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This was the storm of summer 2010. I started shooting at about 8 p.m. from under the Schaffer Library awning. As the storm's intensity increased, I changed locations and set up shop in the back of an SUV in the West College parking lot. Armed with my Canon on a tripod (with a remote shutter release), I captured this frame with a 12-second exposure at about 10:30 p.m. — Matt Milless
4 True crime or Texas tall tale? Unraveling a 40-year-old mystery

In June 1971, thieves broke into Schaffer Library, making off with one of Union’s most valuable treasures—a volume of John James Audubon’s *Birds of America*. The elegant folio, for which President Eliphalet Nott paid $1,000 in 1844, was eventually returned with the help of John Holmes Jenkins III, a rare book dealer from Texas. But was Jenkins really the hero, or did he play a more sinister role? Forty years later, his part in the “Audubon Caper” is still unclear, even with all the new facts you’ll read about here.

14 Dorm room offices: Student-entrepreneurs open for business

Union has long been an incubator for independent, innovative thought and exploration. Nothing exemplifies this better than the alumni—and students—who own and operate their own businesses. Sam Barstow, Jake Anderson and Pete Mugford—all members of the Class of 2011—became entrepreneurs well before graduation was even in sight.
Of disciplinary cross-fertilization and innovation

In this issue, you will read about the "Audubon Caper," an episode that almost resulted in the loss of one of the College’s most magnificent collections. The *Birds of America* series, featuring 435 hand-colored engravings, is a wonder to behold. Union purchased our complete set from John James Audubon himself when he visited campus in 1844. His paintings are works of art to be sure but they are also works of a naturalist. Audubon kept meticulous notes regarding the birds’ habitats and food preferences. He was interested in the science of birds as well as their artistic portrayal. *Birds of America* is not the only College collection that combines science and art. During the 19th century, Professor William Gillespie secured dozens of movable geometric models from the widow of Theodore Olivier, who used them to teach at the Conservatoire de Arts et Métiers in Paris. Union’s collection of Olivier’s, among the finest and largest, are works of science and art.

The Audubon and Olivier collections remind us that Union has long pressed the boundaries of academic disciplines. Under President Eliphalet Nott, the College challenged convention by requiring modern languages for graduation and introducing engineering into the liberal arts. This innovative approach has kept Union at the cutting-edge of the academy; it is part of our institutional lifeblood.

This spring, after years of planning, we opened the doors to the new Peter Irving Wold Center. (The building will be featured in the next issue of this magazine.) When students returned from spring break to discover this wonderful new facility, *Concordiensis* declared, “It’s a Wonderful Wold.” The appeal of the building is undoubtedly its open spaces and its state-of-the-art labs and teaching spaces. Yet, the Wold Center is more than this. From the minute you enter the building you sense an interplay between fields of study and can feel the promise of the exciting ideas that will develop in this catalytic space.

Entering from the direction of Schaffer Library, you first encounter the Burton Payne ’41 Phasor Lab, a joint project involving Electrical Engineering and Music. Across the hall, the John Kelly ’76 and Helen-Jo Kelly Advanced Computing Lab allows users access to researchers worldwide. Yards away, in the digital imaging lab, students create works of art. Together these two labs allow students to explore a great range of technological possibilities.

Moving deeper into the Wold Center, the Margaret and Paul Castrucci ’56 Gallery features works that challenge the viewer’s very conceptual categories, again crossing the seeming divide between art and science. The ground floor also houses the Energy and Environmental Engineering Suite where students explore sustainable designs and renewable energy systems. The suite provides meeting ground for faculty and students from a wide range of disciplines.

Up a short flight of stairs, the Aerogel Fabrication, Characterization and Applications Lab is a joint project of the Chemistry and Mechanical Engineering departments. Up another flight, the Edward R. Kane ’40 Biochemistry Suite is home to still more collaborative research labs. You get the picture!

The Peter Irving Wold Center, very much in keeping with the spirit of the Audubon paintings and the Olivier models, continues Union’s commitment to innovation through disciplinary cross-fertilization. Today’s students, like generations before them, will emerge better prepared to face the challenges of their day because of it.
THOSE FANTASTIC FARMING ALUMNI

Congratulations on the fantastic profile on Union alumni who are farmers [Spring 2011]. It’s great to see the College highlight these terrific people who make a real difference, both to the sustainable food movement in their regions and more directly to their home communities.

While at Union, I started working for my brother’s new organic farm business, and for several years fellow Union grads, fraternity brothers of mine, spent summers at our farm before moving on to their own careers. Our operation, Waldingfield Farm, is a certified organic vegetable farm in Washington, Conn. And over the past 22 years, it’s grown from one acre of cultivation to over 20. It has become my life’s work and, happily, to this day, many Union friends still visit the farm each summer to celebrate the harvest.

Patrick Horan ’93

A GREAT ISSUE

I haven’t read every word yet, but enough to say it’s a great issue. I particularly relate to the farming theme [Spring 2011]. In my backyard, I have two rhubarb plants that are just shy of 70 years old. My father and I planted a rhubarb plot in 1942 and it was my first money-earner. I would pick it and bunch it in the morning before school, and at lunch, go door-to-door selling two bunches for 15 cents. As you know, I also relate to grads who give a lot of credit to Union professors who are super mentors. I so appreciated Emily Blout’s credit to Prof. Hislope. Now, back to reading the skipped words. Keep up your great work!

Fred Emery ’54

REMEMBERING PROFESSOR RAPPAPORT

I was saddened to read of the death of Prof. Raymond Rappaport [Spring 2011], and should like to pay tribute to one of the best teachers I have known.

Ray made his students feel as if each was the only one in the class. He didn’t teach from a pedestal; he treated students as his equals, often refusing to stand before the class. He preferred to sit among a group.

His attention to each student extended beyond the classroom, often leading to long discussions of the day’s subject on the lawn in front of the biology building, or at lunch. He made it his business to know each student so well that he could (and would) serve unofficially as an advisor on career choices, tailoring his teaching to what he perceived to be each student’s needs. In my particular case, he gave me the final push toward a career in surgery.

I’m proud to say that, to this day, many of the teaching methods I use, I learned from him.

Robert M Richter ’54 M.D.

CORRECTION

World Agriculture, a course taken by Mike Yezzi ’89 and Jen Small ’88 of Flying Pigs Farm [Spring 2011], was taught by Profs. Carl George and Peter Tobiessen, not Prof. Therese McCarty, who also was instrumental in the future of Yezzi, an economics major.

Union Pathfinders -

For more than two centuries, Union has produced leaders in all fields—from business to science, from government to medicine, from engineering to arts and entertainment. Watch just a few of our notable alumni explain how their Union education has been a foundation for success in a variety of interesting careers. Visit http://www.union.edu/paths
It’s unusually quiet on campus as another academic year winds down. The day before, 350 graduating seniors and their families filled the College grounds for Union’s 176th Commencement.

But now the campus is nearly empty. As night falls on this pleasant Sunday on the thirteenth of June 1971, two men sneak over to a rear window on the ground floor of the Schaffer Library’s east side.

Breaking the window, the men climb into the main reading room and scramble to an oversized locked display case. The thieves, professionals who had plotted their visit for months, eye their target: a leather-bound volume containing 100 of the 435 rare prints from John James Audubon’s Birds of America, an unrivaled masterpiece of art. Fewer than 200 were produced, and Union’s president, Eliphalet Nott, paid $1,000 for the double elephant folio in 1844. In 2010, an original four-volume set sold at auction for $11.5 million, making it the world’s most expensive book.

One of the crooks smashes the quarter-inch thick glass with a hammer. Pulling the 40-pound volume out of the case, he cuts himself on the glass shards. Blood spatters on some of the prints and the floor. The burglars quickly disappear into the darkness. It will be hours before the heist is discovered.

The Audubon Caper is under way.
Texas tall tale?

mystery

John Jenkins wrote Audubon and Other Capers: Confessions of a Texas Bookmaker about his role in recovering Union’s Birds of America.

“Baltimore Orioles”
For 40 years, “The Audubon Caper” has been one of the College’s greatest mysteries. A few weeks after the theft, John Holmes Jenkins III, a prominent rare book dealer and publisher from Austin, Texas, contacted authorities to report that he had been approached by a man looking to sell “pictures of birds” that were discovered in an attic. Working with the FBI, Jenkins flew to New York to meet with the seller, a longtime criminal from Pennsylvania. After a harrowing sting operation, the plates were recovered in a Queens motel.

The recovery attracted national media attention, including the *New York Times*, network news programs and later, *Sports Illustrated*.

Lauded as a hero, Jenkins promptly returned to create a bibliography award in his name. Later, the College awarded him its Founders Medal and an honorary degree. He also served briefly as a member of the board of trustees.

Jenkins wrote an entertaining account of his adventures for a collection of essays, *Audubon and Other Capers: Confessions of a Texas Bookmaker*, which has served as the primary source about the recovery. He thrived on sharing the story of his heroic deed, admitting “it gets a little better each time I tell it.”

Yet in each retelling, a number of troubling questions linger. Who was behind the theft? Why was the College targeted? What happened to the thieves? And most troubling, did Jenkins, a brilliant yet shameless self-promoter, grossly misrepresent his role?

Now, four decades later, a broader picture has emerged about the daring heist, culled from scores of interviews with friends and associates of Jenkins, former Union employees, court records and newly uncovered material from the College’s archives.

For the first time, the theft has been traced to a long-dead shady book dealer from New York who had done business with the College a decade earlier. This new evidence suggests that the book dealer conspired with a ring of thieves from the Philadelphia area to steal Union’s Audubons and offer them to Jenkins. The inside story is also bolstered by one of the thieves, now 78, whose account threatens to shatter long-held assumptions about the crime, including whether Jenkins’s role was entirely heroic.

Yet some questions may never be answered. Many of the principal players are dead, most notably Jenkins. In 1989, his body was found floating in the Colorado River outside Austin. He had a bullet wound in the back of his head. How he died remains a mystery.

In addition, the FBI has denied repeated Freedom of Information requests about the theft or Jenkins, making it difficult to pinpoint the late Texan’s exact role with the bureau.

These obstacles and other twists only add intrigue to a case that former Texas congressman J.J. Pickle once described as a “tale that rivals any detective author’s imagination.”

Summer 1961.

For decades, Union has served as a federal depository library for thousands of government documents, from the official report on the attack at Pearl Harbor to pedestrian pieces like Zip Code directories and Statistical Abstracts of the United States.

The collection grew quite large, with many of the documents stored on the library’s unheated third floor of the Nott Memorial. As plans were finalized to move the library into a new building across from the Nott, the collection must be thinned out.

While many book sellers consider government documents to be of limited value, James Rizek was an exception. A former theological student, Rizek operated the Raritan Book Company, near Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J.

When Rizek learned of Union’s dilemma, he offered to find a home for some of the College’s surplus. In return, he arranged for the library to acquire portions of the *New York Times* on microfilm, a deal worth several thousand dollars. Union’s librarian, Helmer Webb, close to retirement and under pressure to clear out the third floor before leaving, took Rizek up on his offer.

Rizek arrived on campus with a truck and some workers to help remove boxes. He also brought personal baggage.

In 1957, while running The Jabberwock, a record store in central New Jersey with his brother, Ernest, Rizek had orchestrated a Ponzi scheme that netted him as much as a half-million dollars.
Having avoided jail for that scheme, Rizek turned his attention to books, with a particular focus on microfilming rare periodicals and documents for libraries. But he didn’t abandon his thirst for the con. In early 1961, Rizek conspired with the head of the Scranton Public Library to remove hundreds of books and documents from the Pennsylvania library to resell.

While looting Scranton’s library, Rizek began removing thousands of Union’s government holdings. No one had reason to be suspicious of Rizek, although his presence on campus made Ruth Anne Evans, the longtime associate librarian, uncomfortable. And with good reason. As Walter Goldwater, a deceased antiquarian book dealer in New York City later remarked: “Rizick (sic) was, of all the people we knew in the book business, probably the most crooked. If he had been able to make more money being honest than dishonest, he still wouldn’t have done it.”

By the time Webb retired in 1962, Rizek’s trips to campus had ended. Though Rizek’s association with Union was over, the brief relationship provided him with valuable knowledge: a familiarity with the campus and an awareness of the library’s most prized possession: Audubon’s Birds of America.


Following a lengthy appeal, Rizek began serving a two-year sentence in December for his Scranton scheme. Both Webb and his Schaffer Library successor, Edwin Tolan, testified at the trial about the deal with Rizek for the Times on microfilm. In return, they said, “4,594 books and periodicals were shipped by Rizek to the Scranton Public Library.” There was no evidence the material ever arrived.

Meanwhile, a rough Jewish street gang from Philadelphia spent much of the 1960s engaging in armed robberies, arson and assaults. One of the crooks was Kenneth Paull. He, along with his good friend, Allen Rosenberg, worked for a time with Sylvan Scolnick, better known as Cherry Hill Fats, a notorious 600-pound crook with ties to organized crime.

Among the gang’s jobs was a bizarre heist in which they helped steal $100,000 from a Philadelphia bank. The money, believed to be proceeds from earlier crimes, was in a safe deposit box rented to another associate.

The men went to the bank to retrieve the box. As one tossed a rock through the bank’s front window as a diversion, Paull began shouting, “It’s a bomb. It’s a bomb. Everybody get down.” Rosenberg then rushed into the bank’s vault and snatchet the safe deposit box.

Paull and Rosenberg eventually confessed to the bank heist and were each sentenced to three to 20 years in federal prison.

Rosenberg was sent to Lewisburg, 170 miles west of Philadelphia. It was during this prison stint that the South Philadelphia native whose crew used guns, threats of violence and other forms of intimidation, crossed paths with Rizek, the smooth-talking businessman-turned-con man from Brooklyn.

Rizek offered Rosenberg some criminal advice. “Why go in and steal diamonds and stuff like that when you can make more money stealing art,” he told him. “It’s a whole lot easier.”

Rizek walked out of Lewisburg on Aug. 3, 1970; Rosenberg followed on Halloween. Eight months later, Rizek pointed Rosenberg toward Schenectady.

June 12, 1971.

It’s a warm and sunny Saturday for Commencement. It had been an unsettling year, and political unrest over the Vietnam War swept the campus. As fears of a violent protest swelled, President Harold Martin ordered all academic buildings, including Schaffer Library, locked for the weekend.

While the threat of violence created an uneasy tension, Commencement also generated a bit of buzz due to the speaker, Hungarian author Ivan Boldizsar. It was the height of the
Cold War, and Boldizsar was thought to be the first representative of the Soviet bloc to receive an honorary degree from an American college since World War II.

"It took a lot of courage for Union College to ask a man from a communist country to come here and deliver the Commencement address," Boldizsar told the New York Times.

During the ceremony, a scuffle broke out when protesters interrupted speeches and waved a Viet Cong flag. A young professor leapt from his seat in Library Plaza and seized the flag. Security moved in to quiet the chaos. A photo of the incident would appear in newspapers around the country.

Typically, one of the four volumes holding the Audubon plates was on display during Commencement weekend. But with the library now locked, only those who visited before the doors shut Friday night were able to see the glorious volume opened to Plate 79: the Eastern Kingbird, or Tyrant flycatcher.

Monday, June 14, 1971.

As the excitement of Commencement faded, the campus began to settle into its languid summer routine. But the laid-back mood was shattered when a secretary in the library who arrived early called Ruth Anne Evans, the associate librarian, at home. There was a note of panic in her voice.

“What was on display in the case in the reading room?” the woman asked Evans.

“The first volume of Audubon’s Birds,’ Evans said as a sick feeling settled in her stomach. “And why are you using the past tense?”

Word of the crime spread quickly. English Professor Carl Niemeyer stopped by the faculty lounge in the Humanities building. He overheard two colleagues discussing a burglary.

“Haven’t you heard?” one asked Niemeyer. “They’ve stolen the Audubons.”

“Tyrant flycatcher,” said another.

Niemeyer headed to the library. Schenectady Police were surveying the crime scene. The FBI was notified. Calls were made to local hospitals to check if anyone had sought treatment for cuts to their hands or arms.

Some speculated the theft was tied to the demonstrators at Commencement. A member of the library staff walked along the campus creek, believing the volume may have been dumped there as a sign of anti-establishment protest that spun out of control.

Library staff members sent letters to rare book dealers across the country and Canada, seeking clues. An ad offering a $2,000 reward was placed in the Antiquarian Bookman, known as the AB to legions of book dealers, collectors and librarians. But as the days passed, it appeared the College’s cherished Audubon plates would be lost.

In early July, Evans attended a meeting at the Schenectady Museum, just a few blocks from campus. When it ended, someone asked her to contact the College library immediately. The secretary told Evans that a book dealer in Texas had seen the ad and left a number for her to call.

Evans rushed back to campus and dialed the number.

“Hello. This is John Jenkins.”

July 8, 1971.

Jenkins, 31, was at work in his enormous office at the Jenkins Company off Interstate 35 on the edge of Austin when a well-dressed tall, husky man arrived for an appointment.

Jenkins described the encounter in a tense and often theatrical account in Audubon and Other Capers.

The man, who gave his name as Carl Hoffman, pulled out a rare 16th century Persian manuscript of the Koran. He told Jenkins he had other valuable materials to show him later. He followed a hunch.

“Do you have any old American prints of animals or birds?”

“I have some big old color prints of birds,” Hoffman replied.

“Would they be someone like Audubon?”

“Yes, I have about a hundred of them,” Hoffman said.

The men agreed to meet again in a week.
Jenkins immediately contacted the Union library to share his suspicion that Hoffman had the College’s stolen prints. “It will be a pleasure to help further in the apprehension of these scoundrels,” Jenkins wrote the next day to Ed Tolan, the librarian.

Jenkins then notified the FBI.

July 14, 1971.

Working with the feds, Jenkins arranged to meet Hoffman in New York City to examine the Audubons. Hoffman picked up Jenkins at JFK Airport and drove him to the Jade East Motel nearby. There, scattered on the bed in Room 209, were some of the Audubon prints and other rare books. Jenkins (and the FBI) never realized it, but waiting in the room next door were Allen Rosenberg and the accomplice who snatched the plates from Union’s library.

Jenkins offered Hoffman $50,000 for the lot, but told him he needed to return to his hotel to contact his banker in Austin. Instead, Jenkins alerted the FBI, who had the two men under surveillance.

Federal agents soon descended on Hoffman’s room and he was arrested without incident. The Audubon prints were recovered in the trunk of Hoffman’s car. The cover page was missing. Several of the plates were badly torn from being ripped from their binding; a half-dozen of the prints had bloodstains on them. Remarkably, though, the set was complete. Authorities also found some of the rare books taken in the New York City robbery and two loaded pistols.

“Stolen Audubon Prints Found in Queens Motel,” read the headline in the next day’s New York Times.

Back at his hotel that night, Jenkins excitably composed a 3 ½-page letter to Tolan “while the events were still fresh on my mind.” While some details didn’t mesh with the breathless version he wrote for “The Audubon Caper” a few years later, Jenkins described a “bizarre and frightening, albeit exhilarating, day for this young bookman.” He also made a claim for the $2,000 reward, directing Tolan to use the money to create an annual fellowship for bibliographical research.

College President Harold C. Martin thanked Jenkins for his heroic role.

“The episode of recovery, as you note, has all the earmarks of a thriller except for the lack of a foreign setting, more in the style of Eric Ambler perhaps than in that of John MacDonald,” Martin wrote. He also wrote to J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI, to express his gratitude for their assistance.

Meanwhile, Hoffman was arrested on a charge of interstate transportation of stolen property. He told authorities his name was John Galt from Burlington, Vt. He showed up for his arraignment wearing cowboy boots, an orange cowboy shirt, and a red and gold tie. But the charge didn’t stick because officials said they couldn’t prove Hoffman took the stolen plates across state lines; instead, he was returned to Pennsylvania on a parole violation.

The real name of the suspect also emerged: Hoffman was really Kenneth M. Paull of Philadelphia. He had been paroled in May for the bank box robbery.

The plot to steal Union’s Audubons had been years in the making, beginning when James Rizek eyed the prints while on campus in the early 1960s. The idea took hold nearly a decade later when Rizek shared a federal prison address with Allen Rosenberg.
“The fellas who were involved wouldn’t have moved anything for less than $50,000,” Paull said. “They wouldn’t have even gotten out of bed. It just wasn’t worth it to them.”

Now, in the Metropolitan Correctional Center, only Paull’s name was attached to the crime. It remained that way for decades.

A different perspective

Kenneth Paull is now 78. Much of his adult life was spent as a criminal. In 1963, he pleaded guilty to causing a bomb scare after telling an airline employee his luggage on a Detroit-bound flight contained explosives. And in 1993, he was one of 10 people charged in a plot to illegally wire $50 million from a New York bank to another in Philadelphia. In between, he did stints for robbery, assault, arson and other crimes.

The Audubon heist, he said, was the only time he dabbled in stolen artwork. He was reluctant to talk at first.

“The last thing I’m looking for at this stage of my life is publicity,” he said by phone from his home outside Philadelphia.

The heist was half a lifetime ago for Paull and he was unable to recall key details. Also, Paull’s version of events cannot be corroborated because many of the principal figures are dead, including Rizek, Rosenberg and of course, Jenkins. But through a series of conversations, Paull provided a fascinating account of the Audubon affair, the first from a perspective other than Jenkins’s.

A book dealer from New York (he described Rizek, though Paull couldn’t remember his name) reached out to a prison pal, Rosenberg, and told him he had a customer (John Jenkins) who wanted the Audubons. Rosenberg’s associate, was eventually sent to Texas to close the deal. Rosenberg and at least one other unidentified person came to campus to steal the prints.

Dealers routinely buy and sell with each other in the competitive and sometimes shady rare book world. Jenkins had bought part of an Albany, N.Y., bookseller’s estate from Rizek in 1969. The rumor among some dealers was that

James Rizek reached out to prison pal, Allen Rosenberg, and told him he had a customer (John Jenkins) who wanted the Audubons. Kenneth Paul, Rosenberg’s associate, was eventually sent to Texas to close the deal. Rosenberg and at least one other unidentified person came to campus to steal the prints.
Jenkins felt cheated on the sale, but there had never been any evidence to suggest their dealings were criminal.

Yet in a stunning revelation, which, if correct, seriously undermines Jenkins’s Audubon tale, Paull said the only reason his associates’ stole the prints was because Rizek told them he had a customer for them: John Jenkins.

“Oh absolutely. Absolutely,” Paull said when pressed on the critical part of whether Jenkins was aware the prints he had allegedly requested from Rizek were stolen. “I was a professional thief. Do you honestly think I just flew down to Texas and looked around for somebody to buy stolen goods? We didn’t do anything on spec. We had a customer.”

No one can say with certainty that the connection between Jenkins and Rizek turned criminal. It’s conceivable that Rizek, who could not be trusted, concealed from Jenkins the fact that the Audubons were stolen. As a detective once noted, Rizek was “a terrific salesman who could sell City Hall to the mayor.” Rizek also could have deceived Paull and his associates by having them pretend the deal with Jenkins was legitimate.

Paull doesn’t buy that.

“I don’t like to say this, but (Jenkins) was a blatant liar. He was a thief, just like I was.”

Michael Ginsburg, a longtime book dealer in Sharon, Mass., worked with both Rizek and Jenkins. Rizek, he said, was the “consummate con man.” He doubts Rizek would have shared with Jenkins the devious circumstances of the acquisition of Union’s bird prints.

“That would have been the death knell,” said Ginsburg. “Ninety-nine percent of the people in this business wouldn’t touch a stolen book with a 10-foot pole because your reputation would be ruined forever. If Rizek was trying to hustle you, he would tell you he just bought it from a collection. The last thing he would say is, ‘I have some stolen books to sell you.’”

When told of Paull’s assertion that her late husband knowingly planned to buy stolen material, Jenkins’s widow’s first reaction was “Really? That’s interesting.” She quickly dismissed the possibility, though.

“It doesn’t hold water,” Maureen Jenkins said by telephone from her home in Austin, where she still lives. “If someone had a set of Audubons and was looking for a book dealer to take them, Johnny would have been one of the dealers who would be called,” she said. “And we would say, ‘Sure, let us see them,’ not knowing if they were stolen.”

Besides, she said, if the Jenkins Company was looking to make an expensive purchase like the Audubon plates, they would need to have a customer lined up for a resale.

“And I would have known about it,” she said. “We certainly didn’t have the money to take out and let them (prints) sit.”

So if Paull is correct, why would Jenkins tip off the FBI? Theories abound, though none of them is without its flaws. Maybe Jenkins, who expected to do business primarily with Rizek, got spooked when professional thieves took control of the deal. Or perhaps after learning from the AB that some prints may have had blood stains on them, Jenkins wanted no part of damaged goods. All of these theories, however, require one to assume that if Jenkins had something to hide, he was willing to gamble that the FBI would not discover it.

Paull has his own theory. He believes Jenkins was in trouble with the FBI on other matters and cut a deal to “buy his way out.”

Regardless, Paull said that when he saw the FBI agents swarm his motel room that July day in 1971, he knew he had been set up.

“I should have smelled a rat,” he said. Paull had never read Audubon and Other Capers until Union sent him a copy.

“Greatest fantasy I ever read,” Paull said. “I read Edgar Allen Poe. I was flabbergasted as I read his version of what occurred. And what’s more flabbergasting is the federal government went for it. They actually believed it.”

He particularly enjoyed the fact that the whole affair became the basis for an episode of Kojak.

“I used to watch Kojak, but I wouldn’t have recognized that episode because none of the things that were in the article had anything to do with what really happened.”

His reputation soars

After the recovery of the Audubons, Jenkins’s profile soared. He was cited for bravery on the floor of Congress and gave countless media interviews about his adventure.

He visited campus in June 1973 to receive the Founders Medal, giving a talk he promoted as the “true” story of the Audubon recovery. That same weekend, the first John H. Jenkins Prize for Bibliography, created with the reward money he collected, was presented to G. Thomas Tanselle, an English professor from the University of Wisconsin (The prize was discon-
integrity in business, intellectual contributions, and activities in the world of literature and scholarship. " In between, Jenkins and his wife, returned to Schenectady in 1976, when he was presented with an honorary degree at Commencement for his "high standard of integrity in business, intellectual contributions, and activities in the world of literature and scholarship. " In between, he published Audubon and Other Capers. Few believed his account was purely non-fiction. The Encyclopedia of Union College History called Jenkins’s version “reasonably accurate.” But determining which parts were true proved to be a challenge.

"Johnny was a storyteller," Maureen Jenkins said. "He liked a good tale."

In 1975, he scored a coup by spending millions to acquire a large collection of Americana from Edward Eberstadt and sons of New York City. The Antiquarian Booksellers’ Association of America (ABAA) named Jenkins its first security officer. Later, he became president of the organization, producing a 28-page primer, Rare Books and Manuscript Thefts: A Security System for Librarians, Booksellers and Collectors. Among the chapters: “The Nature of the Book Thief,” “What to Do if You Suffer a Book Theft” and “What to Do When the Thief is Caught.”

“Everyone in the book world has—both morally and legally—the obligation to prevent theft, and to make thefts known when they occur,” Jenkins wrote.

Wearing a Stetson and chomping on a cigar, Jenkins also achieved a bit of notoriety at the poker table, competing in major tournaments in Las Vegas and elsewhere. His poker buddies, who included the legendary Doyle Brunson, tagged him with the nickname “Austin Squatty,” because of his short frame and the way he sat cross-legged at competitions.

But then his reputation soured. A series of fires at his warehouses destroyed thousands of valuable books and documents. Authorities suspected him of arson in the last one in September 1987 and he was rumored to be on the verge of being indicted when he died.

“He was not an honest person,” said Jennifer Larson, a longtime book dealer and former chair of the ethics committee of the ABAA. She was hired by the insurance company to appraise Jenkins’s collection after the 1987 fire. “He was very smart and very charming, but he always thought he could get away with whatever he could,” said Larson.

No episode was more damaging to his reputation than when Jenkins was suspected of selling forgeries of Texas Revolution letters and broadsides. Tom Taylor was a dealer and printer in Austin who in the 1980s became suspicious of the plethora of rare historical documents in the marketplace. He eventually discovered that many were fakes and traced their provenance primarily to three dealers. One of them was Jenkins. Jenkins insisted he was unaware he was selling fakes, but the scandal and the ensuing publicity were bad for business. Taylor subsequently wrote a celebrated book on his research, Texfake: An Account of the Theft and Forgery of Early Texas Printed Documents, in which he skillfully presented his findings.

“You can willfully disregard evidence if you want to be a loyalist to Johnny Jenkins and say that Tom Taylor never said Jenkins sold forgeries,” Taylor told me. “I certainly did. I just didn’t say it in so many words.”

And today? “I’m quite certain that Johnny knew those documents he was selling were forgeries.”

April 16, 1989.

Jenkins left his house around 12:30 p.m. to conduct research on his next book. Hours later, a fisherman spotted his body floating in the Colorado River in Bastrop County, Texas. His wallet was stripped of credit cards and cash, and his Rolex watch was missing. Parked nearby in the remote area was his gold Mercedes. The passenger door was wide open and the left-rear tire was flat. Jenkins had a wound in the back of his head, made with a large-caliber gun.

“Book Dealer’s Life Read like a Best Seller,” read the headline in the Austin American-Statesman. A justice of the peace (now deceased) ruled
it a homicide, in part due to the path of the bullet and because no weapon was found. Family and friends believed Jenkins, who often carried large amounts of cash, may have been killed during a robbery. There were even whispers that those involved in the Audubon theft may have been responsible.

The sheriff, Con Kiersey, called it a suicide, angering Maureen Jenkins and many of her husband’s supporters. Stories had spread that Jenkins once described to friends how to commit the perfect suicide by making it appear like a murder so someone could collect the insurance. Indeed, two years earlier, Jenkins had purchased a policy worth more than $1 million.

Kiersey, who spent years investigating homicides for the Austin Police Department, said evidence at the scene didn’t support a homicide. He also said the turmoil in Jenkins’ personal life—the fires, the forgeries, the several hundred thousand dollars in debt for gambling and failed business dealings—pointed to suicide.

Kiersey, now in his 80s, stands by his ruling. “He enjoyed the limelight and was considered an expert, and now all of sudden it comes crashing down,” Kiersey told me. “His world was closing in on him. He was in trouble up to his ears with the IRS and everybody else. If people really thought it was a homicide, they’d be hollerin’ their heads off, saying we got to open a cold case. No one’s ever said anything.”

Questions remain

Through the years, people have formed passionate opinions on the controversial aspects of Jenkins’s life, such as whether he was responsible for the fires at his warehouse and knowingly sold forgeries, and how he died.

“Are there so many stories out there about Johnny,” said Maureen Jenkins, who met her husband on a blind date in October 1961 and married him the following year. “I have heard them all.”

So what do others think when they’re asked to consider the disturbing possibility offered by Paull that Jenkins turned an insidious role into a heroic one in the “Audubon Caper.”

“The notion of him doing anything devious and criminal is just ridiculous, totally ridiculous,” said Michael Parrish, who worked for Jenkins and is now a history professor at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. “He loved the limelight and he loved to make deals, but he was never the kind of guy who operated in a devious way.”

The award-winning writer Larry McMurtry (Lonesome Dove, Terms of Endearment) didn’t care for Jenkins. In the foreword to Texfake, McMurtry referred to Jenkins as a “frontier snake-oil salesman.” Still, McMurtry said he doesn’t think Jenkins played a sinister role in the Audubon theft.

“He had too much to risk,” said McMurtry, who has owned antiquarian bookstores in Texas, New York and Washington, D.C. “He could not have an Audubon stolen on order and then sell it. That would have been impossible.”

Kevin MacDonnell managed the literature section of the Jenkins Company from 1980 to 1986. He considered his boss a friend and mentor, but the notion that Jenkins may have misrepresented his role in the Audubon theft doesn’t surprise him. He behaved the same way when the forgery scandal erupted, MacDonnell said. “John was good at covering his tracks,” said MacDonnell, who has been in the rare book business in Austin for more than 40 years. “He liked to put on the white hat and pretend to be helping, when all he was doing was hiding his culpability.”

When she first read Audubon and Other Capers years ago, Jennifer Larson thought it was self-puffery. “With the benefit of hindsight—given the cloud that settled on Jenkins for the forgeries, fires and other possible misdeeds—her view of the “Caper” has become more jaded. “I’m firmly convinced he was capable of being involved,” Larson said.

As for Paull, he stopped talking after a series of conversations for this article over many months. “I have no problem discussing this with you, but what can be accomplished at this point?” he said.

In his brilliant and exhaustive profile in the New Yorker shortly after Jenkins’s death in 1989, Calvin Trillin wrote: “Over the years, colleagues watched the story of how Jenkins turned in the Audubon-folio thieves swell from a fairly straightforward bust after a meeting at a motel ... to a bullet-sprayed, blood-splattered adventure.”

He included the inscription Jenkins wrote in a copy of Audubon and Other Capers, to one reader: “The whole truth, and nothing but the truth—as I remember it.”

The title of Trillin’s piece? “Knowing Johnny Jenkins.”

Forty years after the Audubon theft, we are finally starting to figure him out. ☐

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Phillip J. Wajda has been director of media and public relations at Union since December 2005. Prior to joining the College, Wajda spent nearly 20 years in reporting and editing positions at newspapers in New Jersey and New York. He has been honored by the New Jersey Press Association, the Philadelphia Press Association and the New York State Associated Press Association for his work. He holds a B.A. in communications (with a specialization in journalism) from Rowan University, where he was named outstanding alumnus in 1999.
DORM ROOM OFFICES: 
Student-entrepreneurs OPEN for business

Union is an incubator of independent thought and innovation. And the proof is in the entrepreneurial pudding, as it were.

Countless alumni run thriving businesses, from Ariel Fox ’00 and her interior design firm in Los Angeles to the Andelman brothers (Mike ’94, Dave ’92, Dan ’97) and Phantom Gourmet in Boston. Some enterprising individuals even start their companies before becoming alumni. Sam Barstow, Jake Anderson and Pete Mugford, who graduated June 12, are three such people.

Forsake
During winter break of their sophomore year, Barstow and Anderson were inspired and galvanized by their work at ski resorts in Utah and Montana.

“We both noticed young skiers and snowboarders at the mountain wearing skateboard or basketball-style sneakers—footwear not meant for harsh and variable alpine conditions,” Anderson said. “Back at school, I approached Sam about creating an outdoor sneaker company that combines modern styles with technical fabric and features usually only found in outdoor boots and shoes.”
“We wanted to address the vast discrepancy between style and image preferences of young outdoor enthusiasts and current products on the market,” Barstow added.

And so Forsake was born.

“The name is a combination of ‘for Sam and Jake,’” Anderson said. “And it’s also a call to abandon traditional outdoor footwear for our outdoor sneakers.”

But it wasn’t easy, translating the vision of their company name into shoes. Over the next couple years, they struggled to find a designer who suited their needs and a facility that could make the high-quality product they wanted.

Eventually, they found both. Prototypes of their shoes, designed by freelancer Rhett Miles of Seattle, are in the works. These, like all future products, will be made at a Gortex-certified factory in China.

“The main thing we’re targeting is waterproofing—Gortex—because you want to keep feet dry,” said Barstow, a mechanical engineering major. “Our footwear will also take that really flat bottom of popular skate shoes and meld it with the more aggressive grip and traction of outdoor shoes.”

“They’ll be for outdoor enthusiasts, not for use while snowboarding, but inspired by action sports,” he added. “They’ll be versatile and well-rounded, so you can wear them anywhere, from campus to a hiking trail to a snowy mountain.”

The shoes, which will cost between $90 and $120, will be offered by retailers like EMS, Zappos and Backcountry.com. They’ll also be available online when Forsake launches its website, which will also include a blog, in August.

“We want to be pretty see-through in terms of what we’re doing and where we’re going,” Barstow said. “A blog will help us differentiate ourselves from shoe companies that are seen as huge and corporate. We want to be grassroots, open and personal.”

“We want people to see us for who we are—two guys who want to make cool shoes,” added Anderson
Anderson, an economics major.

Having started his entrepreneurial ventures a bit sooner than Barstow and Anderson, Pete Mugford has some clients who already know him pretty well. They’re clients who’ve been with him since Rackemtees.com.

**Custom Universe**

Mugford and his partner, Rob Noe, then a student at the University of Rhode Island, started Rackemtees.com during fall 2008. The venture answered a sizable demand for college drinking T-shirts, which could be custom-ordered on the site. Rackemtees did well, with Mugford and Noe servicing two dozen schools by the end of their sophomore year.

Shortly thereafter, Union fraternities, sororities and athletic teams also began asking for personalized garb, and that got Mugford and Noe thinking in a new direction.

“People wanted custom apparel that could be purchased over the internet,” Mugford said. “Going with this, we sold Rackemtees in early 2009 and used that capital to start Custom Universe.”

One short year later, the new company found its niche selling Patagonia fleece jackets, previously ordered by the women’s lacrosse team. “They loved the jackets; even non-team members were approaching us to buy them. That’s when we thought of selling them to the Union bookstore,” Mugford said. “We didn’t have big expectations, but Donna Davenport ordered 130 jackets. It wasn’t much, but it was like a million dollars to us. We were just college students, happy to have enough credibility for her to invest in us.”

The Patagonia jackets sold quickly and in spring 2010, Davenport put a sales representative named Mike Pillsbury in touch with Mugford. With his help, Custom Universe was able to sell collegiate Patagonia products to dozens of colleges and universities in the Northeast.

By May 2011, Custom Universe was the sole collegiate Patagonia bookstore vendor, and the largest Patagonia vendor in North America.

With business booming, Custom Universe opened a 15,000-square-foot production facility in Everett, Mass. in June 2010. All of the customization, from screen printing to embroidery, happens right there. And if this weren’t enough, a month later, Gary Guyton, starting linebacker for the New England Patriots, signed a two-year endorsement contract to wear Custom Universe products.

Guyton is featured on the company website, where shoppers can order pretty much any personalized product they can think of.

“Jonathan Bartus, a good friend and computer software engineer, developed the program. It allows people to create and upload their own designs, or choose from a gallery, and order the products right on our site,” Mugford said. “It’s very user-friendly.”

Building this sophisticated website, while securing a celebrity endorsement, managing six employees and captaining the Union baseball team, hasn’t been easy, however.

**Support made it possible**

“In the beginning, with Rackemtees, it was hard to manage school, baseball and the site,” Mugford said. “By the time my junior year started and Custom Universe was a legal company, it was even more difficult. Instead of spending three hours a day working on the company, I was spending six.”

“And now, in my senior year,” he added, “I work from my room close to 45 hours a week. My life is consumed by it.”

Anderson and Barstow can relate.

“The learning curve has been insanely steep,” Anderson said. “At the start, we had no idea how to make shoes, work with a designer, find factories, or deal with any of the laws and regulations.”
legalities regulating companies and contracts. Everything posed a challenge.”

Fortunately, all three have very supportive families. Relatives and friends have backed them financially and offered their professional expertise free of charge, though Mugford has also taken on significant outside loans to run his operations. Barstow and Anderson will have to do the same once their shoes are in production, unless they decide to try to find independent investors.

Union has also done its part to help.

“During all of this, we’ve been relying on Union alumni for Footwear 101,” Anderson said. “Professor Hal Fried introduced us to James Mann ’86, a senior vice president for a large footwear company in Hong Kong. Jim’s been our liaison in China; he represents us well and has a ton of experience he willingly shares.”

“Les Trachtman ’77 has also given lots of advice about forming contracts, agreements with designers and raising money,” Barstow added. “We’ve been overly impressed with these alumni, who go out of their way to help. It’s pretty remarkable.”

Trachtman, and Fried especially, have also been there for Mugford.

“The independent study Christian Nebergall ’11 and I did with Hal was a great educational experience that structured our business model and helped develop interaction skills with clients,” said Mugford, an economics student. “It was awesome to do academics that were applicable to my business. It took a real burden off my shoulders.”

Anderson and Barstow whole-heartedly agree.

“What’s really been important for me is my senior thesis,” Barstow said. “I’m developing a system to map pressure distribution between the foot and shoe, so I’m gaining lots of critical knowledge about the fit of shoes.”

“My senior thesis with Hal is equally applicable,” Anderson added. “I’m taking the challenges we face with Forsake, researching them, devising solutions and implementing those solutions during day-to-day business. It’s very much applied.”

And therein lays the beauty and power of Union in the early careers of these entrepreneurs. Without its alumni and professors, Mugford, Barstow and Anderson doubt they’d be as far along as they are now.

“I credit the College with a lot,” Mugford said. “If Hal’s support hadn’t been so continuous, if Donna Davenport hadn’t given me that opportunity in the bookstore, this might not have happened.”

**THE FUTURE**

After graduation, Sam Barstow ’11 and Jake Anderson ’11 plan to work part-time in the ski industry. This will enable them to watch trends in outdoor footwear, and give them time to build up Forsakes’s clientele and production capacity in China.

**FORSAKE:**

[www.forsakefootwear.com](http://www.forsakefootwear.com) (launching in August), jake@forsakefootwear.com or sam@forsakefootwear.com

Pete Mugford ’11 will work full-time out of Custom Universe’s facility in Everett, Mass., along with friends Christian Nebergall ’11 and Lauren Guidi ’11. Nebergall is national bookstore director for the company; Guidi ’11 is marketing director.

**CUSTOM UNIVERSE:**

[www.customuniverse.com](http://www.customuniverse.com) or peter@customuniverse.com
Ken Haefner, a master pilot with more than 50 years experience, methodically paces around the Cessna on the tarmac at Albany Airport. He examines every moving part, every instrument, every cable and wire. It’s a ritual he has performed thousands of times. But he takes it on with enthusiasm, explaining each check to a passenger and relating the possible consequences of a loose fuel cap or a worn brake shoe.

After nearly an hour of going through the checklist, he gets clearance for takeoff. It isn’t until the plane is airborne that he turns to his passenger and asks, “So, where do you want to go?”

An engineer by training, Ken understands and appreciates the airplane. He revels in the physics of flight, the details of pre-flight check and the instrumentation of navigation and flight control. His status as a master pilot recognizes his 50-year record of accident-free flying with no violations. He has a contagious enthusiasm and a knack for teaching flying, which he has done for the past 35 years.

But he cares little about where he’s going or how long it takes to get there. “It’s the adventure of getting there,” he said. “The destination is secondary.”

This day, Ken takes a passenger over Washington and Saratoga counties with “touch-and-go” practice landings at Saratoga and Schenectady airports. The day is spectacular, and Haefner delights in sharing his love of flying.

Whatever the destination, Ken flies himself whenever possible, taking commercial flights only in bad weather. Destinations have included Portland, Ore.; San Jose, Calif.; Oklahoma City; Las Vegas; and Halifax, Nova Scotia. Many of the trips were to conventions of pilot organizations to which he belongs.

Ken grew up a Union faculty brat, the son of Prof. Sylvester Jacob Haefner ’25, who taught electrical engineering, and Doris Haefner, a nurse trained at Ellis Hospital. In 1943, at the height of World War II, the 10-year-old left Schenectady with his family for New London, Conn., where his father had taken a post as chief civilian scientist at the Naval Underwater Sound Laboratory. It was in New London that he developed his first passion: sailing.

Whenever possible, he combines flying and sailing. A good weekend for Ken and his partner and fellow pilot, Harriet, involves a flight to their home in New London, a sail around Long Island Sound and a flight home to Schenectady.

In the summer, the couple takes a longer cruise in their Catalina 400, often six weeks through coastal Maine where they explore the islands and find inviting harbors to wait out the fog. Ken has had a number of sailing adventures, perhaps the most memorable a two-man race from Bermuda in which a storm broke the force stay and required the duo to motor 300 miles back to port.

Sailing is like flying, he said. Both vehicles use air to move. Both require keen attention to details such as weather and equipment. And every trip is new.

Ken returned to Schenectady in 1951 when he enrolled at Union as a member of the Air Force ROTC. Among his major faculty influences, he remembers Richard Russ of electrical engineering, who taught power electronics and got Ken interested in a career in control engineering. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and Alpha Phi Omega, a service fraternity. He also served as an ROTC operations officer. He graduated with a degree in electrical engineering.

After a nine-month stint with GE Light Military Dept. in the Engineering Test Program at Utica N.Y., Ken was in the Air Force, eventually flying the F-86 D, a single engine jet. He was part of the 25th Fighter Interceptor Squadron based in Okinawa that flew support missions over the Taiwan Strait during Chinese shelling of Quemoy and Matsu islands in 1958.

As a young GE engineer, he studied part-time at Union to earn a master’s degree in 1964.

Most of his 40 year career with GE was in process controls. At GE Corporate Research and Development, he worked on controls for manufacturing processes, hybrid bus power, robotic welding, automatic rail haulage and solar thermal power plants. He holds 10 patents.

Ken, who lives about two miles east of Union, is a regular on campus. He plays handball with former colleagues and friends and works out regularly in Alumni Gymnasium. He enjoys volunteering as a class agent and class president, positions that allow him to stay in touch with classmates and plan ReUnions. “It’s a good excuse to talk with my classmates,” he said. ♦
A man of words

Say one thing about Dan Valenti; say he’s a man of words. Spoken and written.

He’s authored or co-authored 18 books, many of them about that beloved American pastime called baseball (several of these have been bestsellers). He dabbled in Hollywood in the late ’80s, “punching up” scripts for films like Agnes of God, Fletch, and Mississippi Burning. For 14 years, he hosted an award-winning, morning-drive talk show on WBRK, broadcast out of Pittsfield, Mass., that focused on national, international and local issues. He’s also a columnist for the Pittsfield Gazette, has written poetry and short fiction for literary magazines, and blogs daily at planetvalenti.com.

And now, with the recent launch of Planet Media Books, he’s a publisher too. The small, commercial press released its first title, Spring’s Third Day, in September 2010. Its second title, How Men See the World by Paul Milenski, is due out Memorial Day.

“My love for the printed word inspired me to do this, my belief in the physical, printed page. There’s a place for Kindle, but it will not usurp an actual book,” said Valenti, who graduated as an English major in 1974. “When reading electronic text, you’re looking into a light source rather than reading by ambient light. Its fine for short stories and snippets but not books, it strains the eyes. Besides, I love physical volumes, particularly those from the 19th century - leather-bound with gilt edges.”

“The way they were produced, with such care, is amazing,” he added. “At Planet Media, we treat our books much the same way. We’re not binding with leather or using gilt, but we insist on high production values. We have a top-notch design team in New York and a great printer in Georgia. This is done right, to show my respect for my writers and their words.”

It’s also done in a way that takes advantage of modern technologic and social trends.

“Now is an opportune time for someone who knows writing to capitalize on new media and social networks, and use these tools to make a small business profitable,’ Valenti said. “We didn’t take out a single paid ad for Spring’s Third Day. We used Facebook and Twitter, e-mail lists and word of mouth.”

“At the book’s launch in November, we had more than 100 people show up to a room that could only hold 50,” he added. “The viral nature of cyberspace makes this possible because one person tells two, two tell four and four tell eight.”

This way of marketing and selling books, combined with modest first print runs, has worked for Valenti so far and he’s confident his company will be profitable.

“If, by the end of 2011, I’ve recouped my cost, then that’s success,” he said. His first book went into the black in February.

But profitability isn’t Valenti’s only goal for Planet Media Books, which is why he’ll accept submissions from writers in any genre.

“If I limited submissions to any one genre, as many publishers do, I’d be curtailing the available universe in searching for new books. I have the philosophy that whatever most publishers do, I’m not going to do,” he said. “I want to release fresh, new writing and my biggest criterion is that it must be good writing—no matter what the genre.”

“Our point is to introduce good material that otherwise might not get out,” Valenti continued. “Early in my career, people helped me and I might not have gone far without them. I’m trying to do the same because the world wants and needs great writing. I don’t think that will ever change.”

Nor will his regard for those who believed in him ever change. And at Union, many professors did. One man, in particular, gave Valenti a hard time. It’s something he’s very grateful for now.

“Professor Frank Gado was relentless with me and I remember saying, ‘Prof. Gado, you’re giving me a pretty rough ride. Why?’ And he said, ‘Because you have talent. I wouldn’t waste my time if you weren’t capable of something special.’

Gado and other teachers he had at Union, like Samson Ullmann and Ruth Stevenson, continue to inspire Valenti today as well. He, in turn, has inspired his own students, first as an adjunct professor of English at LeMoyne College and presently at Berkshire Community College, where he teaches composition and expository prose.

“My Union professors had a great way of conveying information and turning students into thinkers,” he said. “Fostering thinkers is my definition of a teacher. By that measure, they were excellent teachers. That’s what I’ve tried to be for my students.”

To learn more about Valenti and Planet Media Books, which is scheduled to release four titles in 2011, visit http://planetvalenti.com.
That volunteer spirit

In 1995, when Eileen Barrett graduated from Union, people with HIV/AIDS faced terrible discrimination and hung their hopes of living healthy lives on drugs vastly less effective than those of today.

It was a time defined in many ways—for Barrett—by a singular experience, one that would lead her to make a pivotal decision about medicine.

"After graduation, I volunteered full-time with Jesuit Volunteer Corps, which sent me to an AIDS agency in North Carolina where I assisted at the family care home for people dying of AIDS," Barrett recalled. "It was challenging—there was still a lot of overt homophobia and many people still blamed gay men for the HIV epidemic."

"It was enlightening and life-changing, it gave me the opportunity to serve a community with astoundingly generous people," she continued. "It was then I decided I couldn’t go to medical school to take care of people without first understanding their communities."

So Barrett went to the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, earning a master’s in public health in 1998. She then received a National Health Service Corps Scholarship. It covered the costs of her 2002 medical degree at Georgetown, where she specialized in internal medicine, in exchange for her service in an area with a shortage of health professionals. This service, combined with her two degrees, has been indispensable on the Navajo Reservation and at the Thai-Burmese border.

Barrett has lived on the reservation, in Shiprock, New Mexico, since 2005, when she began working as a primary care doctor for the Indian Health Service. Since that time, she’s also practiced inpatient and intensive care medicine there.

She chose Shiprock because she likes the people and believes in what IHS does.

“Ninety-nine percent of my patients have been Navajo, they’re wonderful people and the cultural divide between us—most speaking Navajo instead of English—is fascinating,” said Barrett, who works with a translator when treating patients. "Many are also still very traditional, living in the eight-sided, dirt-floor Hogans that Navajos have utilized for hundreds of years. I’ve really enjoyed learning about their way of life."

“There is also a dire shortage of physicians here and an incredible amount of poverty. On a reservation the size of West Virginia, with 250,000 people, 60,000 have no plumbing and only 25 percent of the roads are paved,” she continued. “It’s nice to be part of the difference IHS makes here.”

Making a difference is also why Barrett volunteers at the Thai-Burmese border as an internist at the Kwai River Christian Hospital. In April, she returned to the region for the third time since January 2010 with her husband, Sam MacBride, a family physician in Shiprock. Each visit requires her to stop working at IHS hospitals, but when she comes back to the U.S., she resumes her job there.

“Since I’m lucky enough to have a skill that can help at the Thai-Burmese border, it makes sense for me to go and do what I can,” Barrett said. “Caring for these amazing people is an honor, as is working with the dedicated medical staff.”

But it’s also difficult, not because she doesn’t speak the native languages—she has adept translators to help her—but because necessities are scarce.

“The patients can be very sick with malaria, dengue, malnutrition, tuberculosis,” Barrett said. “You often know what can help these people and their community—and they know it too—but there’s no way to get these things. More vaccines, clean water, healthy food, health education, family planning and paved roads can save so many lives, if only they were more widely available.”

These challenges don’t stop Barrett from doing what she can, though. Even as a pre-med student studying biology at Union, she was committed to learning to help others. A particularly formative experience was the national health systems term abroad with Professor Robert Baker.

“Studying the British, Dutch and Hungarian health systems taught me about the value of primary care in individual and community health,” Barrett said. “For the first time, I was also introduced to the merits of the Veterans Administration and the Indian Health Service—and how lucky I am that happened!”

“I also learned so much from Professor Robert Olberg about neurobiology, and integrity and service,” Barrett recalled. “He was exceedingly supportive of my interest in volunteering, and was a wonderful role model and mentor.”

Barrett’s volunteer efforts continue today, not just at the Thai-Burmese border, but also at home with the American College of Physicians. She was recently elected president of the organization’s New Mexico chapter.

“ACP strives for excellence in medicine while advocating for the best for patients. I’m proud of the work ACP does to expand health care for the medically underserved.”

Barrett encourages anyone interested in volunteering in medically underserved areas to contact her at barrett.eileen@gmail.com.
Across Campus

Wold Center opens to “wows”

The newest building on campus, the Peter Irving Wold Center, opened in April to much excitement. The 35,000-square-foot building features laboratories, electronic classrooms, an advanced computing lab, study spaces and faculty offices. The Wold Center’s spacious public atrium, which includes a popular coffee bar, is designed as an academic town square. Named for the chair of Union’s physics department from 1919 to 1945, the Center was made possible by a lead gift from Prof. Wold's son, John '38 and his wife, Jane. Dedication was slated for ReUnion in May.

Judy Woodruff to deliver Commencement address

Award-winning broadcast journalist Judy Woodruff will be the featured speaker at Union’s 217th Commencement Sunday, June 12. Woodruff, who has covered every presidential election since 1976, will receive an honorary doctor of humane letters.

Her appearance will conclude an academic year that has featured programs on women and their unique contributions to society, as part of the College’s celebration of the 40th anniversary of coeducation at Union.

“We are delighted to have one of the most respected journalists in the country as our speaker,” said President Stephen C. Ainlay. “Not only has Ms. Woodruff covered some of the most important stories of our time, she has served as a wonderful role model for women everywhere.”

The College will also award an honorary doctor of letters to poet Marvin Bell, who was the Flannery O’Connor Professor of Letters at the University of Iowa until his retirement in 2005.

For more on Woodruff and Commencement, visit www.union.edu/news

West African Quilt exhibit offers hope for Liberian women

Beautiful, hand-stitched quilts from West Africa were displayed in the Nott Memorial as part of the “Liberia’s Hope Quilting Initiative.”

The quilts, which touch on a variety of American and African themes, were crafted by a group of women who call themselves Quageh, which means “we can make it” in the Kpelle language. The women, who had fled the civil war in Liberia in 2004, began making the quilts to help support their families when they returned to their native country, where nearly 80 percent of the people are unemployed.

An opening reception featured Kyra Hicks, an expert on the history of African-American quilts.

The show was one of several programs focusing on women and their unique contributions to society during the College’s celebration of the 40th anniversary of co-education at Union.

The project was brought to Union by Joseph James III ’69, president and founder of the Corporation for Economic Opportunity (CEO), which assists disadvantaged communities in the U.S. and West Africa.

A quilt displayed as part of the “Liberia’s Hope Quilting Initiative” >>
Students win Davis peace grant

Union’s Engineers Without Borders chapter is working to bring clean water to Boru, Ethiopia, thanks to a $10,000 grant from the Davis Projects for Peace.

Rebecca Wentworth ’11, Phil Lambert ’11, Julie Fehlmann ’12 and Darren Del Dotto ’12 have proposed the construction of a dug well in Boru to allow children to spend their days in school rather than walking to get safe water. Several of the students will travel to Africa to carry out the project.

Only 42 percent of the population in Ethiopia has access to an improved water supply and only 11 percent has access to adequate sanitation services. A well in Boru would dramatically improve the quality of life for its 5,000 residents.

In its fourth year, the Davis Projects for Peace encourage today’s motivated youth to create and try out their own ideas for building peace.

Ballet legend Jacques d’Amboise visits campus

Ballet legend Jacques d’Amboise, former New York City Ballet principal dancer, visited campus to work with dance students, have afternoon tea at the President’s House and sign copies of his new book in early March.

“I Was a Dancer: A Memoir” (Knopf) recounts his 35 years with the company as a protégé of founder and choreographer George Balanchine, one of the 20th century’s iconic artists.

D’Amboise, 76, led students in their warm-up on stage at the Yulman Theatre prior to a performance of the Winter Dance Concert.

The Times Union featured the visit in its March 13 edition. To view a photo gallery of d’Amboise’s trip to campus, visit www.union.edu/news

Carol Weisse receives Nichols Endowed Fellowship

Carol S. Weisse, professor of psychology and director of the Health Professions Program, has been awarded the Byron A. Nichols Endowed Fellowship for Faculty Development.

The fellowship, which covers a two-year period beginning in September, supports faculty in developing programs and skills that enhance intellectual, social and personal interactions with students.

Weisse will develop Humanism in Medicine, a practicum course that encourages and supports professional formation among students interested in health care.

The fellowship was created by Susan Mullaney Maycock ’72 and former Union professor Alan Maycock in honor of Nichols, a popular political science professor from 1968 to 2008. More than 100 of his friends, colleagues and former students have contributed to the program.

Mexican filmmaker screens documentaries on campus

Francesco Taboada visited campus in April to screen two of his films. The first, a documentary called Pancho Villa: The Revolution Hasn’t Ended, tells the story of one of Mexico’s national heroes, General Francisco “Pancho” Villa, the leader of the Northern Division of the Mexican Revolution.

The second, Tin Tan, is about Germain Cipriano Gomez Valdes Castillo, a young radio announcer from Ciudad Juarez who laid the groundwork for a new form of mass media expression known as Spanglish. Castillo later became a major theater and film star in the Americas and helped establish the golden age of Mexican cinema.

“Taboada’s documentary work focuses on oral and indigenous cultures and Mexican history at large,” said Daniel Mosquera, associate professor of Spanish and director of the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program.
Elizabeth Ackley ’11 awarded Fulbright grant

Elizabeth Ackley ’11 enjoyed her role as a volunteer tutor at the Kenney Community Center so much that she wanted to get a formal taste of teaching before heading off to medical school.

As the latest Union student to be awarded a prestigious Fulbright grant, Ackley will get her wish when she travels to the Dominican Republic in September. Ackley, a double major in biology and Spanish, will spend the academic year as an English teaching assistant at the university level. In her spare time, she plans to develop a painting and crafting program for youth to promote creative self-expression.

At the Kenney Center, Ackley was coordinator of the America Reads program, and the SAIL (Studying Arithmetic in Literature) program. She also worked in the Biology Department’s research lab and as a tutor in the Writing Center.

During her junior year, she spent a term abroad in Seville, Spain. Students who apply for a Fulbright get to specify a country where they would like to teach English. Ackley, of Southborough, Mass., chose the Dominican Republic in part so she can become fluent in Spanish.

While she’s eager to travel, she’s particularly fond of her time at Union, and specifically, Schenectady.

“I love the fact that Union is in Schenectady,” said Ackley. “I enjoyed reaching out to the community and getting involved with the people. It’s been a great experience for me.”

Awards, NCAA Tournament highlights of season

Union earned its first bid to the NCAA Tournament since moving up to Division I before the 1991–92 season. As a No. 2 seed in the East Regional in Bridgeport, Conn., the Dutchmen took on No. 3 Minnesota-Duluth in the regional semifinals March 25. Despite a standout effort from sophomore goaltender Keith Kinkaid, who stopped 26 shots, the Dutchmen fell 2-0 to the Bulldogs, ending a historic season made even more memorable by prestigious awards.

Head coach Nate Leaman won the ECAC Hockey 2010-11 Tim Taylor Award for Coach of the Year for the second straight season. And Kinkaid earned the Ken Dryden Award for Goaltender of the Year, while Adam Presizniuk ’11 earned Best Defensive Forward honors, Brock Matheson ’11 won Best Defensive Defenseman honors, and Stephane Boileau ’11 was named ECAC Student-Athlete of the Year.

Under Leaman’s direction, Union posted a school-record 26 victories, including a program-best 17 conference wins. The Dutchmen earned the Cleary Cup as ECAC Hockey regular season champions for the first time in the team’s 20-year Division I history.

For more Athletics news www.union.edu/athletics

Back to the future: Students flip for “new” dance craze

One of the hottest new activities on campus may not be so new. In a throwback to the dancing battles on the streets of New York City in the ’70s and ’80s, a new club is introducing novice and experienced dancers to the hip-shaking, head-spinning world of breaking.

Check out a video of U Break at http://video.union.edu/

Stef Charles ’12 does a balancing trick during U Break practice. >>
Yankees’ Murderers’ Row lineup of 1926, Italian Americans have been among the most prominent and intriguing players in Major League Baseball. The first comprehensive study of the topic, Beyond DiMaggio is also a social history of baseball, tracing the evolution of American perceptions toward those of Italian descent as it chronicles the baseball exploits that influenced those perceptions. Baldassaro tells the stories of Italian Americans’ contributions to the game, from Joe DiMaggio, who transcended his ethnic identity to become an American icon, to A. Bartlett Giamatti, who served as commissioner of baseball. The book’s forward is written by Dom DiMaggio, the younger brother of Joe and Vinnie DiMaggio.

LORNA STEVENS ’75
God, Seed: Poetry and Art About the Natural World
Tebot Bach Press

God, Seed combines environmental poetry and art, opening in metaphorical spring, then moving through winter and blight while bearing witness to the environmental desecrations of the last century. Part three of the book returns to perennial spring, but this time with a sense of stewardship and responsibility for nature. God, Seed is grounded in love for the natural landscape found in northern California, as well as the east coast where Foust and Stevens both spent their childhoods. Poems and images from this book have earned awards and distinctions, including Pushcart nominations and a Knock Journal Eco-Lit Prize.

ROBERT M. HOWARD ’78
Justice Takes a Recess: Judicial Recess Appointments from George Washington to George W. Bush
Lexington Books

The Constitution allows the president to fill up all vacancies that may happen during the recess of the Senate, by granting commissions which expire at the end of their next session. In Justice Takes a Recess, Scott E. Graves and Robert M. Howard address how presidents have used recess appointments over time and whether the independence of judicial recess appointees is compromised. They argue that these appointments can upset the separation of powers envisioned by the framers, shifting power away from one branch of government and toward another. Examining every judicial recess appointment from 1789 to 2005, the authors discover that presidents are conditionally strategic when they unilaterally appoint federal judges during Senate recesses.

LYNDA FRANCESCA RAPPA ’83
Melody West and the Cherry Blossom
Caiboo Books

In this, the fifth of Rappa’s books in the Adventurous Melody West series for
children, the title character goes on an adventurous journey with her friend, Nobuko, to Japan. While there, Melody and Nobuko meet a kabuki actor, Goro Nakamura, who invites them to a haunted theater where a 200-year-old woodblock print comes to life. Also central to the story is Melody’s crush on Jake, an American boy living in Japan. She must learn to cope with her feelings of jealousy and her own unexpected behavior.

PHIL BEAN ’86
The Urban Colonists: Italian American Identity and Politics in Utica, New York
Syracuse University Press

In 1910, nearly half of Italian immigrants in the United States lived in cities and towns with fewer than 100,000 residents. Immigrants in these smaller metropolitan areas developed ethnic communities like those that existed in larger cities, but they were sometimes also able to attain greater influence in the political, social, and commercial life. It is this class of communities, often neglected by scholars whose attention is drawn to big cities, that Bean explores in The Urban Colonists, a detailed history of Italian Americans in Utica, N.Y. Bean, the author of a number of scholarly journal articles on immigration and New York state political history, is an associate dean at Haverford College.

CHRISTINA HAUPERT ’02
Carrots ‘N’ Cake: Healthy Living One Carrot and Cupcake at a Time
Sterling Epicure

From one of the most popular blogs on the internet—of the same title—comes an innovative, even fun way to diet. Carrots ‘N’ Cake is all about eating your carrots and savoring your cupcake, too. For some people, losing weight means restrictive dieting, obsessive calorie counting, and constant hunger. Not Christina Haupert. She learned that it didn’t have to be that way. Haupert shows how to drop the pounds and keep them off by adopting eating habits that are healthy, balanced, and above all, livable. She serves up easy-to-follow fitness routines, food tips, and her most popular feature: cookie Friday.

JORDAN ZELINGER ’09,
with Dr. Laurie Zelinger
Please Explain “Anxiety” to Me!
Love Healing Press Inc.

This book translates anxiety from the jargon of psychology into concrete experiences that children can relate to. Children and their parents will understand the biological and emotional components of anxiety responsible for the upsetting symptoms they experience. Please Explain “Anxiety” to Me! gives accurate physiological information in child-friendly language. A colorful dinosaur story explains the link between brain and body functioning, followed by practical therapeutic techniques that children can use to help themselves.

BERNHARD KUHN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH
Autobiography and Natural Science in the Age of Romanticism
Ashgate Publishing

Set against the backdrop of a rapidly fissuring disciplinary landscape where poetry and science are increasingly viewed as irreconcilable and unrelated, this book uncovers a previously ignored, fundamental connection between autobiography and the natural sciences. Examining the autobiographies and scientific writings of Rousseau, Goethe and Thoreau as representative of their ages, Kuhn challenges the now entrenched thesis of the “two cultures.” He considers all three writers in the context of scientific developments in their own times as well as ours, showing how each one marks a distinctive stage in the growing estrangement of the arts and sciences, from the self-assured epistemic unity of Rousseau’s time, to the splintering of disciplines into competing ways of knowing under the pressures of specialization and professionalization during the late Romantic age of Thoreau.

JOSEF SCHMEE, KENNETH B. SHARPE PROFESSOR OF MANAGEMENT EMERITUS
JMP Means Business—Statistical Models for Management
SAS Press

JMP Means Business covers basic methods and models of classical statistics. Designed for business and MBA students, as well as industry professionals who need to use and interpret statistics, the book covers data collection, descriptive statistics, distributions, confidence intervals and hypothesis tests, analysis of variance, contingency tables, simple and multiple regression, and exponential smoothing of time series. The easy-to-use format includes verbal and graphical explanations and promotes standard problem-solving techniques, with a limited use of formulas. Examples from business and industry serve to introduce each topic. Each chapter ends with a summary and a collection of problems for further study.
Class of ’73 funds internship that makes a difference

BY GEORGE S. BAIN ’73

Meghan Hartnett ’11 spent last summer as a Downtown Learning Center Coordinator for School on Wheels in Los Angeles, gaining a new understanding of who is homeless.

And she has a ReUnion gift from the Class of 1973 to thank for allowing her to pursue this community service.

The average homeless person is 9 years old, and one of every 50 children in this country faces homelessness each year, she says. In California, 290,000 homeless children move from shelter to shelter and school to school.

At the Learning Center—which serves homeless children—she assisted in tutoring, school enrollment planning, fundraising, and field trips to an aquarium and an ice skating rink. Says Hartnett, a political science major, “It was an unrivaled experience that has changed my outlook of life for the better.”

She was the 2010 recipient of the Class of 1973 35th ReUnion Community Service Internship, a competitive internship for which students must apply that was established in 2008.

Approximately half of all Union students complete internships that help them gain an edge in seeking employment or to sample a possible career. According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, employers extended full-time job offers to nearly 70 percent of their interns. Most students must find their own funding for internships. Last summer, College funding was provided by two endowed funds, from the Class of 1973 and the Roger H. Hull Summer Community Service Endowment.

Patrick “Buzz” Guida ’73, then president of the class, conceived the idea of endowing an internship during the 35th ReUnion.

“I think the greatest attribute we, as a college community, can encourage and bestow upon our students is an appreciation for the satisfaction to be derived from public service. Our class internship program is an admirable effort in realizing that objective,” says Guida, a lawyer in Providence, R.I., who serves as vice chair of the Rhode Island Board of Regents and was chair of the Barrington School Committee for 10 years.

Gifts like these support the work of the Becker Career Center, which oversees internship placements.

“With respect to the Class of 1973 gift, this is an investment in talented students who have a passion for making a difference in people’s lives,” says Bob Soules, the center’s director. “As such, the return on this investment, not only for the students who receive it, but for the people whose lives they have touched, and will touch, only increases.”

The first Class of 1973 Internship went to Tatum Weishaupt ‘09, who worked in the volunteer office of Community Hospice of Schenectady in 2008. In 2009, Shelby Cutter ’11 worked at School on Wheels of Massachusetts, designing a summer enrichment program in Brockton, Mass. Each recipient received a $2,500 stipend and in exchange, took on a full-time, unpaid summer internship with a non-profit organization.

Hartnett most remembers the progress she saw in students over the summer.

“I was overjoyed when two of my sixth-grade girls took an interest in Harry Potter and loved seeing them excitedly take the book back to the shelter for the weekend, because they could not wait to find out what was to happen next,” she says.

“It is by far the most rewarding experience to watch a child beaming after they solved a math problem or read you an entire picture book.”

Meghan Hartnett ’11
Building our Third Century

PLANNED GIFTS:
A trust distribution was received from the estate of Muriel K. Dean, with proceeds to be used at the discretion of the trustees. Mrs. Dean was the widow of Willard W. Dean, Class of 1938.

A trust distribution was received from the estate of Margaret S. Klapper, M.D. Margaret was the widow of Dr. Clarence E. Klapper, Class of 1932. This gift will be added to the Clarence E. Klapper Endowed Scholarship, which she established in his memory.

In support of the Union College Annual Fund, a trust distribution was received from the estate of Robert L. Slobod ’35.

A trust distribution was received from the estate of Naomi Chambers, to be added to the Walter R.G. Baker 1916 Endowed Scholarship in support of students studying electrical engineering. Mrs. Chambers was the widow of Walter R.G. Baker.

A trust distribution was received from the estate of Professor Frank M. Calabria and established the Frank M. & Angela Calabria Endowed Fund in support of the Arts. Calabria taught psychology for 23 years at Union.

Proceeds were received from the estate of Samson O.A. Ullmann, emeritus professor of English. Along with earlier gifts, this will be added to the Samson O.A. Ullmann Endowed Scholarship and the Samson O.A. Ullmann Endowed Fund.

Additional proceeds were received from the estate of David M. D’Agostino, Class of 2006, and will be added to the David M. D’Agostino, Class of 2006, Endowed Fund for Student Support Services.

A Pooled Life Income Fund distribution was received from the estate of C. Malcolm Rhoades ’35, with proceeds to be used at the discretion of the trustees.

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Charitable Gift Annuity distributions were received from the following estates and will be used at the discretion of the trustees:
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Willard G. Taylor ’52, proceeds will be added to the Willard G. Taylor (1952) Scholarship
Nathan & Romana Obenzinger, to be added to the Ronald Matthew Obenzinger (1961) Memorial Premedical Scholarship and to the Ronald M. Obenzinger (1961) Prize
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Thursday, Oct. 27-29
Alumni Symposium 2011
Start ReUnion a day early with lectures, discussions, performances and displays about ethical and anthropological issues and controversies related to the human body. Topics range from body modification to merging artificial and human bodies to artistic exploration of the dynamic expressions of the body. www.union.edu/symposium

Friday, Oct. 28, 2011
Garnet Guard Luncheon
For alumni who have celebrated their 50th ReUnion, hosted in the Peter Irving Wold Center. The guest speaker will be Doug Klein, who will discuss the building and its cutting-edge features.

President’s Welcome Reception
Families of current students are invited to join President Stephen Ainlay, Judith Gardner Ainlay, faculty and administrators for a “Welcome to Campus.”

Volunteer Appreciation Reception
Union will recognize and honor alumni volunteers who have graciously given their time and talent to forge a stronger Union. By invitation only

Greek PowderPuff Football Game!
Dutchwomen football anyone? All-women student teams meet up on Frank Bailey Field. This classic role-reversal flag football game, complete with passing, rushing, blitzing and, of course cheerleaders, is sure to entertain. Sponsored by Greek Life. The winning team will have money donated to their charitable organization of choice!

Gimme S'MORE School Spirit
Gather on Alexander Field to celebrate the first fire pit cookout since 1990! Warm up and toast marshmallows for s'mores with alumni, students, families and friends. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011
Men’s Lacrosse Alumni Game
Join us as even-year men’s lacrosse alumni take on odd-year men’s lacrosse alumni. It doesn’t matter how long it’s been since you’ve played; join former teammates and fellow lacrosse alumni for a morning game!

Run for Women
In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, join us for a 1-mile or 5K campus walk/run. All proceeds from the $5 entry will go to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Participate and get a free pink T-shirt!

Campus Hay Rides
Hayrides depart in front of the Reamer Campus Center. No reservations needed, just hop on and ride around campus on a beautiful, fall day.

Pre-Game Tailgate Picnic & Family Carnival
Enjoy an authentic tailgate picnic with a Halloween theme at Alexander Field. Meet, greet and chat with friends before the football game. Children ages 15 and under, come dressed in your Halloween costume and win prizes, march in our halftime costume parade, make your own caramel apple, enjoy face painting and games and much more. Performances by the Dutch Pipers & Garnet Minstrelles too. Traditional tailgate fare such as burgers, hotdogs, BBQ chicken, salads, vegetarian options and dessert!

Union vs. RPI Football Game—Battle for the Dutch Shoes!
New York State’s oldest collegiate football rivalry continues with the 109th meeting between Union and RPI. The series is the fifth oldest and the 116th longest in terms of games played in NCAA Division III. The Dutchmen hold a 79-25-4 series lead. Union will play RPI to win back the coveted Dutch Shoes. Tickets are $8 and can be purchased by calling (518) 388-6020 or visiting www.unionathletics.com.

Halftime Halloween Parade & Trophy Presentation
Join us at halftime of the football game as trick-or-treaters (ages 15 and under) parade in costume around the football field. Gather on the North West corner of the field, along side Messa Rink. Halftime will include the presentation of the Stephen P. Brown Memorial Trophy.

Dean’s List Reception
By invitation only

Legacy Reception
Celebrate the longstanding tradition of legacy families at Union. Use this opportunity to have a legacy family photo taken by our photographer. By invitation only

Harvest Dinner
An elegant Harvest dinner celebration in Upperclass Dining Hall, pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011
Autumn Brunch
Please join parents, alumni and students for a delicious mid-morning brunch.
Alumni and friends from the Capital Region Club invited Sonika Raj ’13 to perform at their 21st annual holiday luncheon in January. Sonika is a Leadership in Medicine student and accomplished soprano who was awarded the Hollander Prize in Music in fall 2010.

The Club of NYC Alumni Board met at the Bloomberg Building in February. Alumni from left: Alla Abramov ’07, Brian Colantropo ’02, Kimberly Berlowitz ’09, Anthony Marotti ’07, Joseph Johnston ’01, Vinny Mattone ’06, Matt Korchinsky ’06, Daniel Best ’06, Naomi Meyer ’95, Brian Lindenberg ’05, Deb Lojedro ’08, Rob Oram ’07 and Jeff Fransen ’07. Not pictured: Alan Rutkin ’80, Katie Davis ’10, Jillian Lubarsky ’05, Dorothy Gamber ’04, Rob Derbahian ’83, Kristen Zadourian ’01 and Adele Caschera ’04.

Upcoming Alumni Club Events

June 15 Capital Region
Career Mentoring & Networking Event

June 16 Boston, Mass.
Generation U at Lir

June 22 Ridgefield, Conn.
Wine Dinner at Plate Ridgefield, owned by Paul Desiano ’01

June 24 Capital Region
Generation U at Taste, Albany

July 23 Boston, Mass.
Red Sox vs. Mariners

July 27 Washington, D.C.
Washington Nationals vs. Florida Marlins

July 31 New York City
New York Yankees event

August 11 Westchester, N.Y.
Event w/Jill Hunsberg, director, Marketing & Communications

August 14 Capital Region
Saratoga Track Event

September 22 Capital Region
Fall dinner

For more, visit www.union.edu/alumni
the classes

Garnet Guard

*Alumni who have celebrated their 50th ReUnion.*

**GARNET GUARD CLASS CORRESPONDENT**

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**1934**

**1942**

**1943**

*Richard “Ted” Vinick* writes, “Three of our ’43 classmates have established endowment funds for Union. *Kenneth Sharpe* has for many years funded a professorship in management. *Frederick Wikoff* has provided funds to be used at the discretion of the Board of Trustees. *Francis Jankowski* donated funds to be used as determined by College trustees.”

**1944**

*Lyall Dean* is 92 and lives with his wife, Anne, in a retirement community, Evergreen Woods, in North Branford, Conn. He served with the United States Marine Corps in World War II as a 1st Lt. in the South Pacific Solomon Islands landings (Guadalcanal). After the war, Lyall taught mathematics for 35 years at the prestigious Horace Mann School in New York City.

**1945**

*Vin De Baun* and his wife have moved to Linden Ponds, a retirement community south of Boston. In the spring, Vin taught a course on Charles Dickens and Great Expectations in the community’s lifelong learning program.

**1950**

*Nicholas Boink* writes, “It was a thrill to be able to see the Union-Harvard hockey game on TV. Union won a hard fought game 2-1. Our ISP is Time Warner and it was their ‘Game of the Week.’ We are no longer Cape Codders, having moved back to Liverpool, N.Y. the end of October. It was an 18-and-a-half-year vacation. December set an all-time record for snowfall—over 5 feet. We are now at 109 inches. It is great to be back near our daughters and grandchildren. Condo living is so relaxed.”

**1951**

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*Donald C. Loughry* has received the 2011 IEEE Richard M. Emberson Award. IEEE is the world’s largest professional association whose core purpose is to foster technological innovation and excellence for the benefit of humanity. The honor is presented for distinguished service to the development, viability, advancement, and pursuit of the technical objectives of the IEEE. Don would like the $5,000 award to
Dr. Peter J. Adasek ’61 and Pak Sun Hui became engaged Nov. 6, 2010.

...go into the Alice and Donald C. Loughry ’52 Endowed Prize Fund. Awards from the Loughry Fund go to students completing the best senior project in computer science, computer engineering or electrical engineering.

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David Fink was named vice president of product development at Ximedica. Working with several teams in-house, he will initiate, manage and develop long-term relationships with Ximedica’s clients. Fink brings 30 years of experience in the field to his new position.

Bill Burleigh of Dunwoody, Ga. is fully retired and is keeping active. He lost his wife in April 2006. Their children are scattered about geographically. Bill was unable to attend our 55th ReUnion because of a trip to Portugal that could not be changed. He hopes to be at our 60th in 2016.

Robert Hall writes, “Still teaching, and currently teaching English to immigrants, which at times can be quite challenging.”

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1961
Dr. Peter J. Adasek writes, “The best thing I did in 2010 (perhaps the best thing in my life) was to become engaged to Pak Sun Hui on November 6 in South Korea, where Sun was born. She hadn’t been back for 25 years—what a reunion with her two brothers, two sisters and extended family. Sun’s 27-year-old daughter was there as well. A Marine Captain and one of only a few females who fly (as navigator) in the F18 fighter plane, she flew from her base in Japan to Osan Airbase near Seoul. Sun and I continue to practice and perform as part of the Czech/Slovak Folk Dance Group here in Colorado Springs. And being a docent at the local fine art center is a constant joy for me. In October, we attended our 45th medical school reunion in Syracuse, and spent some time during the summer in my boyhood hometown of Little Falls, N.Y. Living there is always a treat for me. I love my little limestone schoolhouse home.”

Thad Zaleskiewicz, an emeritus professor of physics at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, was honored with a Carnegie Science Award recently. The awards, given by the Carnegie Science Center, promote outstanding science and technology achievements.

Seward Bartley writes, “Retired from the Post Office. Other careers included teaching English and composition, being an Air Force captain in Vietnam and later in nuclear missiles; newsman/photographer in Monterey, Calif.; co-manager of busiest, biggest liquor store in Oregon (know a great bottle of cognac that could set you back $600—and that was almost 25 years ago. No matter, nowadays, at our age, we’re drinking green tea.) Then the Post Office. Married along the way, have three daughters, and now four grand-kids, all nearby here in the green, green hills of Oregon.”

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Jim Kelley writes, “My wife, Midge, and I continue to enjoy the Seacoast area of New Hampshire. Very busy with grandkids, property in Maine, and some travel. While on the west coast last August, we spent a wonderful evening with John Simoni and his wife, Bev, at their home in Eugene, Ore. We had a fun dinner in Portland, Maine with Mike Jimenez and wife Maria, and John Boles and his wife Judy. Andy Warde and I finally connected again for coffee in Portland this past January. All were doing well. I have been puzzled that there are so few entries in ‘the classes’ for the Class of 1964—how about updates from others?”

1965
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Stephen E. Ehlers writes, “After practicing law here in Poughkeepsie with Arthur L.
Gellert ‘63 for 40 years, I decided to almost ‘hang it up.’ I am now working six days a month in 2011 and spending the rest with my wife, Karen, at our second home on Schroon Lake—flying my sport kite, sailing and loving it.”

1966
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Neil Tischler recently displayed nature photographs in an exhibit at the Wellesley Free Library. The founder and owner of Tischler Resources, which designs medical products, Neil has shown his work in 25 exhibits across the region. “The Beauty in Nature” comprised 38 color images in four sizes. It also included a few 12-by-33-inch panoramas.

1967
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The Defense Trial Lawyers of Western New York have recognized trial lawyer David Brock with the Robert M. Kiebala Memorial Award, the highest honor the organization bestows. The award is given to an attorney who best exemplifies the association’s mission of promoting the highest standard of trial conduct. David is a litigation partner in the Buffalo law firm Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel LLP, where he has practiced for over 33 years. In addition to defense of civil litigation, he has also focused on legal malpractice claims and is involved in legal ethics and attorney disciplinary matters as a member of the NYS Attorney Grievance Committee for the 8th Judicial District.

Alan Maddaus writes, “I retired from GE Energy in November of 2009 after a rewarding 40-plus year career in engineering. In 2010, I was rehired. My wife of 43 years, Barbara, and I, along with three rescued animal companions, divide our time between homes in Vischer Ferry, N.Y. and Cape Neddick, Maine. When I am not engaged in engineering projects, I enjoy tinkering with special interest cars, volunteering in wildlife rehabilitation and hiking in the Adirondacks.”

Rev. John Werley has retired as pastor of First Congregational Church in Malone, N.Y. He has served the church in this capacity since 1991.

1968

1969
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Howard Blank writes, “Only three years or so since my last missive. In the interim, and subsequent to the untimely passing of Bob Lange, I’ve reconnected with Bob Serinsky, our (semi) flàmate during our last two years at Union. It was wonderful seeing him and his wife in NYC, where both our daughters had been in Uni. Mine (Jessica) is now at King’s/London doing film studies. I’ve also had the pleasure of recently entertain-

ing President Ainlay on his brief trip to Belgium. My wife and I have just moved to Lausanne in anticipation of my “retirement.” To keep me busy, I will be participating in the Ferrari Challenge Europe races this year. And last week, I completed my second Morocco Classic Rally, finishing second. The Galactic trip is still a ways off but the first powered test flights should happen reasonably soon.”

1970
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Howard Blank writes, “Of the story highlighted Mark’s work with elementary school students, providing guidance as the youngsters pursue science projects. Mark
Jennifer, chief executive officer of Girls Scouts of Connecticut, was recognized for her leadership through career achievement and philanthropic contribution to the community.

1974

CLASS CORRESPONDENT
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Jennifer Smith Turner was honored with a BRAVA Award by the YWCA of Greenwich in February. Jennifer, chief

is founder; senior vice president, research and development; and chief scientific officer for TetraLogic Pharmaceuticals.

Peter B. Pach oversees The Hartford Courant’s op-eds and the Sunday opinion section, and writes editorials. He joined The Courant as Middletown bureau chief in 1983. He previously was an editor and reporter for the Meriden Record-Journal. Peter became a columnist at The Courant, writing about the state’s people and issues for about 12 years, which took him to every town in Connecticut. During that time, he joined the editorial board as an editorial writer on local issues. Subsequently, he returned to editing, overseeing local editorials and then op-eds. He taught a class in journalism at Wesleyan University for many years.

Patrick “Buzz” Guida proudly announces the birth of his second grandchild, Owen Patrick Todd, Union ‘33. Owen joins his brother Kyle and his three sons; Ross Gregory Guida ‘01, in this proud tradition.

1975

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John Corey recently accepted a position at Chart BioMedical in Troy, N.Y. as vice president of innovation. John recently was employed at CFIC-Qdrive as president. “After 23 years, I finally got a job! I just sold my company (CFIC-Qdrive) into Chart Industries, to become their Innovation Center. A boss and a paycheck—whoa concept! What a country!”

1976

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At an alumni event at a Northwestern home basketball game, where Bill Carmody ’74 is head coach, Bill and Barbara Dewey Carmody ’75 enjoyed catching up with John Denio and Margaret Goldin Denio. They also had fun reconnecting with Bob Morette and his three sons; Kyle Schack ’02, assistant swim coach at Northwestern; Susan and John Hausmann ’66; Bill Killen ’74 and daughter Cooper; Tom Combs ’74; Grant Vanderbeken ’05; Stan Kitzinger ’89; Susan Bassett, former Union swimming coach; and Sally Webster from Union’s College Relations Office. Former basketball teammates, Bill Carmody, John Denio and Tom Combs enjoyed a special reunion.

Charles Lydanne writes, "My business partner and I have been working for three years on the development of a Bio Tech Park here in Chester County, Pennsylvania’s fastest-growing county and the second-largest concentration of biotech in the U.S. (behind Boston). We are ready to start construction this spring. The first building will be 90,000 square feet and will contain an incubator for small, new companies coming from Penn, Drexel, Lankenau and from industry giants such as Pfizer. The incubator will have approximately 22 labs from 600 to 1,600 square feet. The other end of the building will house a Contract Research Organization, which specializes in testing for drug approval with the FDA. The center section of the building will house a medical research facility for Drexel University. Our next project will be to construct an accelerator building to house newer companies (but not startups) in spaces that are up to 7,500 square feet.”

1977

CLASS CORRESPONDENT
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Mark S. Gorgos is vice president of the 6th Judicial District, an executive committee position within The New York State Bar Association. Mark, a graduate of Albany Law School, is a past president of the Broome County Bar Association. He is the managing partner at Coughlin & Gerhart, LLP, concentrating his practice in commercial law, municipal and education law, public sector labor law and creditor bankruptcy matters.

Ken Zimmerman writes, “I’m proud to have both of my daughters at Union! Cara is a Leadership in Medicine student, Class of 2014, and Eva will be pre-med, Class of 2015. Maybe they can take over my solo internal medicine practice in Williamsville, N.Y.”

1978

CLASS CORRESPONDENT
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David J. Becker writes, “Still working as a private practice gastroenterologist in Clearwater, Fla. I am active in Organized Medicine, and currently I am president of the Florida Gastroenterological Society, our state sub-specialty
professional association. I am also vice-speaker of the House of Delegates for the Florida Medical Association. This all keeps me quite busy, all over the state of Florida, with association meetings and educational symposia.”

The Society of Hospital Medicine recently announced that Dr. Andrew J. Faber, medical director of the Hospitalist Program at Faxton St. Luke’s Healthcare, earned the Fellow in Hospital Medicine designation. To be a fellow, a doctor must be a hospitalist for five years and a member of SHM for three years. He or she must also demonstrate their dedication to quality and process improvement, commitment to organizational teamwork and leadership, as well as lifelong learning and education.

1982
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
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The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation recently named Ronald Jordan chief data officer. He joined DTCC after spending the past 26 years at NYSE Euronext, where he held a number of key roles. Most recently, he was executive vice president, Global Market Data Administration, managing a division of more than 50 people in five countries. Prior to his service with NYSE Euronext, he held positions with the American Stock Exchange and the Philadelphia Stock Exchange.

ING in Windsor recently hired veteran Hartford Financial Services Group Inc. actuary Greg Mateja to run its risk integration desk. Greg leads the integrated analysis of ING’s risks, including asset-liability management, economic capital, risk appetite and strategic risk management.

1983
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Intrexon Corporation, a next generation synthetic biology company, recently appointed Cary P. Moxham vice president of Alliance Management for its Human Therapeutics alliances. Cary’s leadership activities will be focused on Intrexon’s exclusive channel partnership with ZIOPHARM Oncology, Inc.

1984
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
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Laura Modlin writes, “I recently won a 2010 Connecticut Agricultural Journalism Award for best feature story in a weekly publication. My award-winning story was titled, “The Farming Way of Life in Easton,” and appeared in the March 18, 2010 issue of the Easton Courier newspaper. The awards are given annually as part of Connecticut Agriculture Day at the state capital.”

1985
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FBR Capital Markets Corporation, a leading investment bank serving the middle market, has made Andrew Arthur managing director and head of distressed sales. Andrew is a 25-year veteran of the distressed sales and trading industry, having held senior positions at Royal Bank of Scotland, Bear Stearns & Co., Amroc Securities, Morgan Stanley and most recently, Citadel Securities in New York.

Dr. Kathy Magliato appeared on “A Barbara Walters Special: A Matter of Life and Death” February 4 with well known heart patients like former President Bill Clinton, David Letterman, Robin Williams and Walters. She participated in a discussion about heart disease, America’s No. 1 killer. And she talked about what viewers, particularly women, need to know to save themselves and loved ones.

1986
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William J. Keniry is chair of the New York State Bar Association’s 2,530-member Trial Lawyers Section. William is a partner at Tabner, Ryan & Keniry, LLP. He concentrates his practice in litigation, personal injury law, municipal law, and commercial real estate law.

Dr. Bonnie J. F. Ryan is chairman of emergency medicine and president of Wachusett Emergency Physicians. Bonnie is responsible for providing oversight and leadership for Health-Alliance Hospital’s emergency department and the Burbank Urgent Care Center.
Janice Thompson '86 writes, “In the fall of 2010, I left the Boston Athenaeum to take the position of director of development at the Meadowbrook School of Weston, an independent K-8 school. I’m much happier hanging out with five- and six-year-olds all day, and have even been tapped to accompany many of the school assemblies. My daughter, Isolde, is now in third grade and doing very well in the Wayland (Mass.) schools—she may be heading to Meadowbrook in the next few years. I’m looking forward to seeing old classmates at our 25th ReUnion in May.”

Howard S. Podolsky, MD JD MBA FCLM writes, “Following completion of my MBA from Washington University in St. Louis, and election to the Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society, I was recently appointed as the national chief medical officer for NextCare Urgent Care, based in Mesa, Ariz. The company owns and operates 61 urgent care centers in seven states. My wife, Gina, our son, Max, and I relocated to Scottsdale, Ariz., where we are truly enjoying the Valley of the Sun.”

Jill Traverso Vogel was recently appointed associate administrator of the Adirondack Community College Foundation, where she’ll develop new fundraising projects and provide support for the foundation’s Annual Giving Campaign. She previously served in a similar capacity at the College of New Rochelle. Jill lives with her husband, Fred, and two children, Abigail and Will, in Queensbury, N.Y.

Dr. Rachel Rapaport Kelz, a board certified general surgeon at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, recently received the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching.

Big Picture Communications recently hired Alisa James as an account supervisor. Alisa previously worked for Brunner in Pittsburgh with clients such as GlaxoSmithKline, Giant Eagle Market District, and Beazer Homes. Prior to her work at Brunner, she spent 7 years at MARC USA managing accounts that included Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium, GE Lighting, and Procter & Gamble brands at Rite Aid.

William Wolff writes, “Since September 2006 I have been an assistant professor of writing arts at Rowan University, a mid-sized state school in southern New Jersey, where I teach courses on visual rhetoric, web design, and new media. I am pleased to announce that I have been granted tenure, which will begin the first day of class in fall 2011.”
Casey Kurz writes, “Got married in 2004, had our first child (Chase) in 2008, and expecting No. 2 to arrive in 2011. Working in Rochester, N.Y. in the construction industry. Travel each February to Peru to visit my in-laws and escape the cold, and still playing soccer. On a sadder note, attended the funeral of Tim Walsh, who passed unexpectedly on 8/31/10.”

Maria Bruno Warner writes, “Here is a picture of my son, Harrison (Harry) Gianni Warner, sporting a Union T-shirt his dad and I bought him when he was just a few weeks old. Harry was born on July 24, 2009. He is 18 months old here and has brought so much joy to our lives. My husband, Duncan Warner, Harry and I live just outside of Boston. Harry, who is half Italian and half English, already has stamps in his passport from trips to visit family and friends in Italy and England. He even has a stamp from Iceland (long story). I consider myself fortunate and blessed. Life is good. We are happy and healthy. We look forward to bringing Harry to Union for a visit.”

1995

CLASS CORRESPONDENT
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Jason Vaillancourt writes, “I am living in Portland, Ore. with my family. After almost 13 years working for Members of Congress in Washington D.C. and here in Oregon, I am one of those private sector guys. I am working as a consultant to the energy industry and my wife works at Nike’s World Campus in Beaverton, Ore. We have two children (Sophia and Owen) who are keeping us busy. Sad to say that with all this rain out here in Oregon, I miss the N.Y. snow. You can reach me at vaillancourtjv@gmail.com.”

Eileen Barrett writes, “I’m just wrapping up five years of being a general internist on the Navajo reservation, and am about to head to the Thai-Burmese border with my husband to volunteer again at a local hospital. We volunteered last year through a fantastic organization (tbbh.org), including working in a clinic and in refugee camps—and this helped me realize that ‘this’ is why I went to medical school. When returning to the states, I’ll eventually start work as a hospitalist—likely also on the Navajo reservation. I’m also looking forward to serving as this year’s president of the New Mexico Chapter of the American College of Physicians (ACP). I’d love to hear from any Union student or alum who is interested in international relief work, working for the Indian Health Service, or the ACP.”

1996

CLASS CORRESPONDENT
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Mike Elmendorf, New York State director of the National Federation of Independent Business, is the new president and CEO of Associated General Contractors of New York State.

1997

CLASS CORRESPONDENT
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Jessica Hallenbeck was recently promoted to program coordinator, Young Adolescent and Childrens Units, from program coordinator, Bucks County Unit at the Horsham Clinic located in Ambler, Penn. Jessica has a master’s of science degree in applied educational psychology. She had been coordinator of the Bucks County Unit since 2006. She is the head of two units, the Young Adolescents and Childrens Units, providing clinical mental health treatment to troubled adolescents and children on the Horsham Clinic’s Main Campus.
Daniel Flint ’02 gives a U.S. history lesson on the flag to students, with a little help from his compatriots.

**1999**

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W. Thomas Humphreys is an associate in the corporate group at Cameron & Mittleman LLP. His practice focuses on all aspects of business law, including business formation, operations and contract preparation, as well as mergers, acquisitions and divestitures. He holds a J.D. from Wisconsin Law School.

Rufus Morgan Judson was recently elected president and chief operating officer of Pike Company, Inc. The company, headquartered in Rochester, N.Y., provides a full range of commercial building services, including construction management, general contracting, design/build and facility management.

**2000**

**CLASS CORRESPONDENT**
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Daniel Flint writes, “This year I joined the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and was able to teach my 11th grade A.P. United States history students about the Revolutionary War from a very unique perspective.”

**2001**

**CLASS CORRESPONDENT**
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Jordan Gottfried writes, “I recently returned to the Department of Homeland Security after a stint on the White House National Security Staff. The new job has given me some much needed flexibility in my schedule to enjoy time in my new neighborhood on Capitol Hill, with my fiancée Rebecca Bean. Rebecca also works for the federal government and we began dating after working closely together at the White House on preparedness exercises for the cabinet. We are shooting for an October wedding somewhere on the Maine coast.”

**2002**

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**2003**

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Millsap & Singer LLC, a law firm focused on representing the mortgage banking industry in foreclosure, bankruptcy, and mortgage-related litigation in the states of Missouri and Kansas, welcomed William T. Holmes to its team recently. William joins the firm as an attorney concentrating on bankruptcy.

**2004**

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**2005**

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**2006**

**CLASS CORRESPONDENT**
Sarah Sparks and Evan Read are happy to announce their engagement. The wedding ceremony will take place on Aug. 25, 2012 in Memorial Chapel at Union. Sarah and Evan write, “We met at Union our freshman year. We were best friends up through the end of junior year when we (finally) started dating. We were engaged on Dec. 11, 2010 inside the Nott.” Sarah successfully defended her dissertation on Dec. 6, 2010 and received a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from Rutgers University in January 2011. Her research focused on the synthesis and applications of biologically relevant polymers to treat heart disease and cancer. She is working as a postdoctoral faculty fellow at Stonehill College in Easton, Mass.

**2007**

**CLASS CORRESPONDENT**
Aarom Morris  
writes, “I have received the Homer L. Dodge Graduate Fellowship from the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Oklahoma, where I will pursue a doctorate in physics.”

David Stone writes, “After graduating from Union in 2006, I returned to complete my MBA in 2010, while interning in the Equity Research Department of C.L. King & Associates, an investment research boutique based in Albany, N.Y. As of May 2011, I will begin my career as a business consultant in Kansas City, Mo. for Cerner Corpora-
Tim Nonna ’06 carried his Union Crew jacket all the way to the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro in March 2010.

Michael Eisnach ’07 and his wife, Megan Flahive ’07, with Dr. Richard Gillis ’50 in Tanzania

Michael Eisnach writes, "My wife, Megan Flahive, and I were in Tanzania at the Serengeti National Park in September where we happened to run into another Union alumnus. We were at a picnic table and had some extra seats when a couple asked if they could join us. It turned out that the gentleman, Dr. Richard Gillis, was a 1950 graduate. He was a doctor for many years and is now retired in Naples, Fla. Small world. Megan is in her last year of medical school in Chicago and was volunteering in the OB/GYN ward of a hospital in Arusha, Tanzania for a month. They plan to live in Boston following their October wedding.

2007
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
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Meaghan Heisinger and Michael Siekman are pleased to announce their engagement. Meaghan has a master’s degree in history and is a doctoral candidate in history at Arizona State University. Michael is an electrical engineer with NSTAR in Boston, Mass. They plan to live in Boston following their October wedding.

2008
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Katharine Gould is a public relations specialist in the marketing department of ProMutual Group, a Boston-based provider of medical professional liability insurance. Prior to joining ProMutual, Katharine worked as an account executive with a public relations agency in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

2009
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James Schwabach writes, "I will be finishing my master’s degree in sports psychology in May. During the fall of 2010, I spent three months participating in an internship at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra, Australia. During this time, I worked with several Olympians and many junior elite level athletes. I am living in Sarasota, Fla. and participating in an internship at the IMG Sport Academy."

Emma Labrot writes, "For the past year, I’ve been working at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston in Ron DePinho’s lab. The research I’ve been helping with was published in Nature’s online version Feb. 2, 2011. Check out the article, ‘SMAD4-dependent barrier constrains prostate cancer growth and metastatic progression,’ at http://www.nature.com."

Lorraine Ater, a second year law student at Lewis & Clark in Portland, Ore., will be embarking on a legal adventure in Asia this summer. She will be studying Chinese law at the University of Peking in Beijing before making her way to New Delhi, India, where she will be assisting in litigation in the India Supreme Court under the mentorship of Senior Advocate Shyam Divan.

Sarah K. Mueller recently joined the New York State Hospitality & Tourism Association, a not-for-profit trade organization representing nearly 1,300 member businesses and individuals in the lodging and attractions industry, as marketing and communications coordinator. Sarah was formerly a graphic design assistant at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., and serves on the SPAC Junior Committee, a group that raises funds through volunteer activities and networking events.

2010
1993

Heather Anne King and Claudio Joao Da Rocha Chaves were married Aug. 21, 2010 at The Fells on Lake Sunapee, Newbury, N.H. The Rev. James Kodera of St. Luke’s Parish, Hudson, officiated. The bride is a senior radiology sales representative with Cerner Corporation. The groom works in telecommunications as a tower technician for Timberline Construction. The couple took a three-week honeymoon in October, two weeks on safari in Kenya and Tanzania, followed by a week on the island of Mauritius.

1994

Bill Wolff and Wendy Sturtz are happy to announce their marriage on Feb. 28, 2010 in Laguna san Ignacio, Mexico.

1995

Brett Rubin and Laurie (Weiner) Rubin are happy to announce their marriage on Oct. 30, 2010 in San Antonio, Texas. They reside in New York City. Brett and Laurie write, "Fourteen years after graduation, we found each other in NYC. We'd love you to read our 'happily ever after' story on www.rubinweiner.ourwedding.com. Please look us up and come to NYC for a visit."

1997

John Burchett and Gretchen Reid were married on July 25, 2009 in Ballston Lake, N.Y. John’s brother, Steve ’05, was one of his groomsmen. Gretchen and John write, “We live in North Carolina and recently had our first child. Gemma Grace was born December 7, 2010 and is the delight of our hearts.”

2001

Mary Connair and Nolan Farris ‘97 are happy to announce their marriage on Sept. 19, 2009 in Woolsey Hall, Yale University, New Haven, Conn. Alumni in the wedding party were Kate (Comerford) Fitzpatrick, Jody (Friedman) Paris, Kassia Davies ’02, Mary Kate (Aveni) Paris ’02, Peter Buscemi ’97, Rawson Thurer ’97, Mario Maltese ’97, Bill Mehleisen ’97, Judson Zachar ’97, Brian Brodt ’98, Keith Crumb ’98 and John Connair ’05. Other alumni in attendance were Kevin Pessolano ’96, Brian Nemiroff ’96, Jake Fruchter ’97, Annabel Champlin ’97, Bob Champlin ’97, Annika Phenix ’97, Jonathan Phenix ’97, Kristen Pagano ’97, Greg Matchett ’97, Nic Zarrelli ’97, Michael Nigro, Christa (Cardinale) Nigro, Kimberly Maron, Jason Decker ’02, Jacqueline Mason ’03 and Margaret Southwell ’07.

Mary and Nolan met at a Union alumni event in New York City. Nolan is working as vice president of sales at Indeed.com in Stamford. Mary is pursuing her MBA at UConn Business School. They reside in Stamford.
Pamela (Lutin) Shaplin and Peter Shaplin (Lafayette ’01) are happy to announce their marriage on June 25, 2010 in Waterford, Conn. In attendance were Kasi Davies and Jason Decker, Lindsay Goodman, Pamela Saxton, Kelly Stewart and Jen Whittemore Kiemanski. The couple honeymooned in Australia and New Zealand, and resides in Weston.

Natalie M. DeVivo ’03 and Luis F. Jimenez were married Aug. 21, 2010 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse, N.Y. Monsignor Neal Quartier officiated the ceremony. A reception was held at the Lincklaen House in Cazenovia. The couple honeymooned in Prague and resides in Syracuse.

Guida Estrela married Scott Mattison on April 24, 2010 at the Concord Country Club in Concord, Mass. Union alumni in attendance were Bryn Conklin, Katie Tee and Sara (Dietrich) McGowan. Guida continues her work at the Dana Hall School where she is a middle school advisor, health teacher and director of summer camp. Scott is a videographer and editor for a small production company. They live in Wellesley, Mass.

2004

Kristen (Lueckel) Buckler married Michael Buckler on July 4, 2010 at the Lake House Inn on Lake Nockamixon in Perkasie, Pa. Haley Lamson, Sarah Handler, Jessica Panaccione Parisi and Mike Parisi ’01 were in attendance. Michael and Kristen live in New York City, where Michael works for Goldman Sachs in credit risk advisory and Kristen works for the Young Survival Coalition, a non-profit organization dedicated to the education and support of women under the age of 40 diagnosed with breast cancer.

2005

Laura (Mullen) Palkovich and A.J. Palkovich ’06 were married June 20, 2010 at Union College in Memorial Chapel. The reception took place at Saratoga National. Alumni in attendance (pictured above) included Jessica Lawton, Shanna O’Brien ’03, Andrea Posada (bridesmaid), Heather (Olney) Nappi (bridesmaid), Briana Bailey (bridesmaid), Sarah (Boston) Andriano (bridesmaid), Joel Beal (groomsman), Christina Muir, Glenn Sanders ’04, Adam Chadwick, A.J. Palkovich ’06, Laura (Mullen) Palkovich, Jamie Dughie ’07, Ashley (Merz) Marchand, Jessica Whitman ’06, Joanna (Baird) Blabac ’04, Matt Vagvolgyi ’06, Joe Andriano, Scott Wheeler ’06 (groomsman), Ben McManama, D.J. Hogencamp ’06, Chris Nappi, Scott Seney ’06 and Matt Blabac ’06. Not pictured: Seana Phillips ’04

2006

Matthew Nichols Martin married Yanthe Emaraina Pearson Aug. 1, 2010. The ceremony and reception were held at the Sagamore Resort on Lake George in New York. Michael Popowich was a groomsman. The bride is a post-doctoral researcher in quantitative phylogenetics in the biology department at the University of Maryland.
The groom is a post-doctoral researcher in nanotechnology at the National Institute of Standards and Technology. They live in the Rockville area of Maryland. 

**Oliver Lewis** (formerly Majer) and Emily Hartz are happy to announce their marriage on Aug. 14, 2010 at the Harrington Meeting House in Pemaquid, Maine. **Mark Weston** was the best man and **Daniel Taft**,

**Daniel Wardwell** and **Justin King** were groomsmen. The couple honeymooned in Saint Lucia and resides in Waltham, Mass.

**David J. Stone** and Mary L. Thomas are happy to announce their marriage on January 28, 2011 at the Appel Inn in Altamont, N.Y. The couple honeymooned in the Bahamas and relocated in May 2011 to Lenexa, KS.

**1992**

**Chris Matteson** and Christina Matteson, and daughter Eleanor, announce the birth of a baby boy, John Dawson Matteson. John was born on Feb. 16, 2011 (Chris’ birthday!) at Greenwich Hospital in Greenwich, Conn. He weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz.

**1993**

**Dawn (Harrington) Slater** and Jason Slater announce the birth of twin boys, Jordan and Jamison Slater, March 19, 2010. Jordan weighed 3 lbs., 2 oz. and Jamison weighed 3 lbs., 8 oz. They join big brother, Jackson, who was 2 in October.

**1994**

**Bill Wolff** and Wendy Sturtz announce the birth of a baby boy, Hydan Tule Wolff. He was born on Dec. 6, 2010 in Christiana Hospital, Newark, Del., and weighed 6 lbs., 7 oz.

**1995**

**Veronica (Rogers) Everett** and Peter Everett announce the birth of a baby girl, Anna Langston Everett. She was born on Feb. 15, 2010 in Silver Spring, Md., and weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz. Veronica writes, “Peter and I live in Silver Spring and welcomed our daughter Anna a year ago. It’s been amazing to watch her change so much in the past year and now she finally fits into her Union onesie given to us by Alex Douville ’97 and his wife, Jen.”
1997

John Vero and his wife, Sarah Delaney ’02, announce the birth of their daughter, Isabella Maley Vero, born at 5:21 p.m. at St. Peter’s Hospital, Albany, N.Y., on Feb. 3, 2011. Isabella was 6 lbs., 1 oz. and 20-and-a-half inches long. Sarah and Isabella are doing great.

John Burchett and wife, Gretchen Reid, welcomed their first child, daughter Gemma Grace, Dec. 7, 2010. She was born at UNC Hospital and weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

1998

Amy (Jasinski) Ferguson and William Ferguson announce the birth of their son, Zachary Michael, on Oct. 15, 2009. He joins his big brother, Lucas William.

1999

Amanda (Lawrence) Kurstin and Ryan Kurstin announce the birth of their son, Maddox Jet, born on June 11, 2010. Maddox enjoys spending time with his grandparents, Marjorie and David Lawrence ’65, and his Aunt Piper Lawrence Smith ’95 and Uncle Roger Smith ’94, along with their two sons, Jackson and Mason Smith. Maddox Jet was named after two of his great-grandfathers, Murray Kane and Joseph Lawrence ’39.

2000


2001

Meghan Crowley and Dan Quist announce the birth of a baby girl, Hadley Victoria Rose. She was born on Dec. 2, 2010 in Worcester, Mass., and weighed 10 lbs., 4 oz. Mom, Dad and big sister, Anna, are all doing well.

2002

Jane (Ruzicka) Pennacchia ’01 and David Pennacchia ’03 announce the birth of a baby boy, Gabriel Nero Carrasquillo. He was born on Aug. 28, 2010 at 12:24 p.m. in Northampton, Mass. He weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz., and was 21.5 inches long.

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1930s

Sidney David Markman ’34, of Durham, N.C., a Duke University professor emeritus of art history and archaeology who was a prolific author and accomplished photographer and painter, Jan. 27, 2011. He was 99.

Ed Moulton ’37, of Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 3, 2010. He was 94.

Alan B. Van Wert ’37, of Rockport, Maine, who served with the Army Air Corps during World War II, and then with the Navy until 1946, before spending 43 years with General Electric, April 1, 2011. Alan, who was chairman of the board and president of General Electric–ESGE Ltd. and its subsidiary companies in Switzerland from 1966 until 1972, was 96. He also established the Alan B. Van Wert Endowed Scholarship at Union.

Stanley Luke ’39, of Oradell, N.J., a Harvard Law School graduate who was executive vice president and head merger and acquisitions coordinator at ITT Co. in New York City, March 31, 2011. He was 97.

1940s

Ernest C. Allnutt ’40, of Silver Spring, Md., Jan. 14, 2011. He was 92.

Matthew Tyborowski ’40, of Colonie, N.Y., an accomplished pianist and World War II veteran who worked at the U.S. Naval Depot in Scotia before spending 25 years with the Social Security Administration, Nov. 4, 2010. He was 93.

Internationally renowned physician, researcher and scholar Baruch Samuel Blumberg ’46, whose work toward an effective hepatitis B vaccine earned him the Nobel Prize in Medicine, died April 5, 2011 of an apparent heart attack. He was 85.

He was to return to campus this spring to deliver the keynote at the dedication of the Peter Irving Wold Center.

“We are deeply saddened by the sudden and unexpected death of Dr. Blumberg,” said College President Stephen C. Ainlay. “He was a true visionary in his field and a great friend to the College.”

Blumberg was best known for his discovery of the “Australian antigen,” a human antigen that provokes antibody response against hepatitis B, a disease associated with liver cancer. Administered to millions worldwide, the vaccine was the first against a major form of cancer.

Blumberg was co-recipient, with D. Carlton Gajdusek, M.D., of the Nobel in 1976 for “discoveries concerning new mechanisms for the origin and dissemination of infectious diseases,” according to the Nobel citation.

The discovery is widely considered one of the greatest medical achievements of the 20th century.

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“His scientific route was to gather huge amounts of data, with exuberant curiosity, in order to let some discovery surprise him.”

He earned his Union degree in physics, and received an honorary doctor of laws from the College in 1977.

Among his many appointments, he was chief of Geographic Medicine and Genetics at the U.S. National Institutes of Health, distinguished scientist at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, professor of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, master of Balliol College of Oxford University, and director of NASA’s Astrobiology Institute.

He was among the first to be featured in Union Notables, a rotating exhibit in Schaffer Library that celebrates Union men and women who have made leading contributions in their fields.

To read his profile, visit http://www.union.edu/Resources/Campus/mandeville/notables/profiles/blumberg.php.

To read the obituary from NASA’s Ames Research Center, visit http://www.spaceref.com/news/viewpr.html?pid=33194
William L. Johnson '40, of Las Vegas, Nev., Nov. 18, 2010. He was 92.

Kenneth A. McLeod '40, of Cypress, Texas, Oct. 3, 2009. He was 93.

Max J. Eisner '41, of San Diego, Calif., who served as commander of the Army's Company C of the 329th Engineer Combat Battalion, 104th Timberwolf Infantry Division and received both the Bronze Star and Purple Heart, Jan. 8, 2011. Max, who worked at his family's water heater business, Sands Manufacturing Company, after the war and became a partner in Hartzmark & Co., was 92.

John M. Williamson '41, of Fort Myers, Fla., Jan. 18, 2010. He was 90.

Gordon E. Parker '41, of Bend, Ore., who served in the Navy during World War II and retired from NASSCO ship yards in San Diego, Calif. in 1985, March 10, 2010. Gordon, who traveled to all 50 states with his wife in their motorhome, was 90.

Earl Doyley '43, of Oradell, N.J., who practiced oral surgery in Hackensack for 40 years and was the last surviving member of the founding board of Pascack Valley Hospital, Oct. 23, 2010. He was 88.

Aaron Cohen '43, of Ocean City, Md. and Fort Collins, Colo., a General Electric employee who worked in the development of sonar technology and jet aircraft engines before moving to Bethesda to work on the Apollo space program, Feb. 18, 2011. Aaron, who also spent 20 years as deputy director for the U.S. Department of Commerce in Economic Development Administration, was 90.

Robert L. Cooch Sr. '43, of Bellvue, Wash., who flew the B-24 in the China-Burma-India theater in World War II and pioneered the use of punch card computers to manage depot inventories while serving as a military statistician in New York, Oklahoma and Japan, Feb. 20, 2011. He was 90.

Rufus W. Burlingame '44, of Altamont, N.Y., who served in the U.S. Army during World War II, Nov. 5, 2010. He was 90.

Daniel R. Hausmann '44, of Troy, N.Y., who retired in 1986 from the New York State Division of Employment as chief of liability review and was an avid Yankees fan and supporter of Union College, Nov. 15, 2010. He was 89.

Jonathan E. Rowe '44, of Texarkana, Texas, a marine veteran who was a member of the VFW, American Legion and First Lutheran Church, March 16, 2011. He was 89.

Robert Beale '45, of Rochester, N.Y., who retired from Marsh & McLennan and served with the 104th Timber Wolves Division during World War II, Oct. 20, 2010. He was 88.

William Sedutto '45, of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., Oct. 21, 2010. He was 84.

John McCarthy '45, of Little Torch Key, Fla., who served in the Army Signal Corps during World War II and worked at Bell Laboratories on projects that included the Sprint Missile and America's first anti-ballistic missile system, Nov. 7, 2010. He was 87.

Earl W. Davis '45, of Schenectady, N.Y., a pharmacist who owned and operated Steuben Pharmacy for many years, Feb. 26, 2009. He was 85.


Raymond N. Collins '47, of Utica, N.Y., an electrical engineer at General Electric, Feb. 15, 2011. He was 85.

Arthur N. Yeats '47, of Andover, Mass., a retired insurance property specialist who served in World War II and the Korean Conflict, June 26, 2010. He was 88.

Richard C. Marcus '48, of Kenmore, N.Y., a retired attorney with the firm of Falk & Seimer who was considered a pioneer in health care law and who was a Navy and Merchant Marine veteran, Nov. 19, 2010. He was 83.

Roger A. Williams '48, of Carthage, N.Y., an attorney and U.S. Army veteran who served as an intelligence officer in Germany during World War II and was a 50-year member of the New York State Bar Association, Dec. 4, 2010. He was 86.

Robert J. Dunning '48, of Port St. Lucie, Fla., a World War II Navy veteran who practiced dentistry in Amsterdam, N.Y. for 58 years and was a member of the Board of Trustees of Amsterdam Memorial Hospital and Amsterdam Savings Bank, Jan. 5, 2011. He was 84.

Jerome G. Matrianni Jr. '48, of Mechanicville, N.Y., a U.S. Army veteran who served with the 54th Armored Infantry and participated in the liberation of France and the fall of Germany, Feb. 26, 2011. Jerome, who owned and operated Modern Pharmacy in Mechanicville for 40 years, was 84.

George P. Vogel '48, of High Falls, N.Y., who served with the U.S. Navy in World War II and was owner and president of Ertel Engineering in Kingston for 40 years, Feb. 20, 2011. He was 84.

Robert D. Sherman '49, of Dedham, Mass., who served as a radar operator in Iceland during World War II, worked for IBM and General Electric, and founded Robert D. Sherman Inc., a manufacturers representative for electrical and telecommunication components sold to the defense industry, Jan. 17, 2011. Robert, who also founded a computer printer distributor called Seneca Data, and sent all four of his children to Union, was 86.

Gordon H. Osterheld '49, of Dallas, Texas, a U.S. Army veteran who worked from Gibbs and Hill and TXU as a civil engineer and was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Professional Engineer Society, March 22, 2011. He was 83.

1950s

Donald C. Warner '50, of Chula Vista, Calif., a World War II veteran who served with the Navy aboard the USS Norman Scott and enjoyed his career with the Connecticut State Highway Department and his involvement with the New Milford Volunteer Fire Department, March, 26, 2006. He was 82.
Allan H. Bombard ’50, of Chazy, N.Y., an Army Air Force veteran who worked at General Electric for many years before retiring as manager of accounting operations for the company’s aerospace group in 1986, Oct. 28, 2010. He was 82.

Robert L. Perry ’50, of Guilderland, N.Y., a U.S. Army veteran who worked at Sterling Winthrop Research Institute for nearly 40 years, retiring as administrator of safety and security, Nov. 9, 2010. Robert, who was a member of the McKownville Fire Department for 60 years, was 82.

John C. Dumont ’50, of Stratton, Va., who served in the Army during World War II, March 7, 2011. He was 86.

Merton G. Wallington ’50, of Boca Raton, Fla., April 17, 2009. He was 80.

William L. Orick ’51, of Schenectady, N.Y., a Navy Air Force mechanic who served during World War II and worked as a self-employed master plumber for 30 years before retiring at age 70, March 10, 2011. He was 88.

James J. Welch Sr. ’51, of Fairmount, N.Y., a U.S. Navy veteran who served during World War II, Feb. 2, 2011. He was 84.

Harry Cornelius Miller ’52, of Davis, Calif., a U.S. Navy veteran who owned and operated Harry Miller and Associates for 30 years and was a member of the El Macero Country Club, with his wife, for almost as long, Feb. 25, 2011. He was 82.

Spencer K. Warnick III ’52, of Gloversville, N.Y., who taught in the Canajoharie School District for 30 years and ran 17 marathons, Jan. 5, 2011. He was 81.

John H. Hammond ’55, of Dallas, Texas, a U.S. Air Force veteran who was an engineer at RCA, Scott Aviation, General Dynamics and Honeywell, Dec. 4, 2010. He was 78.

Carl Nathan Jester Jr. ’55, of Philadelphia, Penn., a former national recreation trail coordinator for the U.S. Department of the Interior who was instrumental in developing the Seaway Trail in New York and Pennsylvania, Nov. 8, 2010. Carl, a keen musicologist who established a community garden in South Philadelphia, was 77.

Frederic A. Morris ’55, of Oneonta, N.Y., who served in the U.S. Air Force, earned a master’s degree in special education from SUNY Oneonta, and spent 30 years teaching in BOCES and Oneonta schools, March 15, 2011. He was 77.

Dr. Arthur Feldman ’55, of Chapel Hill, N.C., a former U.S. Air Force captain who practiced psychiatry for 36 years and was head of mental health services for Rutgers University from 1972 to 1986, March 9, 2011. He was 77.

James J. Bollinger ’56, of Schenectady, N.Y., Jan. 26, 2011. He was 77.


Earl Doderer ’56, of San Antonio, Texas, who served in the Air Force for 21 years, fighting in Vietnam and earning the Distinguished Flying Cross, Feb. 16, 2011. Earl, who also taught at Trinity University for 21 years and was a professor and chair of the department of engineering, was 76.

Ronald J. DuBois ’58, of Sun Lakes, Ariz., who earned his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of North Carolina and worked at Hercules Aerospace in Salt Lake City for 30 years, Feb. 8, 2011. He was 74.

1960s

Gabriel G. Cillie ’60, Woodcliff Lake, N.J., who worked for 21 years as a life actuary for Prudential Insurance and later as a managing actuary for the State of New Jersey and as chief actuary for American Medical and Life Insurance Company, Nov. 5, 2010. He was 72.

Edmund Sulkowski ’60, of Slingerlands, N.Y., May 7, 2009. He was 93.

Eric Greenbush ’61, of New York, N.Y., a criminal defense attorney who enjoyed good food, family and summers on Cape Cod, Nov. 12, 2010. He was 70.

John Hardwick van Schaick ’61, of Schenectady, N.Y., an Air Force pilot who served in World War II and was a technical writer for General Electric, Jan. 4, 2011. John, who helped establish the Legal Aid Society in Schenectady and the Mohawk Valley Physicians Health Plan, was 90.

James E. Juckett ’62, of Bath, Penn., who enjoyed golf and skiing and worked for Pennsylvania Power & Light Company and was a consultant for Indus, March 11, 2011. He was 73.

David P. B kale ’63, of Annapolis, Md., who worked in public relations for Bell Laboratories, AT&T and Lucent Technologies, Dec. 11, 2010. He was 69.

Robert J. Thurling ’64, of Chestertown, N.Y., who worked for Eastman Kodak in Rochester for 25 years before returning to the Adirondacks where he served on the Town of Chester Planning Board, the Warren County Planning Board and on the Board of Directors of North Country Outreach Center and Upper Hudson Musical Arts, Feb. 22, 2011. He was 78.


Raymond J. Duell ’67, of Clifton Park, N.Y., a U.S. Air Force veteran who worked for General Electric and Shell Oil Company in the Netherlands, and lived in the Middle East for 18 years before becoming a senior consulting engineer with Pond and Lucier Gas and Steam Turbine Engineering Services in Clifton Park. He was 74.

Darrell L. Coons ’68, of Victor, N.Y., Nov. 17, 2010. He was 63.

Leon J. Sliva ’69, of Amsterdam, N.Y., who received the Purple Heart for his service with the Marine Corps during World War II and worked for many years as a manager in General Electric’s turbine division, Jan. 8, 2011. He was 91.
1970s


Jane M. Holmes ’72, of Schenectady, N.Y., Jan. 1, 2011.

Douglas Wong ’74, of Northborough, Mass., a software engineer for Oracle Corp. who loved music and earned a Ph.D. in computer science from Brown University, March 25, 2011.

Calvin Campbell ’76, of Wappingers Falls, N.Y., a U.S. Navy veteran who retired from IBM as an electrical engineer in 1990, March 22, 2011. He was 64.

Roger L. Wilder ’77, of Leominster, Mass., a fishing and outdoor enthusiast who worked for General Electric as a mechanical draftsman and enjoyed painting portraits of family members, March 29, 2011. He was 55.

Clifford Lyons ’78, of Rochester Hills, Mich., Dec. 9, 2010. He was 60.

1980s

Diane E. Empie ’81, of Hampton, Va., May 14, 2009. She was 53.

Michael J. Kline ’85, of Lexington, Ky., Oct. 19, 2006. He was 43.

Friends of the College

Herman J. Williams Jr., of Mineral, Va., who spent 20 years as curriculum research program director with Union, Oct. 23, 2010. He was 77.

ROBERT L. FLEISCHER

Robert L. Fleischer, research professor of geology and a retired GE scientist with experience in NASA’s Apollo program, died March 3, 2011 after a long illness. He was 80.

Born in Columbus, Ohio, he attended Harvard University, where he earned a Ph.D. After a position as professor of metallurgy at MIT, he moved to Schenectady and spent most of his 32-year research career at the GE Global Research Center in Niskayuna.

Fleischer joined the College in 1997 after he retired from GE.

His early work at GE was on hardening of solids, and later work was on nuclear tracks in solids. This latter field brought with it extensive collaborations in multiple disciplines. He and his colleagues designed the cosmic ray detector taken to the moon by the Apollo 16 astronauts, studied the damaging effects of cosmic rays on moon rocks, and dated meteorites and archeological specimens.

Much of his research at Union was in the area of radioactivity in the environment. He used damage tracks made by charged particles in glass and other materials to determine levels of exposure. He used glass from the 1945 Hiroshima bomb site to determine neutron dosimetry. He received national media attention in 2000 for a project in which he used fission tracks in eyeglass lenses to determine personal exposure to radon.

He published over 350 scientific papers and held 19 patents. His fission track work led to two companies founded by GE—Nuclepore, which produced thin membranes with holes of cleanly specified sizes; and Terradex, which produced radon measuring devices for home safety or for locating shallow deposits of uranium in the ground.

He was instrumental in arranging visits to Union by two astronauts who were former NASA colleagues: Bonnie Dunbar, who flew five times aboard the Space Shuttle; and Harrison Schmitt, the Apollo 17 astronaut who was the last person to walk on the moon.

His awards include the American Nuclear Society’s Special Award for Distinguished Service in the Advancement of Nuclear Science in 1964, the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission’s E.O. Lawrence Award in 1971, and NASA’s Medal for Exceptional Scientific Achievement in 1973. He was presented with GE’s Coolidge Fellowship Award in 1972 for sustained technical contributions, and was elected to the National Academy of Engineering and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

He co-authored Nuclear Tracks in Solids, wrote Tracks to Innovation, and co-edited book sets on intermetallic compounds.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Barbara; and two daughters, Cathy and Elizabeth.
In this age of YouTube, it may surprise the younger set to learn that some of us came of age before everything was captured in moving pictures.

Leopold P. Oberst was ahead of his time. In 1968, he made home movies, in color, of Union football games and campus scenes. Football on the old grass field (with lots of grass stains), Bob Riding’s cannon sending up a plume of white smoke after every Union score. The large elms. The Nott, covered with ivy some 25 years before restoration. The then-new Fox and Davidson halls.

Now, surprise, they’re on YouTube.

Oberst, the father of Tom Oberst ’69, was an executive with the New York Telephone Company. Fascinated by the new technology of the day, he used a Bell & Howell Super 8 home camera to record a handful of football games (that’s Tom Oberst, #70) and footage of a family visit to campus.

“This was his first and only experience taking home video,” said Tom. The film lay dormant for 40 years until Tom had it processed in a lab in Arizona. “By some miracle, it was preserved,” he said.

Tom took a high definition video of the film—and techies take heart—used Roxio Creator 2011 Pro to encode the video to MPEG 2 High Definition 1080p. Finally, he posted the results to YouTube.

You can see a compilation of the Oberst films at Union In Motion (http://video.union.edu) by typing “Oberst” in the search box.

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Moving pictures from the past

On the Web

Full videos are at the following sites:

Oberst family members
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pW0MLcddTh0
Williams vs. Union, Nov. 2, 1968
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=32Y4F3XbyOs
Alfred vs. Union, Nov. 9, 1968
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H5sPadq_T0M
Kings Point vs. Union, Oct. 5, 1968
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L5jb9B-URe4
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• The first term classes will be held in the Peter Irving Wold Center
• Alumni Symposium on the Arts
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