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Yuan Gao, Victory Kiss, 2015, digital print, 20 x 16 inches
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In fair weather, but mostly foul, the women’s golf team uses a state-of-the-sport simulator to play at Pebble Beach and other world-class links.
Last August, I went to a funeral home in Clifton Park, N.Y., to join in remembering Professor Ed Craig, Class of 1945 and long-time member of the Union Electrical Engineering Department. Ed was a loyal son of Union, and both Judith and I appreciated the many ways in which he demonstrated his support after we assumed the presidency of Union. What struck me about the gathering at the funeral home were the many alumni who drove great distances to voice their appreciation of the support that their beloved Professor Craig had given them when they were students at Union.

In November, we found ourselves in Casper, Wyo., remembering another beloved member of the Union community. Jane Wold didn’t graduate from Union but this school was in her blood. A native of Schenectady, she loved Union College and, along with her husband John, Class of 1938, found many ways of giving back throughout her lifetime. She was also a cherished friend.

All this reminded me of the many ways in which Union brings people together and creates an inseparable bond between them—a bond that lasts over many years and transcends differences between people. It begins, of course, with its name: Union. We have a distinctive institutional tendency toward community that emerges from our very beginnings. We are an institution that, in its founding, asserted that whatever our differences, we have a shared educational mission. It carries to our motto, which recently received an updating: “Under the laws of Minerva, we all become brothers and sisters.”

What began as a union of three religious traditions has become a union of people coming from a complex array of diverse backgrounds and identities. Initiatives such as Identity Dialogues and Dinner and Discussion Around Diversity (DDD) and the offices of Diversity and Inclusion and Multicultural Affairs help create mutual understanding and provide opportunities to learn about the perspective of others—all strengthening Union’s sense of a shared community.

Community becomes real for each new generation through institutional rituals such as the opening convocation and community barbeque that reconvenes the Union community each fall. This past September, Memorial Chapel was filled to capacity and hundreds stood on the front step looking in as we marked the beginning of the 2015-16 academic year.

We added a new ritual this year when we hosted the inaugural Feigenbaum Forum on Innovation and Creativity. Harvard professor, Howard Gardner, spoke in a packed Nott Memorial about the ways in which creativity and innovation were manifested through the lives of many inspiring people. He too convened our community and reminded us of core qualities of the Union graduate—qualities that attract people to Union and qualities that mark something of our shared mission.

Community is also built through the commitment of its members. You will read about the memorial to Coach Bruce Allison that was dedicated during Homecoming. A beautiful stone monument greets all who arrive at Bailey Field and reminds us of this remarkable Hall of Fame lacrosse coach and Union community-builder. Speaker after speaker at the dedication ceremony spoke with deep emotion about the ways in which Coach Allison shaped them and built a powerful sense of community.

And, community is facilitated through spaces. Ramee and Nott understood this well when they designed our remarkable campus. We were made aware of the power that space has on forming community when the ‘Skeller was unfortunately closed for a year after a devastating flood. We missed that space and celebrated when it was reopened this past fall. Community informed our design of the new Garnet Commons on the western edge of campus. This new and popular facility is already providing a social center, located squarely between the historic quad and College Park Hall and surrounded by the many theme houses on Seward Street.

It’s no wonder that Union grabs hold of people, gets into their blood, and calls them back home. We have much to celebrate at Union, but our strong sense of community is most certainly one of them.
REMEMBERING BOB

Just learned recently of the death of former Union PR director Bob Carman for whom I worked from late 1969 through 1974 as director of the College news bureau.

Bob was bright. But way more important, he was committed to Union College and worked very hard to help make the place—its students, faculty and alumni—as good as he believed it was. His work on College publications was widely recognized for quality, especially the alumni magazine and Symposium, a journal of ideas and opinion, which took on issues—and in the early 70s there were many—he believed were important to the College community. After Union, his writing and editing skills along with insightful commentary were instrumental in making Adirondack Life magazine the respected publication it is today.

Bob could be contentious. For instance, he would argue at length that Duck Soup was the best Marx Brothers movie while I knew that Horsefeathers was really much funnier. Overlooking that, Union College was a better place because of the work done on its behalf by Bob Carman.

—Phil Johnson,
Clifton Park, N.Y.

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Barry Smith, professor emeritus in the Department of Theatre Arts (1971-1998), welcomes students and teachers to engage in reflections on what they have learned since. Please email him at barrysmith043@gmail.com
n 1945, Union’s 12th president, Dixon Ryan Fox, was working on a book commemorating the College’s first 150 years when he died of a heart attack. Nearly complete, Union College: An Unfinished History, highlighted the importance of the school’s mission beyond its borders and how its distinguished history paved the way for future chapters.

That’s the message President Stephen C. Ainlay touched on Tuesday, Sept. 8, during Convocation to open Union’s 221st academic year.

“Union College is truly an unfinished history,” Ainlay told the crowd. “Each generation has the opportunity to surpass the accomplishments of those who went before, always remembering that they are advantaged by what their predecessors accomplished during their time here, when they took up the obligation and opportunity to steward this remarkable place.”

Entering his 10th year as president, Ainlay recounted the transformation of academic spaces over the past decade which has dramatically enhanced the educational experience for students and faculty. Among the projects are Taylor Music Center, Henle Dance Pavilion, Lippman Hall, Lamont House, Karp Hall, Wold Center and Butterfield Hall. Visual Arts, currently under renovation, will be renamed Feigenbaum Center for Visual Arts when it reopens this fall.

Other projects in the planning stages include a massive overhaul of the Science and Engineering Center. Ainlay noted that much of the complex, built in the late 1960s and dedicated in 1971, is “getting tired.” For
Union to maintain its historic leadership role in the STEM fields, he said, it’s essential to undertake a project, which, if approved by the Board of Trustees, would be the largest in terms of square footage and cost in the College’s history. It would also require the greatest fundraising effort ever as well.

When completed, Ainlay said, ‘we will be the college of choice for students who wish to study electrical engineering and music, art and chemistry, economics and environmental engineering, ethics and 3D printing. We are positioned to be the college of choice for students who want a deep education and yet sense the power of integrating fields of study when seeking a better understanding of the world.‘

Plans are also in the works to expand dining space, offer more food options and provide a better overall dining experience by reducing wait times and improving access in the Reamer Campus Center.

Ainlay then reiterated his message from a year ago, when Union supported a national campaign to prevent sexual harassment and sexual and relationship violence on college campuses. “There is no place for sexual violence, abuse, or intimidation in this community,” he said.

The College recently hired a fulltime Title IX coordinator, Melissa Kelley, who reports to the President’s Office and whose responsibilities include prevention and awareness education.

In closing, Ainlay reminded the audience of the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

“We’ve accomplished much in the past decade, and Union has never been stronger—measured by financial well-being, strength of its faculty, staff, and students, the quality of its infrastructure, and even its clarity of mission,’ Ainlay said. ‘Yes, Union is an unfinished history, and we have the opportunity to breathe life into its distinctive mission, to write those next chapters and to establish our continued significance to the world.’

Also at Convocation, Ainlay welcomed the Class of 2019. The 571 first-year students were selected from among nearly 6,000 applicants, a record. They come from 31 states and the District of Columbia. Representing 17 countries, nearly 30 percent are international or from underrepresented backgrounds. Seventy percent were ranked in the top 10 percent of their class.

Ainlay also acknowledged Claire Bracken, associate professor of English, as the winner of the Stillman Prize for Excellence in Teaching. Bracken, on leave last term, was presented with the award at Founders Day in February. 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.

A.J. Place, former assistant director of Residential Life, was announced as the recipient of the UNITAS Community-Building Prize for his role in the development of the Next Step Social Justice Retreats, participation in the Bystander Intervention initiative and Sexual Assault and Harassment Committee, and other work. He recently joined Middlebury College.

Therese A. McCarty, the Stephen J. and Diane K. Ciesinski Dean of Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs, recognized the students who made the Dean’s List last year. Their names are on a plaque that will be displayed in Reamer Campus Center.

Max Caplan ’16 received the Hollander Prize in Music, established by Lawrence J. Hollander, dean of engineering emeritus. A double major in music and classics from Niskayuna, N.Y., Caplan performed Chopin’s Polonaise in A Major, Op. 40, No. 1 (Military Polonaise).

The convocation opened with remarks from William A. Finlay, College marshal and professor of theater and dance; David Henle ’75, vice chairman of the Board of Trustees; Peter Bedford, John and Jane Wold Professor of Religious Studies and chair of the Faculty Executive Committee; and Ilan Levine ’16, Student Forum president.

Accompanied by Professor of Music Dianne McMullen, the Class of 2019 led Ode to Ole Union to close the ceremony.
across campus

First Feigenbaum Forum fills the Nott

Hundreds packed the Nott Memorial November 3, for the inaugural Feigenbaum Forum on Innovation and Creativity. Howard Gardner, an internationally-renowned psychologist who developed the theory of multiple intelligences that revolutionized how educators teach their students, was the featured speaker.

The John H. and Elisabeth A. Hobbs Professor of Cognition and Education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, Gardner spent an hour outlining his theory, a critique of the notion that there exists but a single human intelligence (such as the traditional IQ) that can be assessed by standard psychometric instruments.

Touching on the lives of notable people like Freud, Einstein, Picasso and Ghandi, Gardner argued that creativity is not an all-purpose trait but instead involves distinct intelligences, including musical, interpersonal, spatial-visual, mathematical and linguistic.

A winner of a MacArthur Prize Fellowship, Gardner also explained how he believes innovation differs from creativity in that innovation is primarily focused on bringing an idea to market, but “there should be room for both.”

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

Armand died November 2014; Donald, March 2013. For more than a dozen years, the brothers hosted the Feigenbaum Forum, a gathering on campus at which academicians discussed characteristics of a new generation of leaders and how better to integrate liberal arts and other studies.

The new program builds on this event by bringing in speakers who have revolutionized their fields of endeavor through contributions deemed innovative and creative.

Looking out at the overflow crowd in the Nott (dozens more watched a livestream of the event in Karp Hall), President Stephen C. Ainlay said the brothers would be “absolutely thrilled” with how their program has evolved. In supporting the event, Emil J. George, president of the Feigenbaum Foundation, said the brothers “always talked of their love of Union College.”

To watch a video of the event, visit www.youtube.com/user/unioncollege


Union joins national conversation over income inequality with new course, “Inequality: Economic and Social Perspectives.” Drawing on expertise of professors from history, economics, psychology, literature, political science, biology, environmental studies and sociology, it allows students to explore an issue prominent in the news.
Union’s age-old motto gets a modern makeover

In a move that supporters believe is long overdue, the College will modify its centuries-old motto to add the French word for “sisters.”

Under the change, which was recently approved by the Board of Trustees, Union’s motto now reads Sous les lois de Minerve nous devenons tous frères et sœurs (“Under the laws of Minerva, we all become brothers and sisters”).

This replaces the original French motto, Sous les lois de Minerve nous devenons tous frères (“Under the laws of Minerva we all become brothers”), which was adopted shortly after Union’s founding in 1795.

“We respect the tradition of the words carefully chosen by our original trustees, but it’s important that those words now make explicitly clear that Union is a place of inclusion and a shared intellectual mission for all,” said President Stephen C. Ainlay.

Union began admitting women in 1970. According to Wayne Somers ’61, editor of the Encyclopedia of Union College History, there were unsuccessful efforts by students and faculty in 1976, 1991 and 1998 to alter the motto because of complaints that it excludes women.

The latest push was led by Evan Leibovitz ’15 and Peter Durkin ’16. The two brought a proposal before Student Forum, which voted unanimously last January to support the change. The Alumni Council and the Faculty Executive Committee also supported the proposal.

“The change was needed to recognize the importance and the many contributions of women since the College became a coeducational institution,” said Durkin, a student trustee. “The changes maintain the historical idea of Union as a nondenominational institution and the development of lifetime friendships through brotherhood and sisterhood, while showing our evolution from an all-male institution.”

It may be some time before the modified version appears on stationery, campus podiums and other places adorned by the College seal.

But the origins of the motto remain one of the College’s enduring mysteries.

Not long after the school’s founding, a committee of four trustees came up with the unique motto that would form part of the school’s official seal.

The choice of using the head of Minerva, the Roman goddess of wisdom, for the seal was not a surprise. She was a central symbol of the time, adorning the masthead of Columbia, New York City’s leading newspaper, and other prominent newspapers. She also stood behind the speaker’s platform in Congress in the form of a five-ton bronze sculpture.

But while other colleges and universities took their mottos from the Latin, Greek or Hebrew (“Veritas”—“Truth” proclaimed Harvard on the first American college seal), Union turned to the French.

Why the French? The founders of the College had made a sharp break with the classical tradition prevalent in American higher education by substituting French for Greek in entrance requirements and in the curriculum. But despite exhaustive research by a number of people connected to the College, no specific source for the motto has been discovered.

Union historian Codman Hislop ’31 speculated that the members of the seal committee may have been responsible for the motto.

The four locals, according to Hislop, “were all sophisticated Albanians then rubbing shoulders constantly with the many French refugees who visited the capital. Our French motto could have turned up at the dinner table of any one of the trustees living in 1795 in a climate heavy with French Republican thought.”

It’s announced that Union will become a tobacco/smoke-free environment effective July 1, 2016. The initiative bans tobacco use and implements smoke-free policies for buildings and/or on property owned or leased by the College.

across campus

Coach Allison remembrance highlights Homecoming

Longtime lacrosse coach Bruce Allison is remembered during Homecoming with a plaque dedication

Bruce Allison was remembered during Homecoming & Family Weekend in October. A ceremony to dedicate a plaque near Bailey Field was held to honor this man who did much for Union and the students he mentored.

Allison, who passed away in December 2013, served Union from 1957 until 1976, as coach of varsity wrestling, varsity men’s lacrosse and freshman football, and also as a physical education instructor. He was named director of Athletics in 1971, and during his tenure established six intercollegiate women’s programs. In 2011, Allison was inducted into the United States Lacrosse Hall of Fame.

“We were thrilled to be able to remember Bruce’s many contributions during Homecoming, it made the weekend very special for everyone,” said Damond Heath, associate director of Alumni & Parent Engagement. “We welcomed back over 2,000 guests this year, many of whom, I’m sure, recall Bruce with fondness.”

Other highlights of Homecoming weekend (Oct. 9-11), included the Legacy Reception and Volunteer Appreciation Reception.

Almost 100 people attended the Legacy Reception, which honors families that have sent multiple generations to Union. Gynger Connolly ’80 and her daughter, Sarah Connolly ’18, were featured speakers during the event.

And at the Volunteer Appreciation Reception, which honors Union volunteers, Christopher Burke ’10 and Kenya Lenoir Messer ’90 were recognized. Burke won the Rising Star Award, presented to young alumni in recognition of exemplary service, leadership, and unwavering loyalty to the College. Messer received the Distinguished Service to Union Award, presented to alumni who have demonstrated exceptional commitment and loyalty to their alma mater, and who have made significant and diverse contributions to the College over their lifetime. Additionally, the New York City Alumni Club won the best club event award for their annual Cloisters event, which has sold out since inception.

“Other popular events included the annual pumpkin carving competition, liquid nitrogen ice cream making by the Chemistry Club, horse drawn hayrides around our beautiful campus, a multitude of Union athletic events, and
Now in its seventh year, the LGBTQ at Union exhibit at the Wikoff Student Gallery helps bring awareness, promote discussion and educate the campus about the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning community. A film, “Your Eyes,” by Cassandra Padilla ’17 won “Best in Show,” while a digital print by Yuan Gao ’18 was awarded second place.

Kenya Lenoir Messer ’90 and her family attend Homecoming, during which Messer received the Distinguished Service to Union Award.

Hundreds of members of the Union community, including Greek organizations and student clubs, help spruce up the city and surrounding area during the annual John Calvin Toll Day. Volunteers clean up parks, monuments and other public spaces, and provide other help as needed.

A celebration of the 10-year anniversary of Union’s undefeated 2005 football team,” Heath said. “New this year, we also added student clubs to the tailgate picnic, which gave parents, alumni, and guests a chance to check out what our students are working on.”

More Homecoming fun awaits this fall. Save the date—Oct. 21-23—for Homecoming & Family Weekend 2016.
For U the bell tolled

As he climbed on the roof of the Visual Arts building in October, Wayne Christiansen had no idea he was about to uncover a piece of Union history.

A superintendent for Sano-Rubin Construction Services, the Albany firm overseeing the extensive renovation of the building, Christiansen and a co-worker needed to inspect the cupola perched atop the historic building for upcoming duct work.

The two pried back a few of the weathered louvers and peeked inside. There, resting silently in its wooden frame, was a tin and copper bell.

“We didn’t know what to expect, but we were so excited to see it was there,” Christiansen said.

Eighteen inches in diameter and weighing about 100 pounds, the bell was cast by the world-renowned Meneely Bell Foundry in nearby West Troy (now Watervliet). Between 1826 and 1952, more than 65,000 Meneely bells were produced and shipped to hundreds of schools, churches and factories around the world.

The sound of bells ringing is deeply rooted in Union’s past, whether to signal the beginning and ending of class periods, or awakening the campus for its prayers. The bells were also a target of student mischief.

According to the Encyclopedia of Union College History, in 1822, students upset with a bell-ringer tried to blow up a bell in the South Colonnade. Later, students stole the clapper and left it on President Eliphalet Nott’s doorstep.

And in 1860, students stole the hundred-pound bell from North Colonnade, part of the original campus plan and now home to Visual Arts.

“Though rumored to be either en route to Harvard or hidden in a secret club-room in Schenectady, it was never found,” according to the Encyclopedia.

Its replacement bell is the one contractors recently uncovered. It hasn’t been rung since 1936, when the College installed gongs in classroom buildings that were controlled by a clock in the Administration Building. Those gongs were silenced in 1970 after complaints from some faculty that they reminded them of high school.

In the next few weeks, workers will use a crane to carefully remove the bell and store it until the College decides its next use. A similar bell rescued from South Colonnade was restored in 1984 by the Class of 1947. It’s now on display in the lobby of Old Chapel.

Perhaps the bell will return to its longtime home when the building is renamed the Feigenbaum Center for Visual Arts and reopens in fall 2016 after renovations are complete.

“It’s pretty neat when you find things like this,” said Loren Rucinski, director of Facilities Services. “We assumed all the bells had been taken out over the years. It’s nice to discover a piece of Union’s history.”
Apartment-style residence hall opens

Union’s new apartment-style residence hall, Garnet Commons, began housing students this fall.

The three-story, 38,420 square-foot building on Roger Hull Place and Park Place includes 80 beds, with fully furnished four-, three- and two-bedroom apartments. Each apartment has common living space (kitchen and living room), two bathrooms and closets.

Building features include a multi-purpose room, lounge, study room, meeting room and music room on the ground floor. There will also be a laundry room.

Sano-Rubin Construction Co. Inc. of Albany was the general contractor on the $9-million project. The architecture firm is Envision Architects P.C., also of Albany.

Garnet Commons was designed to respect the scale of the neighborhood and maintain the architectural integrity of the surrounding properties.

Sustainable features include energy efficient heating and cooling systems, storm water management, a rain garden and the use of green building materials such as rock wool insulation. The building was designed to LEED standards.

An interactive kiosk on the ground floor allows residents to monitor how the building is functioning with the sustainable features.
Mellon Foundation awards grant to support “Our Shared Humanities”

Union has been awarded a three-year $800,000 grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to promote the integration of the arts and humanities across academic disciplines through faculty development and a series of distinctive hands-on experiences for students and faculty.

Called “Our Shared Humanities,” the initiative allows the College to build on its traditional strength of crossing disciplinary boundaries to prepare students for an increasingly diverse, global and technologically complex society.

This will be done, in part, by providing faculty with a broad range of opportunities to explore collaborations that promote the integration of the arts and humanities with other disciplines across the curriculum.

These include workshops, discussion groups and participation in conferences or other travel that bring artistic and humanistic perspectives to bear across disciplinary boundaries.

Highlights of the projects supported by the grant include:

- **Expansion of Union’s Faculty Development Institutes (FDI).** Faculty will work in multidisciplinary teams on innovative course design that promotes student learning through creativity, active learning, social learning and a “design thinking” approach and mindset. Topics may include the flipped classroom, active learning, making things visible, metacognition and technology. Faculty from the Psychology Department will facilitate sessions as part of a lunchtime colloquial series on cognitive science.

- **Establishing a “Humanities Lab Series.”** Working in multidisciplinary teams, students will tackle some of the challenges that humanity faces. Topics may include environmental sustainability (e.g., energy, water), global climate change, cultural and religious conflicts, or socioeconomic inequality.

- **Creation of a Humanities Maker Community.** Through its Collaborative Design Studio, an interdisciplinary research space in the Wold Center, Union aims to reframe the act of “making” from the technological to the artistic and humanistic. Students, particularly those in the arts and humanities, will be involved in cutting-edge research and design challenges as part of the burgeoning “maker” movement flourishing in the studio. The studio contains six Makerbots donated by Jenny Lawton ’85, former CEO of MakerBot, a leading firm in 3D printing, scanning and entertainment. “Pop up labs” for faculty to incorporate “making” into their courses using portable makerspaces will be designed. A Humanities Maker Faire will showcase the work of faculty and students, including artists, sculptors, writers, tech enthusiasts and others. Plans also call for curricular tie-ins that promote cross-disciplinary projects.

“With this grant, we will demonstrate to students divided by traditional science-engineering versus humanities-social sciences boundaries that study ‘on the other side’ is accessible and beneficial to them as scholars, to their careers, and to society,” said Wendy Sternberg, dean of academic departments and programs and principal investigator for the grant.

Therese A. McCarty, the Stephen J. and Diane K. Ciesinski Dean of Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs, noted the grant supports a prominent feature of the College’s strategic plan, Integrative Thought and Action for the 21st Century.

“We are grateful to the Mellon Foundation for its generous support of our initiative that will foster the integration of the arts and humanities across academic disciplines,” McCarty said. “We believe that the arts and humanities should not be exclusive to the disciplines traditionally called the humanities—they can illuminate other disciplines in intellectually exciting and innovative ways. We are truly excited about the possibilities of ‘Our Shared Humanities’ that this grant will allow us to explore.”
Recognizing retirees

The College this year honored the careers of eight faculty members who have attained emeritus status. They were Julius Barbanel, professor of mathematics; Linda Cool, professor of anthropology; Pilar Moyano, professor of modern languages; Walter Hatke, the May I. Baker Professor of Visual Arts; Jay Newman, the R. Gordon Gould ’41 Professor of Physics; Susan Niefield, professor of mathematics; Rudy Nydegger, professor of psychology; and Karl Zimmermann, professor of mathematics. (This year’s retirements, which accounted for one fourth of the mathematics department, were something of a family affair. Profs. Niefield and Zimmermann are married; Prof. Barbanel is married to Prof. Niefield’s sister, Nancy, who teaches ceramics classes at Union.)

Several of the retirees provided recollections, excerpted here:

Prof. Barbanel: “The environment for doing mathematical research was perfect for me, and teaching mathematics to so many young people was a daily thrill. Getting to know many of my students, especially the Posse students that I mentored in recent years, was a joy that I shall always carry with me.”

Prof. Niefield: “Being at Union has never felt like a job. I’ve gotten to know so many interesting students, from those who struggled their way through, spending many hours in my office, to those whom I encouraged to go on and who became mathematicians themselves. My department has been my family both literally and figuratively. This place has been my life for 34 years and I expect to be around for 34 more.”

Prof. Nydegger: “My dearest memories come from the range of wonderful people whose lives touched many, including my own. People from every part of the College truly leave a mark on the education of our students and on the lives and careers of the rest of us. To all of them I can only say, Thank you for all you have done and continue to do.”

Prof. Zimmermann: “What we do for the students is truly a group effort. I would like to thank all my colleagues around campus—on the staff, the faculty, and in the administration—I’ve always had the feeling we were in this together ... all thinking about what is best for the College and our students. Working with people, all willing to go that extra mile, has made Union a great place to spend my career.”

Civil War glossary posted on-line

Throughout 2015, in recognition of the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War and the Lincoln assassination, the College’s Notables Committee mounted an exhibition titled “Profound and Poignant: Union College Connections to the Civil War Era” in the Nott Memorial.

Tom Werner and Andrea Foroughi, co-curators of the exhibition, have produced a glossary of personal experiences, a permanent record of the many connections between the College and the Civil War era that appeared in the exhibition as well as others that could not be included due to space limitations. Werner, the Florence B. Sherwood Professor of Physical Sciences Emeritus, chairs the Union College Notables Committee, of which Foroughi, associate professor of history, is a member.

The glossary is available here as a PDF: www.union.edu/civilwar
Campus programs take aim at understanding other perspectives
Every Thursday, in the Unity Lounge of Reamer Campus Center, students gather over lunch for conversation that can run the gamut from collegial to contentious.

This is Identity Dialogues, a student-run series which explores the dynamic and complex aspects of identity in a safe and open forum. Topics range from cultural (mis)appropriation to skin color to millennial sex lives. Attendance can range from 3 to 30.

Among the more popular recent topics: What is white? LGBTQ identity. Interracial relationships. Hair and identity.

Sessions can get lively, such as a recent discussion over the sensitivity of Halloween costumes.

But they can also be supportive. At an ID on Muslim identity, a student was sharing the particulars of his lifestyle, which he said was at times at odds with his religious beliefs. Other students offered comparisons to themselves and their beliefs.

“The goal is to break down stereotypes and to have an open space to talk about personal identity and experience,” said Maya Whalen-Kipp ’16, who organizes this year’s IDs with Mayte Martinez ’18, Antonia “Toni” Batha ’17 and Andrew Guyatte ’17.

“Sometimes we can foster a conversation that would not happen otherwise,” she adds. “This is a personal space and therefore we have a lot of personal stories and truths that come out [here] that there is not another place for [on campus].”

Organizers gather to determine the theme of each week’s session. Sometimes a topic will be generated by current events, on- or off-campus. Other times the organizers will ask the leaders of a campus group to suggest a topic and help moderate discussion.

The organizers ask participants—nearly all students, except for an occasional faculty, staff or guest—to keep what is shared at ID within the room. “We want people to feel comfortable to share their stories because where else can they do that?” Whalen-Kipp asks.

“Sometimes it does get very ‘preacher to the choir,’ but I’m totally OK with that,” she said. “Sometimes I think the choir needs a place to preach and we provide that space.”

Jason Benitez, director of multicultural affairs, says that it is significant that Identity Dialogues is an independent volunteer program run by students for students. “The students really own this and take pride in offering these conversations,” he said. “This is not a recognized club with a budget on campus. It is purely students volunteering time because they are passionate about the initiative.”

“ID offers a space to discuss topics that are otherwise not widely talked about,” said Benitez. “So, passions and emotions can run high, but constructive dialogue is always the goal.”
Benitez cites ID as one of two programs that promote “safe discomfort” as a way to create greater understanding. The other is Dinner and Discussion Around Diversity, also known as DDD.

DDD
Regulars of DDD talk about Tuesday nights as the highlight of their week, good take-out food from one of Schenectady’s restaurants coupled with an unusual opportunity to explore with others a spiritual or ethical question from a variety of perspectives.

Each week a student leader selects a question, researches and records answers from differing perspectives and then facilitates the conversation.

Questions have included:
- How important are sexual beliefs/restrictions in your faith/spirituality?
- Does God influence your choice of profession (or weekend activities)?
- Is there a place for truth in interfaith dialogue?
- What is forgiveness?
- Is humanity inherently good or evil?

At a DDD session last fall, students and staff explored the question, “How do we make decisions?” The leader presented passages from the Christian, Jewish, Islamic and atheist/agnostic perspectives, and the conversation took flight, eventually coming around to a topic with which students identify: activism.

“Do we have an obligation to be activists?” a student asked. “The opposite of activism is apathy. So if you’re not apathetic, that’s a step in the right direction.”

DDD began in 1999 as ‘Dinner, Devotion and Discussion,’ sponsored by the Campus Protestant Ministry that included scripture readings and a brief reflection from Campus Protestant Minister Viki Brooks. Over several years, scripture was replaced by articles on contemporary religious questions, and students took over most of the leadership, Brooks said.

“We try to create a culture of respect for difference and a culture of care in our time together,” Brooks said. “It is my hope that the skill of deeply listening to one with whom you disagree will help students as they enter the next phase of their learning, be it a workplace situation or graduate school.”

There is no typical student who attends DDD, Brooks said. But those who are drawn to this program are interested in the search for meaning in a unique way. “They value the exchange of ideas that allows them to draw on their personal experience in equal measure to their intellectual life,” she said.

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—Campus Protestant Minister Viki Brooks
Union has been named a winner of a HEED Award by Insight Into Diversity magazine, the oldest and largest diversity-focused publication in higher education.

This marks the third straight year the school has been honored by the magazine, which 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, veterans, people with disabilities and members of the LGBT community.”

Diversity remains central to Union’s institutional identity and mission and 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 College’s commitment to diversity is the focus of a cover story in Insight’s October issue, “Union College: Where Diversity Always Has a Seat at the Table.”

“Making sure that diversity is written into our institutional priorities and goals informs how we make determinations about how money is spent and about governance decisions. It doesn’t just sit on a shelf,” President Stephen C. Ainlay says in the article.

Shortly after he became president in 2006, Ainlay created an Office of Campus Diversity and Inclusion and an Office of Multicultural Affairs.

The Insight article cites an increase, from 12 to 20 percent, of incoming students from diverse backgrounds since 2006. International student enrollment rose from 2 to 7 percent over the same period, which saw record high applications. The partnership with the Posse Foundation, begun in 2006, has increased student diversity and produced what Ainlay called some of the College’s best ambassadors. The article also mentioned initiatives including the Presidential Forum on Diversity and a campus climate survey that helps to direct programs and events.

“Union is more inclusive than we have ever been before, but it has taken intentional work, strong leadership and strategic vision to create a campus climate where everyone can succeed,” said Gretchel Hathaway, the College’s chief diversity officer.

To read the Insight article, visit here: http://www.insightintodiversity.com/union-college-where-diversity-always-has-a-seat-at-the-table/

Insight also recently recognized two Union faculty members with its 100 Inspiring Women in Stem Award. Ann Anderson, the Agnes S. MacDonald Professor of Mechanical Engineering, and Mary Carroll ’86, professor of chemistry, were among those honored for their work in making a difference in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Anderson and Carroll joined Union in 1992.
New look, same
There’s this place underground, where those things you never forget happen. Where life takes a turn and you change and learn and laugh.

As Mary Martin Gillman ’73 did. The psychology major “pushed pizza and beer” at the Rathskeller. “Working there was good preparation for life. I’ve always liked my fellow humans and have always been interested in their nature, and the ‘Skeller was a terrific place to study just that,” Gillman said. “During my time, professors frequented the place and intellectual conversations were de rigueur.”

“It was the kind of dark, smoky place that smelled of food and beer—the stuff good novels are made of,” she added. “Remember the cantina in ‘Star Wars’ where Luke Skywalker and his droid enter the dark bar? Just replace those aliens with students, mostly men at the time, and you have a pretty good likeness of my memories. Lots of good times and hard work, and that’s okay.”
The good times and hard work remain, but this atmosphere (for decades made of smoke, low lighting, pinball machines, a juke box and wooden booths) is not as it was.

When a water main under the circle outside Old Chapel burst in July 2014, the Rathskeller and most of its equipment, furniture and fixtures drowned in water as deep as five feet. It was a total loss, the gritty character left behind by generations of students difficult to entirely resuscitate and replicate.

The new ‘Skeller, officially re-opened in September after $2 million in renovations, features sleek high-back chairs, custom-made booths, a bright and airy ambience, flat-screen TVs and a new portable ordering station. The 3,500-square-foot space was also brought up to code, particularly with ADA accessibility.

Even the menu, which hasn’t featured beer since the drinking age rose to 21 in 1985, got a make-over.

Healthier options, like salads and paninis, are now offered alongside old standbys like mac ‘n cheese, and there are also more gluten-free and allergy-free choices. The ‘Skeller serves breakfast now, too, providing quick things like bagels and muffins, but also hot fare like egg-and-cheese sandwiches, hash browns and oatmeal. There’s even a cappuccino machine and locally made Ciabatta bread.

“We added breakfast to help with the increase in customers we see at Dutch Hollow,” said Gregory Nalewjkja, retail director, Union College Dining Services. “While we can’t offer everything Dutch does, having popular items served at the ‘Skeller will help give students, faculty and staff another option on their way to classes or meetings. It will provide another great service at the Rathskeller and help reduce the traffic we see in the mornings at Dutch.”

All these changes don’t mean the ‘Skeller, first opened in December 1949, has lost touch with its roots or original purpose, though.

“We did try to retain parts of the old place, we understand the significance of it to alumni. Of course, as rules change for dining areas and the equipment and furniture ages, we have to make changes and update the facility,” Nalewjkja said. “Some may not like that it isn’t exactly the same, but we did try to retain the ‘feel’ of the ‘Skeller. I believe we mostly succeeded and were able to bring it up to current codes for a business.”
Specifically, the iconic pop-art mural painted by a former student was saved. So was a big, round table filled with messages and names carved by students who were there during the joint’s earliest days. Traditional gut-busting favorites the ‘Skeller is known for, like ‘Deadbolt’ and ‘Lumberjack’ sandwiches, are still there too. And of course, that catacomb feel and those atmosphere-defining arches pressing close overhead survive.

And the subterranean hangout is still beloved by students. It still serves the kind of comfort food you get cravings for. It’s still open really late (or really early, depending on your perspective), and it’s still the place where those things you will never forget happen.

“Students have a special place to call their own, and they’ll remember the ankle. She was whisked off to Ellis Hospital ER, and Brian and I followed on foot.”

“It was during that walk that he asked me to marry him,” she added, noting Brian was manager of the ‘Skeller (working for Saga Foods) during her senior year.

Today’s students, no doubt, will have similar stories to share. They just won’t be meeting their future spouses in exactly the same setting many alumni recall. And that’s pretty much okay with them.

“I’m glad it’s re-opened, when it was closed people still came to Reamer wanting all the ‘Skeller classics,” Dorothy Hazan ’16 said. “Sometimes you just crave comfort food, and then you thank god you can go to the ‘Skeller! Plus, the wings on Wednesday are pretty great.”

“Sad (and happy) to say, my very first date ever was at the Rathskeller. He was a senior and I was a sophomore and I couldn’t believe he asked me out. I was so nervous I choked on my burger,”

Kamasha Hendrickson ’00 recalled.

“The ‘Skeller was also the place my friends and I would go on Friday nights. You were on campus but felt like you were not because it didn’t have a college feel to it. It was a flashback to the old days—dark, with a lot of character and a fun atmosphere.”

And this last—a fun atmosphere—is something that hasn’t changed. Students today might grab a ‘Deadbolt’ under brighter lights, but they still love the ‘Skeller. They still change and learn and laugh there. And they’ll still think of “The Rat” with a smile years from now.

“I’ll always remember it as a place to go when you’re out with friends and the night is winding down,” Hazan said. “I’ve had some great memories there, free curly fries from a friend working behind the counter included.”

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**SKELLER STATS**

Nothing says popular like numbers—just look at the demand for curly fries.

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Rathskeller—the first time they tried a ‘Deadbolt’ or a ‘Skeller shake,” Nalewjka said. “Not to mention the late nights they spent with friends grabbing curly fries or mac ‘n cheese at 1 a.m.”

Kathy Mullaney ’74 got a lot more than fries out of the ‘Skeller.

“The memory that stands out the most is the night WRUC did a remote broadcast from the ‘Skeller,” said Mullaney, who worked there and was involved with the station. “At the end of the night we were loading up the radio equipment into a small pick-up truck and a friend broke her
Rain or
On one of Schenectady’s cold and rainy late fall days, Emily Ferguson ’18 is practicing with her pitching wedge at Pebble Beach. OK, not AT Pebble Beach. The sophomore golf standout is actually in the basement of Alumni Gymnasium, where a converted racket court houses Union’s golf simulator.

Emily loosens her arms as she sets herself over the ball, takes a backswing, and unleashes a stroke that sends the ball off in a blur. A millisecond later, the ball hits the projected screen with a satisfying thud. Then the computer takes over and—based on readings of the ball’s speed and trajectory—places the ball on the fairway as Emily prepares for the next shot.

Coach Mary Ellen Burt replays each of Emily’s swings in slow motion on a monitor.

“See this line?” Burt says, tracing the arc of the club shaft through Emily’s swing. “She’s not moving much at all. That’s good.” Burt draws a circle on the screen around Emily’s head. Slowly advancing the video, she sees that her head scarcely moves. “You can see that her head comes down just a little as she dresses the ball, but that’s pretty good.”

Union inaugurated women’s golf in 2012 under Coach Burt, herself an elite golfer whose recent tournament results include the Northeast Women’s Golf Association champion and Capital District Open champion. (Burt is also the highly successful head coach of women’s basketball, with winning records in all but one of the last 15 seasons.)

Women’s golf has a roster of nine players who compete in fall and spring tournaments in the Liberty League. Opponents include Vassar, St. Lawrence, William Smith, New York University, Wellesley and Mount Holyoke.

As any northeast golfer knows, the sport is at the mercy of the weather, particularly in the spring. In 2014, after a terrible winter that lingered well into April, the golfers’ first ball hit outdoors was at a tournament at Vassar College. But thanks to the simulator, the players were ready, having tested their skills on 15 challenging courses.

The door to the simulator room is coded so that players can practice any time. Burt can later call up each athlete’s session to give feedback.

If the simulator is a game changer, Burt and her athletes also know that there’s nothing like the real thing.

The team has planned a training trip to Florida for this spring.

For more on women’s golf and other Union athletics, visit: www.union.edu/athletics
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.

Glowing: A real attention-grabber

Leo Fleishman, William D. Williams Professor of Biological Sciences (With Brianna Ogas ’12, David Steinberg, Duke University; Manuel Leal, University of Missouri)

Want to stand out a little more? Get noticed? Try making yourself glow, it seems to work for the Jamaican gray anole. Okay, so Anolis lineatopus doesn’t actually luminesce, it only appears to, but the principle still holds, as Leo Fleishman and his colleagues reported recently in the journal of Functional Ecology.

Male lizards of this species, which reach three to six inches in length, have colorful throat fans (called dewlaps) that they use to attract mates. The animals enhance the look of their already vibrant fans with an optical illusion.

Lizards, and people, are used to seeing things like tree trunks, dirt and rocks that reflect light and appear pretty dull, Fleishman explained. But because the anoles have translucent dewlaps, light passes through them when the fans are extended. As a result, the skin under the lizard’s chin seems to glow.

And this “glow” helps the reptiles stand out in their shady home—but not necessarily because they’re creating contrast with the generally darker environment. There are, after all, plenty of places in any forest where equally bright things, like sunshine, radiate through the vegetation.

“When light is transmitted through the dewlap, it makes the color easier to distinguish from other colors in the environment,” Fleishman said.

In other words, the sunset-orange that male lizard’s sporting is clearer than similar hues—maybe of that flower beside him. And this means he’s less likely to get overlooked by the females in the neighborhood.

— Erin DeMuth Judd

To learn more about Fleishman’s work, and see an anole’s dewlap in action, visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=erreyFcr01k. He was also recently featured on WAMC’s “Academic Minute” (wamc.org/programs/academic-minute).

Making music, the Japanese way

Jennifer Mileito Matsue, associate professor/director of interdisciplinary programs

Jennifer Matsue needed a book on Japanese music that would challenge her students, but not alienate them with excessive jargon and complicated terminology. When she couldn’t find one, she wrote her own.

Focus: Music in Contemporary Japan, released this year by Routledge, examines a wide range of music performed in Japan today, from traditional to popular styles, through the lens of adaptation.

“Japanese have long been particularly adept at importing different cultural expressions—language, religion, arts—and making them their own,” said Matsue, an ethnomusicologist who specializes in modern Japanese music and culture. “This book explores how Japanese express a unique identity through adopting and adapting imported music.”

One of many examples of this is the koto, a long zither that originates in China. The Japanese, Matsue explained, absorbed the instrument into their culture, making it quite a bit longer than the Chinese variety and tuning it differently. The position in which the koto is played (seated on the floor vs. on a stand) and the material the strings are made from also differ.

This theme of adaptation runs throughout the book, which is divided into three parts.

“Part one explores how broader Japanese cultural characteristics inform the ways music is performed and sounds. Part two really tries to understand why Japanese music sounds the way it does, first detailing major musical elements and then
Japanese way

looking at what happens to Japanese musical elements in the 20th century, when Japanese and western music combines,” Matsue said. “The third part is an ethnographic study of percussion, both classical and modern ensemble taiko drumming, in the city of Kyoto.”

She hopes readers, and students, will gain an understanding and appreciation of Japanese music.

“Music is important in every culture, though it might mean something different in each. Within Japan, it is an important foci through which Japanese negotiate their complicated modern identity,” Matsue said. “Throughout history, Japanese have adapted musics from abroad to create a unique identity, which is beautifully illustrated through music.”

— Erin DeMuth Judd

Learn more about Matsue’s book, which comes with a CD of Japanese music, at https://www.routledge.com/products/9781138791381

Investigating Maine’s radioactive granite

Hancock County, along the scenic mid-coast of Maine, is known for evergreen forests, emerald lakes and rolling blueberry fields. Less known, however, is that it is one of several areas in Maine that have a higher-than-average occurrence of lung cancer that may be linked to radioactive minerals.

Research by Prof. John Garver and his students is showing that the region’s iconic granite ledges may play a role by producing radon, the radioactive gas linked to lung cancer.

The Lucerne pluton is a 250-square-mile isosceles triangle of granite that points about 50 miles northeast from its base near Acadia National Park. The intrusion of igneous rock, named for the Swiss region that its landscape resembles, was formed about 375 million years ago.

Garver and his students have found high levels of uranium, particularly along cracks and fissures, which may facilitate the seepage of radon to groundwater and buildings. For some time scientists have noted elevated levels of radon in buildings and well water, Garver said. Maine was one of the first states to recognize that high radon levels are linked to some types of granite bedrock. This research is focused on understanding the exact source and path of the radon.

The researchers use a portable gamma spectrometer to measure radioactivity and understand the distribution of potassium, uranium, and thorium. Most of their measurements have been taken along highway rock cuts, mountain paths, and lake shorelines, where the granite is exposed.

In the lab, samples reveal uranium, thorium, arsenic and other trace elements. Using the National Science Foundation-supported scanning electron microscope, they can understand the problem minerals that result in locally high levels of uranium and radon.

“Hazard mitigation can only be effective if you understand the science behind the problem,” Garver said. “We are trying to figure out the radioactivity of the rocks so the hazard can be better addressed in the future.”

— Charlie Casey
What information do these data reveal? Is the information correct? How can I make the best use of the information?

The widespread use of computers and our reliance on the data generated by them have made these questions increasingly common and important. Computerized data may be in either digital or analog form and may be relevant to a wide range of applications. In addition, the data may represent either single or multiple parameters.

Examining data in its initial form is often very laborious and also makes it possible to “miss the forest for the trees” by failing to notice patterns in the data that are not readily apparent. To address these problems, this monograph describes several accurate and efficient methods for displaying, reviewing and analyzing digital and analog data.

Daniel Schwarz’s book will prepare students, parents and high school advisors for the college experience and beyond, by helping readers balance the joy of learning with the practicality of finding a career path. It is an indispensable book for anyone contemplating college and their families, as well as for those already admitted to and attending college or thinking about graduate school. Chapters cover topics that include preparing for college in secondary school, the college application and financial aid processes, studying abroad, planning for the future after graduation, the pros and cons of the Greek system, and the value of studying the arts and humanities. The final chapter includes the author’s perspective as a professor who has won major teaching prizes. Schwarz is the Frederic J. Whiton Professor of English and Stephen H. Weiss Presidential Fellow at Cornell University.

Raymond Angelo Belliotti uncovers a range of clues in Machiavelli’s writings that, when pieced together, reveal that the Machiavellian hero most certainly has “inwardness” and is surely deeply affected by the evil means he must sometimes employ.

Whether or not we are aware of it, what the majority of us most desire is peace of mind in each and every moment. This experience becomes available to all of us when we learn how to live our lives without “resistance” so that we can then use our unique gifts to follow our most personal and joyful path. The Architecture of Freedom describes the personal adventure and the process that brought Tim Cross to this realization. This book grew unexpectedly from a short letter the author began writing to his daughters, explaining his personal perspective on life. It is available from Amazon.com.
JOHN J. PITNEY ’77

The Politics of Autism: Navigating the Contested Spectrum
Rowman & Littlefield

In this book, political scientist and public policy expert John J. Pitney Jr. explains how autism has evolved into a heated political issue disputed by scientists, educators, social workers and families. Nearly everything about autism is subject to debate and struggle, including its measurement and definition. Organizational attempts to deal with autism have resulted in not a single “autism policy,” but a vast array of policies at the federal, state, and local levels, which often leave people with autism and their families frustrated and confused. This look at how public policy is made and implemented offers networks of concerned parents, educators and researchers a compass to navigate the current systems and hope for a path towards more regularized and effective policies for America’s autism community.

ELIZABETH VILLIERS GEMMETTE ’79

Law in Literature: Legal Themes in American Stories: 1842-1917
Self-published

The 20 stories included in the anthology were written by American authors, and each explores legal themes and issues. Among the tales are “A Jury of Her Peers” (Susan Glaspell), “Life in the Iron-Mills” (Rebecca Harding Davis), “The Godmother” (Kate Chopin), “The Lynching of Jude Benson” (Paul Lawrence Dunbar), “The Heroic Slave” (Frederick Douglass) and “The Wife of His Youth” (Charles W. Chestnut). Works by other writers, such as Edgar Allan Poe, Herman Melville, Jack London and Willa Cather, are also included. Many of these stories also share the commonality of despondent and desperate characters who nevertheless are defiant and determined to help themselves and others overcome the deplorable conditions of their lives.

GARY GLAUBER ’80

Small Consolations
Aldrich Press

After nearly 200 individual works published in a wide array of journals and magazines, Small Consolations is the first poetry collection from writer and teacher Gary Glauber. This collection focuses on narratives and these poems tell life stories that focus on situations and create snapshots of situations both real and surreal. These pieces explore the shifting terrain of human experience, a world alive with thought and action, where we manage the feat of being both present and absent all at once. It is available from Amazon.com.

NATE FITCH ’93

Three books: Climbing: From Gym to Rock; Climbing: Protection; Climbing: Knots
Falcon Guides

This five-book instructional rock climbing series consists of educational works designed to help rock climbers of all abilities develop their skills and safely maximize their climbing experiences. Three titles, Climbing: Gym to Rock, Climbing: Protection and Climbing: Knots were released in 2015, and two titles will be released in early 2016—Climbing: Toproping to Sport and Climbing: Sport to Trad. The reader will gain valuable skills and knowledge to safely challenge themselves and pursue/enjoy rock climbing. Nate Fitch, a faculty member in outdoor education at the University of New Hampshire, is co-author of the series.

Bookshelf features new books written or edited by or about alumni and other members of the Union community. To be included in Bookshelf, send the book and the publisher’s press release to:
Office of Communications, Union College, Schenectady, NY 12308
or send publisher’s press release and a high-resolution book cover image to magazine@union.edu.
Eric M. Levine ’81, pictured here, enjoyed a special pop-up event Oct. 14. Alums were invited, via Instagram that morning, to stop by the New York City Public Library for some great Union freebies—like water bottles and mini Nott Memorials produced with the College’s 3D printer. Other alums in attendance included William A. Friedman ’10, Jessica A. Stein ’09, John Lovisolo ’89 and Blaise Ancona ’11.

President Stephen C. Ainlay and Mrs. Judith Gardner Ainlay attended a reception in Chicago hosted by Barry MacLean.

Stephen Berk, the Henry & Sally Schaffer Professor of Holocaust & Jewish Studies, gave a lecture at a Washington, D.C. club reception in October. His talk was titled “Syria, Putin, and Obama: Crisis in the Middle East on the Hill.”

Terra Conlon ’02, Chris Holinger ’00, Chris Bourke ’10, Ariel Pasch ’02, Elizabeth Litwin ’10, Elizabeth Johnson ’08, Erin McLaughlin ’07, Erin M. McLaughlin ’07, Allison Cuozzo ’10, Christina Cerqueira ’10 and Jaqui Smith ’13 attended a San Francisco Bay Club Happy Hour.

Juan Rijfkogel ’12, William Hernandez ’08 and Alexander Indig ’13 join alumni in New York City at the annual Welcome to the City event, this year welcoming the Class of 2015.

The Capital District Club traveled to the Saratoga Performing Arts Center with Professor John Cox for a night with the Philadelphia Philharmonic.

Meredith Crawford ’10, Aaron Lazar ’05, Daniel Kirsch ’05, William Harney ’15 attended the Boston Club Welcome to the City event.
A gift was received from the estate of Joseph D. Martin, Class of 1953. This gift, along with previous distributions, was directed to the Joseph D. Martin Endowed Pre-Med Fund.

Proceeds from a life insurance policy, as well as a remainder distribution, were received from the estate of Gary K. Price, Class of 1945. Reverend Price had established three charitable gift annuities with the College. Proceeds established the Reverend Gary K. Price ’45 Scholarship with preference to students from the State of Maine and second preference for those students studying the classics. Reverend Price was an Episcopal minister.

A trust distribution was received from the estate of C. Rolland Oswald and added to the C. Rolland Oswald & Dorothy C. Oswald Endowed Fund, a scholarship fund established with earlier proceeds from the estate of his spouse, Dorothy. Mr. and Mrs. Oswald were friends of the College and long-time residents of Schenectady. Proceedings were gifted in memory of their daughter, Karen Oswald Janaitis.

A bequest distribution was received from the estate of Isabel K. Arms. Proceeds established the Clarence S. Arms Scholarship in memory of her father, Clarence S. Arms, Class of 1905.

A remainder distribution was received from the estate of James J. Gibney. Mr. and Mrs. Gibney were friends of Union who established a charitable gift annuity with the College. Proceeds will be used to support Union athletics.

A bequest distribution was received from the estate of David J. Bigda. Proceeds will be used for a purpose to be determined.

A gift was received from the estate of Edgar R. Butts, Class of 1950. Proceeds will be used at the discretion of the trustees. Mr. Butts received his degree in electrical engineering and worked in the gas and electric field.

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

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

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

A bequest was received from the estate of Grace Elaine Munzer. Along with an earlier remainder distribution, proceeds will be added to the Hans W. Munzer ’39 Memorial Scholarship Fund, a fund she established years ago in memory of her husband in support of students studying modern languages and/or history.

A remainder distribution was received from the estate of Mason Kronick, Class of 1942. Mr. Kronick established two charitable gift annuities with the College. Proceeds will be used in support of the Annual Fund. Mr. Kronick received his degree in chemistry and worked for General Electric Company, retiring in 1982.
Garnet Guard
Alumni who have celebrated their 50th ReUnion.

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1938

John Wold was featured in the Casper Journal recently. The story focused on his 60-year career with the business he founded in Wyoming, Wold Oil Properties Inc., and the contributions he’s made beyond the commercial mineral industry in philanthropy and politics. For these successes, John and Wold Oil were recognized with this year’s Energy Pioneer award from the Wyoming Natural Gas Fair Association.

1947

Howard Halpern recalls his days at Union, remembering many classes and professors important to his education and career, and how Union was later just as important to his daughter, Nina. Among other things, Nina decided to go to Union and entered in the first class in which females lived on campus. She graduated in three years (Class of 1975) and then went to law school, becoming the first female attorney at a local law firm in Connecticut, where we lived. Nina then got an advanced degree in tax law and lived overseas in Israel, working for the Israeli Justice Department. She works with the FBI and European governments on criminal extradition cases. In my own career, I used the knowledge I gained in an optics course at Union to help design radar antennas used in military systems. I worked (1947-1990) on varied programs for our national defense, including delivery of nuclear weapons by InterContinental Ballistic Missiles and aircraft and defenses against this."

1950

Wilfried A. Hofmann writes, “It is now 65 years ago that I came to Union, in 1950/51, delivered by the American occupation forces in Germany. On campus, I was put up at the Psi Upsilon fraternity house, following courses in sociology, economics, German history, and labor law. After this year at Union, I hitch-hiked to Florida, ending up in a frightening car crash caused by uninsured but drunk people. I survived, although with a broken jaw and 19 teeth knocked out. On my way back, I stopped in Washington, D.C., visiting the German Desk of the Department of State. What today sounds incredible: They gave me a letter promising that the United States will cover all costs of my surgical and dental treatment (which they did). After having spent several weeks with a marvelous dentist in my home town, Aschaffenburg (near Frankfurt), I was capable to pursue a law career in Munich and diplomatic school in Bonn. My profession took me to Algeria, Morocco, Yugoslavia, Switzerland, and France. In the process, I married an American Indian lady (who bore me a son called Chaskë), a Turkish one, and a ballerina from Bulgaria. And now, at the age of 83, I realize how much Union still means to me.”

1951

F. Lloyd Kieran writes, ‘I have recently moved to Central Point, Ore. to be nearer my elder son. I’ve left Southern California, after living there for about 30 years, for a new ‘adventure.’ Best wishes to all in the Class of ’50.”

1952

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1953

Robert Dorse writes, “The second edition of my book, Bob’s Tales, is now available on Amazon Kindle. It includes a chapter about Union.”

El Harp, upon hearing of the death of Ed Hicks, wrote the following letter to Ed to express our respect and affection. “Dear Ed, this letter is from your classmates at Union College, Class of 1953. You were such a great friend to all of us, and so very involved with your college life. We remember your being the editor of The Garnet (our graduation yearbook), chairman of the Board of Managers, president of the Cosmopolitan Club, and so many other college and community activities. Since graduation you continued to be a great help and resource for our class ReUnions, and we elected you to be our class president at our 60th ReUnion in 2013. But most of all we remember your friendship, kindness and helpfulness. Every activity and meeting was better with your presence. You have given each of us great memories, and we are so pleased that we have had you as our friend. God bless, your Union classmates”

Phil Metzger is retired in Youngsville, N.C. with his life partner, Shirley Potter. He writes, “After my time at Union, I spent a couple years in the Air Force, then 15 years at IBM in computer programming, and finally, 35 years painting and writing. What saved my financial butt during slow times were the books I wrote. The first, in 1970, was Managing a Programming Project. It was based on what I learned at IBM and sold well in three editions. Then came a series of art technique books, most of which sold well. Along with everything else I taught watercolor classes in Rockville, Md. Our four great kids (from my first marriage) are scattered from California to Connecticut, Long Island, and Maryland. Thanks to Ellie Harp, I’ve been back in touch with a few old classmates. When the Union magazine
arrives, I go right to the ’53 class and several on both sides of ’53 looking for names I remember. I wish more of our class would write—it’s pretty amusing to read that someone seemingly destined for, let’s say, physics, ends up a missionary in China.”

Garrett Murphy writes, “Once again, our class has been given an award for its performance in the Minerva Footrace. Under the leadership of El Harp, the Class of 1953 was tops among the fifties. Several of our classmates, Joe Barone, Charles and Dottie Little and Dave and Susanna Lent, attended the awards presentation in the Nott.”

1954

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Not something recommended for someone in their 80s, but Jim and Betts Groff moved from their condo in Raleigh, N.C., and their three story home in Southern Shores, N.C., to a single story ranch on a golf course, also in Southern Shores. Downsizing from 6000 sq. feet to less than 3000 sq. feet requires a great deal of sorting, donating, trash and yard sales, as all who have done it are aware. Soon they hope to get on w/ their lives of volunteering, biking, tennis and golf.

Dr. Ken Greenough writes, “I have always been impressed with the obvious enthusiasm that Union’s alumni representatives have shown in discussing the ongoing changes and activities that are taking place at Union during their annual alumni visits. These visits have helped keep me informed of Union’s broad range of public events and college related activities and advances being made in Union’s Chemistry Department, where I earned my BS degree in in 1954. There is no doubt that these interactions rekindled a strong feeling of identity with Union that I had not felt for many years since my graduation. And as a result, with Gift Planning Office guidance and counsel, I decided to add to my current alumni support to Union by means of a charitable gift annuity and a chemistry scholarship endowment. I am pleased to have the opportunity to give back to Union what Union gave me so long ago.”

Tom Weill writes that he is still horseback riding on the Biltmore estate in Asheville, N.C., at least three times a week, and continues to publish papers relating to hospitals, as in the past.

Phil Beuth and his wife, Mary, continue activities with family and travel all over the country, and community in Naples, Fla., making regular visits to their villa in St. Maarten.

Norm Scull writes that he’s feeling great, still recovering from a foot fracture, but doing well in Santa Fe, N.M.

AGE IS JUST A NUMBER

By Molly Congdon ’12

Burk Ketcham ’48 was the oldest participant at the FISA World Masters Rowing Championships (held in Belgium Sept. 10-13) at the impressive age of 90. He is justifiably pleased with his performance. He competed in two- and four-man boats in the regatta, which included about 3,500 rowers from age 27 and older, and won two medals.

“You only get a medal for first place in these races,” Ketcham said. “I’m the world champion in K2X and the K4X. I was proud to do this at the age of 90.”

Even though Ketcham gave up driving when he felt his vision wasn’t quite up to snuff, he still makes moves on the water. His interest in the sport was sparked many years ago.

“Back around 1979, I saw an article in the Boston Globe—I lived in Cohasset, Massachusetts then—that rowing was a sport that you could keep up in old age,” Ketcham said. “I was 54 at the time and I thought maybe I would give it a try, but at the same time my wife came down with cancer so I decided it wasn’t a good time for me to try something new.”

Sadly, she passed away 10 years later.

“A few years after that I saw another article in the paper about a Cohasset man who liked to teach people how to row, so I got in touch with him and I started rowing. I was 67,”Ketcham said. “I never did this in college. Right after the war there was no rowing at Union, as there is now.”

In 1997, he moved to Seattle and continued to pursue his passion by competing with Seattle clubs. This pastime—since he started competing in the FISA World Masters Rowing Championships back in 2006—has also taken him around the world to places like Scotland, Croatia, Canada, Austria, Poland and Italy.

“Rowing is a great exercise; in a way it can be quite spiritual,” Ketcham said. “I’ve also made a lot of friends all over the world.”
Bob Richter emails that he and Gladys are doing well. Although retired from active surgical practice for the past 15 years, he continues to teach one day a week and has a “modestly successful second incarnation as a woodworker. Commissions gleefully accepted.”

Ross Saddlemire is still working full-time with the FFA, with oversight of training programs for 10 airlines.

Marc Shoobe is a full-time resident of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and regularly emails Avrom Gold on interesting subjects (mostly humorous).

Avrom Gold writes, “Rick Fink and I had our most memorable semi-annual lunch in San Antonio in September, where he and Marion continue to be active with family and community. We’ll meet again in April. I visit my daughter twice a year in San Antonio, where she is an executive with USAA.”

1956

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Alfred J. Nadel writes, “Three works of mine, one mixed media drawing and two large polaroid emulsion transfers, were in a show at the Wikoff Student Gallery in recognition of the LGBTQ community at the College. The show ran May–June and one of the images was selected by The Daily Gazette (June 6) for their weekend edition of exhibitions. The show was on during the ReUnion weekend and was seen by a number of those attending. My wife and I have also established the Sybil and Alfred Nadel Art Acquisition Fund to help build the College art collection. We invite classmates and all alumni to consider a contribution of any sum toward the purchase of works of art. Those interested can contact me directly or can contact Ms. Julie Lohnes, the curator.”

Bob Hodges writes, “To all 1956ers: Our 60th ReUnion will be coming up on May 20-22. Please mark your calendar for 2016. Your 60th ReUnion Planning Committee has been formed, met on October 1, formed subcommittees, and is already at work in planning. Members are Byng Huntingon, Roger Likewise, Al Southwick, Jerry Snover, Marty Stein and myself. We’re planning a special event for 56ers that will include a visit to a college facility that you probably have never seen before. Watch for our Class of 1956 Newsletter for details, and keep checking in at uconnect.union.edu/1956.

Please let any of us or the college know via uconnect that you plan to attend, so that we can size the venue for our Class Dinner. Don’t miss this ReUnion. It is going to be a great one!”

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John Van Voris was named to the 2016 Best Lawyers in America list in the corporate law practice area. John, who works in the GrayRobison firm’s Tampa, Fla., office, has been named to Best Lawyers since 1999.

Dr. Howard Voss was recently honored by Florida State University, College of Medicine, with the Guardian of the Mission award. The accolade is given yearly to a faculty member for furthering FSU’s mission to educate and develop exemplary physicians who practice patient-centered healthcare, discover and advance knowledge, and are responsive to community needs, especially through service to elder, rural, minority, and underserved populations. Howard has been a clinical assistant professor for the Fort Pierce Regional Campus since 2008. He is also volunteer medical director at the Volunteers in Medicine clinic in Stuart, which strives to meet the health and wellness needs of the medically underserved population of Martin County.

1958

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Robert Howe writes, “After a refreshing two weeks with Sondra in Berlin and Dresden, and cruising the Main and Rhine Rivers, I returned to attend Homecoming with Dave Horton and watch the Dutchmen outskate Boston University (then #3) at Messa Rink. Look out for Vermont!”

Gene Cacciamani writes, “Have had a good year travelling; skiing in Vancouver, Canada and Austria; vacationed in St. John V.I. with my son’s family and just recently spent two weeks in France to tour the Normandy beaches (with a guide) and the surrounding areas including, Mont St. Michel, St. Malo and Bayeux—finally winding down in Paris, which is one of our favorite cities.”

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George Scott writes, "My wife Elena and I live in Fort Washington, Md., right off I-95 near National Harbor/ Gaylord Convention Center/ Tangier Outlets. Would like to hear from or meet alumni in the area. My phone number is 301-567-1796; e-mail gscott520@comcast.net. I am retired U.S. Government (human resources). I am almost finished writing a book on WWI combat experiences of my father; it is in last stages of review by relatives. Project took much longer than originally planned. It is intended for younger generations. I am considering self-publication."

1962

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Ollie Bunch has relocated to Hendersonville, N.C. after 70-plus years in the Northeast. He writes, "The warmer weather and more reasonable living costs were too much to resist."

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Antonio F. Viana writes, “Our Class of 1966 ReUnion will be May 20-22, 2016 and a committee has been planning a memory-filled weekend. Hopefully you will attend, so mark your calendar, reserve your hotel room, and complete the bio questionnaire at https://unioncollegeny.wufoo.com/forms/1966-50th-reunion-yearbook-form/. You will be sent more information as it becomes available.

Should you want to contact any member of the Planning Committee, here are their names/e-mails: Chip Bacon (hnewellbacon@gmail.com), Andy Carlson (ganders01@gmail.com), Bob DeMichele (rdemichele@strategyasset.com), Larry Fabian (lffabian@fabianlaw.com), Charlie Fischer (charles.fischer1024@gmail.com), Joel King (jkh1944@gmail.com), Joe Sawyer (jsawyer@fyi.net), Jim Taylor (seamus@taylormadegroup.com), Ray Teed (rayandmaryanne@aol.com), Jan Werner (janowerner@hotmail.com), and myself (simpatico1@juno.com). Looking forward to seeing you at our 50th.”

David Mann writes, “After my Ph.D. in experimental physics at RPI, I worked at Rice University and Los Alamos Labs. Then I switched to programming and worked for Schlumberger for 30 years. Then I became a consultant in the oil industry. Now I run several groups.

1967

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Robert Stolzberg writes, “I am still working full-time. After my law partner died five years ago, I closed my firm and went solo. I like being responsible for myself and..."
A MAN OF MYCOLOGY

W hen he graduated from Union in 1966, Rodham E. Tulloss was profiled in this magazine as “something of a Renaissance man [who has] shown a dazzling versatility.” His trajectory has continued. Fifty years later, the trained mathematician is in his fourth career, this time as a world-renowned mycologist.

He was profiled last year in a Scientific American article which cited his success in identifying rare mushrooms and his astounding collection of amanitas, the fungi group that includes the edible Caesar’s mushroom (Amanita caesarea) and the aptly-named, poisonous death cap (Amanita phalloides).

He has documented mushrooms so rarely reported that they appear to have been seen only once or twice in the past 50 years. His collection, which he keeps in a climate-controlled converted garage at his New Jersey home, is said to be one of the most diverse in the world. At last count, he says, he had over 7,000 collections of the Amanita family (Amanitaceae) alone.

Between Union and today, Tulloss earned a doctorate from the Group in Logic and the Methodology of Science from Berkeley. He spent 25 years as an engineer at AT&T, where he was a distinguished member of the technical staff and a fellow of Bell Laboratories. He continued to write poetry. He served as founder and president of a non-profit to supply them carbon in the form of sugar. He is an honorary research associate at the New York Botanical Garden. He has worked with mycologists at universities on every continent except Antarctica.

Identifying fungi is difficult for two reasons: there are an estimated 1.5 million species (with less than 100,000 named), and mushrooms, very much like fruits, are ephemeral products of the fungus that produces them. And with more genera than researchers, a lot of work remains.

As a student at Union, Tulloss pursued an eclectic range of interests. “I was going to college one time,” he said, “so I wanted to get as much as I could out of it.”

He started in chemistry, but switched majors after he was taken with the logic of mathematics and the reasoning of philosophy. An avid writer and poet, he served three years as editor of the Idol. He acted in Mountebanks. He organized a poetry reading against the Vietnam War. He graduated as class salutatorian with a collection of awards including the Bailey Cup and almost every prize available for writing and poetry.

Years out of college, his appreciation for the connections between disciplines is stronger than ever: “It all seems to be one big subject in some way,” he said—a kind of aesthetic that bridges the physical and art worlds.

He plans to continue his quest to find the small distinguishing characteristics that separate the many species of amanitas.

“I’ve been annoyed that people say the devil is in the details,” he said. “When you look at the details of living things, they’re beautiful; and there’s nothing satanic about it.”

no one else, and much of the work is still fun: appellate, business litigation, malpractice, mediations, strategizing, expert-witnessing. I enjoy many things outside of the law. I have traveled to over 90 countries and during my 60s reached the heights (climbing Kilimanjaro) and the depths (diving the Blue Hole, swimming in the Dead Sea). I took up pick-up hockey in my mid-50s. I play tennis on grass and have actually won a few tournaments. I had a public affairs radio talk show and would love to get another. What could be more fun than an extended interview with Donald Trump about immigration (or hair styling) or Alan Dershowitz about Israel? There is family. After some false starts, I have gotten it right, with a wonderful wife and son. They are both different from me in some ways (who would have thought that I would have a son who doesn’t like to travel?). But what really counts is that they have the best values I can imagine. And it is hard to feel old when you are hanging out with a 23-year-old, even if he does refer to my wife and me as ‘the old people.’ All of which is pretty good, but there is one thing that does truly make me feel old: more people in my life have died in the last 10 years than in the previous 50, including my oldest friend and my cousin. They were my age; I just can’t wrap my head around the loss. Every year I go to the national grass court 90+ tennis championship. If they can keep moving on, so will I.”

Frank Darmiento writes, “I published a book about my experiences as a Peace Corps volunteer after graduating from Union in 1967. Bolivia 30: Life as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the 1960s is a...
Christopher Swan writes, “Enjoying retirement since retiring in 2013 after 37 years at Northeast Utilities in Connecticut. My wife, Carol, and I have travelled each year to the Netherlands to visit and spend time with our daughter Emily, who is married to a Dutch national and has two daughters, Esmée and Matilda. We also regularly travel out to the Troy, Mich., area to visit our son and his wife and three children, Trevor, Maren and Corinne, who are very involved with youth soccer year round. We still live in our hometown, Westport, Conn., where we enjoy sailing and kayaking in the warmer weather out on Long Island Sound and we escape winter by spending time in Venice, Fla., also known as the Sharktooth Capital of the World, renowned for its pristine beaches full of shells, sand dollars and shark’s teeth.”

Bob Ottaviano ’70, his grandson Rob Catharine ’16, wife Connie, and granddaughter Victoria Catharine (Union Graduate College ’16) enjoyed Homecoming 2015 this past fall.

David Gordon ’76 and Fred Weil ’75 (pictured) took part in the NYC 5 Boro Ride on May 3, a Gates Whitaker ’69, center, and wife Mary visited with Jeff Smith ’68 at a gas well near Snyder, Texas. Jeff is the consulting geologist on this project and others in the area. 2015.

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Frank “Tad” Knight, a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, hosted the College’s annual Veteran’s Day breakfast in November. He was joined by keynote speaker Greg Walters ’97, a U.S. Navy veteran, and ROTC students Erin Besch ’19 and Stephen Hoeprich ’16.

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the classes

1972
This fall, Len Solomon and Peter Milski ’66 both appeared in the musical “Sweeney Todd” at the Orleans Academy Playhouse in Cape Cod.

1973
Dr. Marc Maller writes, “I am a practicing geriatrician and the medical director of the community living centers for the Veterans Administration Health Care of Western New York, which operates facilities in Buffalo and Batavia. I am also a member of the teaching faculty of the physician assistant training program at RIT in Rochester and Le Moyne College in Syracuse. My wife, Cathy, my daughter, Brandi, and my granddaughter, Ana Rose, all live in Rochester. My son Aaron, an architect, lives in Dallas.”

Lawrence J. O’Connor was recently elected president of the New York State Society of Professional Engineers, an organization that advocates licensure, promotes the ethical, competent and lawful practice of engineering, and enhances the image and interests of its members and the engineering profession. He is managing director of Multivar, LLC, which offers management and technical consulting services to the construction and power industries worldwide. He has also served as the New York representative for the International Accreditation Service since 2011.

1974
Estelle Cooke-Sampson was recently featured in a USA Today story about babies given up after the Korean War. Cooke-Sampson, like many others, was a mixed-race baby born in Korea and given up for adoption. A radiologist at Howard University Hospital, she is working with Me & Korea, an organization looking to help reunite adoptees with their American G.I. fathers. Estelle serves on Union’s Board of Trustees.

1975
Kathy Hughes Baird writes, “All in one weekend (and two weeks after my 40th ReUnion), I retired after 38 years with the same company and attended the Union graduation of my niece Shannon Hughes, Class of 2015, with her dad, my brother Garry Hughes, Class of 1979. I never imagined when I set foot on campus in 1971, in the second class of women at Union, that 40 years to the day, I would have a niece graduating from my alma mater. Or, that I would (38 years later) finally marry my college sweetheart and move to the same city as my freshman roommate, Rita Morandi Harper! Loved being back on campus and meeting up with friends and faculty from back in the day.”

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Dr. Matthew S. Kayne and Dr. Steven J. Tuckman ’82 practice dentistry at Clifton Dental Associates in Clifton, N.J. Both earned doctorates in medical dentistry from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, and have been recognized in New Jersey Monthly as “Top Dentists of 2004-2005,” selected among America’s Best Dentists 2004-2005, and voted as top dentists by the Consumers’ Research Council of America.

1980
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The 2016 edition of The Best Lawyers in America recognized Brooks Pierce attorney Mack Sperling as a leader in commercial litigation law. Mack, who earned his law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, works in the firm’s Greensboro, N.C. office.

Linda Klein, the managing shareholder in Baker Donelson’s Georgia offices, assumed the role of president-elect of the American Bar Association recently. She will
serve a one-year term as president-elect then become ABA president in August 2016. Linda’s practice area includes most types of business dispute resolution, including contract law, employment law and professional liability, working extensively with clients in the construction, higher education and pharmaceutical industries. In June 1997, Linda became the first woman to serve as president of the State Bar of Georgia. She was also one of the first women to lead a prominent Georgia law firm. She served as managing partner of Gambrell & Stolz, beginning in 2001, and led the firm’s 2007 merger with Baker Donelson.

1981

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Nancy Gagliano writes, “Very busy last decade for me. I left Mass General Hospital after 21 years of academic medicine and have been the chief medical officer for CVS MinuteClinic. Moved from Massachusetts to Providence, R.I. with my husband of 27 years, Tony Giedt, two college-age kids and two dogs.”

Robert Ostrander writes, “In June I was elected president-elect of the New York State Academy of Family Physicians. It is an exciting time, as family medicine is playing a central role in a paradigm shift in the health care delivery system. On a personal note, my son Geoffrey just joined our small rural family practice in the Finger Lakes. My daughter Maggie ’13 is working at our local hospital, F.F. Thompson Hospital in Canandaigua, as an ICU nurse. My son Nicholas is specializes in foot and ankle procedures. Their gigs include hospital events, weddings and the Fourth of July. He recently sang with a Talking Heads tribute band at a club in Washington, and he opened for his son’s band at a gig this fall.

At Union, he spent time in the piano practice rooms and sang with Kappa Alpha. He attributes his moves to a dance class he took freshman year.

At Fenway, the self-proclaimed “nerdy doctor guy” ignited the audience, flailing and loosening his trademark bow tie as he screamed out the song. The crowd was chanting “Lew!” as he left the stage. Said Grohl afterward from his throne: “Holy s---, that’s actually my doctor. What a badass.” And the reaction at the office? “Everyone thought it was pretty cool,” Schon said. “My patients were beaming and happy even if they had some swelling or discomfort. It was very therapeutic for them.”
General Electric is one of the best known companies—here and everywhere else. This is a great advantage for the chief marketing officer, responsible for the company’s overall marketing strategy and brand promotion, but also a great challenge.

“GE is 123 years old and our brand—one of the biggest in the world—is valued at $42 billion. Most people have heard of GE and think highly of it, and that’s part of the advantage of being such an established brand,” said Linda Boff ’83, who became chief marketing officer in September. “Our challenge isn’t awareness. It’s making sure people know who we are today and where we’re headed in the future.”

For example, ten years ago, when Boff joined GE, the company had diverse businesses—entertainment, financial and industrial. Today, its portfolio is focused on health, energy and transportation. And it’s focused on more than the equipment of these fields, like wind turbines or CT scanners.

“We are no longer just machines, we sell outcomes,” explained Boff, who is based in GE’s New York City office. “Our software helps industries move faster, operate less expensively and more efficiently. We have merged machines and analytics on a scale that will benefit all industrial companies. This is what a digital industrial company like GE is all about.”

As such, a top priority for her is communicating this identity.

“We work hard to show up in ways that are contemporary, relevant, fresh and unexpected,” Boff said. “We’re quick to adopt new digital platforms and social media because it reminds people that GE is all about invention and technology. We align our marketing with our business strategy.”

Keeping up with all of these emerging trends, and using them creatively, is something the political science major (who minored in psychology) learned at Union.

“Union was a time when I explored everything. I became a radio DJ. I learned to shoot and develop photos for Concordiensis. I played JV lacrosse. I was on the Speakers Committee. I was social chairman at SDT. I did internships at Ellis Hospital and an Albany radio station,” Boff recalled. “I did study (at least some of the time), but more than anything, I explored what piqued my interest.

“I use those same skills in business. I am always looking for the next idea, meeting new people, exploring fresh ways of approaching problems. Union woke all of that up for me.”

Union also has the added bonus of being her daughter’s alma mater. Nellie, who graduated in 2015, has followed her mother into the media business. Boff is proud that both she and her daughter gained so much from their time in Schenectady.

John Barbagallo was recently elected first vice chair of the Board of Governors of the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America. John is commercial lines group president at Progressive Insurance Group. His career at Progressive spans more than 30 years and includes management positions in claims, sales, operations, product and development and marketing. He received his master’s degree from Purdue University.

Hannah Schwartz writes, “It is hard to believe that almost 12 years have passed since we moved to Sydney. It is a beautiful, liveable city. During my time here I have held GM and CMO level positions in various public and start-up .com businesses. I am finding my current position, as head of marketing at an edutech start-up, especially rewarding because we are improving literacy outcomes for primary students. Once a year I visit my family in the greater NYC area and the Berkshires. I will be there this Christmas. Do let me know if you are in the area. Should work or pleasure bring you down under, please get in touch, as we would love to give you the royal tour.”

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Bambi J. Moyer was recently appointed to a judgeship in the Riverside County (Calif.) Superior Court. She has served as a commissioner at the Riverside County Superior Court since 1996. She served as a deputy district attorney at the Riverside County District Attorney’s Office from 1988 to 1996 and was an associate at the law offices of Blumenthal and Miliken from 1987 to 1988 and at Heslin and Rothenberg PC from 1986 to 1987. She earned a J.D. from the Albany Law School.

1984

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David M. Madden, chairman of the board of directors of Dicerna Pharmaceuticals, has joined the Naviator Pharmaceuticals board of directors as an independent director. David is also a founder and principal with Narrow River Management, an investment management company with a focus on equity investments in, and management of, drug development projects. From 2000 to 2003, David was co-CEO of Royalty Pharma AG. Previously, he was a managing member of Pharmaceutical Partners, and was president, CEO and a director of Selectide Corporation. Additionally, David serves as chairman of the board of Adolor Corporation, and is a member of the board of directors of the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City. David holds an M.B.A. from Columbia University.

1985

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Mark Hurwitz writes, “I’ve been in the pharmaceutical industry for over 17 years, and am currently a regional account manager for Alexion, a biopharmaceutical company specializing in ultra-rare diseases. Anita and I celebrated our 20th anniversary this past May and took the whole family to Aruba to celebrate before Anita and I, my son Ethan (8) and daughter Tia (12) took a road trip to South Carolina to help my oldest son, Noah, move in for his freshman year at Clemson School of Engineering.”

Peter Clouse writes that he will be closing out his career as an Albany County legislator after deciding not to seek re-election this year. “I had the honor and privilege of representing my hometown for 23 years and the opportunity to effect change both in my district and in southern Albany County. My economics degree from Union, along with my law degree, combined with the values that my parents instilled in me and provided the skills I needed to do my job as a legislator, as well as serve as deputy minority leader for 13 years. I am also grateful to my wife, Mary, and two sons, Jacob and Zachary, for their unwavering support and encouragement.” Peter continues to work with New York and other Mid-Atlantic states in promoting the responsible siting of offshore wind to meet future energy needs and encourage economic development while protecting areas important to New York’s industries.”

1986

Joann Sternheimer of the law firm Deily & Glastetter, LLP has been selected as a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America. Joann is the firm’s managing partner and is responsible for long-range, strategic planning and works closely with the management team on matters relating to information technology. Her practice is focused on complex commercial litigation, commercial lending, problem loan workouts, debt restructure, creditors’ rights and bankruptcy, business counseling and mediation and alternative dispute resolution. A graduate of Rutgers School of Law, she is a member of several professional organizations, including Albany County Bar Association.

1987

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Beaver Paper & Graphic Media recently announced that Gavin Morton has been named chief operating officer, a new position within the company. In this role, he will be responsible for overseeing day-to-day operations and ensuring company-wide alignment with competitive strategies, as well as improving management and organizational effectiveness. Prior to this appointment, Gavin served in executive roles focusing on talent management, human resources and organizational excellence for such companies as Interactive Communications International, Consolidated Container Company and Unisource Worldwide.

1988

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Suffolk Construction recently hired David DeFilippo as its new chief learning officer, responsible for leading the company’s learning, leadership and organizational development strategy and fostering Suffolk’s “build smart” approach company-wide through innovative training programs and initiatives. David will also represent the learning and development function as a member of the organization’s management committee. Prior to joining Suffolk, David worked at BNY Mellon, where he established and led the company’s corporate learning function at the bank.

Mark Hurwitz ’85 with his wife, Anita, and children Ethan, Tia and Noah.

Joann Sternheimer ’86
the classes

Making all this good stuff happen, though, isn’t easy. The competition for top digital media/social media/tech-skilled personnel is stiff.

“Highly sought-after employees have a myriad of opportunities,” De Vries said. “Fostering a unique culture and backing it up with employee-centric actions are some of the ways we mitigate the talent drain. We lean in to MRY’s entrepreneurial heritage and continually encourage employees to share their business ideas.”

De Vries shared some of her own ideas during a Union College event in New York City in October that featured alumni working in the entertainment industry. She appreciated the opportunity.

“It’s important to continually learn and mentor. Understanding the challenges faced by your predecessors—those senior to you—enables you to make informed decisions going forward,” De Vries said. “Learning from those junior to you is equally important, too. This event provided great development opportunities for everyone.”

She also expressed appreciation for her continuing connection with her alma mater, and the difference it made for her.

“A liberal arts education is as important as ever. Being exposed to a broad range of disciplines, and gaining the ability to think and write critically, are invaluable,” De Vries said. “These skills, combined with more specific studies, create strong leaders and communicators. I tap into my Union education in this way every day.”

De Vries was joined by Jack Cole ’04 (writer, director, showrunner at Orange Soda Productions) and Amy Silberman ’04 (supervising producer at “Entertainment Tonight” and “The Insider”). The event, hosted by Julie Swidler ’79 (executive vice president, business affairs and general counsel, SONY Music Entertainment) was streamed live online.

To watch, visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZcPY3l7sGpA
The big 5-0 celebrations are upon us! The family of Peter Scott ’88 hosted a great party for him. Jon Vehar brought incriminating photos from the Suite life. LeAta Jackson brought the Freshman Record and the Yearbook for pics we could show the kids. Peter, LeAta and Jon were joined by Kirt Meyer and Bob Lindyberg ’91.

IN MEMORY OF ED VASSALLO ’90

Last year, in honor of their 25th ReUnion, Andrew Sobel ’90, Rob Mazow ’90, Jeff Miller ’90, Steve Neiditz ’90, Dave Babkow ’90 and Rob Shapiro ’90 worked together to create the Ed Vassallo ’90 Scholarship in memory of their friend and classmate. Ed, who died in February 2014, possessed an energy and passion for living that was infectious to all those who knew him. And it was at Union he found his love of theater, which would shape him and become the most integral part of his life.

Matthew Guenther was recently named to the board of directors of Private Equity Principals Group, a networking group for private equity investing professionals. Matthew is a partner with GenNx360, responsible for sourcing, structuring and executing investment opportunities as well as working with management post transaction. Prior to joining GenNx360, he was at Walden Capital Partners working on both new investments and portfolio management. Matthew sits on the board of Precinmac, Salford, Vertex, Tooling Technologies and Vintage Parts. He holds an MBA in finance and international business from Columbia Business School.

Anne E. Zaccheo received an Excellence in Health Care Award for Practice Manager of the Year. She received a combined B.A.-M.B.A. in health administration from Union and completed her internship at Albany Memorial Hospital, and fellowship at the Environmental Law. Alex, the winner of the Greensboro Bar Association’s 2014 Pro Bono Award, works in the firm’s Greensboro and Raleigh (N.C.) offices.

Matthew Guenther

Albany V.A. She worked at the Syracuse V.A. as a JCAHO continuous quality improvement coordinator, and later joined Voluntary Hospitals of America as a quality improvement specialist. In 1996, she joined Prepaid Health Plan/Univera Healthcare as provider relations director. In 2002, the plan merged with Excellus BlueCross BlueShield, and Anne worked in provider relations/operations until 2013. In May 2013, Anne became practice director at Nephrology Associates of Syracuse, PC, a medical practice of six physicians and five mid-level providers that provide office, hospital and dialysis center care in Syracuse, and at satellite locations in Auburn, Fulton, Oneida, and Camillus. Anne is a member of the Medical Group Management Association and Renal Physician Association, and resides in Syracuse, N.Y., with her husband, Greg Angwin, and son, Philip Zaccheo.

Anne E. Zaccheo ’91

Matthew Guenther

1992

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Brendan M. Clifford writes, “My wife, Debbie, my two boys, Connor and Dylan, and I recently went on our first trip to Disney World this year and had a blast. We highly recommend Everest and the Rock n’ Roller Coaster. Life is good on the career front as well. I was recently promoted to vice president at Riverstone Claims Management LLC (A Fairfax Company) in Manchester, N.H. I stay in touch with Mike Samuel, Todd Harris and Pete Savage. I hope everyone is doing well.”

Jason Buchwald writes, “While I am still working as a hospitalist for a group in Scottsdale, Ariz., I am simultaneously...”
building my own practice, going to nursing homes and acute rehab centers, with the plan to be eventually fully self-employed. So far so good, but it does take time. It has been a fantastic year for music. I have my own recording studio, the Operating Room, and I am writing for and co-producing a local artist named Promise (www.promisesworld.com), and an album is planned for release next year. I also have been the full-time keyboard player for the Matt Facciolla Band (www.matthewfacciolla.com)—a longtime friend and bandmate who has opened for Joan Jett, the J. Geils Band, Foghat and One Republic. Most recently we were in the recording studio with the Goo Goo Dolls. Played a show for 20,000 people a few days after that on the waterfront in Buffalo—it was a blast. Some highlights are at www.JasonBuchwald.com. My wife, Sherryl, and I are in NYC often, and hopefully we will be able to make a visit to Union soon. Anyone in Arizona, please let us know. It would be great to catch up.”

Peter Schwab has been hired as portfolio manager of the Pax World High Yield Bond Fund. Peter, a former managing director and director of high yield research at Goldman Sachs Asset Management, has 17 years of high yield experience.

1994

William Wolff writes, “After nine years at Rowan University, this semester I hopped across the river and started as an assistant professor of communication and digital media at Saint Joseph’s University in Philadelphia. All is well with Wendy and our family. Hydan turns five in a few months and Seeger just turned two. This summer we bought a beautiful 1920s stone house in Media, Penn. The upgrades and repairs are just about done and we’re excited to be moving at the beginning of November.”

1995

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Audrey Kupchan ’76, MD, FACP; Lou Snitkoff ’73, MD, FACP, and Eileen Barrett, MD, FACP were all in Rancho Mirage, Calif., for the American College of Physicians’ Board of Governors meeting in October. They were part of a group of about 25 physicians who are championing physician wellness when they found out they are all Union alums.

1996

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Elizabeth Minkin was recently featured on dc.citybizlist.com. The article, a Q&A, focused on her role as president of the Joseph and Harvey Meyerhoff Family Charitable Funds. Elizabeth is a fourth generation Meyerhoff family member and has played an integral role in developing and guiding the organization’s impact and efforts to improve the quality of life in Baltimore.

1997

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Greg Walters was keynote speaker at a campus Veterans Day breakfast in November. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, he was recently profiled in The Springfield Student newspaper. The story focused on his recent career with the Navy and his new job as facilities director at Springfield. Read more here: http://scstudentmedia.com/2015/09/24/former-military-mangreg-walters-is-the-new-facilities-director/

Brandon Declét, CEO and co-founder of Measure, was selected by the Federal Aviation Administration administrator for membership on the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Registration Task Force. The group is developing recommendations on a streamlined registration process and minimum requirements on which unmanned aircraft should be registered. Measure is a company that operates turnkey drone solutions to deliver cost effective actionable data to enterprise customers.

1998

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Stacy DeForrest recently became assistant corporation counsel for the city of Auburn, N.Y. She has worked at the Thurston Law Office since 2012, after seven years with Boyle & Anderson, P.C. Stacey earned her a law degree from Syracuse University.

1999

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2000

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Dr. Sonia Pyne was recently featured in the Rochester, N.Y. Democrat & Chronicle newspaper. The story focused on her job as chief of the ambulatory anesthesia at the University of Rochester
Most people only talk about pursuing their dreams. Jon Schiff ’02, who used to suit up each day as a hedge fund derivatives trader on Wall Street, just made his a reality.

“I thought I wanted my dream job to be in finance, but the truth was, it wasn’t fulfilling,” Schiff said. “My body was telling me I needed to do something else. I wasn’t eating the way I wanted to, my body was super stiff and I wasn’t living the lifestyle I wanted.

“I was sitting behind a desk all day, not creating anything, and I really wanted to build something. Finance is great, it just wasn’t for me.”

So he made a drastic change and is now the owner of Real Good Juice. The Old Town Chicago business offers juices and smoothies that are “organic and locally sourced.” Schiff and his team cold-press the fruits and vegetables; their goal is to serve the healthiest product they can.

“I quit my job [in 2013] on a Monday and on that Wednesday I ended up volunteering on a farm in Illinois, trying to understand that business and culture,” Schiff said. “It was inspiring to work with people who were truly passionate about what they were doing and the values behind their trade.”

He took the lesson to heart with Real Good Juice.

“We’ve built a great team of people who believe in the longevity of our efforts,” Schiff said, “which is not just buying organic ingredients but understanding and knowing the farmers who provide them.”

The menu is sure to make you smile with selections like Juice Springsteen, Juice Bigelow, Whitney Juice-Ton, Juicille Ball and Juice Lee.

“All of our juices and smoothies have funny names,” Schiff said. “They all have health benefits but we wanted to simplify it to communicate their attributes. My favorite so far, the Punky Juice-Ster, is this wacky combo of matcha, almonds, chia, chlorophyll and mint. It keeps you youthful with the boundless energy of a wise-cracking, freckle-faced 12-year-old.”

His business continues to gain popularity and, now, profit.

“August to December 2014 we were down mostly because of the weather, it was the coldest winter in Chicago’s history,” Schiff said. “We were break even for the first half of the year, but are finally starting to make money. It is such a great feeling to watch the business develop.”

Schiff credits much of his success to his undergraduate years.

“Union’s an amazing community, from the lacrosse team to the fraternity I was in, to the friends that I made there,” he said. “They teach you how to think strategically and think outside the box, to have an open mind. That’s what a liberal arts education really supports.”

It’s also what’s helped him become an entrepreneur with a bright future.

“We are building something more than one juice bar,” Schiff said. “What we have here is one business that we are going to replicate into another and another, not just in Chicago but other cities as well.”
Dr. Lee Polikoff writes, “Thought I would pass along for an update in the next alumni magazine that I completed my fellowship in pediatric critical care medicine at Yale-New Haven Children’s Hospital. I am an attending in the pediatric intensive care unit at Hasbro Children’s Hospital in Providence, RI, and an assistant professor of clinical pediatrics at the Warren Alpert School of Medicine at Brown University. Please send my regards to Prof. Carol Weiss.”

2001
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Union’s Gamma Phi Beta sorority, Epsilon-Epsilon chapter, funded a scholarship for a young woman attending a Miracles in Motion horsemanship camp this past summer. Erin Grogan, vice president of Miracles in Motion board of directors, was thrilled to work with her alma mater. “Gamma Phi was an important part of my Union experience and I was just so impressed with the current members and their interest in supporting this important cause,” she said. “There is a growing body of research establishing promising links between equine-assisted activities and the development of social, communication and leadership skills, particularly for at-risk youth.” The on-campus fundraiser that enabled the scholarship was arranged by Gamma Phi Beta philanthropy chair Maeve Williams ’16.

2002
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John Schiff was recently featured on CNN Money. The story focused in the Millennial generation’s tendency to change jobs if they are dissatisfied with the one they have. John, no longer happy working at hedge funds, opened his own juice bar, Real Good Juice (realgoodjuiceco.com), in Chicago.

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Elana Rudnick and Brandon Liebeskind became engaged on July 10, 2015. They have moved to Hoboken, N.J., and will be married at the Rockleigh Country Club in June 2016.

2006
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Bryan Campbell is director of statistical analysis and hockey administration for the Detroit Red Wings. He will focus on advanced statistical analysis and analytics in the areas of salary trends, contract valuations, free agent market acquisitions, trades and other areas, as well as comparative research for contract negotiations and salary arbitrations, collective bargaining agreement administration and compliance and coordinating player transactions. He will also scout games locally at the professional, collegiate and junior levels. Bryan who played hockey at Union, holds a master’s degree in business administration from New York University.

After relentlessly pursuing his interest in auto racing and German engineering, David Merkel is now a member of the Porsche Motorsport North America track support team.

2007
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Dan Amira was part of the team that won an Emmy Award for his work on “The Daily Show with Jon Stewart,” in the category of outstanding writing for a variety series.

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Malysa Cheng ’09 and Brian Hurley ’09 were engaged on June 12, 2015. The wedding date is set for Oct. 29, 2016 in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., where there will be other Union alums in attendance as well as in the wedding parties.

On July 25, 2015, a group of alumni gathered for a surprise celebration for the 30th birthday of Win (Thomas) Schellens ’07 at the Old Lyme Beach Club in Old Lyme, Conn. Alumni in attendance included Jordan (Siletti) Schellens ’09, Erin Campbell ’07, Matt Carlson ’07, Owen Cope ’07, Alex Dacey ’07, Mike Epstein ’07, Peter Farmer ’07, Christine Farrell ’09, Jamie and Katrina (Neiley) Schellens ’10, Russell Spiegel ’07, Anne Woodward ’11 and Ken Reiser ’12.

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2010
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Tim Cook writes, “Our good friend Chris Westlund recently headed to L.A. go see about a girl [Lauren Hennessey ’11]. We threw him a going away bash at our apartment in Boston: Westy Goes West. In attendance were Luke Bryden ’09, Dan Rutner ’11, Eddie Burnham ’11, Tim McGovern ’11, Paige Valchuis ’12, Emily Crandall ’14, Haley Brown ’14, Dave Carson, Mike McAndrew ’09, Ryan Kraynak ’09, Kyle Welch, Alex Bibby, Ewo Harrell, Brad Wilhelm, Clarissa Odence ’11, Lizzie Pike ’12 and Scott Coblyn.” Tim added that the Event in a Box (Union banners and other goodies) he received from the Office of Alumni & Parent Engagement made the party “even more fun.”

Erin Bligh owns a thriving farm, Dancing Goats Dairy, in Newbury, Mass., where

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2012
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Benjamin Engle writes, “After completing my M.S. in urban planning from Columbia University in 2014, I was hired by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey as a leadership fellow—a two-year rotational program for leadership and public service. The PA operates various transportation assets, including the George Washington Bridge (see photo). Over the past year, I have worked on exciting projects throughout the agency in the Storm Mitigation & Resiliency Office of

On July 25, 2015, a group of alumni gathered recently in Boston to throw a going away party for Chris Westlund ’10

she raises goats and makes cheese. Read more about how she fell in love with farming and decided to make a life of it at http://www.nshoremag.com/november-2015/goat-gal/
A number of Union alumni ran the Chicago Marathon on Oct. 11, 2015. Pictured, from left, are Dearon Panossian '11, Emily Rudolph '13 and Katie McLean '11. Kelsey Fish '14 and Taylor Bresnahan '13 were also among the 45,000 marathoners.

Each year, friends from the Class of 2011 get together in Stonington, Conn. During summer 2015, the group got to celebrate the engagement of Dan Schlicher and the “guest appearance” of Tomas Sevilla, who lives in Lima, Peru. Other alumni in attendance included Elizabeth Sargent, Maxwell Troop, Sean Gannon, Sam Barstow, Evan Ryan, Matt Rogers, Jason Philbrick and Victoria Mathieu.

the COO, the PATH Capital Project Management Division, and the Office of Continuous Improvement. While full-time at the Port Authority, I recently returned to school to study for a master of public administration from NYU Wagner.”

Samuel Fein won election for county legislator, 6th District, in Albany, N.Y., in November. He will be the youngest legislator in the body. For more on Sam, visit https://www.facebook.com/FeinForAlbany?fref=ts or http://www.feinforalbany.com/

Amy (Weiner) Etinger lives in Secaucus, N.J., with her spouse, Vlad. She writes, “I just got married and was pleased to have some Union friends attend my wedding.”

Ajay Major writes, “I recently gave a talk at Stanford Med X on in-Training, an online magazine for medical students that my colleague (and fellow alumna) Aleena Paul and I founded in July 2012.” His talk was titled “The role of collective intelligence and medical student communities of practice in the new classroom.”

2015

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Colin Stevens was recently featured in The Daily Gazette newspaper. The story focused on his preseason NHL debut with the Florida Panthers.

Benjamin Engle ’12 visits the top of the George Washington Bridge

2013

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Sam Robson writes, “2015 has been quite the year so far. I’ve helped start a feature film production company in Hollywood called AWOL Studios, where I’m head of logistics, and executive producing our first two films,

Ajay Major ’12 spoke at Stanford Med X recently.

Simona Teixeira ’13 in Madrid with Julius Barbanel, math professor emeritus

Krystal Figueroa in Madrid with Julius Barbanel, math professor emeritus

The Daily Gazette
Quisqueya Witbeck ’16 (left), Lucas Rivers ’15 and Rachel Refkin ’15 met by chance at Columbia University’s School of International & Public Affairs’ graduate school fair, Summer-fest 2015.

Sheri Park ’13 and Melissa Harvey ’15 hung out with Fernando Orellana, associate professor of digital arts, at the opening of his art show “Afterlife” at Incline Gallery in San Francisco in July.

Two months after graduating Union, Kyle McQuiggan ’14 embarked on a great Arctic expedition.

A biology-turned-geology major, Kyle never imagined he’d be going to the North Pole, but that’s just what he did. The purpose of the trip, run the by the U.S. branch of GEOTRACES, was to establish baseline measurements of chemicals in the Arctic (water, ice, sediment, snow and air).

The reason?

In the future, McQuiggan said, when a metal is found in the ocean and it seems high, our data will show if concentrations have increased since 2015. This work will help develop trackable levels of elements.

McQuiggan, who has never been at sea or experienced the perpetually cold conditions, was thrilled with the experience.

“I really enjoyed the work, the field, and the people,” he said, “I have always loved the ocean and truly enjoyed being at sea.”

The adventure lasted 64 days (early August—mid-October), with the team navigating the icy waters from Dutch Harbor, Alaska to the North Pole and back. After 6,000 miles, with good weather and thinner ice than expected, the expedition was declared a success—the researchers got all the samples they wanted. These samples are now in Norfolk, Va., being analyzed. During this time, McQuiggan will also be working towards his master’s degree in chemical oceanography at Old Dominion University.

McQuiggan expects the Arctic research to be published in multiple papers, conference presentations and a summary book. And after that? He looks forward to more opportunities of this kind. He did, after all, discover that there really is a red-and-white striped pole (think Santa Claus) at the North Pole.

Kyle credits Union with making such things possible. It’s where he was inspired—in part by courses in biogeochemistry and advanced oceanography—to become a geology major in the first place.

These same courses, combined with the hands-on research he did in Union’s graduate-level labs, have prepared him well for his work at Old Dominion. They’ve given him a great understanding on which to build his expertise, he said, and his dream job in chemical oceanography.
Alumni attend the wedding of Keith Gooberman ’06 and Brena Cascini Gooberman ’06

1952

Dr. Robert C. Smith and Nydia M. Muniz of Sun City Center and Ruskin, Fla., were married on April 11, 2015. The wedding took place in the Chapel of the First Congregational Church of Sarasota. Dr. Smith is professor emeritus at the College of New Jersey, where he taught for 26 years. Mrs. Muniz-Smith is a retired psychiatric social worker originally from Puerto Rico, who lived and worked for many years in New York City. On their honeymoon the couple visited several islands in the Caribbean.

1995

Jay McNeal writes, “I was married Aug. 1, 2015 to Kelli Eck. We remain in Richmond, Va., while she completes her dual degree program with Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond (M. Div.) and Virginia Commonwealth University (MSW). I continue to expand the clergy for Hire Ministry, including its Daily Podcast by October 2015.”

1996

Andrea Marie Zaremba wed Theodore Diamond (USNA ’96) in Wayne, N.J., on Aug. 23, 2014. The festivities included the following Union alums: Craig Lapinski ’93, Larry Cote ’94, Dr. Gildo Corradi ’94, Heather Mehl Corradi, Elissa Mehl Cote, Nina Morris Lapinski, Jeremy Zeff ’97, David Messler, Elizabeth Decker Messler, Tracy Miller Quinn ’97, Chrissy Foster ’97 and Jessica Kaplan ’97. The couple was brought together by the late Martin J. Logan ’96. Andrea recently joined Ted in Washington state, where she is employed by Union College as a west coast recruiter for the Admissions Office. She is looking forward to reconnecting with other alums on the West Coast. She can be reached at zarembaa@union.edu.”

1999

Leah Bold and Dr. Joshua Mondlick married on New Year’s Eve, Dec. 31, 2014, at the Phoenix Art Museum in Phoenix, Ariz. Alumni in attendance included Heather ’97 and Daniel Pesikoff, Jason Rosenstock and Ron Zuckerman. The newlyweds reside in Phoenix, where Leah is a leasing manager for the Taubman Company and Joshua has a private practice in periodontics and implants in Peoria, Ariz.

2003

Brian DeMichele ’03 and his wife, Kelly Dascher

Alumni attend the wedding of Catherine Ollinger ’07 and Douglas Bush ’05

in Saratoga, N.Y. The two met when Brian came back to the Schenectady area to attend Union Graduate College in 2013. The following alumni were in the wedding party: Luciano Iorizzo as best man, Timothy Burgess and Andrew Kestner ’02. Other alumni in attendance were Brian’s father Robert DeMichele ’66, uncle Donald DeMichele ’69, cousin Christopher Altieri ’08, Dana (Kazmeriski) Iorizzo ’05, Adam Malinoksi, Anna Packard-Malinoski ’05, William Howe, Mathew Blackwell, Robert West ’04 and Brent Filson ’04. They honey-mooned in Turks and Caicos.

2006

Keith Gooberman and Brena Cascini Gooberman were married Sept. 12, 2015 at the Onteora Mountain House in Boiceville, N.Y. Alumni in attendance included Jeramey Normand ’14, McLeod Sims ’11, Dan Michaelson, Sasha Lopresti Michaelson, Harrison Paras, Tom Hickernell, Brendan Dahlgren ’14, Chris Belair, Natalie D’Antonio, Ali Rae-Baum, Max Zimbert ’07 and Nancy Borowick ’07, who also took the photographs.

Catherine Ollinger and Douglas Bush ’05 were married July 11, 2015 in Montauk, N.Y., on the beach. Union College attendees included Lauren Sylvesty, Nancy Gutman, Jen Avedon, Blair Smith, Lisa Hagopian, Mike Silvestro ’05, Jim Bush ’05 and James Basuk, Class of 2017.

Colleen Faith White married Carson Thomas Brown on June 6, 2015. The Rev. Thomas Collins, a Roman Catholic priest, performed the ceremony at The Otesaga Resort Hotel in Cooperstown, N.Y. Colleen is a Boston-based media specialist at Sutherland-Gold. She directs media relations campaigns for consumer technology brands. Carson is the associate director of facilities and operations at Boston College. A graduate of Boston College he received a master’s degree in sport management from the University of San Francisco. Erin Hallman, the bride’s sister, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids included the groom’s sister, Caroline Brown, and Heidi Millar, Stacy Stevens, Ashley Edwards and Vanessa Hernandez. The groom’s brothers Cameron and Austin Brown served as best men. Groomsmen included the bride’s brother, Sean White, and Christopher Casey, Sherwin Parkhurst, Michael O’Connor, Charles Beale and William Flynn. Other alumni in attendance included Gregory Scott ’08, Erika (Eisenhut) Rahill ’06, Beth (Carcone) Peters ’06, Jimmy Rahill ’06, Elizabeth (Livada) Piantidosi, Jennifer Sacks, Kara Huston, Alicia (Gifford) Arcuri ’06 and Frank Arcuri ’06. Pete Brown, Union football coach and Colleen’s softball coach when she was a student, was also present. Emily (Landis) Jackson was unable to attend due to the birth of her child, Miles Jackson.

2007

Alumni attend the wedding of Colleen Faith White ’07 and Carson Thomas Brown
Lorlette Haughton-Moir  married William George Moir  

Noah Kohan  and Elise LaPointe  were married Feb. 22, 2015 at Temple Sinai in New Orleans, La. The couple lives and works in Washington, D.C. Elise is a special education teacher at Bailey’s Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences; Noah consults as a senior associate with PriceWaterhouseCoppers. Other Union classmates in attendance included Peter Farmer, Mike Mastroianni and Neal Varughese.

Chuck Fontana  and Regina Chiuminatto  were married Oct. 11, 2014 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and are now living in Tuxedo, N.Y. Alumni in attendance included Joey Hunziker ’08, Drew Pearson ’08, Moish Peltz ’08, Meg (Licht) Barhite, Tamar Soroker Peltz, Maggie Levine, Emma Labrot, Miles Kueffner, Catherine (Davis) Sayles, Owen Heneghan, Tom Perry, Sean Mulkerne, Maggie Nivison, Tom DiLaura, Jake Klein, Andy Barhite, Reed Olsen, Kara McCabe, Kate MacEwan ’10, Chelsea Tussing ’10, Erin Bligh ’10, James Maher ’10, Ben McIntosh ’10, Dave Sayles ’10 and Katie Robidoux ’11. Also in attendance were Graham Miller and Laura Tosney, who both went to Union but graduated elsewhere.
2011

Anthony Cassese and Jacqueline (Hung) Cassese were married Sept. 12, 2015 in Gloucester, Mass. The celebration continued at the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem with family and friends. Alumni in attendance included Scott Crasnick ’10, Jason Philbrick, Daniel Schlucher, Jordan Remillard, Leanne Winters, Erika VanValkenburg, Nick Poli, Matthew Rogers (Best Man), Alex Connell, Amelia Endo, Rachel Singleton, Victoria Mathieu, Andrew Mason ’06, Ben Stewart, Peter (Rack) Mugford, Lydia Treat, Amanda Judson ’10, Sasha Zuflacht ’13, Kaitlyn Shemitz ’13 and John Manna.

2000

Brooke (Barylick) French and Jonathan French are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter, Claire, on Jan. 5, 2015. Claire joins big sister, Leah, who is 3. The family resides in Atlanta, Ga.

2001

Kimberly (Maron) Lawrence and Brad Lawrence are proud to announce the birth of their son, Grayson Tyler. Grayson was born May 30, 2015 and weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

Kara Mielcarz Geiselman writes, “My husband, Kyle, and I welcomed identical twins, Camille Regina (Milly) and Mabel Lauren (Belle) to our family on Nov. 19, 2014. The girls were delivered in critical condition at just 30 weeks, due to complications from a rare condition, Twin-to-Twin Transfusion Syndrome. At birth their weights were just 3 pounds, 10 ounces and 2 pounds, 8 ounces. The girls spent 3 and 4 months recovering and growing in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. We are happy to report that they have made tremendous progress and are now happy and healthy one-year-olds. They join big brother Weston, age 5, and big sister Elsie, age 3.

2004

Kristen Lueckel Buckler and her husband, Michael, welcomed their second child, Summer Joy Buckler on June 18, 2015. They write, “Chase loves his sister and enjoys being a big brother. Everyone is adjusting to being a family of four!”

2006

Kate Cassella Kirk and her husband welcomed their daughter, Olivia Blaine Kirk, on Oct. 7, 2015. Olivia joins big brother, Patrick, who was born June 1, 2014.

2009

Rosie Martel-Foley and Dr. Joe Martel-Foley ’08 welcomed their first child, Daniel Maurice Martel-Foley, in Boston, Mass., on Sept. 9, 2015. Coincidentally, the labor and delivery nurse who assisted the birth was a Union alumna. The couple recently purchased a new home and now reside in Reading, Mass.
1930s

Dr. Clarence E. Gingras '39, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., who graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry and he served in the U.S. Army Dental Corps during World War II, before practicing dentistry in West Palm Beach for 40 years, Nov. 3, 2015. Clarence, who served on the dental staff of Good Samaritan and St. Mary's Hospitals, was past president of Palm Beach County Dental Society, and a founding member of St. John Fisher and St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Churches, was 99.

Joseph B. Grocock '46, of Jacksonville, Fla., who served with the U.S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. Grand Rapids PF-31 as a radio operator before earning a master's in French from Middlebury College, July 18, 2015. Joseph spent his career in education, working at several schools, including St. Albans School (Washington, D.C.), where he taught French, ran summer school and became dean of students. Headmaster of Episcopal School in Jacksonville at his retirement, he was 91.

Richard J. Snyder '47, of Oceanside Calif., a graduate of Rutgers University Stonier Graduate School of Banking who served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a language specialist and spent most of his career as an executive branch manager with the Schenectady Trust Company before retiring with the County of San Diego in 1996, April 2, 2014. A member of Old Mission San Luis Rey, Richard enjoyed reading, writing and playing the violin. He was 92.

Dr. Joseph I. Bernstein '48, of San Francisco, Calif., a graduate of Albany Medical College who served as an Army flight surgeon during the Korean Conflict and as a volunteer physician in Vietnam, June 26, 2015. Joseph, who served as the St. Ignatius College Preparatory football team physician for 25 years and taught orthopedic surgery at Mount Zion Hospital, retiring in 1998, was 86.

Dr. Frederick H. Grabo '48, of Rome, N.Y., who graduated from Albany Medical College and served with the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict before opening a private surgical practice in Rome, from which he retired in 1988, Sept. 8, 2015. Frederick, who later served as medical director at Mohawk Correctional Facility and ran 26 marathons, was 87.

Edgar J. Stevens '49, of Englewood, Fla., who served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and earned a master's degree in mathematics from the State University of New York at Albany before becoming a teacher and math supervisor for Kingston Consolidated Schools for over 30 years, June 9, 2015. Edgar, who was active with Englewood Performing Arts and volunteered as a tax consultant for AARP, was 89.

Peter King '49, of Buffalo, N.Y., who served with the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theater during World War II and enjoyed a long advertising career, during which he was president of Levy, King & White advertising, June 26, 2015. Peter, who served on numerous community boards, including that of Millard Fillmore Gates Hospital, and who was a talented artist and cartoonist, was 88.


Gabriel Timpano '49, of Loris, S.C., who served in the military and fought from Normandy to the Battle of the Bulge before spending 30 years with IBM, working as a customer engineer, a sales engineer, installation planning coordinator for the 700 and 7000 series, and working on the ballistic missile early warning system, Sept. 7, 2015. He was 92.

Robert W. Miles '49, of Chateaugay Lake, N.Y., who trained in the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division Ski Troop, serving in France and Austria during World War II, before teaching English in Camden and then joining the guidance department and becoming an administrator there, Oct. 15, 2015. An avid snow and water skier who was a member of ski patrol and an EMT, and a commissary of St. Patrick's Church, he was 91.

1940s

Joseph F. Furlong '42, of Shelburne, Vt., who served with the U.S. Navy and earned an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School before working for Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, eventually serving as vice president of governmental affairs before retiring in 1985, July 24, 2015. A member of Union College's Industrial Administration Advisory Committee and many professional organizations, including the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, he was 94.

Robert R. Cullen '43, of Stuyvesant Falls, N.Y., who held a master's degree from Albany State and spent 37 years with the Hudson City School District, serving as principal of Claverack, Stottville, Greenport and Stuyvesant Falls elementary schools, Aug. 31, 2015. A member of many community organizations, including the Town of Stuyvesant/Stockport Senior Citizens Club and Stuyvesant Falls Fire Co., he was 93.

1950s

Donald C. Hicks '50, of Bennington, Vt., a World War II veteran who served with the U.S. Army, 86th Infantry, was awarded the Bronze Star, was 91.
Edward J. Craig ‘45, dean of engineering emeritus and professor of electrical engineering emeritus, died Aug. 12, 2015 at the age of 91.

A popular professor who served the College in a number of capacities throughout his tenure, he was chair of Electrical Engineering, associate dean of faculty and dean of engineering. He retired from Union in 1991.

He entered Union College in the fall of 1941 but enlisted in the U.S. Army in December 1942 at the onset of World War II. Trained in the infantry, he transferred to the Army Air Corps in the fall of 1943, receiving a commission as second lieutenant and navigator in the fall of 1944. He was assigned as a B-29 navigator in the 460th Bombardment Squadron, which was sent to Tinian and Okinawa. He reached the rank of first lieutenant.

After World War II, he returned to Union and graduated in 1948 with a degree in electrical engineering. He taught mathematics at Union for the 1948-49 academic year. After earning a doctorate from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1954, he returned to the Union EE faculty in 1956. He was promoted to full professor in 1960.

While at Union, he took two sabbaticals, one in 1979-80 to teach at the University of Liberia, Monrovia, the other in 1998-90 at the University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez.

He wrote two textbooks and 18 technical papers. He also wrote a history of Union’s Electrical Engineering department, a memoir of growing up in Chicopee, Mass.; and an account of his year abroad in Liberia during which a coup toppled the government.

As an alumnus, he was a fixture at ReUnion, often organizing events for his class. A frequent speaker at alumni events, he peppered his talks with his trademark self-deprecating humor. A lecture he gave on computer programming carried the subtitle, “Nausea in the Computer Room.” He warned a colleague in advance: “I can guarantee the audience a good time. I cannot guarantee how much they will learn.”

He received the Faculty Meritorious Service Award from the Alumni Council in 1985.

He was a founder of the Olde Timers Softball League in 1990 and served as its president. He coached Little League and Babe Ruth baseball and was an avid basketball player. He was active as a scout leader. He was a lector at St. Helen’s Church in Niskayuna, and a lector, Eucharistic minister, and choir member at St. Edward the Confessor Church in Clifton Park.

He was the husband of the late Jeanne M. McDonald Craig, whom he married on June 19, 1947. Survivors include five children, Stephen R. Craig ’82, Theresa Craig Glunz ’84, David E. Craig, Anita Craig Cummings, and William P. Craig ’88.
William H. Fulton Jr. ’52 (Ret. LTC), of Miromar Lakes, Fla., who earned a master’s in industrial engineering from Texas Tech and served with the Air Force in Korea and Vietnam, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross and Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry before becoming a naval consultant for Booz Allen and Hamilton in Iran, June 29, 2015. Bill, who later made a career in commercial real estate with companies including EROLS, Friendly’s and Cambridge, was 83.

George V. Exner ’52, of Bonita Springs, Fla., who served in the U.S. Air Force and earned an M.B.A. from Rutgers University before spending his career with the Prudential Insurance Company, retiring as senior vice president, CLU, CPCU of Prudential Property and Casualty (Holmdel, N.J.), Aug. 15, 2015. George, who enjoyed tennis, golf, bridge, traveling with his family and socializing with friends, was 86.

Bernard R. Coleman ’52, of Troy, N.Y., who served with the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War and earned a master’s degree from the University at Albany before working at the Lansingburgh Central School District as a teacher, guidance counselor and assistant principal, Aug. 11, 2015. Serving in many community organizations, including as president of the Knickerbocker PTA and captain of fire police for Speigletown Volunteer Fire Co., he was 84.

Kenneth G. Johnson ’52, of Benchmark, South Cambridge N.Y., and Farmington, Conn., a Naval officer during the Korean Conflict, and exploration geologist in South- and Meso- America who was chair of the Geology Department and, later, the Environmental Studies Program at Skidmore College, where he taught two generations of students over 30 years, Sept. 25, 2015. An award-winning scholar and author involved in several national and international organizations, he was 85.

Bruce D. McKeige ’53, of Stuart, Fla., who graduated from the Naval Officers Candidate School and served as an officer aboard the U.S. Nightingale in Charleston, S.C., before becoming a partner at Huntoon Paige & Co. (New York City), Aug. 15, 2015. Bruce, who formed his own mortgage and government backed securities brokerage firm, McKeige & Co. (Port Washington, N.Y.), and was an accomplished yachtsman, was 85.

John E. Sigsby Jr. ’53, of Durham, N.C., who worked as a chemist for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for 33 years, his work on the fundamental research of automotive emissions eventually leading to the use of catalytic converters and the reduction of pollution from automobiles, Sept. 15, 2015. An avid bowler and duplicate bridge player who enjoyed watching horse racing, college football, basketball and Union ice hockey, he was 84.

Joel E. Mann ’53, of Darien and New Canaan, Conn., who graduated from Harvard Law School before beginning a legal career specializing in the entertainment industry, working for Weissberger & Frosch in New York City and then Columbia Pictures, eventually retiring from Hearst Corporation, Sept. 27, 2015. Joel, who enjoyed classical music, theatre, traveling and had a soft spot for animals, was 82.

Francis Kahanic ’54, of Arlington Heights, Ill., who earned an M.B.A. from Northwestern University and was an electric engineer for AT&T/Teletype until he retired in 1987, Aug. 23, 2015. Francis, who later was a consultant for Abbott Labs and enjoyed reading and playing cards (especially bridge), was 84.

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

Fred H. Herrington Jr. ’55, of Rehoboth Beach, Del., who spent 22 years as a chemical engineer with Westvaco, first in Mechanicville, N.Y. and later in Wickliffe, Ky., before joining the Scott Paper Company in Philadelphia, July 25, 2015. An avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting small game, fishing, clamming and crabbing, he was 81.

Storrs M. Bishop III ’56, of Livingston, Mont., who served with the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne Division, earned a B.A. from Syracuse University and a teaching degree from the Colorado University (Boulder), and operated Willow Ranch in Ennis for 40 years, June 14, 2015. Storrs, who served on the Ennis School District Board of Trustees and on the board of directors for the Montana School Board Association, and raised Norwegian fjord horses, was 81.

Robert S. Sadler ’58, of Las Cruces, N.M., an electrical engineer who worked for Grumman Corp. before joining the Apollo program as a part of the team testing engines for the lunar module, July 24, 2015. Bob, who enjoyed RV-ing with his wife and became a contract manager for Dynalectron Corp. and Lockheed-Martin later in his career, was 82.

1960s

Richard G. Miles ’61 of Gainesville, Ga., an engineer who retired from Lockheed in Marietta, Ga., and enjoyed world travel, on July 9, 2015. He was 75.

James R. Newell ’65, of Pittsford, N.Y., who worked for the University of Rochester and was an adjunct professor for Rochester Institute of Technology, and who received an M.B.A. from the University of Rochester, Aug. 30, 2015. He was 72.

Thomas P. Allen ’66, LTC, U.S. Army (retired), of Hollywood, Fla., who served in the uniforms of the U.S. Armed Forces for 33 years, first in the Air Force, then in the Army and Army Reserve, and was a veteran of the Vietnam War and Desert Storm, and received numerous commendation medals, July 13, 2015. Thomas, who graduated from Southwestern University School of Law (Los Angeles) and was general attorney for the Social Security Administration in Florida, and who had a private practice in disability law, was 72.

Robert C. Griffin ’66, of Albany, N.Y., a graduate of Albany’s Vincentian Institute who was board chairman of Catholic Charities of Albany Diocese, St. Anne’s Institute and St. Peter’s Hospital, and who was a founding member of Assisi in Albany, July 6, 2015. A general agent for the Massachusetts Mutual Company and chief executive

J duston Wold, a prominent community volunteer and a generous Union benefactor with her husband John S. Wold ’38, died Nov. 18, 2015, at the couple’s home in Casper, Wyo. She was 92.

She volunteered at organizations such as the Nicolaysen Art Museum, the Food Bank of the Rockies, Meals on Wheels and the Natrona County Food Bank. She helped with the founding of Casper’s Planned Parenthood chapter and was a past Casper YMCA board member, receiving the YMCA Distinguished Service Award in 2013. She was also active in Republican politics and a member of the Casper Garden Club.

“Jane was a great friend of Union College and a personal friend to me and Judith,” said President Stephen C. Ainlay. “She demonstrated remarkable generosity, kindness and spirit. We will miss her very much and I know all of Union joins me in sending sympathy to John and the rest of the Wold family.”

Mrs. Wold, the former Jane Adele Pearson, was a native of Schenectady and a graduate of Wheelock College in Boston.

She joined her family on campus in 2011 for the dedication of the Peter Irving Wold Center, named for Mr. Wold’s father, who chaired Union’s Physics Department from 1920 to 1945.

The building was made possible by a lead gift from the Wold family, a $20 million commitment that remains the largest gift in the history of the College. The gift also provided endowment support for a variety of programs, including the Annual Fund, scholarships, the Wold Professorship in Religious Studies and scientific and technical equipment.

The couple also established the John and Jane Wold Professorship in Geology and supported the Wold House, part of the College’s Minerva system, named in memory of Mr. Wold’s parents.

“She led a long fulfilling life, and she will be greatly missed by her friends and family,” said her son Peter.

Jane is survived by her husband, John, a geologist and president of Wold Minerals Co., and former U.S. Congressman; two sons, Peter and Jack; and a daughter, Priscilla. Her grandson, Joseph, graduated from Union in 2010.
in memoriam

Robert Nym Park III ’68, of Lacey’s Spring, Ala., who earned an M.S. in physics from Pennsylvania State University and a master’s of administrative science from the University of Alabama (Huntsville), and who was chairman and co-founder of the AEgis Technologies Group, a privately held aerospace and defense business, July 25, 2015. A leading member of many professional organizations who helped establish the master’s and Ph.D. programs in modeling and simulation at several major universities, including UAH and Old Dominion, he was 72.

Barbara S. Bloomer ’68, of Daytona Beach Shores, Fla., a nurse who earned a master’s in education from the College of St. Rose and had a long teaching career that ended with her retirement as headmistress of Brown School (Schenectady, N.Y.), July 16, 2015. A member of the Schenectady Chapter of DAR, she was an active member of the Schenectady Yacht Club for over 40 years.

Robert Nym Park III ’68, of Seattle, Wash., who completed his degree at Colorado College and followed a non-traditional career path, managing the finances of, and providing other support to, his mother and older relatives, June 23, 2015. Nym, who devoted large amounts of time and effort to photography and writing, worked the standup comedy circuit and played guitar, was 70.

1970s

Stuart A. Keith ’75, of Lenox, Mass., who worked at GE Plastics as an electron microscopist for many years and was a dedicated volunteer for RSVP and a member of the Thursday Evening Club, Aug. 19, 2015. A skilled bass player who performed with many bands in Berkshire County, and an avid Dodgers fan, he was 64.

William E. Leary ’76, of Horseheads, N.Y., a U.S. Navy veteran who earned an M.S. in industrial engineering from Alfred University before spending the majority of his career with Corning Inc., working on and off for 30 years as a project electrical engineer, July 4, 2015. An avid skier and golfer, Bill enjoyed working at Community Glass after retirement. He was 67.

David Wade ’77, of White Plains, N.Y., who founded his own company, doremus fp, 25 years ago, and enjoyed spending time with his family, golfing and watching the Yankees, May 9, 2015. He was 60.

1980s

Robert S. Lynch ’84, of Old Mystic, Conn., and formerly of Albany, N.Y., who earned a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from the University of Connecticut, spent 22 years as a senior research scientist with the Naval Undersea Warfare Center, and was the holder of five U.S. patents, Aug. 14, 2015. A leading member of many professional organizations who founded his own company, Analytic Information Fusion Systems LLC, and was an adjunct professor at UConn in the ECE Department, he was 55.

Robert “Rob” W. Green ’85, of Chateaugay, N.Y., a U.S. Navy veteran who earned an M.S. in electrical engineering and quality technology for Franklin County, Oct. 12, 2015. A member of the Esperance Fire Department, spent 15 years with the Naval Undersea Warfare Center, and was the holder of five U.S. patents, Aug. 14, 2015. Chad, later director of engineering and quality UTC Company, Kidde Fenwal, was a second lieutenant with the Eagle Matt Lee Firehouse in Ballston Spa. He was 50.

Giovanna Etkin ’92, of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., who earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in English from the University of Bologna before graduating with a B.A. in psychology and starting a medical practice in Schenectady with her husband, June 12, 2015. Giovanna, who was business manager of the practice for over 20 years, loved world travel, from hiking in Nepal to scuba diving in Fiji. She was 71.

1990s

Chad Hall ’91, of Upton, N.Y., who served with the U.S. Army 54th Ordnance Detachment, spent 15 years with General Electric (Schenectady) in the generator department before becoming engineering manager of GE Jenbacher (Austria), July 22, 2015. Chad, later director of engineering and quality UTC Company, Kidde Fenwal, was a second lieutenant with the Eagle Matt Lee Firehouse in Ballston Spa. He was 50.

Stephen J. Quine ’87, of New York, N.Y., who graduated from Albany Law School and worked for the firm Clifford, Chance, Rogers & Wells, and Merrill Lynch, before becoming senior global risk executive at Bank of America, Aug. 23, 2015. A member of the Law Review and Justinian Society, he was 49.
BEING MOVED TO GIVE BACK

I have always been impressed with the obvious enthusiasm with which alumni representatives discuss ongoing changes taking place at Union. Their annual visits have kept me informed of Union’s broad range of public events and activities, and advances being made in Union’s Chemistry Department, where I earned my B.S. degree. These interactions rekindled a strong feeling of affinity with Union that I had not felt since my graduation. With Gift Planning Office guidance, I decided to add to my support of Union by means of a Charitable Gift Annuity and a Chemistry Scholarship Endowment. I am pleased to have the opportunity to give back to Union what Union gave me so long ago.

– Ken Greenough ’54

If, like Ken, you’re interested in giving back, we’re here to help. A gift made today or a gift made later through your estate will have lasting impacts on your alma mater, and may provide positive income and tax consequences. There are many options to consider based on your personal circumstances and what you’d like to achieve for Union. Compare the options at www.union.giftplans.org/giftoptions

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Annmarie Attanasio, of Schenectady, N.Y., who attended cosmetology school and was a beautician for Ray’s Beauty Parlor before becoming a cook at Grandma’s, Union College and Friendly’s, July 16, 2015. She was 64.

James Howard, of Amsterdam, N.Y., who worked for 21 years in the Union College machine lab and was an integral member of the Baja car team, assisting with design and building, Sept. 10, 2015. James, who also drove the truck and trailer that carried the car to national events, enjoyed hunting and four-wheeling, and was a gifted woodworker and builder, was 55.

Lawrence D. Bondinello, of Clifton Park, N.Y., who spent 35 years as a landscaper for Ireland and Gannon (Oyster Bay, N.Y.), White Birch Nursery (Rotterdam, N.Y.) and Union College, Aug. 18, 2015. Larry, who was part-owner of race horse Easy Street, and who missed only one racing season at Saratoga since he turned 14, was 63.

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look back

Pulling No Punches: The Night Ali Came to Campus
B Y P H I L W A J D A

Foreword: The Vietnam War continues to escalate and student unrest swells on college campuses. The Rev. Martin Luther King and Senator Robert E. Kennedy had been assassinated. Political Forum wants a dynamic speaker who represents a point of view that will deliver a jolt to a campus that feels a bit removed from the conflicts of the time.

Abbott Stillman ’69, president of the group founded a decade earlier at Union to “promote political interest on campus,” sets his sights on the charismatic, controversial 26-year-old former heavyweight champion, Muhammad Ali.

Ali had recently been stripped of his boxing title when, as a Muslim, he refused induction into the Army (“War is against the teachings of the Koran,” he said. “I'm not trying to dodge the draft [but] we don’t take part in Christian wars.”).

Convicted of violating Selective Service laws, Ali is sentenced to the maximum five years in prison and a $10,000 fine. He is free on bail pending an appeal.

Barred from making a living as a boxer, Ali embarks on a series of speaking engagements. He is often greeted as a hero for his anti-war stance. Others call him a coward.

On Thursday, Oct. 24, 1968, Union is the second stop on the exiled fighter’s 68-college tour.

Dressed in a double-breasted silk gray suit, Ali spends nearly an hour in Memorial Chapel entertaining the boisterous audience. At times angry, funny and always provocative, he shares his thoughts on a wide range of topics, from the teachings of Islam leader Elijah Muhammad to his relationship with his mentor, Malcolm X.

He also speaks of the tension between whites and blacks, and how blacks are conditioned to think “white.” He points out that Santa Claus is white. So is Jesus.

“Even Tarzan, king of the African jungle, is a white man swinging around each week with diapers on,” he says, referring to a popular television show at the time.

He offers a solution. It makes headlines the next day. “We don’t hate white people—we know them too well,” he says. “And the only solution to today’s racial problems is separation.”

Each anecdote, joke or lesson is met with cheers and applause. Ali’s magnetism is infectious. When the talk is over, the crowd rewards Ali with a standing ovation.

Always quick with a rhyme, Ali leaves his guests with a poem.

“I like your school and admire your style, but your pay is so small, I won’t be back for a while.”

Fast forward nearly five decades. The champ is 73 now and suffering from the effects of Parkinson’s and other ailments. He spends most of his time in Arizona. Public appearances are rare. Interviews are scarce. The brash, cocky talker is now mostly muted.

But the memories made on campus 47 years ago still hold. “Some people just have charisma,” Stillman said from his home in Scarsdale, N.Y. “This guy had so much that it seemed the air moved around him. He won over everyone in my fraternity, and all the others he met on campus, simply by his presence.”

Sports Illustrated recently announced that its annual sportsmanship award will be renamed in honor of Ali. The award is given to people who “embody the ideals of sportsmanship, leadership and philanthropy.”

For more on Ali’s visit to campus, visit www.union.edu/news
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