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A beautiful winter day at Union (photo by Matt Milless)
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John Hartranft, Class of 1853, seated second from right, earned a Medal of Honor as commander of the 4th Pennsylvania Volunteers. He would play a key role after the assassination of President Lincoln. (Library of Congress)

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Is that the Union College?

STEPHEN C. AINLAY, Ph.D.

About three weeks after Union won the national championship in men’s Division I hockey in Philadelphia, I found myself on a flight from Los Angeles to New York. I was working on correspondence on my laptop computer and holding a stack of letters in my hand. Some of the letters were written on Union College letterhead. A man sitting across the aisle from me leaned over and apologized, saying “I never do this; I never bother a fellow passenger.” I smiled and assured him I didn’t mind the interruption. He gestured to the letters in my hand, pointed to the college seal on the top, and asked “Is that the Union College?”

Is that the Union College? The question has probably been asked many times since 1795. In this particular instance it was asked because the man was from Denver, followed college hockey, and was still celebrating the “David and Goliath” story of Union’s national championship win over the University of Minnesota. I was understandably proud and we spent the next half hour recalling great saves and moments of Union glory. He seemed to savor my recollection of an arena full of fans from Union, Boston College, North Dakota, and even a few from Minnesota, chanting “Let’s Go Union.” What a moment that was! We re-live something of that excitement in this issue, wherein we report on the raising of the national championship banner at Messa Rink—another special moment where all those who’ve worn the Union jersey were celebrated.

Is that the Union College? A new exhibit opening on campus this winter, titled “Profound and Poignant,” examines the enormous role that people from the Union College community played in the Civil War era. The year-long exhibit was co-curated by Tom Werner, the Florence B. Sherwood Professor of Physical Sciences Emeritus, and Andrea Foroughi, associate professor of history. It is sponsored by the President’s Office and the College’s Notables Committee. Viewers of the exhibit will learn that nearly 600 members of the Union community fought in the Civil War (47 for the Confederacy and the rest for the Union). While 600 may seem small relative to the more than three million who served in the Civil War, they played a disproportionately important role. There were Medal of Honor winners, officers in command of troops in significant battles, and soldiers who left their mark in many ways. Sixty-seven sons of Union lost their lives during the conflict. Other Union graduates played critical governmental and diplomatic roles—alumni such as William Seward (secretary of state), Chester Arthur (quartermaster general for New York), and John Bigelow (Lincoln’s consul to Paris).

Is that the Union College? New York Lt. Gov. Robert J. Duffy visited Union College in October to thank our students for the extraordinary leadership role they are playing in President Obama’s “It’s On Us” campaign—an effort to increase awareness of and prevent sexual and domestic violence. You will read about this too in this issue.

Is that the Union College? Union will soon begin building a cogeneration plant (technically a trigeneration plant producing heat and cooling as well as helping with humidity and dehumidification). This new facility will move us toward our goal of carbon neutrality while achieving significant savings. We will also use the facility as a teaching device for the many students interested in environmental engineering. Additionally, the facility will aid the College in any potential emergency situation. Our efforts have won us praise from the Princeton Review as one of the nation’s “greenest campuses” and support from agencies like the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) who have acknowledged Union’s leadership role through generous grant support.

Is that the Union College? You will read about Mary Olushoga ’06 in this issue. When she graduated from Union, her father observed “everything about you has changed.” And changing the world for the better has been her mission ever since. In an effort to address unemployment in Africa, especially Nigeria, she founded the African Women Power (AFP) Network in 2012. In recognition of her work, she was the first Good Maker/Oxfam American International Women’s Challenge Day winner. She was also the winner of the International Media Person of the Year Award from Women4Africa in 2014.

Is that the Union College? How many times has the question been asked? This small but influential college in Upstate New York has made, and continues to make, a mighty difference in the world beyond our gates—across many fields of endeavor, across many continents, across many generations. Yes, this is the Union College. And, its story is far from over.
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A REMARKABLE COINCIDENCE

Read with interest the story on Herbert Gilder ’56 in the fall Union College magazine. But my eye moved immediately to the map Mr. Gilder was holding. Could this Union College grad be holding a map that another Union College grad made? Well, yes! I made this map in 1995 as part of an exhibit at the ESRI International GIS User Conference in 1995. It was selected and published in the ESRI Map Book, Volume 11, 1996. How it ended up in the Library of Congress, I have no idea. I became interested in environmental issues and the issues of man and nature in Prof. Carl George’s classes and carried the love for environment and mapping to a 32-year-career at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection as a photo interpreter, map maker and later as GIS manager. I am struck by the fact that, of all the maps Mr. Gilder could have chosen to hold, he chose one made by a fellow graduate! Remarkable.

Lawrence L. Thornton, M.S. ’72

A new online community for U

Be on the lookout for a new online alumni community designed just for U. Launching soon, UConnect offers:
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CORRECTION

Dick Tito ’69 was misidentified in the story, “Retirement reinvented” in the fall 2014 issue.

RE-CONSIDERING URANIA NOTT

Urania Nott’s career certainly deserves praise, but I hope most of your readers got enough practice in critical reading while at Union to take pause at the statement that, after her husband’s stroke, she relayed to the College the “decisions” of a man whose mind was, by her own description, “calm as a summer sea.” She was in a very difficult position, but it seems fair to suggest that, for the good of the College and of her husband’s reputation, after Nott’s first stroke she should—instead of maintaining the fiction that he was still in charge—have guided his fingers in signing one more document: his resignation.

Like others who have studied that dark period of Union’s history, I am convinced that Nott’s continuance in office during the six years of his increasing incompetence was among the factors precipitating Union’s long decline in the 1860s, 1870s and 1880s. One can sympathize with Urania’s role but we should not, I think, celebrate it.

It is incidentally not true that Urania “established the Nott Trust Fund.” That was done, reluctantly, by the Notts together, several years before his first stroke. It had to be done because Nott was indeed guilty of co-mingling his personal assets with those of the College.

Wayne Somers ’61, editor of Encyclopedia of Union College History
Convocation a time to celebrate a campus and a community

Union kicked off its 220th academic year Sept. 9 with a Convocation ceremony that touched on its historic founding, celebrated the present and looked toward the future.

In his address, President Stephen C. Ainlay used a recurring theme of Union as a community, from campus building projects and cultural offerings to new initiatives aimed at strengthening an institution whose opening line in its mission statement declares Union a “scholarly community dedicated to shaping the future and understanding the past.”

He noted the importance of community is evident in Union’s commitment to projects that maintain, preserve and enrich the campus, such as the renovation of the Humanities building (to be named Karp Hall when it reopens in the winter term).

He highlighted the abundant opportunities to gather as a community, from the Union College Concert Series, featuring world-class performers in chamber and classical music, to Mandeville Gallery exhibits, Henle Pavilion dance concerts and Yulman Theater performances.

He also urged the audience to help strengthen the community by supporting a series of efforts, including one led by the White House, “It’s On Us,” to prevent sexual harassment and sexual and relationship violence on college campuses.

In closing, Ainlay reminded the audience of the different paths each took in their journey toward Union, whether coming from different states, countries, religions, genders, sexual orientations, races, ethnicities and economic situations.

“But, in choosing Union,” he said, “we chose to appreciate those differences...I’d ask you to appreciate one another, protect one another, advocate for one another, care for one another. Put your shoulder to the wheel for our common good. By doing so, we honor our community and we honor membership in it. By doing so, we honor the essence of Union.”

Also at Convocation, Ainlay welcomed the Class of 2018.
The 575 first-year students were selected from among 5,406 applicants, one of the most competitive years in the College’s admissions history.

Therese A. McCarty, the Stephen J. and Diane K. Ciesinski Dean of Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented the Stillman Prize for Excellence in Teaching to Andrew Morris, associate professor of history. Morris began at Union in 2003. The prize was created by David I. Stillman ’72, Abbott Stillman ’69 and Allan Stillman in honor of Abraham Stillman, father and grandfather. It is given annually to a faculty member to encourage outstanding teaching.

McCarty also recognized the students who made the Dean’s List last year. And Drew Ivarson ’15 received the Hollander Prize in Music, established by Lawrence J. Hollander, dean of engineering emeritus. A double major in computer science and arts, Ivarson performed Allegro from Piano Sonata No. 18 in E-flat Major, Op. 31, No. 3 by Beethoven.

Banner season celebrated one last time

Six months after the men’s hockey team capped off a magical season by capturing its first NCAA Division I national title, the championship banner was raised before the start of the Dutchmen’s regular season opener Oct. 10 in Messa Rink.

Banners were also raised for the Cleary Cup, Whitelaw Cup, Frozen Four and NCAA tournament appearances. That brings to 10 the number of banners hanging in the rink.

As part of the festivities, all men’s hockey alumni were invited on the ice for the banner raising.

The men’s hockey program began in 1903-04 and was elevated to Division I in 1991-92. More than 60 former players attended.

“Winning the national championship is testament to all the hard work and sacrifices of every player who ever put on a Union College hockey jersey,” said Athletic Director Jim McLaughlin. “We wanted to make sure they could share in this historic moment for a program rich in history.”

The team finished with a record of 32-6-4, knocking off powerhouses Boston College and Minnesota at the Frozen Four in Philadelphia in April 2014 to claim college hockey’s top prize. It was the College’s first championship since the 1929 men’s lacrosse team.


135 students across many disciplines conduct summer research. For nearly 30 summers, Union has fostered close working relationships between thousands of students and faculty as part of its longstanding commitment to undergraduate research.

Messa Rink unveils new, innovative LED lighting system. System expected to reduce rink’s energy usage by 352,680 kilowatt hours annually, shaving $35,000 off the energy bill.
across campus

Homecoming: A great way to spend a weekend

The weekend of October 24—Homecoming—was special for many families, including the Witbecks.

Quisqueya Witbeck ’16 was thrilled to welcome her grandfather, George Witbeck Jr. ’37, back to Union, a place that’s been part of their family history since long before Quisqueya, or even George Jr., was born.

Quisqueya and George Jr. both followed in the footsteps of George Witbeck Sr., Class of 1901, when they chose to attend Union. George Jr., like his father, became a lawyer. Quisqueya, from East Greenbush, N.Y., is studying international policy and cultural studies of Latin America and South Asia. She hopes to be an ambassador or diplomat.

“Union holds a special place in both of our hearts, the friends and educations afforded to us as a result of attending this college are invaluable,” Quisqueya said. “One thing that hasn’t changed in the nearly 80 years since our family name appeared on a convocation program, is that Union is an institution that has challenged and enabled us all to grow as intellectuals and individuals.”

A near-record number of parents, students and alumni joined the Witbecks for Homecoming Weekend. More than 2,000 visitors enjoyed highlights that included pumpkin carving, campus hay rides, the pre-game tailgate picnic, tours of Karp Hall, the harvest dinner, and the football team’s defeat of the University of Rochester.
A West Coast recruiter for Admissions, renovated study spaces in Schaffer Library, expanded faculty development programs among projects awarded special grants to support College’s Strategic Plan.

Exhibit, “On Longing,” featuring work by Frank Rapant ’07 that addresses grieving process “from a faithless standpoint,” opens at Burns Art Atrium Gallery

Flight #5 by Frank Rapant

To see more great pictures from Homecoming, visit Union’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/unioncollege
Union joins efforts to raise awareness of sexual assault, domestic violence

New York State Lt. Governor Robert J. Duffy joined President Stephen C. Ainlay, members of the national championship men’s hockey team and student leaders Oct. 7 to raise awareness of sexual assault and domestic violence.

October was recognized nationally as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Duffy discussed the state’s awareness and prevention efforts and commended Union and its students for their efforts to make a difference. Student leaders issued a challenge to their peers on campus and their rivals across the country.

The College also recently joined nearly 200 schools in a national public-service campaign, “It’s On Us,” aimed at preventing sexual assault on college campuses.

The campaign, launched by President Obama and Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr., hopes to fundamentally shift the way sexual assault is viewed on campuses “by inspiring everyone to see it as their responsibility to do something, big or small, to prevent it.”

One in five women will be sexually assaulted while in college, many of them during their first year by someone they know, according to the White House. Enlisting the support of major college sports leagues and prominent celebrities, the campaign will put a greater emphasis on motivating college men to get involved.

During fall term, Union’s new student-led committee, the Committee on Consent Education and Awareness, hosted Sexual Assault Awareness Week with a series of events across campus.

The College is also expanding its Bystander Intervention Program, which enlists and trains members of the campus community to intervene in situations where sexual harassment or sexual violence appears imminent.

Begun last spring, the program will train student leaders who represent athletic teams, Greek organizations and other campus groups. Men’s hockey was the first team to undergo training.

Sebastien Gingras ’16, a defenseman on the men’s hockey team, will raise awareness of sexual assault and domestic violence throughout the season with his teammates.
Union again recognized nationally for its diversity efforts

For the second straight year, Union has received a HEED Award by Insight Into Diversity magazine, the oldest and largest diversity-focused publication in higher education.

Each year, the magazine recognizes U.S. colleges and universities that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion.

HEED (Higher Education Excellence in Diversity) Award recipients were selected based on their institution’s "exemplary diversity and inclusion initiatives, and ability to embrace a broad definition of diversity on their campuses, including gender, race, ethnicity, religion, veterans, people with disabilities and members of the LGBT community."

Union was one of 83 schools selected for the honor. The winners were featured in the magazine’s November issue.

A commitment to diversity across a broad range of topics is a key priority of the College’s Strategic Plan. This includes advancing efforts to recruit exceptional, diverse faculty and students; building a learning environment that fosters democratic values, social responsibility and ethical understanding; and nurturing a community that encourages socially responsible innovation.

"The award is affirmation of the progress we’ve made on this strategic priority of the College," said President Stephen C. Ainlay.

Among the most recent successes that contributed to the award was a campus climate study to assess religious diversity, assets that exist for interfaith cooperation, and faculty capacity to engage religious diversity and promote interfaith cooperation.

Also cited were programs such as Phenomenal Males (to help students understand the struggles and realities of underrepresented students) and Better Together Campaign (dozens of students wear a head scarf for the day to support the Islamic practice of wearing the hijab); and the installation of two wash stations adjacent to the prayer and meditation room to accommodate the Islamic practice of daily prayer prefaced by ritual cleansing.

In addition, Admissions has several programs in place to improve graduation rates among students from underrepresented groups. These include a dedicated financial aid counselor to work with students one-on-one; scholarship resources to cover book expenses, term abroad fees, fourth course charges and most other additional fees not generally covered with scholarship assistance; and a financial aid workshop for first-year students during a six-week required summer course.

Karp Hall: Coming Soon

The Humanities Building is undergoing a major renovation, made possible by the generosity of the Karp Family Foundation. The facility, to be renamed Karp Hall, will be open for classes in the winter term and be dedicated during ReUnion. Stay tuned for more on this campus enhancement, which will allow for the addition of electronic multimedia classrooms, a seminar room, a media lab and a performance classroom that will facilitate staging components such as dramatic readings as part of the classroom experience. Union College will feature the building in an upcoming issue. Until then, for more on Karp Hall, including construction pictures, visit www.union.edu/karp

Renovation in progress, Karp Hall


Becker Career Center holds mock interview program that pairs students with key employers in Capital Region; the event attracted 80 students and 14 companies, including GE and NYSDEC
Notice-Choose-Tell asks students to ‘step back and think’

"What’s my Union story?" That is the question that planners of a new app—Notice-Choose-Tell—want students to ask of themselves. NCT is a web-based application designed to help students through a process of self-reflection to make more intentional, meaningful and informed choices about their Union education.

The app, which has been in the pilot phase for the past year, was launched in November.

Brina Dillon ’15, a biology major from Freeport, Maine, was among the students who piloted the app, which she called an opportunity to “step back and think about the whole process instead of just the classes I’m required to take.”

What makes Union so special—its broad range of offerings across liberal arts, sciences and engineering—can also be daunting for the student trying to forge a path, Dillon said. “It can be overwhelming, but it’s nice to have this app to reflect on the decisions you make about academics.”

Dillon, who also took a minor in psychology and a term in Australia, found herself in an anthropology class, something she said might have happened earlier with the NCT app.

Darcy Berger ’15, who also participated in the pilot, said, “Though I am a passionate sociology major, I discovered that I could have thrived in other areas such as anthropology, psychology, and political science if I was given the chance to start my undergraduate career over again.”

NCT uses a series of prompts to get students to take note of their strengths and weaknesses (“Notice”), and to consider options that are best suited to them (“Choose”). Lastly, students are asked to share their experience through a “Tell” that is forwarded to an advisor or other campus mentor. Students can also offer a favorite “Tell” to other students as inspiration.

The “Tell” is designed to help students develop the skill of articulating their self-realizations and the process behind the choices they have made.

“We strongly believe that this skill is invaluable in helping students not just communicate with their advisors but will also help them later with applying for jobs and graduate school,” said Therese McCarty, vice president for academic affairs.

“We wanted a tool that would make students stop and think, not just do,” said Brian Cohen, director of advising. “Our ethos here at Union is that everything connects to first year preceptorial, the major, common curriculum courses, terms abroad, and senior capstone experiences. Together they make up a student’s ‘Union story’. NCT is a means of getting students to explore those connections.”

The development of Notice-Choose-Tell was supported by a grant from the Teagle Foundation. Members of the NCT steering committee are Therese McCarty, Brian Cohen, Lorraine Cox, Michael Hagerman, Doug Klein, Suzie Benack, Megan Ferry, Steve Schmidt, Mark Wunderlich, Ellen Borkowski and Blair Raymond. To see the app, go to: http://nct.union.edu.
The College plans to build a cogeneration plant that will dramatically reduce Union’s carbon footprint by as much 42 percent and move the College closer to its goal of carbon neutrality. Cogeneration reduces the carbon footprint by utilizing waste heat for both heating and cooling, but also by creating power and heat locally more efficiently than a traditional utility provider and boiler.

The cogeneration plant would produce approximately 1.8 megawatts of electricity, and provide 82 percent of the College’s power needs in winter and 74 percent in summer. Surplus power would be purchased by National Grid, the current provider.

Fueled by natural gas, the plant will consist of a turbine, a heat recovery steam generator, a gas compressor, an electrical fuel distribution system and an absorption chiller. It would increase the College’s heating and power efficiency needs from 58 percent to as much as 80 percent.

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The plant will be built on the east side of the existing boiler plant near Facilities. The project needs the approval of the City of Schenectady; construction is scheduled to begin in the spring and be completed in 2016.

“This project is critical for the College and emphasizes our commitment toward achieving carbon neutrality,” said Marc Donovan, assistant director of Facilities. “It will give us the flexibility to provide simultaneous heating and cooling, while resulting in significant utility savings.”

The $12 million plant is supported by a grant of up to $2.4 million from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). The remaining funds will come from a $40 million bond project the College undertook for campus improvements.

The money would be repaid through the $450,000 in annual energy-related savings the new plant is expected to generate. The need for a cogeneration plant comes as the College’s electrical demands have increased dramatically in recent years with the addition of such new buildings as the Peter Irving Wold Center, the Wicker Wellness Center and the Henle Dance Studio, as well as the continuing need for dehumidification throughout campus. Extensive renovations of older structures such as Lippman Hall and Karp Hall have also heightened the College’s electrical needs, and future building projects would also create energy challenges.

In addition, a cogeneration plant would greatly enhance the College’s ability to deal with a campus emergency where power, heating and cooling supply might be compromised.

Sustainability is one of the key priorities of the College’s Strategic Plan.

In 2007, President Stephen Ainlay was among the first to sign the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), pledging to formally work on reducing, and eventually eliminating, campus greenhouse gas emissions.
The staff of Gen. George G. Meade, seated near center, included a Union graduate, Charles Elliott Pease (1856), who was instrumental in the surrender of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee. Pease is standing in second row behind Meade’s left shoulder.
The Civil War claimed 67 members of the Union College community, but perhaps no loss was felt more on campus than the death of Elias Peissner, a well-known professor of German and political economy who was a public advocate for the preservation of the Union and the gradual abolition of slavery.

He also had a keen interest in military leadership. After the fall of Fort Sumter in 1861, students formed a regiment, the Union College Zouaves, and elected Peissner as captain. By all accounts, he was a strict disciplinarian with a strong military bearing. He led the student regiment in drills and mock skirmishes on campus grounds, commanding the young cadets in a mixture of English and his native German.

In 1862, he formed the 119th Regiment of New York State Volunteers and became its colonel. Four Union alumni served under Peissner, including his brother-in-law, Charles Lewis. On the regiment’s first day of action, May 2, 1863, Peissner was killed while leading his outnumbered
troops against a Confederate attack at the Battle of Chancellorsville.

The student editor of the Union College Magazine may have summed up the feelings on campus when he wrote, "We had read and talked much about the cruelty of war, but we had not realized it."

Peissner left behind a wife, Margaret, the daughter of Professor Tayler Lewis, and two children. He was buried in the College Plot at Vale Cemetery. He is the only faculty member killed in war.

Peissner's story is one of dozens told in a new exhibit, Profound & Poignant: Union College Connections to the Civil War Era, that will be on display in the Nott Memorial for the remainder of 2015. The exhibit also includes material on Union College and the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, which will be featured in the spring issue of this magazine.

THOSE WHO SERVED

A total of 577 alumni from the classes of 1813 to 1870 and one faculty member served in Civil War: 507 in the Union Army, 23 in the Union Navy, and 47 in the Confederate Army. They fought in major Civil War battles including First and Second Bull Run, Gettysburg, Chancellorsville, Antietam, the Peninsular Campaign and Sherman’s March to the Sea. Union College war deaths totaled 61 for the Union and six for the Confederacy. (For perspective, about 900 West Point graduates served in the war with just under 100 deaths.)

While these numbers for the College may seem small in comparison to the more than three million who served in the Union and Confederate militaries, the contributions and experiences of Union alumni and others associated with the College far exceed what these relative numbers would imply.

POLITICAL LEADERS

Union alumni assumed important roles as political leaders, diplomats, war administrators and advisors. The secretaries of state for both the North and South at the start of the war were Union graduates. William Seward (1820) was one of Lincoln’s most trusted political advisors. Robert Toombs (1828) turned into a bitter critic of the Confederate government and ultimately a disgruntled military leader.

Seward, a New York senator and former governor, lost the Republican presidential nomination to Lincoln in 1860, and then accepted the position of secretary of state. Working closely with Lincoln, and after the war negotiating the purchase of Alaska, made him one of the most prominent political figures of the 19th century.

Toombs left his post as U.S. senator from Georgia to help form the Confederate government, but within two months criticized Confederate president, Jefferson Davis, whom he warned against attacking Fort Sumter. Within two years, Toombs resigned his post as secretary of state as well as his subsequent position as a brigadier general in the Confederate army, irritated by political and military leaders.

John Bigelow (1835) and William James Stillman (1848) played important diplomatic roles by averting European support for the Confederacy. Bigelow in France and Stillman in Rome. Recommended by William Seward to be consul general to France, Bigelow’s greatest contribution to the Union war effort was his success in preventing the French from constructing warships that the Confederacy could have used to eliminate the Union blockade of southern ports. Well known for his photography and painting after the war, Stillman...
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successfully deterred the Roman government from allowing Confederate citizens to obtain renewed passports without first pledging the oath of allegiance to the United States government.

Chester Arthur (1848), who would later become the 21st U.S. president, and Austin Blair (1839), called the “War Governor of Michigan,” both played important roles by supplying men and materiel for the Union cause.

Before the war, Arthur, a lawyer, argued two important cases on behalf of enslaved and free African Americans, while Blair was an outspoken abolitionist and proponent of women’s rights and equal suffrage. Once the war began, Arthur, as quartermaster general, efficiently raised, provisioned, and found housing for thousands of New York soldiers. Blair made Michigan the first western state to provide volunteers and eventually raised seven regiments—approximately 25 percent of Michigan men.

**MILITARY LEADERS**

Several alumni rose to become prominent military leaders in the Union army, including its general-in-chief, Henry Halleck, (1837). Five were Medal of Honor recipients, one of whom, Daniel Butterfield (1849), created the haunting bugle call “Taps.” A Native American graduate, Holmes Colbert (1853), led the Chickasaw nation to an alliance with the Confederacy. General Ulysses S. Grant learned of General Robert E. Lee’s intention to surrender at Appomattox Court House in a letter from Lee delivered by a Union graduate, Charles Elliott Pease (1856), who then led a military escort for Lee back to his headquarters after the surrender. Just days before the Confederate general’s surrender, a Union alumnus, Brig. Gen. Edward H. Ripley (1862), directed the first Federal troops into Richmond and restored order to the abandoned Confederate capital.

John Starkweather (1850), a colonel in the First Wisconsin Volunteers in 1861, fought in several key battles including...
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A MEDAL REVOKED

WARREN SANBORN (1867)
a private in the 27th Maine Volunteers,
was Union College’s Sixth Civil War Medal of Honor Recipient, until 1917.

With the enlistment period of the 27th Maine about to expire just as Lee’s army was moving north in 1863, Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton urged members of the 27th to remain in service. When about 300 agreed to stay on, Stanton promised them the Medal of Honor.

After the war, the names of those who re-enlisted could not be confirmed, so all 864 members of the 27th were awarded the Medal of Honor. This decision was reversed in 1917 when Congress, at the suggestion of a board of retired military officers, revoked all of the medals, including that of Sanborn.
Perryville, Ky., where his regiment held the Union line against rebel forces. This victory ensured that Kentucky stayed in the Union and helped prevent European recognition of the Confederacy. Starkweather rose to the rank of major general by the time he left the army in 1865.

**Alumni-led African-American Regiments**

Enlisting African Americans as soldiers in the Union Army signaled a dramatic shift in military policy and challenged the racial prejudices of most white Americans, including those supporting such regiments. Lincoln believed that in order to make these units more acceptable to the northern public, he would need to ensure that white men led the “colored troops,” as they were known in the 19th century.

Fourteen Union alumni sought and earned commissions to lead units known as United States Colored Troops (USCT), fully aware that the Confederacy had pledged punishments up to death for captured white officers leading these regiments.

All of the 14 officers from the College served capably with USCT units, but the histories of two deserve special notice. Hiram Scofield (1853) rose from a private in the 2nd Iowa Volunteers to become a brigadier general in the 47th USCT. His war diary contains entries that expressed sympathy with his black soldiers and an optimism about future race relations in the U.S. One Union alumnus, Cleveland Campbell (1855), a lieutenant colonel in the 23rd USCT, was wounded as he led his USCT troops in the battle of the Crater during the siege of Petersburg; he eventually perished from the lingering effects of the wound.

**Sacrifice**

A recent study by J. David Hacker of Binghamton University estimates Civil War deaths at nearly 750,000, greater than the sum of deaths from all other U.S. wars and equivalent to about 8 million in today’s population.

Union College’s 67 war dead included a faculty member (Peissner), the son of a faculty member and a civilian alumnus killed during a brutal pro-Confederacy raid on Lawrence, Kansas. William Jackson (1851), son of Prof. Isaac Jackson, saw combat in the first battle of Bull Run and was commended for ignoring an unauthorized call for retreat and instead leading his regiment into battlefield position. Jackson died shortly after the battle in a Washington military hospital, the result of a fever. Charles Lewis (1864), son of Professor Tayler Lewis and brother-in-law of Prof. Elias Peissner, under whom he served in the 119th New York Volunteers, was severely wounded in the arm at Chancellorsville, the same battle that claimed Peissner. Lewis remained in the army another year before receiving a disability discharge.

A state senator in Kansas, Simeon Thorp (1859), became a civilian casualty during the bloody battles between
AN INSPIRATION FOR THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS?

SAMUEL WILKESON JR. (1837) was a war correspondent for the New York Times who may have inspired portions of President Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address. Wilkeson’s oldest son Bayard, an artillery officer in the Union army, was fatally wounded on the first day of the battle at Gettysburg. Wilkeson wrote a famous article for the Times that became a pamphlet, Samuel Wilkeson’s Thrilling Word Picture of Gettysburg.

Wilkeson wrote, “My pen is heavy. Oh, you dead, who at Gettysburg have baptized with your blood the second birth of freedom in America, how you are to be envied!”

Four months later, Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address included similar wording: “We here resolve that these dead shall have not died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom.”

Whether Wilkeson’s correspondence inspired Lincoln is open to speculation, but the fact that Lincoln posthumously promoted Bayard Wilkeson suggests that the president was moved by the narrative.
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pro-Union and pro-Confederate partisans. In August 1863, guerrillas led by Confederate officer William Quantrill raided Lawrence, Kan., an anti-slavery stronghold. Thorp and three other men surrendered under promise of protection but were killed by the raiders, some of whom would go on to become members of the notorious Jesse James gang. In all, 183 men and boys were killed and the city was torched.

**VALOR**

Congress established the Medal of Honor during the Civil War to recognize those who “shall most distinguish themselves” in war. Of the nearly 2.2 million whose efforts preserved the Union, only 1,522 received Medals of Honor. Five of these medals were awarded to the Union alumni whose valorous acts are described here.

Daniel Butterfield (1849) rallied the 83rd Pennsylvania at the Battle of Gaines Mill on June 27, 1862. Wounded in this battle and at the Battle of Gettysburg, he is credited for composing the melody for “Taps.”

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Francis B. Hall (1852), chaplain of the 16th New York Volunteers, was one of only six chaplains to receive a Medal of Honor. He endured enemy fire to carry numerous wounded men from the front line.

Philip Sydney Post (1855) volunteered his brigade at the Battle of Nashville to lead an almost suicidal attack to block the enemy’s retreat. Caught in a volley that killed his horse and shattered his pelvis and spine, he survived the attack and was promoted to brigadier general.

George Newman Bliss (1860) rallied retreating Union soldiers to attack a superior Confederate force at the battle of Waynesboro, Va., where he was wounded, captured and imprisoned for four months in Richmond.

The remarkable stories of those individuals affiliated with Union College who participated in the Civil War, one of the most important eras in the nation’s history, is quite compelling,” they said. “Researching more than 30 individuals for an exhibit to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War could not have been accomplished without the proliferation of the Internet, a technology unknown for earlier major anniversaries of this event. Putting together the exhibit was a rewarding intellectual challenge. We want to recognize the encouragement and generous financial commitment of President Stephen Ainlay, the support of the Union Notables Committee, and the summer research efforts of Peter Scatena ‘16.”
AOP/HEOP programs enable success in many fields, like medicine.
If it weren’t for one Union program, Kenia Valdez ’12 would not be where she is today—at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry.

“The AOP program meant everything to me,” she said. “It was only because of its existence that I was even able to attend college.”

Over the last 45 years, the Academic Opportunity Program, together with the Arthur O. Eve Higher Education Opportunity Program, has helped catapult students to success in myriad disciplines. Valdez’s field, the highly competitive area of medicine, is just one such discipline.

Both programs were established at Union in 1969 with the same mission: To admit students with great potential whose economic and academic situations might otherwise prevent them from going to college.

“AOP was the brainchild of former Union President Harold Martin, and his counterparts at Skidmore and RPI, to increase the number of underrepresented students on campus. To this day it is funded by the College,” said Philip Poczik, AOP/HEOP director. “HEOP was the brainchild of Arthur O. Eve, former deputy speaker and member of the New York State Assembly. Union has been a member of the program, partially funded by a grant from the State Education Department, since its inception.”

“HEOP’s economic criterion for acceptance into the program, as established by the state, is 185 percent of the federal poverty income level. The academic criterion is that students cannot meet the College’s standard admission profile,” he continued. “We mirror these criteria for AOP. We seek to enroll 30 students—15 in HEOP, 15 in AOP—each year.”

And over the years, these students have gone on to do well for themselves in everything from engineering (for Boeing and Honda Motors, for example) to teaching to music therapy to social work to health professions.

“I have always wanted to be a physician, I love working with people and helping others in their time of need,” said Valdez, who majored in biology at Union. “AOP gave me all the support—financial, professional, emotional—I needed to make this dream possible.”

Dr. Syed Amal Hussnain ’08, an ophthalmology resident at Yale-New Haven Hospital, echoed these sentiments. HEOP gave him the financial means he needed to attend Union, and thrive beyond its gates.

“We know that when given equal opportunity, people of any race, color or ethnicity can excel by practicing traits such as hard work, perseverance and self-confidence,” he said. “In general, that is precisely what AOP/HEOP tries to do for all its students. The programs provide an opportunity and a framework, and that is certainly what HEOP did for me.”

“It helped me gain confidence and adjust in a new country and culture by making me part of the tightly-knit AOP/HEOP group,” Hussnain continued. “I was born in Brooklyn, but moved to Pakistan when I was one year old. We moved back, to Watervliet, N.Y., when I was 16.”

Kenia Valdez ’12 and Derrick German ’12 are attending the University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry
The tools AOP/HEOP uses to build such confidence in students are many. There’s the five-week pre-freshman summer program all AOP/HEOP students must complete to help them prepare for the rigors of college life. There’s the professional development class that’s required during sophomore year, workshops on financial literacy and graduate school preparation, and tutoring provided to all students in all subject areas. And, Poczik said, each young person is assigned an advisor to assist—one-on-one—with academic, financial, social and personal mentoring.

AOP/HEOP students interested in health professions also benefit from the fact that they’re often in close proximity to appropriate staff and faculty in that field from the get-go. The Health Professions office is located within the AOP/HEOP suite.

“This allows Carol Weisse, Health Professions director, and her staff to get to know these students early on and help them develop the skills they’ll need to thrive.

“The factors that contribute to the success of AOP/HEOP students interested in pursuing a health profession are similar to those factors that are necessary for any student seeking entry in to a highly competitive field,” she said. “Students need to have a strong work ethic, excellent time management abilities, outstanding interpersonal skills, and the ability to succeed on standardized tests. They also need to seek out opportunities for developing themselves personally and professionally.”

“The Health Professions office promotes this professional development by offering educational programs,” Weisse added. “We provide a health care practicum course that places students in community health settings, and we coordinate visits to major metropolitan areas where students can tour health profession schools and network with alumni and admissions representatives too.”

Her former students are immensely grateful to Weisse, and to Poczik and all Union faculty and staff, for this support.

“It is incredible that our Health Professions program was able to work with me and provide the information, counseling and resources to apply and get accepted to medical school,” said Hussnain, who graduated from Weill Cornell Medical College in 2013. “There’s a lot more than a good GPA and MCAT score—like volunteer work, clinical experience, research and interviewing skills—that make a successful application.”

Valdez agrees.

“Professor Weisse was an amazing resource. She met with me regularly, helped me find volunteer opportunities and gain experience,” said the first-year med student, who is considering specializing in obstetrics and gynecology. “Professor Weisse was also honest, which is important, and highlighted my strengths and weaknesses and made me the most competitive applicant I could be.”

To Derrick German ’12, a first-generation college graduate who studied biology at Union, all this support was like having a second set of parents.

“It is difficult to convey how grateful I am for having been allowed to be part of the HEOP program, it opened doors for me in my life that I would otherwise not have had,” he said. “The AOP/HEOP program staff served as my family away from home.”

“When I got my first job, did well on my MCAT, when I was lucky enough to struggle with the choice of picking a medical school, the staff were some of the first to know,” added German, who is interested in the specialties of surgical oncology, family medicine, and pain and palliative medicine.

The College also did something else for the University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry student—it allowed him to maintain and strengthen a very special relationship.

German and Valdez, both from the Bronx, were dating before they enrolled at Union. They are acutely aware of how lucky they are to have been able to matriculate into the same undergraduate school and the same medical school.

“Over the eight years we have been together, we have relied a lot on each other for support, motivation and direction,” German said. “I think Kenia has been, and will continue to be, an instrumental part of my success. Union provided us the opportunity to pursue our goals together, and that’s incredible.”
Ever wonder what Union professors are up to when they aren’t teaching? Just about everything, as it turns out. Nothing is beyond their collective reach or curious minds. Here’s just a glimpse of the diverse and intriguing work they do.

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Stalled gender revolution progressing again

**David Cotter, professor/chair of sociology**  
(With Joan Hermsen, University of Missouri; Reeve Vannenman, University of Maryland)

First, society decried the working woman; she belonged with her children. Then it rallied behind her in a nearly epic gender revolution to support her climb up the corporate ladder. Then the momentum ebbed, with more people again favoring traditional female homemaker roles.

This so-called stalled revolution, however, has found its way out of neutral and into drive once more.

In a recent paper published by the Council on Contemporary Families, David Cotter and colleagues analyzed the last few decades of General Social Survey data, which has measured American support of gender equity since 1977. The trend they uncovered is illustrated below using one of four parameters studied:

- In 1977, 34 percent disagreed it’s “better if man works, woman cares for home/family”
- In 1994, 63 percent disagreed it’s “better if man works, woman cares for home/family”
- In 2000, 58 percent disagreed it’s “better if man works, woman cares for home/family”
- In 2006, 64 percent disagreed it’s “better if man works, woman cares for home/family”

“Attitudes underwent a massive transition, from two-thirds embracing traditional gender positions in 1977 to two-third embracing the egalitarian position by 1994,” Cotter said. “But between 1994 and 2006, they remained essentially unchanged, even drifting back toward the more traditional position. Since 2006, however, all four measures have resumed the egalitarian trend, though at slower rate than in the 1980s.”

While it’s not clear exactly what caused the stall, or what has rekindled American support of women in the workforce, understanding societal views of gender equity is important.

“Generally, there’s a reciprocal relationship between gender role attitudes and work and family outcomes. They tend to mutually reinforce each other,” Cotter said. “But it’s clear that to the extent that public opinion and private attitudes are supportive of women working, we should see more efforts to ensure equity.”

Cotter’s early work on this subject was supported by a Russell Sage Foundation grant. To read the paper, visit https://contemporary-families.org/gender-revolution-rebound-brief-back-on-track/

— Erin DeMuth Judd
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Improving our conversations with computers

Kristina Striegnitz, associate professor of computer science (With Andrew Danise ’14, Yazan Barhoush ’17, Anjuli Smith (Emma Willard School))

It’s beyond annoying when that automated customer service voice doesn’t understand what you’re saying, right? Or when Siri just can’t seem to get that you’re asking “her” to call Joe, not Moe.

Well, Kristina Striegnitz is conducting research that could make these dialog systems—computer systems that humans interact with using natural language (speech or text)—less cumbersome.

Specifically, she’s created a puzzle game that allows her to study how natural language is generated—in the form of dialog—in a virtual computer environment.

In it, two players must solve puzzles collaboratively by pushing a ball to a designated goal. The catch is that the players may or may not be able to see the exact puzzle their partner is trying to solve. Each puzzle, however, shares the same landmarks, despite the fact that the configuration of obstacles the ball must be moved around is different. And each player can drop blocks, to help guide the ball, into the other’s puzzle.

This means that the players must exchange instructions via text message, creating a dialogue with phrases like: “Turn right at oasis” or “drop block at base of ancient ruins’ steps.”

“The pair who solved the puzzles fastest in our data used a highly interactive strategy in which they placed blocks and gave feedback in a very rapid exchange,” Striegnitz said. “This is interesting because it might indicate that making good use of the shared physical space (landmarks) helps communication.”

She hopes this insight will lead to better interaction with the likes of Siri.

“My main goal is to make these dialog systems more efficient and less tedious, by making the interaction more natural and better able to recover from misunderstandings,” Striegnitz said. “By studying dialog systems situated in a real or simulated physical environment, we might someday have systems that give better driving directions. Or perhaps have improved systems that use a virtual environment for teaching and training, like immersive games through which children learn science concepts and problem solving skills.”

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DR. JAY COHN ’52
Saving Sam: Drugs, Race and Discovering the Secrets of Heart Disease
Wisdom Editions
A physician and medical scientist reveals the secrets of heart disease—uncovered through 50 years of clinical investigation—that have revolutionized current management of heart disease and may eliminate it in the future. Richly illustrated with individual patient and experimental details, the book also weaves in the dramatic story of the development of the first drug approved specifically for African Americans, and how politics and misguided accusations of racism have tragically inhibited widespread use of this life-saving therapy.

JOSEPH D. COONS ’59
USFactsFirst: A Fact-Filled Guide to the Issues Facing America in Politics, the Economy, Finance, Health Care and the Media with Discussion Questions for Each
USFactsFirst LLC
USFactsFirst is a review of the issues that Americans have been debating intensely in recent years. It covers 15 relevant topics, including politics, healthcare, the national debt, taxes, incomes, education, financial institutions and more. Written clearly and illustrated with data, including 28 color charts, readers are able to draw their own conclusions. The discussion of each subject ends with questions for readers to consider further. A companion data file, introduction and table of contents are separately and freely accessible to readers at USFactsFirst.com.

M. JOHN LUBETKIN ’60
Custer’s Gold
Bookstand Publishing
Custer’s Gold carries readers through the world of railroad surveyors and military escorts (and Indian fighting) in the early 1870s. But the book has a more sinister, underlying plot: recovering gold from a spectacular bank robbery. Since the larger-than-life Custer is on the scene, he naturally gets involved. Suspense about whether the gold will be unearthed, and who will get it, is maintained until the end in this historically accurate and gripping adventure.

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M.P. JENNINGS ’66
Changing Hands in Chinatown
CreateSpace and Kindle Direct Publishing
Yan Song arrives in New York City from Hong Kong and soon gets deeply enmeshed in the business of an Asian massage parlor. She discovers the manager of the so-called ‘spa’ is a ruthless embezzling harpy who is brutally brow-beating the masseuses into following her every command. From Yan’s first visit to the spa as a customer, her journey is
destined to become an adventure of the heart and senses, as well as of her will and wits.

EZRA GREENSPAN ’74
William Wells Brown: An African American Life
W. W. Norton

This biography tells the story of a pioneering and accomplished African-American writer of the 19th century. Born into slavery in Kentucky, raised on the Western frontier on the farm adjacent to Daniel Boone’s, “rented” out in adolescence to a succession of steamboat captains on the Mississippi and Missouri rivers, the young man known as “Sandy” reinvented himself as “William Wells” Brown after escaping to freedom. He lifted himself out of illiteracy and soon became an innovative, widely admired and popular speaker on antislavery circuits (both American and British). He went on to write the earliest African American works in a plethora of genres: travelogue, novel (the now canonized Clotel), printed play and history. He also practiced medicine, ran for office, and campaigned for black uplift, temperance and civil rights.

I. LEIGH PRIVATE (A.K.A. MELISSA GOLDSMITH ’80)
On the Okey Dokey Trail: A Smart-Aleck Perspective on the Give and Take of Life
BIF Press

On the Okey Dokey Trail is a collection of humorous stories about relationships, work, parenthood, plastic surgery, bad car karma, photography, weed, golf lessons, serendipity, popular culture and more. The book will not help you find or keep love, make dinner, surmount life’s inexplicable tragedies, reinvent yourself or extract the cream filling from a cupcake without crumbling it. But it will make you laugh and offer a perspective on all of the above and whatever life serves up. “We are so sure of our ability to entertain you that in this one-time limited offer, we will guarantee 1-3 LOL’s or your money back—no questions asked,” reads the dust jacket. “Well, we may question if you ever had a sense of humor, but it will be largely rhetorical. We would never post your name anywhere, pinky-swear.”

RANDI REDMOND OSTER ’84
Questioning Protocol
Well Path Press

Questioning Protocol is a healthcare solutions book from a mom’s perspective. Randi Redmond Oster shares the tips, tools, and tricks from her corporate experience, engineering skills, and compassion for her son, for navigating the broken healthcare system. Learn how she maintains control when her healthcare crisis seems overwhelming. Discover how she creates a high-performing healthcare team focused on her son. Understand how she manipulates the hierarchy of the healthcare system to help improve her son’s care. See how she finds ways to feel grateful, even when her world seems upside down.

MICHAEL ALLEN POTTER ’94
The Last Invisible Continent: Essays on Adoption and Identity
Kartografisk Utgaver

These 12 essays span nearly 20 years of research and activism that chronicle one man’s search for his family. More than half of the pieces in this collection were previously published in journals and anthologies, including Metroland and The Concordiensis. Together, they explore the concept of personal identity from the perspective of someone who was erased completely by adoption in the state of New York. The Last Invisible Continent traverses borders and time zones that take the reader from inside San Francisco’s fin-de-siècle tech boom, to the interior of a Schenectady crack house just off campus, to a farmhouse in a small fishing village just south of the Arctic Circle. The Columbus Free Press called The Last Invisible Continent "an important book, a superb mixing of the personal and the political."

GIANCARLO ANNESE ’08
Beer Lover’s New York
Globe Pequot Press

Beer Lover’s New York is a comprehensive guide to New York State’s beer culture from Buffalo to Long Island and everywhere in between. The book takes you through the best breweries, brewpubs and bars, where you can experience the remarkable variety and quality of beer in the state. Beer Lover’s New York also maps out pub crawls, highlights the best festivals and includes food and brewing recipes from brewers. Husband and wife team Giancarlo and Sarah Annese are native New Yorkers who grew up on Long Island. They became immersed in craft beer culture after moving to New York City in the fall of 2008. In 2013 they traveled over 4,000 miles throughout New York State to research Beer Lover’s New York. Together they founded and run the NYC-centric website www.BeerUnion.com.
and is available from Scratch Films, Dublin.

FRANK GADO, professor of English emeritus
The Complete Stories of William Cullen Bryant
Antoca Press
The reputation of the founding father of American poetry did not enjoy a good 20th century, but his seven-year career writing fiction submerged into complete oblivion. Not even his biographers have paid it any attention, yet he was the most innovative explorer of the nascent short story in the aftermath of Washington Irving’s breakthrough and during the decade before Hawthorne and Poe. Frank Gado initiated the American short story course at Union in the mid-1960s and continued teaching it until his retirement in 1995. Curiosity stirred by one of those selections, “The Indian Spring,” led to the research behind this volume, which marks not only the first complete compilation of Bryant’s fiction but also the very first recognition and assessment of its significance in our nation’s literary emergence.

In support of the Union College Annual Fund, a trust distribution was received from the estate of Robert L. Slobod, Class of 1935.

A bequest distribution was received from the estate of Liam McGrath and Kim Bartley, was released in 2012

Building Our Third Century

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

A trust distribution was received from the estate of Frank E. Lord, Class of 1951. Along with an earlier distribution, the proceeds will be used at the discretion of the trustees. Frank spent many years in the Navy both active and reserve, rising to the rank of Captain, as well as a long career at GTE until his retirement.

A trust distribution was received from the estate of Walter R.G. Baker, Class of 1916. Proceeds will be used at the discretion of the trustees. After graduating from Union with a degree in electrical engineering, Frank spent many years in the Navy as a long career at GTE until his retirement.

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On Oct. 10, 2014, Union clinched a 7-3 win over American International at Messa Rink. On Oct. 6, 2014, the Chicago Alumni Club held an alumni and family event to kick off the fall season, with a little help from the hockey championship trophy. Pictured from left to right are James Rogan Quinn ‘13, Jeremy Welsh ‘13, Michael Jacobs ‘13, Tyler Roselli ‘14 and Colin Farrill ‘07.

Alumni and their families attend the Frederick Keys game in Maryland on Aug. 7, 2014. Terra Conlan ’02 and Christopher Bourke ’10 welcomed more than 30 Bay Area alumni to Dr. Teeth and the Electric Mayhem, where they watched the NCAA championship hockey banner being raised Oct. 10, 2014. That same night Union clinched a 7-3 win over American International at Messa Rink.

In July, the NYC Alumni Club enjoyed a day at the SingleCut Brewery in Queens, participating in a tour and discussion with Sarah and Giancarlo Annese ‘08, co-authors of Beer Lover’s New York.

Alumni volunteer with the Schenectady City Mission Nov. 8, 2014.

EVENT IN A BOX: All U need to host a Union gathering

Each year, the Office of Alumni & Parent Engagement receives numerous requests from alumni who want to host Union events in their area. We love the enthusiasm! In an effort to meet these needs, we are excited to announce the Event in a Box program. It’s your go-to resource for Union flair. All boxes come with a Union flag and your choice of three of the following items: napkins, cups, koozies, felt pennants, balloons or thunder sticks. You can request your box at www.union.edu/eventinabox

For upcoming alumni club events, visit www.union.edu/alumni
the classes and profiles

Garnet Guard
Alumni who have celebrated their 50th ReUnion.

GARNET GUARD
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1940

Kenneth Jenkins writes, “My father, Sheldon Charles Jenkins, Capt. Army Air Corp., passed away July 25, 2014. He always spoke highly of Union. After college, in 1941, he enlisted and served with the 9th Army Air Corp during the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe campaigns. He later worked as an electrical engineer and was active in his community. He was a member of the Pioneers, the original Surf Light Theater and was president of the North Beach Homeowners Association. He also tutored struggling readers, enjoyed fishing, visits from his grandchildren and traveling with his wife, Mary Jane. He donated to numerous improvement projects for his much-loved churches, Wright Memorial and St. Francis, as well.” Sheldon Jenkins is further remembered on pg. 54 of this issue’s In Memoriam section.

1942

Robert J. Reynolds writes, “I may be the last living member of the 1939 football team, as I was the smallest team member and last man on the bench at 145 pounds, 5’7,” next to buddies Myron Mills and Moey Friedman. World War II came, I was there December 7, 1941, but did not graduate until Sept. 1947 after the war.

1942

Ted Vinick ’43 and his late wife, Raquel, were the first recipients of the Paul S. Swartz Social Justice Award, presented Oct. 18, 2014 by the Congregation Gates of Heaven. Ted and Raquel were cited for their work as mentors at Schenectady’s Pleasant Valley Elementary School, and their role in helping numerous Russian refugees relocate and settle in the Schenectady area. Ted is secretary of the temple’s Social Action Committee on which he and Raquel have served for decades. At the same ceremony, Stephen M. Berk, the Henry and Sally Schaffer Professor of Holocaust and Jewish Studies, was presented with the Rabbi Michael M. Szenes Humanitarian Award for his work as teacher, author and consultant.

1948

The family of the late Albert F. “Red” Dingley Jr., M.D., remembers his deep love of family and wife Sheila, and his affection and loyalty to his alma mater, where he led the Union basketball team to many victories. Father to Union graduates Albert Dingley ’74 and Diane Scholl ’77, grandfather to Margaret Oppenheim ’17 and Molly Dingley (Union Graduate College ’12), the Union tradition lives on in his memory. He passed away Aug. 24, 2014 and was loved by all whose lives he touched. Albert is further remembered on pg. 55 of this issue’s In Memoriam section.

1951

Dr. Irwin Friedman retired from Buffalo General Medical Center after 53 years. Under Irwin’s leadership Buffalo General opened the first intensive care unit in Western New York in 1963. It was also the first respiratory ICU in the nation. In addition to practicing critical care, Irwin devoted a substantial portion of his career to pulmonary care, and to pain management as a board-certified palliative care practitioner.

1952

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Don Harvey ’52 writes, “My brother, David Harvey ’51, passed away Oct. 27, 2013. His lifetime accomplishments were very impressive, and included service on the planning commission of Community Hospital in Munster, Ind. He was the facility’s first chief medical staff president. David also was chief of staff at St. Margaret Hospital and was actively involved in charitable organizations like YMCA, Woodmar Child Development Center, Trade Winds and Children of Abraham. After he retired, he and his family enjoyed traveling, fishing, hiking and bird hunting. He and I were only one year apart and were very close. David will be truly missed.”

David Harvey is further remembered on pg. 55 of this issue’s In Memoriam section.

The Rev. E. Perren Hayes is a retired priest of the Diocese of New York (Episcopal) and lives in Lewes, Delaware near the resort area of Rehoboth Beach. He writes, “We are a good refuge for residents of Washington D.C.—and so my
Arnold W. Goldschlager, M.D.
CLASS OF 1959

I WORK IN THE FIELD OF...
“I have been practicing medicine for over 50 years and working in the specialty of cardiology for the last 45 years. I am a consulting cardiologist at Mills-Peninsula Medical Center and Seton Medical Center is the San Francisco Bay Area. I continue to practice actively at age 75. I have also taught medical students at UCSF for over 40 years and hold the rank of associate clinical professor of medicine.”

GIVING BACK IS IMPORTANT TO ME BECAUSE...
“Giving back is part of the tradition of Judaism. The Hebrew word is ‘tzedakah’—more than charity—an obligation to do what is just and right. I'm a Jewish kid from the lower east side of New York. My parents were lower middle class, but I was taught that no matter how poor you were, there was always something you could give to help others.

“I support Union because it is a way of giving back to a college that not only educated me, but helped shape the course of my life. My $250,000 gift went to support Jewish Studies since the remembrance of the Holocaust, and the support of the State of Israel, are two important parts of my legacy.”

DURING MY TIME AT UNION I...
“At Union, I paid my tuition with a Regents Scholarship and a job as a laboratory assistant in the Department of Biology. Working in the Biology Department and the rigorous pre-medical curriculum left no time for athletics, but I was an editor of Concordiensis and vice president of Kappa Nu fraternity. I was also a science major and did my research in my senior year in the field of paramecium genetics. My mentors at Union were Biology Professors Raymond Rappaport and Henry Butzel. They taught me the discipline of the scientific method and the importance of integrity in science—two concepts that have made me a better physician. During the summer of 1957, I was invited by Dr. Rappaport to work at the Mt. Desert Island Marine Biological Laboratory, a seaside laboratory on the coast of Maine populated by a ‘Who’s Who’ of world-class scientists. It was the best summer of my life.

“Another mentor was Art Professor Wayne Nowak, who opened up the world of art for me and designed an ‘art tour’ of Europe, which I did summer of 1958—an important part of a liberal arts education. I was quite successful academically and socially at Union as well, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Society of Sigma Xi. Union was a transformational experience for me. I entered as a 16-year-old kid and graduated as a well-educated, cosmopolitan adult.”

AFTER GRADUATION I...
“I went on to receive my medical degree at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and did post-graduate training at Bellevue-Columbia, Mt. Sinai Hospital and the University of California, San Francisco. I served as chief of medicine in the United States Air Force at Selfridge Air Force Base in Michigan.”

I AM ALSO INVOLVED IN...
“I am involved in my community and serve on the Mills-Peninsula Medical Foundation Oncology Board, the Mzuri Wildlife Foundation Board, Mzuri Safari Club, Tinsley Island (St. Francis Yacht Club) Board, Rich Island Gun Club and the NRA Hunters Leadership Forum Board. I was previously on the Air Ambulance Inc. Board and the board of the San Francisco chapter of Safari Club International. I am also an internationally recognized big game hunter and have hunted on six continents. I have been honored by several hunting and conservation organizations, including Safari Club International, Mzuri Wildlife Foundation and the National Rifle Association. Both my wife and I are strong supporters of the arts in San Francisco and contribute annually to the San Francisco Symphony, San Francisco Ballet, Smouin Ballet American Conservatory Theater, Berkeley Repertory Theater and Hansberry Theater.”

I MAKE MY HOME IN...
“I live in Hillsborough, Calif. with my wife, Nora Fox Goldschlager, M.D., a distinguished academic cardiologist and professor at UCSF. We have two daughters, Hilary and Nina.”
neighboring appears on MSNBC and NPR from time to time as an ‘expert.’ I am in excellent health—except that some things, like knees and ankles, are just ‘wearing out from age and over-use,’ to quote my local doctor. My wife and I have no children—it was a late marriage. So, I keep looking around to see what is happening elsewhere.” His blog, “The Faithful Skeptic,” is at http://perren-thefaithful-skeptic.blogspot.com.

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Sam Milham, M.D., published a book called Dirty Electricity, which shows that most of the 20th century diseases of civilization, including cancer, cardiovascular diseases, diabetes and suicide are caused by electromagnetic field exposure.

Conrad H. Lang Jr., retired Rensselaer County surrogate judge, was honored by the Rensselaer County Bar Association in October. Conrad, who serves as chairman of the Hudson Valley Community College Board of Trustees, received the Jones Award from the bar association. He has also served on the Rensselaer County Legislature and as a Sand Lake town justice, and worked as an assistant district attorney and deputy county clerk. Conrad, a graduate of Albany Law School, retired as surrogate in 2001.

Avrom Gold writes, “I had lunch with Bob Tofel and his wife Sue at their home in New York City recently. Bob’s had some health challenges but he’s still full of P and V. We’ll follow up soon. Marc Shoooe tells me that he is well and is now a resident of Myrtle Beach, S.C., although he and his wife Maureen have kept their house in Albany for visits. I also had lunch with Dick Fink recently in San Antonio, Texas, where he’s lived for 40 years and where I visited my daughter, who has been there for two-plus years with USAA. Dick looks great and we had a wonderful time. We’re planning a repeat when I go back there next April. I welcome correspondence from other class members who would like to keep in touch.”

1955
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Benjamin Sadock, M.D., is professor of psychiatry at NYU School of Medicine, still practicing and teaching and recently published the 11th edition of his textbook, Synopsis of Psychiatry, now translated into 13 languages. He writes, “I am in touch with a number of alums for golf dates, Joe Sandler and Paul Gilbert ’54. Anyone who wants to join us is most welcome.”

Mort Silver writes, “Far from retiring as the CEO of Orda Management Corporation, a manager, owner and developer of real estate, I am engaged in the redevelopment of two

A SURGEON WITH A PENDANT FOR ECONOMICS

Dr. Martin Schulman ’54 isn’t a financial expert, but his ideas on social security are getting nods from some distinguished people who are. The folks at Barron’s newspaper, for instance, published an article of his in June in their “Other Voices” section, an accomplishment of which Schulman, a vascular surgeon, is quite proud.

“I don’t recall having ever seen anything written by a physician in the financial weekly,” he said. “It was very satisfying seeing it printed amongst all the news and advice from leading authorities in the financial industry.”

The piece proposes a fix to one of America’s most pressing concerns.

“It basically says there’s a simple way to augment returns on the Social Security Trust Fund,” Schulman explained. “By investing a portion of the fund in a broad index of U.S. stocks with equal purchases made over a long period of time, the earnings of the fund would be dramatically increased.”

And a dramatic increase, of course, means solvency for generations of Americans who will need social security support when they reach age 66.

Schulman believes so strongly in the idea, which has been posited by others over the years, that he sent copies of the article to Warren Buffet, Berkshire Hathaway CEO, and John Bogle, founder of the Vanguard Group.

“I think the concept just makes too much sense to be relegated to one page in Barron’s and promptly forgotten,” Schulman said.

The two legendary investors did respond, expressing respect for his article. But as Schulman said, other considerations prevent either man from doing anything more.

Schulman, however, will continue to pursue more exposure for the idea. He recently contacted CNBC and is awaiting a reply.

In the meantime, Schulman, 81, still sees patients at the Schulman Vein and Laser Center, which he operates with his son, Dr. Lee Schulman ’84.

Over the course of a 50-year career, Schulman has touched many lives and made a textbook-changing contribution to his specialty. He showed that removing the major deep vein in the thigh (the femoropopliteal vein) is safe, and that the vein performs extraordinarily well an arterial replacement, both in the leg and in other parts of the body.

To read the Barron’s article, visit www.barrons.com and search for “Martin Schulman.” Registration may be required.
buildings of 650,000 square feet located in the active midtown south submarket of New York City. These buildings have been the headquarters of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey since 2001. The Port is now moving back to the World Trade Center. We are currently in the marketing phase of the project, which should take two more years to complete, after which I hope to find another challenge.”

Ronald Levine writes, “Liz and I have been in North Carolina for over 50 years now and we have graduated from ‘damn Yankee’ to Yankee. But, seriously, we have always, and continue to love it. I have been fortunate to have discovered two very fulfilling volunteer opportunities after many years as state health director and professor of health policy at UNC. I work as a volunteer opportunity and I have a regular radio program for visually impaired folks in the area, reading short stories (‘Short and Sweet’). Looking forward to our 60th ReUnion.”

Vince Guerra writes, “Enjoying our townhouse-style living in retirement here in northeastern Massachusetts with its many amenities and opportunities. Developing my musical avocation playing piano/keyboard regularly in a swing big bands, plus attending a five-day summer jazz workshop. Also working year-round on my tennis game, serving on a town Board of Health and as hospital medical ethics committee consultant, historical society program chairman, in parish ministry, etc. As Union hockey fans, we attend scheduled games when the team plays at nearby colleges and universities. Hope to witness the Dutchmen win another exciting championship this season.”

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Dr. Richard Propp facilitated discussion of the “Healthcare Movie” with Union students enrolled in the National Health Systems term abroad prior to their departure to study healthcare systems in Canada, United Kingdom and the Netherlands. The movie was presented on June 2, 2014 in Olin Auditorium.

Alfred J. Nadel writes, “To start our fund for adding to the Union College art collection, my wife, Sybil, and I purchased a print of Nicole Eisenman, who has exhibited at the Whitney and is now having a major retrospective at the Philadelphia Museum of Contemporary Art. With Julie Lohnes, the Union College curator, we are now looking at works by the abstract expressionist artist, Paul Burlin, who was a visiting professor at the college in the year 1954-1955. We welcome suggestions from class members and others regarding additional pursuits and would appreciate any historical information pertaining to the visual arts during our time at the college.”

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1958
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Richard (Dick) McLane writes, “Still living in Springfield, Ill. I continue volunteering, particularly at our local public library and the youngsters’ room at the IL State Museum. Also active in our local camera club, Optimist club, and the Academy for Lifelong Learning, a seniors learning group sponsored by our local community college.”

Bob Howe writes, “I was at Homecoming with Dave Horton and my grandson Alex Regan ’16 in October. I’m still enjoying free coffees, courtesy of the many Minnesotans who didn’t think the Dutchmen were capable of the national championship. I wish them continued success this season.”

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Dal Trader writes, “At the recent alumni ReUnion weekend, eight classmates attended our 55th ReUnion: Bill Allen, Jerry Fincke, Bob Francis (and wife, Mary Ann), Ron French (and friend, Barbara), Roger Newman (and wife, Bonnie), Ernie Pacciano (and wife, Manette), Mike Rapaport and myself (accompanied by my brother, Jonathan).”
They enjoy dancing at the International Dance Club and Broadmoor Waltz Club balls, and recently attended the American Academy of Pediatrics meeting in Florida. Peter is a retired pediatrician. He enjoys being a docent for the Colorado Springs Fine Art Center, and delights in taking elementary school students on tours of the facility.

Bill Reaman writes, “The September biennial reunion of members of Kappa Sigma, pledge class of 1957, was done with heavy hearts. This year two brothers, Bill Wilmot and Bob Morgan, passed away. Both had been active in planning the success of previous reunions and will be missed.”

1962
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Ambassador (ret.) Vernon D. Penner writes, “I have continued my appointment as diplomat-in-residence at Bridgewater State University in Bridgewater, Mass., for the fall semester 2014, in support of the university’s overseas programs and international activities.”

1963
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Robert Skloot writes, “For fall semester 2014, I served as the Ida E. King Distinguished Visiting Scholar of Holocaust and Genocide Studies at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.”

Daniel R. Schwarz, the Frederic J. Whiton Professor of English and Stephen H. Weiss Presidential Fellow at Cornell University, recently had a new book (Reading the European Novel to 1900) published. Learn more at http://courses.cit.cornell.edu/drs6/

1964
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Alan Horn writes, “The family is all fine with no new news on that front. Not too much to add except that I have committed to work as chairman of the Walt Disney Studios until June of 2018, so retirement is postponed for a while.” Alan oversees worldwide operations for Walt Disney Studios, including production, distribution, and marketing for live-action and animated films from Disney, Pixar, Marvel, and Lucasfilm, as well as marketing and distribution for DreamWorks Studios films released under the Touchstone Pictures banner. He also oversees Disney’s music and theatrical groups.

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Don Carlson ’60 and his wife, Ginny, were in Colorado recently for a wedding. There, they visited with Peter Adasek ’61 and his fiancée, Sun Hui. They had lunch and an enjoyable afternoon. Don and Peter were Theta Delta Chi fraternity brothers at Union. Don was in ROTC and eventually after graduation went into the Air Force and became a pilot, and has since retired. Peter, after graduation, became a pediatrician and right afterwards served two years in the U.S. Air Force, followed by pediatric practice in Colorado Springs, Colo. He is also retired. Don and Peter had not seen each other since 1960.

1961
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Peter Adasek and his fiancée Sun Hui recently bought a new home in the Black Forest area of Colorado Springs.

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Charlie Plesums and his wife, Jenny, love to travel. The latest big trip was a week in Hong Kong in September, but earlier this year they spent time in Buenos Aires, Berlin, and Calgary Canada. An index of travelogues (with pictures) from this year and before is available at www.plesums.com/travel

Robert Hoffman writes, “My wife and I recently celebrated our 17th anniversary and are soon to celebrate my mom’s 95th birthday. Our eldest son had his first daughter and his wife is pregnant with his second. Our youngest daughter is about to deliver
her first girl. That makes five grandbaby girls and five grandsons, ranging from fetus to 17-year-old high school senior! After having had chapters in books on somatic manifestations of depressive disorders, heart disease and several on cancer, I recently had another published in a book about pituitary disease."

**1966**

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Jan Werner writes, "On Saturday, Sept. 13 I ran the 5th Avenue Mile for the first time. It is run down 5th Avenue from 80th at the Metropolitan Museum to Central Park South. It has been on my list of things to do for a while. I flew in from San Francisco just to run.

I had a blast. The race is divided into age groups. When I got into the starting corral for my age group (70 and over), I was immediately approached by a gentleman whose daughter and son-in-law went to Union. Then, at about the half-way point in the race, someone in the crowd loudly yelled ‘Go Union.’ I got chills."

**Rev. Dr. Bob Frederick** writes, "The Fall 2014 issue of Union College magazine (article on retirement reinvented) prompted me to write a short note. I retired from the Environmental Protection Agency in March after 30 years. On a very part-time basis, I will continue some consulting projects on biotechnology risk assessment policies and practices nationally and internationally. However, in June I was ordained a deacon in the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland. I’ll be spending most of my spare time working with a local parish and the diocese on a variety of social programs for the foreseeable future. My wife of 47 years and I also expect to do a lot of travelling as well."

**1967**

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Brian Nagamatsu was featured in the October 2014 issue of Mechanical Engineering. The article focuses on his invention of the AirJet Shovel, an extension piece designed to fit the round pipe of a leaf blower. The attachment allows the machine to blow snow in the winter months. Brian holds an M.S.M.E. from the University of Illinois; his invention is available on Amazon and Home Depot websites.

**Douglas Horan** writes, "Retired in 1997. Built a house in 1999 on 60 acres in Lexington, Va. overlooking VMI and W&L. Serving as regional library board chairman for last three years (desperately seeking replacement!). Volunteer at SPCA and offer pro bono assistance to various activities/gov’ts. Enjoy catching Washington & Lee Division III football games locally. Even caught a Union/W&L women’s lacrosse game here a couple years ago. Spend lots of time tending a dozen fruit trees, gardens and finally built a large barn for my tractor and other manly farm implements. Best to all."

**Alan Maddaus** writes, "I worked for GE Power for 40 years, retired in 2009, was rehired as a consultant in 2010 and continued through 2012. In 2013 I signed a long-term work agreement with a global manufacturing company to provide guidance in new product development. In September I was granted a U.S. patent for a fluid sensor system, have several more patents pending. My wife and I, along with two rescued animal companions, divide our time between homes in Vischer Ferry, N.Y. and Cape Nedick, Maine, where I maintain several classic cars and bicycles. I enjoy taking long cycling rides along the coast, hiking in the Adirondack Mountains, antique restoration, gardening, reading and music. I am currently working my way through the novels of Paul Horgan and struggling to master Bach’s bourree in E Minor on the classical guitar."

**1968**

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Kenneth A. Merchant, CPA, CGMA, was the recipient of the 2014 Distinguished Achievement in Accounting Education Award from the American Institute of CPAs. The award, presented annually since 1985, recognizes full-time accounting professors who excel as educators and have achieved national prominence in the accounting profession. Kenneth is the Deloitte & Touche LLP Chair in Accountancy at the Leventhal School of Accounting in the University of Southern California’s Marshall School of Business, and serves as a consultant to British Airways, World Bank and McGraw-Hill, among other companies.

**1969**

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"Paintings, Postcards," an exhibit of paintings by
This past June, as they have done every year for the last six, a group of classmates got together for a long weekend with their children (wives are not invited). This year it was at Andy Sherman’s ’70 home in Snowmass, Colo. From left to right with grey, white or no hair are Floyd Weintraub ’70, Andy, Charles Hollander ’70, Arnie Drogen ’70, Ted Steingut ’70 and Stuart Shapiro ’70. Missing this year were Michael Hollander ’70 and Richard Sloan ’70.

Gary Abramson was on display at the Delaware Arts Center’s Alliance Gallery in Narrowsburg, N.Y. this summer. Gary’s oil and gouache paintings often portray figures in urban street scenes and country garden settings. The style of painting harkens to the late 19th and early 20th centuries, using dabs of color to capture the feeling of the scene, rather than specific details. Gary earned a law degree from Columbia University and works for the Legal Aid Society of Orange County, a not-for-profit organization representing low-income people accused of crime. This was his first solo exhibit as an artist.

Bob Saltzman won a Union sweatshirt at Homecoming in a random drawing from those who submitted class notes to this magazine. He writes, “Retired in April after almost 45 years at GE Global Research (my first job after graduation). Busier than ever, finally able to take UCALL courses, and active with the Alumni Council. Continuing to present ReUnion fireworks displays, including at my 45th ReUnion. Still active with local fire/EMS departments, lecturing on various topics and enjoying life with a wonderful woman.”

1970

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Robert Stone writes, “As I wrote this in early October, I was in Thousand Oaks, Calif., celebrating the arrival of my first grandchild, a boy. I and my wife, Angela, still live in R.I. after moving to East Greenwich nearly 28 years ago. We also welcomed a granddaughter in early November.”

1971

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Brian Haviland writes, “Enjoyed 27 years as a commercial photographer in NYC. Always grateful to Union’s Arnie Bittleman. Lived 6 years off the Atlantic coast of Florida in Melbourne Beach. Beautiful but got tired of the hurricanes and moved to Austin, Texas. Married 25 years. Keep busy with yoga and trying to stay healthy—start Medicare next month! Crikey!”

Dave McKeown is enjoying spending time between Pittsburgh and Carefree, Arizona. After 33 years he retired from Carnegie Mellon University in 2008, where he was a research professor of computer science, and from TerraSim, Inc., a geo-spatial visualization technology company that he co-founded in June 2014. He is currently working on resurrecting his guitar chops and playing tennis nearly every day. His Skidmore, Moddy, is a clinical professor of education at the University of Pittsburgh, and son Matthew is the manager of in-space propulsion development for SpaceX in Hawthorne, Calif. Next timely update in 2057.”

George Van Wert writes, “Currently living on my small gentleman’s horse farm in the Bluegrass of Kentucky. Adopted my two teenage stepchildren, Julianna and Kevin, in December 2013. Coordinated the renovation of our family home on the coast of Maine over this past winter. Retired in May 2014 after 43 years in manufacturing management at GE, TI, GENICOM and Blue Star Plastics.”

Philip Arony writes, “I have been an active Freemason since November 1989, when I became a member of St. George’s Lodge #6 in Schenectady. A colonial lodge, it was warranted by the Grand Lodge of England in 1774 and has been working continuously since. I was privileged to be awarded the Order of the Purple Cross as an Associate Regent of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America in July 2013 in Tampa, Fla.”

1972

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William Fox was elected president of the Rensselaer County Bar Association.
1973

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Patrick Guida was nominated by Rhode Island Governor Lincoln D. Chafee as chairman of the Rhode Island Board of Education—Council on Elementary and Secondary Education. Patrick has been a member and vice chair of the Board of Education since 2013. He previously served as vice chair of the Rhode Island Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education and is the immediate past president and officer of the National Association of State Boards of Education. He received his juris doctor degree from Case Western Reserve University. Patrick is a partner in the Providence law firm of Duffy & Sweeney, Ltd.

1974

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Leslie Kernan recently accepted a position at PathStone Corporation (Rochester, N.Y.), a developer of affordable housing in New York, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Puerto Rico, as director of real estate development. Les had been in private law practice and the managing partner of Davidson Fink LLP.

1975

Bob Finkel is a general dentist in practice for 35 years, now in Suwannee, Ga. In that time, he has achieved fellowship and mastership in the Academy of General Dentistry and fellowship in the International College of Craniomandibular Orthopedics. Bob is proud of the quality of dental care he tries to deliver and his work in the fields of TMJ/TMD and dental sleep medicine/sleep apnea. He is honored to have lectured in both fields nationally and internationally, and to have published a Patient’s Guide to Dental Care. He is most proud of his marriage to Rhonda, his son Jeff, and his daughter Kami. Union counts as one of his favorite periods in life.

Isidra Person-Lynn writes, “I’ve lived in Los Angeles since I graduated from Union in 1975 and understand the next ReUnion is a big one (40th) for my class, so I invite all of you to meet again this year at ReUnion. I am the communications specialist for Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science and I love it. I started Union College as a premed major and now it feels as though my life has come full circle because, while I’m not a doctor, I am working around doctors and medicine. I received my master’s in journalism from USC and I have enjoyed being a news director and talk show host. Our second oldest son just got married last week (we have five of them). My husband, Kwaku, and I are enjoying them and the grandchildren. Years ago some of us posted a group page called EbonyUnion on Facebook, so a lot of us have been keeping in touch through that page. It is been a blessing to keep in touch with classmates that we knew and hung out with on campus all these years later. Looking forward to seeing you at ReUnion!”

George Lipsky writes, “For the past three years I have been working for Marel Meat Processing Inc., a global supplier of food machinery based in Iceland, as the global sales director for our Des Moines, IA product center. This has afforded me the opportunity for global travel, including Europe, Latin America, South Africa, Australia & New Zealand, and China. Bonnie and I continue to live outside of Atlanta among the farms and celebrated our 33rd year of marriage on Jan. 1, 2015. Outside of work we have dedicated ourselves over the past 16 years to a marriage ministry, where we have seen healing and restoration in many marriages. We have been blessed by the fact that Bonnie now counts herself as a breast cancer survivor, having had a mastectomy in early 2014.”

Mark MacDonald writes, “We were recently in Washington, D.C. visiting our daughter and decided to spend that Saturday in Leesburg, Va. to see the shops and sights. We visited a local restaurant for lunch and thanks to the fact that I was wearing my Union College baseball cap, soon discovered that having lunch at the very next table were Mark Skolnik ’76 and Jean (Deely) Skolnik ’76. We shared memories of our days at Union, talked about Chet Arthur and the Flaming Aces (of which I am a member), and of course, celebrated the ice hockey team’s recent national championship. I am living in North Carolina now, having relocated to the Raleigh area for work reasons after almost 35 years in southern New Hampshire. I am working for Avaya as part of the supply chain team, and enjoying life (and the mild weather) here in N.C.”

1976

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James Baldwin, most recently CEO and district superintendent of Questar III BOCES, became vice president and chief of staff at Excelsior College in Albany in September. James, who has a law degree and a doctorate, was once chief-of-staff in the state Education Department and executive deputy secretary of state.

Ginger Hobart and Robert Campbell ’77 write, “Recently moved a barn from Fonda, N.Y. to Rotterdam Junction, N.Y. and turned it into a house. It’s beautiful! I have retired from Rob’s medical office and am being a ‘gentleman’ farmer to my chickens, cats, dog and snake. Rob watches the change in solo practitioners’ lives with some despair and looks for ways to change his practice set-up or retire. Three daughters are all doing great things—Liza: married, teaching high school math in Seattle, Wash.; Haley: a chemist for a small microbrewery in Portland, Maine; and Shelby, a lobsterman on island off the coast of Maine. Am on campus to use athletic facilities a lot. Life is good!”
**1977**

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**Joseph Santamaria** was recently named AREMA governor. He assumed his board of governor’s position at the AREMA 2014 Annual Conference & Exposition in Chicago. Joseph has been in the railroad industry since 1977. From 1977 through 1990 he held various positions at Conrail. He then joined Union Pacific in 1990 and has

**1978**

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**Beth Hellmers Christian** received the 2014 Distinguished Service Award

**1979**

**1980**

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**Russell A. Davidson** was elected as the 2015 American Institute of Architects first vice president/president-elect and 2016 AIA president at the organization’s national convention in Chicago. Russell (AIA Westchester Hudson Valley) practices with KG&D Architects in Mount Kisco, N.Y., where he has worked for 28 years, holding every position from junior drafts-person to managing principal.

**1981**

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**Thomas Farrell** writes, “I appeared in Steve Martin’s play Picasso at the Lapin Agile at the Long Wharf Theatre in New Haven, Conn. in November and December.”  

The Property Casualty Insurers Association of America recently elected **John Barbagallo** to its board of governors. He will serve

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**Harry R. Hayes** is the director of Human Resources for the Pittsfield (Massachusetts) School District. Recent Beta Theta Pi gatherings have been held at the Saratoga Race Track with **Francis Sullivan ’78**, **Keith Jacobsen ’77** and **John Mayer ’77**. The sixth annual Nu Beta Theta Pi Open will be held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina in April 2015.

**Bruce Freeman** and **Kipp Kelley Freeman ’75** write, “We recently moved from the Chicago suburbs to Stafford, N.H. We bought a home on Bow Lake, just about 45 minutes from Portsmouth. We moved east to be closer to family. We live an hour from Kennebunk, Maine, where our daughter, Heidi, her husband, Matt, and our first grandchild, Evelyn (born 2/4/14) live. We are about four hours from our son Adam in New York City, his wife, Rachel, and a second grandchild on the way, due in February of 2015. And we are also a little over an hour from Boston, where our daughter, Molly, lives. Kipp has retired from teaching but Bruce is still working for Thompson Street Capital Partners, headquartered in St. Louis, Mo.”

**William Glavin ’77, Diane Dingley Scholl ’77, Andy Niesen ’79 and Ruth Krassenstein Niesen ’77** tailgated with several other Union alumni before the Frozen Four in Philadelphia last year.

**Malcolm Swift Nichols ’79** from the Health Law section of the New Jersey Bar Association. A partner in the Red Bank, N.J., law firm of Giordano, Halleran & Ciesla, P.C., Beth has served as the chair of the Health Law section, and serves on the organization’s board.

**William Rota** recently became a judge in the Southern Berkshire District Court. A sole practitioner in Pittsfield since 2000, he previously worked as an associate and partner at the firm of Cain, Hibbard, Myers & Cook, focusing on criminal and civil law and delving into investor relations law. He was an assistant district attorney in Berkshire County from 1983 to 1986 after graduating from Boston College Law School.

**Richard Solomon** is in T.V. production management in Westfield, N.J.

**Amy Seid** is a computer consultant in Westfield, N.J.

**Allison (Donenfeld) Nichols ’77** writes, “My heart is broken as my husband of nearly 35 years, Malcolm Swift Nichols ’79, passed away on Sept. 25, 2014 at the age of 58. We first met at Union’s student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers meetings, and started dating during the Concrete Canoe races in April 1977. Malcolm was the most loving father of Steffany Sterling Nichols and Justin Bassett Nichols, both of New York City. While at Union, Malcolm was a member of Delta Upsilon, played hockey and even helped manage the team during the legendary mid-70’s hockey era.” Malcolm is further remembered on pg. 58 of this issue.

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as second vice chair. John is commercial lines group president at Progressive Insurance Group. He joined Progressive in 1983 as a claims adjuster. His career at Progressive spans 28 years and includes management positions in claims, sales, operations and marketing.

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Rob Mains is a vice president of engineering at Oracle. His wife Lori (nez Branagh) ’83 is an education program director at the American Institute of Mathematics.

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MaxLite, a global manufacturing and marketing leader of energy-efficient lighting solutions, recently appointed Paul Shaskan vice president of operations. He will oversee the expansion of assembly and production lines at the company’s West Caldwell, N.J. headquarters and new facility in Anaheim, Calif., as well as manage global operations, including logistics, quality control and warranty service, at MaxLite offices in China and Korea. Prior to joining MaxLite, Paul was vice president of operations at Amerlux and director of operations at Zumbotel Lighting.

1984
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Randi Redmond Oster writes, “The American Medical Writers Association has awarded an excerpt of my first book, Questioning Protocol, the Eric Martin Award. The book was recognized as 2014 best beach read in health, with recognition received at the NYC Grolier Club. After my son underwent multiple operations for Crohn’s disease, I wrote the book to help others navigate the healthcare system with confidence.”

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Alumni attend a game during the men’s hockey Division I national championship last April. From left to right (back row) are Dan Fridgen, Jay McDermott ’82, Rich Preziotti ’86, Al Dilibero ’82, Gil Egan ’85, Chris Johnson ’85, Keith Dean ’83 and Bob Hawkes ’84; (middle row) Curt Cole ’86, John Davis ’86, Mark Haley ’80, Kevin Taylor ’82, Don Beal ’83, Jay Grossman ’87 and Todd Flanigan ’86; (front row) Craig Blum ’86, Paul Kurker ’85 and Rob Norton ’82.

1986
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Craig A. Blum writes, “Alumni hockey players from the 80’s enjoyed the aftermath of Union’s first ever NCAA Division I men’s ice hockey national championship! Helping to pave the way, it was this Div. II/III group that participated in Union’s first ever trip to an ice hockey national championship 30 years earlier in March of 1984. It was a fantastic weekend shared by countless numbers of former Union players and their families, something we will remember for the rest of our lives.”

Bruce H. Goldsmith, president of Baronet Coffee, Inc. of Hartford, Conn., has assumed the top spot at the National Coffee Association of U.S.A. (NCA), the chief trade group for the U.S. coffee industry. As chairman of the NCA board of directors, he will lead the NCA in its role as advocate, educator and service provider to a membership that represents over 90 percent of U.S. coffee commerce. Bruce has served on the NCA board of directors for six years, most recently as vice chairman. He became president of Baronet Coffee in 1999 after joining the family business in 1988. Under Bruce’s stewardship, Baronet has developed its specialty coffee program, expanded sales nationwide and internationally, doubled its manufacturing capacity, and successfully entered the single-serve coffee market.

Michelle Novelle writes, “At long last, while raising my nine children, I have completed my doctorate in sociology as well as social work. My husband and I live in Boston with our children and I am quite fortunate that my research takes me to Colombia on a regular basis. I have also presented my work at conferences in Italy and Finland over the last year and continue to squeeze in travel whenever possible.”

1987
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Doug Wilk writes, ‘Grant W. Foreman ’89 passed away peacefully on May 14, 2014 in Houston, Texas. He is survived by his wife Tracy, daughter Whitney and son Riley. He was a member of the Delta Phi fraternity and an integral part of the nationally ranked soccer teams from ’84–’86 and an assistant coach in 1987. He was an incredible friend to so many and will be dearly missed.’ Grant Foreman was remembered in the fall 2014 magazine’s In Memoriam section.

The Cobb Chamber recently named Steve Hartman as its 2015 chair-elect. Steve is chief technology officer for the Power Generation Services

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By 2001, it was time to change gears again. Taking a hiatus from the corporate world, Lawton became the owner of two independent bookstores, Just Books and Just Books, Too, in Old Greenwich, Conn.

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It draws the picture of the product, like a finger, over and over again, she continued, adding “a lawyer each time until a physical object is created.”

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business in GE Power & Water. He leads a team of engineers who are responsible for developing lifecycle solutions to help utilities and industrial power plants get the most of their power generation equipment.

Joe Suhrada was recently featured in the Albany Times Union. The story focused on his business, Uncle Sam’s Candies, and his plans to open a second location in Latham, N.Y. Joe purchased the original shop in Schenectady in 1993. He also recently bought the Chocolate Gecko, an Albany confectioner.

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David DeFilippo, chief learning officer at BNY Mellon, recently received an esteemed Learning in Practice Award from Chief Learning Officer magazine. DeFilippo was awarded the Silver Trailblazer Award for accomplishments in transforming the organization’s workforce development initiatives.

Scott D. Grimes, CEO and founder of Cardlytics, was appointed to the board of directors of Great Plains Energy. Cardlytics is an Atlanta-based advertising and technology company that has pioneered card-linked marketing. Prior to founding Cardlytics in 2008, Scott held a number of positions that have integrated technology and finance, including serving as senior vice president and general manager of payments, and vice president of strategy, for Capital One Financial Corporation; principal, Canaan Partners; senior vice president of corporate development, Freemarkets Inc. (now Ariba); senior vice president, Paging Network Inc.; and principal with McKinsey & Company.

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MKM Partners recently announced that Kevin Buttigieg has joined as managing director, senior software equity research analyst. Kevin will work to expand the firm’s technology, media and telecommunications product offerings. His 24-year finance career includes 15 years as a research analyst covering a wide array of technology companies at Collins Stewart, FTN Midwest Research, AG Edwards, UBS and Paine Webber.

Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP recently announced the addition of Grant W. Foreman ’89 passed away May 14, 2014. of the Executive Compensation and Employee Benefits Department. At SRZ, Ian will practice employee benefits law with a focus on the employee benefit aspects of mergers and acquisitions, executive compensation, and issues arising from the investment of pension plan assets.

Raffaele Acanfora was featured recently on www.northjersey.com. The story focused on his candidacy for the Carlstadt Board of Education. Raffaele has been a resident of Carlstadt for more than 24 years. He is a manager with API Foils in Rahway, has been a Little League Coach for 11 years, and has served on the Little League board for the past four years.
advocate for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Sheryl is an active member of numerous organizations in the disability and legal community and has been instrumental in developing programs in the Hudson Valley for people with disabilities and their families. Sheryl has been recognized for her work in the special needs community, including "Westchester County’s 40 under 40 Rising Stars" by the Business Council of Westchester.

Glenn Konopaske writes, "I am a research psychiatrist at McLean Hospital in Belmont, Mass. I spend part-time working with patients having schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. I also teach psychiatry residents and medical students. In addition, I have a federally funded grant to research the neurobiology of psychotic disorders."

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Dr. Jeffrey Weinstein is head of Catskill Adult & Pediatric Medicine of Monticello. The practice, which has provided health care to all ages since 2008, is now part of Middletown Medical. Jeffrey is board-certified in internal medicine and pediatrics and a graduate of SUNY Downstate Medical School in Brooklyn. He is also a Town of Thompson health officer, police surgeon for the New York State Troopers, medical director for the Rock Hill Volunteer Ambulance Corp., and sits on the board of directors of the Sullivan County Child Care Council.

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John R. Vero, a partner at Albany, N.Y. law firm Couch White LLP, has been elected to serve as vice chair of the Leadership Council for the New York Chapter of the National Federation of Independent Business. John is active in the Capital Region, serving on the Capitalize Albany Corporation Board of Directors and the Board of Directors of the Central Avenue Business Improvement District, and as a trustee of the Destroyer Escort Historical Museum (USS Slater). He is a founding member of GenNEXT, the council dedicated to promoting the region’s economic vitality through the attraction and retention of young professionals, and he was recognized by the Albany Business Review’s “40 Under Forty” as an outstanding member of the business community.

Douglass E. Karp has been named president of New England Development. He has been a key member of the company’s leadership team and his promotion recognizes his many contributions over the last 15 years. Serving most recently as executive vice president, he has been involved with all aspects of the firm’s business, including site acquisition, financing, permitting and planning, design, construction and leasing. He has also worked closely with New England Development’s family of companies, including Nantucket Island Resorts, MarketPlace Development, the Pinehills, Newburyport Development and Old Sandwich Golf Club. Douglass
In 2009, Votto Vines Importing began selling wine—just 1,000 cases in Connecticut—out of the back of a Subaru wagon. Today the business, co-founded by cousins Michael ’00 and Stephen Votto ’08, is on the Inc. 500 list of fastest growing private companies in America.

Ranked 14th in the food and beverage category and 464th overall, Votto Vines’ success started, in part, at Union.

“Stephen’s senior thesis doubled as our initial business plan, it was key to our navigation of the regulatory and legal filings necessary to import and distribute wine in the United States,” said CEO Michael Votto.

“With Professor Hal Fried as my advisor, my thesis became an analysis of the entire wine industry,” added CFO Stephen Votto.

“It really helped us delve into industry trends and logistics.”

Just a few years later, after the official launch in 2009, Votto Vines—quite literally—exploded onto the wine scene.

Now a multi-state importer, the company experienced a massive growth spurt of 1,023% between 2010 and 2013. In other words, sales leapt from $384,000 to $4.3 million and were expected to exceed $6 million in 2014.

The cousins attribute their success to the dedication of the founders (themselves, Peter Votto, Nicholas Votto and Jeremy Jerome), their employees, key industry partnerships, and the wide range of skills everyone brings to the table—everything from law degrees to engineering, tourism and real estate expertise.

Such talent has enabled them to rise to the level of Inc. 500 and gotten Michael Votto nominated by Wine Enthusiast Magazine as Innovator/Executive of the Year. It’s also allowed Votto Vines to import wines from around the world, develop high-profile proprietary brands, guide two luxury wine and food tours in Italy, and oversee the NFL’s VIP wine program in London.

“Our proprietary brand Leone d’Oro Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, for example, created with Sons of Italy, was named one of the world’s top 100 wines in 2012 by Wine Spectator,” Michael Votto said. “It’s now carried by Total Wine & More, one of the largest retailers in the United States.”

Going forward, there’ll be no slowing down.

“We’re planning to expand both our direct wholesale platform and third-party wholesale partnerships. We’re also working to launch several new estate, private label and licensed brands,” Stephen Votto said. “We’d like to double the size of the business in the near term.”

To learn more about Votto Vines, visit www.vottovines.com
Becky. Who has been living in the Charleston, S.C. area for over eight years, reports that she couldn’t imagine living anywhere else.

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Boyd Collar Nolen & Tuggle recently announced the promotion of Brooke M. French to counsel. She joined Boyd Collar Nolen & Tuggle in 2011 as an associate. Brooke is a member of the State Bar of Georgia’s Family Law Section and is trained as a guardian ad litem, representing children at the center of contested custody battles. She lends her time and talent to the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation and the Fulton County Family Law Information Center. She earned her law degree from Emory University School of Law, and was recently accepted into the Charles Longstreet Weltner Family Law Inn of Court. She was invited to participate in the prestigious association as a barrister.

Alison Ha recently joined Visions Federal Credit Union as senior member business loan officer at the Syracuse branch. She has nearly 15 years of experience in commercial banking. Previously, she worked at HSBC Bank as an analyst and AVP-relationship manager. Alison holds a M.B.A. from Whitman School of Management at Syracuse University.

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2002
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Nathan Peck has been promoted to president Kaplan Construction, and Jane Kaplan Peck, majority owner, has been appointed the firm’s chief operating officer. Kaplan Construction is a general contractor and construction management firm providing comprehensive building programs to commercial, healthcare, multi-family, worship, institutional, and historic rehabilitation/adaptive reuse clients across Greater Boston.

2003
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Lee Kalowski has been named chief financial officer Tokai Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company focused on developing novel therapies for prostate cancer and other hormonally-driven diseases. Lee brings more than a decade of experience in the life sciences sector to Tokai. Prior to joining Tokai, he served as vice president, global biotechnology equity research, at Credit Suisse. Lee holds an M.B.A. in finance and health care management from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.

Kyrie York is a former police officer now teaching preschool in Washington, D.C.

2004
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Jeff Dalton writes, “I defended my Ph.D. in computer science from UMass, Amherst and graduated in May. I recently started a position as a Software Engineer in the Knowledge Discovery group at Google. My thesis was on ‘Entity-based Enrichment for Information Extraction and Retrieval.’ The goal of this work is to leverage knowledge of the world to improve understanding of queries and documents using entities. An entity is a thing or concept that exists in the world, such as a politician, a battle, a film or a color. Entity-based enrichment (EBE) is a new expansion model for both queries and documents using features from similar entity mentions in the document collection and external knowledge bases, such as Freebase and Wikipedia. With the ultimate goal of improving information retrieval effectiveness, we start from unstructured text and through information extraction build up rich entity-based representations linked to external knowledge resources.” For more on Jeff’s thesis, visit https://www.cs.umass.edu/speakers/jeff-dalton/2014/ apr/1

2005
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The 2014 George Pólya Prize has been awarded to Nikhil Srivastava, and two others, for the introduction and development of the method of interlacing polynomials, and for its use in the solution of the 50-year-old Kadison-Singer problem. They will receive an engraved medal and share the cash award of $20,000. The George Pólya Prize, established in 1969, is presented by the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics every two years. Nikhil is a researcher at Microsoft Research India in Bangalore. He earned his Ph.D. in 2010 in computer science from Yale University. His research interests are theoretical computer science, linear algebra, random matrices, and convex geometry. In a Man’s World India article titled “Mathematician’s mathematician,” Nikhil describes the inspiration of Prof. Alan Taylor and his decision to change paths from physics to math: “I
A
fter Mary Olushoga ’06 graduated, her father said, “Everything about you has changed.” And she, who won myriad awards at Union and was part of everything from UNITAS to founding the Heavenly Voices Gospel Choir, responded, “Of course, that’s why I chose Union.”

It’s this growth she experienced that’s enabled Olushoga, in turn, to help others help themselves.

In 2012, after working in economic development for several organizations, she founded the African Women Power (AWP) Network. As the first Good Maker/Oxfam America International Women’s Challenge Day Winner, she used the small grant that came with the award to launch the online platform, which supports African entrepreneurs (particularly women).

“I launched the AWP Network as a solution to the unemployment issue facing Africa, especially Nigeria as the most populous country,” said Olushoga, who moved from Lagos, Nigeria to the U.S. in 1998. “If we provide a supportive community to African entrepreneurs to grow their businesses, they will be sustainable and in turn create jobs.”

The AWP Network provides business resources and training, educational tools and consultations on entrepreneurship. To date it has engaged over 750 entrepreneurs, many of them women, in a variety of fields.

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The organization is also partnering with the WAAW Foundation, specifically to increase engagement and the number of girls in STEM disciplines.

Olushoga, who majored in sociology and minored in African-American Studies and dance at Union, is also intensely dedicated to raising the profile of African entrepreneurs in the media. She does this as a columnist for The Huffington Post and GE Ideas Lab, and through her many professional and philanthropic efforts.

Olushoga has served as a Public Policy Fellow at the University of Albany, Center for Women in Government and Civil Society. She has presented her work on women entrepreneurs at the U.S. Department of Labor, the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, and the Rockefeller Foundation Tech Salon, to name a few.

She has also been featured on BBC World News, Black Enterprise and BET Networks. The level of exposure Olushoga brings African women through these channels won her the International Media Person of the Year Award from Women4Africa in 2014. “It was a wonderful honor,” she said. “Telling the stories of women entrepreneurs is such an important part of what I am able to do.”

To learn more about the AWP Network, visit http://awpnetwork.com/
2009
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Abigail Adsit was featured in a Troy Record story about Saratoga Race Course news in late July. The story discussed the appearance of horses she trains at the track, and her career as a thoroughbred trainer.

Erin Schumaker wrote a story for The Huffington Post in October about Laurel Borowick’s battle with breast cancer. Laurel is the mother of Nancy Borowick ‘07.

2010
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Rebecca Lee received her medical degree from St. George’s School of Medicine on June 14, 2014. She is a resident in anaesthesiology at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, Ill.

Lysis (Alvarez) Morine writes “This past year has been full of blessings. Shortly after finishing up my master’s degree at City College of New York, my husband and I were married on April 1, 2013.” The newlyweds recently moved back to Boston, Mass. with their son Sebastian (1) and newborn Alexander.

Chicago resident Kari Friedman recently joined a company called Stericycle in their New Ventures department testing new products. Since graduation in 2010, she has traveled to Mexico, Japan, St. Lucia and Iceland. She plans to visit Israel and Ireland in the next year.

Bart Tomaszewski ended his four-year tour with the Marine Corps Sept. 11, 2014. Originally stationed in Palms, Calif., he was then sent to Okinawa, Japan for two years where he worked as an electronic repairman. His final assignment was in Quantico, Va. as a systems administrator. Beginning January 2015, Bart will attend the New York Film Academy in Los Angeles, where he will pursue a master’s degree in screenwriting. He is looking forward this next chapter in his life.

John Coker moved to New York City this year to manage the trading and operations division for Silver Leaf Partners, a stock brokerage firm that specializes in servicing hedge funds and mutual funds. In his free time John enjoys watching sports, seeing comedy shows, and cooking new dishes. John is registered to take the CFA Level I in June of 2015.

2011
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Cristi DiBernardo is a director of marketing in Clifton, N.J. She writes, “I finished my first half marathon (the Disney Princess Half Marathon) in Walt Disney World in February 2014. Mel Hine was there too.” (Hine finished 12th out of more than 19,000 runners, first in her age group with a time of 1:29:02.)

2012
Anne Terkovich recently joined the Mount Arlington School District as an art teacher. She is a graduate of Columbia University Teachers College with a master’s degree in art and art education.

2013
Scott Strohecker recently joined Capital Financial Services in Glenville, N.Y. As a tax specialist, he assists...
Keilah Creedon’s thesis work with Roger Hoerl, the Donald C. Brate ’45- Stanley G. Peschel ’52 Assistant Professor of Statistics, was featured on an SAS Institute blog. The blog discussed Keilah’s use of JMP, a computer program for statistics, in her research. Keilah’s thesis, “Evaluating the Connection Between Gender Based Violence and HIV/AIDS,” focused on one of the goals of the United Nations joint program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) of eliminating gender inequalities, which includes addressing violence—a key risk factor for women with HIV. Learn more at http://blogs.sas.com (search “Creedon”).

WRS Health, a leading provider of Health IT Platforms for medical practices, recently hired Matthew Marchesani as web developer. Matthew is a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers and the Association for Computing Machinery.

Jennifer Brodsky is pursuing career opportunities in neuroscience, psychology and computer science. She enjoys investigating and researching human behaviors and user experiences, and welcomes contact from alumni and others in these fields. Her email is jbrods912@gmail.com.
1950

Wilfried A. Hofmann writes, “Having attended Union in 1950-1951 as a German exchange student under a program called ‘higher education for lasting peace’ and living at the Psi Upsilon fraternity house, emotionally I still feel much attached to the College. In fact, I am not attached as much by far to any of the other schools I attended. A rather significant result of this attachment was my marriage in Cambridge, Mass., with an American lady, Elizabeth Ann Griffeth. Our son, John Chaské Alexander Hofmann, is an investment banker greatly profiting from his dual German and American citizenship. In the course of time, I published 13 books in German, most of which like, Understanding Islam; Journey to Makkah; and Religion on the Rise—Islam in the Third Millennium, being available as well in Albanian, Arabic, Bosnian, English, French, Indonesian, Turkish and even Hungarian.”

1984

Captain Christopher H. Kiwus, Civil Engineer Corps, U.S. Navy, retired in June after 30 years of service. During his tenure he was engineer division chief, operations logistics directorate, U.S. Africa command stationed in Stuttgart, Germany. He also completed a tour as commanding officer, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Far East, during which he was responsible for about 2,000 military and civilian personnel and a $700 million annual program. On this tour he was in regional engineering for the Navy in Japan, Korea and Singapore as well. Christopher served in various leadership capacities on dozens of other tours across the U.S. and in myriad other countries too. He is warfare qualified as a Seabee Combat Warfare Specialist, and his decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medals, and the Joint Service Achievement Medal.

1993

Sing Kwok writes, “I have been living in Hong Kong for the past five years teaching economics. I traveled to Hokkaido, Japan this past April and did some skiing at Niseko. Celebrated the birth of Reina Kwok on May 12, 2012. I am looking forward to another successful Union hockey season!”

1999

Jennifer Fein (Jennifer Trotts) is living in Melbourne, Australia. She writes, “They call Australia the ‘Lucky Country’ and in many ways it is. As an outdoorsy and avid traveler, I could not be happier here. If you are having a travel adventure down under, look me up!”

2011

Rebecca M. Wentworth writes, “I am still living in Arusha, Tanzania, working for Global Cycle Solutions on a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Grant and various other projects as a Product Development Fellow. I am truly grateful for the interdisciplinary training I received at Union; it helps me leverage my liberal arts knowledge with my engineering degree in a very meaningful way. I am swiftly picking up Kiswahili in the meantime. I have recently gone on safari and other travel with my parents and some friends to Tarangire National Park, Ngorogoro Crater, the Masai Mara, Mt. Kenya National Park, Lake Manyara National Park, to Pangani, Dar Es Salaam, Lushoto and many more wonderful places throughout TZ! In March, I summited Mt. Meru, Africa’s fifth highest peak, in less than 24 hours with several friends. With my month of annual leave in a mid-November, I hope to travel to India and Nepal, and hopefully meet up with some alums there.”

Sing Kwok ‘93, his wife Dinnie and daughter Kayla at a volcanic park, Noborietsu
1991

Robin Remis Tveria and Ronen Tveria are proud to announce the birth of their baby girl, Ella Eden. She was born on Sept. 1, 2014 at Tel HaShomer Hospital in Tel Aviv, Israel, and weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces. They write, “We are thrilled to welcome a precious baby girl to our family. Everyone is doing great and Idan is so excited to be a big brother!”

2013

Emily (Gewehr) Monagle and Mike Monagle announce the birth of a baby boy, Cameron. He was born on May 7, 2013 in Boston, Mass., and weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces. Big sister, Ella, is very excited to have a little brother!

2000

Lori (Malinoski) Bernat and David Bernat are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Zoe Elise. She was born on Aug. 15, 2014 at Providence St. Joseph Medical Center in Burbank, Calif., and weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce. Grandparents George ’71 and Edwina Malinoski, and Dr. James and Judy Bernat, could not be more thrilled to have a new granddaughter in their lives.

2003

LeeRoy U. Bailey writes, “God truly blessed my wife and me last Thanksgiving! We welcomed Leila Kathleen Bailey, born Nov. 28, 2013 at 3:21 a.m. She was 7 pounds, 14 ounces and 20 inches long. Now she is 10 months, 19 pounds and 28 inches long.”

2004

Joshua and Melina Collins are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter, Annalise Grace, who was born on May 6, 2014, weighing 8 pounds, 12 ounces and measuring 22 inches. One of the proud grandparents is Dr. Leonard Gelman ‘75. Melina is a neuropsychologist, working at the Atlanta VA Medical Center and Joshua is a lieutenant for the Fayetteville Fire Department. Dr. Collins and her family live in the Atlanta area.

2005

David VanHoute and Hiromi Kunisada-VanHoute have a son, Kai David VanHoute, who was born on March 3, 2014 in Troy, N.Y. He weighed 8.5 pounds and was 22 inches long.

2007

Kathryn (Kaufman) Massie and Robert Massie are happy to announce the birth of a baby girl, Grace Mackenzie. She was born on June 20, 2014 and weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
1995


2005

Georgina Serroukas and Matthew Smith are happy to announce their marriage on Sept. 6, 2014 at the Kimisis Greek Orthodox Church in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. They reside in Highland, N.Y. Allyson Shortle celebrated as a member of the bridal party and Sarah Kidder, Stephanie Conklin, Victoria Hurley Salvatoriello and her husband Nicholas Salvatoriello ’06 were in attendance. Georgina and Matthew are planning a honeymoon in Europe for summer 2015.

2006

Cassandra Mariani and Eze Abosi celebrated their July 5, 2014 wedding with friends and family at Nanina’s in the Park, in Belleville, N.J. The following Union graduates were in attendance: Lauren (Cole) Halpert ’04, Josh Davis, David Pheasant, Linsey Capecelatro, Evan Read, Sarah Sparks, Karen Bertasso, Eric Burniche, Dylan Walton-Yedlin, Charles McCaleb, Susan Barbaritz, Alex Halpert, Eugene Parloff ’07, Alex Baumbach ’07, John Greklek ’07, Marc Tohme ’07, Kate Swartz ’07, Rigo Smith ’07, Jesse Smith ’07 and Pat Mulrooney ’07.

2007

Tara (Campbell) Canniff and Patrick Canniff ’06 are happy to announce their marriage on July 14, 2013 at the Saratoga National Golf Club. They reside in Schenectady, N.Y. Alumni in the wedding party included bridesmaids Alexa Campbell ‘13, Tabitha Manero, best man Chris Canniff ’03 and groomsmen Andy Straub ’06 and DJ Hogenkamp ’06. Other alumni in attendance included Aaron D’Addario ’03, Whit Bowers ’06, Aaron Phillips ’06, Matt Acciani ’06, Andrew Lockwood, Jamie (Dughi) Hogenkamp ’08, Molly Freeman ’08, Ashley Braniecki ’08, Jeff Meyer ’08, Meredith Nearpass ’10, Lia D’Ambrosio ’12, Ian Drillinger ’12, Lexi Bascom ’12, Michael Mooney ’12, Ben Weiner ’13, Kevin Barker ’13, Harrison Kim ’13, Tim Cameron ’14, Jeremy Sagaille ’15, Sarah Dimmitt ’16, Kian Nowrouzi ’16 and Cam Robertson ’16. Union swimming and diving coach Scott Felix also attended.
Katherine Mary Gibson married Hugh Leo Carey II on July 12, 2014. The Rev. Richard C. Messina performed the ceremony at St. Patrick’s Church in Falmouth, Mass. Katherine is an associate advertising account manager for the physician portal of WebMD, a New York company that provides consumers with medical information. Hugh works in New York as a public-sector restructuring and bankruptcy consultant for Alvarez & Marsal, a consulting firm that specializes in advising financially troubled companies, and is a director of the corporation that operates the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York.

Evan Duffy and Andrew Brett ’06 were married on Sept. 6, 2014 in Boston, Mass. The wedding party included Taylor Duffy ’05, Bailey Duffy ’09, Katy Osborne, Karin Sagona, Cameron Marks ’06, Zack Bryden ’04, Lee Navins ’04, Tyler Lewis ’05 and Chris Stoner ’05. Fellow Dutchmen who joined them on the dance floor with a toast to the national champs were Matt Tepper ’02, Steve LaPlante ’04, Geoff Bernard ’05, Scott Bresney ’05, Alex Nitka ’05, Brian Cannella ’05, Kate Cannella ’06, Noah Weischelbaum ’06, Matt Ramon ’06, Ryan Goltzman ’07, Sarah Stewart ’07, Julie Rahill, Whitney Ciancetta, Dana Lasher, Jon Miller, Dane Jorgensen, Rachel Smooke ’09, Libby and Trip Botsford ’09 and Jamie Therrien ’12.

Tamar (Soroker) Peltz and Moish Peltz ’08 are happy to announce their marriage on Sept. 14, 2014 in New Rochelle, N.Y. They reside in Miami, Fla. Alumni in attendance included Samuel Posnock ’08, Daniel Butensky ’08, Dave Carr ’08, Ian Solon ’08, Ethan...
Alumni attend the wedding of Cara Gallivan '09 and Brad Karelitz '08

Lieberman '08, Andrew Fierman, Ken Falcon '08, Maggie Levine, Emma Labrot, Reed Olsen, Tom DiLaura, Ben McIntosh '10, Erin Bligh '10, Regina Chiuninatto, Chuck Fontana, Owen Heneghan, Kara McCabe, Marisa Greenberg, Marisa Kaufman and Jake Klein.

2010

Casey Sheridan and Zachary Smith '08 were married on Oct. 4, 2014 at the Pruyn House in Latham, N.Y. Alumni in the bridal party included Emily Burgess, Jamie Luguri, Dana Cartwright '08, Peter Falco '08 and Gregory Mahlum '08. Other alumni in attendance included Deborah (Downey) Smith, Cal Welch, Christopher Welch, Joe Demzcar, Erica (Gierke) Welch, Megan (Hyndman) Miles, Ben Miles, Lauren Wetherell, Kari Friedman, Maggie Wilson, Julia Falcon, Alyse Dunn, Samantha Everts, Steve Boddorff, Laura (Hutchinson) Boddorff, Jaclyn Mandart, Johnathan Scheff, Jen (Long) Costello, Johnny Costello, Nina Kalinkos, Ben Fetterman, Dave Karlin, Paul Amy, Lauren Kissel and Will Hoek.

2011

David Ludwig '09 and Shannon Funkhouser were married June 7, 2014 at Lyman Estate in Waltham, Mass. Alumni in attendance included James Toy '10, Scott Loitherstein '08, Alex Leisenring '08, Dave Swift '08, Ross Helliwell '08, Will FitzSimons '08, Becky FitzSimons '08, Karin Ente '09, Carly Orden '13, Faryn Freireich and Ariel Blum '13. Philosophy Professor Raymond Martin also attended.

Kelly Pearson and Nick Oren are happy to announce their marriage on Aug. 9, 2014 in Bristol, R.I. Alexa Hebb, Kristina Csaplar and Joe Polcari '10 were members of the wedding party. They were also joined by Matt Cataldi, Alex Katz, Angela McLelland, Lauren Brown, Scott Zurawel, Ariana Awad, Web Gordon, Liz Bocchino, Maggie Manning, Max Taylor and Pat Antoine '12. Kelly and Nick honeymooned in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. They reside in Marlborough, Conn.
Dr. Lawrence F. Withington ’32, Watertown, N.Y., a graduate of Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons who served in the U.S. Navy, earning several commendations, including the Bronze Star, died on Sept. 23, 2014. A member of several professional societies who practiced medicine in Watertown from 1936 until 1986, and who was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, he was 104.

Thornton W. Whipple ’35, of Binghamton, N.Y., who served as a combat engineer with the U.S. Army during World War II, was vice president for sales at E.H. Titchener & Co., and worked for Universal Instruments Corporation before starting his own business, Whipple Marketing Services, Oct. 8, 2014. Thorton, who served on many organization boards, was an elder at First Presbyterian Church of Binghamton, and started several singing organizations, was 101.

Robert M. Templeton ’38, of Schenectady, N.Y., who earned a degree in business administration from Columbia University, served abroad the U.S.S. Wakefield, Centaurus and Spencer during World War II, and owned Templeton Glove Co. in Gloversville, N.Y. with his parents, Aug. 2, 2014. A member of First Reformed Church of Schenectady, he was 96.

Thomas Ambrose Burke III ’39, of Penn Yan, N.Y., who spent his career as an executive with IBM in Armonk, N.Y. and served as a lieutenant commander in the submarine service during World War II abroad the U.S.S. Flasher, which sank more enemy tonnage than any other submarine during the conflict, Oct. 8, 2014. Thomas, who always remembered his Union days fondly and served in many community organizations during his lifetime, was 97.

1940s

Evans W. Mosher II ’40, of Penfield, N.Y., who worked for Ritter Company for more than 30 years, rising to the position of vice president of manufacturing and facilities, June 28, 2014. Evans, who enjoyed working on cars, creating fine furniture and building tools, was 96.

Hilbrand Bekkering Sr. ’40, of Scotia, N.Y., a foreman with General Electric, large motors, for 41 years who was a member of the First Reformed Church of Scotia, Beukendaal Lodge 915 F&AM and many other organizations, July 30, 2014. Hilbrand, also president of the Bekkering-Ellis Funeral Home, was 97.

Sheldon Charles Jenkins ’40, of Long Beach, N.J., who served with the 9th Army Air Corp, Squadron XXIX Tactical Air Command, during Normandy and was an electrical engineer for World Wide Communications Control & Warning Systems (U.S. government) before retiring from AT&T in 1984, July 25, 2014. Active in his community, he delivered Meals on Wheels for 20 years. He was 95.

Alexander H. Cornell ’40, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., who earned a doctor of philosophy in management from American University, was designated professor...
emeritus upon retirement from Rhode Island College and enjoyed a 51-year career in the U.S. Navy, retiring as captain, Sept. 17, 2014. Alexander, who also taught at the Naval War College, Newport and authored several books, was 96.

Edward J. Ward '41, of Fredericksburg, Va., who held an M.S. in civil engineering from the University of Illinois, served with the U.S. Air Force during World War II and the Korean War, and retired from U.S. civil service in research and development for the Air Force, Department of Transportation-Federal Railroad Administration and National Academy of Sciences-Transportation Research Board, Sept. 7, 2014. He was 93.

Stephen H. Laning '41, of Akron, Ohio, who held a Ph.D. from Rutgers University, retired as research supervisor and senior research chemist for PPG Industrial Chemical Division, Sept. 15, 2014. A member of First Presbyterian Church since 1946 who served for over 30 years as treasurer of the Akron Area Association of Churches, he was 95.

Robert L. Shepherd '43, of Elkins, W.Va., a U.S. Navy veteran who served during World War II before retiring in 1985 from Public Service Electric and Gas, where he worked for 38 years, Oct. 3, 2014. Active in his community in many capacities, and named Man of the Year for his service to Morristown, N.J. in 1993, he was 93.

Jules D. Viglielmo '44, of Woodstock, N.Y., who served with the U.S. Navy during World War II abroad the U.S.S. Salerno, earned an M.S. in chemistry from Union and a Ph.D. in education from New York University, June 16, 2014.

Jules, who taught at Onteora High School before working at IBM in training and education for 31 years, and who was a member of many community organizations and was Woodstock’s Town Justice (1988-91), was 90.

Wade Cloyd ’47, of Hilton Head Island, S.C., who spent 22 years with American Optical Corporation and was director of corporate communications before becoming vice president of corporate communications for Raybestos-Manhattan Inc., Aug. 26, 2014. Wade, who served with the Navy during World War II, was a graduate of New York University Graduate School of Business, and was involved in many community organizations, was 89.

Jacques E. Cassidy ’48, of Salem, Ore., who attended West Point, was a Marine veteran of World War II, held a number of master’s degrees and enjoyed a career in education, Aug. 13, 2014. Jacques, who served as a linguistic advisor to the U.S. and Iranian embassies in Tehran in the 1960s, was 90.

Dr. Albert F. Dingley Jr. ’48, of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., a graduate of Albany Medical School who was known by his Union College basketball teammates as ‘Red’ and who served in the U.S. Navy and specialized in orthopedic surgery and sports medicine, Aug. 24, 2014. Albert, who served as team physician for the University of Notre Dame, and was father and grandfather of Union graduates, was 86.

Edward J. Kirches ’49, of Colorado Springs, Colo., a U.S. Army veteran of World War II who fought in the battle of Mount Belvedere and the Aleutian Islands Campaign and was awarded the Bronze Star before attending New York University Law School, July 7, 2014. Edward, who worked at Shepard’s Citations for over 30 years, becoming editor-in-chief before retiring, and who was a member of the AdAmAn Club, was 89.

Edward Harold LaMay ’51, of Durham, N.C., who worked for General Electric for 41 years, retiring in Louisville, Ky., in 1992, and who enjoyed a close friendship with former Union College President Carter Davidson, June 24, 2014. An Eagle Scout who sang in the church choir, he was 85.

William S. Anderson Jr. ’50, of Williamstown, Mass., who held an M.A. in education/psychology from Yale University and a Ph.D. in psychology/statistics from Cornell University, and taught at Winthrop College (S.C.) and Alfred University (N.Y.) before spending 26 years in the Psychology Department at North Adams State College (now MCLA), July 16, 2014. An active member of his community who volunteered and served on several boards, he was 88.

Wright H. Scidmore ’50, of Brant Lake, N.Y., a U.S. Navy veteran who led the optical laboratory at Frankford Arsenal in Philadelphia, was the U.S. Army’s consultant to the Department of Defense for optics, and had more than 15 patents assigned to the U.S. government, Aug. 15, 2014. The recipient of many awards, including the U.S. Army Meritorious Civilian Service Award as Physicist, Wright was 89.

Dr. David M. Harvey ’51, of Munster, Ind., who completed his orthopedic residency with the U.S. Army, was commander of the 11th Medical Evacuation Hospital while serving in Korea, and earned his medical degree from McGill University, Oct. 27, 2013. David, who operated a private practice in Hammond and Munster for 38 years, served the community in many volunteer capacities, and established the Dr. and Mrs. David M. Harvey Scholarship at Union, was 83.

Harlan B. Juengling ’51, of Memphis, Tenn., June 29, 2014. He was 86.

John J. Peppas ’51, of Old Saybrook, Conn., who served with the U.S. Army in occupied Germany, studied at Syracuse University and worked at Merrill Dow Chemical as a pharmaceutical representative, June 29, 2014. Known as the ‘Lion Tamer’ of the Old Saybrook Lions Club, which he served for many years, he was 84.
Kenneth J. Whalen ’49, a retired executive vice president of AT&T and a longtime trustee of the College, died Sept. 29, 2014 in Vero Beach, Fla. A native of Whitehall, N.Y., he was an economics major at Union, a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and a member of the football and track teams. He was also class president, a member of Student Council and a member of the Delphic Society, an honorary service organization.

An outstanding guard and center on Union’s football team, he was co-captain of the 7-1 squad of 1948. In August, 1949, he played as a member of the Eastern College All-Stars that beat the New York Giants in a charity game at the Polo Grounds. In track, he set the school shot put record which stood for 15 years.

In his senior year, he received the Bailey Cup, presented to the senior who has rendered the greatest service to the College. As an alumnus, he received the Alumni Gold Medal in 1984. He was named to the inaugural class of Union’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2002.

He was elected to Union’s Board of Trustees in 1967, and served on the Board’s Budget and Audit, Finance, College Resources and Student Affairs committees. He was national chairman of the College’s 1968 Capital Campaign, and served as leadership gifts chairman for the 1966 Annual Fund. He served as president of the Union College Alumni Association of New York City.

He established three scholarships at Union, the Ambrose H. Gilligan Scholarship, the Bill and Mabel Ketz Scholarship and the Elizabeth R. Whalen Scholarship. The Whalen Warner-Lambert Scholarship was established in his honor.

He served three years in the U.S. Navy during World War II aboard the U.S.S. Stockdale in both the North Atlantic and Pacific theaters, and participated in the search for Amelia Earhart.

He retired from AT&T in 1984 after a 34-year career beginning with the Bell Telephone Co. He served on the boards of a number of companies including Warner Lambert, American Motors, Manulife and Core Industries.

He and his wife of 65 years, Bette Whalen, lived in Dorset, Vt., and Vero Beach. They supported numerous civic, charitable and academic organizations, including the College and Long Trail School in Dorset.

A lifelong Catholic, he worshiped at the Church of the Holy Cross in Vero Beach and at St. Paul’s in Manchester, Vt. He was a Knight of Malta.

He was predeceased by his wife and their first son, Richard J. Whalen.

Survivors include a daughter, Jean Carosi of Newburyport, Mass.; sons, Dan Whalen of Rockport, Mass., and Tom Whalen of McKinney, Texas; six grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

Interment was in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery in Whitehall, N. Y.
Clare’s Hospital from 1974 to 1992 and passionate about breeding thoroughbred race horses, he was 80.

Lawrence F. Jenkins ’55, of Battle Creek, Mich., who served in the U.S. Air Force and spent 48 years with Eaton Manufacturing, rising to chief product engineer, and was a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers, Oct. 7, 2014. Larry, who enjoyed golfing, University of Michigan Football and singing, was 80.

James A. Carrigg ’55, of Endwell, N.Y. and Pinehurst, N.C., who served with the U.S. Army in Korea before retiring as an executive of AT&T, Oct. 27, 2014. He was 79.

John Munro “Jack” Butler Jr. ’61 of Aiken, S.C., who spent his career in the banking industry and was active in his community (Allendale, N.J. for 32 years), serving on the Board of Education at Northern Highlands Regional High School and with the Holiday Observers, died July 8, 2014. John, who also volunteered with Aiken Habitat for Humanity and sang with Masterworks Chorale, was 75.

Richard C. Gardiner ’61, of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., Aug. 6, 2014.

William B. Wilmot ’61, of Rochester, N.Y., who worked for Bausch & Lomb before starting Ergonomy Inc., a solar energy company, and Execucorp, a virtual office service provider, Sept. 8, 2014. A leader in the development of the Cobblestone Creek Country Club and past chairman of the James P. Wilmot Foundation, he was 75.

Lester W. Heverling ’63, of Schenectady, N.Y., who held an M.A. in English from SUNY Albany, died Sept. 5, 2014. He was 77.

Francis P. Hession ’64, of Blue Point, N.Y., who served with the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War and spent more than 25 years with General Electric (Schenectady) before joining start-up company Micron and later becoming director of technology licensing and development at SUNY Stony Brook, Sept. 11, 2014. The founding president of the Long Island High Technology Incubator, he was 85.

Raymond Nnadume Chidubem Okafor-Nwanya ’65, of Enuguwu-Ukwu Anambra State, Nigeria, who earned a Ph.D. from University of Paris and was a professor at University of Port-Harcourt, where he served in many capacities, including dean of faculty of humanities, July 31, 2014 Raymond, who ran for senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and retired from service in 1997, was 74.

H. Ronald Weissman ’66, of Houston, Texas, a C.P.A. who earned an M.B.A. from Columbia Graduate School of Business and spent 32 years at Arthur Andersen LLP, where he became partner, before joining Ernst & Young LLP as senior partner in 2002, July 19, 2014. Ronald, who served his community in many capacities and was treasurer on junior achievement, New York Board of Directors, for 28 years, was 70.

Winfield Scott Bigelow Jr. ’66, of Sandia Park, N.M., who held a Ph.D. in physics from the Air Force Institute of Technology, was chief of beam physics and computational physics for the Air Force, and spent 16 years with Farr Research, Sept. 22, 2014. Scott, who taught English to Japanese students while stationed at Yokota AFB, Japan in the mid-1970s, was 70.

Robert W. Dennison ’68, of Vernon, Conn., who worked for Connecticut National Bank and a number of other financial institutions before retiring from American Savings Bank as executive vice president and CIO in 2003, died June 2, 2013. A member of Gilman Dive Club who enjoyed breeding Labrador retrievers, he was 68.

Robert A. Seefried ’68, of Carr, Colo., who earned a law degree at the University of Minnesota and practiced law in Washington, D.C. before opening a practice in the late 1960s.
1980s

Stephen K. Bobik ’73 (G ’78), of Delmar, N.Y., who retired after a long career as a mechanical engineer at Knolls Atomic Power Lab and was founder and longtime president of the Knolls Fishing Club, April 22, 2014. A native of Rotterdam, he later lived in Castleton-on-Hudson and then Stephentown, N.Y. Steve was an accomplished cross-country runner as well as avid fisherman, hunter, and environmental conservationist. He was 69.

1970s

Douglas R. Kelley ’72, of Trumbull, Conn., who spent most of his career in the automotive business, managing several dealerships in Fairfield and New Haven counties, Oct. 20, 2014. An auxiliary member of Port S Naval Veterans, he was 63.

Gerald D. Kendrick ’73, of Jefferson City, Mo., who held a Master of Arts from Temple University and was ordained at the New Fellowship Baptist Church (N.H.), June 20, 2014. An assistant professor of English at Lincoln University, instructor at Northwestern University, researcher at the Newberry Library and member of many professional and community organizations, he was 62.

1960s

Dr. Mark N. Goldstein ’69, of New York, N.Y., who was a medical director of the Hearing & Speech Society of the North Shore LIJ Health System, and served on its board for 25 years, Sept. 2014.

Philip E. Conner ’69, of Johnstown, N.Y., who worked for many years as a computer programmer with Interstate Job Bank, and served on the board of directors for the Greater Johnstown School District Museum and the Glove City Colonials, Oct. 15, 2014. A member of the Catholic faith, he was 67.

1950s

Robert J. Kelsey, of Delmar, N.Y., who maintained a garden which he enjoyed spending time with, has left a legacy of contributions to Union. Kelsey was 26.

In memory of Kelsey Hastings Golitz ’10, of Anamosa State Penitentiary, April 22, 2014. In memory of Kelsey, her family has established the Kelsey Hastings Golitz Memorial Fund, supporting medical student scholarships and cancer research at Union. Kelsey was 26.
The College mourns the loss of H. Gilbert “Gil” Harlow, professor of civil engineering emeritus, who taught for 53 years and was a key advocate for maintaining and enhancing the campus landscape. He died Monday, Nov. 17, 2014 at the Capstone Center in Amsterdam. He was 100.

He began his career at Union in 1940, when he introduced soil mechanics and foundations to the curriculum. He continued to teach until 1993, nine years after he retired with emeritus status. His tenure is believed to be the longest in Union history. He missed only five days due to illness.

He taught for years after he officially retired in 1984, often with a full course load. Students reported that he made his courses more valuable by bringing in concepts from his consulting work. He was chair of Civil Engineering from 1950 through 1979, believed to be the longest-serving chair in Union history. He also served seven years as chair of the Division of Engineering.

He cultivated the College’s emphasis on globalization and the integration of engineering and the liberal arts. He worked tirelessly with engineering students to develop class schedules that would allow them to take terms abroad and graduate on time. He developed two courses—“Problems of Urban Areas,” with a grant from the Carnegie Foundation, and “Homes and Buildings”—through which hundreds of liberal arts students learned the basics of urban planning and home design.

Among the many aspects of his College service, he was also director of the Evening Division. He served as president of the Mohawk-Hudson section of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

As chair of the Faculty Committee on Buildings and Grounds, he helped lead ambitious efforts to maintain and improve the campus landscape. With his longtime friend and colleague, the late Prof. William Huntley, he was responsible for planting trees across campus after many were lost to Dutch elm disease. He was also instrumental in many of the plantings in Jackson Gardens.

With Huntley and the late Jack Litynski, a landscape architect, he had created something of an arboretum on campus. By 1985, they had planted more than 1,300 major shade trees, 650 flowering trees and 5,000 shrubs and smaller trees. In 1977, they published *The Union College Grounds: A Guide to Trees, Shrubs and Birds*, a leaflet which listed the sites of some 200 species of trees and shrubs.

Prof. Harlow was world renowned for his hybridizing of tuberous begonias. They were on display at his commercial greenhouse in Pattersonville, at his home in the Stockade, and in his campus office. He loaned many of the flowers for weddings and parties.

An avid Union football fan, he was for years in charge of filming home and away games.

He married Jeannette Martin in 1940, the same year he joined Union. The next year, the Harlows bought the Governor Yates home in Schenectady’s Stockade neighborhood and turned it into the University Club where 36 General Electric engineers lived while on test programs. His family of five children also lived there. In the large terraced yard, a concrete swimming pool brought much pleasure to the families who had memberships. Caretaking of the four terraces of flowers and large swimming pool became his summer job. His wife, Jeannette, served as life guard.

The H. Gilbert Harlow Garden Club, formed in his honor in the early 60s, is still thriving today. The group planted a dogwood tree in his honor in Jackson’s Garden where the Thyme Garden, with a sundial from Elizabeth McMath, is dedicated to him.

He earned an engineering degree from Tufts University, and his master’s in civil engineering from Harvard University.

He received the Faculty Meritorious Service Award from the Alumni Council in 1959. In 2005, the College presented him with the Founders Medal.

Last spring, on his 100th birthday, while celebrating with friends and family, he received a proclamation from the mayor of Schenectady declaring April 27 as H. Gilbert Harlow Day. His wife, Jeannette, passed away in 1992. Survivors include his children, Priscilla Gocha, Sally Harlow, Susan Harlow Northrup, Bradford Harlow and Heidi Van Deusen. He was predeceased by his companion of 22 years, Elizabeth McMath.

A memorial service will be Saturday, Nov. 29, at 11:30 a.m. at the First Reformed Church, 8 North Church St., Schenectady.

Memorial contributions may be made to Capstone Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing, 302 Swart Hill Rd., Amsterdam, NY 12010 or to the First Reformed Church, Schenectady, N.Y. 12305.
a look back

Union’s winningest Philomathean team

When Union College was founded in 1795, several members of the Calliopean Society (established 1793) matriculated and brought their club with them. It became Union’s first literary society, and though it faded from existence in 1967 after 174 years, Norman Scull ’54 remembers the Philomathean Society (as it was renamed) with great pride and fondness.

In March 1952, the Philomathean team won the Brooklyn College invitational debate tournament—the only major competition of its kind won by Union. At the time, it was the closest thing to a national title for intercollegiate debating. In fact, research suggests the victory over 53 participating colleges was the biggest debate win in Union’s history.

But the triumph was not without its controversy. Here is the rest of the story.

On March 7 and 8, 1952, the Union College debate team of Lawrence Levine ’52, Eliot Loshak ’53, William Ketchum ’53 and myself participated in 10 debates on this topic: “Resolved that the Federal Government Should Institute a Permanent Program of Wage and Price Controls.”

The evening of the 8th, all tournament participants assembled for the award ceremony. First place, with its giant gold and bronze cup, was awarded to Notre Dame, which won the following year's contest as well. Notre Dame and Wilkes College were announced to have tied with an 8-2 record, but Notre Dame won first place on points. They took the trophy and left.

We were disappointed. I wanted to examine the judges' ballots for the 10 debates because I felt we had done well. The ballots showed that we had a record of 9-1, losing only to Notre Dame and defeating Wilkes. Union was the only team with a 9-1 record.

We spoke to the tournament officials and they confirmed our first-place win. Unfortunately, the trophy was on its way to South Bend and we had no accolades of success from our fellow debaters.

But once everything was straightened out, a second cup was made and later sent to us. A picture of the team with it appeared on the front page of Concordiensis (March 14, 1952). The New York Times also reported our victory on March 9.

It’s a victory, belated recognition or no, that still fills me with pride today.

– Norman Scull ’54

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:
Norman Scull lives with his wife, Sally, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He graduated from Harvard Law School in 1957 and practiced law in New York and New Jersey for more than a decade before beginning a career in print media sales and sales management. He retired in 2000. At Union, Norman was secretary and president of Student Council; editor of the Idol; Concordiensis columnist; editor of the Garnet; editor of the 1955 Union Freshman Record; and vice president of Kappa Sigma. He also received the Daggett Prize and Alumni Gold Medal for outstanding contributions to the College.
Each October, Susan and Gustave Davis ’59 return to Union to attend an open rehearsal by a world-class dance company ... and cry.

The rehearsal, a master class, and a public performance at the Egg in Albany are made possible by the Stephanie C. Davis Dance Residency, which Sue and Gus sponsor in honor of their daughter, who died of cancer eleven years ago at age 41.

“We remember Stephie by transmitting our love for her and her love of dance to new generations of Union students,” Gus said.

“The students and faculty are so warm, giving and appreciative,” Sue added. “They support us; something that is so difficult, becomes wonderful.”

The pair has also endowed a scholarship to honor Milton Blatt, Gus’ high school track coach, English teacher and college advisor who had steered many students to Union.

Gus loved his Union days: Dean’s list, Kappa Nu, Pre-Med Society and track team, among the highlights. He met Sue, a Russell Sage College freshman, on a blind date his sophomore year.

“The campus experience then and now is remarkable,” he said. “The student-teacher relationships are terrific. Although pre-med, I graduated with a B.A. in humanities. Union has a long history integrating the arts, sciences and engineering.”

Receiving an M.D. from SUNY Upstate Medical University, Gus served in the USAF at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. His career highlights, with over 100 publications and numerous research grants, include tenured associate professorship at Washington University St. Louis Medical School; an NIH Fogarty International Fellowship in London; the Bridgeport (Conn.) Hospital Pathology Department chair; and, currently, clinical professor of pathology, Yale Medical School.

In retirement Gus still teaches medical students, plays classical guitar and continues as a national age group champion race walker and triathlete. He and Sue have been married for 54 years.

Sue, formerly director of Meals on Wheels in University City, Missouri, has been a professional weaver/fiber artist in Connecticut. Their son Jeffrey, his wife and two children, live in Charlotte, Vt.

Gus and Susan have also made Union a contingent beneficiary of their IRA.

“Union’s endowment is less than $500 million, while several schools that compete for the same students have endowments over $1 billion,” Gus said. “Union needs our help with scholarships to continue to attract the best students.”

“I’ve never been on another campus where the students are so creative and smart and love school so much,” Susan agreed. “Giving to Union is so very worthwhile.”

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