: robo-hockey.

Six students—mechanical engineering students Ryan Tremblay ’16, Jonathan Martin ’16 and Marian Chee ’16, along with three students from nearby Schenectady High School—designed and built radio controlled modified cars that played hockey.

They faced a team from RPI and Troy High School. Each team maneuvered three cars to push a puck around the ice and into a goal. After some stalls and lost pucks that brought roars from the crowd, a Union vehicle struck paydirt.

“We are trying to tap into the energy associated with one of the oldest college rivalries to inspire pre-college students to consider engineering as a career,” said Ronald Bucinell, associate professor of mechanical engineering.

“This has been a great experience for our robotics students,” said Erin Miller, a technology teacher at Schenectady High School. “We are right in the middle of robotics season, so to be able to do something at this level with the College is very exciting.”

The annual Dutchmen Dip, during which students slip down a 30-foot inflatable slide or jump into freezing water, raises nearly $15,000 to benefit Union community members with cancer.

Rob King, senior vice president of SportsCenter and ESPN News, gives a talk—“The Content of Our Character: How Storytellers ‘Color’ Stories”—as part of the Presidential Forum on Diversity Series.
**Students, recent grad win prestigious fellowships**

During spring term, eight Union students and one alumna secured impressive fellowships that will allow them to help others, pursue academic goals and teach.

- **Thomas J. Watson Fellowships** to Karlee Bergendorff ’14 and Warren Thompson ’14. Each will receive $30,000 to cover a year of independent study and travel outside the U.S. Bergendorff will study “The Dirty Archeology of Alternative History” in Argentina, Germany, India, Cambodia and South Africa. Thompson will study “Flute Music Across the World: Exploring Expression, Ritual, and Healing” in Japan, Australia, India and Peru.
- **Davis Projects for Peace Awards** to Tshering Lama Sherpa ’18 and Dima Yankova ’16. The $10,000 award for each recipient supports exploration and implementation of individual ideas for building peace. Sherpa will pursue a project titled “Eco-Friendly Economic Solutions for Junbesi (Nepal),” while Yankova pursues “A Right to Play (Bulgaria).”
- **Goldwater Scholarships** to Ryan Bouck ’16, Theodor Di Pauli von Treuheim ’16 and Michael Warrener ’16. The premiere undergraduate award for students planning careers in mathematics, natural sciences and engineering, the Goldwater helps cover educational expenses. Bouck intends to pursue a Ph.D in materials science and engineering, von Treuheim a Ph.D. in bioengineering, and Warrener a Ph.D. is cosmology.
- **Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Awards** to Julia Hotz ’15 and Lindsay Hage ’12. Hotz will teach English at the elementary, middle and high school levels in Greece, and serve as coach and mentor in the Hellenic American Educational Foundation’s Forensics Club and counselor in its English language summer camp. Hage will provide English instruction in Colombia at the college level. She will also establish as basketball program, through which college students will work with local school children and promote social equality.

**Union hosts Sex Trafficking Awareness Week**

The College partnered with a local non-profit to shine light on the growing problem of human sex trafficking through a weeklong series of events in January. According to the FBI, 300,000 children in the U.S. are at risk every year for commercial sexual exploitation. Typically, girls are abducted or lured by pimps and traffickers at bus shelters, outside schools or through social media.

“We are excited to collaborate with Union College to help educate the community about this serious and detrimental issue facing our youth and young adults,” said Cassie McCracken, executive director of Safe Inc. of Schenectady. The organization has provided outreach, counseling, referrals and shelter for runaway, homeless and sexually exploited youth for 30 years.

The keynoter was activist Corban Addison, author of *Walk Across the Sun*, who spoke on “Combatting Modern Slavery at Home and Abroad.”

Andrea Foroughi, associate professor of history and director of the Women’s and Gender Studies Program, coordinated the week’s events.

**Events app takes second in ‘hacking’ contest**

A team of Union students recently took a second-place trophy in “HackRPI,” a 24-hour hackathon-style competition in which teams create web products, mobile apps, video games and websites. The competition had about 500 participants from about 60 colleges nationwide, including Purdue University, Columbia University and Penn State University.

The team of students included Akshay Kashyap ’18, a computer science major; Joshua Chin ’18, computer science; Richard Ward ’18, computer science and economics; and Matthew Goff ’17, computer engineering. The Union team took runners-up honors in the “Web” category.

They built a web-app for listing and discovery of events on college campuses. The program allowed students and faculty to enter data on campus events, and it would then build a map, showing the events with a name and description. The students plan to continue developing it for use at Union.

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

Alumni can apply, through Union, for a Fulbright U.S. Student Program grant to teach English, conduct research, or to attend graduate school in a foreign country. Contact Lynn Evans, director of National Fellowships and Scholarships, at evansl@union.edu or (518) 388-6643 for details.
An $11 million gift from the Feigenbaum Foundation will help support a major renovation of the Visual Arts building, provide a four-year, need-based scholarship to a Berkshire County student annually, endow a professorship and establish an annual forum on innovation and creativity.

The foundation was created by brothers Armand V. Feigenbaum ’42 and Donald S. Feigenbaum ’46, longtime benefactors to Union. Acknowledged world leaders in systems engineering and total quality control, the brothers founded General Systems Co., the Pittsfield, Mass.-based international systems engineering firm that designs and helps implement operational systems for corporations and governments worldwide.

Armand died last November; Donald, March 2013.

The foundation will provide the lead gift that will allow the College to transform the Visual Arts building, completing a vibrant arts corridor designed to inspire collaboration and interdisciplinary energy that embodies the spirit and values of the Feigenbaums.

In recognition of the gift, the building will be renamed the Feigenbaum Center for Visual Arts.

The foundation supports institutions with an emphasis on education, science, technology and management, primarily in the Berkshires area.

“This gift will enable the Department of Visual Arts to create new studio and exhibition spaces while preserving the historic building,” said David Ogawa, associate professor and chair of the Visual Arts Department. “This reflects one of the core values of the department: using art to connect the past and the future.”

Built in 1852 to house the departments of physics and chemistry, the building formed part of the original campus plan, a comprehensive design for Union’s campus by French architect Joseph Ramée that became a model for collegiate planning. It is home to art history and studio arts programs (drawing, painting, printmaking, photography, sculpture and digital art).
Highlights of the renovation include a three-story addition featuring a sculpture and design studio for metalworking alongside an outdoor sculpture space; an expansion of a public gallery to accommodate larger exhibitions; improvements to the photography area; a drawing/2D design studio; a 3D design studio; a media lab; and a suite of working artists’ studios for visual arts majors in all media to make and display their work.

The project also includes extensive improvements to the heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems that will be more environmentally friendly and energy efficient.

Joining the Taylor Music Center, the Yulman Theater and the recently opened Henle Dance Pavilion, the Feigenbaum Center for Visual Arts reaffirms the importance of the arts to an integrated education and will attract not only students interested in the arts, but future engineers, physicists and chemists.

Construction is scheduled to begin this summer; the building will reopen for the fall 2016 term.

The gift from the Feigenbaum Foundation also will:

- Endow the Feigenbaum Professor of Behavioral Economics. This new faculty position will teach about and study the effects of psychological, social, cognitive and emotional factors on economic decisions of individuals and organizations.

- Provide a four-year, need-based scholarship to a Berkshire County student annually.

- Establish the Feigenbaum Forum on Innovation and Creativity. For more than a dozen years, Donald and Armand hosted the Feigenbaum Forum, a gathering at Union at which academicians discussed characteristics of a new generation of leaders and how better to integrate liberal arts and other studies. The new program would build on this event by bringing in nationally and internationally ranked speakers who have revolutionized their fields of endeavor through contributions deemed innovative and creative.

“Pursuing excellence, deep recognition that what you are doing is right, is the strongest motivation in any organization and is the main driver for true leadership qualities.”
—Armand V. Feigenbaum ’42
“Armand and Donald Feigenbaum were very appreciative of the difference a Union College education made in their lives,” said College President Stephen C. Ainlay. “We are grateful to the trustees of the Feigenbaum Foundation for supporting critical initiatives that ensure that Armand and Donald’s legacy will be remembered and celebrated at the College they so loved. While an overworked term, this gift is truly ‘transformative’ in so many ways.”

Armand graduated from Union with a B.A. in industrial administration, and earned a M.A. and a Ph.D. from the Sloan School of Management at MIT. Donald received a B.S. in electrical engineering.

They maintained a deep connection with the school, often remarking on how their years at Union influenced them, shaped them and prepared them for the future.

Former engineers at General Electric Co., the brothers founded General Systems in 1968. Their approach to quality and profitability profoundly influenced business management strategy at some of the world’s largest corporations for more than five decades.

A Business Week profile once summed up their approach this way: “Never Mind the Buzzwords. Roll Up Your Sleeves.”

They authored a number of books that were highly influential in the industry. Total Quality Control, published in 1952, has been reprinted numerous times in dozens of languages.

“ Their advice is pragmatic, and it saves companies big bucks,” Business Week stated.

Union’s administration building, where their portraits hang in the first-floor lobby, was dedicated in their honor in 1996.


In 2008, Armand received the National Medal of Technology and Innovation, the nation’s highest honor for technological achievement, from President George W. Bush in a White House ceremony.

“We are delighted to be able to bring to fruition this gift that Armand and Donald had been considering but were unable to complete,” said Emil J. George, president of the Feigenbaum Foundation.

“We are thankful for the guidance and assistance we received from President Ainlay and the wonderful senior administrative staff in crafting the uses for this gift. We are especially excited about the scholarship that will be awarded to a Berkshire County student annually. Armand and Donald, we believe, would have reacted to this Feigenbaum Scholarship with boyhood enthusiasm.”

Beginning in 1996 and for more than a dozen years, Union College was privileged to host the annual Feigenbaum Forum which welcomed Armand and Donald to campus along with leaders from the academic and business worlds for small-group discussions on a variety of issues related to institutional success and best practices.

“What is increasingly evident in the transformational events and actions taking place throughout the campus is the powerful sense of purpose and the reinforcement of direction they represent in Union College today.”

—Donald S. Feigenbaum ’46
The assassination of President Abraham Lincoln and its aftermath directly involved five Union alumni, and indirectly several others. Their stories are part of the year-long exhibit *Profound & Poignant: Union College Connections to the Civil War Era* in the Nott Memorial. The last issue of this magazine focused on the Civil War; here, we cover Union connections to the Lincoln assassination. For more on the exhibit, visit: www.union.edu/civilwar
One of the last people to talk with President Abraham Lincoln was Major Henry Rathbone, Class of 1857.

Rathbone and his fiancée, Clara Harris, were favorites in Washington’s social circles. Clara was the daughter from the first marriage of Ira Harris, Class of 1824, a state senator and friend of the president. Ira Harris was also Henry’s stepfather; he had married Rathbone’s widowed mother and enrolled him at Union in 1854. Henry himself was a decorated veteran of several Civil War battles.

Henry and Clara were last-minute guests of the Lincolns at Ford’s Theatre the evening of Good Friday, April 14, 1865. Several other couples—including Gen. Ulysses S. Grant and his wife, and Secretary of War Edwin Stanton and his wife—had declined the Lincolns’ invitation to see Our American Cousin.

Henry and Clara were seated with the Lincolns in Box Number Seven, chatting amiably with the president and first lady as the play began. Near the end of the second act, John Wilkes Booth made his way up the stairs toward the Lincoln box to commit what poet Walt Whitman would later call “one simple, fierce deed.” Rathbone tried to grab John Wilkes Booth after the assassin fired his Derringer at the back of Lincoln’s head. In the struggle, Booth used a knife to deeply slash Rathbone’s left arm, then...
jumped to the stage and escaped. Henry, though seriously injured, helped Clara escort Mrs. Lincoln across the street to the Peterson house, where the wounded president had been taken.

Among those who witnessed Lincoln's assassination was Charles Lewis (Class of 1864), a member of the 119th New York Regiment who kept a diary of his experiences during the Civil War; and Robert Fuller (1863), a medical student visiting Washington.

The president would be dead by the next morning, leaving Rathbone to wonder for the rest of his life if he could have prevented the tragedy.

Henry and Clara later married, had three children and moved to Europe where Henry pursued a diplomatic career. But more tragedy was to come. After years of worsening headaches, Henry had a personality change and grew paranoid of Clara leaving him. In an episode on Christmas morning 1883, he stabbed Clara to death and tried to commit suicide. He recovered but in 1885 was judged insane and committed to an asylum in Germany. He would live there until his death in 1911, the last survivor of Box Number Seven at Ford's Theatre.

“The remarkable stories of those individuals affiliated with Union College who participated in the Civil War, one of the most important eras in the nation's history, is quite compelling,” they said. “Researching more than 30 individuals for an exhibit to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War could not have been accomplished without the proliferation of the Internet, a technology unknown for earlier major anniversaries of this event. Putting together the exhibit was a rewarding intellectual challenge.

“We want to recognize the encouragement and generosity of President Stephen C. Ainlay; the support of the Office of Communications, Mandeville Gallery, Schaffer Library and the Union Notables Committee; and the summer research efforts of Peter Scatena ’16.”

For more and updated information, visit www.union.edu/civilwar

The Lincoln box at Ford’s Theatre.
As Booth was barging into the Lincoln box, another drama was unfolding just six blocks to the west of Ford’s Theatre in a house overlooking Lafayette Park.

Inside was Secretary of State William Henry Seward, Class of 1820, in bed recovering from an April 5 carriage accident that left him with a broken jaw and a fractured right arm.

He must have been buoyed by a visit on April 9 from Lincoln, who brought news that the Civil War was near an end. (Earlier that day, Lee had surrendered to Grant, news that would reach Washington on April 10.) Lincoln’s visit was the last time the political allies and close friends would see each other.

By April 14, Seward had made progress. Earlier that day, he had eaten his first real meal since the accident, a soft-cooked egg. That evening, family members had read to him and he was resting comfortably.

At about 10 p.m., Lewis Powell, a Confederate veteran and co-conspirator of Booth, arrived at the
home saying he had medicine for Seward and was ordered to bring it directly to his bedside. When confronted by Seward’s son, Frederick (Class of 1849), Powell leveled a revolver at the assistant secretary of state. The gun misfired, but he struck Frederick with it, breaking his skull.

Powell approached Seward’s room, fighting off Seward’s daughter, Fanny, and slashing a nurse, George Robinson, in the forehead.

Once at Seward’s bedside, he plunged the knife downward at Seward, slashing his face and neck. According to Seward biographer Walter Stahr, Powell would have been more effective if he had stabbed Seward’s abdomen and caused an infection. The author also suggests that a brace on Seward’s jaw may have deflected Powell’s blows, and that Seward, placed by doctors with his broken right arm off the bed, was able roll from Powell’s reach.

After struggling more with Robinson and Seward’s older son, Augustus, stabbing both, Powell fled down the stairs and left.

Lincoln Biographer Noah Brooks (Washington in Lincoln’s Time) writes that on April 20, after Seward asked to have his bed moved near the window, he caught sight of the war department flag at half-staff. “The President is dead,” Seward announced to an attendant. “If he had been alive, he would have been the first to call on me; but he has not been here, nor has he sent to know how I am, and there’s the flag at half-mast.” Seward, according to Brooks, “lay in silence, the great tears coursing down his gashed cheeks, and the dreadful truth sinking into his mind.”

Although scarred on his face and neck from Powell’s attack, Seward would recover and continue as secretary of state under Lincoln’s successor, Andrew Johnson. He retired from politics after the election of Ulysses S. Grant in 1868, a year after he had negotiated the pur-
chase of Alaska. Seward died in 1872 at the age of 71.

**PHINEAS GURLEY, CLASS OF 1837**

Phineas Gurley (Class of 1837) was a spiritual advisor to Lincoln and his family. Gurley’s link to the president was fortified in 1862 when he ministered to the Lincoln family after the death of their son, Willie, and then presided over Willie’s funeral service. The president also appreciated that Gurley preached the gospel rather than politics, a topic he heard enough about from others. Pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church and chaplain of the Senate in 1859, Gurley and his wife were frequent guests of the Lincolns at the White House. He was with the president in his final hours and officiated at his funeral and graveside service. Of the evening of April 14, he wrote, “I felt as though I had been engaged all night in a terrible Battle and had just strength enough to drag myself off the field.”

Other Union alumni with connections to the Lincoln assassination and its aftermath were:

- Henry Halleck (1837), U.S. Army general-in-chief from 1862 to 1864, attended the Lincoln death vigil and served as a pallbearer for the president. (He was profiled in the winter issue of Union College).
- John Hartranft (1853), a medal of honor recipient for his actions at Bull Run, was special provost marshal during the trial and execution of the four Booth co-conspirators. He conducted the hangings of the co-conspirators, including the reading of the execution orders to each of the four individuals.
- Austin Andrew Yates (1854) commanded the soldiers who carried out the execution of the co-conspirators on July 7, 1865. A year earlier, Yates helped lead Lincoln away from sniper fire during a visit to Fort Stevens.

**SELECTED FURTHER READING:**

The embrace: Howie and Laurel Borowick embrace in the bedroom of their home. In their 34-year marriage, they never could have imagined being diagnosed with stage 4 cancer at the same time. Chappaqua, N.Y., March 2013
You don’t know what it truly means to live until you are faced with your own mortality. I learned this from my parents, Laurel and Howie Borowick, both of whom were in treatment for stage 4 cancer at the same time in 2013. With compassion and respect, I aspired to capture the full range of their experience—from the daily banter they shared as husband and wife to their shifting dynamic as patient and caregiver.

Cancer gave my family a harsh, yet valuable gift: an awareness of time. My mother lived with her disease for nearly 20 years, and as a family we took none of those years for granted. My father had only one year with his disease. From the moment of his diagnosis, we knew our time together would be short.

By photographing my parents, I have been able to document their story and capture their essence, remembering the good times and the bad, the silly and the sad. This project has become our shared history, and I am grateful to honor their memory in this way.
Nancy Borowick ’07 is a humanitarian photographer based in New York City. A graduate of the Documentary Photography and Photojournalism program at the International Center of Photography in New York, she is a regular contributor to the New York Times and Newsday, and her work has been featured in the International Herald Tribune, Lens Blog, CNN, Time.com, Slate, the Washington Post and other outlets.

She has won numerous national and international awards, and was named one of Lens Culture’s Top 50 Emerging Talents in 2014. Her “Cancer Family, Ongoing” project has been selected for exhibit in Cambodia, Malaysia, France and Germany.

At Union, she worked closely with Professor of Visual Arts Martin Benjamin, and served as a photo editor of the Concordiensis.

Nancy’s father, Howie, passed away in December 2013. Her mother, Laurel, died in December the following year.
**Getaway:** On the eve of new rounds of chemotherapy, Howie and Laurel take a last-minute trip to Florida. Naples, Fla., January 2013

**Dinner dishes:** It’s business as usual for Laurel, playfully wearing a blond wig, as she cleans the dishes in the family kitchen. Chappaqua, N.Y., February 2013

**On the bathroom floor:** Howie and Laurel react to the most recent news from their oncologist—good scans for both, and their respective tumors are shrinking. Chappaqua, N.Y., March 2013

*His and hers:* Howie Borowick calls these “his and hers” chairs. He and his wife, Laurel, get their weekly chemotherapy treatments side by side at oncologist Dr. Barry Boyd’s office. Greenwich, Conn., January 2013
Wedding day: In a traditional Jewish wedding ceremony, the bride’s parents walk her down the aisle. With all the strength they could muster, Laurel and Howie walk Nancy past friends and family, holding her close as they lift her veil and greet her fiancé, Kyle Grimm ’08, in front of the chuppah. Highland, N.Y. October 2013

The kiss: It’s a familiar afternoon scene around the Borowick home, with Howie fast asleep, exhausted from the week’s chemo, and Laurel waking her husband with a loving kiss. Chappaqua, N.Y., March 2013
The long hallway: Recovering from a collapsed lung and managing a recent pneumonia diagnosis, Howie strolls the hallways of Medical Oncology with an assist from Laurel. Greenwich, Conn., November 2013

Dancing in the kitchen: Howie breaks into a bouncing dance in hopes of coaxing a smile from Laurel. Chappaqua, N.Y. February 2013

To learn more about the Borowick family’s experience, through Nancy’s photography, visit www.nancyborowick.com
Ever wonder what Union professors are up to when they aren’t teaching? Just about everything, as it turns out. Nothing is beyond their collective reach or curious minds. Here’s just a glimpse of the diverse and intriguing work they do.

With stars aligned, a jazz album from Tim Olsen

Tim Olsen, associate professor of music

Over the last 20 years as a teacher, performer and bandleader, Tim Olsen has been celebrating—but not recording—the vast range of styles in jazz. With the release of his debut CD, Creature of Habit, we finally have a record of that celebration.

“It took a while for the stars to align,” said Olsen, associate professor of music. It can take years to write enough music for a 70-plus minute CD, find the right musicians and coordinate their schedules, he said. Also, he wanted to record with a respected major label (Planet Arts) whose musicians also include luminaries such as the Village Vanguard Jazz Orchestra, Terrell Stafford, Dick Oatts and Randy Brecker.

Recorded in March of 2014 in Taylor Music Center’s Emerson Auditorium with support from a Union College Humanities Research Fund Grant, the album features nine of Olsen’s jazz compositions performed by a six-piece band.

Olsen, a native of Minnesota, was raised on Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman and Maynard Ferguson. A pianist who also plays trumpet, he cites the influence of Horace Silver, Ramsey Lewis, Ahmad Jamal and Bill Evans.

He joined Union in 1994, teaching courses in the music and culture of the U.S., Latin America, and Africa; music theory; and jazz improvisation. He is also director of the Union College Jazz Ensemble.

Outside of Union, Olsen is one of the region’s most active musicians. He has regular gigs that range from solo piano to jazz combo to big band to church organist. For many years he played with the Joey Thomas Big Band, for which he wrote dozens of arrangements. He enlists many of his musician friends to perform in his popular “History of Jazz” course.

For his students, Olsen has a simple goal: “I want them to understand that even though jazz gets a modest market share, it is very much an American art form, an American invention as much as baseball.”


— Charlie Casey
Fly songs and evolution

Roman Yukilevich, assistant professor of biology
(With Son Nguyen '14, Syed Hussain '14, Agnes Park '15, Taylor Harvey '16, Brandon Jones '16)

Songs don’t usually cause break-ups. Even so, they seem to be part of the reason a miniscule fruit fly has undergone speciation—diverging from one distinct species into three.

Roman Yukilevich recently discovered that the males of these three races of Drosophila athabasca sing songs to attract mates, and the songs are race-specific. It seems that guys have to hum the right tune—by vibrating a wing at high frequency—to get the girls.

“We found that a female will only mate with a male from another race if the male is mute and the female’s own race song is being played for them in the lab,” Yukilevich said. This means that each race is reproductively isolated; they won’t mate with flies singing another race’s song.

And it’s this isolation that has contributed to the evolution of three separate species—a species, by definition, is a group of similar organisms capable of exchanging genes and breeding. And only flies singing the proper song, in this case, can reproduce in the wild.

Why’s this important?

“If we want to understand how and why evolution generates the tremendous biodiversity we have on Earth, we have to understand the mechanisms by which a single species splits into multiple species,” Yukilevich said. “Studying animals that have undergone speciation in the recent past provides an amazing opportunity to understand the processes by which biodiversity is generated.”

Drosophila athabasca speciated during the last 20,000 to 5,000 years. That’s very recently, biologically speaking, since most scientists study speciation that occurred millions of years ago.

— Erin DeMuth Judd

The future of Irish feminism

Claire Bracken, associate professor of English

Ireland’s history is rich with tales of poverty and emigration. But not in 2007, when Claire Bracken left her native country to teach at Union College.

Until the global economic collapse of 2008, Ireland had enjoyed more than a decade of extraordinary prosperity buoyed by foreign investment, technology and pharmaceutical exports, and a real estate bubble. Immigration exploded, particularly from Eastern European and African nations, and the relatively homogenous country of 4 million almost instantly became more diverse.

Before it was over, Ireland would be called the “Celtic Tiger,” transformed from a state-run economy into what Bracken calls “a poster child of capitalism … that pursued free market neo-liberal ideology with gleeful abandon.”

Many consider the Celtic Tiger and its aftermath in economic and political terms.

For Bracken, the Celtic Tiger is a story about demographic, social, religious and cultural change. But mostly, it is a story about the future of feminism, which she explores in her upcoming book, Irish Feminist Futures (Routledge, 2015).

Irish feminist activism, quite vibrant in the 70s and 80s, was muted during the Celtic Tiger era. “Discourses of post-feminism dominated the Celtic Tiger period,” Bracken said, with “women encouraged to think: ‘we don’t need feminism anymore.’” However, despite this, feminist ideas subtly persisted, something she explores in her book on Irish women’s writing and film in the Celtic Tiger period. It is in this work that we find “women engaging seriously with issues of gender, sexuality, race, and class,” topics pertinent to the late capitalist era of the economic boom.

The recession of 2008 has brought feminist activism back onto the streets in a much more visible way, protesting for change with respect to women’s reproductive rights, LGBTQ rights, and migrant rights. This new post-Tiger feminism also features social media, which Bracken says “mirrors and contributes powerfully to the kind of struggles that we see among other cultures.”

“I hope the vibrancy evident now online with younger women will continue and get stronger,” she says. “In Ireland there is a more general embrace of feminism more so now than during the Celtic Tiger.”

“The Celtic Tiger may be dead and gone, but neo-liberal post-feminism still remains the primary discourse of femininity in contemporary Irish life,” Bracken writes in her book. For this reason, the feminist ideals explored in women’s writing and film of the Celtic Tiger can help explore and understand the the complexities and contradictions of gender dynamics in post-Tiger Ireland, she adds.

Finally, she hopes her book, beyond treating the Tiger period, can help imagine feminist futures at home in her native Ireland and abroad.

— Charlie Casey
Keith Hitchins ’52
A Concise History of Romania
Cambridge University Press

Spanning the 2,000 years from the Roman conquest of Dacia to the present day, the book traces the development of a unique nation situated on the border between East and West. In this illuminating new history, Hitchins explores Romania’s struggle to find its place amid two diverse societies: one governed by Eastern Orthodox tradition, spirituality and peasant agriculture and the other by Western rationalism, experimentation and capitalism. The book charts the country’s advancement through four significant periods: medieval, early modern, modern and finally the nation’s “return to Europe.” It evaluates Romania’s part in European politics, economic and social change, intellectual and cultural renewal, and international entanglements. The author is a professor of history at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

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M. John Lubetkin ’60
Custer’s Gold
Bookstand Publishing

Lubetkin’s first effort in historical fiction, Custer’s Gold was “written” by a fictitious Union alumnus, Edward C. “Ned” Jordan, Class of 1868. The novel begins with Jordan’s graduation from Union and contains stories of the Northern Pacific Railroad’s “forgotten” Yellowstone Surveying Expeditions, Indian fighting and George Armstrong Custer and Ned Jordan’s mostly factual role. The book contains occasional asides about Union and Ned’s education as a civil-railroad engineer. Lubetkin, who acknowledges the research assistance of Ellen Fladger, former archivist of Union’s Special Collections, is author of the acclaimed Jay Cooke’s Gamble (2006) and a number of articles.

Ron Singer ’62
Uhuru Revisited: Interviews with African Pro-Democracy Leaders
Africa World Press

“Uhuru” (“Freedom!”) was the battle cry of Kenya’s Independence movement. Since Ghana led the way in 1957, most of the 50-plus nations of Africa have thrown off their colonial oppressors. But, since then, new oppressors—dictators and other ineffective, venal leaders—have misruled many of these nations. Based on in-depth interviews, Uhuru Revisited describes three of sub-Saharan Africa’s endemic problems: economic inequality, corruption and an un-free press. The book also celebrates the lives of 18 heroic activists who have grappled with these problems. Today, democratic revolutions are sweeping the globe. Singer, the author of seven other books and hundreds of poems and articles about Africa, became interested in the continent while a Peace Corps Volunteer in Nigeria from 1964 and 1967.

Kate White ’72
The Wrong Man
Harper Collins

Bold and adventurous in her work as one of Manhattan’s hottest interior decorators, Kit Finn couldn’t be tamer in her personal life. So, while on vacation in the Florida Keys, Kit resolves to do something risky for once. Flirting with Matt Healy—the rugged stranger she literally bumps into at her hotel—is one thing. Going back to his room after their date is another. Instead, Matt offers to cook her dinner back in the city. But when Kit arrives at his luxury apartment ready for the date of a lifetime, who is the man who opens the door? How could she have been taken in by the decep- tions of a con man? And why has he targeted her? Piece by piece, Kit realizes that this treachery goes a lot deeper, and gets a lot deadlier. The Wrong Man, the best-selling author’s 10th work of fiction, comes out in late June.

Steve Gullans ’75
Evolving Ourselves: How Unnatural Selection and Nonrandom Mutation Are Changing Life on Earth
Current / Penguin Group

Why are rates of conditions like autism, asthma, obesity and allergies exploding at an unprecedented pace? Why are humans living longer, getting smarter and having far fewer kids? How might lifestyle affect unborn children and grand-children? How would Darwin explain this new world? Could our progeny evolve into a different species? Gullans and Enriquez are co-founders of Excel Venture Management, which builds start-ups in synthetic biology, big data and new genetic technologies. Gullans is a former professor at Harvard Medical School.
applying breakthrough technologies to cancer, ALS, Parkinson's and Alzheimer's. A fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, he has authored more than 130 scientific papers.

**JANET (CHAPMAN '78) GOLDMAN**

Salaam/Shalom: A Jewish Teacher in an Islamic School

Salaam/Shalom is the true story of a Jewish woman's experiences as an English language arts teacher at a private Islamic school in Rochester, N.Y., where she embraces a beautiful awakening and learns to focus on likenesses rather than differences. Janet Goldman '78 relies on extensive research and her own personal experiences during her two years of teaching at the Islamic school to offer a compelling glimpse into the many similarities between Islam and Judaism. Through comparing religious and cultural practices, ranging from prayer traditions to food, cultural practices, ranging from prayer traditions to food, she hopes to help bridge religious barriers and encourage a peaceful world.

**EMILY MONOSSON '83**

Unnatural Selection: How We Are Changing Life

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Drugs, pesticides, and pollution are exerting intense selection pressure on all species. Monsson reveals that the code of life is more fluid than once imagined. When powerful chemicals put the pressure on to evolve or die, beneficial traits can sweep rapidly through a population. Species with exploitive population growth—the bugs, bacteria, and weeds—tend to thrive, while bigger, slower-to-reproduce creatures, like ourselves, are more likely to succumb. The book suggests how we might lessen our impact: manage pests without creating super bugs, protect individuals from disease without inviting epidemics, and benefit from technology without threatening the health of our children. Monsson is an environmental toxicologist, writer and consultant. She is an adjunct professor at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, author of *Evolution in a Toxic World: How Life Responds to Chemical Threats*, and editor of *Motherhood: The Elephant in the Laboratory*.

**KURT HOLLOCHER, professor of geology**

A Pictorial Guide to Metamorphic Rocks in the Field

This book is an illustrative introduction to metamorphic rocks as seen in the field, designed for advanced high school to graduate-level earth science and geology students to jump-start their observational skills. In addition to photographs of rocks in the field, there are numerous line diagrams and examples of metamorphic features shown in thin section. The book includes photomicrographs at a scale that translates to a hand lens views, line drawings outlining key theoretical concepts, and metamorphic rocks related to faulting, metasomatic processes, and partial melting.

**CHAD ORZEL, associate professor physics and astronomy**

Eureka: Discovering Your Inner Scientist

The book aims to make science less mysterious and intimidating by showing that many of the things non-scientists do for fun and relaxation use the same mental processes scientists employ when making major discoveries. For his first two books, Orzel turned to Emmy, his trusty German shepherd mix, to help explain complex scientific issues. The results, *How to Teach Physics to Your Dog* and *How to Teach Relativity to Your Dog*, proved to be a clever and popular way to dissect those difficult subjects. Emmy is on the sidelines for Orzel's latest book, but the same breezy style that made its predecessors an easy read remains intact.
Alumni show their Union pride at the third annual Mayor’s Cup in January in Albany, in which the men’s hockey team took on Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. The Dutchmen beat the Engineers 8-3.

President Stephen C. Ainlay spent the beginning of 2015 sharing the good news of Union College with alumni, parents and friends across the county. Shown here, Peter Slavis ’73, Juan Rodriguez and Eugene Greco ’72 attend an event in Miami Beach, Fla.

Kathryn Heaven, Steven Klinger ’81, Mark Bornfield ’70 and John Siegel ’84 attend an event in Boca Raton, Fla., at which President Stephen C. Ainlay shared the latest successes and news of Union College. Ainlay also participated in an event in Palm Beach, hosted by trustee Kelly Williams ’86.

President Stephen C. Ainlay attends an alumni event in San Francisco, hosted by Robert Francello ’92 (left) at the St. Francis Yacht Club.

Alan Horn ’64 (right) hosted an event in Los Angeles at The Walt Disney Studio Rotunda.

The Office of Alumni & Parent Engagement and the Office of Admissions welcomed over 140 during the Legacy Admissions Day Feb. 16, 2015. Alumni with children in high school got an introduction to the college admissions process, with a Union-centric twist. The day included workshops covering everything from applications to transcripts to financial aid, tours of campus and lunch with students and faculty. Pictured: Director of Admissions Ann Fleming Brown, assisted by students, gives a presentation.

Great alumni events are happening all the time, all over the country. Check out our events calendar at www.union.edu/alumni
Building Our Third Century

A gift was received from the estate of Joseph D. Martin, Class of 1953. This gift, along with a previous distribution, was directed to the Joseph D. Martin Endowed Pre-Med Fund.

A gift was received from the estate of Edmund B. McCue, Class of 1950. Along with earlier distributions, this was added to the Edmund B. McCue Endowed Fund for unrestricted use. Dr. McCue was Professor Emeritus of Math and Statistics at American University.

An unrestricted trust distribution was received from the estate of Everett C. Whitaker, Class of 1932. Proceeds will be used at the discretion of the trustees. While at Union, Mr. Whitaker received his degree in English. He then spent many years in the Navy, retiring as a captain of the Supply Corps.

A remainder distribution was received from the estate of Evelyn Heyer. A friend of Mr. Heyer, Mrs. Heyer established a charitable gift annuity with the College. Proceeds will be added to the Schaffer Library Technology Endowed Fund.

A gift was received from the estate of Paula J. Ciesinski, widow of Mr. Adam F. Ciesinski, Class of 1941. Proceeds were added to the Adam F. Ciesinski, Class of 1941 Endowed Scholarship.

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

A trust distribution was received from the estate of Florence L. Judkins to be added to the Ernest L. & Florence L. Judkins Scholarship to support an annual scholarship.

A gift was received from the estate of Edward P. Fliegel, Class of 1942 and established the Edward P. Fliegel Endowed Scholarship. After Union he worked for GE, taught French at a high school, worked as a comptroller, and was a partner in an antiques business.

An unrestricted gift from a retirement account was received from the estate of Harlan B. Juengling, Class of 1951. Proceeds will be used at the discretion of the trustees. After military service and receiving a degree in Chemistry from Union, Mr. Juengling enjoyed a lengthy career at GE in various financial positions.

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

A bequest distribution was received from the estate of Calvin G. Schmidt, registrar emeritus, and member of the Class of 1951. This gift, along with earlier distributions will be added to the Calvin G. Schmidt ’51 Endowed Student Employment Fund. Cal was registrar at Union College for over 25 years.

A trust distribution was received from the estate of Seymour Gluck, Class of 1949. Proceeds were used in support of the Annual Fund. Sy was a loyal supporter of the College and received the Alumni Gold Medal in 2003.

A gift was received from the estate of Francis C. McMath, Class of 1946. The proceeds were added to the H. Gilbert Harlow Endowed Fund. Mr. McMath was a civil engineering major and retired president of a structural steel company.

In support of the Union College Annual Fund, a trust distribution was received from the estate of Robert L. Slobod, Class of 1933.

A gift was received from the estate of Herbert I. Silverberg and was added to the Jamie Silverberg ’79 Scholarship. This scholarship, established by Mr. and Mrs. Silverberg in memory of their daughter, supports seniors pursuing a career in medicine through study of both sciences and the arts.
Garnet Guard

Alumni who have celebrated their 50th ReUnion.

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1937

Dr. Dominick Mele of Clifton Park, N.Y., a longtime Schenectady pediatrician, was feted recently by friends and family at his 100th birthday. A graduate of Albany Medical College, he worked with the Well Baby Clinic and cared for many low-income patients, in addition to having his own practice. Among the guests at the Mohawk Golf Club on Dec. 2, New York State Assemblyman Jim Tedisco ’72 presented a citation to Dr. Mele, his childhood doctor.

1938

See "Commitment to community, at Union and in Wyoming" (pg. 35)

1942

Robert Bishop’s son, Donald Michael Bishop, wrote a story for the Elmira Star-Gazette on Veteran’s Day (Nov. 11, 2014). The article recalled life during World War II and the service provided by Robert and his cousin, Donald Michael Sullivan ’46, who was killed Nov. 11, 1944 in Germany. Visit www.stargazette.com and search “Donald Sullivan” for more.

1945

Jack F. Trenner lives in Sykesville, Md. He retired in 1982 after a 35-year career as systems manager for Bethlehem Steel in Sparrow’s Point, Md., once one of the largest steel plants in the world. A member of Union’s V-12 unit, he is a Navy veteran who served in both World War II and Korea.

1950

Wilfried A. Hofmann writes, “It is now 64 years since I attended Union College, living at the Psi U house, at the time being a 19-year-old German student specializing in small town sociology, German literature as taught in the U.S., and labor law. My year at Union opened the way to Harvard Law School, from where I was gladly accepted by the German Diplomatic School in Bonn. After that, I worked in Algeria (during the war of independence), Morocco (under King Hassan), in Tito’s Yugoslavia, and in other interesting places. Thus, Union opened the way for me into the profession of my choice, diplomacy. Thank you, Union!” Wilfried lives at Graurheindorfer Str. 28, D-53111 Bonn, Germany.

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The Real Estate Studio (Charleston, S.C.) recently featured an exhibit of Arthur Newman’s paintings, titled “A Mini Retrospective.” Arthur has been painting for 60 years. He taught painting at the Shore Institute for Contemporary Art and the Albany Museum of Art, and also taught emotionally disturbed and autistic children. He earned his master’s degree at Bank Street College of Education in 1968 and later his doctorate in special education from Rutgers University.

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After 12 years of service as volunteer medical director, the board of directors of the Volunteers in Medicine Clinic presented Dr. Howard Voss with a bronze bust. It will adorn the clinic’s waiting room in perpetuity. Dr. Voss relates that he “failed retirement” and was looking for something productive to do. He began volunteering for one four-hour session/week, finally taking over as medical
Commitment to community, at Union and in Wyoming

John Wold ’38 and his wife, Jane, were recognized by the city of Casper, Wyo. on Dec. 13, 2014 for their $1 million donation toward the construction of the Wold Family Arena, an ice rink at the Casper Events Center.

The Wolds were praised by public officials and by Union Athletic Director James McLaughlin and Head Men’s Hockey Coach Rick Bennett, who attended the dedication.

“This represents a lot of dreams for a lot of people,” Wold said of the facility. “Casper deserves a better ice situation than it has had in the past, and this sheet is beautiful.”

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“Casper and the Wold family were first class,” Bennett said. “It was truly a remarkable experience meeting John Wold and his family. Their hospitality and that of the Casper community was second to none.”

At the ceremony, Bennett presented John Wold with a championship ring to commemorate Union’s 2014 national championship in ice hockey.
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Paul Hardwick writes, “Life is still pretty good. My wife (Linda Rae) and I recently participated in a 13-day Beauty and Wonders of China tour, sponsored by Linda Rae’s college (University of Redlands) alumni. We were the only two who signed up, so we had a very personal and exciting trip—visiting Beijing, the Great Wall, Hangzhou, the Huangshun Mountains, and Shanghai. We continue to live in Walnut Creek, California.”

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Peter Adasek last year traveled to the Czech and Slovak Republics and was instrumental in establishing “Sister City” status between his native Little Falls, N.Y. and Myjava, Slovak Republic. Many of those who settled in Little Falls in the 19th and 20th century emigrated from the Myjava area. He and his wife, Sun Hui, live in Colorado Springs, where they enjoy dancing. He volunteers as a docent at the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center and lectures about child abuse.

Bill Reaman and Eric Reaman ’91 provided a photo of the pair at the hockey rink in Hingham, Mass., where Eric’s daughter is a freshman defensewoman on the Hingham High School varsity team. Bill writes that his granddaughter “could keep Union tradition going in 2018.”

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Dr. Gerald Greenwald writes, “Living in Miami since 1973; I still love it. I am in my 18th year of survival with Stage Four colon/liver cancer. I practiced dermatology here (after three years of service to the U.S., then residency at New York Medical College and the University of Pennsylvania). I have 11 grandchildren from my six kids. As an avocation and to keep my fertile mind active, I developed numerical trading systems for stocks and commodities. Since my systems were quite profitable, I was invited to lecture in Hong Kong, London, Las Vegas, New York City, Miami, among other places. I’m happily plugging along with my beautiful Peruvian wife, Maruja. It took me about 65 years to find her, and she’s the best.”

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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 startup 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...”

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Diana Crookes, Rick Crookes ’65, Pam Hannock, Terry Hannock ’65, Sue Waldron and Jeff Waldron ’66 got together recently in Harbour Town, Hilton Head Island.

Diana Crookes at Beijing’s Forbidden City.
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.neiltischler.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.”

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John Herrick writes, “I started at Union in 1963 and graduated from Boston University. I became a great fan of B.U. hockey and I have been a great fan of Union hockey since it was started. It was a great thrill to see Union win the national championship last spring.”

David Duchscherer attended the Union men’s hockey game at Clarkson on Feb. 6 with his son, Eric ’90 and grandson Matthew, a Class of 2022 prospect.

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Mark Bloomfield was pianist and composer for the Hallandale (Fla.) Symphonic Pops Orchestra 25th anniversary season in Hollywood, Fla. The season included two original compositions and a performance by D’Jamin Bartlett of her original Broadway role of Petra in A Little Night Music.

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For the 15th consecutive February, 10 to 15 members of Phi Gamma Delta (aka “Fiji”) have gathered at the home of John Robbins on the shores of Lake Winnipesaukee in New Hampshire. This year’s attendees, representing seven states, included Al Britton ’74, Bob Farnum ’68, Bob Herron ’70, Richard Holmes ’70, Ken LaBarge ’69, Mark Nelson ’70, Bill Palmer ’69, Steve Pierce, Hank Riehl ’74, and John Seay ’67.

Venture Global LNG Inc. recently hired William M. Wicker to lead the company as CEO. Wicker previously served as Morgan Stanley’s vice chairman of investment banking in the Natural Resources Group. In addition to general management responsibilities, William will focus on leading the company’s international lines of business and project finance.

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Les Goldman writes, “This has been an exciting year. We got to celebrate the first birthday of my grandson, Aaron Alper. In addition, it was my 20th wedding anniversary. Finally, after two years in the making, my practice merged with Connecticut GI, which is among the top 20 GI practices, by size, in the United States.”

Jim Tedisco was featured in a Feb. 25 Daily Gazette article about the lessons he learned on the basketball court. He was interviewed while watching a men’s basketball game with former teammate and co-captain Bob Pezzano.

“I learned as a player you can achieve a lot of success if you don’t care who gets the
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John Perlstein ’74, Susan Sosensky Alifanz ’74, Jeff Alifanz ‘73 and Frank Allocca ’73 at Trattoria Trecolori near Times Square on Saturday March 7, 2015

credit,” he said. “That’s one of the reasons why I come back here. I learned about work ethic and what it takes to be a team and work as a team.” Tedisco, a 17-term member of the New York State Assembly, is Union’s all-time leading scorer.

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Frank Allocca sent a photo from 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.

1974
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Dr. Steven F. Schutzer, an orthopedic surgeon, is on the staff of St. Francis Hospital, Hartford (Conn.) Hospital and the University of Connecticut John Dempsey Hospital. After Union, he graduated from the University of Virginia School of Medicine in 1978. He was a lieutenant in the Medical Corps of the U.S. Navy between 1979 and 1981. He did his general surgical training at the University of Rochester and then completed his orthopedic residency at the University of Connecticut in 1985. He was a fellow in adult hip and reconstructive surgery at the Massachusetts General Hospital and entered practice with Orthopedic Associates of Hartford in 1986. He is a founding member and medical director of the Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute, and president of Connecticut Joint Replacement Surgeons.

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Katherine Hollister is on the Westford (Mass.) Planning Board and leads a volunteer team that monitors local stream quality. She reports that she often sees Cindy Kahrs ’79, a fellow election official, and Kelly Ross ’79, who was re-elected to the town’s board of selectmen in 2014.

Helena Binder was stage director for the Minnesota Opera’s production last winter of Gaetano Donizetti’s The Elixir of Love. She also worked with students at the University of Indiana for their production of The Magic Flute. For more on Helena’s activities, visit her website: www.helenabinder.com

1978
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Judith Blank has been named a partner in the law firm of Day Pitney, with offices in Boston, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York and Washington. She focuses her practice on state and local government finance, representing governmental agencies issuing general obligation and revenue bonds and representing borrowers, lenders, underwriters, trustees, and issuers of private activity bonds. Blank, who earned her J.D. from Albany Law School, is in the firm’s Hartford, Conn. office.

Janet (Sasson) Edgette, writes, “I live in the Philadelphia suburbs, running my own psychotherapy practice for...”
children, teens and their parents, and raising my three boys. My oldest, Casey, graduated from Susquehanna University in the spring, and is working in Hong Kong for a year as assistant producer at an awesome, state-of-the-art recording studio. Twins Jake and Austin are sophomores at the University of Hartford and Bloomsburg University, respectively. I love teaching and writing, and hope to start a seventh book very soon. I’ve lost touch with many of my Union friends and am very eager to reconnect. After all these years I still love dogs and horses and—believe it or not—foosball. I keep a table in the middle of my living room!”

Vivian Rothschild was recently featured in the Milwaukee Business Journal. The story focused on her new position as vice president of development and communications at Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design.

1979

Chris Jutkiewicz was recently named senior vice president and chief technology officer of Epiq Systems, Inc., a leading global provider of integrated technology solutions for the legal profession. Chris is responsible for guiding global technology strategy and harnessing Epiq’s diverse technology resources to deliver best-in-class services to Epiq clients around the world. As chief technology officer, he directs Epiq’s software engineering, information technology and product development teams.

Karen Lee Kahl ‘80 and Karen Karibian ‘81 catch up at New York City’s City Winery.

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Freddie Mac recently announced that Thomas M. Goldstein was elected a director on the company’s board. He has held a variety of senior executive positions with several prominent companies over the course of his career and has extensive financial services, insurance, mortgage banking and risk management experience. From April 2011 to June 2014, he was senior vice president and CFO of the Protection Division of Allstate Insurance Company. Thomas also served in several executive and finance positions for LaSalle Bank Corporation, including as chairman, CEO and president of ABN AMRO Mortgage Group from 2005 to 2007 and as CFO of LaSalle Bank Corp. from 2002 to 2004.

1982

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BRG, a leading workplace solutions firm, recently welcomed Jeff Peters to their workplace technology solutions division as a senior director, leading their Manhattan Software Practice. In his role, Jeff is responsible for the successful delivery of Trimble’s Manhattan IWMS and CenterStone CAFM software solutions to BRG’s clients. He will also lead the future growth of the Manhattan Practice at BRG by playing an integral business development role. Jeff, who has more than 30 years of experience, comes to BRG from Bank of America, where he was the senior vice president and technology executive responsible for the corporate real estate technology platform.

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NBC TV has ordered a pilot episode of Heart Matters, a medical drama inspired by the life of heart-transplant surgeon Dr. Kathy Magliato and based on her book of the same name. Heart Matters is executive produced by former CBS star Amy Brenneman (Private Practice, Judging Amy). It is a medical soap that follows the outspoken Alex Panttiere, one of the rare female heart-transplant surgeons. Alex brings an innovative eye to treating patients week to week, while also balancing the complications of her professional and romantic life. Magliato is a trustee of the College.
ROADCAST JOURNALIST SCOTT WYKOFF ’85 TRACES THE START OF HIS 30-YEAR CAREER TO HIS FIRST DAY ON CAMPUS.

“I think the first thing I did after my parents dropped me off was to find out how I could get on the air at WRUC,” said Wykoff. “I grew up with a passion for radio and it was so cool that my college had a station where I could walk in as a freshman.”

A few weeks later, he was part of the play-by-play team for Union hockey, a good start for a career that would include a stint as an announcer in the American Hockey League. Next, it was on to writing for Concordiensis, and by his junior year he had a sports column.

Today, he is an award-winning reporter for WBAL Radio in Baltimore. During his time at Baltimore’s top station, he has covered stories including Democratic and Republican national conventions, Hurricane Katrina, the D.C. sniper shootings, the Hall of Fame inductions of Cal Ripken and Eddie Murray, and the Baltimore Ravens at Super Bowl XLVII. He specializes in thoroughbred horse racing, covering the Preakness and Belmont Stakes, among others.

He also blogs for wbal.com, an experience that reminds him of his days with Concordy. “Who knew that I was writing a blog at Union College even before blogs existed?”

The National Headliner Awards, which recognize journalistic merit, recently cited Wykoff for “Best in Show” for a radio piece on the Maryland Million Day horse race. It was the sixth such award of his career. He also has won four Edward R. Murrow Awards. He was WBAL’s featured reporter in 2006 when it received the Eclipse Award from American thoroughbred racing.

But it all started at Union. “I can’t tell you how many people I met on campus and developed long term relationships with because of my association with WRUC and Concordy,” he said. “That’s the beauty of the Union College experience. It’s the kind of place where you are truly encouraged to do anything you want. It sounds like a cliché, but the sky is the limit at Union.”

Scott lives in Olney, Maryland, with his wife Wendy; and sons Christopher, a student at Clemson University; and William, a first-year student at Union.

1986
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Michael Jacobs writes, “After more than 28 years of working for the Department of the Navy and the Department of Defense, I have recently retired from federal service. In January 2015 I began my second career as a leadership partner for Gartner Inc.”

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Douglas R. Hirsch spoke during a Knowledge Congress webcast in December titled “Hot Topics in Clawback Litigation LIVE Webcast.” The Knowledge Group/The Knowledge Congress Live Webcast Series is a leading producer of regulatory focused webcasts. Douglas is a partner at Sadis & Goldberg LLP and is a founding member of the firm and heads its litigation group.

Patrick F. Lynch, president of OLA Consulting Engineers in Hawthorne, N.Y., was named Engineer of the Year by the New York State Society of Professional Engineers Westchester/Putnam Chapter. Lynch joined OLA in 1989, became a partner in 1993, and was named president in 2001. He is a licensed professional engineer in 28 states, a certified energy manager, and a LEED accredited professional. Lynch helped position the firm as an early pioneer and later as an industry leader in sustainable design, with notable projects including the Jacob Burns Media Arts Lab in Pleasantville, the PepsiCo
R&D Building in Valhalla, the new student center at Manhattanville College in Purchase, and a new corporate aviation facility at Westchester County Airport.

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The Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Society recently inducted its 59th president, Dr. Thomas Muzzonigro. After completing his residency at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in 2000, where he also served as clinical instructor from 2000 to 2001, Thomas joined Tri Rivers Surgical Associates Inc. in 2001. He serves as director of medical education at Butler Health System and is an adjunct faculty member at Lake Erie College of Medicine. He specializes in hip and knee surgery, and has been team physician for the Pine-Richland School District Athletic Department since 2001.

Susan Schoenfeld is a senior legal editor for BLR’s human resources and employment law publications. She has practiced in employment litigation and counseling, covering topics such as disability discrimination, wrongful discharge, sexual harassment, and general employment discrimination. She has litigated numerous cases before the U.S. Court of Appeals, state court, and at the U.S. Department of Labor. Prior to entering private practice, she was an attorney with the Civil Rights Division at the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C. She earned her law degree from the National Law Center at George Washington University.

Gregory Leahey has been named chief operating officer of the fuel and waste services division of ReEnergy Holdings, based in Latham, N.Y. Leahey, a founder of ReEnergy, previously served as the company’s senior vice president for asset management. ReEnergy Holdings LLC owns and/or operates facilities that use forest-derived woody biomass and other waste residues to produce renewable energy. Before joining ReEnergy, Leahey served as vice president of recycling and waste services at EAC Operations Inc. In that role, he had profit and loss responsibility for all of EAC’s waste procurement, waste collection, waste transfer, landfill and recycling activities. Leahey also was responsible for the acquisition of a number of waste collection and transportation companies, and negotiation of strategic waste and disposal contracts.

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John Lovisolo has been named a member, chief operating officer and chief compliance officer of Coherence Capital Partners, a New York City-based asset manager and advisory firm focused on fixed income opportunities. He previously held positions at Barclays, Deutsche Bank and Bear Stearns. He holds a degree in managerial economics from Union, and serves on the College’s President’s Council.

Christopher D. Horn has received the 2015 Robert M. Morgenthau Award from the District Attorneys Association of the State of New York (DAASNY). Horn, an assistant district attorney for Albany County, was given the prestigious award at DAASNY’s annual winter conference. The award is named after legendary Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau. Each year the award is presented to four assistant district attorneys from four designated regions of the state, each of whom exemplify Morgenthau’s high standard of honesty, integrity and commitment to justice.

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This year the Harriman Award for Distinguished Volunteer Service, the highest national recognition for volunteer service in the American Red Cross, went to Dr. David S. Markensson. David is an outstanding Red Cross volunteer and leader whose served as the chair of the Scientific Advisory Council since 2005. The council ensures all of the content in Red Cross courses adheres to the highest scientific standards, including program research, development and implementation. A long-time Red Cross volunteer for more than 20 years, David has also served as a chapter board chair, a volunteer health and safety director, a health and safety instructor, and a lifeguard. He is a board-certified pediatrician with fellowship training in both pediatric emergency medicine and pediatric critical care, and is currently the chief medical officer at Sky Ridge Medical Center. His career has been dedicated to improving the approach to pediatric care, disaster medicine, EMS and emergency medicine.

Rebecca B. Fitzhugh has been named a member of Sobel & Co., a certified public accounting and consulting firm based in Livingston, N.J. She previously served as senior manager in the firm’s fraud and forensic accounting/litigation support services. She joined the firm’s audit department in 2001. Among her credentials, she is a certified public accountant licensed in New Jersey, and is certified in financial forensics by the AICPA. She has served as an adjunct faculty member at New York University, and continues to lecture on a range of topics from fraud in the construction industry to identity theft.

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John Meier was featured in the Ithaca Journal. The late November story focused on his recent acquisition of Greek Peak Mountain Resort (Cortland County, N.Y.) with a business partner. To read more, visit ithacajournal.com.

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Sheryl Renee Fishman Rosman has been named a partner in the law firm of Littman Krooks of New York City. She is a national expert in the area of disability and special needs law and is an active member of many organizations in the disability and legal community. She has been instrumental in developing and implementing programs in New York for people with disabilities and their families and is a frequent lecturer on the subject. Most recently, she was named to the board of directors of the Arc of the United States, the nation’s leading advocate for people with developmental disabilities.

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Tanweer Ansari recently accepted a position at First National Bank of Long Island in Glen Head, N.Y., as senior vice president and chief compliance officer. He recently was employed at Bethpage Federal Credit Union as assistant vice president and associate general counsel/compliance officer. He writes, “This is an excellent opportunity to expand my skill set to an OCC regulated institution as well as grow my responsibilities. I look forward to challenges and opportunities for further advancement.”

Ben Heisler has been appointed senior vice president of sales in the Americas for Ipanema Technologies, an industry leader in network solutions. He previously held positions at various technology companies including Coraid, Zeus Technologies, Opalis Software, VERITAS, Oracle and ADP.

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Jennifer Lawless, director of the Women and Politics Institute at the American University School of Public Affairs, gave the Amicus Curiae lecture in March at Marshall University in Huntington, W. Va. on “Why Women Don’t Run for Office and What Happens When They Do.” “Study after study finds that when women run for office, they perform as well as men, both in terms of the amount of money they raise and the votes they receive,” Lawless said. “Yet women remain severely under-represented in U.S. politics. When Congress convened in January 2015, 81 percent of its members were men. Men occupy the governor’s mansion in 45 of the 50 states, and they run City Hall in about 90 percent of the largest cities across the country. In fact, 99 nations now surpass the United States in the percentage of women serving in the national legislature.” Lawless explained why, despite cultural evolution and society’s changing attitudes toward women in politics, running for public office remains a much less attractive and feasible endeavor for women than for men. Lawless is also professor of government and the faculty affiliate for the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies at the American University School of Public Affairs. She also is the editor of Politics and Gender. Her commentary on issues related to women in politics has appeared in publications including the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, USA Today and The New Yorker. She also has been cited on CNN.com. Besides her bachelor’s degree in political science from Union, she holds a master’s and doctorate from Stanford University.

Seth Condell, senior project manager for Parsons’ Bridge & Tunnel Division in Pasadena, Calif., has been named a winner of Engineering News-Record New York’s Top 20 Under 40 competition. Condell joined Parsons in 1998, and he has 16 years of experience as a structural engineer and manager specializing in the design, rehabilitation, and inspection of long-span bridge structures. He is the deputy design manager on the Goethals Bridge Replacement Public-Private-Partnership Project, which includes dual-span signature cable-stayed bridges in New York City. He
has held key roles in the Bridge & Tunnel Division’s Safety Initiative and on Parsons’ Leadership Council and Innovation Committee. He is also active in Parsons’ Sustainability and Structural Health Monitoring activities.

1998

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Deb (Loffredo) Lindenman, the deputy director for career development at the Yale School of Management, was featured in a Forbes article in March titled “MBA Graduates – How to Avoid the Top Five Pitfalls That Lead to the Wrong Career.” Deb has spent her 15-year career in leadership and career development in higher education, as well as human performance and corporate change management.

George Tiggle was among a group of alumni who enjoyed a fishing trip last year at Scituate, Mass. The group included Adam McKinstrie ’01, Damon Carr ’00, George Tiggle ’98, Chukwuma Asala ’07, Shuron Morton ’97, Carey Miller ’98, Leonard Mortimore ’98, Darryl Tiggle ’90, Jermel Royal ’99, John Conti ’91 and John McCann ’89.

1999

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Michael Parisi, a partner in McGuireWoods’ Atlanta office, has been included on the Georgia Legal Elite list published by Georgia Trend magazine. He was selected for the Legal Elite’s corporate law category. A member of McGuireWoods’ nationally recognized debt finance practice, Michael represents major financial institutions in multimillion dollar transactions in a variety of sectors, including manufacturing, retail, technology, healthcare and entertainment. Michael joined McGuireWoods in 2010 and was promoted to partner in January 2014. He received his law degree from the Emory University School of Law.

Kyle Schack and his wife, Adriana, and their new daughter, Reagan, attended the Union at Harvard men’s hockey game on Jan. 30. Kyle, a swimming standout at Union, is head coach and general manager of Crimson Aquatics, a Boston-area swimming development program serving young athletes from high school to the Olympics. Adriana, a three-time Olympian from Mexico, is the program’s high performance director.

Matthew R. Rapoport is a wealth management advisor with Blue Water Advisors, an independent wealth management firm and SEC-registered investment firm in Babylon, N.Y. With more than a decade of experience in wealth and tax planning and investment research, he is a member of the firm’s investment committee. He is lead advisor for 50 client relationships and in-house thought leader on tax and estate planning.

Ben Schwartz, star of Parks and Recreation and House of Lies, recently returned to his show business start: the Late Show with David Letterman. Schwartz was a guest 11 years after he began as a page and freelance joke writer for Letterman. To stay current with Ben, visit his web site: www.rejectedjokes.com

Portia Zwicker and Michael Rosado are happy to announce their engagement. The wedding ceremony took place on April 24, 2015 in New York City. Michael and Portia met working at MakerBot Industries. They plan to honeymoon in Croatia and Turkey.

Rachel Racusen was recently named vice president of communications for MSNBC. She joins the network from the White House, where she had been associate communications director. Prior to that, Rachel was deputy communications director for President Obama’s re-election campaign.

Kevin Flike was guest speaker at a Veterans Day dinner in November 2014 for the Saratoga County Republican Committee. He related his own service story at the event. Kevin enlisted in the Army after graduating from Union. He served two tours in Afghanistan as Special Forces. During his second tour, Kevin was shot below his armor in his stomach. He lost 20 percent of his colon, fractured his hip and suffered temporary paralysis. Multiple surgeries helped Kevin walk again. He said at the dinner that being able to stand in front of a group of people to tell his story is something he doesn’t take for granted.

Elliot Seguin was recently featured in Mojave Desert News. The story focused on his career as a project engineer with Scaled Composites in the Mojave Desert, and his participation in the Reno Air Races.
sophomore year “Mind of the Entrepreneur” professor, Hal Fried, with the inspiration and success of his current endeavor.

2010

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Brandon Bartell is a business analytics associate at ZS Associates, a consulting firm in Princeton, N.J., working primarily with pharmaceutical companies headquartered on the East Coast.

Peter Haviland-Eduah was on campus on March 5 to talk about his work as national policy director and communications director for Million Hoodies for Justice, a national organization aimed at empowering young people of color to work against mass criminalization, racial bias and gun violence. He is the former deputy press secretary for U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, and is pursuing his master’s in public policy from the University of Michigan. See profile ar right.

Elizabeth Guyton is press secretary for Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker. She previously served last fall as communications director for Republican Scott Brown’s unsuccessful bid for U.S. Senate in New Hampshire. Before working for Brown, she was communications director for U.S. Representative Jackie Walorski, Republican of Indiana, and also worked on Walorski’s victorious 2012 campaign.

Aztec Group Inc., a Florida real estate investment and merchant banking firm, recently announced the

YOUNG ALUM TALKS SOCIAL JUSTICE

As part of the College’s inaugural Civil Rights Mini Term in his senior year, Pete Haviland-Eduah ’10 walked across the Edmund Pettus Bridge, where in 1965, hundreds marching for black voting rights were beaten by police, an event that became known as Bloody Sunday.

It was then that he fully understood what the oppressed will endure in the pursuit of justice.

“They marched anyway, because they wanted to and because they had to,” he said after the term. “There was no other option—living in oppression was not an alternative.”

In March, after several policing incidents that drew public reaction and on the 50th anniversary of Bloody Sunday, Pete was back on campus, reminding students of the sacrifices people make today and urging them to bring change in their own way.

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One of the ways to bring change, he said, is by using technology—including Facebook, YouTube and Twitter—to share stories of injustice.

“You understand how these tools work,” he told the students. “You can tell these stories and you can make changes.”

Students should feel especially empowered to bring change simply because they are relatively free of obligations, he said.

“Don’t let the fact you’re students scare you. That should empower you.”

“Just like John Lewis and the other Freedom Fighters, what gave them the power was that they had no families or mortgages or kids that they had to feed. They could go out there and put it all on the line, and you guys are in the same situation.

“So you might have a paper that’s due, or some reading or some math homework,” he said. “But in the grand scheme of life, that paper may not be all that important.”

“Social justice is going to last forever. This is the world we’re going to hand off to the next generation.”

At Union, Haviland-Eduah was president of Student Forum and a member of the football team. His visit to Union was coordinated by Prof. Melinda Lawson of History, director of the Civil Rights Mini Term.
The Westchester Children’s Association recently promoted Sarah Yergeau to the role of program and policy associate. She spent nine months working at a Uganda health clinic before joining the Westchester Children’s Association staff in 2012.

Ashley Sofia ’11, who critics and fans have called “the future of folk rock,” recently released her debut album, “Love and Fury.” A down-to-earth performer, she lives in the Adirondack Mountains of upstate New York, where she was born and raised.

There, she studied and practiced music from a young age, playing the guitar with her father and taking clarinet and flute lessons. And at Union, she continued to immerse herself in music.

She expanded her knowledge by taking a Bob Dylan seminar and a music theory course. She blossomed lyrically as an English major, practiced her music with the co-ed a Capella group, The Eliphalets, and grew her fan base playing her songs for classmates in the halls of Union dormitories. By the time Sofia graduated from Union, she had written over 120 songs and had no intention of stopping.

“Even back at Union I envisioned that I would someday soon be a full-time musician,” Sofia said.

And now she is. Her music is out on iTunes, the Albany Times Union recently named “Love and Fury” one of the best albums of 2014, and she gives multiple concerts each month—she even played Union’s Springfest in May 2014.

“I was messaged by Union that the students wanted me to come and perform at Springfest. I was flattered and humbled,” Sofia said. “I was coming back to Union as I had done so many times. But this time, I wasn’t coming back just as a student, I wasn’t coming back just as an alum.”

Sofia, a self-described “big dreamer,” intends to spend over 100 days on tour in the U.S. and Europe in 2015. Learn more about her at http://ashleysofia.com/

2011 CLASS CORRESPONDENT
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Jarrett “Chris” Coney, an airman first class in the U.S. Air Force, has received the Airman of the Year award in recognition of his support of the mission of the Air Force and his personal accomplishments. Besides completing basic and technical training to become a security forces
defender at Joint Base San Antonio, Texas, he is a graduate of the sniper training course at Fort Bliss, Texas, and the Phoenix Raven Course in Ft. Dix, N.J. He has used his training for exercises in the U.S., Iraq and elsewhere overseas. Coney, who leads squadron physical training sessions and community service projects on and around the San Antonio base, is pursuing his MBA at Wilmington University.

2012

Aleena Paul and Ajay Major, medical students at Albany Medical College, write, “In March, we published our 600th article on in-Training. We have over 260 medical student writers, representing over 100 institutions around the world. We also recently formed Pager Publications, Inc., a literary organization that curates and supports peer-edited publications for the medical education community. And most excitingly, Pager Publications just received 501(c) 3 non-profit status from the IRS! Pager Publications will serve as the parent organization for in-Training, and allow us to collect donations, apply for grants, and stabilize in-Training upon our graduation. In addition, we recently launched in-House, a publication for the medical resident and fellow community. in-House grew out of conversations with graduating writers and editors of in-Training who desired a greater emphasis on personal well-being and the medical humanities for house staff. With in-House, the community building that began with in-Training will continue onto the next arena of medical education.” For more information visit in-training.org/, in-training.org/pager/publications.html, or in-housestaff.org/

2014

Josh Jooris, a center for the NHL’s Calgary Flames, had played in 50 games as of early March, scoring 11 goals and nine assists. A feature story about his growing fanbase included his sister, Alexa, who has autism. “I think she’s a blessing,” Jooris told CalgaryFlames.com. “She’s the happiest kid going, always got a smile on her face and brings you down to Earth. She teaches you not to take life for granted. She’s taught me a lot. She’s the light in our lives. She’s awesome.”

2006

Amanda (Gordick) Thibodeau and Bill Thibodeau are proud to announce the birth of their baby boy, William Charles. He was born Aug. 9, 2014 in Newton, Mass., and weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

1998

George Tiggle and his wife, Kendra, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Kailee Summer Tiggle, on Sept. 13, 2014.

Ian Peck and Kimberly (Tentor) Peck are proud to announce the birth of their baby boy, Cameron Alden Peck. He was born Dec. 10, 2014 (his due date) at 12:51 a.m. in Pittsburgh, Mass. He weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces, was 21 inches long.

Erika (Eisenhut) Rahill and James Rahill proudly announce the birth of their son, Ryan James. Ryan was born on Feb. 4, 2015 in Boston, Mass., weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
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Alumni attend the wedding of Libby Fortier ’09 and Trip Botsford ’09

Valerie Kleiner and Adam Berke ’97 were married on Aug. 24, 2014 at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, N.Y. Alumni in attendance included Paul Kampfer ’01, Grace Kampfer ’03, Ben Miller, Steven Weintraub ’03, Jessica Weintraub ’06, Daniel Teigman ’03, Jason Scherman ’99, Jesse Edelman ’99, Jeffrey Weinstein ’96, David Saad ’96, Doug Schneider ’98, Becky Cutler ’98, Noah Kayman ’05, Lia Kayman ’06 and Scott Friedman ’01.

1997

Alumni attend the wedding of Valerie Kleiner and Adam Berke ’97

Alumni at the wedding of Deb Loffredo ’98 and Marc Lindenman

Deb Loffredo married Marc Lindenman on July 12, 2014 at Saratoga Polo. Alumni in attendance (left to right in photo) were Ryan Smith, Megan (Ciani) Smith ’99, Rob Davis, Kelly (Schrade) Powers ’99, Melanie Douglass ’99, Maura (Woessner) Ludlow ’99, Heather (Leet) Forgione ’99, Joe Forgione, Jessica (Goveia) Storm ’99, Simon Storm ’99, Cara Mia Bruncati, Angelo DeFrancesco, and Brian Pidgeon ’96. Deb is the deputy director for career development.
At the wedding of Erik España ’99 and Claudia Nieto were, from left, Marla and Jose Zayas ’99, Jimmy Piña ’02, Juan Jimenez ’03, David Torres ’00, Angel Caraballo ’95, Terry Scotland-Caraballo ’96, Claudia España, Erik España ’99, Sammy Ordoñez ’97 and Bernice (Polanco) Ordoñez ’99.

Alumni at the wedding of Jenna Ondash ’07 and John Switchenko ’07

Alumni at the wedding of Colleen Donlan ’07 and Nathaniel Standish ’07

Jacqueline Tuthill ’10 and Dhimitri Nikolla ’11

Alumni attend the wedding of Hilary Zelson ’11 and Andrew Geller ’11

Alumni attend the wedding of Elizabeth Monti ’11 and Michael Eisenman ’09
The wedding of Maureen Farrell '02 and Ben Charney at the Yale School of Management. Marc is the manager of distribution at Crown Media Family Networks in New York City. The couple lives in Fairfield, Conn. with their dog, Cheddar.

1999

Erik España and Claudia Nieto were married June 14, 2014 in Lake George, N.Y. Alumni in attendance included Marla and Jose Zayas, Jimmy Pina '02, Juan Jimenez '03, Jacqueline (Suarez) Jimenez '05, David Torres '00, Angel Caraballo '95, Terry Scotland-Caraballo '96, Sammy Ordoñez '97 and Bernice (Polanco) Ordoñez '99.

2002

Maureen Farrell and Ben Charney were married on Sept. 6, 2014, in Woodstock, Conn. The couple lives in Middletown, Conn.

2007

Jenna Ondash and John Switchenko were married on Oct. 11, 2014 at St. Mary’s Church in the Charlestown neighborhood of Boston, Mass. The bridal party included maid of honor Emily (French) Breakey, bridesmaids Hillary (Benoit) Williams, Lauren (Foye) Murphy and Hadley Planting, as well as best man John Ferrarone, groomsmen Rob Massie, Brandon Means, Alex Cline and Alex Baumbach. Other alumni in attendance were Ryan Breakey ’05, Danielle Pomarole ’08, Cristin Tenety ’08, Caitlin Couzzo ’08, Sara Gagnon ’06, Craig Williams, Katie (Kaufman) Massie, Hubbell Knapp, Billy Condon, Nick Gajewski, Matt Toper, Will Dewey, Elizabeth Livada, Garrett Lunden ’06, Dianna (Crawford) Urbanucci and Lyndsay Werhum ’09.

2009

Union alumni gathered for the wedding of Libby Fortier and Trip Botsford at the Wianno Club on Cape Cod June 21, 2014. Emma Sands Milsom and Rachel Smooke attended as bridesmaids, while Brian Groark (best man), Sean Clancy, Patrick Irwin, and Hugh Carey were groomsmen. Other celebrating alumni included Cathy Griffin, Charlie Bennett, Fred Steiner, Emily Kochman, Tim Shelton, Gabe Kramer, Alan Fox, Sam Beatty, Andy Kehl, Paul Procops, David Carson ’10, Kara Lightman, Jon Long, Ashley Blais, Sara Wilson, Charles Kaliades, Evan Duffy ’08, Andrew Reigle ’08, Andrew Brett ’06, Ryan Kraynak, Meredith Katz ’08, Chet Parlavecchio, Brian Leisman ’10 and Scott Coblentz ’10.

2010

Jacqueline Tuthill and Dhimitri Nikolla ’11 were married June 28, 2014 at Union College. They met at Union in 2009 in physics class. Jacqueline is a pediatric dentistry resident, and Dhimitri is a medical student applying to emergency medicine residencies.

2011

Elizabeth Monti and Michael Eisenman ’09 are happy to announce their marriage on Oct. 12, 2014 at the Red Lion Inn, Cohasset Mass. Marica Dacey, Lauren Vulcano, Robin Panella, Owen Vater ’09 and Chris Alitiier ’09 were part of the bridal party. Blaise Ancona, Molly Head, Sam Ringel, Rob Powell ’09, Ginny Powell ’08, Chris Longden ’07, Christine Longden ’07, Todd Sifleet ’09 and Eric Strader ’09 were also in attendance. The couple resides in Roslindale, Mass. with their border terrier Elphieget “Ellie” Nott. Mike works at athenahealth and Libby is a registered nurse in labor and delivery at MetroWest Medical Center.

Hilary Zelson writes, “On Oct. 18, 2014, I was married to Andrew Geller at Le Parker Meridian New York. We met during freshman year at Union. We had a bunch of alumni at our wedding, including Daniel Kutner, Stephen Geller ’15, Tim McGovern, Kyle Holmes, Trevor Porter, Nathan Wickham, Alyssa Bernstein, Marissa Kwoyska and Michael Spicer.”
1930s

Dr. Orel Friedman ’38, of Queensbury, N.Y., who graduated from Albany Medical College, served in World War II, was chief of the ear, nose, and throat service of the 93rd General Hospital (England), and was in private practice and was an attending physician at Glens Falls Hospital until retiring in 1980, Dec. 12, 2014. A member of many professional and community organization who was instrumental in founding the Audiology and Speech Clinic at the hospital, he was 101.

George H. Witbeck ’37, of East Greenbush, N.Y., who served in the U.S. Army, graduated from Albany Law School and spent 70 years practicing law, much of it operating his own firm in East Greenbush, Jan. 25, 2015. A former East Greenbush justice of the peace who promoted progress in the town and brought in its first gas station, bank and shopping center, he was 101.

1940s

John R. Clark ’41, of Montour Falls, N.Y., who worked for Martin Aircraft as an electric gun turret specialist and technician before operating the Clark Brothers Garage in Montour Falls with his brother and then going on to work for Shepard Niles for nearly 35 years, Oct. 22, 2014. John, who enjoyed building houses and woodworking, was 96.

Warren C. DeLollo Sr. ’41, of Watervliet, N.Y., who served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the 115th Chemical Warfare Company, graduated from Albany Law School and practiced law in Watervliet until retiring at age 85, Nov. 27, 2014. Warren, who served as city court judge (1974-1988) and was active in many community organizations and church activities, was 96.

Robert J. Reynolds Jr., ’42, of Alva, Okla., a member of the football team and Sigma Chi, who served as a medic with the 501 Paratrooper Regiment Infantry in World War II and had a career as a pharmacist, Feb. 9, 2015. He was 94.

Robert B. Gillie ’43, of Essex, Conn. a pilot who was a World War II flight instructor and spent 50 years in insurance in New York City, eventually becoming vice president of the Harvey Dann Insurance Company, Feb. 6, 2015. He was 94.

Robert B. Nemeroff ’43, of Sleepy Hollow, N.Y., a dentist who loved stimulating conversation, reading, music, food and spirits, tennis and sunshine, Feb. 24, 2015. He was 91.

Herbert T. McAllister Jr. ’44, of Scotia, N.Y., who served as an Army medic in the South Pacific during World War II, and owned and operated Albany Laboratories with his father before becoming a salesman for educational and athletic equipment, Jan. 23, 2015. A member of the Madison Avenue Baptist Church, he was 94.

Barnet R. Adelman ’45, of Atherton, Calif., who served in the Navy during World War II and worked in the field of solid-fuel rocketry, part of the teams that developed the Minuteman Missile and Titan III boosters, Feb. 23, 2015. He was 89.

Colin T. Taylor ’45, of Delmar, N.Y., who served with the Army Corps of Engineers during World War II and saw combat during the Battle of the Bulge, Feb. 24, 2015. He was 92.

Dr. Frank W. Jones ’43

Dr. Frank W. Jones ’43, a Union three-sport athlete, Air Force veteran, prominent Schenectady ophthalmologist, and fixture at many athletic contests, died Feb. 1, 2015 at his home in Niskayuna, N.Y. He was 93.

A Schenectady native, he earned his medical degree at Albany Medical College in 1946 and went on to serve in the U.S. Air Force, stationed in Japan, Labrador and Newfoundland. Between service with the Air Force and 109th Air National Guard, his military career spanned over 30 years as a flight surgeon. He retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1981.

He interned at the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary and received his medical license in 1953. When he retired in 2006, his career in ophthalmology spanned 53 years.

At Union, he was a three-sport athlete in football, basketball and baseball. He was captain of the basketball and baseball teams and was signed by the Pittsburgh Pirates organization as a catcher. He was one of the founding members of the Schenectady Old Timers Baseball Club.

His life was filled with many memorable sports experiences. He met Babe Ruth. He was at Yankee Stadium in 1939 when Lou Gehrig gave his famous “luckiest man on the face of the earth” speech. He was at Ebbets Field in 1955 when Sandy Koufax recorded his first major league win versus the Cincinnati Reds. And he was at the Stadium in 1956 when Don Larson pitched his perfect game.

He had a strong passion for Union athletics, and as a member of the Athletics Hall of Fame committee, was responsible for recognizing a number of athletes and teams. He was a regular spectator at games, especially baseball, football and basketball. Well into his 80s, he played in the Union alumni basketball game. He was a frequent visitor at Alumni Gymnasium, where he played tennis, worked out and chatted with coaches, students and staff.

“In many ways, Frank was the classic example of the Union student-athlete,” recalled Jim McLaughlin ’93, athletic director. “He retained his passion for learning and athletics throughout his life, and he shared his experience with his many friends at Union. We will miss him.”

He was a frequent customer at Peter Pause restaurant on Nott Street, where he would meet friends for breakfast.

Frank was also passionate about flying. He held a private pilot’s license for over 40 years, and when his piloting days were over, he would go to Richmor Aviation in Scotia just to be surrounded by it.

His wife of 51 years, Claire Fischer, died in 2012.
James L. Hogeboom ’46, of Greenville, S.C., a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps who was later employed by the Allied Chemical Co. and Eastern Coal and Fuel, Feb. 22, 2015. He was 90.

William W. Millington ’46, of Lake George, N.Y., Nov. 24, 2014. He was 90.

James Richard Saylor ’47, of Parkesburg, Penn., who was a U.S. Navy radio mate during World War II before working in payroll at Lukens Steel Company until retiring in 1983, Jan. 9, 2015. A past Worshipful Master of Goddard Lodge #383 F. & A.M. and member of Parkesburg United Methodist Church, he was 92.

Robert M. Bonk Sr. ’48, of Atlanta, Ga., who graduated from Brown University, served in the Navy’s V-12 program during World War II and was recalled to service during the Korean War, Oct. 27, 2014. Robert, who spent 30 years with General Electric, rising through the company’s sales division, was 88.

Gordon K. Garlick ’49, of Queensbury, N.Y., a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran and graduate of Albany Law School who opened a private practice in Bolton Landing, N.Y. in 1953, held the office of town attorney for 28 years and was attorney for Bolton Central School District and Bolton Fire District, Dec. 3, 2014. A member of many professional and community organizations, including Emmanuel United Methodist Church, he was 87.

Edward L. Strong II ’49, of Los Gatos, Calif., who served in the U.S. Army and worked for G.E., both in the U.S. and in Europe, for over 40 years, Feb. 16, 2015. He was 89.

James D. Strong, of Greendale, Wis., a former president of the National Golf Course Superintendents Association, was 88, Dec. 17, 2014.

Evan L. Richards ’50, of Durham, N.C., who served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, attended LeTourneau University and worked for General Electric Research Lab and the Burnt Hills School District before retiring in 1991, Nov. 18, 2014. Active in the formation of the East Glenville Community Church and a volunteer at Schenectady City Mission, he was 88.

Leon Borden ’50, of Frederick, Md., a World War II veteran of the Naval Air Corps who had a 43-year career as an electrical engineer with IBM, Feb. 23, 2015. Leon, who competed in a number of marathons and was an avid golfer, sailor and singer, was 91.

Joseph D. Goldreich ’45, commandant of the College’s Navy V-12 unit during World War II who was instrumental in organizing V-12 ReUnions and commemorations, and in establishing a V-12/V-5 scholarship fund, died at his home in Mount Kisco, N.Y. on Jan. 18, 2015. He was 89.

He earned a bachelor’s in civil engineering from Union, and a master’s in civil engineering from New York University.

During World War II, he was commissioned in the Navy’s 30th Construction Battalion (Seabees) in the Philippines, China and Guam.

After the war, he began a career as a structural engineer with projects including the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel, the Major Deegan Expressway and the Delaware Memorial Bridge. He was a founding partner of Goldreich, Page & Thropp, and since 1998 practiced in its successor firm, Goldreich, Page & Thropp.

As an alumnus, he served as both president and ReUnion chair of the V-12 and V-5 unit. He was active in a number of campus commemorations for veterans of the College, including those who served in the Civil War, both World Wars, Korea and Vietnam. He received the Alumni Council’s Gold Medal for distinguished service in 1993.

He was active in creating and supporting the V-12/V-5 Scholarship Fund, established by members of those programs in memory of deceased members and in honor of those who served. Preference is to students whose parents have served in the military.

Joseph Goldreich ’45

“Joe did an extraordinary job in organizing and promoting the scholarship and making sure that the recipients were recognized and submitted a personal report to the contributors each year,” recalled Vin DeBaun ’47, a member of V-12. “Some of the kids who benefitted from the scholarship have been extraordinary and have gone on to do admirable things.”

His community involvement ranged from team coach to Boy Scout leader to temple board member. For many years, he served as grand marshal of the Chappaqua Memorial Day parade.

His wife of 61 years, Vivian, died in 2011. He had three sons.

The Navy V-12 program, which ran at Union from 1943 to 1946, was a pre-officer training program for men who would go on to midshipmen’s training. A total of 1,200 men passed through the Union V-12 program. The V-5 program, a pilot training program, brought more than 500 to Union in 1943 and 1944.

Maurice P. Hale Jr. ’50, of Glenville, N.Y., who served during World War II, attended LeTourneau University and worked for General Electric Research Lab and the Burnt Hills School District before retiring in 1991, Nov. 18, 2014. Active in the formation of the East Glenville Community Church and a volunteer at Schenectady City Mission, he was 88.

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the U.S. Navy and worked in the field of business computer systems with Orange County government in Goshen, N.Y., Empire National Bank in Newburgh, and Liberty Mutual in Portsmouth, Jan. 20, 2015. A charter member of the Walden Historical Society, he was 88.

Robert C. Ender ’50, of Kennebunk, Maine, who graduated from the University of Maryland, served with the U.S. Naval Reserves during World War II and spent his engineering career with General Electric, the McGraw-Edison Company and C.T. Main Corporation, Feb. 3, 2015. A member of St. David’s and St. Paul’s Episcopal churches, he was 86.

Lawrence M. Kroger ’50, of Clarksville, Md., Feb. 10, 2015. He was 86.

Graydon L. Loomis ’50, of Rochester, N.Y., a U.S. Army veteran who served during World War II, retired from Eastman Kodak after 33 years and was a member of the Baptist Temple and the Rochester Stamp Club, Feb. 26, 2015. He was 89.

James M. Davis ’51, of Morristown, Tenn. and Seneca, S.C., who served in the U.S. Naval Reserves during World War II and spent 35 years as a quality control engineer with General Electric before becoming a certified clockmaker with American Watchmakers and NAWCC in retirement, Nov. 17, 2014. A Mason who was active in several community organizations, including Boy Scouts of America, he was 89.

Clinton T. Hawk III ’51, of Alvin, Texas, a Navy veteran of World War II who also served in the Texas National Guard as an army aviator, and had a long career with LTV Aircraft in Grand Prairie, Texas, Feb. 15, 2015. He was 88.

William Kaznowski ’51, of Patchogue, N.Y., Jan. 6, 2015. He was 88.

Dr. Alfred Alexander Leszczynski ’52, Oxford, Md., who graduated from Georgetown School of Medicine, served with the U.S. Navy Reserves and worked at Memorial Hospital in Easton, serving in many capacities, including as chief of staff, Oct. 27, 2014. A delegate for the Medical Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland and clinical instructor of anesthesiology to Georgetown, he was 84.


Robert A. Smith ’52, of Wytheville, Va., a Merchant Marine during World War II who pursued graduate work at Syracuse University, was a licensed professional engineer in New York State and spent most of his career with IBM in Owego before retiring in 1985, Nov. 14, 2014. Robert, who spent much time at IBM in its electronic systems center, working on avionics, airborne computers and weapons development, was 87.

Robert O’Malley ’53, of St. Louis, Mo., who earned a M.S. in radio and television from Syracuse University and served with the U.S. Army, working in east Africa at the first Army television station in world, Nov. 28, 2014. Bob, who later worked for CBS and was an avid book collector and movie buff, was 83.

Robert K. Harvey ’54, of Niskayuna, N.Y., a U.S. Army veteran who played bagpipes for the Second U.S. Army Band, taught social studies for 34 years at Oneida and Central Park Middle Schools, and owned the Holiday Liquor Store for 25 years, Feb. 4, 2015. A Mason and member of the Schenectady Masonic Lodge, he was 82.

H. Jerome Cohan ’56, of Naples, Fla., a retired executive of AT&T, Oct. 27, 2014. He was 79. Survivors include a son, Peter H. Cohan ’86.

John J. Sein ’56, of State Island, N.Y., who held a Ph.D. in theoretical physics from New York University and worked at RCA Corporation’s Surface Communications Systems Laboratory before spending 40 years as a physics professor, researching and teaching, at St. Peter’s College in Jersey City, Oct. 25, 2014. He was 80.

Norman W. Kesterke ’56, of Fulton, N.Y., who was president and owner of D-K Manufacturing Corp. in Fulton and was active in his community with many organizations, including Fulton Youth Hockey, Fulton Family YMCA and the United Way, Nov. 17, 2014. A member of First United Methodist Church who served on its board of directors, he was 80.

Dr. Richard “Dick” A. Konys ’57, of Hilton Head Island, S.C. and formerly of DeWitt, N.Y., who graduated from the State University of New York College of Medicine, served with the Air Force and was a partner at General Surgery and Peripheral Vascular Surgery, Oct. 20, 2014. A member of many professional and community organizations, including the Onondaga County Medical Society and Salvation Army, he was 79.

1960s

Richard C. Gardiner ’61 of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., an operations research specialist for the New York State Department of Health, Aug. 6, 2014. He earned his bachelor’s in mathematics and his master’s in industrial engineering from Union. He had a passion for skiing, music, political discourse, history, gardening, hunting and mathematics. Memorial contributions may be made to the College’s scholarship fund. He was 75.

George J. Gravrogkas ’64, of Albany, N.Y., who earned an M.A. from the State University of New York at Albany before spending 30 years at Hudson Valley Community College, becoming chairman of the Department of Modern Languages, then the professor and chairman emeritus, Jan. 30, 2015. A U.S. Army veteran who served as an intelligence officer with the 101st Airborne Division during World War II, he was 86.

Christopher W. Hoyt ’65, of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., who spent many years as a sales engineer for General Electric and was secretary of the board of directors for Hatch and Bailey Company (South Norwalk, Conn.), a resident and commercial construction supply business founded by his family, Oct. 30, 2014. An accomplished sailor who enjoyed traveling, he was 72.

1970s

Stanley M. Koren ’73, of Buffalo, N.Y., who worked for General Electric in Schenectady, served in the New York
Army National Guard and commanded the 152nd Engineer Battalion in Buffalo before retiring from the Guard in 1986, Oct. 24, 2014. A member of PBA and USA Silver Level Coach who managed bowling shops in the Buffalo area, he was 71.

Stanley J. Diduch ’76, of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., an engineer and manager for IBM until his retirement who volunteered at the former St. Francis Hospital Same Day Surgery Department and cared for the Sacristy of the Chapel in St. Francis Hospital, Feb. 6, 2015. He was 73.

Robert A. Fox ’77, of Hayes, Va., a construction manager who spent 40 years with Midlant Construction at the Naval Weapons Station in Yorktown, was a member of Bethany United Methodist Church and the Hudson Car Association, Nov. 5, 2014. An avid collector of antique clocks and watches who enjoyed history, science fiction and public radio, he was 61.

Ellen E. Mathews ’79, of Clifton Park, N.Y., Oct. 31, 2014. She was 57.

1980s


1990s

Peter J. Elkan ’93, of Raleigh, N.C., who earned graduate degrees in coastal engineering from the University of California, Berkeley, and in environmental policy and management from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Feb. 24, 2015. Peter, who enjoyed photography and hiking and biking in the Blue Ridge Mountains, was 44.

Jason T. Farthing ’94, of Raymond, Maine, who attended the University of Colorado (Boulder) before joining the family land surveying business in Windham as a professional land surveyor, Feb. 1, 2015. A life-long skier who enjoyed many outdoor pursuits, he was 43.

Friends of Union College

Donald W. Batting, of Cortland, N.Y., and formerly of Schenectady, an employee of the College who from 1961 through 1985 held positions ranging from building supervisor for athletics to trucker for facilities services, Jan. 1, 2015. He was 90.
Doing a little spring cleaning, I came across some old newspaper clippings and black and white photos that stirred fond memories of my time at Union.

In the fall of 1950, Homecoming was held in early November and Middlebury was the opponent for the weekend’s football game. Homecoming activities included a competition between fraternities as to which house could construct the best outdoor display capturing the rivalry between Union and Middlebury.

Kappa Sigma had recently acquired the property at 1017 Avon Road, just across from campus. We came up with the idea that our display would show the Union Dutchman as a panther tamer who had the Middlebury panther under control.

We took out a classified ad in the Schenectady Union Star, citing our need for a panther. This was followed by a news article about our search, but thankfully no one offered a living one and we ended up with a donated stuffed mountain lion. It was dyed black with shoe polish for the occasion.

Kappa Sigma didn’t win the display contest, and Middlebury won the football game, but it still makes me smile to think of that panther tamer.

– Bill McClary ’51
Burnt Hills, N.Y.
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