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This piece was part of the Radical Kingdoms exhibit, which juxtaposed contemporary art with lesser-known 18th and 19th work by artists fascinated with collecting and cultivating flora and fauna species.
Work is underway on new Integrated Science and Engineering Complex
The Science and Engineering Center is undergoing a rebirth—an expansion and renovation that will make Union College one of the country’s top undergraduate institutions for science and engineering. The largest and most ambitious project in Union’s history, the $100 million complex will be completed in phases over the next two years.

A Steckler for details
After a 46-year run in Union’s Theater Department, a set designer with an eye for detail recalls 121 productions, an inspirational campus monument and a new theater. Now, he is staging his next act: retirement.

What’s with the Greeks?
Liz Artz, Union’s director of fraternity and sorority life, takes on a few frequently asked questions from alumni.
There have been many architectural decisions made at Union over the years that constitute genuinely “historic moments.” One is certainly President Eliphalet Nott’s decision to accept the advice of the visiting French architect, Joseph Ramée, and pursue the master plan that informed the development of Union’s campus—a decision that architectural historian Paul Turner ’62 insists affected the development of campus architecture nationwide.

Another historic moment came years later, in 1963, when the College determined that Washburn Hall—which graced the area to the east of the Nott Memorial—should be razed. Concept drawings reveal that Washburn Hall might have been the first building in what was imagined to be a complex of buildings designed in a similar style. That plan would have been a major deviation from the original Ramée plan and the decision to raze Washburn Hall marked a return to the Ramée campus design and led to the construction of the social science and humanities buildings and the library.

One would have to also consider the decision to restore the Nott Memorial as another historic architectural decision. It was in such poor condition that there was discussion about razing it as well. Happily, the College decided otherwise and the building remains a great asset. It is widely regarded as a favorite of all who work, live and study here. I take great pleasure in watching the reactions of alumni who only knew the structure when it was in decay, and now gaze with amazement at its awe-inspiring interior. I love to show it to campus visitors and see their astonishment. To say it is iconic to the College and the entire region is an understatement.

The decision by our Board of Trustees to approve the rebirth of our science and engineering complex at their February meeting will be judged another historic architectural moment for the College. Attendees at the groundbreaking for the Integrated Science and Engineering Complex during ReUnion sensed this was a pivotal moment for the College. This project will energize science and engineering education here at Union. It also will create opportunities and collaborations across our entire curriculum.

The new science and engineering complex will be an integrated facility in the best sense of the word, integrating the entire science and engineering complex, both vertically and horizontally. It’s also going to be catalyst for new inquiry across many areas of study. I hope that sociologists, like myself, will consider the ways in which technological transformation, the rapid acceleration of life, is changing our social institutions—institions like education, family and workplace. I hope that faculty and students in our English department will study and author *Frankenstein*-like works of literature. I hope that our philosophers will debate the ethical implications of a world where body parts are produced with 3D printers.

Yes, the Integrated Science and Engineering Complex will be remembered as a key moment in Union’s history. It will be the envy of other institutions and a clear statement about the importance of deep disciplinary preparation alongside rich interdisciplinary collaborations. The new complex will take Union to new places. Mark my words; we will set the standard for what it means to be a liberal arts college in the 21st century.

This is an exciting moment for a College that has long led the way. I hope you will join me in thanking the Board of Trustees and the generous donors who’ve made it possible for this project to move forward. Their vision for and confidence in Union should inspire all of us.
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Founders Day celebrates bicentennial of Union’s Phi Beta Kappa

Founders Day on Feb. 23 celebrated the 222nd anniversary of the College’s charter, and another milestone: the 200th anniversary of Union’s Phi Beta Kappa chapter, Alpha of New York.

Keynote speaker was Frederick M. Lawrence, secretary and CEO of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, former president of Brandeis University and a leading expert on civil rights, freedom of expression and bias crimes.

In the context of the national debate over free speech following a divisive election and controversial campus protests, Lawrence acknowledged the tension over pursuing liberal, rational, open learning while at the same time celebrating a spirit of the academic community.

“We find ourselves today in uncharted waters indeed, and choppy ones at that,” Lawrence said. “It is the love of learning that will be our helm as we find our way.”

Citing a series of examples that he experienced over the past two decades, Lawrence presented a thoughtful, passionate overview of the tension that exists over First Amendment rights and the boundaries of free speech that border on harassment, intimidation and discrimination.

In one, he recalled the recent deaths of two police officers that occurred after a series of shooting incidents involving unarmed black men. A student leader of the Black Lives Matter movement, in a tweet that went viral, said that she had no sympathy for the police officers.

As president of the university, Lawrence felt pressure from both sides, those that wanted him to expel her or rescind her scholarship, and those who wanted him to issue a statement in support of free speech.

Lawrence opted for a slightly different response. He chose not to punish her, arguing her comments were protected under free speech. But he also emphatically...

The Department of Communications and Marketing receives three Accolades awards from the Council for the Advancement of Secondary Education (CASE) for the 2015-16 academic year—a bronze and two honorable mentions for video, social media and best article.

Mark W. Potter, a religious studies teacher at Newton Country Day School of the Sacred Heart in Newton, Mass., was presented with the Gideon Hawley Teacher Recognition Award. He was nominated by Katharine Beal ’20, a biology major.

rejected her views, calling them offensive and abhorrent, and urged others to do the same.

Lawrence shared with the audience his three rules for what he calls vigorous civility.

“First, we can disagree with each other without delegitimizing,” he said. “Second, we can question each other’s opinions without questioning each other’s motives. And third, and perhaps most important, every conversation, no matter how controversial, should begin with a robust search for common ground.”

“Founders Day provides us with an opportunity to revisit Union’s history and important themes that flow from our mission and institutional identity,” President Stephen C. Ainlay told the audience.

He noted the College’s storied relationship with one of the nation’s most prestigious academic honor societies, whose mission is to champion education in the liberal arts and sciences, foster freedom of thought, and recognize academic excellence.

Established May 1, 1817, Union’s chapter is the fifth oldest in the country. Ainlay recalled how 25 people were inducted in the first few days of the chapter’s creation, including George Washington Doane, Class of 1818, whose portrait by renowned artist Henry Inman hangs in the President’s House. Doane was an accomplished hymnologist and wrote hymns popular in his day. He also became the Episcopal Bishop of New Jersey.

“Other remarkable individuals were inducted in the early days of the chapter—people like William Seward (1820), Lincoln’s Secretary of State, and Henry Philip Tappan (1825), first president of the University of Michigan and often cited as the architect of the modern research university,” Ainlay said.

There are more than 1,300 living alumni in the chapter, and 53 faculty and administrators are members of Phi Beta Kappa at Union.

Also at Founders Day, Mark W. Potter, a religious studies teacher at Newton Country Day School of the Sacred Heart in Newton, Mass., was presented with the Gideon Hawley Teacher Recognition Award. Named for the 1809 graduate of Union who was New York State’s first superintendent of public education, the award is given to secondary school teachers who have had a continuing influence on the academic life of Union students. Potter was nominated by Katharine Beal ’20, a biology major.

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—Frederick Lawrence
Applications to Union hit a new high

A record number of students have applied to join Union’s Class of 2021, continuing a decade-long trend of those seeking admission to the College.

As of February, Union had received 6,652 applications from some of the nation’s top high school students, a slight increase from last year’s 6,647. Last year marked the first time applications topped 6,000, an 11 percent increase over the year before.

The jump was fueled in part by a record 413 early decision applications, 47 more than a year ago. Students applying under early decision have made a commitment to attend Union if they are admitted.

Matt Malatesta ’91, vice president for Admissions, Financial Aid and Enrollment, noted the 5 percent boost in women who applied early decision, to 47 percent of all early decision applicants.

Increases were also evident in international applications (24 percent versus 20) and those applying from outside the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states (39 percent versus 36). The applicant pool represents 48 states and 106 countries.

Malatesta said there is no single factor driving the overall application surge. He pointed to a number of external recognitions that have helped raise the school’s visibility, including Union’s recent inclusion in the college guide, “The Hidden Ivies,” which highlights exceptional schools that offer a broad liberal arts education.

Union was also among the Princeton Review’s list of colleges with the best return on investment, and USA Today’s College Guide ranked Union among the top five STEM schools for women.

“We know the types of students we look for have many choices for college, and we continue to be humbled and excited that they see Union as a good fit for themselves,” Malatesta said.

Founded in 1795 as the first planned campus in the country, Union is consistently ranked among the nation’s top liberal arts colleges.

The expected size of the Class of 2021 is 575 students.

The number of applications came as the College remains committed to meeting the full financial need of all admitted students. The average need-based scholarship at Union is $32,500, and the average merit scholarship ranges from $10,000 to $20,000.
ADAY4U makes history, tops $1 million for Union

This year’s ADAY4U was another fundraising event for the record books. The day saw 2,723 donors supporting the College—the most donors in a single day in Union’s history.

For every gift made to the College on Feb. 22, trustees matched each gift with an additional $200. Including the trustee match, Union secured over $1 million for the institution. Gifts during the one-day challenge made without a specific designation benefit Union’s Annual Fund.

“Yet again, the Union community rallied to show their tremendous support,” said Terri Cerveny, vice president of College Relations. “We are so grateful for the many who gave to the College and encouraged their fellow alumni, parents, students, faculty, and staff to join them. This truly shows the strength of our community.”

Support to the College included donations and posts to social media. An event in Reamer Campus Center drew students, faculty and staff to donate and also featured giveaways. Also, alumni in three cities—Boston, New York City and Schenectady—held cake and champagne celebrations for ADAY4U.

This is the fourth challenge of its kind. Last year, Union topped 2,200 donors, raising nearly $1.09 million in 24 hours.

President Stephen C. Ainlay supports ADAY4U

Yulman Theater’s production, The Laramie Project, challenges audiences to take a closer look at the effects of prejudice on the LGBTQ+ community. Performers are James Basuk ’17, Victoria Carter ’19, Lauren Daugherty ’19, Michael Doherty ’18, Angel Flores ’20, Abigail-Mary Lehner ’18, Matthew Mintz ’18, Alyssa Silbey ’20 and Emma Youmans ’20.

Klemm Fellows see the world, and lend a hand

When Emma Stein ’17 arrived in Cape Town, South Africa, over the winter break, she was amazed at the level of poverty she encountered. Two-thirds of the city lives in abject poverty, and nearly half its residents are unemployed. There is a clear divide between the super rich and the super poor.

Stein was intrigued by the method of urban planning used during apartheid, which created these conditions in part by using buffer zones to keep racial groups separate.

Stein had an opportunity to explore the issue from a journalist’s perspective by spending her break working at the Cape Chameleon, an NGO-sponsored magazine about South African issues, public interest stories and social life.

She researched the history of Cape Town and apartheid, interviewed experts and toured the areas adversely affected. She wrote an article about her observations that was published.

“Visiting these communities is what really brought the issue to life,” said Stein, a political science major from Stowe, Vt. “Seeing the shacks built out of scrap metal on the side of the road, and seeing how far some people have to drive every day if they want to be employed in the City Bowl truly brought the poverty to life. But then playing with the children, talking to the parents and speaking to people throughout the city also showed me how much hope there still is.”

Stein is among the second group of Union students who spent three weeks over winter break as Klemm Fellows. The program places students in a foreign country where they stay with a host family and work for a local organization. Most costs are covered by the Klemm Fellow International Internship Program.

In addition to Stein, the others included:

- Meghana Damaraju ’19 (international medical internship in Sri Lanka)
- Ayanah Dowdy ’19 (healthcare and medicine in Ghana)
- Christina Dykas ’19 (midwifery internship in Tanzania)
- Yuan Gao ’18 (rainforest conservation in Madagascar)
- Zhixin Kang ’18 (arts and crafts in Togo)
- Lakhena Leang ’19 (public health internship in Cambodia)
- Eric Lovett ’18 (midwifery internship in Tanzania)
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The eight were among a highly selective pool of applicants, according to Lara Atkins, director of International Programs. Students were required to submit an essay and maintain a minimum GPA of 3.2.

Faculty mentors were Erika Nelson, associate professor of German; Tom Lobe, lecturer in political science; and Mark Walker, the John Bigelow Professor of History.

Stein said being a Klemm Fellow was one of the most rewarding things she has ever done. “I was able to travel to somewhere I never thought possible, meet people from throughout the world and become immersed in something that I am incredibly interested in,” said Stein. “I stayed with a host family and got to ask them questions about their lives, their history and their hopes for the future. And I got to see one of the most beautiful cities in the world.”

The program is funded through the Professor Frederick A. Klemm and Eleanor G. Klemm Fund for International Study and Service.

A professor emeritus of German, Klemm was considered the father of terms abroad at Union. He inaugurated the College’s program by guiding a group of 28 students to Vienna, Austria, in spring 1969. He died in 2010. He was 97. Eleanor died in 2004. The couple was committed to supporting students pursuing international careers in service.
STUDENTS WIN PRESTIGIOUS HONORS

Union’s strong tradition of educating bright students who excel in diverse fields, securing prominent fellowships and scholarships, continues. Students most recently earned the following:

MINERVA FELLOWS
Eight members of the Class of 2017 will spend a year abroad with social entrepreneurship organizations as Union College Minerva Fellows. They are: Vito Joseph Capuano and Justin Salm (Engeye, Uganda); Sydney Spett and Daniel Tompkins (The Global Child, Cambodia); Brianna Godlewski (Witkoppen Health Centre, South Africa); Naina Thota (Gram Vikas, India); Mason King (Environmentalist Foundation of India, India); and Gillian Henry (Batik Boutique, India).

KATHRYN WASSERMAN DAVIS PROJECTS FOR PEACE AWARD
Baahh-Nazoshnnii Brown-Almaweri ’17 has designed a four-week after-school program with this $10,000 grant, meant to encourage young people to create and try new ideas for building peace. Students ages 11-18 will learn about healthy eating habits, positive body image, Mother Earth and living traditions. She hopes to help the Diné students (‘Di Nay,’ the name for the Navajo people) progress from a history of surviving to a future of thriving.

GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP
Elizabeth Donlon ’18 has won this premier undergraduate award ($7,500 for tuition, fees, room & board) for students pursuing careers in mathematics, natural sciences and engineering. She completed a Sophomore Scholars Project with Professor Ann Anderson in the NSF-supported Aerogel Lab that resulted in a Steinmetz presentation, “Coating Alumina-Oxide Beads with Copper-Alumina Aerogels.” Last summer, Donlon continued her research on copper silica aerogels in catalysis.

THOMAS J. WATSON FELLOWSHIP
Riley Konsella ’17 will receive a $30,000 stipend to travel the world for 12 months. From cars and bicycles in Norway and Denmark to motorbikes and gondolas in Vietnam and Brazil, countries have distinct approaches to transportation. He will experience the peculiarities of these systems and how transportation is evolving through the emergence of new technologies. He will also investigate the ways in which governments solve traffic and transportation problems, and how citizens react to these changes through advocacy or resistance.

BROOKE OWENS FELLOWSHIP
Madeleine Miller ’19 won this paid internship opportunity for female undergraduate students seeking careers in aviation or space exploration. She will work for Planet, designing and building satellites that are used to image the entire Earth. The company, founded by ex-NASA engineers, is based in San Francisco, Calif. In addition to the job, fellows are connected with two experienced aerospace industry mentors and attend a conference in Washington, D.C. to discuss promoting aerospace fields to women.

UNIVERSITY INNOVATION FELLOWS
Luke McCaffrey ’18, Lakhena Leang ’18, Arielle Singer ’18, Robert Barsamian ’17 and Vera Marsova ’18 are fellows of this program designed to help foster entrepreneurship and innovation among students nationwide. It empowers student leaders to increase campus engagement with entrepreneurship, innovation, creativity, design thinking and venture creation. The group led the creation of the Idea Lab in Schaffer Library and is working on a proposal for a new Minerva course on Innovation, Creativity and the Entrepreneurial Mindset. They are also working with Wise Labs, a technology commercialization firm with an incubator in downtown Schenectady, to design entrepreneurial programming for the campus. This will include a boot camp for students who want to start their own business.

To learn more about these winners and others, visit www.union.edu/news

Alexander Heywood ’20 with the violin donated to the Music Department by Moses Brand of Niskayuna, N.Y. The violin, labelled “Joannes Baptista Guadagnini,” was made circa 1870 from maple and spruce. Moses was a member of Union’s orchestra for many years.

The annual Dutchmen Dip raises $8,000 for members of the Union College community battling cancer. The event, organized by the College’s Against Cancer club, was also supported by many other campus entities, from Athletics and WRUC to the President’s Office.
Mike Vecchione ’17 makes hockey history

Former men’s hockey captain Mike Vecchione ’17, who made his NHL debut with the Philadelphia Flyers in April, has arguably become Union’s most decorated player.

He helped lead the team to the NCAA Division I tournament, and though Union fell in the first round to Penn State, Vecchione became Union’s first finalist for the coveted Hobey Baker Memorial Award in late March.

“It was an honor to be a part of the Hobey Hat Trick,” Vecchione said. “I’m extremely proud to represent Union. I want to thank my family, friends, teammates and coaches who have always supported me and who ensured that I would never be complacent.”

The 2016-17 ECAC Hockey Player of the Year, Vecchione also had the best statistical season in Union history, producing a program-best 29 goals and 63 points. He finished tied for first in Division I in points, points per game (1.66) and game-winning goals (7) and led the nation with 21 multi-point games. He also tied for second in shorthanded goals (4) and fourth in faceoff percentage (61.8).

Vecchione was also named a CCM/American Hockey Coaches Association First Team East All-American, an honor also garnered by teammate Spencer Foo ’18. Vecchione is a four-time ECAC Hockey All-Academic Team honoree, as well.

He finished his collegiate career as the Union’s all-time leading scorer (176 points), before joining fellow Dutchmen Shayne Gostisbehere ’15 in Philadelphia.

A native of Saugus, Mass., Vecchione completed the requirements for a B.A. in history and participated in the College’s commencement ceremony in June.

Denver’s Will Butcher won the Hobey. Zachary Aston-Reese of Northeastern was the other finalist.
Professor wins prestigious humanities fellowship

Andrew Morris, associate professor of history, has been awarded a prestigious fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Among the most competitive academic awards in the country, the fellowships support advanced research in the humanities, allowing recipients to produce articles, books, digital materials or other scholarly resources.

Morris will use his grant to continue work on a book about Hurricane Camille and the transformation of American disaster relief policy.

On Aug. 17, 1969, Hurricane Camille slammed into the Mississippi coast, leaving a path of death and destruction. The Category 5 storm, one of the strongest ever to make landfall in the U.S., killed more than 140 in the Gulf Coast region and leveled thousands of homes and buildings.

Disaster assistance was slow to arrive and criticism over the response helped lead to the 1970 Disaster Relief Act, which made permanent the expansion of a number of federal disaster assistance programs that had been pioneered in limited form in the late 1960s.

The federal law also widened the scope of federal assistance to individual disaster victims, moving beyond the long-standing federal role in reconstruction of public facilities, Morris said.

He has been working on research related to the history of disaster relief since 2009. He eventually decided to focus the book on Hurricane Camille because of its historic significance. The fellowship will allow him to take off spring term of 2018 to work on the manuscript. He plans to have the book ready by 2019 to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the storm.

“I was delighted to get the news of the fellowship,” said Morris, who joined Union in 2003. “Receiving one is not only great financial and moral support, but it’s an affirmation of the significance of the project. It complements the generous support for the project that I’ve received from the College’s Humanities Faculty Research Fund as well as from the Department of History.

“My students have been essential to the project, as well. My research has benefited from the help of College-funded student summer researchers, and my seminar on ‘Disasters in American History’ has given me a forum to try out some of my ideas on my students and to learn from their own research. Being awarded an NEH Fellowship is a really nice capstone for the project. I’m also happy to help show that the research we do at Union is competitive with that done at much larger, research-oriented universities.”

PROF. TWITTY STYLES & DR. CONSTANCE GLASGOW HONORED

Twitty Styles and his wife, Dr. Constance Glasgow, were honored during the Sara Marie School’s fifth annual Emerald Ball in March. Styles, professor emeritus of biology, and Glasgow, a pediatrician at Capital Care Pediatrics (Clifton Park, N.Y.), were recognized for their generous support. The Clifton Park-based school is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to the mission of providing a stimulating educational environment that fosters academic achievement and lifelong learning. Its program consists of nursery though grade one classrooms.

Artist Len Tantillo, who researches and paints historic scenes on the Mohawk and Hudson rivers, delivers keynote address at ninth annual Mohawk Watershed Symposium. Tantillo discusses “Linking an Empire: Understanding the Historical Significance of the Mohawk River.”

The Old Erie Canal Lock 33, St. Johnsville, New York, circa 1895 by Len Tantillo
across campus

“Beyond Steps” celebrates dance and womanhood

With a cast of 26 women, this year’s Winter Dance Concert, “Beyond Steps,” was designed to promote diverse perspectives on the female experience.

The concert showcased the work of Director of Dance Miryam Moutillet and faculty choreographers Laurie Zabele Cawley and Marcus Rogers, as well as Emily Alston ’19, Ayanah “Tris” Dowdy ’18, Lily Herout ’17, Grace Kernohan ’17 and Maddison Stemple-Piatt ’17 (all dance minors).

“Dance is breathing,” said Alston, who attended the Joffrey Ballet School in New York City and the Theodore Dance Academy in Sacramento before coming to Union to study biology. She hopes her choreography expresses the power and strength of articulate, intellectual women. “I want to showcase the passion and drive I feel in my life and have seen in other women who inspire me.”

Dowdy, a neuroscience major who began studying dance as a first-year, created a piece that focuses on insomnia, a struggle for many women.

“The Winter Dance Concert is an incredible and inclusive environment that allows anyone to pursue dance, whether they are classically trained or have never stepped into a studio before coming to Union, like me,” she said.

Kernohan, a math major with a second minor in economics, choreographed a work that focuses on female friendship, while Stemple-Piatt, a psychology major, aimed to show “how the body communicates, and how every experience shapes us into who we are.”

Biology major Herout explored the concept of resilience.

“Whether it’s a personal struggle or the discord of our nation and world, practicing resilience is a universal necessity,” Herout said. “I am fortunate to work with talented, driven dancers who make this experience so rewarding. The overall concept of the show—highlighting the strength of women—speaks to the essence of the dance program itself, which is an environment of mostly women, empowering and supporting one another in and out of the dance studio.”

Scenography for the Winter Dance Concert was created with dance films by students in Moutillet’s Dance for the Camera course and with live recordings by Visual Technical Director Jermaine Wells.

Costumes were by Costumer Brittney Belz, and theatrical lighting by Technical Director and Lighting Designer Robert Bovard.

Dancer: Maddison Stemple-Piatt ’17
Photographer: Ryota Matsue and collage by Bailey Hein
On May 19, the College broke ground on the most ambitious and largest project in the school’s history: the Integrated Science and Engineering Complex. The $100 million project will be completed in phases over the next two years. This includes an addition completed for fall term 2018 and renovation of three sections of the existing S&E Center by fall 2019.

John E. Kelly III ’76, chairman of the board of trustees, called the project a transformational moment for the College. “Technology and the liberal arts are the future of our country,” he said.

Thomas Gagliardi ’19, a biochemistry major, spoke proudly about his experience at Union and said the project will greatly enhance the opportunities for students and faculty.

“This long-awaited transformation of science and engineering will encourage students to pursue undergraduate exploratory research and enable faculty to provide beneficial opportunities that are the hallmark of a personalized Union College education,” he said. “The science and engineering facilities will rival the best in the country and will, most importantly, be accessible to students of many disciplines, due to the nature of Union’s unique, small liberal arts environment.”

President Stephen C. Ainlay placed the project in historical context, explaining how it fits into the vision French architect Joseph Ramée had when he created Union’s campus plan more than 200 years ago. Working closely with President Eliphalet Nott, Ramée designed a campus that became a model for collegiate planning.

“This groundbreaking is every bit as historic as the day Nott met Ramée and they started out on this great adventure,” Ainlay said. “I believe this building is going to be the catalyst for the incredible re-opening of the minds of the entire campus.”

He promised the complex will take Union to greater heights, not only in the STEM fields but across all disciplines. “Make no mistake,” Ainlay said, “this building will set the standard for what it means to be a liberal arts college.”
College embarks on historic effort with new Integra and Engineering

Science and engineering at Union is undergoing a rebirth—an expansion and renovation of facilities that will make Union College one of the country’s top undergraduate institutions.

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Because at Union, it isn’t just about science, technology, engineering and math. It’s about STEM and the arts, social sciences and humanities.
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The new Integrated Science and Engineering Complex

“These new facilities will allow our faculty and students to continue their collaborations, but also find new and exciting ways to further the undergraduate research which is a hallmark of Union.”

MATTHEW MALATESTA ’91, vice president for Admissions, Financial Aid and Enrollment

“The most significant legacy of this project, along with all the others that we’ve done, is that Union will be—without question—the college of choice for physicists who want to dance; chemists who want to be in theater; or art history majors who understand that technology is going to infuse the fields that they are in as well,” President Stephen C. Ainlay said when he announced the project March 3.

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

After approval by the City of Schenectady, a groundbreaking ceremony occurred during ReUnion on May 19.

Built during the late 1960s and dedicated in 1971, the Science and Engineering Center has been instrumental in educating generations of students in biology, chemistry, physics and astronomy, and computer, electrical and mechanical engineering.

The reconstruction will revolutionize teaching, learning and research. It will connect people and programs across engineering, science and liberal arts in pioneering ways—something that Union has made a habit of doing over the years.

The first liberal arts institution to offer engineering in 1845, the College holds a distinctive place in higher education.

“We are excited to build upon our strong tradition of innovation by embarking on a project that will encourage multidisciplinary approaches to complex problems, and allow our students and faculty to continue to compete with the best in the world,” said John E. Kelly III ’76, chairman of the board of trustees. The board approved the project in February.

Matthew Malatesta ’91, vice president for Admissions, Financial Aid and Enrollment, echoed these sentiments.

“This project capitalizes on the great momentum Union has as a college that is redefining what the liberal arts are about, since the modern age requires students to understand arts, humanities, social sciences, sciences, and engineering—all in conjunction,” he said. “These new facilities will allow our faculty and students to continue their collaborations, but also find new and exciting ways to further the undergraduate research which is a hallmark of Union.”
To learn more about the Science and Engineering project, and to see a unique 360-degree tour, visit union.edu/se

President Stephen C. Ainlay announces the Integrated Science and Engineering Complex
Making Union’s future bright

Building a better Union takes imagination. And leadership.

“This is really the perfect time for this the renovation and expansion of science and engineering,” said Rich Templeton ’80, an electrical engineering major who is now CEO of Texas Instruments. “My wife, Mary, and I were fortunate that when we arrived at Union in the 1970s, we had a great science and engineering facility.”

“But it’s time to get that modernized and have it ready for the next 30 years of students that are going be coming through,” he added. “Mary and I are honored that we can be part of making a difference.”

This difference will last a lifetime for the students who walk the corridors of the new complex, whether they are scientists and engineers or not.

“You know, it’s very obvious that we are in a technologically more sophisticated world. And so the definition of liberal arts has to continue to evolve,” said Templeton. “Whether you’re in law, or going off into NGOs, or practicing engineering, technological knowledge is going to serve you well. It’s going to make you better in terms of the impact that you can have.”

David Breazzano ’78, a Union College trustee since 2008, agrees.

“Union is a unique place, being an elite liberal arts college with an exceptional science and engineering program,” he said. “This integration and the resulting symbiotic community is part and parcel of the Union experience.”

“A new science and engineering facility is critical at this juncture in our history, so we can maintain this experience for future generations,” continued Breazzano, who majored in political science and economics. “To maintain the culture of Union, we have to stay competitive in science and engineering. If we don’t, this culture will fade away and Union will change.”

The Templetons, longtime philanthropists who support United Way and educational

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and arts organizations, are dedicated to making sure any change is positive.

“Rich and I are big believers in leaving a place better,” said Mary Templeton ’80, a financial analyst and computer scientist who majored in computer science. “If you’ve benefited from an institution, you should always leave it in a better place.”

This is a belief Breazzano shares. President of his own investment firm, DDJ Capital Management, he has supported scholarships and the expansion of Schaffer Library. He was instrumental in the renovation of the fitness center and one of seven Minerva Houses, both of which bear his name. He has also endowed the Dona and Marshall Robinson Professor of Science, Philosophy and Religion.

“Alumni should feel a sense of giving back,” Breazzano said. “Many people probably don’t realize that their education was substantially subsidized by the generations before them. I really feel we all have a duty to give back and subsidize the education of those who attend Union now, and those who will in the future.”

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The new Integrated Science and Engineering Complex

Project highlights:

- Three sections of the existing building will be completely renovated; two sections will be demolished and replaced by an outdoor quad.
- A striking new landmark addition—devoted largely to teaching and research laboratories—will be constructed in a courtyard adjoining the renovated building.
- The 142,000-square-foot space will house state-of-the-art laboratories, classrooms, collaborative learning spaces for students and faculty, and faculty offices.
- Each department will have an intellectual “heart” to strengthen its identity and foster collaborative 21st century teaching and research. Contiguous departmental floor plans will allow for cross-fertilization among disciplines, improved research collaboration and greater opportunities for mentoring.
- Science and engineering will be on display throughout the complex, showcasing dynamic faculty-student interaction, hands-on experimentation and Union’s extensive collection of scientific instrumentation.

- The building’s centerpiece—a four-story light well—will promote visibility and connectedness among disciplines.
- Departments also will share corridors and instrumentation to further encourage faculty-student connections in formal and informal settings.
- First-year students in introductory and foundational courses will work within view of advanced instrumentation and research labs that showcase the exciting possibilities that lie ahead.
- Several general use classrooms will be available for liberal arts classes as well as for those in science and engineering. Nearly every student at Union will have a class in the new complex.
- The new space will connect directly to the Wold Center, and Bailey, Butterfield and Steinmetz halls.
- New outdoor walkways, seating areas and expanded green space will improve foot traffic significantly within the science and engineering complex and enhance the campus grounds.

“We are excited to build upon our strong tradition of innovation by embarking on a project that will encourage multidisciplinary approaches to complex problems, and allow our students and faculty to continue to compete with the best in the world.”

JOHN E. KELLY III ’76, chair of the board of trustees
“This project is going to give us a kind of new energy and push us into a place that Union has been long destined to occupy.”

President Stephen C. Ainlay

“This project is essential for Union to maintain its historic leadership role in the liberal arts—a role that flows from our institution’s integration of arts, humanities, social sciences, sciences, and engineering,” Ainlay said.

In addition to strengthening STEM facilities, the design of the new complex will enrich collaboration across disciplines. It will encourage and enable student and faculty research that results in creative solutions to the challenges of today’s globally and technologically diverse world.

“We have an opportunity at Union to take what we’ve done in the area of facilities and push ourselves to become the new definition of what it means to be liberally educated in the 21st century,” Ainlay said. “To be the world’s best in the liberal arts requires that you have strong STEM fields, but it also requires you to have strong arts and strong humanities—that you have strong social sciences.”

“This project is going to give us a kind of new energy and push us into a place that Union has been long destined to occupy.” Kelly agrees.

“This extraordinary undertaking is a major step in our goal to be the world’s best institution at fully integrating liberal arts with engineering,” he said. “I encourage everyone to join me in supporting the renovation and expansion of this transformative facility.”

The project will be paid for through a combination of fundraising, reserves and
The renovated and expanded science and engineering facility will augment learning and research opportunities across disciplines. Here are just a few examples of how this will happen.

- Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering Luke Dosiek’s research program will be enhanced with real-time power grid analysis, using sensors built into the new facility’s electrical system.

- Biology, neuroscience and psychology students will benefit from coverage of a wider range of animal model species with a state-of-the-art vivarium that can house rodents, reptiles, insects, and fish.

- The Electrical & Computer Engineering Department will support student work in radio transmission, including a wider range of the electromagnetic spectrum (UHF and VHF frequency range).

- A more collaborative environment for faculty and students will be realized in chemistry, biology and electrical & computer engineering with large, open, shared research spaces (as opposed to the segregated cinder-block rooms in which faculty currently do research).

- Glass walls in the new spaces will put research and state-of-the-art instrumentation on display. Since the general purpose classrooms in the building will be used by students and faculty from around the campus, this openness will create excitement around STEM activities that will be felt throughout Union.

- Improvements in infrastructure will enhance the physics and chemistry curricula, which are currently hampered by outdated facilities and infrastructure support.

- Integration of teaching and research labs will allow for more opportunities for summer research for students.

- Space for student projects in mechanical engineering will be nearly tripled, which is crucial to support that program given the importance of design projects for that curriculum.

“Provided by Wendy Sternberg, dean of Academic Departments and Programs"
A Steckler

Charles Steckler, the Dwane W. Crichton Professor of Theater Emeritus
In the summer of 1971, when Charles Steckler arrived on campus for a job interview, the Nott Memorial was a forgotten monolith, dilapidated, covered in vines and obscured by an overgrown hedge.

“The Nott looked like those old engravings of ancient classical buildings in Romantic ruined condition, temples of the past overtaken by time, weather and neglect,” he recalled.

But inside was a bustling makeshift performance space, a gem to the young stage designer who was trained to make theater in found spaces.

“I loved it immediately,” he said. “It was not so much a challenge as an inspiration.”

Also inside the Nott, Steckler met the eager members of Mountebanks, the student theater group. They were soon joined by a creative new director, Barry Smith, a classmate of Steckler’s at Yale’s School of Drama. (Smith retired in 1999.)

Their first task, in mid-August, was to produce a play—Madman and the Nun by Stanislaw Ignacy Witkiewicz—in time for the arrival of freshmen in early September. Perhaps fittingly, the play is an absurdist comedy that explores the boundaries of sanity. Steckler and Smith turned the inside of the Nott into a huge operating theater with life-size plaster figures watching the proceedings. The show was a hit.

And so began Steckler’s Union career.

This year, after a 46-year run, he starts his play’s next act: retirement. He received the Faculty Meritorious Award from the Alumni Council at ReUnion. Steckler has designed and built sets for a total of 121 productions, 55 shows in the Nott, 66 in the Yulman Theater, which became theater’s home when the Nott was restored in 1995.

Steckler’s stagecraft resembles his smaller works of art, some of which were shown in a recent Mandeville Gallery exhibit. When he’s not working in the...
Clockwise from upper left, Dancing at Lughnasa by Brian Friel, 2010; Boeing Boeing by Marc Camoletti, 2013; Orestes by Euripides, transadapted by Anne Washburn, 2012; Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare, 2016; and Fuddy Meers by David Lindsay-Abaire, 2016.

theater, he creates highly detailed and whimsical collages and dioramas using found objects arranged in what he calls “aleatory actions mediated by design.” The objects include string, feathers, gilded frames, ornaments, jewelry and cutouts of sacred figures, philosophers and artists.

Likewise, his sets rely heavily on what he finds—old cars and motorcycles, beach sand, cheesecloth and chicken wire, barn wood, paper maché, elbow macaroni, bagels and sawdust. Tom Paine, a play by Paul Foster, featured an all-surrounding bear-baiting pit constructed with heavy timbers and old telephone poles. For Samuel Beckett’s Waiting for Godot, Steckler set a handmade tree into a painted canvas sky. For Sophocles’ Antigone, discarded crates from a local snowmobile dealership became a classical façade.

Steckler and his wife, Ginger, have no plans to flee to warmer climes. He plans to work in his home studio, enjoy his children and 4-year-old grandson and stick around campus. “I look forward to being on campus quite a lot to attend concerts, lectures, film screenings and performances that Union offers in abundance,” he said.
What’s with the Greeks?

Q: What’s with the Greeks?
Liz Artz, Union’s director of fraternity and sorority life, spends plenty of time each day answering questions from students. So, we asked Liz to take on a few frequently asked questions from alumni.

Q: What is the impact of fraternities and sororities on students and Union College life? In the local community?
A: Fraternities and sororities are vital to the life of Union College, contributing in a number of ways. Greek letter groups provide students an opportunity to merge various aspects of college life including academic achievement, citizenship, leadership, self-governance, service learning and social and residential life. Fraternities and sororities also play an important role within the local community, where they have adopted programs run through non-profits aimed at causes like youth development, homelessness and education.

Q: What is the relationship between the College and the chapters?
A: Union is dedicated to reaffirming its nearly 200-year relationship with Greek life. The College’s commitment is based on the organizations’ unique opportunities to provide members and others with personal and social growth, academic and intellectual development and leadership skills and community service. In recent years, Greek organizations have come under scrutiny at institutions across the nation, and the expectations have never been higher. At Union, we have asked fraternities and sororities to take ownership of their chapters and to meet the standards of the College.

Q: How is my chapter doing?
A: If you would like to stay up-to-date with your chapter, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life publishes regular newsletters. Current and back issues are always available on the union.edu website: https://www.union.edu/offices/fraternity-sorority/newsletters/ and on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/union-greeks/ and Instagram: uniongreeks

The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life can provide contact information to current leadership, and chapters can add alumni/ae to their distribution list when they send out their own newsletters.

Q: Can I visit the old chapter house, even though I don’t live there anymore?
A: Of course. Union alumni are always welcome to explore their old stomping grounds.

Q: How do I get in touch with the current leadership of my chapter?
A: Email: greeklife@union.edu and we will get you the information you are looking for.

Q: Why did my chapter lose its house?
A: Just over 100 years ago, a number of Greek associations and the College entered into 99-year land lease agreements, which established the terms...
and conditions for building a chapter house on Union’s campus. The College complied with each agreement and for various reasons and at various times when the lease came up legal title of these buildings was permanently transferred to the College.

Q: How can my chapter get a house on campus?
A: The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life uses the Chapter of Excellence portfolio to assess the contributions of a chapter and to determine which ones will be offered an opportunity for housing.

Q: How can I bring my chapter back to campus?
A: A recognition application is available on the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life website. When getting started, it can help to have the support of the organization’s headquarters office.

Q: If I donate to my chapter, how do I know it won’t be used to throw a party?
A: Any donation directed to an organization will be placed into the organization’s on-campus account, which is monitored by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life. A chapter must request funding for a specific purpose and provide receipts.

Q: Why does Union still not have more sororities for women?
A: Union has been playing a little bit of catch up since admitting women, but we welcome the addition of another sorority. We are hoping to bring back Delta Gamma and welcome the support of Delta Gamma alumnae willing to lend a hand. We are also reaching out to other national Panhellenic chapters to invite them to our community.

Q: How are a chapter’s social events monitored?
A: The College requires that all events be registered with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life as well as Campus Safety. We require a guest list and at least one monitor for each 50 people, individuals working the door and bar. All participants are must wear a wrist band showing if they are over or under 21. All events must offer adequate food and non-alcoholic drinks. Finally, the event space needs to be cleaned by Monday at 7 a.m.

Q: Why are social event policies and conduct codes so much stricter than when I was a student?
A: First, the state legal drinking age is 21. Second, a heightened awareness of the dangers of excessive drinking has resulted in more oversight across college campuses. The College is under obligation to promote policies consistent with its legal obligations. Third, the College constantly reviews it policies to ensure that they represent best practices in minimizing the dangers associated with alcohol. Finally, the Fraternal Information and Programing Group (FIPG), a national organization, has adopted policies that include bans on, for example, common sources of alcohol, open parties, drinking games and serving minors. Greek chapters are obligated to follow these policies or risk losing their insurance coverage.

At the Greek Olympics in May, cheering for Sigma Delta Tau

Greek chapters at Union

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Phi Gamma Delta
Kappa Alpha

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Gamma Phi Beta
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Bio traces refugee’s second chapter

Teresa Meade, Florence B. Sherwood Professor of History and Culture (With Emilia Strzałkowska ’11)

World War II displaced Mia (Tlusty) Truskier and 40 million other people. When she came to the United States in 1949, Truskier was a member of the largest refugee population in the world.

Today, the number of refugees exceeds 65 million, according to the United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees, and 70 percent of them are women and children.

Truskier, a Polish Jew who lived from 1920-2014 and was forced to leave her home in the wake of the Nazi invasion, spent much of her life helping those fleeing war and oppression.

“She always said, ‘I know what it’s like to be a refugee,’” Teresa Meade said. “She knew what it was like to have the Gestapo after them.”

Meade’s upcoming book—tentatively titled, “We don’t become refugees by choice: A Life from Poland to California, 1939 to 2014”—is a biography of Truskier.

Truskier was a 19-year-old architecture student in 1939, when her student visa was rescinded and she couldn’t return to school in Switzerland. A member of a prosperous Warsaw family, she was able to escape with her young husband, Jan, his mother and his cousin. Using fake Bulgarian visas purchased on the black market, they fled to Italy in 1940, where they traded their false documents for legitimate 24-hour travel visas.

The plan, Meade explained, was to head to Rome—an open city—and from there go to Brazil. That never happened, and they spent the next nine years living in a “precarious netherworld, passing as Aryan Poles.”

During that time, Truskier helped support her family as a costume designer and craftsman. She continued to use her talents in the U.S., first in Lincoln, Neb., and later in California, as a store window designer and draftswoman in architecture firms. Her husband also worked as a successful architect.

She first began helping refugees during the Vietnam War, as a resident of Long Beach. Later she and Jan moved to Berkeley, where their sons had gone to college.

“Jan and Mia had lost so many family members in World War II, they wanted to be close to their grandchildren and the family they had left,” Meade said. After they moved to the Bay Area, Mia became involved with the East Bay Sanctuary Covenant (EBSC).

EBSC, started primarily out of the Catholic Church, provides legal and material assistance to refugees seeking asylum. Many of the refugees are from Central America and Haiti, but more recently, EBSC has been helping many people fleeing oppression in Somalia and parts of the Middle East.

“Mia was always an activist, always a volunteer. She used her skill as an artist to support EBSC publicity and fundraising efforts, and she designed posters. She was on the board of trustees until she died,” Meade said. “As a skilled puppeteer, she staged shows for children in low-income schools and community centers. She loved to connect with children in this way.”

Truskier was named Berkeley Woman of Year in 2010 for her work in support of all asylum seekers.

“One was always someone who saw the refugee. She saw people and she understood that nobody wants to pick up and leave their family and friends. They are forced out,” Meade said. “Nobody becomes a refugee by choice.”

Meade’s work is supported by grants from Union College’s Faculty Development Fund and the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute.
Viney and Nott. Freedom and Friendship.

Gretchen Hathaway, Dean of Diversity & Inclusion / Chief Diversity Officer

Their story is about freedom and friendship, and well worth keeping alive.

Which is where Gretchen Hathaway comes in.

Eliphalet Nott was president of Union College for 62 years. Among his more remarkable achievements was securing the freedom of Moses Viney, a man who escaped from slavery in Maryland. In a clever way, Viney found his way north finding assistance through the Underground Railroad. He served as Nott’s coachman, confidante and—during the president’s decline—his health aide.

Hathaway, Union’s dean of Diversity and Inclusion, has written an historical novel, A Bonded Friendship: Moses and Eliphalet.

“One of the reasons I wrote this book is to make sure that this piece of our history is remembered,” she said.

The author first heard about Viney and Nott a decade ago from Neil Yetwin, a teacher at Schenectady High School who was one of the architects—with Dr. Bernard McEvoy and Walter Simpkins—of the Schenectady Juneteenth Celebration. The event, which commemorates the end of slavery, is organized annually by the Hamilton Hill Arts Center in the Ancestral Plot of Vale Cemetery.

Hathaway took advantage of sleepless nights over four years to create a narrative that brought to life the relationship of the two men.

Through research in Canton, Md., she reconstructed the circumstances of Viney’s escape from slavery. She researched immigration and farming communities for chapters on Viney’s time in Canada, where he fled after Nott’s first attempt to buy Viney’s freedom. She heard ancestral slave stories from her great grandfather, and incorporated those emotions into this piece of historical fiction. She used old family recipes to describe the food of the time; her biscuits are still the family’s favorite.

What’s missing? “I would really want to know what Viney learned from the students,” Hathaway said. “We know the students looked up to him. He knew their challenges, how they reacted when they got in trouble, especially since Moses was often involved in bringing students to President Nott for disciplinary issues.”

Hathaway said she was surprised in her research to discover the high percentage of African American women who died in childbirth in the mid-19th century. She notes that Moses and his wife, Anna, had no children. Moses had 23 siblings.

Hathaway is especially gratified that youngsters in Schenectady celebrate the story of Viney and Nott. “What tugs at my heart is the fact that the Hamilton Hill Arts Center—a center for children—keeps the story alive through the Juneteenth celebration,” she said. “They don’t have to do that, but they do it because it is a living, healthy story for our community to appreciate.”
M. JOHN LUBETKIN '60
Road to War: The 1871 Yellowstone Surveys
The Arthur H. Clark Company
By 1870, only one group of American Indians in the Dakota and Montana Territories still held firm against being placed on reservations: a few thousand Teton Sioux and Northern Cheyennes, all followers of the charismatic Sitting Bull. It was then that Philadelphia’s Jay Cooke, “the financier of the Civil War,” a man who believed that he was “God’s chosen instrument,” funded a second transcontinental railroad. This line, the Northern Pacific, would follow the Yellowstone River through Montana, separating the last buffalo herds from Sitting Bull’s people and disrupting their way of life. Road to War tells the fascinating story of the inevitable clash of wills between a fierce, proud people fighting to retain their traditional way of life and a devout man who had the full support of President Ulysses S. Grant’s administration and the U.S. Army. The chronological first of three volumes documenting the Northern Pacific’s Yellowstone valley surveys between 1871 and 1873, Road to War tells its story through excerpts from unpublished letters, diaries, official reports, and period newspapers.

RAYMOND ANGELO BELLIOSSI '70
Nietzsche’s Will to Power: Eagles, Lions, and Serpents
Cambridge Scholars Publishing
This book represents a unique contribution to Nietzschean scholarship in its analysis of the concept of power as preliminary to addressing Nietzsche’s psychological version of will to power. It advances a fresh interpretation of will to power that connects it explicitly to the meaning of human life, and, in so doing, the author addresses major questions such as: What does will to power designate? What does it presuppose? What effects does it engender? The volume argues that Nietzsche’s psychological notion of will to power cannot plausibly be understood as merely a first-order drive to attain and exert power. Moreover, despite some of the philosopher’s extravagant rhetoric, will to power is not an inherent instinct to oppress other people or things. Instead, will to power, understood generically, is a second-order desire to have, pursue and attain first-order desires; it bears a relationship to confronting and overcoming resistances and obstacles, and is related to the pursuit of excellence and personal transformation, as well as to experiences of feeling power.

DANIEL G. PAYNE '76
Orion on the Dunes: A Biography of Henry Beston
David R. Godine
In Orion on the Dunes, the first biography of Henry Beston, scholar Daniel Payne was granted unrestricted access to the writer’s archives. Drawing on interviews with friends and family, Payne crafts a scrupulously researched narrative; one presenting a masterful portrait that traces the intellectual growth and tumultuous life of a vital American writer whose work and thought have exerted a tremendous pull on poets, naturalists, and novelists alike. This is the backstory to a life, at once hidden and transparent, that is here finally revealed.

PHYLLIS ZYCH BUDKA ’82
The Maska Dramatic Circle: Polish American Theater in Schenectady, New York (1933-1942)
Moonrise Press
Designed initially as a family history and based on documents found in an attic, the book was inspired by the involvement of the author’s parents, Stanley Zych and Sophie Korycinski Zych, in the Maska Dramatic Circle in the 1930s and 1940s. In nine years, this group of young Polish Americans staged at least 51 plays, complete with costumes, stage settings, music and dancing. The book documents these performances on the basis of a scrapbook of photos, Maska Buletyns and press clippings, and fills in a gap in the history of one of the Polish immigrant communities in America. At a time when they were fast assimilating into the larger American society, these young people sought to preserve Polish culture and to demonstrate its relevance to the contemporary lives of both the immigrant generation and to their children.
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Building Our Third Century

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An unrestricted gift was received from the estate of H. William Smith, Jr., Class of 1945. Proceeds will be used at the discretion of the Trustees. Mr. Smith was a member of the V-12 unit at Union. He was an entrepreneur for many years in the manufacturing and design of racecar engines and owner of automobile dealerships.

Remainder proceeds from a charitable gift annuity were received from the estate of Frank W. Swacker, Class of 1947. Proceeds will support areas of greatest need. Mr. Swacker received his degree in economics and enjoyed a career as an international lawyer and book author.

An unrestricted gift was received from the estate of Thomas R. Stanwood, Class of 1961. Proceeds will be used at the discretion of the Trustees. A history major and member of Sigma Phi, Mr. Stanwood had a career in finance and development, and in retirement was a deacon.

An additional unrestricted gift was received from the estate of Harry G. Silleck, Class of 1940. Along with an earlier distribution, proceeds will be used at the discretion of the Trustees.

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

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

An unrestricted IRA distribution was received from the estate of Priscilla Akerblom. Proceeds will be used at the discretion of the Trustees. Mrs. Akerblom was the widow of Donald R. Akerblom, Class of 1953.

A bequest was received from the estate of Judson R. Escalante, Class of 1953. Proceeds were added to the Judson R. Escalante Endowed Scholarship supporting students pursuing a course of study in the humanities. Mr. Escalante was an economics major and member of Beta Eta Upsilon.

A bequest was received from the estate of Beverly B. Yunich. Proceeds will be added to the David L. & Beverly B. Yunich Chair on Business Ethics. Mrs. Yunich was the widow of Dr. David L. Yunich, Class of 1939 and former Union College Trustee.

An additional trust distribution was received from the estate of Everett C. Whitaker, Class of 1932. Along with a previous distribution, proceeds will be used at the discretion of the trustees.

An additional gift was received from the estate of Joseph D. Martin, Class of 1953. This gift, along with previous distributions, was applied to the Joseph D. Martin Endowed Pre-Med Fund.
Alumni from San Diego and Orange County, Calif., connect at the meet-and-greet during a private tour and tasting of Ale Smith Brewery. From left to right are Thomas Metzmaker ’09, Sven P. Zabka and Terezka Zabka, William Humphrey ’94, Alex Green ’92, Christine (LeDuc) Jernigan ’97, Thomas Jernigan, Elizabeth (Flanagan) Forrest

Alumni clubs

Alumni and other members of the Union family enjoy the pregame event for a Union vs. Harvard hockey match this winter. From right are Quisqueya Witbeck ’16, Ryan Muther ’16, Rebecca Knepple ’14 and Jacob LaRocca ’12

Alumni in New York City, Boston, D.C. and Schenectady gathered to toast Union at Cake & Champagne Celebrations to support our #ADAY4U one day giving challenge on February 22. From right are William McColl ’66, Erika Steur ’15, Larry Eisenberg ’64, Andrea Marois ’11, David Hogenkamp ’06, Ridgely Harrison ’03, Amanda Snyder ’11 and Kelly Parks ’11

NYC alumni come together to cheer for Union at the alumni club’s hockey viewings at Van Diemen’s

UPCOMING ALUMNI CLUB EVENTS

JULY-SEPT. 2017  
Summer baseball  
See p. 3 for more information

JULY 16, 2017  
Social Hour w/ Skidmore, Cloby & Trinity  
London

AUG. 11, 2017  
Gridiron Golf Outing  
Schenectady, N.Y.

SEPT. 30, 2017  
Men’s hockey v. BU  
Boston, Mass.

OCT. 20-22, 2017  
Homecoming & Family Weekend  
Union College

OCT. 27, 2017  
Feigenbaum Forum  
Union College

For more events, visit uconnect.union.edu/
Garnet Guard
Alumni who have celebrated their 50th ReUnion.

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1943

Richard Hughes writes, “I have recently moved in to a senior independent living facility and like this style of living. Have sold my Florida property and am trying to adapt to winter again after 33 years absence. My daughter and two of my grandsons and families are nearby here in Strongsville. It will be nice to enjoy them all year from now.”

1944

Robert (Bob) Edwards was presented an award by his hometown high school at Oneonta, N.Y., for his development engineering on the microwave oven and 43 years at Raytheon Company working on defense missile systems and air traffic and marine radars. Bob was a Radar/Sonar Specialist Officer in the U.S. Navy in World War II. He also received the Minuteman Cane Award from the Town of Lexington, Mass., for his continuous volunteer work in the community. His award plaque has been placed on the "Wall of Distinction" at Oneonta High School.

1950

William D Lorenzo Jr. writes, “Just prior to the senior class prom in 1948, a few of us from the Class of 1950 removed the extension ladders being used behind South College and put them up against the chimney extending above the heating plant (no longer in existence). I climbed up with a can of black paint and put a ‘50’ at the very top. Richard Jesser followed up within few days, putting a ‘49’ below the ‘50’ (both Dick and I resided in Hackensack, N.J., at the time). That same night, I painted the Idol with silver paint and put a garnet ‘50’ on the base. The next day, there was a brilliant sun and the Idol could be seen from many locations on campus. Sometime later, one of the seniors told me that he had found out that I was the one who had painted the Idol, but that it was such a fantastic job, they felt that I should not be punished with a block ‘U’ haircut. Unfortunately, I cannot find that picture I have of the two dates in the chimney, nor the silver Idol.”

Michael Berbert writes, “John Berbert (BS physics) passed away Dec. 24, 2016 due to complications from stroke. Following postgraduate work in physics and electrical engineering at Johns Hopkins University and University of Maryland, John joined NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center, where he remained until his retirement in January 2003 (after 51 years of service in the federal government). John was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hiking, sailing, tennis, and especially skiing. As an officer and trip leader of the Goddard ski club, he skied throughout the world, including New England and the western U.S., Canada, Europe, South America and New Zealand. John is survived by two brothers and a sister, his wife of 66 years (Claire), five sons, 11 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.”

John Berbert ’50 passed away Dec. 24, 2016

1951

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Thor Trolsen writes, “I retired, in 1985, from a 33-year career with General Electric. I have just recovered from successful surgery to replace the valve in my aorta. I and my wife, Regina, have been living, for the past 14 years, in the Widow Valley retirement community in Lancaster, Pa. We are now in the health care unit, where we receive excellent care and support. Our eight grandchildren have given us 11 great-grandchildren, living in Japan, Georgia, Virginia and Maryland. We no longer drive or travel, other than visits for medical problems! But we are happy and content!”

Eugene Benman writes, “how to incentivize remaining in school ... well, in 1944-1945 one qualifies for U.S. Navy training in electronics. One month at Wright Jr. College in Chicago... pass that, on to 3 months at Del Monte Lodge in Monterrey, Calif. Pass that, on to seven months at Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay. Failure at any stage means one automatically learns how to steer landing craft and go to invading Japanese-held islands in the Pacific. This sailor passed all three schools just as the Japanese surrendered. Some irony is evident, however, as this same sailor finds himself serving aboard a mine sweeper in the waters surrounding Japan ... payback time ... staying at school at Union somehow seemed easier from 1947-1951.”

1952

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home health care services, including physical therapy. I was able to get around with a walker for six more weeks. Miraculously, there has been no pain whatsoever. Fortunately my hip was not broken and the pelvis fracture was not displaced, so no surgery was required.

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Dave Wainwright writes, “Happily retired in beautiful late 70s.”

John and Betsy Honey and Bill Reaman attended the sold-out reception before the BU game in Boston on January 5. They write, “We enjoyed the event and are proud to say we were the most senior alums in attendance.”

Bob Hodges writes, “On January 14, 2017 my wife and I were skiing when I was slammed into from the back by a snowboarder. The impact launched me airborne. I landed on my right hip and whip-like, my head smashed hard onto the solid ice covering the ground at that spot. I was knocked unconscious, but for only 15 seconds. A ski patrol took me down off the mountain on a toboggan. At a local hospital a CAT scan of the brain ruled out any brain hemorrhage, and it was determined that there was no concussion. My ski helmet probably saved my life because the blow to my head was severe. But an X-ray of my right side revealed a fractured pelvis; the fracture traversing the entire right acetabulum (the socket for the ball of the hip joint). My skiing was done for this season. I spent eight days in the hospital and then had

Peter Adler writes, “I’m still alive and well and living in Raleigh, N.C. Greetings!”
Shore. Have enjoyed a cup of coffee away on Boston North Shore, and four grandchildren are an hour away. Our two adult children enjoy retirement in Seacoast, N.H. Our two adult children and four grandchildren are an hour away on Boston North Shore. Have enjoyed a cup of coffee with classmate Andy Warde in Portland, Maine. After travel to Russia in the fall of 2015, Midge and I enjoyed a fascinating journey to China, Tibet, Cambodia, and Hong Kong this past spring, 2016. We are now planning another walking tour in Europe.

Robert Warner writes, “I continue to work as an independent researcher in both cardiology and the display and analysis of computerized data. My wife and I very much enjoy living near Portland, Ore., and we travel to the East Coast regularly to visit our four grandchildren and eight grandchildren. I look back with great fondness to the time I spent at Union and am grateful that the education that I received there helped provide me not only with a satisfying career, but also with overall enjoyment of life.”

1965
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Lee Tuthill writes, “As part of completing the Down East Circle Loop in our trawler ‘Encore’ this past summer, Barbara and I stopped in Westport, N.Y., on the western edge of Lake Champlain to spend a delightful dinner and evening with classmate Bill Johnston and his wife, Mary. The three-month cruise took us from RI up the Hudson River, through the Champlain Canal to Lake Champlain and then the Chambly Canal to the St. Lawrence Seaway. We then turned east and after a pleasant stay in Quebec City over Canada Day, we went out the St. Lawrence, around Gaspe and on to Prince Edward Island, the Bras D’or Lakes in Cape Breton and then down the coast of Nova Scotia, around Cape Sable to Yarmouth, N.S. From Yarmouth we crossed the Bay of Fundy to re-enter the U.S. at Northeast Harbor, Maine. And then proceeded down the New England coast to our home port in Narragansett Bay. Special highlights were seeing the Beluga whales coming out the St. Lawrence, visiting a Northern Gannet rookery of 150,000 birds, and great food everywhere.”

Dr. Robert S. Hoffman writes, “I am still practicing integrative medicine and psychiatry full-time. I have no intention of retiring. My wife and I still spend three out of every four weekends visiting our 10 grandkids in San Diego, San Carlos and San Rafael. The three eldest grandkids are in college (Carnegie Mellon, Wash U, St Lo, and Brandeis) and there is a youngest still in utero, due in May. I continue to practice my French horn daily and perform with the Gold Coast Wind Ensemble at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Center. On my way to rehearsal, I stop and have dinner with my 97-year-old mom at her lovely retirement community and we take her to movies and family events and have her over for weekends when we are in town. I also work out every day, alternating high intensity interval training with resistance training during the work week and 3-8 mile hikes on weekends. And I practice mindfulness meditation (Vipassana), and eat a mainly plant based pescatarian diet, though I do indulge in red meat occasionally. I have learned to practice what I preach. I consider myself truly blessed with an amazing family, (a wife whom I sometimes think is an angel sent to help me become my best self and a better parent and grandparent), incredibly gratifying work and personal life and good health. In retrospect, having turned down Ivy League schools for Union, where I got to play in various music ensembles, sing in the glee club and write for and then become literary editor of Concordiensis, I have no regrets. Except when people ask where I went to college and don’t recognize the name when they would an Ivy League school, a minor problem I also encounter when they ask my medical school having turned down Ivy League med schools for Einstein. I received a superb liberal arts education from excellent professors. However, I have been unable, thus far, to persuade any of my children, five of whom attended UCs, or their children, to consider Union.”

1966
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Organized by Tom Hitchcock ’66, a great group of Union alumni and spouses gathered in Boston for the Harvard/Union hockey game in February. Go U!

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Frank Darmiento was recently featured in the Fountain Hills Times. The story focused on
his new role as conductor of the Fountain Hills Community Band. Frank studied music composition with Wendell Margrave in Washington, D.C. and arranging with Ladd McIntosh. He won the 2003 Dallas Wind Symphony brass fanfare competition and has been a multiple year American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers awards’ winner. Frank is the principal trombonist with the Scottsdale Philharmonic and co-leader of a brass quintet, Optima Brass.

Stephen Roehm writes, “Retirement on Cape Cod is lovely...traveled to India in February 2016, on to Spain and Sicily in 2017...serving on two local boards and active in local politics—keeping busy!”

1968

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William Warcholik writes, “After traveling throughout the USA for the last three years in ministry for It Is Written Media Ministry, retired to Tenn. My wife and I are enjoying more time with family and helping with ministries in local churches.”

George Schulz writes, “I recently retired from UBS. I also signed on to be a local affiliate for Brian Tracy’s FocalPoint Business Coaching. We provide coaching for small and mid-size business CEO’s as well as staff. I’ve been coaching all my life and this way I can do as much or as little as I want. I think it will be lots of fun, and I can get the satisfaction of helping a number of entrepreneurs grow their business. What could be better than that?”

1969

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John Glidden writes, “As I approach my 50th ReUnion at Union College, I become more sentimental about this whole life thing, and much more thoughtful about seeing my classmates again! Since our last reunion, I continue to operate my municipal/public finance business, which operates well when I pay attention to it. But alas, my attention is somewhat diverted to my recent election as mayor of our hometown of Closter, N.J. This is an interesting challenge between handling residents’ complaints and developing a long range strategy for the future of the town. News on the home front includes daughters Emily ’00 and Elizabeth ’01, both of whom have produced grandchildren. Son John III recently forsook the family legacy at Union and entered the freshman class at the University of Alabama, where he received a scholarship in aerospace engineering. Go Crimson Tide! I look forward to our 50th in ’19.”

Thomas Oberst writes, “As the chief technology officer, I am now spending 100 percent of my time as a member of the executive team of Cohen Veterans Bioscience. We are a nonprofit comprised of MDs, PhDs, researchers, and computer scientists like myself. We have set out to discover biomarkers, diagnostics, and therapeutics for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Ultimately, we want to find a cure. We want to understand predispositions, execute quicker diagnosis, discover better therapies and effect better outcomes. In addition to funding research (The Broad, Harvard, Columbia, Stanford, etc.), as well as performing our own research (New York University–Langone Medical Center), we are opening up 25 clinics around the United States that will provide free medical care for our vets. We are just beginning to capitalize on data-driven discovery.”

1970

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David Toliver writes, “In September 2016, I retired after working 34 years with Thomson Reuters. For the last 20 years, I served as technical lead on the search component of the Web of Science, a comprehensive information resources for accessing published scholarly research and citation data. Since retiring, I have devoted myself to friends and family.”

Phil Di Sorbo writes, “Happy to report all is well, enjoying a diverse life, no longer working full-time. Living in beauty in rural Columbia County, N.Y., with Cindy and frequent visits from children and grandchildren. Currently working part time as DSRIP Palliative Care Project manager for Ellis Medicine in
Schenectady, hoping to loop in Union Leadership in Medicine students soon. The Project includes several regional health systems, primary care sites, and Hospices. Union students assisted with last year’s publication in the American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Medicine. I also continue ad hoc consulting with Island Hospice in Zimbabwe, Africa—will be there for a week in May. Life’s blessings continue to enrich!

1972

Leslie Goldman writes, “It was an exciting year for our family. We have a new grandson—Micah. We also closed on a condo in Delray Beach, Fla. Hopefully, we will be using it more and more.”

Leonard Solomon writes, “I am fully retired since working P-T as a home health aide for five years on the Cape. I continue to act, sing, and play in a band (clarinet and sax) and have performed in a Gilbert and Sullivan tribute, and appeared as ‘Agnes the Oracle’ in Dead Silence in Provincetown and as a naughty elf in the same company’s ‘Wicked Winter Wonderland.’ I look forward to seeing my fellow classmates at our 45th reunion in May.”

1973

Mark Shugoll and his company, Shugoll Research, were awarded the Corporate Citizenship Award for Culture & Arts by Chief Executive magazine. Dr. Shugoll was honored for creating and producing ArtSpeak!, a 20-year-old program that brings theater artists into public schools to excite and educate students about theater and the arts. Guests of the program have included Kristin Chenoweth, Patti LuPone, Brian Stokes Mitchell, Audra McDonald, Sutton Foster, Kelli O’Hara, Lea Michele, Stephen Schwartz and the late Marvin Hamlisch. These artists talk about their careers, answer student questions, sign autographs and perform for students.

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Rob Glicksman teaches environmental, natural resources, and administrative law at George Washington University Law School. He is spending the spring 2017 semester presenting lectures at law schools in New Zealand and Australia on the future of environmental law under the Trump Administration and on a forthcoming NYU Press book on government reorganization. Rob lives with his wife, Emily, in Bethesda, Md.

1974

Peggy A. Miller writes, “I had a fantastic visit last year at Untermyer Gardens in Yonkers, N.Y., with college roommates Kathy Mitchell Mullaney ‘74 and Barbara Levy Taylor ‘75, who drove down from their homes in the Adirondacks for a NYC visit. I changed law firms in March 2016, and am now special counsel in technology & intellectual property law at a minority-owned firm, MWH Law Group, working remotely from my home office, and starting to think about retirement!”

1975

Lou Miller ’75 (left) and Bill Mahium ’75 (right) met as freshmen in the fall of 1971 and have remained close friends ever since. They write, “Here we are attending the hockey game against St. Lawrence on Nov. 11, 2016. We want to say hi to all of our fellow classmates, friends and family and to extend our best wishes to all of you.”

Nicholas Karambelas writes, ‘I have been practicing law in Washington, D.C., New York and Maryland since 1980. My firm is Sfikas & Karambelas, LLP (www.ngklaw.com). My practice includes business organization, e-commerce, securities, franchising and international business transactions. I am the author of Limited Liability Companies: Law, Practice & Forms, which is published by Thomson Reuters (next.westlaw.com) and updated twice a year. I have also formed a publishing company through which I publish ebooks. The most recent is a guide to the legal aspects of doing business in the US for foreign business persons.”

Kathy Hughes Baird writes, “Under the category that life is an amazing journey and you never know where it will lead: I am now fully retired from my 45-year career in IT and have begun a new one as a clergy wife. My husband, Joe, was ordained to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church on Jan. 22, 2017 at our historic church, St. Peter’s in Blairsville, Penn. St. Peter’s is the oldest (since 1828) Episcopal church west of the Allegheny Mountains that has been continuously serving in the same building. Although Joe did not graduate from Union, we did meet there while he was attending night classes and working at GE so we have many wonderful shared memories from our time at Union. We both serve in volunteer administrative roles for the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh and will soon begin a new outreach mission in Blairsville called Laundry Love. The Rev. Joe will celebrate Holy Eucharist on Sundays as an assistant to our current Vicar at St. Peter’s.”

Gary Geller writes, “I have been working in Geneva, Switzerland for the last year or so on assignment from NASA to the Group on Earth Observations. At GEO I coordinate the Biodiversity and Ecosystem Sustainability Societal Benefit Area. It’s nice to live and work here, though I will likely move back to Los Angeles next year and return to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (where I have worked for most of the, yikes, last 30 years).”

John Corey writes, “Have just relinquished VP for engineering role to be VP for R&D, still at Chart Inc. (which bought our company Qdrive in 2011). More fun, less administration. Preparing for next act with Sue, now as empty-nesters, married 40 years. Maybe back to school, for another language? ReUnion (also

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The Rt. Rev. Dorsey W.M. McConnell ordains the Rev. Joseph Baird and he is vested with his priest’s stole by his wife, Kathy Hughes Baird ’75

Alumni supported Union hockey on January 14 in a game against Harvard, and joined the Garnet Blade and enjoyed a fine pre-game meal at Messa Rink. Pictured are Cliff Langweiler ’76, Pete Taving ’74, Dave Gordon ’76, Jim Brennan ’74, Garrett Andrews ’78, Fred Weil ’75, Ian Gluck ’74, Phil Alcabes ’76 and Steve Wollins ’76, Ian’s son, Philip ’14, and Fred’s daughter, Elora ’16 are both Union graduates.

Preparing for next act with Sue, now as empty-nesters, married 40 years. Maybe back to school, for another language? ReUnion (also
40 years) was grand. Also in 2016, parents died, son graduated (BSME), daughter engaged, democracy hijacked. Oh, and the walking machine we built won the Troy Steampunk Inventor’s Challenge. Looking forward to an even better 2017 and welcome all old friends to an even better 2017 and have joined a new pathology practice with Phoenix Pathologists, Ltd, primarily located at Banner Thunderbird Medical Center. I am enjoying its portfolio companies while continuing my law practice. Some travel, ski, golf and tennis but never enough.”


Richard Eisen writes, “Andrea and I have moved to Scottsdale, Arizona on Sept. 19, 2015. I have joined a new pathology practice with Phoenix Pathologists, Ltd, primarily located at Banner Thunderbird Medical Center. I am enjoying my new position and working with new partners immensely. Andrea continues in Jewish Education, teaching at Temple Solei in Paradise Valley. Our son, Josh, graduated from the USC Price School of Public Policy in May of this year. We are so very proud of his achievements and his commitment to improving life in our global community. Wishing
all the best for the Class of ‘80 and all Union alumni.”

Robert Pollard has been named associate dean for research for the National Technical Institute for the Deaf at Rochester Institute of Technology. He will work to further NTID’s position as the preeminent national and international center regarding evidence-based research in the field of deafness on teaching and learning; communication/language and literacy; communication technology/access and support services; and employment and adaptability to social change in the global workplace.

Washington State Gov. Jay Inslee recently appointed Kathryn Gardow to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board. Kathryn is a principal in Gardow Consulting, and before that, she was executive director for the PCC Farmland Trust. A civil engineer, she previously has worked for engineering firms and for local governments. She also served on the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board’s Farmland Advisory Committee evaluating conservation projects from across the state and helping set policy for conserving farmland. Kathryn served on the Washington State Public Works Board and on the PCC Natural Markets Board of Trustees. She taught classes for the Mountaineers and led scrambles on mountainsides. She has a master’s degree from the University of Washington’s Foster School of Business.

Brooks Pierce recently announced that Mack Sperling was recognized as an industry leader in the 2017 edition of North Carolina Super Lawyers. His area of practice is business litigation.

Marcia Kenny Keegan was recently elected to the Connecticut Board of Directors of the American Red Cross. She will serve through June 30, 2019. Members of the Board provide guidance and stewardship for the Red Cross and its network of volunteers as the charity provides emergency assistance, disaster relief, and preparedness education. Marcia has a law degree from Cornell University. She also served on the Executive Board of the New England Chapter of Women in Cable and Telecommunications and on the Board of the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

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In October, six friends from 3rd floor West celebrated 39 years of friendship with a reunion weekend in the Hudson Valley. From left to right are Martha Duval Cenicola ’81, Sally Yeates Cartwright ’81, Ellen Green Weiss ’81, Julie Arnold Kreitzer ’81, Janis Polishook ’81 and Sue Barnhart Ferris ’81.

Cooper chair of the litigation practice area. Carol represents clients in matters related to divorce, custody, visitation, child support, pre-nuptial agreements, post-nuptial agreements, adoption and other civil litigation. During her career, she has been selected as a Maryland Super Lawyer from 2014-2017 and a Rising Star from 2010-2012. In 2016-2017, she made the “Top 100” list in Maryland in addition to the “Top 50 Women” in Maryland. She is actively involved in the family law committees of the Baltimore City and Baltimore County Bar Associations. Carol earned a juris doctor from the University of Maryland School of Law.

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John Reed Stark is president of John Reed Stark Consulting LLC, a cyber-resilience and digital compliance firm. John manages cybersecurity projects and incident response investigations on behalf of both the government and the private sector. His firm also provides internationally recognized expertise on SEC/FINRA regulatory issues, especially those relating to technology. John finished an almost 20-year stint at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission where, for the last 11 years, he served as chief of the SEC’s Office of Internet Enforcement and five years heading the Washington, D.C. office of Stroz, Friedberg, a global digital risk management firm.

John Reed Stark

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writes, “2016 was quite a watershed year for me. After losing my mother to pancreatic cancer and completing 29 years working as a fundraising executive, I decided to take
a year off to write a novel about Sarah Cloyce, one of the women unfairly accused of witchcraft during the Salem hysteria in 1692 (www.sarahclayeshouse.org). So now I am homeschooling a 9th grader, my 14-year-old daughter! A few weeks ago she and I took an impromptu walk through the Union campus—so different from the 80s—and I had a great time telling her stories of the old days.”

**Kerrie Ticknor-Droban** has published five best-selling true crime books, the first two of which (Running with the Devil and Prodigal Father Pagan Son) won the USA News National Book Award for Best True Crime and Best Memoir. The third (A Socialite Scorned) is being featured in a Discovery Channel series called “The Help,” and the fourth (Vagos Mongols and Outlaws) is now a television series titled “Gangland Undercover” produced by AbE. Her final book, The Last Chicago Boss, is due out September 19, 2017. Kerrie continues to practice criminal defense in Phoenix, Arizona where she resides with her two teenage boys.

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**Alumna talks life before & after Union**

Karen Liberman Smith ’87, senior vice president at Olympus Scientific Solutions, returned to campus as part of the Alumni Speaker Series in February. Addressing a crowd of students, faculty and staff in the Nott Memorial, she talked on “Career & Life: Before, During & After Union.”

Karen, who graduated with an electrical engineering degree and holds an MBA from Clark University, began her career as a sales engineer and worked her way up to senior leadership positions as Olympus grew and changed. She credited her Union experience with giving her the tools and confidence to succeed in a rapidly evolving industry, one that was predominately male when she started out—and remains so in many areas today.

“I can’t tell you how appreciative I am of how Union shaped my future,” she said. “What was really amazing was the faculty. Not once, when I was struggling, did the dean of engineering say, ‘Are you sure you want to be doing this?’ I’m so grateful they supported me.”

A founding sister of Gamma Phi Beta sorority, in her present role at Olympus Karen is responsible for a product range with annual revenues of $250M, with technologies including Ultrasound, Eddy Current and X-Ray Fluorescence. Her job incorporates the global functions of business strategy, product management, business development, marketing, social media, customer communications, support and training. Karen travels frequently for work since the company is headquartered in Waltham, Mass., and Tokyo, Japan. And because Olympus has an office in Quebec City, she still studies and speaks French.

Karen lives in Hopkinton, Mass., with her husband, Matthew, and son, Jared (who incidentally was visiting Union on Legacy Admissions Day while his mother was giving her talk).
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Bob LoParo ’87 writes, “Chris Mohr—my good friend, fraternity brother, brother-in-law and uncle to my children—passed on Jan. 1, 2017. He was tragically struck by a hit-and-run driver on a morning bicycle ride. After you shed a tear for him and his family, remind yourself of a few things: He went out doing something he loved—riding. He was passionate about everything he did as a man, husband, father, son, uncle and friend. Few can match his love for fishing. The ‘Angry Angler’ will be missed. He was passionate about something he loved—riding. After you shed a tear for him and his family, remind yourself of a few things: He went out doing something he loved—riding. He was passionate about everything he did as a man, husband, father, son, uncle and friend. Few can match his love for fishing.

Jeff Slippen ’89 and Jon Roberts ’89 met up with their kids to watch Union defeat Colgate this winter.

1990

Ashley Prout McAvey, sister of Ian Prout ’94, has provided an essay and poem she wrote after her brother ended his life on April 9, 2016 after suffering silently. Her words pay tribute to her amazing brother who ran a successful sports car driving business and held five records at prominent tracks around the country. Ashley is dedicated to honoring Jan’s incredible legacy and beautiful spirit by raising awareness of the epidemic that is suicide as well as the critical areas and ways to advance suicide prevention. She includes a list of resources and organizations dedicated to awareness and prevention. Liz Willis Thompson ’96, Ian’s girlfriend, has supplied a tribute that she gave at Ian’s interment. The pieces by Ashley and Liz are online at www.union.edu/magazine.

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Kirkland & Ellis LLP recently announced that New York partner Jonathan Henes has become a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, an honorary association of bankruptcy and insolvency professionals devoted to sustaining excellence in the field. Jonathan is one of 30 new Fellows honored and recognized for their professional excellence and their exceptional contributions to the bankruptcy and insolvency practice. He holds a J.D. from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. Brooks Pierce recently announced that Alex Elkan was recognized as an industry leader in the 2017 edition of North Carolina Super Lawyers. His area of practice is environmental litigation.

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Patrick Varley writes, “A lot of news to share on the home front. My wife, Tristen, and I love being parents to our 3-1/2 year old son, Cormack. We live in South Carolina and enjoy spending time with family, visiting Disney World and the Florida beaches and frequent the mountains of nearby North Carolina. In business news, I recently celebrated 16 years with GE and have moved into the role of N. America quality leader for our north and south regions. I recently had the pleasure of spending a day with an inspirational business leader, Fran Sullivan Sr. ’78, VP of Operations for NRG, to enhance our quality strategy.”

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Stacie Jordan Brenkovich ’93 and her husband John, son Matthew and daughter Avery, visited with Maria Bruno Warner ’94 and her family—Harry, Emma and Duncan.
Stacie Jordan Brenkovich writes, “Enjoyed a wonderful visit with Maria Bruno Warner ’94 and family in early December, as we braved the crowds to see the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree in NYC. I continue to work for Accenture in the social collaboration space and attempt to keep up with our kids Matthew (7) and Avery (4). We are looking forward to an upcoming family vacation to Florida in the spring.”

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Jessica (Lowenstein) Leif was promoted this year to be the associate director of the Imaging and Radiation Oncology Core Group located at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. She was also elected to the American Association of Physicists in Medicine to be a board member. Outside of work she is a bus driver for her two sons to all of their activities.

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Bill Ackerbauer writes, “In 2013, I made a radical career change, leaving the newspaper business after more than 15 years as an editor and feature writer and jumping into human services. Working as a child-welfare caseworker in Fulton County, N.Y., has given me a new perspective and appreciation for my family and my community.

I’m still performing music on the side, occasionally playing fiddle tunes with professors Jordan Smith and Hugh Jenkins, but more frequently rocking out with Junk Rocket and picking bluegrass with The Doghouse Carpenters. In February 2017, I released an acoustic solo album, ‘Discovery,’ which is available online at https://smokinbill.bandcamp.com/”

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The Strong Firm P.C. (The Woodlands, Texas) recently hired Laura F. Dumas as of counsel attorney to the business law firm. Her 10 years of experience includes handling all types of cases in litigation with an emphasis on real estate, commercial litigation, and corporate governance disputes. Laura’s areas of practice also include oil, gas and energy; business law and contracts; and corporations, LLCs and partnerships. She graduated with honors from the University of the Pacific’s McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento. She is a member of The Woodlands Bar Association.

Sarissa Montague, an attorney at Kalamazoo-based law firm Levine & Levine, was honored on Dec. 1, 2016, as one of 30 Michigan Lawyers Weekly’s 2016 Up & Coming Lawyers. She is an active member of Kalamazoo’s legal and business communities and belongs to the Kalamazoo County Bar Association, Michigan Bar Association, and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Additionally, Sarissa is an advocate for the development of a Veterans Treatment Court in Kalamazoo to handle criminal cases involving military veterans. She earned her J.D. from Michigan State College of Law.

The National Council for the Social Studies recently named Lawrence Paska its executive director. Lawrence began his career as a middle school social studies teacher and later served in multiple roles at the New York State Education Department. Most recently, he served as the Director of Professional Development for the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services. Within the NCSS community, Lawrence has served as the 2015-16 president of the New York State Council for the Social Studies, and as the NCSS House of Delegates Chair of the Resolutions Committee. He has taught social studies education methods at the university level and holds permanent 7-12 social studies education and school district administrator certifications in the state of New York. He holds a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction from the University at Albany.
The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation employs about 330 officers. Women, like Mary Grose ’02, make up a small percentage of this force.

In her own academy, from which she recently graduated to become DEC’s first female marine enforcement officer, roughly five percent of the class were women.

“It has been a great honor to be the first, and my coworkers have been like family. We all support and protect each other,” Grose said. “I am a strong advocate of encouraging all women to pursue their dreams—that anything is possible with passion and determination. Every day I am proud to serve the public and want to make a difference.”

Grose’s road to her new job began with a 27-week paramilitary training program in Pulaski, N.Y.

“It was physically and mentally demanding. We studied environmental conservation law, penal law and criminal procedure law,” said Grose, who majored in biology at Union. “Classes also consisted of firearms training, an emergency vehicles operator’s course, and defensive tactics.”

After graduating in September 2016, she also completed a 3-week training that made her the first woman in the DEC to become a SAFE (Secure All-around Floatation Equipped) boat captain.

Now she’s based in DEC’s Region 5, which consists of all five New York City boroughs. As a sworn police officer, and specifically a marine officer, she has a diverse job description.

“I patrol all of the land and waterways around the city. We inspect commercial and recreational fishermen for compliance with the fishing seasons and possession limits,” Grose explained.

“The marine unit also works on land and investigates dealers and markets for illegal species, sizes and proper documentation.”

“Patrolling one of the busiest harbors in the world is exciting, and also a challenge,” she added. “Every day is a new experience, and as a police officer, you need to be physically and mentally prepared for the unexpected,” she added.

Previously, Grose worked in DEC’s central office in Albany, for the Division of Lands and Forests.

“I’ve had a passion for the environment ever since I can remember,” she said. “I love New York and the DEC has allowed me to pursue both of my interests and work for the state, its people and natural resources.”

Before joining DEC in Albany in 2014, Grose spent 10 years with Harley-Davidson. She learned a great deal there and was able to pursue another passion of hers—motorcycles.
Ensuring student/faculty safety abroad

By Molly Congdon ’12

Andrea Bordeau ’06 has a job that’s crucial to any college with a study abroad program.

The global safety and security manager at Vanderbilt University since January, she describes her position “as primarily having two parts—the pre-departure training and risk assessment piece, and the crisis and incident management piece. Much of what I do is proactive and involves looking at programs to assess risk and developing training for students and faculty leaders.”

“Making sure that we’ve done all we can ahead of time is the goal,” Bordeau continued. “With that said, things go wrong. Natural disasters, civil unrest, accidents, medical incidents, and everything in between happens. When it does, I serve as the point person to coordinate the response.”

And that response is rarely to terror attacks, a common fear for many people. But this isn’t the greatest concern for Bordeau or her peers with similar jobs in higher education.

“There is a false perception that the world is less safe today than ever before. The truth is that road safety is still the greatest risk to students abroad,” Bordeau said. “Terror attacks definitely draw attention but that is not what drives the need to have safety and security to support international education.”

“At Union, Bordeau participated in a mini-term to Jamaica. She was also an anthropology major, which “was the perfect foundation for my future. I went on to the University of Edinburgh in Scotland and Tel Aviv University in Israel to complete my graduate work in African Studies, Middle East History, and Security Studies.”

“I’ve worked through the incidents in Paris and Brussels as well as an earthquake in Nepal, a coup in Thailand, and the Ebola crisis in West Africa,” Bordeau said. “I’ve coordinated medical and security evacuations when necessary and have helped support the universities I’ve worked with through many difficult situations. This work is incredibly rewarding and there is always an opportunity to learn from the challenges.”

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“I’m very much the product of international education and it has had a wonderful impact on my life,” Bordeau added. “Being able to support these experiences for others is a great privilege.”

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Jennifer (Trotts) Fein writes, “Still living in the most livable city in the world, Melbourne, Australia. I’m creating the platform for digital nomads who build communities to gather, globally: http://youlivetotravel.com”

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David Gruner writes, “This year I am celebrating 10 years with Deloitte. At Deloitte, I am part of the organization’s global regulatory and public policy function, which is about building relationships with people who matter on issues that matter for economic growth and development. I lead our international trade policy program. I also spend a portion of my time with Deloitte’s customs and global trade practice. Originally based in Washington, D.C., I now work out of Stockholm, Sweden. Sweden has a very personal connection to me as well, as Sweden is where I met my future wife in the fall of 2003, while studying law at Uppsala University. We have two children—Oliver (7) and Elisabeth (3). We are very blessed. Wishing all of Union—past, present and future—a happy 2017!”
About 100 miles north of New York City, the quaint village of Rhinebeck has one stoplight, a lot of history and more than 40 eateries.

One of the attractions is Samuel’s Sweet Shop.

The tiny store—filled with colorful old-fashioned candy and the aroma of fresh coffee and cookies—is a throwback to another time. Hand drawn price tags hang on the shelves. An old fashioned cash register rings up the sales.

Rhinebeck native John Traver ’08 manages this small piece of Americana that a group of celebrity-investors have braced against the ravages of chain stores and on-line shopping.

Traver started working in the shop as a 15-year-old after school. Proprietor Ira Gutner encouraged him to learn how to do everything. Traver picked up quickly and stayed connected with the business, returning home to work at the shop during breaks from Union.

By the time Traver graduated Union with a double major in economics and English, a bank internship had convinced him to forget about the financial world. Instead, he accepted Gutner’s offer to run the store.

“I thought, ’I went to Union and I’m going to run a candy store?’” he said. “But all my friends are here, it’s a nice village, and I get to know everyone in Rhinebeck. Ira taught me to run the store, but I used my Union education to run it as efficiently as possible and creatively solve problems.”

When Gutner died suddenly in 2014, “I felt like the rug had been pulled out from under me,” Traver recalls. “The face of the store, my friend, my mentor was no longer here.”

Traver was worried about the store’s future. He was not alone.

Many know Jeffrey Dean Morgan as the star of the TV hit The Walking Dead, or Paul Rudd from his many films including Ant Man and Captain America: Civil War. Less known is that they are among the group of Hudson Valley residents—all Samuel’s regulars and friends of Gutner and Traver—who stepped up to keep the legacy going.

Traver is a partner and manager.

“Jeff and his wife, actress Hilarie Burton [perhaps best known as Peyton Sawyer on One Tree Hill], approached me after Ira’s passing and said ‘we want to help you. If a little place like this can’t make it, then what’s the point? This is a little piece of Americana and we love Rhinebeck.’”

Paul and Julie Rudd soon joined in as partners, along with friends Andy Ostroy and Phoebe Jonas.

Morgan and Rudd have used their visibility to plug the store in interviews and talk shows. They often wear hats and T-shirts with the distinctive Samuel’s logo.

Traver seems a good fit for a candy store that sells coffee. At Union, he did his senior economics thesis on Fair Trade coffee with Prof. Mehmet Fuat Sener. As Wold House coordinator for three years, one of his duties was keeping up the kitchen stock, including coffee. He was a member of the golf club. He graduated summa cum laude with honors in economics and membership in Eta Sigma Phi (honor society for Greek and Latin), Omicron Delta Epsilon (economics) and Phi Beta Kappa. He was a Union Scholar.

His sister, Becky, graduated from Union in 2005. His father, David ’64, an IBM senior programmer and supervisor for the Town of Rhinebeck, passed away in 1986.

Despite many upgrades, Samuel’s today feels like the same store it was 10 years ago, Traver said. But he continues to pursue the goal of making it “a trophy case for local artisans” that is involved with the community.

Local purveyors (including John’s mom) provide the baked goods, and the store makes its own chocolate. Other locally made items include granola, smoked nuts, small batch caramels, brittles, ice cream sandwiches and homemade pies. Coffee comes from Toby’s Estate, a popular brand from Brooklyn. Samuel’s does a brisk mail order business.

The store has a strong presence in local fundraisers, art sales, farmer’s markets and the annual New York State Sheep and Wool Festival at the nearby Dutchess County Fairgrounds. Samuel’s recently won “Best Dessert” at a Northern Dutchess Hospital fundraiser for their “Over the Top,” a peanut butter cup sandwiched in a Double Stuf Oreo dipped in chocolate.

“Do what you love and you never know who will help you,” Traver said. “Some special people helped me and it’s a great environment here. With their level of reach and my knowledge of the shop, it’s a recipe for success and happiness.”

Traver acknowledges that the actors’ busy schedules often keep them out of the shop, but says, “Rhinebeck and Samuel’s are worth the visit whether Jeff and Paul are here or not.”
Helping refugees, balancing life’s scales

By Molly Congdon ’12

“We live in a world where inherent privileges and luck still play too big of a role in determining the types of opportunities and impact we can each have as individuals,” Mike Clarke ’11 said. “You do not choose your parents, your skin color, what disabilities you may have, or what community and country you will be born in. These are completely uncontrollable factors, yet we live in societies where these very factors can open doors or create roadblocks.”

“Every time I travel both in the U.S. and abroad, I am reminded of how unfair this world is,” he continued, “and am continually inspired to try and balance the scales as best I can.”

As director of the Humanitarian Innovation Lab in Lebanon, Clarke collaborates with entities like the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) and UNICEF to develop, test and deploy technologies to help the growing number of refugees in this part of the world.

One example is a banking app to support a United Nations cash assistance program. It might sound like a relatively simple endeavor, but “here in Lebanon, 98 percent of the 1.5 million Syrian refugees never had a bank account before. There are constant issues at ATMs and a steady stream of banking related questions.”

Conquering these obstacles is exciting and gratifying, but it’s got nothing on the people he meets along the way.

“Recently, we installed one of our sensor kits at a refugee family’s home that is literally on top of a mountain,” Clarke said. “We came there to install the device, which allows UN agencies to see in real-time which families are exposed to vulnerable environmental conditions and require immediate support, but soon I was involved in a snow ball fight with all the kids.”

“It is important to just be human sometimes,” he added. “I cherish each moment I can be with a family and not talk about work.”

Clarke, the recipient of a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial (RFA) scholarship, studied Arabic at the American University in Beirut in 2013. It was his first introduction to Lebanon and his first exposure to the refugee crisis.

He also did master’s work in international relations at the University of Cape Town, also with backing from the RFA award. And in 2013 and 2014, he worked for startup tech companies like Relationship Science and Findyr (both in New York City) before becoming a senior analyst for AltThink in San Francisco (January-April 2016).

Clarke knows he’s picked the right path.

“I’ve been waking up at 6 a.m. without an alarm clock for the first time in my life,” he said. “For me that’s a sign that I must be doing something I love.”

And learning what he loved started at Union, where he created his own organizing theme major (religion & politics) and established the Building up Ghana program. Clarke started the program his sophomore year to raise funds and materials to build a library and music/art center for a school in Ghana.

“Union gave me wings,” Clarke said. “When I was interested in a random but somehow connected series of courses, multiple departments endorsed me on my concept for an organizing theme major. When I wanted to create my own term abroad to Egypt, the term abroad office
worked with me to outline a plan and then cut me a check and said ‘go.’”

“When I had an idea to build libraries halfway around the world, every one of my teachers, advisors, the deans and President Ainlay supported me,” he added. “No matter how big or far-fetched my ideas were, Union always had my back and gave me a chance to execute my vision.”

And his vision is getting more ambitious as he gains experience.

“The technologies we are introducing will help redefine what’s possible for responses to humanitarian crises,” Clarke said. “We are just scratching the surface of what’s possible in terms of how technology can be leveraged to help the most vulnerable communities live a safer, healthier, and more empowering life.”

So what’s next for Clarke?

“Some cool media projects covering our work here will be coming out this year via platforms like TechCrunch,” he said. “My plan for 2017 is to formalize all of my work here by setting up my own social enterprise that replicates my work in Lebanon globally. In parallel, I am working on a new education startup and will be launching that by the second quarter of 2017.”

Pooja Kothari, Esq., practiced as a public defender with the Legal Aid Society, Criminal Defense Practice in Brooklyn, N.Y., for over six years. After years of addressing and confronting bias in the criminal justice system, she created a language to start interrupting bias and addressing micro-aggressions in the workplace. Pooja is the founder of Boundless Awareness, LLC, a consultancy that designs and facilitates interactive seminars to teach companies and schools how implicit bias affects our decision making and how to unlearn it. See her website at: www.BoundlessAwareness.com

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Dave Liepmann recently relocated to Berlin, Germany with his wife Lauren Papot after living three years in Izmir, Turkey. He works as a freelance software consultant specializing in Clojure.

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Harris Beach attorney Marnie Smith was elected partner of the firm effective Jan. 1. Marnie counsels school districts regarding matters involving students, employees, and boards of education. She represents school districts in arbitration proceedings and also appeals to the commissioner of education. Marnie defends public and private employers in administrative proceedings before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the New York State Division of Human Rights and the Department of Labor, as well as in state and federal courts. She was named to the Upstate New York Super Lawyers Rising Stars list in 2014, 2015 and 2016 in school and education law, employment and labor law and e-discovery. Marnie received her juris doctor degree from the University at Buffalo School of Law.

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Rebecca M. Wentworth writes, “After three years working for the social enterprise GCS in Arusha, Tanzania, I accepted a position at a Standford startup, EarthEnable, in Kigali, Rwanda. I will be working on their quality control tools and making them affordable while developing a method for ensuring this quality by working on an ASTM standard to publish. I have so much gratitude for the engineering and mechanical engineering departments for preparing and encouraging me to work in the unconventional settings that has become my life’s work.”

Gabrielle Baiman writes, “Graduating from the University College Dublin School of Veterinary Medicine and starting a year-long internship with Equine Field Services at Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine.”

2012
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
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Craig Santangelo and Rachel Beaulac hosted fellow alumni at their home in Astoria, Queens to ring in 2017. Guests included Matt Knauss ’11, Kelsey MacElroy, Lucas First, Laura Mansour, Matt Gravely, Thomas Albano, Amanda Greenberg, Kim Blecich ’13, Michael Szczesniak, Chris Choquette, Marc Zeyak, Patrick Wilmot, Mary Donohue, Timothy Pryor and William Pinkston.

2013
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
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Keith Kinkaid was recently quoted in an ESPN story about why NHL goalies are “increasingly ditching traditional No. 1 jersey.” Keith is one of a few net-minders still sporting the number, which he wore in high school. While at Union, he wore No. 30, digits he couldn’t wear when he joined the New Jersey Devils because Martin Brodeur wears them.

In the changing of law firms, Carissa Vazzana is now the legislative director at Jackson Lewis P.C. Carissa joined Jackson Lewis P.C. along with her colleagues in the government relations, health care and compliance practices that made the move from former Albany law firm Wilson Elser. In addition to those practices, Jackson Lewis P.C. is one of the country’s preeminent workplace law firms.”

2014
Troy Grosenick was recently featured in the Times Union newspaper. The story focused on his professional hockey
career—he’s a goaltender with the San Jose Barracuda—and his continuing close-knit friendships with former Union teammates.

Ashley Johnston was recently featured in the New York Post. The story focused on her professional hockey career with the New York Riveters and her work as a mechanical engineer with a robotics firm outside Albany, N.Y.

2015

CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Kelsey Carroll
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Louis Fierro writes, “Recently moved from high school teaching with Americorps to a position at Pearson Education in Hoboken, N.J., as an editorial assistant.”

2016

Matthew Wolford was recently featured in the West Onondaga County Journal. The story focused on his ongoing experiences in Uganda as one of Union College’s current Minerva Fellows.

Maergrethe Boex ’16 and mom, Janet Thorpe ’75, represented Union onboard the National Geographic Orion as it explored the Antarctic region and wildlife over the Christmas holiday.

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Alumni celebrate the wedding of Lara Levine ’08 and Ian Singer Oct. 29, 2016 at the Hill in Hudson, N.Y. In attendance were the bride’s mother, Audrey Stein ’79, her father, Ron Levine ’79 and her uncle, Steven Levine ’78.

1972
Robert Levis ’72 and Evie Williams were married in Annapolis, Md., in June 2016. Steven David ’72 gave a toast at the reception the next evening.

1985
Carolyn Hutchinson writes, “I was married to Jorgen Carter on June 18, 2016. We had a very magical wedding and weekend with very close friends and family at a beautiful hacienda near Sante Fe, N.M. Jorgen has two beautiful grown children and we have two wonderful grandchildren, 6 months and 6 years. Jorgen and I met at Kimberly-Clark, where he is a senior process engineer and I am a consultant in our research organization.”

1991
Ellen T. Matloff married Michael P. Bowler during a small ceremony in Branford, Conn., Oct. 1, 2016. The bride will keep her last name. She writes, "Heidi Groener Edmonds represented Union College and did her class proud by nailing every crazy dance move we perfected at Union."

2000
Gregory Johnson and Kelly Frawley were married Oct. 15, 2016 at Our Lady of the Rosary in New York City. Wedding attendees included Greg’s Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI) fraternity brothers Quinlan Murphy ’99, Emil Braca, Jesse Prisco, Peter Corrorti ’02, and best man Alexander Johnson ’96. The bride and groom live in Manhattan, where Greg is the vice president, A&R at SONGS Music Publishing, home to artists The Weeknd, Lorde, Diplo and X Ambassadors. Kelly is a partner at the national law firm Kasowitz Benson Torres & Friedman LLP, where she specializes in family law.

2001
Mary Felton married Jed Norman Oct. 1, 2016 at Whitney’s Inn in Jackson, N.H. Alumni in attendance were Heather (Devlin) Emery, Clare (Canal) Guterl, Cally (Woodard) Lilley, Braelin Pantel, Elyse (Topp-Poirier) Slayton and Lauren Tabas.

2003

2005
Rahel Golberstein and Derek Fox ’05 tied the knot Jan. 13, 2017 in a courthouse ceremony in North Greenbush, N.Y.

2008

Andrew Dikan ’06 and Alyssa Holmes were married Sept. 12, 2015 at Saybrook Point Inn & Spa in Old Saybrook, Conn. Union College was well-
Alumni attend the wedding of Mary Felton ’01 and Jed Norman

represented on the dance floor with alumni including Rachel Meyers-Weinerman, Sarah (Ehle) Gregware, Erika (Eisenhut) Rahill, Jim Rahill, Danna DeBlasio, Emily Bryson, Lucy Osborne, Amanda (Riitan) Curran, Keri Messa, Danielle Angueira, Scott Bresney, Brendan Merrell, Todd Buffum, Chris Murphy, John Cagianello, Devon Bruce, Todd Marsh, Jeff Meola, Aaron Swan, Merrell Middleton, Kim Rosenberger, Matt Ramon, Carly Aimi, Lisa Saguirian, Barbara Gaffuri, Maura Pine and Chris Carr.

Dr. Thomas Ryan Hickernell ’06 married Dana Kristen Prieto Nov. 26, 2016. Sarah Hickernell ’18, Nick Steiner ’06, Harrison Paras ’06 and Keith Gooberman ’06 were among the alumni in attendance.

Alumni attend the wedding of Shannon Davi ’08 and Shawn Wamser

Alumni attend the wedding of Andrew Dikan ’06 and Alyssa Holmes ’08
Alumni in attendance at the wedding of Julie (Vairo) Bobola ’09 and Adam Bobola

Alumni in attendance at the wedding of Mara Powers ’09 and Richard Pluto ’08

Alumni in attendance at the wedding of James Schwabach ’09 and Katie Vodra

Alumni attend the wedding of Malysa Cheng and Brian Hurley

2009

Alumni in attendance at the wedding of Julie (Vairo) Bobola ’09 and Adam Bobola are Jennifer Hough ’08, Kelly (Bayne) Smith ’07, Sean Belair ’09, Megan (Chiriani) Belair ’09, Christine Farrell ’09, Stephanie (Arango) Estridge ’07, Carly (Mand) Mason ’10, Jade Mason ’08, Julie (Vairo) Bobola ’09, Adam Bobola, Elizabeth (Blake) August ’08, Elta Kolo ’09, Jordan (Silette) Schellens ’09 and Win Schellens ’07. The couple were married Aug. 13, 2016 in Sturbridge, Mass.

Mara Powers married Richard Pluto ’08 in October of 2016 in Philadelphia, Penn. They both live and work in New York City. Alumni in attendance included Brandon Muller ’10, Tess Koman ’12, Ross Bennett ’10, Michael Dolinger ’10, Brandon Mcardle, William Friedman ’10, Scott Carroll ’08, Gregory Jaffe ’10, Jessica Jaffe, Dan Quinn ’10, Ryan Owen ’10, Charlie Watson, Karin Santiago, Katie Newingham, Meredith Lippman, Kimberly Berlowitz, Emily Teitel, Adrienne Hart, Jeremy Apple, Amanda Bucci, Brian Samuelson ’08, Pauline Samuelson ’08 and Casey Ftorek ’08.

James Schwabach ’09 married Katie Vodra (’07, University of Delaware) June 4, 2016 in Charlotte, N.C. Alumni in attendance included Alex Schlosberg ’09, Rosie Martel-Foley ’09 and Kerry Hanson ’10. James and Katie just moved to Sarasota, Fla.

Alumni attend the wedding of Amy Kemmler ’09 and Edmund Kocienda

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Jessica Adam Sananes ’09 married Raul Sananes in beautiful Geyserville, Calif., Sept. 10, 2016. Courtney Coffin and Tricia Linden were both in the wedding and Brian Card, Julia Bernstein and John Boyle made the trek out to Northern California to attend!

Amy Kemmler was married to Edmund Kocienda Sept. 10, 2016 in Atlantic Beach, N.Y. Alumni in attendance included Elizabeth Zamore, Jenna Frisch, Elise Wakeland, Katie Nielsen, Mallory (Mason) Sakats, Elizabeth (Stanford) Zulick, Alan Zulick ’09, Tatum Weishaupt, Jillian Bannister, Andrew Reigle ’08, Brian Groark, Sara (Wilson) Reigle, Lyndsay Wehrum and Megan Bordino.

Malysa Cheng and Brian Hurley were married Oct. 29, 2016 in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. They were joined by a great group of Union alum (1979-2010), including Brian’s father, Ed Hurley ’79.

2010

Lori Cassorla and Dan Bloomstone were married Nov. 5, 2016 at the Boston Park Plaza. The bridal party included Jennifer Silverman, Jennifer Lichtman, Lindsey Goldberg, and David Smoot. Other alumni in attendance included Brandon Muller, Douglas Richardson ’08, Nicole (Silverman) Richardson, Katie Suominen, Mara Powers ’09, Andrew Zikopoulos, Dana Katz, Jason Katz, Dan Quinn, Richard Pluto ’08, Will Friedman, Alec Rosen, Lizzy (LaBonte) Rosen, Emily Feldman, Scott Loitherstein ’08, Jessica (Stein) Jaffe ’09, Kimberly Berlowitz ’09, Greg Jaffe, Tom Pressman, Ross Bennett, Danny Lust, Rachel (Biegelman) Lust ’12, Nick Blanchard, Mike Dolinger, Sam Ringel, Zach Polen, Sarah Schinasi, Amanda Schlossberg ’13 and Matt Cataldi ’11.

Sarah Doucett and Paul Gerver were married Oct. 15, 2016 at the Canoe Club Ballroom in West Bridgewater, Mass. The bridal party included Elizabeth Osborne, Rachel Eastman, Rebecca Skudder, Katie Smidt, Drew McConnell, Travis Hoh and Gareth Lewis. Other alumni in attendance included Zach Polen, Sarah Schinasi, Allison Frederick, Nate Saslow ’09, Kristy Leonard, Kate Murphy, Billy Black, Dana Goldsmith, Katie Davis, Alan Zulick, Liz (Stanford) Zulick ’09 and Annie Keller.

2011

Alyse Dunn married Joe DiMattia Aug. 6, 2016 at the beautiful Moraine Farm in Beverly, Mass. It was a hot summer day with close friends and family in attendance, including many of my Union friends.

Katie Morris ’11 and Jamie Kaplan were married Oct. 15, 2016 in Manhasset, N.Y. The bridal party included Kristen Pechtol ’10 and Yubin Choi ’11. Other alumni in attendance included Ewo Harrell ’10, Maggie Manning ’11 and Sarah Dean ’13.
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Alumni attend the wedding of Peter Mugford ‘11 and Jade Sperlinga

Peter Mugford and Jade Sperlinga were married Nov. 5, 2016 in Boston, Mass., at St. Mary’s Church and the reception was held at the Four Seasons Hotel. Alumni in attendance included Anthony and Jackie Cassese, Matt Rogers, Lauren Guidi, Christian Nebergall, Greg Loucas, Cristina Vazzana ‘13, Marc Douglas ’13, Matt Barretto ’13 and Joe Bradlee ’14.

Alex Connell and Lydia Treat were married July 16, 2016 at the Mansion on Turner Hill in Ipswich, Mass. Alumni in attendance included Lucas Tziani, Jeremy LeFevre, Greg Cannillo, Ben Weiner ’13, John Anderson, Jack Honor ’09, Erika VanValkenburg, Mel Hine, Carolyn Stonerook, Mary Foley, Amanda Samuels, Rachael Singleton, Maggie Manning, Annora Brennan, Tori Mathieu, Taylor Connolly, Steven Schapp ’10, Jackie Cassese, Anthony Cassese, Joe Wold ’10, Chelsey Wold, Jordan Remillard, Eric Tischler, Dan Phakos and AJ Hubbard ’18.

2014

Teresa and Peter Crasto-Donnelly were married Nov. 19, 2016, in Albany, N.Y. Teresa and Peter met in Professor Zwicker’s calculus class freshman year, and were glad he was able to attend. Alumni also in attendance were Jillian Callanan ’16, Alistair Phaup, Heather Brown ’16, Michael Warrener ’16, Zak Smolen ’13, Bryn Peterson, Hannah D’Ambrosio ’16 and Kyle Pilkington.

Rebekah (Williams) Vick and Jeremy Vick were married July 22, 2016 at St. Bernard Church in Enfield, Conn. Alumni in attendance included Allison Longo ’16, Ursula Williams Kelly ’09, Gregory Kelly ’09, Jennifer Ventrella ’16, Alexandra Reardon ’16, Maxwell Unterhalter, Karl Hetze, Julia Hotz, Andrew Witkowski ’16, Nicholas Wright ’17, Elizabeth Nailling ’14, Hannah Gardella, Margaret Hoffman, Lianna Pepe and Danielle Stansky.
Norah Anneliese Fuccile was born on July 23, 2016 to happy parents, Miriam Hinden and Anthony Fuccile, and proud big brother, Aaron. She is the second grandchild for Maryann and Robert Hinden ’72.

Heather Lockrow and Benjamin Bayes are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter, Gwendolyn Lockrow Bayes, on Nov. 6, 2016. They write, “Gwen is doing well, and excited about potentially being part of the Union College Class of 2038! (Gulp!”)

William Donald Grant was born March 6, 2016 in Voorhees, N.J., to Stephanie (Rubino) Grant and Ryan Grant ’05. He weighed 5 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19.5 inches long.

Emily (Clark) Williams and Craig Williams welcomed Henry Williams, born Oct. 24, 2016. He joins his big brother, Gavin, who is now four and a half. All are doing well adjusting to becoming a family of four. They write, “Just recently, we rang in the new year with fellow Union alumni, Dan and Rachel Leavitt, and their two sons. It was a lot of fun and we feel fortunate to have a great community of Dutchmen here in the Greater Boston area.”

Jeff Marcoux ’05 and Stefanie (Middleton) Marcoux welcomed their second child, Hunter Hill Marcoux July 6, 2016. He weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 inches long. They write, “Big sister Juliet was thrilled! He is all smiles, and continues to be an absolute joy.”

Matthew and Bridget Ward welcomed their first child, Annie, on Jan. 12, 2017. The happy family of three resides in Darien, Conn.
1930s

Raymond F. Robinson ‘36, of Reno, Nev., who earned an M.S. at McGill University and Harvard, and worked in mining and exploration for Anaconda Cooper, ASARCO, Sunshine Mining, USGS and others, Dec. 9, 2016. Raymond, who ran his own geological consulting business from 1969 until retirement in 2005, enjoyed animals, archaeology, camping, planting trees, gardening and woodworking. He was 102.

W. Bush presented him with and in 2006, President George Second Harvest Food Bank volunteered for 25 years at Amarillo and New Orleans, he worked for Bituminous Coal Company and the U.S. Bureau of Mines, Nov. 8, 2016. Active in many community organizations, including as president of Beth El Congregation, he also taught at the University of Pittsburgh. He was 95.

Paul F. Yergin ‘44, of Green Valley and Tucson, Ariz., a retired nuclear physicist who spent 37 years as a professor at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (Troy, N.Y.), Aug. 17, 2016. Also a Shakespearean scholar who published “Shakespeare’s Sonnets to the Boy: Dates, Events, People,” he was 93.

John D. Don ‘44, of Longwood, Fla., Jan. 14, 2017. He was 94.

Dr. George R. Tracy ‘45, of Ballston Spa, N.Y., a World War II veteran who served with the Army’s 67th Signal Repair Company of the Signal Corps and was awarded six medals, including the Philippine Liberation Medal, the Good Conduct Medal and Victory Medal, Dec. 15, 2016. A graduate of Columbia University School of Optometry who practiced for 43 years, he was active in many community organizations, including American Legion State Post #1 Albany. He was 92.

Floyd A. Glenn Jr. ‘45, of Philadelphia, Pa., who served as an electrical engineer in the U.S. Navy and spent 25 years as a systems engineer with IBM, Dec. 11, 2016. A contributor to the development of the first general-purpose computers, he was 94.

Leroy Siegel ‘46, of Schenectady, N.Y., a U.S. Army veteran and gunner on a B-29 Superfortress (Pacific) during World War II who was captured by the Japanese and earned a Purple Heart, Nov. 20, 2016. Leroy, who worked in the meatpacking industry for many years, loved spending time with family and friends, and enjoyed reading, movies and listening to Frank Sinatra. He was 93.

Harris Santilippo ‘46, of Newton, N.J., who served with the U.S. Army during World War II and earned an M.B.A. from NYU, Dec. 28, 2016. Harry, who worked for Bell Laboratories and AT&T for 38 years as a human resources division manager, was active in his community. A 30-year member of the Old Guard (Summit) and longtime volunteer for the Summit Chapter of the Red Cross, he was 92.

John E. Flaherty ‘47, of Morristown, N.J., who served with the U.S. Army during World War II abroad the U.S.S. Alabama (in the Atlantic) and the U.S.S. Magoffin (in the Pacific, including Battle of Okinawa), Nov. 5, 2016. John, who held a Ph.D. in Russian studies from NYU, became dean of the Lubin School of Business at Pace University. He was 95.

Frank W. Swacker ‘47, of Seminole, Fla., who served with the U.S. Navy during World War II and became an international attorney who worked for Caltex, Marathon Oil and others, Oct. 15, 2016. The author of “World Trade without Barriers,” he earned a post doctorate degree in international law from NYU and taught at Findlay College and Stetson University College of Law. He was 94.

Samuel DiSibio ‘47, of East Patchogue, N.Y., an English teacher at Patchogue-Medford High School and night professor at Adelphi University and Dowling College, Nov. 22, 2016. A World War II veteran who served in the Army’s 321st Infantry and received a master’s from the University at Albany, he was 95.

Thomas R. Harmon ‘47, of Albany, N.Y., a World War II Navy veteran who held an M.A. from the State University at Albany, and B.S. degrees from Maria College in nursing and physical therapy, Sept. 21, 2016. An educator, administrator, special education teacher, physical therapy aide and registered nurse, he received the Albany County Executive Volunteer Award in 2005. Thomas, a parishioner of the Church of St. Vincent De Paul since 1925, was 90.

Dr. Paul J. Ostriker ‘47, Wallingford, Conn., and formerly of Old Lyme, Stamford and Manchester, Vt., who served with the U.S. Navy during World War II and graduated from Downstate Medical Center before practicing ophthalmology with his wife, Marilyn, Feb. 13, 2017. Paul and Marilyn wrote many songs, several of which became Top 10 country and western hits. Paul, past director of ophthalmology at St. Joseph’s Medical Center, was 90.

Dr. William H. Meyer Jr. ‘48, of Port Saint Lucie, Fla., who graduated from Albany Medical School and opened his vascular surgery practice in Port Saint Lucie in 1961, Nov. 3, 2016. Past chief of surgery at Lanwood Regional Medical Center and HCA
Medical Center, he served on the Board of Governors for the American College of Surgeons. Past president of the Fort Pierce Rotary Club, he also enjoyed growing orchids. He was 89.

Ernest J. Corrado ’48, of Washington, D.C., Nov. 6, 2016. He was 90.

Rev. Kenneth H. Wait ’48, of Harleysville, Penn., who held a master’s in divinity from Boston University School of Theology, served in many New York Conference parishes and spent six years as Protestant and Eastern Orthodox Chaplin at the University of Akron, Jan. 10, 2017. Also an associate professor of psychology and director of the office of international education at Orange County Community College, he held a master’s in education from the University of Akron. He was 89.

Edward Spencer “Ned” Cassedy Jr. ’49, of Woodstock, N.Y., a retired professor of electrical engineering at Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, who also wrote about economics and energy policy, Feb. 18, 2017. He was 89. Union relatives include his grandfather, William Spencer Cassedy, Class of 1891; father, Edward Spencer Cassedy Sr., Class of 1919; uncle, Raymond Frank Cassedy, Class of 1923; and a nephew, William Spencer Cassedy ’66.

Malcom T. Hopkins ’49, of San Antonio, Texas, a graduate of Albany Law School who served in the U.S. Army (counterintelligence), Oct. 25, 2016. Serving first as treasurer for Eastern Airlines and then as CFO for Trans World Airlines, Malcom capped his career as CFO of St. Regis Corporation. Serving as a consultant in corporate governance during retirement, he held leadership roles in many organizations, including on the Board of Directors of Columbia Energy Group. He was 88.

Lester J. Ferguson ’49, of Paramus, N.J., who held master’s degrees from Temple University (psychology), Stevens Institute of Technology (math) and Fairleigh Dickinson University (electrical engineering/computer science), Oct. 17, 2016. During his 50-year tenure teaching math at Fairleigh, he chaired the department and was president of the American Federation of Teachers. A volunteer with Kip Center and a trustee on the Board of Education and New Jersey School Board, he was 90.

Francis H. Benoit ’49, of Albany, N.Y., who spent more than 50 years with the New York State Department of Civil Service, Dec. 12, 2016. Active in Holy Cross Church, he was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Upper Washington Avenue Neighborhood Association. Francis, who had a lifelong interest in American history and the Adirondacks, was 94.

Harold H. Kuniholm ’49, of Leominster, Mass., who served in the U.S. Navy as a medic and spent most of his life running Kuniholm Jewelers in Athol, Feb. 15, 2017. Harry, who also worked for his brother at North American Manufacturing in Holliston, belonged to the Singing Men of Athol and the Yankee Male Chorus. He enjoyed carving birds and salmon fishing. He was 91.

1950s

Verne S. Kuney ’50, of Seneca Falls, N.Y., who served with the 87th Infantry Division (Europe) during World War II and earned a Bronze Star and Purple Heart, Oct. 23, 2016. An engineer with Sylvania-GTE-Phillips, he was a Mason and a member of the American Legion, the Pocahontas Lodge #211 and Trinity Episcopal Church. He was 92.

John H. Berbert ’50, of Rockville, Md., who studied at Johns Hopkins University and earned an M.S. in physics/electrical engineering from the University of Maryland before spending 51 years with NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center, Dec. 24, 2016. John, who contributed to important projects like the National Geodetic Satellite and Apollo programs, and was author of over 110 articles and other technical documents, was also a longtime participant in Goddard ski, tennis and music/drama clubs. He was 88.

George R. Macaulay Jr. ’50, of Kansas City, Mo., a World War II veteran and Captain MI, USAF, who earned a master’s in geology from the University of Pennsylvania State University, Jan. 7, 2017. George, who was a petroleum geologist with Chevron Oil Company before becoming chief of exploration for Westland Oil Development Corp., was 90.

Murray Harper ’50, of Monroe Township, N.J., who served with the Army Air Corps and eventually became general manager of the Canadian division of Economy Steel Forms Corp., Feb. 3, 2017. Also a mathematics teacher with Middlesex County Vocational High School for 24 years, Murray was an avid tennis player and coach of the school’s girls varsity softball team. Also supportive of the teachers’ union, he served on negotiation committees. He was 92.

Donald A. Nussbaumer ’50, of Clinton, Tenn., who worked for General Electric, the Department of Energy and the Atomic Energy Commission before retiring as assistant director of state agreements at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Jan. 30, 2017. An honorary Kentucky Colonel and active member of the First Union Methodist Church (Oak Ridge), he was event coordinator with Remove Intoxicated Drivers. He was 89.

Rev. William J. Hewett ’51, of Brielle, N.J., who joined the Order of DeMolay and the Naval Reserve, and earned a B.A. in business administration from Central College and an M.B.A. from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, Dec. 26, 2016. William, who also held a master’s of divinity from New Brunswick Theological Seminary, was pastor of the Brielle church from 1969-1995. A former Senate Chaplain and third degree Mason, he was 86.

Harold S. Templeton Jr. ’51, of Beekman, N.Y., who served in the U.S. Army before beginning his career as an electrical engineer with IBM, Jan. 18, 2017. Harold, who enjoyed woodworking and working on farm equipment, was a dedicated volunteer with the Town of Beekman. Chairman of the planning board and recreational board, he was 86.
William P. Delaney Jr. ’52, of Somers, Conn., and previously of Farmington, Hartford and Niantic, and Vero Beach, Fla., who eventually became president of United Tool and Die, Feb. 12, 2017. William, who also worked with the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection and was a popular youth group advisor at First Church of Christ Congregational, was also active with the Union College Alumni Council. He was 87.

Richard A. Dolan ’53, of Jackson, N.J., a U.S. Army veteran who served during the Korean War and earned the National Defense Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal, Dec. 29, 2016. An engineer who spent 40 years with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Richard was scout master for Cub Scout Pack 43 (Bogota) and a longtime trustee of Bogota Public Library. He was 86.

Leon S. Harding ’55, of Chazy, N.Y., who graduated from the United States Naval Academy, where he studied engineering and played battalion football, Nov. 25, 2016. An engineer who also worked in insurance and sales before a career with the New York State Lottery, he was 82.

Robert A. Ballard ’55, of Mount Joy, Penn., and formerly of Landisville, who spent a decade in the U.S. Army and held master’s degrees in math and computer science from St. Mary’s University and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Nov. 24, 2016. An executive with Armstrong World Industries before retirement, he was a member of Mary Mother of the Church and was active in his community. Robert, who received the Knighthood Degree from the Knights of Columbus, was 82.

Roy F. Abell Jr. ’55, of Venice, Fla., who served in the U.S. Air Force (Japan and Okinawa) and was involved in many Catholic parishes, public service, professional societies and the Knights of Columbus, Jan. 7, 2017. He was 84.

Robert L. Johnston ’55, of Olathe, Kan., who held an M.B.A. from George Washington University and spent 30 years in the U.S. Air Force, primarily in intelligence and administrative management, Jan. 12, 2017. Bob, who retired a colonel, was twice awarded the Legion of Merit, and the Bronze Star for his service in Southeast Asia. A member of the Geral Society of Mayflower Descendants, he was 83.

Earl F. Wheeler ’55, of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., who served in the U.S. Air Force and spent his career at IBM, retiring as senior vice president and general manager, Jan. 28, 2017. A board member of Charleston Southern University, he was a member of First Baptist Church of Hilton Head, where he taught Sunday school and was deacon emeritus. He was 84.

Ronald F. Strahan ’56, of Wadsworth, Ill., who earned master’s degree with an M.B.A. from the University of Chicago, Oct. 19, 2016. An engineer who retired from Outboard Marine Corporation after 30 years of employment, he enjoyed woodworking and traveling. He was 81.

John D. Paracka ’56, of Herkimer, N.Y., who served in the U.S. Army Reserves and was an electrical engineer with the Naval Underwater Systems Center (Middletown, RI) for more than 20 years, Nov. 20, 2016. A member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and avid outdoorsman, he was 82.

Dr. William C. Cooper ’56, of Rocky Mount, N.C., who graduated from Duke Medical School and served in the U.S. Army before practicing pediatrics for 48 years, Jan. 29, 2017. An Eagle Scout, Billy volunteered at Nash General Hospital during retirement, and loved to read, watch movies, travel to the beach and attend Duke football games with his daughter. He was 82.

Charles F. Hackenyos ’58, of Southampton, Penn., an English teacher who spent most of his career at Frankford High School and mentored student teachers at Eastern University, Jan. 11, 2017. Charles, who served as organist and music director at several churches, including Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (Mayfair) and Redemption Episcopal Church (Southampton), was 80.

Donald G. Root ’58, of San Diego, Calif., Jan. 17, 2016. He was 84.

1960s

John H. Harrigan III ’60, of Albany, N.Y., a U.S. Navy veteran who worked in the family painting and decorating business, and was a plant manager with the Albany Protective Service for many years, Dec. 17, 2016. John, who loved sailing down the Hudson River to Long Island and was passionate about his Chris-Craft motorboat, was 78.

Robert E. Eisenhauer ’61, of Alexandria, Va., Dec. 18, 2016. He was 77.

Philip L. Perkins ’62, of Arlington, Va., Aug. 1, 2016. He was 76.

Donald G. Forkas ’63, of Schenectady, N.Y., a mechanical engineer who spent more than 40 years with the Watervliet Arsenal and Benet Labs, Jan. 19, 2017. Donald, who spent 50 years as a volunteer firefighter at Niskayuna Fire District 1, also assisted at the Vet House (Ballston Spa), the Faith Baptist Church food pantry and Jacob’s Well at the City Mission of Schenectady. He was 76.

Harold K. Norton Jr. ’64, of Las Vegas, Nev., who was active in scouting and graduated from Adelphi College, Jan. 19, 2017. Hal, who worked at Equitable Life Insurance Company in New York City before becoming a self-employed contract computer programmer, enjoyed reading and going on cruises with his wife, Doris. He was 75.

Bradford M. Booth ’66, of Sycamore, Ohio, who graduated from the Amos Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth and was a captain in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War, Dec. 31, 2016. He was 72.

Dr. Kenneth R. Kellner ’67, of Gainesville, Fla., a professor emeritus of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Florida College of Medicine who retired in 2012 after 39 years of service, Jan. 14, 2017. He was 70.

John J. Hess ’67, of New York, N.Y., who was a law partner at
Anderson Kill, PC for over 14 years and a 30-year member of the Friars’ Club, Nov. 7, 2016. He was 70.

Walter J. M. Pfeil ’68, of Jacksonville, Fla., a general manager with Prudential Insurance who was active in community outreach with Kiwanis, the M.S. Society and the ARC, Nov. 26, 2016. Walter, who enjoyed traveling and watching football, was 71.

1970s

Michael H. Rosenberg ’71, of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., a graduate of Albany Law School who enjoyed golf, genealogy and researching with IBM and enjoyed weightlifting and spending his summers with family and friends. He is survived by his grandchildren, was 73.

Dr. James D. “Chip” Fenn ’79, of Dalton, Mass., who earned a medical degree at the University of Massachusetts Medical School and devoted the majority of his career to emergency medicine, Jan. 23, 2017. A lifelong fan of all Boston sports, especially the Red Sox, he was 59.

1980s

Mark W. Peronto ’80, of Los Angeles, Calif., who was an engineer with General Electric, General Dynamics and Hughes Missile Systems before attending the Art Center College of Design, Nov. 23, 2016. An art teacher at various schools before becoming an effects animator at DreamWorks, he later became an electrical engineer with Rockwell Collins. Mark, who loved painting, ballet, sculpture and swimming, was 59.

Christopher P. Mohr ’88, of Weston, Fla., died in a hit-and-run accident while riding his bicycle Jan. 1, 2017. Chris, a C.P.A. who had an M.B.A from Washington University in St. Louis, held numerous positions with several public accounting firms before serving in various executive finance roles with private companies. A Theta Delta Chi brother at Union, he was devoted to family and friends. He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Robyn, daughter Sarah (21) and son Alex (18). Chris was 50.

Kevin W. Irland ’89, of Culpeper, Va., an Eagle Scout who attended Kansai Gaidai University in Japan and had a media career in New York with Burson-Marstellar and Chemical Banking Corporation, Nov. 9, 2016. Kevin, who joined Verizon in 2000 and became manager of Global Communications (Enterprise Solutions), was an avid supporter of the SPCA, Habitat for Humanity and American Cancer Society. He was 49.

2000s

Richard M. Gilooly ’00 Jr., of Troy, N.Y., who was a history teacher at Catholic Central High School and formerly at Bishop Maginn for 16 years, Feb. 14, 2017. A basketball coach for his daughter’s St. Jude team and coach at HVCC, Schalmont, CCHS and Bishop Maginn, he was also an assistant coach at RPI. Richard, who established the Slam Dunk Basketball Camp, was 38.

Michael Di Guglielmo Jr. ’02, Bedford, N.Y., who worked at the family business, Bedford Nursery, Nov. 7, 2016. Michael, who enjoyed the outdoors, snowboarding, lacrosse, weightlifting and spending time with family and friends, was 38.

Jose L. Hernandez ’09, of Bronx, N.Y., Jan. 29, 2017. He was 29.

Friends of Union College

Hilda M. Clohesy, of Schenectady, N.Y., who worked for many years at the Main Library of General Electric before joining the Modern Languages Department at Union College, Nov. 23, 2016. A graduate of Katharine Gibbs School of Secretarial Science who also attended the Universities of Cologne and Munich, she was involved with Friedens Evangelical Church, Schenectady Museum and the Union College Concert Series. She was 98.

David W. Robert, of Latham, N.Y., who was technology manager at Union College before becoming vice president and senior technology manager at Bank of America in Albany, Dec. 7, 2016. David, who held a bachelor’s degree from Siena College and a master’s degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, both in in computer science, was 53.

Linda J. Jorgensen, of Moreau, N.Y., who was a dedicated secretary in many departments at Union College, including the Mathematics Department, Dec. 9, 2016. An accomplished and creative seamstress who loved to garden and spend time with her family at their camp on Great Sacandaga Lake, she was 67.

Abbie Sunde Verner, of Long Lake, N.Y., who held a B.A. in history from Smith College, Jan. 25, 2017. She was president and founder of Hamilton County Homemakers, and director of Planned Parenthood of Hamilton County, before directing development research offices at Union College (1989-1994). The first female president of the Association for the Protection of Adirondacks, she was 79.
A song and a stone: 
Union’s main entrance gets a makeover

Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam, 
Be it ever so humble, there’s no place like home. 
A charm from the sky seems to hallow us there, 
Which, seek through the world, is ne’er met with elsewhere

– from “Home, Sweet Home” by John Howard Payne

A favorite of President Eliphalet Nott, John Howard Payne distinguished himself at Union by writing and publishing *The Pastime*, a weekly journal of student poetry, reviews and humorous stories.

The sixth of nine children, Payne came to Union in 1806 but abruptly left for New York City in 1808 when his mother died and his father faced financial issues. He established himself as an actor, playwright, poet and author. He also spent time in England, the first American actor to invade the British theater.

But it was the words to a simple, sentimental ballad he wrote for his 1823 opera, *Clari, the Maid of Milan*, that became Payne’s legacy. Enormously popular, particularly during the Civil War, “Home, Sweet Home” remains an enduring standard today.

The song’s popularity is the primary reason that an 18-foot-tall stone monument to Payne has welcomed those who enter campus off Union Street.

Built in 1911 and dedicated at the College’s 115th commencement, the monument is the centerpiece of Payne Gate, a 90-foot-wide gateway that replaced the Blue Gate as Union’s main entrance.

This summer, the 67-ton monument got a much-needed makeover. Decades of deterioration hastened by Schenectady’s harsh winters had left the stone looking shabby. Vegetation sprouted from cracks in the cap. Chunks were ripped from its base, an errant vehicle or bicycle the likely culprit.

Periodically over the decades, the monument has been patched, painted or washed. But those efforts did little to restore its prominence.

“It looked incredibly unattractive,” said Loren Rucinski, director of Facilities Services. “This is something I’ve wanted to do for a long time.”

First, stonecutters from Adam Ross Cut Stone in Albany measured every inch of the monument. Using Indiana limestone and Barre Vermont granite, they meticulously matched the stone’s 104 individual pieces.

“We’re calling it a restoration, but it’s really a replication,” Rucinski said.

Led by Elio Stocchetti, master mason of AJS Masonry Co. in nearby Clifton Park, workers spent two weeks methodically chipping away the old stone. Aided in part by a crane, Stocchetti and his crew carefully reassembled the 104 new pieces that had been cut, essentially creating a brand new monument.

Bronze plaques attached to the front and back of the stone, one describing Payne, the other with the words to “Home, Sweet Home,” were also refurbished.

“It’s an important part of our history, and I’m glad we were able to have the funding to get it done,” Rucinski said.

In 1842, Payne was appointed consul at Tunis. He died there in 1852. His remains were eventually returned to Washington, where a memorial service attended by President Chester Arthur, Class of 1848, was held. A full choir sang “Home, Sweet Home.”

The centerpiece of Payne Gate, the main entrance to campus, after its restoration. (Photo by Matt Millesss)
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