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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: UNION’S 19TH PRESIDENT NAMED
“Mokuhanga: Impressions Past and Present,” an exhibit of Japanese woodblock prints created by three generations of artists, ran through March in the Crowell and West Galleries in the Feigenbaum Center for Visual Arts. Mokuhanga, the traditional printmaking technique of Japan, was perfected during the 18th and 19th centuries. The show featured 17 artists with a total of 30 works.

For more information visit www.union.edu/news and search for Mokuhanga.
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Walani Ndhlovu ’20 is a graduate of Mzuzu Academy, a school in Malawi supported by Maloto, an organization that feeds, educates and empowers children and families in Malawi. The Times Union newspaper recently spoke with him about his journey.

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In July 2008, Union sent its first Minerva Fellows out into the world to instill in recent graduates an entrepreneurial approach to addressing social problems and a lasting commitment to the poor in developing countries, and to inspire current students to do the same. This hope has been made reality—again and again.

The incredible (and mostly forgotten) ordeal of Herman C. Kluge

One of the leaders of American-commanded guerilla units in northern Luzon during World War II, Captain Herman C. Kluge, Class of 1905, surrendered to the Japanese when they threatened to slaughter a Filipino village if he didn’t come out of hiding. His fate remains unclear—but he was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart for his bravery and leadership.

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On Learning to See the World

Phenomenologists often use a simple visual exercise—"Rubin’s vase" or "Rubin’s face"—to teach students about the ways in which the observable world intersects with and is shaped by the priorities and intentions of the observer. The image can readily be mentally manipulated to be either the silhouette of a vase or, alternatively, the silhouettes of two faces looking at one another.

This image came to my mind as I toured the new exhibit on display in the Nott Memorial’s Mandeville Gallery titled “Probability and Uncertainty.” The exhibit juxtaposes contemporary works of art with historic scientific instruments from our permanent collection. Curated by Julie Lohnes, who oversees our permanent collections, the exhibit blurs the artificially stark division sometimes made between science and art. It’s a powerful visual experience and I hope many of our Union community have a chance to visit the exhibit before it closes June 17.

Théodore Olivier’s (1793-1853) models, used in the 19th century to teach surface geometry are nothing short of breathtaking. Union has the largest collection of these models in the world. Impressively, they are the actual models that Olivier used and were secured by Professor William Gillespie in 1868. We have been carefully conserving these models and the results are stunning. While representing pedagogical advances in the teaching of surface geometry, it’s undeniable that Olivier’s models are also works of art. His models are representative of the other scientific instruments in the exhibit.

On the contemporary art side of the exhibit, Audrey Wilson’s 2016 works in glass are strikingly similar to many of the scientific instruments on display, notably the Crookes-style tubes, and also challenge the observer’s sense of what’s science and what’s art. Wilson is the studio coordinator at the Washington Glass School, where she also teaches. Her work is intended to challenge viewers, asking them to think about how our world came to be and where it’s headed: art embracing science and provoking age-old questions.

The exhibit is just one example of the remarkably robust conversations taking place on campus today regarding the integration of science, technology, engineering, math, art, humanities and social sciences. No doubt, the construction of the new Integrated Science and Engineering Complex has been a catalyst to these conversations. But they also flow from Union’s intellectual DNA. What were once parallel fields of study are becoming more integrated through courses such as Culinary Chemistry, the Art and Science of Painting, and Social Identities and Science in the Genomic Age. A colloquium series on the Built Environment recently featured “constellation work” led by faculty members from Biology and Modern Languages and Literatures. The colloquium aimed at identifying relationship bonds and forces at play that will inform our future, making fields more integrated, working together.

It’s an exciting time to be at Union. No day passes when I don’t learn something new, when I don’t learn to see the world differently, and when I don’t find myself falling in love with learning all over again. What a special opportunity; what a special place.

STEPHEN C. AINLAY, Ph.D.
Prof. Panlilio’s wisdom lives on

It was 1969 and I was in the “weeder” class, Statics and Dynamics, taught by Professor Filadelfo Panlilio. Even though I was an Electrical Engineering student, I fondly recall the excitement of seeing how Eigenvectors can explain so much about an object. But what has stayed with me all these years is the professor’s shrill voice urging us to “assume something!” as we stared down at one of his seemingly impossible test problems.

With his help, I did fine in the class. But more importantly, his profound directive that gets me moving when faced with a mind blowing problem has served me well. Assume something, learn from going in that, probably wrong direction, and then make a more educated set of assumptions. Before long, I find myself on the right path with the solution in sight. Professor Panlilio’s wisdom happily lives on in me.

RICK SPARBER
Class of 1973

Remembering Marianne Moore

Marianne Moore [eulogized in the last issue] was secretary to the Political Science department for many years, including years while I served as chair. Working with her was a joy. She was efficient, she had a wonderful sense of humor and she excelled at dealing with students, giving them tough love when they need it and a shoulder to cry on when they needed that. And, to the occasional student who thought she or he could pull a fast one on Marianne, an appropriate lesson was quickly delivered. The truth is that Marianne was not in awe of anyone, student or faculty member. She had an exquisite ability to read people and know who was and was not genuine. Every organization needs more Mariannes. She will always hold a special place in my memory.

JAMES UNDERWOOD
Chauncey Winters Professor of Political Science and Dean of Faculty Emeritus
David R. Harris, a sociologist with a distinguished record as an innovative teacher, scholar and administrator, has been named the 19th president of Union College.

He was introduced on campus on Feb. 20 by John E. Kelly III ’76, chairman of the Board of Trustees. Harris begins July 1, succeeding Stephen C. Ainlay, who is stepping down after 12 years.

“This is a great honor for me,” said Harris. “Union has a national reputation for the ability to integrate science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fully with the other liberal arts disciplines. The ability to offer students both a broad and a deep education is critical in today’s world. The College’s leadership position in this area creates a tremendous foundation for even greater success.”

Harris, 48, has been chief academic officer at Tufts University since July 2012, responsible for the academic initiatives at the university’s eight schools.

At Tufts, he led the creation of Tufts’ first university-wide strategic plan, which produced initiatives including 1+4, a program to energize civic renewal by providing students an opportunity to engage in a year of international or national service before starting at Tufts. The strategic plan also led to the creation of Bridge Professorships, which span two or more schools to advance research and teaching on complex issues.

At Tufts, Harris established the new position of chief diversity officer and associate provost. He launched Bridging Differences, an initiative to advance discussion around some of today’s most challenging topics.

In 2003, Harris joined Cornell University as professor of sociology. The next year, he became the founding director of Cornell’s Institute for the Social Sciences, where he was responsible for launching several intellectual theme projects, seeding individual research projects, incubating a successful effort to attract...
David R. Harris was greeted by a boisterous standing ovation when he was introduced as Union’s 19th president in Memorial Chapel.

He then introduced himself as first-generation college student who gratefully benefitted from financial aid, a liberal arts curriculum that allowed him to find his path and faculty who created opportunities that would lead him to a Ph.D.

He made the case for Union’s brand of interdisciplinarity by asking the audience to consider a societal challenge and then decide which academic discipline had responsibility for it. “The challenge almost never maps to a discipline,” he said. “If we’re going to address the challenges of our day, we need to have an educational system ... that is as flexible as it needs to be to get at those questions.”

He advocated for access and cited the College for its policy of meeting demonstrated financial need, and for promoting diversity in the form of composition, inclusion, engagement and achievement.

Describing his style, he said he likes to engage with the community. He organized the Tufts Century Ride, a 100-mile cycling challenge that has grown to more than 80 riders. “You can’t be hierarchical in bike clothes,” he quipped. “It’s impossible.”

He called on the College to be part of a “renewed commitment to knowledge and expertise,” which he said “have been under assault by a troubling confluence of post-modernist theory, opportunism and disillusionment.”

“It’s what’s given us fake news, it’s what’s given us talking heads on cable news where no matter how certain a fact there’s always somebody who says they’re not so sure and we’ll put them on equal footing,” he said.

“There’s no doubt that success, however defined, is affected by who you know,” he continued. “There’s no doubt that the haves often seek to maintain what they have and to pass it on. At the same time, there’s little doubt that there are truths to learn, things to discover and that human capital and facts are critical to the further progress of individuals and society.

“Knowledge and expertise are at the core of what we do at Union,” he said. “It united the founders of this great school many years ago and it should unite us all now.”

David Harris introduced as Union’s 19th president

From March 2010 to July 2011 he took a leave from Cornell to serve as deputy assistant secretary for human services policy at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Working with colleagues across HHS, several other federal agencies and the White House, he focused on programs designed to reduce poverty and promote opportunity.

Harris’s scholarship has focused on race and ethnicity, social stratification and public policy. His work has applied theories from sociology, economics and psychology to empirical studies of racial and ethnic disparities in socioeconomic status, the fluidity of race, and racial and nonracial determinants of residential mobility.

Raised in a neighborhood outside of Philadelphia, Harris was a first-generation college student. He attended Northwestern University, where he earned a B.S. in human development and social policy in 1991, and a Ph.D. in sociology in 1997. He credits financial aid, academic staff and faculty with opening doors to a range of transformational opportunities.

Harris and his wife, Anne, met as undergraduates at Northwestern. They have three daughters, ages 7, 18 and 20.

“I want to thank the search committee and the board of trustees for making this possible,” said Harris. “I especially want to thank President Ainlay for his remarkable stewardship of the institution these past 12 years. He leaves an institution that is likely stronger than at any other time in its history.”

John Kelly cited Trustee Kelly Williams ’86, chair of the presidential search committee, and other members of the search committee, who represented all of Union’s constituencies. He also thanked the Ainlays. “We are grateful for the outstanding job President Ainlay and his wife, Judith, have done in positioning Union to take the next step forward.”

www.union.edu/news for more on President-elect Harris.
CULINARY CREATIONS

Colorful floral-like sculptures of fruit and vegetables—de rigueur in the finest restaurants—may be somewhat unexpected in college dining. Until now.

Khwan Hyden, who brings her culinary artistry to Upperclass Dining, knows that "you eat with your eyes first."

She was exposed to the edible art form in her native Thailand, but since joining Union’s Dining Services in 2013 has honed her skill through the internet and books. And lots of practice.

She began doing the carvings for special events like Homecoming and ReUnion, said Tom Lawson, dining manager. Now, when time allows, she will produce something for everyday student dining. She recently taught a class for students.

"Khwan’s creations have been really popular," Lawson said. "They’re unexpected and a lot of the students love to look at them."
John E. Kelly III ’76 started at Union with a slide rule.

Today, he oversees a team at IBM that is building a computer based on quantum mechanics that could change the world.

“We’re used to living in a linear world,” Kelly said to open the third annual Feigenbaum Forum on Innovation and Creativity on Oct. 27. “There are very few occasions where we experience exponential curves.”

Kelly, IBM senior vice president, Cognitive Solutions and Research, joined with Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times columnist and author Thomas Friedman to discuss the impact of technological acceleration on innovation and creativity, and the important role of the liberal arts.

Kelly said we are in the fourth exponential curve of technology, each one of which was impossible to predict.

“We need great institutions to educate future leaders because we can’t predict the exponential curves we’ll experience a decade or two from now,” he said.

“My education at Union taught me to be deep enough to understand these things, but broad enough to understand the implications,” he said.

Friedman made the case for lifelong learning as a way to stay current with the arc of technology. “As long as Union is teaching people to love to learn, they are going to be fine,” he said.

He also emphasized the importance of humanity. “The best results come when you have a patient with a doctor who can connect both to Watson and to the patient,” Friedman said. “Because there’s one thing machines will never have: a human heart.”

Friedman is the best-selling author of numerous books, including The World is Flat. His most recent book is 2016’s Thank You for Being Late: An Optimist’s Guide to Thriving in the Age of Accelerations.

Kelly, who chairs Union’s Board of Trustees, has held many management and technical positions since joining IBM in 1980. In his current role, he is focused on the company’s investments in several of the fastest-growing parts of the information technology market. These include IBM Analytics, IBM Security and IBM Watson, as well as IBM Research and the company’s Intellectual Property team.

The forum is supported by the Feigenbaum Foundation, created by brothers Armand V. Feigenbaum ‘42 and Donald S. Feigenbaum ‘46, longtime benefactors to Union.

Acknowledged world leaders in systems engineering and total quality control, the brothers founded General Systems Co., a 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 current series builds on this event by bringing in prominent speakers who have revolutionized their fields of endeavor through contributions deemed innovative and creative.
Hundreds come back for Homecoming

The College welcomed hundreds of visitors to campus Oct. 20–22 for Homecoming and Family Weekend. Alumni, parents, students and friends enjoyed a full slate of events that ranged from campus tours and class visits to athletics.

Highlights from the weekend included:

• “Nott’s Boys and the Purchase of Alaska: A Sesquicentennial Celebration”—A talk looking back at the successful purchase of Alaska, which featured not only William Seward, Class of 1820, but a group of extraordinary Union College alumni: Ambassador to France John Bigelow (1835), General-in-Chief Henry W. Halleck (1836), President Chester Alan Arthur (1848), Assistant Secretary of State Frederick Seward (1849), and Reverend Sheldon Jackson (1855). The common thread “knotting” them together was Eliphalet Nott. The talk was presented Dr. Gustave Davis ’59.

• The opening of Schaeffer Library exhibit, “Beyond the Hashesh Eater: Fitz Hugh Ludlow, A Nineteenth Century Writer and Adventurer.” Don Dulchinos ’78, author of The Collected Works of Fitz Hugh Ludlow, introduced this exhibition that explores the dynamic life and works of famed Union alum Fitz Hugh Ludlow.

• Pumpkin Carving Competition on the Reamer patio, and historic tours of campus

• Open house and exhibit at the Kelly Adirondack Center

• Athletic contests, including football, women’s rugby, women’s soccer, men’s ice hockey and field hockey.

See more photos from the weekend at facebook.com/unioncollege, and save the date for Homecoming 2018 (Oct. 12–14).

‘Life changing events’ recalled on Veteran’s Day

Jack Gold ’64 had never talked about some of his experiences as a medical corpsman in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. Not even to his family.

But when the College asked him to speak at the Veteran’s Day Breakfast on Nov. 10, he used the opportunity to recall some of what he described as “life-changing events,” watching young men fight for their lives at a mobile Army hospital, and sometimes losing.

Speaking about the experiences was liberating, he told the audience in the Nott Memorial. Over the previous six weeks in preparing his talk, the retired Schenectady physician began to recall events and people.

“It was a life-changing experience to recall all of those memories that have been put aside,” he said.

Frank “Tad” Knight ’68, a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, served as emcee for the event. “Those veterans who have endured so much deserve a lot of respect,” he said. “I am pleased that Union can recognize the vets in this way.”

The event included the songs “The Arms of Abraham” and “Just Before the Battle, Mother” by soprano Elyse Clark ’18 accompanied by Harry Pellegrin on guitar.

The Office of Alumni Relations organized the annual event with help from Don Tallman and members of the College’s ROTC Army Branch.
Alumnus, parent offer career advice to students

Leading journalists and political commentators Dylan Ratigan ’94 and Robert Cox P’20 had some advice for students who attended their talk in Reamer Campus Center Oct. 3. In an informal Q&A format (Cox mostly asking, Ratigan mostly answering), they offered career—and life—tips to the packed auditorium.

ADVICE: “The network of relationships you’ll form will be the most important thing. At the end of the day, the people you’re friends with will be your most valuable asset,” Ratigan said. “This has certainly been true for me, and it started here. Union has always been very good at cultivating an environment where strong friendships develop.”

The relationships he built were a fundamental part of his success as he rose from his first job reporting on acquisitions and mergers with Bloomberg (where he met Cox) to host of “The Dylan Ratigan Show,” and in 2012, he delivered Union’s Commencement address.

ADVICE: “The moral of this, of my path, is you have no idea. You need to try to make decisions that give you more options, not exactly what you think you want right now.”

Ratigan, who studied political science at Union, followed his own advice when he left MSNBC in 2012. He realized that interviewing politicians and other figures on air wasn’t helping him be a more effective voice for change and economic justice. He wanted to “take my money, relationships and time and do something.” So he became chief skeptic at Tastytrade (an online financial network that produces eight hours of live, original programming each weekday) and advisor to CyndX, which provides strategic advisory and capital raising services to both public and private growth companies as well as private funds.

Ratigan is also partner and co-founder of a Louisiana-based manufacturer that integrates systems to grow food, purify water, produce solar electricity, establish wireless connectivity, create jobs and provide essential community services. This venture was inspired by U.S. combat veterans who described plug and play integration of housing, food, power and water systems as fundamental to global security.

ADVICE: “Do what you like and you’ll be really good at it,” Cox said. “If you don’t like doing it, you won’t do it well and you won’t make an impact.”

Cox, one of Ratigan’s first mentors and father of Sam Cox ’20, helped found Breakingviews.com in 2000 in London. The Reuters site delivers agenda-setting financial insight, commenting daily on important financial stories as they break in the United States, Europe, the Middle East and Asia.


Cox was named editor-in-chief of Breakingviews in December 2012, three years after it was acquired by Thomson Reuters.
Mosser to students: 'do your homework'

Robert J. Moser (Bob) ’99, who leads the country’s largest private real estate company focused on owning and operating self-storage facilities, never had a Plan B.

When Bob returned to campus last fall his talk to students was concise: to be an entrepreneur you “need to have a thick skin.” Owning your own business does not come easily. The key to successful acquisitions: “do your homework.”

Before he picked up the phone to make his first deal, Bob knew more about the business than the owner or CEO he was about to speak with. A must read on Bob’s bookshelf for any aspiring entrepreneur: *Think and Grow Rich*. Focus on your goals and balance sheets. Don’t worry about what someone else stands to gain. Bob’s final piece of advice: “don’t count someone else’s money.”

Bob knew early on that he wanted a career in real estate. The Queensbury, N.Y. native arrived at Union as a freshman with a real estate license. By the time he graduated, he was brokering deals throughout the Northeast. His senior honors thesis, “The Determinants of the Price of Manufactured Housing Communities”, advised by Prof. Therese McCarty of Economics, served to launch his success in real estate.

While a student at Union, he began brokering sales of institutional real estate assets and soon after graduating he began purchasing mobile home parks, then apartments and resorts. In the last seven years, he has focused 100 percent on a burgeoning market: self-storage.

Today as founder and CEO of Saratoga-based Prime Group Holdings, Bob owns and manages over $4.5 billion in real estate assets through his various companies including his private equity funds, Prime Storage Funds and is the largest private owner-operator of self-storage in the U.S.

Bob’s wife, Lisa, serves as executive vice president of Prime Group. This partnership has been a critical part of their success.

The Mosers are parents to Carson, 9, and Emery, 7, and they’re committed to raising grounded children who understand that with success comes a lot of hard work. They can already see that son Carson is following in his father’s footsteps. After his father passed on acquiring a particular property, Carson remarked, “Dad, let me guess, the numbers just didn’t work?!”
Seven individuals, two teams join Hall of Fame

Seven individuals and two teams were inducted to the Colleges’ Athletics Hall of Fame on Nov. 11.

The Class of 2017 included:
- George Cutitta, Sports Information Director from 1980 to 2005
- Erika Eisenhut Rahill ’06, soccer, basketball and softball
- Aaron Galletta ’02, basketball
- Abby Harris ’00, soccer and lacrosse
- the late Ernest Houghton, Class of 1915
- Anthony Valente ’86 football
- Dalton Menhall ’92, hockey

The Teams of Distinction were 1982-83 Men’s Basketball (21-5) and 2003 Softball (26-7).

For more on the Hall of Fame inductees and Union athletics scores and news, visit www.unionathletics.com.
Exhibit pairs old scientific instruments with new art

The Union College Permanent Collection has a treasure trove of more than 300 historic scientific instruments, including 19th century prisms, a sextant, a sea octant that dates to the College’s founding in 1795, a refractometer and assorted mathematical models.

More than 30 of these instruments are presented in a new light in the Mandeville Gallery exhibit Probability & Uncertainty (through June 17), in which they are juxtaposed with works by six contemporary artists who focus on scientific themes.

The artists are represented by sculptures, paintings, installations and mixed media pieces that incorporate everything from plywood to plasma to Plexiglas.

“The exhibition seeks to emphasize shared impulses found in the humanities and sciences then and now,” said Curator of Art Collections and Exhibitions Julie Lohnes. “Our fields are intertwined metaphorically, and tangibly, within these beautiful objects.”

To highlight varied aspects of the exhibit, the following events are planned:

- **Artist Talk and Reception**: Nettrice Gaskins will give a talk April 11 in the Nott Memorial, during a reception, 5–6:30 p.m.
- **“Contemporary Art Intersections: Geometry, Optical Illusion & 3D Space”**: Gaskins also will offer a maker workshop April 12, 12:55–1:45 p.m., at the Feigenbaum Center for Visual Arts (Room 101).

For more information on the exhibit visit ww.union.edu/news
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The New York State Association for Reduction, Re-use and Recycling gives Union its annual team award for “a group (public or private sector) whose actions have significantly reduced solid waste or have furthered waste prevention, reuse, recycling, and/or composting.”

The Department of Theater and Dance showcases Charise Castro Smith’s “The Hunchback of Seville,” directed by William Finlay, department chair and professor of theater.


NBA G League drafts senior
The Erie Bayhawks, NBA G League affiliate of the Atlanta Hawks Basketball Club, selects Deshon Burgess ’17 in the 2017 NBA G League Draft. He is the first of only two Division III players to be selected in the G League Draft.
Getting real-world experience: Eight students take part in the fourth annual Wharton Undergraduate Health Management Conference and DaVita Case Competition in Philadelphia. They gain real-world experience in the health care industry by solving a business problem and presenting their recommendations to judges.

Economics Professor Lewis Davis organizes a symposium on Religion, Social Conflict and Social Cohesion. The event is supported by Union’s Our Shared Humanities Initiative.

S&E project progresses: The campus community gathers to celebrate the placement of the top steel beam for the new Integrated Science and Engineering Complex. High winds delay the “topping off” ceremony, but dozens brave frigid temperatures to marvel at the work completed so far. Trustee Frank L. Messa ’73, President Stephen C. Ainlay, Michael Stalteri ’19 and Strom Thacker, the Stephen J. and Diane K. Ciesinski Dean of Faculty, were among those who spoke at the event.

The most-viewed stories of 2017, posted to Union news sites or social media, included:

No. 1: a remembrance of Alexander Askenazy ’20

No. 2: the announcement of the $100 million Science & Engineering renovation

No. 3: the announcement that President Stephen C. Ainlay will step down in June 2018
Honoring the Ainlays

In honor of President Stephen C. and Judith Gardner Ainlay’s leadership at the College for the past 12 years, Union is looking to “Drive for $5M.” The Annual Fund is working to raise $5 million in unrestricted funds by June 30, 2018. If reached, this will be the largest unrestricted Annual Fund amount ever raised at the College.

Over the years, Union’s alumni, parents and friends have helped make the College an exemplar of higher education—a place that provides the kind of innovative learning that this country and our world will need in the next century.

“I could not be prouder of this institution and what we’ve accomplished together,” said President Ainlay. “We have a remarkable future ahead of us. The generous support of the Union community enables us to do what we do each day—prepare today’s students for tomorrow’s challenges.”

“It is with the outmost gratitude that I thank you for your amazing support. May your future endeavors be filled with thrilling happenings. Mes plus sincères sentiments.”
- Miryam Moutillet, Director of the Dance Program/Senior Artist in Residence

“Our son, Charles, is a senior and we love the College! I can’t believe how fast his four years have gone. We’ve enjoyed every minute and feel so fortunate to cheer him on each fall weekend as a member of the Union soccer team. Union is a great school that keeps getting better. Thank you for all you’ve both done, we can’t wait to see what comes next.”
- Rick + Amy Leonard, P’18

“Thank you for making Union College a place to be proud of!”
- Scott Carroll ’08

“Thank you for all you have done for Union College. I attended my 60th ReUnion last year and am looking forward to my 65th ReUnion.”
- Robert Scott ’56

“Thank you for 12 years of outstanding growth and accomplishments for Union. Have one more ReUnion to make in ’22 (hopefully) and have recognized your direction steering major improvements at every visit back to NY.”
- Sven W. Edlund ’62

“I shook your hand in front of West College in September of 2006, when I brought my daughter Katie to Schenectady to start her Union adventure. I remember you being pleasant and welcoming, though you did not offer to help us carry her stuff up to her 4th floor dorm room. Given your outstanding record over the last eleven years, I’ve decided to forgive you. I am very impressed with what you have accomplished for Union during that time. Most significant for me has been the care and improvement of the physical campus. My freshman year, the college stuccoed the brick exteriors of Social Sciences and Humanities. We thought that was an outrageous waste of money. How little we understood the importance of the look of the place. In the early 70s, Prof. Huntley did what he could with the tree planting, but everything else was rather shabby. What the College offered me was Byron Nichols, Hugh Allen Wilson, Barry Smith, Charles Steckler and Hans Freund; and I am a better person today because of those men. Thank you for your enormous contributions to Union College, and my best wishes for you and your family, whatever comes next.”
- Christopher O’Connor ’76

“Thank you Stephen and Judith! The growth I have seen Union go through has been astounding. There is no question our College is in a better spot because of your leadership. All the best in your next endeavors!”
- Ridgely Harrison ’03

“Thank you President and Mrs. Ainlay for all your support in the Union community. You made the experience extra special for us all!”
- Kaitlyn Suarez ’16
“Thanks to you both for all you’ve done for Union.”
- Jonathan Briggs ’65

“Union has a special place in my heart, even after graduating almost 15 years ago. I find myself daydreaming sometimes, remembering those four years. From the laughter in the dorms to wild frat parties. Remembering Dr. Berk explain the Holocaust. Long van trips with the tennis team. First loves. The memories go on. My years at Union were a special time I will always remember. Thank you for continuing to grow our institution and good luck on your next chapter.”
- Oliver Collins ’03

“It has been a true pleasure knowing you and working with you. Your service has been appreciated by me and by my family more than you know. You will be missed. Thank you for sharing your lives with Union. My family and I are grateful!”
- Joseph P. Damore, Jr., ’87

“Thank you for the little things. I still remember you guys coming to some of our swim & dive meets. I know how busy you both are and I know that it meant a lot to all of our Union athletes and me.”
- George Bain ’73

“Thanks to both Stephen and Judith for all they have given Union. They’ve made a wonderful contribution and will be missed. Very gracious people whose example set an excellent tone for relationships within, and without, the College. Very much worthy of our respect and gratitude.”
- Peter Bedford, Director of Religious Studies Program
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n July 2008, Union sent its first Minerva Fellows out into the world. The hope was this: To instill in recent graduates an entrepreneurial approach to addressing social problems and a lasting commitment to the poor in developing countries. And to inspire an interest in current students to do the same.

Ten years later, this hope has been made reality—again and again. To date, 81 Union College seniors have lived and worked in 13 countries following graduation, paired with non-government organizations striving to improve everything from education to healthcare.

"Because of the fellows there is a community outreach program for the Global Child, a school for former street children in Cambodia," said Hal Fried, David L. & Beverly B Yunich Professor of Business Ethics, who runs the effort with Associate Dean of Students and Director of Minerva Programs Tom McEvoy.

"Fellows founded Bagru Textiles, a company in India that connects artisan block printers to customers in the developed world, and assisted Witkoppen Health Clinic in South Africa in establishing a fully comprehensive postnatal health clinic that treats HIV infection."

"But perhaps of greater significance, the fellows become friends with people of different nationalities, circumstances, religions and cultures," he added. "The more people throughout the world who adopt the perspective of a global citizen, the less tolerance there will be for terrorism, bigotry and war. This is a movement that paves the road to peace."

**Words to live by**

*The Mantra of the Minerva Fellows:*

- Go to the people
- Live with them
- Learn from them
- Love them.
- Start with what they know
- Build with what they have,
- But with the best leaders.
- When the work is done,
- The task accomplished,
- The people will say,
- “We have done this ourselves.”

- Lao Tzu, 6th century Chinese philosopher
Impact

After nine months abroad, each class of fellows returns to Union in May. They share their experiences with the campus community and teach the final month of Fried’s social entrepreneurship class, which all selected seniors must take before departing on their fellowships.

It’s a twist that makes the College’s program unique.

“I’m not aware of another school with a program structured like ours, with the combination of a class and integrating the returning fellows,” Fried said.

None of it would be possible without the support of alumni and friends of the College.

“Michael Rapaport ’59 provided the initial funding to run the pilot in 2008 and has continued his support,” Fried said. “Lauren ’78 and Gary Cohen ’78, and Robert Chartoff ’55, have endowed fellowships in South Africa and India, respectively. Ray Marcinowski ’76, Les Trachtman ’77, Elaine Hickey, Chet and Karen Opalka, Brian Epstein ’88, John Hanson ’78 and Tom Stark ’82 faithfully sustain the program every year.”

Going forward, McEvoy and Fried would like to do more—with more fellows and more NGOs.

“Union graduates students with the hearts and minds to be Minerva Fellows. It is a wasted opportunity that we cannot accept every student who is capable of contributing to the challenges around the world,” Fried said. “At the same time, we have more excellent opportunities and NGOs than we have fellows. Over the next ten years, I would like to see the program grow.”

Jacqui Smith ‘13
Yanapuma Foundation, Ecuador
Now: Kindergarten teacher (Spanish immersion), San Francisco, Calif.

“I never imagined going into education until I lived in Ecuador. I fell in love with the children and education. I teach in Spanish, which I became fluent in while living in Ecuador. Many of my students also come from Central America and are from towns and backgrounds similar to Estero (where I stayed in Ecuador). The fellowship confirmed my desire to better the world through education.”

To learn more about the Minerva Fellows Program, visit www.union.edu/offices/minerva/fellows
One night in Uganda, as Joe Hinderstein ’15 drifted in and out of sleep, he heard a knock on his window. “Joe, are you awake?” a voice asked. “I need help.”

Hinderstein, serving as a Minerva Fellow at Engeye Health Clinic (July 2015–March 2016), thought the voice belonged to a local student he knew. But when he opened the door, he saw Olivia. Nine months pregnant, in labor and barely able to stand, she’d managed to walk a mile in the darkness from a neighboring village. With the help of Engeye co-founder and executive director John Kalule, Hinderstein got Olivia into the clinic’s 24-hour ambulance (a rare service in the region). It saved her a 90-minute walk to the nearest hospital.

“What became apparent to me in that moment was that most women aren’t so lucky,” Hinderstein said. “This was a watershed moment in my life. Never before had I considered the endless challenges that come with trying to deliver and care for a baby. Why would I?”

And the challenges for pregnant women in Uganda are many.

“Ugandan mothers and babies are dying deaths that would be international scandals if they were happening to Americans,” said Charlotte Bloom ’15, who served as a fellow with Hinderstein. “One in 47 Ugandan women have a lifetime risk of dying in childbirth. To put that in perspective, I had 47 women in my pledge class at Union.”

So the two fellows decided to dedicate themselves to adding maternity services to Engeye’s offerings.

In late 2015, they and Kalule began talking with the Engeye community about its needs. They compiled data on infant and maternal mortality in central Uganda, gathered testimony from birth attendants and midwives, and surveyed other facilities to assess workflow. They also worked closely with Engeye’s board of directors, who needed to be certain adding maternity services to the clinic—strictly primary care since 2007—was a realistic and logistically feasible move.

The fellows also committed to raising $30,000 of the $120,000 needed to build the Engeye Maternity Center, which they did while working fulltime jobs after their return to the U.S. in 2016.

“At times it was challenging to get people motivated about giving their money to a place and people they had never seen or met,” said Bloom, who works in clinical trial operations at Foundation Medicine, a biotechnology company in Massachusetts that’s developing companion diagnostic testing for cancer. “But the buy-in from donors is automatic when you tell them that the local hospital charges $30 for a cesarean section that will save a mother and baby. You can save two lives literally for the cost of a week of Starbucks Coffee.”

The funds, largely from their friends and family, and most in donations of $100 or less, are now being put to good use building the maternity center.

It’s slated to open in early 2018 and will work toward:

• Eradicating maternal mortality and delivery-related complications
• Preventing infant deaths in childbirth
• Expanding access to family planning methods for women
• Providing mother-to-child transmission prevention drugs to HIV/AIDS infected mothers
• Increasing access to reliable prenatal care
• Raising immunization rates for preventable diseases like polio and tetanus
This will be “a safe and affordable place where pregnant mothers could deliver, where women can learn about their bodies, receive prenatal vitamins and access family-planning methods in a culturally sensitive, confidential environment,” said Hinderstein, a project associate at athena-health working to help small, rural U.S. hospitals run more effectively and efficiently.

“Where they can deliver their babies on a bed instead of dirt floor. Where the staff will always show up for work. Where the conversation about childbirth contains the words love and joy, rather than lucky and survival,” he continued. “Engeye will now be equipped to conduct 300-400 safe deliveries per year, in what I believe will be the strongest rural delivery center in East Africa.”

It’s a future that wouldn’t be possible without Hinderstein’s predecessors.

It all started with the first Engeye fellows, Rebecca Broadwin ’08 and Stephen Po-Chedley ’08, said Sarah Yergeau ’10, herself an Engeye fellow. Then came Elliot Harmon ’10, who led the establishment of a fully dedicated lab room, which now has two paid staff.

Brendan Kinnane ’11 and Mark O’Shea ’11 dramatically increased the amount of water available at Engeye, which meant hand-washing stations and more lab equipment now that the water existed to clean it.

And it was Ben Weiner ’13 who fundraised and donated the ambulance that brought Olivia and her soon-to-arrive son safely to the hospital that night.

“Each year builds upon the work of the years before so that the cumulative effect is much larger than what any one group of fellows does during their nine months,” Yergeau. “The full evolution shows the lasting impact the Minerva Fellows have had.”

Yergeau serves on the Engeye Board of Directors as vice president of education and chair of the scholars committee. She is also manager of digital advocacy and network capacity building at United Way Worldwide in Alexandria, Va.
No one ever doubted that sending graduating seniors to developing countries would change them. How could it not?

What was less predictable was the impact these young people would have.

"Ten years ago, I don’t think I realized how important the Minerva Fellows would become to the NGOs they work for," said Tom McEvoy, associate dean of students and director of Minerva Programs.

Important, it turns out, is a bit of an understatement. Just ask Judy Wheeler, chairman of the board of the Global Child, which operates a safe-house and school for impoverished or orphaned street-children in Cambodia.

Before the NGO partnered with the Minerva Fellows Program, the school lacked teachers who could instruct its students and staff in written and conversational English, which isn’t part of the standard English curriculum offered in Cambodian public schools.

"In countries like Cambodia, English is a universal language and without it, you don’t go anywhere," Wheeler said. "Recently, we had seven girls graduate from high school and they’ve all got full scholarships to universities and they all have jobs. Seventy-five percent of their success has to do with their English—the written and conversational English they learn from Minerva Fellows."

"I can’t say enough about the fellows," she added. "Without them, we feel we wouldn’t see our students having such success."

The Global Child, founded in 2003, has been part of the Minerva program from the beginning. Since 2008, it’s hosted 20 fellows, 14 of which have been women. And while all fellows have been spectacular, having so many women has been particularly special.

"Women do most of the work in Cambodia but they are treated two steps behind men," Wheeler said. "It’s really been great for our students to have young women like the fellows as mentors."

Lauren and Gary Cohen, both Class of 1978, feel just as strongly about the importance of the fellows. One has worked with their NGO—the Gift of Hope—each year since 2011.

The Cohens established the Gift of Hope in 2006 to provide care for South African women and children infected with, and affected by, HIV. Partnering with local organizations like the Witkoppen Health and Welfare Centre (where fellows are stationed), the Gift of Hope offers services and programs to fill critical gaps in care in Durban and Johannesburg.

"To me, the fellows are an invaluable resource," Lauren Cohen said. "They are my liaisons on the ground in South Africa. They provide a great deal of support to Witkoppen and care to its patients, and they help with programmatic efforts in my absence."

One such effort is A Fresh Start, a new endeavor that provides care for mothers and infants for 18 months after birth. Offering all well care for each, from psychological and social support to nutrition and health education, it also performs repeated HIV testing for moms and babies.

Before A Fresh Start, Lauren Cohen said, mothers and babies couldn’t get care past 10 weeks (post-delivery) as a pair.

"Durban and Johannesburg are very under-resourced communities and the fellows are an excellent resource without any cost to the organization," Cohen added. "They really miss the fellows when they’re not there three months of the year."
Mary Beth Gadarowski ’15

Witkoppen Health and Wellness Center, South Africa
Now: Medical student, SUNY Upstate Medical University

“My experiences at Witkoppen have helped guide and shape how I wish to practice medicine with a holistic model that embodies empathy and compassion. My goals for the future are to return to sub-Saharan Africa and pursue global health, especially as it relates to improving the health and wellness of women and children. To that end, this past summer, I traveled to Harare, Zimbabwe. I was an elective medical student in the Parirenyatwa Hospital Department of Pediatrics and Obstetrics and Gynecology. I also joined the University of Zimbabwe, College of Health Sciences Clinical Trials Unit, and gained first-hand exposure to phase I-IV clinical trials in HIV prevention and treatment, and enjoyed absolutely every moment.”

Emily Myers ’16

The Global Child, Cambodia
Now: Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellow, Alliance for Peacebuilding (researching peace and security issues and advocating for policies that better address root causes of conflict)

“I think about development differently now. When we were selecting new students for the school (run by The Global Child), we went on home visits to interview applicants. The villages looked like they’d been ripped from the cover a UNICEF brochure. But they did not reflect the desperation, stagnancy and impotency those brochures depict. There are certainly families in Cambodia and throughout the Third World who do not have enough to eat, do not have a place to sleep—and that presents problems we as a global society need to address. But it’s not helpful to characterize the entire Third World that way. And it’s not helpful to characterize the poor as people with no agency and no goals beyond a little more rice every day and a larger house. I realized that if we picture poverty to be the dirty kid on the brochure, we don’t get to the point where our goal is to create future leaders. We underestimate the autonomy and potential of the kid. If we want to help, we need to address the causes—underdevelopment, bad governance, limited access to education and exposure to violence—not the symptoms, such a poverty.”

Shalini Singaravelu ’12

The Gift of Hope, South Africa
Now: Global health consultant, World Health Organization (Switzerland)

“The Minerva Fellowship was my introduction to the world of global health, which I haven’t left since. The fellowship was a pivotal moment, which inspired me to continue a career in global health. I constantly reflect on my experiences for my current job, including drawing on coursework leading up to the fellowship.”
Current Fellows

Vito-Joseph Capuano ’17
Engeye Health Clinic, Uganda

Rebecca Broadwin ’08
Engeye Health Clinic, Uganda
Now: Director of nursing, University of Chicago Medical Center

Robbie Flick ’08
The Global Child, Cambodia
Now: Medical student, University of Colorado School of Medicine

Jonathan Hill ’08
The Global Child, Cambodia
Now: Data science and DevOps consultant, mid-tier banks and federal agencies, Washington, D.C.

Emily Laing ’08
Welfare Society for Destitute Children, India
Now: Mental health counselor, Auburn, N.Y.

Lara Singer ’08
Journey Hope South Africa, Cape Town
Now: Pediatric neuropsychology postdoc fellow, Center for Attention and Learning, Lenox Hill Hospital, New York City

Michael Eisenman ’09
Community Action Toward a Safer Environment, South Africa
Now: Senior manager of implementation, athenahealth, Watertown, Mass.

Ned Lincoln ’09
Started motorbike repair shop, Cambodia
Now: Food industry, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Gillian Henry ’17
Batik Boutique, Malaysia

Mason King ’17
Raymond Marcinowski ’76 Fellow at Environmentalist Foundation of India, India

Daniel Tompkins ’17
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Past Fellows: Then & Now

Rebecca Broadwin ’08
Engeye Health Clinic, Uganda
Now: Director of nursing, University of Chicago Medical Center

Jennifer Mao-Jones ’09
One Laptop per Child, Uruguay
Now: 3D/MBA candidate, University of Pennsylvania Law School/The Wharton School

Tom Perry ’09
Engeye Health Clinic, Uganda
Now: CERN physicist, Geneva, Switzerland

Monica Rowett ’09
Engeye Health Clinic, Uganda
Now: Church volunteer, while pursing elder care degree, Conn.

Nathaniel Saslow ’09
The Global Child, Cambodia
Now: Sixth grade math teacher, Harlem, N.Y.

Andrew Scaplen ’09
One Laptop per Child, Uruguay
Now: Senior manager of implementations, athenahealth, Portland, Maine

Lyndsay Wehrum ’09
The Global Child, Cambodia
Now: Manager, risk assurance, PwC, Boston, Mass.

Elliott Harmon ’10
Engeye Health Clinic, Uganda
Now: Anesthesia resident, Detroit, Mich.

Katharine Murphy ’10
The Global Child, Cambodia
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The incredible (and mostly forgotten) Captain Herman C.

July 1943. The 60-year-old soldier is trapped. Japanese forces occupy the Philippines islands during World War II.

Captain Herman C. Kluge, Class of 1905, is one of the leaders of tenacious American-commanded guerilla units battling the Japanese in the mountains of northern Luzon. The Japanese are familiar with Kluge. The guerillas are making life miserable for them with reconnaissance missions and frequent ambushes of their supply trucks along the trails. A bounty is placed on his head.

One night, on his way to a secret meeting with an American officer, Kluge wanders into a Japanese encampment. Some villagers shield him for a brief period, but eventually two Filipinos betray his location to the Japanese.

Word reaches Kluge: Surrender or the Japanese will begin slaughtering women and children and burn the village.

Kluge knows what he must do. He comes down from the hills and into enemy captivity.

What happens next is unclear. Japan’s response to the resistance efforts is brutal. Conflicting reports say Kluge is executed as a warning to Filipinos siding with the Americans. (The Philippines is a U.S. commonwealth, and Filipinos are U.S. nationals.) Or that he is sent to a prison camp and tortured for months before he is ordered to dig his own grave and buried alive.

Whatever Kluge’s unspeakable fate, his remains are never recovered.

Kluge’s story is one of the most exceptional of the thousands of Union alumni with military experience. Yet few today are familiar with his heroism.

“As John Graham Dowling, a war correspondent for the Chicago Sun Foreign Service traveling with the guerillas observed in this dispatch at the time: ‘They tell you about Herman Kluge, ‘Herman the German,’ Old Clock Eye.’ He spoke 10 languages and graduated from Union College, New York. If you think a man becomes a legend for nothing, listen further to the way he finished when finally the Japs had his hiding place in the hills spotted.

‘It would have been easy for Old Clock Eye to get away, just down the side of one mountain and up the next. But he knew the Japs would just as soon kill the natives as look at them. Sooner, perhaps. All they needed was an excuse. So he came down the hill and surrendered. He died shortly afterward in a Jap concentration camp. But before he died, he had won even the respect of his captors. Thus, Herman Kluge.’

Kluge arrives at Union in September 1901 from Elmira, N.Y. Vice president of his class, he letters in football and basketball. He joins the Pyramid Club, a new social group for non-fraternity men. He graduates with a degree in civil engineering.

Five years after leaving Union, Kluge marries a Schenectady girl, Anna Dettbarn. The couple travel to some of the farthest parts of the world as Kluge becomes a successful lumber mill cruiser, scouting out potential lumbering sites.

“We think that Herman C. Kluge has visited more out of the way places than any living Union man,” a class note mentions in the alumni
The incredible (and mostly forgotten) ordeal of Captain Herman C. Kluge

monthly in 1921. "His work as a lumber expert and engineer has taken him to most of the West Indies Islands, countries of Central America, as well as England, France, Spain, Portugal and South American countries."

The Kluges settle in Englewood, Fla., but when the Great Depression erases their savings, Herman accepts a job in the Philippines as superintendent of the world's largest hardwood sawmill.

Still, the couple returns often to the Schenectady area. Two of their three sons graduate from Union—Herman D. Kluge in 1936 and August Kluge in 1940.

"Glad you sent me a line to this place," he writes to the alumni office in 1933. "You know that this little cockeyed world of ours has some queer places that are mentioned in the National Geographic..."


"Every once in a while my attention is drawn to Old Union," he writes to the alumni office in January. He shares a meeting with a Colgate alumnus, Col. John P. Horan that might be worthy of a class note, even suggesting the headline, 'Union meets Colgate.' He's happy to have a radio to keep-up on news as world tensions increase.

"We out here are all for the President and his methods of procedure and hope that he will receive the wholehearted backing of the American people," he writes.

Charles Waldron '06, secretary of the Graduate Council, maintains regular correspondence with Kluge.

"I am glad you feel the President's foreign policy is sound," Waldron replies. "I fairly boil over when I think of the fatheads in this country who believe that we can forget the rest of the world and pretend we do not live in it."

By November, Kluge informs Waldron that "it looks like we will have news soon for war is coming to the Far East. Not that we are ready for it but out here among the people who know, the consensus of opinion is that we have the Japs to lick and the sooner we get at it the better."

When the Japanese attack Pearl Harbor, Herman and Anna decide to flee. They load food, a radio battery and clothing into their station wagon and head north to an Episcopal compound at Sagada.

"My thoughts are very much with you men in the Philippine Islands," Waldron writes to Kluge. "I do not know if this note will reach you. We watch with anxiety and pride the fight you are putting up. You, I know, will be resourceful and very brave. I wish there were many more like you."

The note is returned to sender.

Herman C. Kluge
Pyramid; Y. M. C. A.; Philomathean; Junior Class Vice-President; Captain Class Basketball Teams Freshman and Sophomore Years; Varsity Basketball Sophomore Year; Class Football Team Sophomore Year; Varsity Football Junior Year; Second Eleven Football Sophomore Year; J.T.B.C.

In mid-January, Col. Horan returns for a surprise visit with Kluge. Under the command of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Horan is organizing guerrilla units to slow the Japanese march across the islands. Familiar with Kluge's background serving with the intelligence department during World War I and his knowledge of the Japanese language, Horan recruits Kluge to join the resistance.

During one crucial battle over a stretch of 8,000-foot mountains, Kluge and a handful of guerrillas, 18 Philippine Scouts and 12 Chinese
volunteers armed with rifles, pistols and shotguns hold off nearly 400 Japanese armed with machine guns, mortars and mountain artillery. In the spring, the combined regular American-Filipino army suffers a key defeat at the Battle of Corregidor. But the guerrillas fight on. In June, Kluge reunites briefly with Anna. Kneeling at a small altar, they share communion from a Catholic priest together.

“Children, this may be the last time you will see each other,” the priest solemnly tells them.

Kluge returns to his unit, which continues to torment the Japanese. Meanwhile, Anna escapes into the woods with two women missionaries. By June 1943, the Japanese are in firm control of the Philippines. Kluge hikes to try and meet with Col. Russell Volckmann, who has taken over the guerrilla forces in the mountains of North Luzon.

He reaches the province of Benguet. He finds himself surrounded by the Japanese. Villagers call him Apo (‘good old friend’). They hide him and sneak him food. But the Japanese offer of 5,000 pesos ($2,500) for his capture proves tempting for two Filipinos.

Kluge surrenders. It is July 4, 1943.
health and excellent spirits. Although he was confined to a cell, his treatment otherwise was good. Captain Kluge spent a good deal of time reading the New Testament.

But by Feb. 1, 1946, Kluge is officially declared dead by the War Department.

"His service under my command in the Pacific War was characterized by his complete loyalty to our country," Gen. MacArthur writes to the family. "In giving his life in this crusade for liberty, his name takes its place on the roll of our nation's honored dead."

Anna informs the alumni office of the grim news.

"I still had hopes to the very last that I would hear he was alive and they found him in some remote place."

Waldron, secretary of the Graduate Council, sympathizes.

"It is always hard to have to give up hope but I know from what you have written and told me that you realize these hopes were slight. As one who knew Herman for many years and had a high regard for him, my sympathy goes out to you."

Kluge is posthumously awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and a presidential citation.

Anna is determined to keep her husband's story alive. She writes a piece for the April 1947 issue of Union Alumnus magazine. It's a precursor to a hefty manuscript written in longhand she completes in 1956 after returning to Englewood, Fla.

"But I won't publish the book," she tells a Florida magazine. "It is for my sons and their grandchildren that they may know what their father and grandfather stood for."

She also provides a copy to the College for its archives. In December 1962, Anna passes away. She is 72.

In June 1950, about a dozen members from Kluge's Class of 1905 gather for its 45th ReUnion. To honor their fallen classmate, they establish a memorial fund to purchase books related to the Far East. They also commission a bronze plaque to be hung in the library.

The Manila American Cemetery and Memorial holds the largest number of graves of the U.S. military dead of World War II, a total of 17,184. Most lost their lives in operations in New Guinea and the Philippines.

In the chapel near the center of the cemetery stand rectangular limestone piers inscribed with the Tablets of the Missing. Among the 36,286 names: Herman C. Kluge.

Herman C. Kluge '63 never met the grandfather for whom he is named. He is born in 1940 while his grandparents are in the Philippines.

Family conflicts afford him little contact with his grandmother. As a young man, he familiarizes himself with the broad outlines of his namesake's story through newspaper clippings and conversations with his father and uncles.

He is also reminded of his grandfather's legacy when he goes to the library and sees the plaque hung a decade before his arrival at Union. Today, it's barely visible, residing on a wall tucked in the third-floor hallway leading to the library's administrative offices.

He's often asked if he's related to the honoree.

"Given to Union College in memory of Herman Carl Kluge, Captain U.S.A., senior alumnus to lose his life in the World War 1939-45. A leader of native forces in the Philippines, he surrendered voluntarily on 4 July, 1943 at Bugias Mountain Province, on the threat of mass torture of the natives if he continued his resistance to the invaders."

Retired and living in Arizona, the grandson speaks matter-of-factly about his grandfather's service.

"He did what he had to do," he said recently. "He was a hero."

At their 45th ReUnion, Kluge's classmates dedicated this plaque in his honor. It hangs on the third floor of Schaffer Library.
Walani Ndhlovu’s journey from a dirt-floored hut in the African country of Malawi to Union College included a stop last fall on stage with Tom Brokaw at Lincoln Center in New York City.

Brokaw interviewed Ndhlovu, Class of 2020, at a gala for Maloto, a not-for-profit organization based in Nyack, Rockland County. The group helps educate orphaned and impoverished children in Malawi, one of the smallest and poorest countries in Africa. Brokaw’s wife, Meredith Brokaw, is a former board member of the group.
In 2015, Maloto helped Ndhlovu attend Taft School, a prep school in Watertown, Conn. After graduating, he chose Union because of its engineering program and picturesque campus. He was the first Malawian student at both Taft and Union. A Maloto donor covered his tuition at both schools.

He offers a saying about his improbable path in his native Chichewa language: Dziliko nkulinga utatosako. “It’s there if you try to look for it.”

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Ndhlolvu, 21, is majoring in mechanical engineering at Union. His father, Herbert Ndhlolvu, died of an undiagnosed disease when the boy was 3 years old. His mother raised seven children by selling snack foods along the roadside. They settled in Mzuzu, a city of 130,000, and squatted in the shell of a home before a relative gave them a small parcel of land. They built a two-room, mud-brick hut by hand. Their mother cooks meals over an open fire. They roll out thin sleeping mats on the dirt floor at night. Their small hut has no electricity or indoor plumbing.

When it rains, the thatched roof leaks and wind drives rainwater through open windows, covered only with curtains.

The kids fetched water from a well and collected sticks for firewood. They washed clothes in a nearby river. When he turned 12, Walani joined his older brothers picking corn, known as maize. They toiled for 12-hour shifts under a broiling sun for the equivalent of $2 or $3. It was a hard life with few opportunities.

But Ndhlolvu was exceptionally smart, especially in math and science. Local educators noticed his brilliant mind and tapped him for enrollment at the private Mzuzu International Academy, funded by Maloto—which means “dream” in Chichewa. He made the most of his chance.

“I was top of my class every year,” he said.

Maloto also provides meals to children orphaned by Malawi’s high rate of HIV/AIDS, which has driven life expectancy below 60 years old. An estimated 1 million of the country’s 18 million people are living with HIV/AIDS. Malawi had the lowest gross national income per capita, about $250, according to a 2015 World Bank report.

At Union, Ndhlolvu spends eight hours a week as a work-study student, doing computer work in the facilities department. He earns $9.50 per hour and sends the money home to his mother. It is enough for the family to live on and she was able to stop selling roadside snacks. His pay is more than his two sisters earn as school teachers in Mzuzu.

He calls his mother each Sunday on her solar-powered cellphone. “She misses me a lot,” he said. With his first paycheck, he bought corrugated tin sheets to cover the thatched roof. He next plans to purchase windows for his family’s hut.

“I try to make my family proud,” he said.

More than a decade ago, photographer Steve Jacobs and I traveled to Malawi for a special report covering the impact of HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa, published in the Times Union in 2003. We saw many youths playing soccer with balls fashioned with tightly wound rags, of the sort Ndhlolvu described from his childhood. We spoke with teens sitting on overturned soda cases. They opened bottles of orange soda and cola with their teeth because they didn’t own a bottle opener. “I can open bottles with my teeth, too,” Ndhlolvu said.

His keen intellect and ambition forged a path out of Malawi’s poverty. He plans to go back home after graduating from Union. His dream is to construct and operate a renewable energy power plant in Malawi. “My country has been struggling for a long time,” he said.

“I want to make it better. A lot of people have helped me along the way. I feel obligated to give back.”

PHOTOS AND STORY BY PAUL GRONDAHL (reprinted with permission from The Times Union)
Kristin Bidoshi first got the idea of teaching Russian through virtual reality two years ago, when visa problems thwarted a trip with students.

“Wouldn’t it be cool if they could have a virtual experience—the second best thing to actually going there—and get to experience the Kremlin, Red Square and Siberia?” said Bidoshi.

At the time, she was also considering VR to train students in the practical use of Russian verbs of motion, among the most complicated elements of Russian grammar. For example, the unidirectional verb for going to the store (идти) is different from the multidirectional verb for going to the store and returning (ходить).

“I thought, ‘what if we could combine these two things and have some kind of cultural experience with the grammar in play as well?’” she said.

Unlike most VR games, Bidoshi’s uses real locations. The prototype took shape the summer of 2016, when Bidoshi and her students brought the College’s Faro Laser scanner to New York City’s Brighton Beach. They combined scans of the Russian neighborhood with voice overs and tutorials to create a game through Unity, an open source software.

The game follows a narrative in which the player must navigate Brighton Beach and find a book at the St. Petersburg Bookstore. Along the way, they are guided by commands that include the Russian verbs of motion.

Though “clunky,” Bidoshi says the beta version is a step. She has attended VR conferences, researched VR and state-of-the-art equipment and applied for grants to support the project. She is collaborating with colleagues on newer versions of the game that will include scans of key spots in Moscow and St. Petersburg, but also more unusual locales such as Irkutsk and Lake Baikal in Siberia.

Besides grammar, Bidoshi hopes the VR app will impart some understanding of various Russian accents. Speakers in St. Petersburg, for example, use shorter vowels than the Muscovites. Those in Irkutsk speak Russian tinged with their native Buryat.

Military language institutes and the U.S. Department of State have shown interest in Bidoshi’s VR app. Meanwhile, student interest in the Russian language is at a peak, perhaps because of reports of Russian involvement in the 2016 election, Bidoshi noted.

Bidoshi is clear that VR is a training tool, not a substitute for classroom or in-country learning. But it can shorten the learning curve. “There have been a lot of studies about the time it takes students to master these verbs in-country,” she said. “I hope virtual reality can give them a head start.”

–By Charlie Casey
National Lampoon’s Animal House is a cult classic, a raucously funny film about a bunch of hedonistic fraternity brothers. Toga party, anyone?

The movie ends with a little flash-forward, revealing what the brothers became after college. A doctor, a lawyer, a U.S. Senator—each one successful.

Turns out this scenario might not be too far off the mark.

A 2017 study by Jack Mara ’10, Lewis Davis and Stephen Schmidt found that while fraternity membership lowers GPA by about .25 points (on a 4-point scale), it raises future income by almost 36 percent.

At least for Union College frat brothers. They’re the ones Mara surveyed for his senior thesis, gathering information about income, employment, collegiate social activities, academic performance and personal characteristics.

The survey, which covered 3,762 alumni, allowed the researchers to explore two aspects of fraternity membership that hadn’t been investigated before.

One: What are long-term effects on income? Because the survey spanned 40 years, “we were able to show that being in a fraternity affects your income throughout your career; the effects don’t wear off over time,” Mara, Davis, and Schmidt said.

Two: Does being a brother actually cause income to go up or is it just correlated with it? “It is difficult to tell whether fraternity membership decreases grades and increases drinking and social networking, or whether low achieving, hard drinking, and highly social students select into fraternities,” the researchers said. “If the kind of people who join fraternities are also people who are unusually strong or weak students, then they might have higher or lower incomes than their non-Greek peers, even if fraternity membership had no effect on their incomes.”

“We can show that’s not the case; the act of joining a fraternity is causing people to have higher incomes than they would have had if they had not joined.”

They know this because they looked at how social environmental changes at Union (like the introduction of co-education, Minerva and Theme Houses) changed the likelihood of an individual joining a frat. Since these changes are unrelated to an individual’s personal propensities (like being a weak/strong student), the researchers can directly link income to fraternity membership.

They can’t say if the same causation is true for sororities. The College didn’t have any women students until the 1970s, and women didn’t comprise 40 percent of the student body until 1990.

“Our research methods aren’t powerful for looking at sororities. So for publication, we focused exclusively on results for fraternities.”

But why does income increase while GPA decreases for frat brothers?

“The honest answer is that we don’t know, though we are able to say that alcohol use seems to play a relatively minor role in the fall in GPA,” the researchers said. “Our research shows a causal connection between membership and income, and membership and GPA, but it doesn’t tell us much about why those connections exist.”

Even without knowing why fraternity membership matters, the paper has important implications for college administrators.

“Limiting Greek life may increase academic achievement, and change the social climate on campus, but these gains will tend to come at relatively large cost in terms of alumni incomes,” they said.

—By Erin DeMuth Judd
ARMOND NIRDLINGER ’52

Winter Wheat: God is Simple
Saint Paul Press

A theoretical physicist who has no religious upbringing, Armond Nirdlinger is converted through Medjugorje. He goes on to show fellow non-believing scientists that they can study God using their minds, and He will be delighted to help them. Nirdlinger was born in Brooklyn and studied at Columbia and the University of California-Berkeley.

DR. JAY N. COHN ’52

Cardiovascular Health: How Conventional Wisdom is Failing Us
Rowan & Littlefield

We all think we are well-informed about cardiovascular health. But is what we think we know really accurate? Here, a renowned cardiologist describes the biological processes leading to heart and blood vessel disease. He challenges the conventional view that risk factors, poor diet, and lack of exercise are the biggest culprits. Dr. Cohn concludes that their role is often overstated. He promotes a greater emphasis on an individual’s personal and largely inherited cardiovascular health by simple assessment of the function and structure of the arteries and heart. By identifying early disease he advocates for early intervention, often with drug therapy, to slow progression of cardiovascular disease. He describes a strategy for identifying and treating early abnormalities before symptoms develop. Ultimately, early diagnosis and treatment, he argues, can contribute to better prevention and the slowing of cardiovascular disease progression.

LES TRACHTMAN ’77

Don’t F*ck It Up: How Founders and Their Successors Can Avoid the Clichés That Inhibit Growth
River Grove Books

Author and six-time second CEO Les Trachtman offers his expertise on the most effective ways to successfully hand off your company to a worthy successor. He also has advice for those who are inheriting a business and want to take it to the next level, as well as for boards who are dealing with these leadership transitions. In his direct, no-nonsense approach, the author shows readers how seemingly harmless business clichés such as “get it right” and “be careful” can have a detrimental effect on a company’s future by conveying that such imperative ingredients as risk and innovation are things to be avoided. Readers will learn how to understand the metamorphosis required to transition from great founder to great CEO. They will discover how to pick the right successor, prepare themselves and their company for the fragile transition, create a successful CEO transition, and separate themselves from the company. Experienced in founder transitions, Trachtman has been an innovative and respected successor at six different companies.

JACQUELINE MAZZA ’79

Labor Intermediation Services in Developing Economies: Adapting Employment Services for a Global Age
Palgrave-MacMillan

The poor in developing countries mostly find jobs through other poor friends and family. This book shows how labor market tools can be adapted to help address poorer, more informal and more dysfunctional developing economies. It shows how developing countries can and are creating more effective labor intermediation services to better connect the poor, not only to jobs, but also to the training, education and economic development that can lead to better jobs. It takes developing countries through a first stage of reestablishing core employment services to a second stage of labor intermediation services. It concludes with a now emerging third stage, with intermediation embedded within workforce development, anti-poverty programs and economic development to fit a more global, skills-driven economy. Mazza is a professor of development and Latin American Studies at Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies, teaching at both the Bologna, Italy and Washington, D.C. campuses.
ANDREA L. FRY ’81
The Bottle Diggers
Turning Point
Andrea Fry’s poetry collection, The Bottle Diggers, is in the tradition of Joyce: an assembly of voices, a cast of characters who tell stories. Sometimes these characters give their own testimony; sometimes they share someone else’s story. Some poems recount simple moments; others tell longer tales. But for all of the variations, the storytelling is akin to a psychological or emotional digging, a cerebral parallel to the hunt for antique bottles described in the collection’s titular poem. For the bottle diggers, to unearth even a fragment of a bottle is to salvage a story. An old dump ground then becomes a treasure trove of past voices that the diggers are compelled to discover. The bottle diggers have a shared trust that something of value is hidden there, that the voices that echo from the shards they encounter could easily be their own.

WILLIAM I. WOLFF ’94
Bruce Springsteen and Popular Music: Rhetoric, Social Consciousness and Contemporary Culture
Routledge
This interdisciplinary volume enters the scholarly conversation about Bruce Springsteen at the moment when he has reinforced his status of global superstar and achieved the status of social critic. Covering musical and cultural developments, chapters primarily consider work Springsteen has released since 9/11—that is, released during a period of continued global unrest, economic upheaval, and social change. The collection engages Springsteen and popular music as his contemporary work is just beginning to be understood in terms of its impact on popular culture and music. This book contributes to Springsteen scholarship and the study of popular music by showing Springsteen’s broadening academic appeal as well as his escalating legacy on new musicians, social consciousness, and contemporary culture. William I. Wolff is an assistant professor of communication studies and digital media at Saint Joseph’s University, where he teaches courses on participatory culture, nonprofit communications, and digital storytelling.

PATRICIA ACERBI ’98
Street Occupations: Urban Vending in Rio de Janeiro, 1850–1925
University of Texas Press
Street vending has supplied the inhabitants of Rio de Janeiro with basic goods for several centuries. Once the province of African slaves and free blacks, street commerce became a site of expanded (mostly European) immigrant participation and shifting state regulations during the transition from enslaved to free labor and into the early post-abolition period. Street Occupations investigates how street vendors and state authorities negotiated this transition, during which vendors sought greater freedom to engage in commerce and authorities imposed new regulations. Examining ganhador (street worker) licenses, newspaper reports, and detention and court records, and considering the emergence of a protective association for vendors, Patricia Acerbi reveals that street sellers were not marginal urban dwellers in Rio but active participants in a debate over citizenship. This book offers important new perspectives on patron-client relations, slavery and abolition, policing, the use of public space, the practice of free labor and the meaning of citizenship.

LORI JO MARSO (the Doris Zemurray Stone Professor of Modern Literary and Historical Studies and professor of political science)
Politics with Beauvoir: Freedom in the Encounter
Duke University Press
In Politics with Beauvoir, Lori Jo Marso treats Simone de Beauvoir’s feminist theory and practice as part of her political theory, arguing that freedom is Beauvoir’s central concern and that this is best apprehended through Marso’s notion of the encounter. Starting with Beauvoir’s political encounters with several of her key contemporaries, including Hannah Arendt, Robert Brasillach, Richard Wright, Frantz Fanon, and Violette Leduc, Marso also moves beyond historical context to stage encounters between Beauvoir and others such as Chantal Akerman, Lars von Trier, Rahel Varnhagen, Alison Bechdel, the Marquis de Sade, and Margarethe von Trotta. From intimate to historical, Beauvoir’s encounters, Marso shows, exemplify freedom as a shared, relational, collective practice. Politics with Beauvoir gives us a new Beauvoir and a new way of thinking about politics—as embodied and coalitional.
Evan Legros ’99, Marc Shapiro P’21, Vince Mattone ’06, Rob Derbabian ’83, Sarah Pontius ’04, Ted McKenna, Eric Gennari ’19, Giancarlo Cugini ’19 and Eric Friedlander ’19 attend a real estate breakfast networking event in New York City.

Led by Morgan Muggia ’15 and Pete Falco ’09, alumni in New York City volunteered with Rebuild NYC to help with a home rebuild project.

A recent Boston alumni career panel included Brittany Miller ’09, Marty O’Brien, Jr. ’06, Katrina (Tentor) Lallier ’03, Dan Kirsch ’05 and Mike Lodge ’98.

Albany and Schenectady alumni and parents joined Professor Hal Fried at Café Navona’s for a talk on entrepreneurship.

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Alumni who have celebrated their 50th ReUnion.

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1950

N. Donald Boink writes, “I had the pleasure of participating in the Honor Flight, a national program that honors veterans with a trip to the war memorials in Washington, D.C. I was overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and respect demonstrated by the crowds both in Syracuse, N.Y. and D.C. It brought tears to my eyes at times. In Washington, our group was led by a police escort. Stops included the memorials to World War II Memorial, Korean War and Vietnam War. At Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, I was impressed by the vast acreage of headstones and the precision and solemnity of the honor guard at the tomb, where participants placed wreaths to the sounding of Taps. I will always remember the occasion and wish to volunteer for future events.”

1951

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1953

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Gene Halpert writes, “At the age of 86 my wife and I moved across the country from our home in Great Neck, N.Y., where we had lived for 54 years (and a marriage of 61) to a retirement home (The Carlisle) in San Francisco, Calif. Such a move jogs the memory from the endings of things to the beginnings of them— including leaving home at the age of 18 begin at Union. It all has been a wonderful trip.”

1954

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Bill Holzapfel is certainly a prime example. Back on January 2, 2017 Bill was sworn in for his seventh four-year term as Elizabeth, New Jersey’s City Attorney and Director of its Law Department. Bill’s value to Elizabeth, New Jersey’s fourth largest city, was underscored by receipt of the James R. Lacy, Esq. Award for Distinguished Service, presented by the Public Utility Law Section of the New Jersey State Bar Association “in Appreciation and Recognition of Distinguished Service to the New Jersey Public Utilities Industry.” Now we learn of a new honor, his receipt of a “Leadership Award” from the Boy Scouts of America, Patriots’ Path Council, as an “outstanding model to our youth.” We congratulate Bill for this new honor.”

CLASS NOTES
1955

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Ian Spence writes, “My wife, Barbara, and I are enjoying life at Maplewood Park Place Senior Living, Bethesda, Md. I’m serving as president of the Retirement Services Board there. Golf and fly fishing are my pastimes.”

Herbert E. Williams III has had three careers, all in flight. He spent almost 30 years in the U.S. Air Force (10 on active duty), 12 years with the Missouri Air National Guard (MOANG), and 9 years with the U.S. Air Force Reserve. He retired as a colonel. Assigned to the 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, Herb was an aircraft commander during his time on active duty. He flew various models of the RB-47 during the Cold War, which were designed for weather reconnaissance or surveillance. Often flying intelligence-gathering missions around Iron Curtain countries, the information Herb and crew members gathered would be used to jam radar and voice communications in time of war. One aircraft he flew, the RB-47 (tail number 299), is in the National Museum of the United States Air Force in Dayton, Ohio. Herb writes, “It’s quite the museum. Most people don’t even know it exists, but it’s definitely worth a visit.” While serving in the MOANG, he flew for TWA to Japan, Korea and Vietnam during the Vietnam War. Later, he joined the FAA as an air carrier and principal operations inspector. In 43 years, he logged roughly 22,000 hours in the air.

1957

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Mike D’Innocenzo writes, “I recently had a marvelous time at my 60th ReUnion. Now, I am writing to celebrate my brother, Joe D’Innocenzo ’59. Joe was recently inducted into the Rockland County Track & Field Hall of Fame. He was honored both for his own track achievement and for his successful coaching career. Joe was part of Tappan Zee High School’s legendary double threat in the middle distances. At Union, Joe continued to as a star runner. During his debut collegiate season, he won all but one dual meet and held down the third spot on varsity during his sophomore year. As a track and field coach, he assisted at Clarkstown High School (1959-1966) and later became head coach. He developed and mentored a bevy of record-setting athletes while also teaching history (14 years) and later serving as a guidance counselor (23 years). Joe also coached golf in the district and is a volunteer assistant coach with junior varsity girls’ basketball.”

1958

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Paul Hadala writes, “My wife, Faith, and I reside outside of Gatlinburg, Tenn. I’m retired. Staying active by volunteering in the warehouse of our local food bank and by working as a volunteer for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park rebuilding the Rainbow Falls Trail (not too bad for an 80-year-old). The bad wildfire in Gatlinburg last fall did not get to us but was a bit close for comfort.”

Dr. Gustave L. Davis returned to campus for Homecoming & Family Weekend in October. While at Union, he delivered a talk, “Nott’s Boys & the Purchase of Alaska: A Sesquicentennial Celebration,” during Homecoming in October.

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General-in-Chief Henry W. Halleck (1836), President Chester Alan Arthur (1848), Assistant Secretary of State Frederick Seward (1849), and Reverend Sheldon Jackson (1855). The common thread “knotting” them together was Eliphalet Nott. They, Marszalek has written, “distinguishing themselves in a variety of fields, but especially public service, believed they were successful because of what they had learned from Dr. Nott. Their education prepared them, they argued, for successful leadership.”

1960
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1961
Walter Von Seggern writes, “Splitting time between Nantucket (3 months), our home in Pennsylvania and travelling the world to wherever a whim takes us. I amuse myself by playing golf (badly but often), working my gardens and woods and helping a pal launch an e-commerce business serving the meditation marketplace. Retirement is exhausting.”

Paul Jacobs ’60 gets a bit emotional when he recalls one of the first times 3D printing was used to aid a medical procedure.

About 30 years ago, a 20-year-old Dutch woman had a brain tumor that threatened her eyesight and her life. Her surgeon, concerned about the complexity of the problem, asked Jacobs’ firm if they could produce a 3D model of the problem.

Jacobs and his colleagues translated the file from a CT scan to print a 3D model of the patient’s brain and sent it to the surgeon in Holland.

A short time later, Jacobs learned that the model helped the surgeon develop a new procedure that spared the woman’s sight and life.

“That was the start of medical intervention for 3D printing,” he told a group of students during a campus talk this fall. “After that it caught on like wildfire. Now it would be fair to say that every single day, something like 100 3D-printed models are used by surgeons to plan surgery.”

Jacobs developed much of the theoretical basis for stereolithography, also known as 3D printing.

He is vice president of R&D at LFI Inc. in Smithfield, R.I. Before that, he was director of R&D for 3D Systems in Valencia, Calif., where he led a team that significantly improved prototype accuracy. In 1992 he was primary author of the first text in the field. He has since written hundreds of journal articles and four books.

After a Union degree in mechanical engineering, he earned masters and Ph.D. degrees from Princeton.

Of his time at Union, he said, “In my career, a large measure of success was due to Prof. Carl Niemeyer of the English department who taught me how to write a clear English sentence.”

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3D printing pioneer

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1962

Arnold Mindell writes, “I graduated Union (B.A. and B.S. in 1962), got my masters at M.I.T. and became a Jungian analyst in Switzerland. I married Amy, then developed ‘Process Oriented Psychology’ (now in many centers around the world). I wrote 22 books on P.O.P. and send a hug to all at Union!”

Peter Lefcourt’s eighth novel, Purgatory Gardens, will be out in paperback November 1.

1963

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Bruce McClennan writes, “I attended my 50th medical school reunion at Upstate Medical University last September, along with classmate Chuck Converse. It was a wonderful visit in all regards from the weather to the fact that our Class of 1967 won all alumni attendance and giving awards. Our pre-med years at Union were terrific!”

Jack Sbrega writes, “After 17 years as president of Bristol (Mass.) Community College, I have entered the wonderful world of retirement. It is a dramatic adjustment, but I am eager to take up some projects in U.S. history that have been too long delayed. Massachusetts Governor Charles Baker delivered the keynote address at my final commencement (he had also done the same at Union’s Commencement in 2016). Classmate Tom Finnegarn and his wife attended the retirement celebration, and I received well wishes from Vern Penner ’62 and Dick Murdock ’62. Ambassador Penner (ret.) has been instrumental in helping us create a pioneering LusoCenter at Bristol CC. Looking forward to our 55th ReUnion this spring.”

1964

Alan Horn writes, “Still working as chairman of Walt Disney Studios. It’s a great company and I feel privileged to be a part of it. Present plan is to step down in December of 2019. I have not been in touch too much with Union classmates but do speak with Robert Brockner every week or so, and have kept in contact with Fred Rosenbarg. I hope all reading this are well and happy. As the years go by the only real issue is health… I also attended a dinner for Stephen and Judith Ainlay at the home of Jim and Linda Lippman. A lovely evening (where I saw old friend, Scott Siegler).”

Matthew Intrieri writes, “Just can’t take northern winters anymore! Moving to Myrtle Beach, S.C., from Binghamton (Owego), N.Y., after 52 years. I guess I’m a slow learner!”

1965

Jeffrey Greene writes, “Much to my surprise, when I took a studio art elective at Union, I discovered an aptitude and a passion for design that I was previously entirely unaware of. I started Jeffrey Greene Design Studio. Now, at age 74, I’m doing what I love: working with a small group of highly skilled artisans each of whom apprenticed with me. Specializing in high end dining tables, we accept commissions worldwide. www.jeffreygreene.com”

1966

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Antonio F. Vianna writes, “My 24th book, a novel, has just been published, Betrayal. Are trust and honesty dead, leaving betrayal as the singular course of normal human behavior? Whitney Danica, 31 years old, really isn’t a nasty mean-spirited, self-centered person. It’s just that she’s been misled too many times, starting when she was given up for adoption as a child. Today, she’s protective of her personal life and works harder than most of the rest of the workforce leaving not much time to develop any meaningful healthy personal relationships. She finds intimacy by paying male escorts to gratify her. When new owners take over the company her internal alarm system picks up a threat. She’s got to find a way to not just survive, but to thrive. Yet, with no apparent person to turn to for help, how will she get through this danger? Is there someone she can trust? I’m also in talks with a notable film producer to make Far From Ordinary into a full
length movie. While guarding artwork in the Führerbau that Hitler had stolen, an American soldier finds a bronze desk set that seems to have been owned by the dictator. He sends the object home to his parents as a souvenir. Over 40 years later he realizes the desk set was used to sign the 1938 Munich Pact and he must fend off others who desperately want the ‘MacGuffin’ by whatever means necessary.

Major General Robert S. Dickman, the former commander of the 45th Space Wing and director of the Eastern Range at Cape Canaveral, Fla., recently joined the Spaceport Camden Steering Committee. An executive director of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and corresponding member of the International Academy of Astronautics, General Dickman also served as vice commander of what is now the 50th Space Wing at Schriever AFB, Colo., responsible for operating all Air Force on-orbit satellite systems; director of Air Force Space Systems in the Pentagon; the first Department of Defense Space Architect; the Undersecretary of the Air Force. He holds a master’s degree in electrical engineering, were close friends since that day. Both men majored in electrical engineering, were roommates for two years and lived together in Boston for several years as a professor, I have been teaching at Hawaii Pacific University for 44 years (with, perhaps, a few years left). And, as a sideline to pay for the children’s tuition and our retirement, have developed/built, with my wife Nancy, 18 houses and renovated eight others. In terms of more meaningful measures, there is much to enjoy in Hawaii. We find the pace, the weather, the visual beauty, and styles of relating much to our liking.

1967
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Dominic Poccia writes, “Ronnie Spector and the Ronettes appeared at Union in 1966 and 51 years later she is still going strong. She has been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. I had the honor of playing sax in the backup band with her in Great Barrington, Mass., at the sold-out Mahaive Performing Arts Center on July 22. She did all her hits including, ‘Be My Baby’ and ‘Baby I Love You.’ What a blast from the past!”

1968
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James Male writes, “After 44 years as a professor, I have retired. Looking forward to seeing people at our 50th.”

Ben Volinski writes, “Looking forward to our 50th reunion year, helping convince some of my classmates to attend as well. My parents are still alive and living independently in Florida, although they just spent 10 days with us in Andover in order to avoid the effects of Hurricane Irma. A couple of days before they arrived, our oldest son, Jay, a healthy and hearty 39 year old, suffered a stroke, from which he is now recovering. He has been able to return to work as an emergency veterinarian in New Hampshire, but will be undergoing surgery to repair a hole in his heart in the near future. Our middle son, Jeffrey, and his wife, Faaria, are in the process of moving from London to Tokyo, where they intend to settle for the long term. Our youngest son, Jonathan, joined Holland & Knight, the law firm from which I retired, working in the Boston office on affordable housing finance. I am enjoying retirement, playing golf, biking, reading, putting around in the yard.”

Robert H. Meyer writes, “Looking at Union alumni friends, — Steve Ciesinski, a Jet engine manufacturer, Ford, and several others. Diane and I have eight grandchildren and have lived in Michigan for the past 35 years.”

1969
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Farber. The photo at the start of the August 2017 ride shows Ciesinski riding Bauer’s bike with Ann Bauer, who rode the PMC for the first time. “This was a very emotional tribute to our friend, Steve, and all the good times that we enjoyed together, all beginning at Union,” Ciesinski said. “It was also meaningful to participate in one of Steve’s favorite causes along with his wife, Ann and his family, and some of the many friends from Union and beyond.” For more, see p. 68.

Richard Gilman writes, “I retired from my Norman Oklahoma orthodontic practice after 39 years and moved to La Quinta in the southern California desert in September 2015. I’ve had visits from my fraternity brothers Len Simon, Rich Lewis and Bruce Bramley, and look forward to seeing any Union friends that live nearby or plan on visiting for any of the winter events in the Palm Springs area.”

Frank Donnini, class correspondent, writes, “Hard to imagine but our 50th Re-Union is not that far away! Time to start thinking about participating or supporting. ReUnions are enjoyable and well worth the time and effort. We’ve all reached milestones in our professional and personal lives and accomplished items worthy of note to include retirement. Let’s hear about them. Also, please make sure that your mailing and e-mail addresses are current. As for me, I live in Newport News, Va. After almost 47 years, I finally retired from working in a variety of ways for the U.S. Air Force, primarily in the intelligence field. Served 23 years as an active duty officer in a career that began with AFROTC commissioning at Union College; did 10 moves during that time and was stationed in many locations to include Thailand, Hawaii and Australia. Post military service, I spent 15 plus years with SAIC as an AF defense contractor and then finished with 8 years as an AF civilian. This was not my original intent, since I planned to serve just an upfront 4 year commitment and no more. Overall, it has been great. Wife Zell and I plan to stay in Hampton Roads (Virginia Peninsula). I like history (graduated with a B.A. in history) and this area is packed with just about every type (Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown, Yorktown, The Mariners’ Museum—where I’ve been a volunteer docent for past 20 years—and more). Really looking forward to the next stage.”

Andy Anderson lives in Haworth, N.J. and writes, “I’m retired from a career in environmental engineering. The first Earth Day was celebrated on campus the month before I graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering. A few years later I was considering an advanced degree and discovered that there was such a thing as environmental engineering. I received a master’s degree from Manhattan College.

Family life is fine with my wife Ann, whom I met when she was a student at Russell Sage. We have three children and two grandsons. Union was on our daughter’s short list when she was considering colleges, but she attended Lafayette, which is similar in a number of ways. Perhaps one of the grandkids will be a Dutchman. There would be some symmetry there, as my grandfather was a member of the Class of 1912. There is no lack of activities in retirement. I serve on the municipal planning board and environmental commission. Kayaking, cycling, sailing, woodworking, home maintenance, and other pursuits keep me out of trouble—mostly.”

Vincent Bonventre lives in Delmar, N.Y. and is the Justice Robert H. Jackson Distinguished Professor of Law at Albany Law School and founder and director of the Center for Judicial Process. Besides a B.S. from Union College, Vin earned a J.D. from Brooklyn Law School and a M.A.P.A and Ph.D., both from the University of Virginia. Vin writes, “I returned to the Capital Region almost 30 years ago to teach at Albany Law, had two of my boys go to Union, and frequently go back to campus for hockey games, the concert series and other activities, and just to visit. I’ve spent lots of time in Williamsburg over the years at the William and Mary (W&M) Law School, and also did several years in Virginia at UVA—JAG School and grad school.”

Ray Oneglia lives in Litchfield, Conn. and writes, “I continue to work in our family construction business, O&G Industries. As a member of the third generation, I am still very passionate about construction and mentoring a fourth gen group. I serve on the board of Tutor-Perini, a publicly traded construction company with whom O&G has joint ventured around the country. I am active in The Moles, a fraternal construction organization, where I served as president, NAC (the National Academy of Construction), CIRT (The Construction Industry Roundtable), CCIA (Connecticut Construction Industries Assoc). Recently I joined BENs and the Hudson Institute, both based in DC. My wife Ellen and I have five grandchildren from my three children.”

Bob Orenstein lives in South Dennis, Mass. and writes, “I have finally retired from dentistry after 40 wonderful years of practice. Now have one grandchild. Playing golf, running and enjoying having few responsibilities.”

Chris Wood lives in Morgan Hill, Calif. and writes, “After about 45 years working in the Computer Storage Tech industry in New York City and Silicon Valley, my Swan Song will take place next year. It’s been a fun ride: Basic training at IBM for 15 years, then successfully executing my dream of doing a start-up designing very high bandwidth I/O equipment for the intelligence community, Post Production special effects for the entertainment folks and the Oil Patch; selling it to Sun Microsystems in 1990 during the dot.com boom. After that another start-up designing intelligent enterprise storage systems for the Fortune 500 until we were acquired by the Oracle Corporation, where I am working right now. More importantly, I’ve managed to...”
stay happily married for 45 years to the lovely Sarah Wood; and now have grand-children to play with and spoil. We’re planning our second chapter as I write this, which is still a work in process. Had dinner with President Ainlay and his lovely wife at Sinskey Vineyards in Napa, Calif. last fall and was very impressed with the job he has done leading Union into the 21st century. If you haven’t checked out the current campus, do it now. Wow, Union is on a roll!”

1971
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Stephen Mackenzie is a professor of animal science at the State University of New York at Cobleskill. In 2017 the college recognized him by creating the Dr. Stephen Mackenzie Canine Equipment Endowment and the same year he was named “Master Trainer of the Year” by the North American Police Work Dog Association. In 2015 he was named the recipient of the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Faculty Service. He is the author of two books on horse training and three on the training of police service dogs.

1972

Robert Sachs writes, “Just returned from a five-week trip in Spain and Portugal. Alden Kaplan and wife, Janet, joined my wife, Susan, and I for part of the trip. We had a great time together in Barcelona, Madrid, Seville and Granada.”

Marvin Goodfriend was nominated for the Federal Reserve Board of Governors by President Donald Trump. Marvin is the Friends of Allan Meltzer Professor of Economics at Carnegie Mellon’s Tepper School of Business and a former Federal Reserve economist.

1974
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Robert H. Feller was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2018. Robert is an environmental law attorney with Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC. His principal areas of experience include water pollution, SEQRA and environmental impact review, real estate development, including the remediation and redevelopment of brownfields and municipal law.

Dr. Rebat M. Halder recently returned to campus to give a talk, “Dermatology and Skin of Color: How Societal Changes Have Created a New Medical Subspecialty.” Rebat is professor and chairman emeritus of dermatology at Howard University College of Medicine in Washington. A founder and former director of the Ethnic Skin Research Institute, he is known for research on pigmentary disorders in people of color. He has published over 100 articles and book chapters, and is author of a textbook, Dermatology and Dermatological Therapy of Pigmented Skin.

A group of alumni participated in the Prouty, a charity 100-mile bicycle ride starting and ending in Hanover, N.H., benefiting the Norris Cotton Cancer Center. Participants included Dick Samuels, Larry Caruso, Ted Blandy, John Murphy ’73, and Dave VanArnam and Harry Hansen. Missing is Jim Koch. They write, “This has been a regular event over the past 8 years. We will be riding next year under team “Union College” and invite other like-minded alumni to join us.”

Cathy Johnson writes, “Mark and I just retired in September and are celebrating with a trip to Portugal, Spain and France for the month of October. We are now living in San Mateo, Calif. and enjoying life on the west coast.”

Ivan Cooper ’71 and his daughter, Alana Cooper ’97, introduce the next generation of their family to Union while spending the summer at their beach house on Hilton Head Island. Watch out classes of 2023, 2025, 2027, 2028 and 2030!

West College buddies since freshman year got together for a few days in Plymouth, Mass. this past October. From left to right are Dave Jones ’74, Buz Backstrom ’74, Holley Carrnright ’74, Ed Freis ’74, Sam Coppola ’74, Rob Essig ’74 and Rich Liner ’75.
Giuseppe Savona writes, “Retired after a successful 28-year career in finance and audit and serving a nine-year stint as a board director for a major healthcare company. Enjoying playing golf (13 handicap) and spending quality time with my wife, children, and grandkids. A big thanks to Union for an excellent education.”

Bill Killen and Tom Combs, both BSEE’s Class of 1974, completed a 300-mile bicycle ride across Missouri in June of this year with a classmate from Wharton MBA School. The trip was code named BBB, (Bikes, Baseball, and Beer) and started at a Royals game in Kansas City and ended at a Cardinals game in St. Louis. The riders covered 300 miles in 5 days along the Katy Trail, the longest bicycle rail-to-trail in the U.S., and carried all their belongings on their bikes.

Jim Heller recently retired from a career in research and development of medical products. He has moved from Denver, Colorado to Gulf Breeze, Florida to enjoy the warmth and water in his retirement. He is joined by his wife, Nancy. His daughter, Lauren, lives in Chicago.

1976

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John Busterud was appointed to the California Veterans Board in June 2017. The seven-member board advocates on behalf of California’s two million veterans, working to ensure and enhance veterans programs in the state.

1977

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Phyllis James writes, “Completion of studies in grief counseling will be completed November 2017 and certification in the field will be finalized. I completed necessary training hours this May to become a Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Victim Advocate and have since been serving as a response volunteer weekends with a national sexual assault victims’ hotline. Internship hours with the local women’s shelter for Domestic Violence clients will complete course requirements for my associate’s degree in Human Services this November. Ultimately, I will fill the role of grief counselor with my local Hospice Palliative Care service team. Through networking sources/individuals, I will offer my GC services to the local public schools and community college, as well as private referrals.”

1978

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Martin Chader writes, “I had a happy meeting with fellow ’78 Union Ski Team member Tom Merten DDS in Schenectady. He tells me he skis yearly with fellow ski team veteran member Larry Fein. Any of you other competitors out there? Send in a note.”

Geoffrey Blum writes, “After spending the last 12 years at Tilton School in New Hampshire working in admissions and managing the financial aid, I am retired in June and will be residing in Wayland, MA. Looking forward to doing some traveling.”

Michael Czarnecki writes, “Currently living in Washington, D.C., where I am an associate professor of medicine at George Washington University School of Medicine. I am employed by GW Medical Faculty Associates, where I see patients, precept in resident clinic and teach at the med school. I am also married to my partner of 20 years, Jonas Queen.”

1979

Eric Goldring writes, “I have moved to Truckee (Lake Tahoe), California to live the quiet mountain life when I am not traveling the world as a luxury travel professional and writer.”
Treating the Las Vegas wounded

Sunday, Oct. 1 at approximately 10 p.m., Stephen Paddock killed 58 people, and wounded hundreds more, at the Route 91 music festival in Las Vegas. As news of the massacre broke, Dr. John Fildes ’77 drove to Las Vegas University Medical Center (UMC) as quickly as he could.

On the way in, “I reviewed our disaster plans, I knew we’d be enacting all of them. We had to open up new wards, operating rooms and warn the blood bank,” said Fildes, medical director of UMC’s trauma center and chair of the department of trauma and burns. “We’ve seen multiple car crashes, bus rollovers, and drivers who intentionally drove into crowds of pedestrians. But this was the biggest mass casualty event we have ever seen.”

By 10:30 p.m., when Fildes arrived at UMC (Nevada’s only Level 1 trauma center), 35 gunshot wound victims were already at the hospital. By 11:30 p.m., more than 100 victims were there.

“Most of the victims went directly to the trauma center and the emergency department. Four did not survive transport,” he said. “We treated more than 100 patients and admitted more than 50 of them. Of those 50, more than 25 were admitted directly to an OR or ICU.”

“We saw gunshot wounds of every kind—head, neck, chest, abdomen, and extremities,” Fildes added. “Patients arrived in ambulances and in private vehicles. We received as many as six patients in the back of a pickup truck. Patients were applying their own tourniquets so they wouldn’t bleed to death”

Some were hurt during the panic, while concert goers frantically tried to run to safety. But the overwhelming majority of injuries were bullet-related, Fildes said.

Still, every patient who arrived at UMC alive survived.

“Everyone was focused on the patients, they dedicated themselves to getting their jobs done right,” said Fildes, whose own role that night was about logistics and leadership. He converted a recovery room into an ER, and opened and rotated a dozen operating rooms. He was in the ORs reassuring and advising the younger surgeons who were treating the wounded.

But it wasn’t just the surgeons and nurses who did their jobs right. It was everyone.

“Yes, we had to double up all ER and trauma nurses and bring in floor nurses, but also more X-ray techs, lab personnel and housekeeping to keep everything clean,” Fildes said. “We had to bring in engineers to make sure all of our systems were online and the dietary department had to feed everyone. Our hospital security department locked down the building and the hospital was surrounded by SWAT so we’d be protected in case this was part of a larger attack.”

It was also a regional effort, he added. All 17 hospitals in the Las Vegas valley took care of the injured.

So how did all these moving parts, and people, coordinate so well during such unexpected chaos?

“We learned from the Pulse nightclub shooting. Orlando Regional Medical Center had spoken to us a couple of months ago and gave us good advice about handling waves of patients coming in private vehicles,” Fildes said. “We’d also recently conducted a county-wide disaster drill for a scenario like a concert or nightclub attack that simulated 400 patients at once. That was a good way to exercise the system for large numbers of causalties.”

Fildes, who has been with UMC for 20 years, is professor and inaugural chair of the Department of Surgery at the University of Nevada Las Vegas School of Medicine, where he is also chief of the division of Acute Care Surgery.

A biomedical engineering major at Union, Fildes earned his M.D. from the University of Santo Tomas in Manila. He received a certificate of appreciation from the White House Medical Unit and President Donald Trump for services rendered during the One October shooting.
In 2017, I’ve visited Singapore, Indonesia, Myanmar, the Galapagos, Italy, France, Spain and Morocco and am heading to Antarctic and Chilean Patagonia in January. Union’s well-rounded education has served me well!

Lawrence Rehr writes, “I recently attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the newest exhibit at the Delta Flight Museum at Atlanta Hartsfield Airport. I flew NWA ship 6301 many times as a Captain and First Officer, the first 747-400 aircraft in commercial service for any airline in the world. The Aircraft transitioned to Delta Air Lines, as did I, in 2008. It is now retired to a museum, but I have five years to go before they put me in a museum!”


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On Dulchinos ’78 is out to make sure that Fitz Hugh Ludlow, Class of 1856, gets his due.

Ludlow was many things in his brief 34 years: a short story writer, poet, drama and music critic, explorer and drug treatment pioneer. As a student, at the urging of President Eliphalet Nott, Ludlow composed Ode to Old Union, the alma mater.

Less known, perhaps, is that Ludlow was compared with the likes of Walt Whitman and Mark Twain, with whom he mingled. Dulchinos has published an ambitious seven-volume set, The Collected Works of Fitz Hugh Ludlow, which aims to pull Ludlow out of relative obscurity.

Dulchinos became aware of Ludlow while a student at Union. Years later, while working at the Library of Congress’ Congressional Research Service, he discovered Ludlow’s prolific writing career.

In addition to publishing four books, Ludlow contributed to top publications such as Vanity Fair, Harper’s and The Atlantic. More impressive, he accomplished all this before dying of tuberculosis in Geneva, Switzerland, at the age of 34.

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A digital trailblazer

Jason Seiken ’80 has built his career on bringing companies into the digital age and catapulting them to the top of their industries. He was also the first Yankee to run a British newsroom, but more on that shortly.

Between 1994 and 1997, Seiken led the transformation of one of America’s flagship newspapers. Building The Washington Post’s digital journalism team from scratch, in 1996 he facilitated the launch of washingtonpost.com, of which he was editor-in-chief.

From there he headed to AOL (1997–2001) and AOL Europe (2001-2006) before landing at PBS. Here, he spearheaded a broad-based digital makeover that included everything from digital revenue, content and marketing to the underlying company culture.

“PBS is a national treasure, but the average age of the audience that supported PBS financially was over 70,” said Seiken. “In order to survive, PBS needed to grow its digital audience and expand its appeal to younger people.”

So Seiken and his team built the company new products, like a video platform that enabled its stations to increase digital video views from 2 million each month to a quarter-billion each month. They also established PBS Digital Studios, which now has more than 8 million subscribers on YouTube—and 80 percent of them are millennials.

Under Seiken’s leadership, PBS.org surpassed NBC.com, CBS.com and ABC.com in traffic, and in 2013 won more Webby Awards than any company but Google.

Seiken left PBS in 2013 for London, where he became editor-in-chief of the Daily and Sunday Telegraph. Here, the first American to head a Fleet Street newsroom orchestrated the development of the Telegraph’s first strategic plan, which restructured the company for the digital age and devised new tactics for generating revenue.

One such tactic, Seiken said, is growing non-advertising revenue by 90 percent year-on-year.

Its success he’s carrying over to his latest venture, a company called QCatalyst, which he launched in 2016. With offices in London, Washington, D.C., and Romania, it helps companies accelerate their digital growth and develop and execute innovative digital strategies.

“This year we helped an NPR station in Alabama use digital to grow revenue by one-third,” said Seiken, whose father, Arnold Seiken, was a longtime Union math professor.

“So I can have a much bigger impact that I would have had working at any one company.”

Jason Seiken writes, “After an extraordinarily interesting 18 months as the first American to run a Fleet Street newsroom (London’s Daily Telegraph), I started my own company—QCatalyst. We have about 30 executives and engineers who help companies accelerate their digital growth. I’m fortunate to work with some of the best brands in the world and to have a team of remarkable executives who have run digital at brands such as Forbes, ABC, The Washington Post, WGBH and PBS.

1981

Thomas Farrell writes, “I’m a recurring cast member in a new mid-season replacement series on NBC called ‘Rise.’ It’s scheduled to debut in March. NBC’s description: From Jason Katims, writer and executive producer of ‘Friday Night Lights’ and ‘Parenthood,’ and Jeffrey Seller, producer of the explosive Broadway hit ‘Hamilton,’ comes a heartening new drama about finding inspiration in unexpected places. When dedicated teacher and family man Lou Mazzuchelli (Josh Radnor, ‘How I Met Your Mother’) sheds his own self-doubt and takes over the school’s lackluster theater department, he galvanizes not only the faculty and students, but the entire working-class town. Inspired by a true story.”

Hannah Schwartz writes, “I have been living in Sydney for over 13 years. After 9/11 my Australian partner and I decided to have a two-year adventure. We fell in love with life here and now Sydney is our home. It was so much fun to show off Sydney to Barbara Cohn (nee Gotthelf) who was...”
invited down under to speak at the 2017 Technology in Government conference in Canberra, the nation’s capital. We could not stop laughing as we reminisced about West College, Fox and our junior year abroad to Israel with Professor Berk.”

**1983**

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M&T Bank recently named Timothy Wade its New England market president. As the organization’s first president for the region, he will oversee a loan portfolio of $1.6 billion. He is tasked with growing the bank’s commercial lending operations locally. Wade will move to Boston from Albany, where he’s been serving clients for 10 years in his previous role as head of health care and nonprofit lending for upstate New York and New England.

Keith Dean writes, “Happy to report that Gill Egan ’86 and I are starting our 16th year of coaching youth hockey here in Northern Virginia. One of the many highlights was coaching in Lake Placid, where miracles are made, last winter.”

**1984**

Christopher J. Davis has been appointed president of Raytheon International Inc. He has spent much of his industry and military careers abroad with three years in Japan and United Arab Emirates. He served as country leader and president, RII in the UAE since July 2014. In January 2006, he joined the Raytheon Missile Systems business development team to grow their international portfolio in the Middle East North Africa region. He is a retired Marine aviator, and, before joining Raytheon, had senior assignments working with the U.S. Embassy in Abu Dhabi, and the chairman of the Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce. He has a master’s degree in security studies from the Marine Corps University.

Nicholas Pavelchak writes, “At age 55 I retire with all of my hair, no gut, and my soul mate Joyce Ann. Now the irresponsible half of life begins!”

James Spenello writes, “Life continues at a fast pace and soon to be empty nesters as our third and last child will be leaving for college in the spring of 2018. Business is great and looking forward to our South Africa trip this fall.”

**1985**

Robert Bertagna writes, “My post-Union College journey continues to be fun and rewarding. My wife, Julianne, and I live in New York City and in February celebrate our 25th anniversary. We are experiencing the ‘empty nest’ transition, as our eldest child, Isabella, graduated from Haverford College and is living on her own (fortunately for us, in New York) and our youngest child,”

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**1982**

Rick Zucker writes, “After 24 years in the Portland, Oregon area, I am returning to Seattle, where I went to grad school and moved from when I came to Portland. I will be working at Microsoft, where I worked 30 years ago as a summer intern.”

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Kerrie Droban ’87 knew she wanted to be a writer when she was just seven years old. She even asked her parents for a typewriter and taught herself to type so she could write her stories faster.

Now Droban is an award-winning author as well as a criminal defense lawyer.

“I never set out to be a lawyer; my goal was to be a poet and a professor, but the recession hit in the early 90s and I was literally starving,” Droban said. “Colleges were hiring only adjuncts and the uncertainty of my next paycheck actually detracted from my creativity.”

“I always loved acting, debating and writing,” Droban continued. “Trial work involves a great deal of improvisation and acting. Criminal defense is creative because you’re presented with a set of facts and asked to apply your creativity to develop possible defense theories. My job is to deconstruct a case and apply analytical and critical thinking.”

Her interest in convicted killers and understanding their pathology created the foundation for her career as a true crime writer.

“My goal was never to sympathize with their crimes but rather to understand why they did what they did in order to gain an awareness that might ultimately lead to solutions and prevention,” Droban said. “I learned that in most cases they are not natural born killers, but people whose experiences transformed and informed the course of their lives.”

Her latest release is *The Last Chicago Boss*. It’s the story of Big Pete, the godfather of the Outlaws Motorcycle Gang, a chief rival of the Hells Angels. It was one of the most difficult books Droban has ever written.

“His story is extraordinary and involved a two-year odyssey of interviews, research and writing,” she said. “Big Pete approached me to write his story after reading *Vagos Mongols and Outlaws* and identifying some of the players in that book. He was dying of kidney cancer and wanted to tell his story.”

“I spoke to him every Sunday for three hours or more about his life, his fears, his experiences. I felt a little like a priest taking a confession. It was an extraordinary experience,” she continued. “Pete and I developed a fierce friendship and that, in and of itself, startled me. I learned a great deal about him, myself and the subject.”

At Union, Droban majored in English and minored in French, but spent a decent amount of time in the theater program as well.

“I will always be grateful to Union College, not only for a wonderful education, but also for the amazing professors who encouraged and inspired me to pursue my dreams of being a writer,” said Droban, a graduate of the Johns Hopkins University Writing seminars and the University of Arizona, where she received her masters and MFA degrees in poetry.

To learn more about Droban or her books, visit www.kerriedroban.com
Robert, is now a sophomore at Harvard College. Although Julianne and I miss the daily interaction with our children, we are trying to make the most of the next leg of our journey by enjoying more frequently all that New York has to offer and by engaging in shared interests. We are also spending more time at our second home in Lake Placid and have been able to travel more frequently, including recently to Peru, Cuba, Argentina, Fiji and Australia. Professionally, I have moved to a vice chairman role at Macquarie Capital. The new position has given me added flexibility to pursue solely client initiatives, which for any banker is much more personally fulfilling. Philanthropically, I have had the honor and privilege since 2007 to serve as a trustee of Union College. It has been a rewarding experience to be a small part of the school’s significant progress under President Ainlay’s leadership. Membership on the Board has also helped me to better reflect upon my Union College undergraduate experience. With the benefit of hindsight, I have been able to more fully appreciate the breadth of Union College provided. I continue to stay in touch with a wide breadth of Union College friends. It’s hard to believe that we graduated 32 years ago!”

1987

Jim Pemrick was awarded a U.S. patent for an improvement to an electrical generator. Jim is a patent agent at General Electric and has worked there for 10 years.

Deb (Thompson) Williams writes, “I am moving to Olympia, Wash., and am married to Jamie Williams. I would love to connect with Union alumni in Washington State.”

1988

Brad Barsily writes, “I am living in beautiful North County in San Diego with my wife of 20+ years, Tory, and my four kids, ages 17, 14, 9 and 6. I work in La Jolla, where I am a partner in CBRE’s real estate investment bank and run the Institutional Capital Raising business. Always look forward to hearing the updates from the Union community.”

1989

Philip J. Zaccheo, an attorney with Bond, Schoeneck & King, was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2018. Philip is a business attorney, co-chair of the firm’s higher education practice, and a member of the firm’s management committee. He provides general counseling and representation to colleges and universities throughout the United States on a variety of legal issues.

Steve Sanders writes, “After one year as a partner with the Gibbons firm, I have returned to the Appeals Division of the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of New Jersey, where I previously served between 2007 and 2016.”

1992

David Sachar writes, “Took a long weekend in NYC to see Springsteen on Broadway. Caryn [Quinn] Sachar ’93 and I randomly shared teppanyaki table with alum Elisabeth Zeche ’98 and her lovely family. Small world indeed.”

1986

Seattle Children’s Hospital has appointed Suzanne Beitel senior vice president and chief financial officer. She joins Seattle Children’s after a 20-year history with JP Morgan, where she previously served as executive director in the Public Finance Group in New York City. In her new role, Suzanne will be responsible for financial strategies and operations at Seattle Children’s.

1993

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1990

Amanda (Bernhard) Kittelberger writes, “I’m heading to Zomba, Malawi until August 2018 with my husband, who is working as a Fulbright professor, and two boys (10 and 12 years). Should be an adventure! I’d love to hear from any alums living in or visiting sub-Saharan Africa—atkbittelberger@icloud.com”

1991

Brooks Pierce attorney Alex Elkan was recently recognized in the 2018 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He was honored for his leadership in environmental law.

1987

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her family. We are so thankful to Union for bringing us together nearly 30 years ago. I continue to work for Accenture and will celebrate my 25-year anniversary in July.”

From left are Harry Warner, Matthew Brenkovich, Avery Brenkovich and Emma Warner (children of Stacie Jordan Brenkovich ’93 and Maria Bruno Warner ’94)

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1994

Adam Kahn writes, “Going on fourth year as mortgage officer and was a great fit. Doing well in Las Vegas. Wish everyone the best.”

1995

Mark A. Coughlin, P.E. of Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, reports that he is working with George B. Rest ’75, P.E., senior vice president of OBG on the upgrade of a Wastewater Treatment Plant in Laurel, MD. He writes, “We reminisced about shared Profs. Gil Harlow and Phil Snow inUnion’s Civil Engineering Department in Butterfield Hall.”

Michael J. Rothstein writes, “As I bid a fair adieu to a successful career in the eyewear industry, I have embarked on a new journey as a film producer. Since my early days of being a part of running WRUC, I knew one day I would be back in entertainment. Approximately five years ago, I became involved with executive producing films. My early ventures only fueled my desire for change and to be in a career I would truly love. Well, 2017 marks my first year as a producer full time. It has been a remarkable journey and I have been fortunate to be a part of creating three incredible films this year that should all release in 2018 (Shotgun with Maika Monroe, Jeremy Allen White, Marisa Tomei, Green Dolphin with Sean William Scott and Escape Of Prisoner 614 with Ron Perlman, Martin Starr, Jake McDorman). All incredible, challenging experiences and I only look forward to the future. This life change has also afforded me more quality time with my very supportive wife, Allison Baum Rothstein ’01, and our boys; Brayden and Mason. Another passion kindled from my times at Union was martial arts. In recent history, I was promoted to Shihan (master) in American Kobe Jiu Jitsu. I am proud my entire family embraces the martial arts. Wishing all my fellow Union alums a healthy and happy life journey.”

1996

Marie Cavuoto Petrizzo writes, “I recently took a leave from my clinical medicine practice to pursue a master’s in public health degree online through SUNY Albany, and to facilitate first and second year medical students at Hofstra School of Medicine as part time faculty/assistant clinical professor. I really am enjoying teaching and being a student at the same time.”

1997

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1998

CLASS CORRESPONDENT

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Scott Kriz recently sold his company, Bitium, to Google Cloud. Bitium, founded in 2012, focused on offering enterprise-grade identity management and access tools, such as single-sign on, for cloud-based applications. The acquisition will help Google better manage enterprise cloud customer implementation across an organization, including doing things like setting security levels and access policies for applications working across their Cloud and G Suite offerings.

Peter Mody writes, “After four very fulfilling years as assistant principal at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School, I accepted the building principal position at South Glens Falls High School. It’s been a whirlwind start to the year but I am surrounded by a hard-working and caring staff, great kids, and a very welcoming community. In recent years I have become vested in the proliferation of restorative justice in area schools. I’m thrilled to help bring it to the staff, students, and families of South High. If I can be a resource to other educators, don’t hesitate to reach out.”

1999

CLASS CORRESPONDENT

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2000

Alan Medina writes, “I work for an Arizona-based pharmaceutical company, which specializes in secondary treatment options (breakthrough pain and nausea) for cancer patients. We will be launching a new drug every year for the next five years and breaking into new areas, an unprecedented feat in this industry.”

2001

Lt. Commander Jordan Gottfried, U.S. Navy, is a reservist who mobilized to active duty in September 2017 and will be on deployment in the Middle East for six months supporting Operation Inherent Resolve. His wife, Rebecca, is valiantly pulling double duty, working full-time as a government manager and mom to their two toddlers, Camden and Noah.

2002

Dr. Amilcar A. Tirado writes, “In June 2017 I completed my psychiatry residency at Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center located in the South Bronx. This is a high volume and high intensity program, with
Searching for Union’s 19th president

KATE STEFANIK BARRY ’01
Major: Psychology
Current Position: Principal of Isaacson, Miller

The search for Union’s 19th president brought a familiar name back to campus. Kate Stefanik Barry ’01 is leading Union’s consulting team from Isaacson, Miller, the executive search firm assisting with the presidential search. Barry is a partner with the Boston-based firm, which has the largest higher education search practice in the country.

She and her colleagues hosted a series of meetings with members of the Union community to hear perspectives on the College, expectations of the next president, and key challenges and opportunities the next president will face.

“It is a tremendous honor to work with Union’s search committee and Board of Trustees to recruit the next president,” she said. “Union is thriving and uniquely positioned to be a leader in addressing many of the challenges facing higher education nationally. The College’s upward trajectory is truly impressive.”

Barry joined Isaacson, Miller in 2005. Her practice focuses on senior academic leadership positions for a wide range of colleges and universities across the country, with particular expertise in presidential searches.

Her passion for higher education leadership began during her undergraduate years at Union when she was immersed in college administration and governance as a student leader and received the Frank Bailey Prize. After graduating from Union, she was assistant director of Alumni Relations at Union for three years. She holds a master’s in higher education administration from Harvard University Graduate School of Education.

Rob Lindholm writes, “My wife, Michelle, and I recently decided to move from New York City, where we had been living the last nine years since graduating law school, to Charlotte, North Carolina, with our 3-year old and 1.5-year old daughters. I left my job as a litigation attorney at Milbank Tweed in New York City to take a job at Nelson Mullins in one of the busiest emergency rooms in the country, but I found myself to be an excellent fit. I am now a forensic psychiatry fellow at SUNY Upstate. I am learning about hallmark cases that have shaped and impacted mental health delivery and in corrections settings, evaluating inmates and patients for competency to stand trial and treatment over objection. This fellowship has provided me the opportunity to continue refining my report writing skills and expanding it to the particulars needed in forensic psychiatric reports. It is my goal with this fellowship to further sharpen my understanding of how psychiatry, ethics, and the law intersect, and improve the mental healthcare that I will deliver.”
Charlotte, where I continue to focus on commercial litigation and government investigations and white collar defense. If any classmates ever find themselves down in the Charlotte area, don’t hesitate to reach out.”

Jeremy Losaw lives in Charlotte, N.C., with wife, Kerry Burch, and two daughters—Harper (6) and Ivy (2). Jeremy moved to NC in 2006 to be the engineer of NASCAR team, Robby Gordon Motorsports. He then went on to help design the first driver training simulator deployed in NASCAR at Toyota Racing Development. He changed career paths in 2011 to join the product development firm, Enventys Partners, where he designed products like the Wine Shark wine aerator and the Rigel LED dog light. He was also featured in two episodes of season 4 of the PBS show “Everyday Edisons.” In January he was named engineering director at Enventys Partners and is helping entrepreneurs design, prototype, and bring products to market. He is also a monthly contributor of tech articles for Inventors Digest magazine. He has continued involvement with the Union community. Last year he worked with Amanda Irvin (former director of the Union Maker Space) and Jay Freeland ’91 to scan busts of the Lincoln Memorial from the collection of sculptor Daniel Chester French. This is an on-going project with Union students and the Chesterwood Museum in Stockbridge, Mass., to archive the sculpture collection.

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2005
Douglas Bush writes, “I married my college sweet heart, Catherine Ollinger ’07. We now have a beautiful little baby girl named Lucy Rose Bush, born 8/25/2017, who will hopefully be a graduate of the class of 2037 or somewhere thereabouts. My twin (James Bush ’05) is married and has a baby on the way as well. I am an assistant professor of pediatrics in the division of pulmonology at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City.”

Following obtaining her School Counseling Bilingual (Spanish) certification in N.Y., Joanne Xuereb became a Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC). Joanne established a private counseling practice, A Better Tomorrow Mental Health Counseling, PLLC in the New York City region.

2006
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Kevin Flike was recently featured in the Times Union newspaper. A retired staff sergeant who was critically wounded in Afghanistan while serving as a Green Beret, the story focused on his time in the Army and his efforts to help similarly injured soldiers and veterans. Kevin spends much of his free time updating his weekly “Wounded by War” blog and giving motivational speeches around the country. Read more at www.timesunion.com

Michael S. Pieciak, commissioner of the Vermont Department of Financial Regulation, was recently named president-elect of the North American Securities Administrators Association. He will serve as president-elect for one year and begin his term as president in September 2018.

2007
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Craig Avalone, of CHA Consulting Inc., was recently named 2017 Northeast Region Young Energy Professional of the Year by the Association of Energy Engineers. The award annually recognizes outstanding contributions to the energy profession made by individuals ages 35 and younger. Craig, project manager and energy engineer, dedicates his career to identifying ways to optimize energy use at a number of manufacturing facilities and for various industrial clients, including automotive, electronics, pharmaceuticals, textiles, mining, food and beverage, glass and optics.

Kate Gustafson recently finished 26th at the Berlin Marathon in a time of 2:48.

Meg Lloyd spent 64 days bike trekking across the U.S. in the summer of 2016. She writes, “We blogged about our experience: 543c2c1summer.wordpress.com ... it was an amazing journey and incredible to see the country from the seat of a bike.”

Elizabeth Lallier (1), Madeline Lallier (3), Cameron Peck (2), Cayden Peck (1) and Emma Lallier (1) enjoyed Homecoming & Family Weekend in October with their parents, Matthew ’03 and Katrina Tentor Lallier ’03, and Kimberly and Ian Peck ’06.

Meg Lloyd ’06 at the top of Logan Pass, the highest pass encountered on a 2016 bike trek across the U.S.

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Owl Butterflies (Caligo species) use their large eyespots to startle predators.

Caroline Nelson Blackburn writes, “On June 11, 2016, I married Daniel Blackburn. We reside in Poughkeepsie, New York. I recently accepted a promotion to chief assistant county attorney for Dutchess County, and my practice focuses on labor and employment as well as taxation/finance.”

2008
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Naeem Crawford-Muhammad graduated from New York University School of Law in May with a juris doctor degree. He recently relocated to London to join Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP as an associate in the corporate department. Interestingly, Cravath was founded by a Union alumnus, William H. Seward, Class of 1820.

2009
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2010
Bradley Wilhelm writes, "I started as an assistant general counsel at ELAP Services, a healthcare company located outside of Philadelphia, in June.” ELAP’s mission is to significantly reduce health care expenses for employers by recognizing a medical provider’s actual cost in delivering services and to allow a fair margin above that cost.
Buggin’ out

But you didn’t know that the world’s 350,000 beetles make up more than 20 percent of the planet’s biodiversity. Or that the giant water bug can take down and eat small turtles. Or that the beaded lacewing larva expels toxic gas from its anus to stun, kill and consume termites.

“One staggering fart can take out six termites at a time,” said Nancy Miorelli ‘11, whose penchant for wearing humungous bugs on her face (#FaceBug) has earned her a following online.

She doesn’t do it for the hashtag popularity, though. “I use #FaceBug to bring bits of bug biology to the public,” said Miorelli, who holds an M.S. in entomology from the University of Georgia.

People’s reactions (to generalize) range from “Awesome!” to “Eww!”

“Putting bugs on my face shows a sense of scale. I don’t think people get to see bugs that big or cool very often,” said Miorelli. “Of course, a lot of people think bugs are gross, so a 4.5-inch cockroach sitting on my face triggers a lot of, ‘Can you believe this?’”

That incredulity doesn’t bother her, especially because it can lead to curiosity—and questions like those she gets on her blog, Ask An Entomologist (askentomologists.com).

Launched in November 2014 and staffed by Miorelli and two other entomologists, the site uses scientific literature to explain all manner of bug queries in a way anyone can understand.

Which is of critical importance to Miorelli. “Scientific literacy is a necessity going into a future where we continue to vote on and develop policies for important issues like climate change, genetically modified organisms, medicine and technology,” Miorelli said. “We need literate voters who can look at complicated issues and read through the lies and the truth to make educated decisions.”

Until recently, Miorelli was a science communicator at the Maquipucuna Ecolodge and Reserve in Ecuador, where she developed kids programs, guided tourists, and led night walks to look for insects.

She now lives in Quito, Ecuador. In between giving guest lectures at universities and ecododges, she’s building up Ask An Entomologist and making her SciBugs store (scibugscollections.etsy.com) into an official business. SciBugs sells unique jewelry that Miorelli makes from Tagua nuts and jewel beetle shells. Proceeds help rebuild Ecuadorian communities effected by an April 2016 earthquake. Soon, she plans to offer online entomology classes and ecological tours of Ecuador, too.

“I just want people to love and see the natural world—even the small natural world—as I do,” Miorelli said. “I think the more people know, the more they’ll be willing to protect the environment.”

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Learn more about Nancy (and bugs) at twitter.com/scibugs or facebook.com/SciBugs
2011

Cara Early, assistant vice president in the consultant relations department at Breckinridge Capital Advisors in Boston, was recently featured in The Telegram. The story focused on her training as a boxer, and her plans to participate in “Belles of the Brawl.” The event, a fundraiser for Haymakers for Hope, supports cancer treatment and research. Cara had acute lymphoblastic leukemia when she was a young child.

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

2012

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Catherine Elizabeth Elliott is thrilled to announce her engagement to Gillian Ariela Tisdale. On August 13, 2017 they hiked Mt. Tom in Massachusetts, climbed to an outcrop overlooking the river and the town where they met, and got engaged. Afterwards they ate hotdogs and drank champagne.

Stephanie DeLorenzo writes, “I was recently awarded Employee of the Year in my current position as a Respite Aide in the Family Services division of Lexington—Chapter of NYSARC Inc.”

2013

CLASS CORRESPONDENT
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2014

Kayla Masterman writes, “This year I enrolled in graduate school. Earning my master’s in Clinical Social Work at the University of Chicago.”

Colleen Kilbourne is finishing up her final year at Albany Medical College, and is hoping to catch some hockey games at the U with her father, Kevin Kilbourne ’79, before leaving the Capital District. She hopes to return to the Finger Lakes region to practice as a rural primary care physician.

2016

The Musicians of Ma’alwyck 2017-18 season concludes in June 2018 with a new opera commissioned and produced by Musicians of Ma’alwyck. Aleda or The Flight of the Suff Bird Women was written by prodigy Max Caplan. The opera details the story of a plot to bombard Woodrow Wilson’s presidential yacht with Votes for Women pamphlets by avatrix Leda Richberg-Hornsby. The daring plan lends itself well to musical treatment and a cast of four will be joined by eight-piece chamber orchestra. For more, visit www.musiciansofmaalwyck.org

Sonia Sandoval writes, “I graduated Union College in 2016 and cofounded a compost collection service called FoodScraps360. We serve the Capital Region from Schenectady to Albany and Troy, down to Delmar in the south. FoodScraps360 shares a close connection with Union as we are the primary composting partner for special events, including convocation BBQ and homecoming weekend events. We currently employ two Union students as interns, Hannah Josovitz ‘18 and Jay (Jordan) Isaacs ’18, and will soon employ two Union graduates, Reilly See and Terezia Benova. We assist our neighbors and build sustainable communities through commercial and residential compost services. Composting helps curb dangerous greenhouse gases, addresses food waste issues and improves water, soil, and air quality. It is a labor of love, but we aim to prove that business and environmentalism are not at odds with each other, but work cohesively as a sustainable business plan.”

Katherine Christopher writes, “I started a position as a natural resource management forestry volunteer for Peace Corps Malawi.”

2017

Sean Farrell, a University Innovation Fellow, was recently chosen by the University Innovation Fellows program as one of 23 student event leaders for the program’s Silicon Valley Meetup (November 2017). These 23 fellows were hand-selected out of an international community of more than 1,200 for the impact they have had at their schools and for their contributions to the movement. At the event, they represented their schools in front of 300 student and faculty attendees from 82 universities and colleges around the world. They gave presentations on their UIF work to all attendees, modeling for the new fellows the kind of impact they can have at their own schools.

The University Innovation Fellows program is a global program run by Stanford University’s Hasso Plattner Institute of Design (d.school) that empowers student leaders to increase campus engagement with innovation, entrepreneurship, creativity and design thinking.

2011

2016

2017
Luke James (Korytoski ‘02) and husband, A.J., welcomed their first child, Luke James, on April 18, 2017. He weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. The happy family resides in Simsbury, Conn.

Rebecca Falzano and her husband, Steve Pogson, welcomed their second child, a baby boy, on May 19, 2017.

William Maddox Vanderlaan (Vanderlaan ’07) and Sadie Bea Schosid (Schosid ’08) are proud to announce the birth of their second baby boy, Cayden Benjamin Peck. He was born in Pittsfield, Mass. on Aug. 30, 2016 at 12:47 a.m. Cayden weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces, was 20.5 inches long and was born on his due date. Cameron is a proud big brother.

Alison Vanderlaan and Jessica (Latino) Vanderlaan ’09 are excited to announce the arrival of their son, William Maddox. He was born July 1, 2017.

Amanda and Lee Schosid welcomed their first child, Sadie Bea Schosid, on Aug. 19, 2017. They can’t wait to bring Sadie to Union for a visit!

Jessica (Dolbeare) Stuff and Kenneth Stuff are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Harper Vail, on Oct. 19, 2016 in Dothan, Ala. She was welcomed home by big sister, Riley.

Joe ’08 and Rosie Martel-Foley welcomed their second child, Joseph Mac, on March 12, 2017. Mac joins big brother, Mo, and the family dog, Layla. They reside in Reading, Mass., with several Union alumni nearby.
1954

Ricardo Vilar writes, "I was married on July 8, 2017 to my square dance partner, Carol Haley. My wife of 55 years passed away on Dec. 29, 2013. We enjoy square dancing, riding my Harley Davidson, vacationing in Florida during the winter and long walks."

2005

Joanne Xuereb wed Armando Burgos May 20, 2017 in their dream beach wedding, which took place in the Dominican Republic. Alumni in attendance included Gabriel Valentín Ramos, Mara Van Den Bold ’06, Oluwole Daramola, Oludamola Olaleye and Santos Avila ’08.

2006

Colby Garb and Megha Gupta were married Feb. 12, 2017 in New Delhi, India. The celebration included many ceremonies, dances, and meals! They want to thank all the family and friends who traveled to India, including Union alumni Jeff Brais, Sascha Donna and Alexander Everett ’08.

2007

Alumni attend the wedding of Colby Gard ‘06 and Megha Gupta

Alumni attend the wedding of Karyn Amira ‘07 and Nathan Soutar

Brian Wade ‘07 married Christa Tamanas at Top of the Tower in Philadelphia in April. Sean Wade ‘09 was best man while Tim ‘83 and Esther ‘81 Wade were proud parents.

Colin Foard and John Casey Engelbert were married at the Hagley Museum and Library in Wilmington, Delaware Sept. 30, 2017. Alumni in attendance included Kelsey Allen-Dicker, Jessica Cromeek, Dan Fishman, Amarilis Francis, Lorlette Haughton Moir, Ian Kennedy, Michael Kiefer, Shirel Kozak and Misha Smirnov. The couple met in 2011 while living in the San Francisco Bay Area. They currently reside in Washington, D.C.

Jennifer Lachance writes, “I was lucky to have all of my Union loves present when I married Christophe Poirrier July 15, 2016. This group of us have been friends since sophomore year when we all rushed SDT.” Alumni in attendance included Erin Schumaker, Kaitlyn Evans, Shauna Keeler, Jennifer Lachance, Cara Karelitz and Ursula Williams.
2010

Sean Gorski and Marissa (Gaines) Gorski were recently married. Alumni in attendance included: Zach Polen, Nik Kothari, Scott Loitherstein ‘08, Dearon Panossian ‘11, Hilary Gaines ‘07, Antonio Gutierrez, Matt Rohrs, Dave Swift ‘08, Adrien Delesser, Dave Sayles, Aileen Shaughnessy ‘16, Sarah Schinasi, Jakie Gutierrez (nee Brick), Jackie Bachelet ’09, Stan Gorski (ME Dept.); Liz Paul ’11, Ben Meltzer and Kylie Gorski ’16.

Allison Frederick and Nate Saslow ’09 were married July 7, 2017 in Middletown, Conn. Alumni in attendance were Annie Keller, Travis Hoh, Rebecca Skudder, Kristy Leonard, Johanna Lou Hanley, Kate Murphy, Henry Hanley ’09, Dana Goldsmith, Ryan Gwinn ’09, Rich Eisen ‘80, Lindsay (Colvin) Stone, Scott Stone ‘09, Sarah Doucett Gerver, Rob Shirley ’09, Sam Clarke ’12, Paul Gerver, Rob Kramer ’09 and Kevin Donovan ’09.

Vanessa Athanas ’11 and Carlon McPherson were married Sept. 2, 2017. They celebrated with Union classmates including Max Shapiro, Michelle Russo, Paul Gobron, Frank Cassano, Justin Real, Jane Aibel ’73, Sam Sadler, Adrian McLaren, Simone Sampson, Lauren McCartney, Adam Kowalski, Melinda Kowalski ’12 and Anthony Savaglio.

2011

Trevor Porter and Amy Porter were married Aug. 12, 2017. Alumni in attendance included Michael Spicer, Kyle Holmes, Janielle Porter ’07, Murphy Potter, Kelsey MacElroy ’12, Hilary Zelson Geller and Andrew Geller. All men are brothers of Theta Delta Chi—Alpha Chapter.
Matthew Ursillo and Lauren Laitman '11 were married Sept. 9, 2017. Alumni in attendance included Olivia Grubman '11, Sam Elias '09, Jill Radwin Elias '11, Eva Pogosian '11, Lauren Soniera, Alex Sussman '14, Eric Langner, Colton Lewis, Andrea Grenadier, Kim Kline, Caitlynn Allen, Ashley Weiss, Ali Seiler, and Kelsey Albert '11.

Anne Woodward and Ken Reiser '12 were married on July 1, 2017 at Monadnock Berries in Troy, N.H. The wedding party included Danielle Mendiola, Jessica Nagourney '12, Jordan (Silletti) '09 and Win Schellens '07, Mike DeWolfe '12 and Brendan Lichtenthal '12. Other alumni in attendance included the bride’s father JC (John) Woodward ’70 and cousin, Cooper Hammarlund ’07, as well as Christine Farrell ’09, Valerie Angell ’10, Lauren Brown, Christina (Brown) Profita, Tim Riddell ’12, Kyle Anderson ’12, Zach Rittner ’12, Ian Schwartz ’12, Tyler Kelly ’12, Jenna Langhans ’13, Oscar Hernandez ’13, Chris Sainato ’14 and Mike Capella ’14.

Sophia (Tamura) Parker and Ben Parker were married May 6, 2017 in Summerfield, N.C. Alumni in attendance included Caitlynn Allen, Maggie Weinreb ’14, Miriam Thau, Ellie Lakritz, Julie Fehlmann, Ali Seiler, Andrea Grenadier, and Emily Murray.


2013

Phil Kemp and Giovanna Velardo tied the knot on Sept. 16, 2017 in New Rochelle, N.Y. Many fellow Union alumni were in attendance.

Smita Ravichandran, MD, MBA, and John Carroll, who is in his final year of becoming a veterinarian, got married June 2017. They were first friends when they met in Webster Hall.
Alumni attend the wedding of Phil Kemp ’13 and Giovanna Velardo ’13

Smita Ravichandran ’13 and John Carroll ’13

Alumni attend the wedding of Paulina Piotrowski ’14 and Jared Mondschein ’14

Sarah (Wizner) Waltman ’14 and Timothy Waltman

in their freshman year and then began dating soon after. Their wedding was attended by many of their friends from the Class of 2013 and also a few wonderful professors, including Prof. Scott Kirkton. There was even a performance by the 2013 seniors of the Garnet Minstrelles.

2014

Paulina Piotrowski and Jared Mondschein were married Sept. 23, 2017 in Lake George, N.Y. Alumni in attendance were Robert Mondschein ’83, Brad Mondschein ’90, Pamela Mondschein ’90, Joe Suhrada ’87 and Lane Roberts. Union Chemistry professors Michael Hagerman and Joanne Kehibeck were also in attendance.

Sarah (Wizner) Waltman writes, “I got married on Oct. 21, 2017 to Timothy Waltman in Hartford, Conn. In attendance were Caitlyn Collins, Cherry Chahal and Maria Apruzzese.”
IN MEMORIAM

1940s

Wesley A. Albright ‘41, of Annapolis, Md., and formerly of Delmar, N.Y., a captain and flight instructor in the U.S. Army Air Corps and fighter pilot who flew the P-51 Mustang, Aug. 23, 2017. Wesley, who enjoyed a 45-year career as a real estate broker in the Albany area, was active with numerous organizations. A president of the Albany Realty Board, former member of the Albany Executive Council and longtime and honorary member of the Normanside Country Club, he was 98.

John D. Barton ‘44, of Bristol, R.I., who served with the U.S. Army, 10th Mountain Division, during World War II and the Korean Conflict, and retired from the Army Reserve as a major, Aug. 25, 2017. The recipient of many honors, including the Combat Infantry Badge and Asiatic Pacific Medal with Bronze Star, he worked in specialty business equipment as a national accounts representative before owning and operating Audit Controls Co. A member of many organizations, including the Bristol County Lions Club and Bristol Veterans Council, he was 95.

Bruce G. Gillies ‘44, of Rochester, N.Y., who served with the U.S. Army during World War II and spent his career as a teacher and principal with the Rochester School District, May 4, 2017. An avid outdoorsman and longtime Boy Scout Explorer leader, he was 97.

Robert H.R. Loughborough ‘45, of Danville, Pa., who served with the U.S. Navy and graduated from Yale University before earning a bachelor’s in divinity from Yale Divinity School, Sept. 15, 2017. Robert, who also held a master’s in divinity, served as pastor of several churches, including Mahoning Presbyterian Church, and Marion and Harmony Presbyterian Churches (Belle Vernon). The author of a book of 31 sermons, “Love Within Walls,” who volunteered at Geisinger Medical Center for 18 years, he was 92.

Kenneth C. MacDonald ‘46, of Pittsburgh, Pa., who served in the Army during World War II, worked for Radio Free Europe and was on Dwight Eisenhower’s campaign staff, July 2, 2017. After working for the CIA, he was a business writer with Ketchum, Alcoa, MacLeod and Grove, and later a freelance speech and business writer. Kenneth, who enjoyed playing the piano and drums, was 93.

Carman E. Santor ‘46, of Keeseville, N.Y., who served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves and rose to director of probation for Clinton County, July 24, 2017. Carman, who held degrees from Muhlenberg College, SUNY Albany and St. Lawrence University, also taught courses in criminology, sociology and psychology at Plattsburgh State College, Clinton Community College and Dannemora State Prison. A member of several community organizations, he was 92.

Raymond J. Twardzik ‘46, of Bradenton, Fla., a U.S. Army veteran who was captured in the Battle of the Bulge and was a POW in Germany before becoming a licensed professional engineer with General Electric, Aug. 12, 2017. A member of many organizations, including the GE Elfun Society and the American EXPOW Organization, he was also a longtime ham radio enthusiast. He was 93.

Arthur A. Lobel ‘47, of Schenectady, N.Y., a U.S. Army veteran who led the eye clinic at the main hospital in Paris during World War II, and practiced optometry in Schenectady from 1952 until 2012, June 25, 2017. A graduate of the Columbia University Optometry program and the Massachusetts College of Optometry, he enjoyed playing basketball, tennis and boxing. He was 93.

Hamilton Scheer ‘49, of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., a tanker commander in the 3rd Division, 7th Army, who participated in the liberation of Dachau concentration camp, Sept. 13, 2017. A member of his family’s dry cleaning business and co-owner of Johnny-on-the-Spot cleaners for 40 years, he was a lifelong member of Temple Beth-El and active in the Poughkeepsie Rotary and UJA. He was 91.

Lawrence M. Hughes ‘49, of Torrance, Calif., who served in the Army Signal Corps during World War II and had a long career in engineering and safety systems at General Electric, July 25, 2017. Also employed by TRW, Boos Allen and others before retiring from Hughes Aircraft, Larry mentored college students in math, cultivated bonsais and taught English as a second language during retirement. He was 93.

John R. Tether ‘49, of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., who served with the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a design engineer and system planner with IBM, Aug. 26, 2017. Active with the Knights of Columbus at St. Martin de Porres and a passionate genealogist, he enjoyed photography and serving as a Eucharist at Holy Trinity Church. He was 90.

Elton L. Burns ‘49, of Rotterdam, N.Y., who served with the U.S. Navy and became a director of the State of New York Office of General Services, Aug. 6, 2017. An active member of Bellevue Reformed Church, he enjoyed traveling and vacations in Myrtle Beach and Maine. He was 90.
Members of the Union community are remembering Vincent C. DeBaun ’47, who passed away on Dec. 16, 2017 at his home in Charlottesville, Va. He was 91.

Known to his many friends as “Vin,” he had the dry wit of an English professor, the persuasive charm of a fundraiser and the urbane elegance of a college president, all of which he was. In everything from grant proposals to personal notes, he wrote sparkling prose, sprinkled with catchy literary references.

He began his career in higher education at Union in 1949 as a young instructor of English, joining the professors he so admired as a student. He came out of retirement in 1992 to become the College’s director of corporations and foundations. He retired, again, in 1996.

He held a number of teaching and administrative posts at 10 different institutions including presidencies at Lasell Junior College and Cazenovia College. He also taught English at the University of New Hampshire, Rutgers University and Wells College. He was director of corporate and foundation programs at Syracuse University, and director of resource development at Northeastern University and director of development and foundations and corporations at M.I.T.

In 1968, at the age of 42, DeBaun resigned as president of Lasell Junior College in Newton, Mass. to become professor and chairman of the humanities division at Talladega College in Alabama. DeBaun told a reporter for JET magazine that his decision to move to the historically black college was prompted by the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

He was president of Cazenovia from 1971 to 1975, during which the board, pointing to heavy debt and declining enrollment, voted to cease operation. After an outpouring from students, alumni and citizens prompted a dramatic reversal by the board, DeBaun oversaw renegotiated loans, fundraising and the addition of six new programs to secure the college’s future. When DeBaun stepped down, the chair of the board said, “Without his sustained and creative effort, there might well be no Cazenovia College today.” As head class agent at Union, DeBaun used the Cazenovia example to make the case to his classmates.

At Union, DeBaun was responsible for the grant proposal that secured funding for the F.W. Olin Center.

President Emeritus Roger Hull hired DeBaun twice, once when Hull was vice president for development at Syracuse, and again when he was president at Union. “Aside from being the quintessential gentleman and a wonderful person, Vin wrote better than anyone I have ever met,” Hull said. “So I was delighted on both counts to work with him at two institutions I was privileged to serve.”

DeBaun held a master’s and Ph.D. in English literature from Rutgers. He received the Alumni Council’s Gold Medal in 1997.

Among his activities in retirement, he was a volunteer reader for the visually impaired, and recorded college textbooks in the humanities and social sciences.

A U.S. Navy veteran who served during the World War II and the Korean War, he wrote an account of life as a V-12 student for the College magazine in 1968. He recently contributed books and commentary for a Schaffer Library exhibit on the Armed Services Editions book program during World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Hillary; and two sons, Christian and Nicholas. Interment is planned at Arlington National Cemetery.
Harrison G. “Harry” Demgen ’47, known to thousands of alumni through his role as director of Alumni Affairs and, later, as director of Major Gifts, died Sept. 21, 2017 in Viera, Fla. He was 91.

Harry joined the College in 1976 and retired in 1988. He was responsible for the expansion of alumni clubs and Homecoming and ReUnion, for which he was recognized with the Gold Medal from the Alumni Council. He was passionate about connecting alumni with their alma mater and knew the importance of maintaining this connection. Harry was sorry to miss his 70th ReUnion in May due to health issues, his family said, but he was there in spirit.

A native of Schenectady, he attended Mont Pleasant High School. He came to Union in the V-12 program, served in the Pacific with the Navy from 1944 to 1946, and returned to graduate with a degree in geology. After Union, he earned a master’s in education from the former Albany State University.

Before joining Union, he worked with the Connecticut General Life Insurance Co., rising to second vice president.

In retirement, he moved to Melbourne, Fla., where he continued working as an agent selling long term care insurance. His hobbies included travel, piano, golf, church work, choir (tenor), bridge, celebrating his German heritage and gardening. His favorite sports teams were the St. Louis Cardinals and the New York Giants.

Survivors include his wife of 70 years, Marian; a son, Jeffrey ’75; a son, Paul; a daughter Barbara and a daughter, Elizabeth Demgen Grupe ’85; 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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1950s

Warren B. Offutt ’50, of Cloudcroft, N.M., who held an honorary Ph.D. from Milwaukee School of Engineering, Sept. 20, 2017. A lifelong ham radio operator and accomplished amateur astronomer, he was 89.

Dr. Robert J. “Bob” Pletman ’50, a Schenectady urologist who served in the U.S. Army and started a medical practice in 1962, Jan. 6, 2018. An attending physician at Ellis Hospital, he joined St. Clare’s Hospital in 1984, where he was chief of urology, chief of the medical staff and a trustee. In retirement, he helped establish a free medical clinic in Schenectady for those without health insurance. He was proud that his sons, Edward ’82 and Michael ’85, carried on the Union tradition. He was 88.

George W. Vosburgh ’50, of Glen Cove, N.Y., a longtime employee at Sperry Corporation who served as a department head, Sept. 15, 2017. An avid sailor and past commodore of the Triton Sailboat Association, he was also a past member of the Glen Cove Yacht Club. He was 89.

Dante Stirpe ’51, of Tucson, Ariz., who held an M.S. from Iowa State University and Ph.D. in physics from the University of Missouri, Oct. 5, 2017. Dante, who worked at Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory (now LANL) on shock hydrodynamics, timing and firing of devices, technology assessments and materials accounting, was also a fiction writer. Several of his stories appeared in Ellery Queen’s Mystery Magazine. He was 89.

William D. Reeder ’51, of Rochester, N.Y., a World War II veteran who graduated from Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Oct. 19, 2017. A United Methodist pastor who served in N.Y. churches in Pavilion, Old Chatham, Malden Bridge and Covenant United Methodist Church in Rochester, he was a former staff member of the Samaritan Pastoral Counseling Center. He was 92.
Dr. Norman W. Jankowski '52, of Northfield, Ohio, who graduated from the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery and co-founded Nordonia Hills Clinic, Sept. 23, 2017. A leader in the advancement of osteopathic medicine, he held numerous leadership positions at Brentwood (now South Pointe) Hospital and spent 23 years as a clinical professor in the department of family medicine at the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine. A member of many professional organizations, he was 87.

Joseph J. Hannan ’53, of Montgomery, Ala., a USAF colonel (ret.) who earned a MBA from Troy University and graduated from the Squadron Officer School and Air Command & Staff College, Sept. 6, 2017. The recipient of numerous honors, including the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal and Vietnam Service Medal, he enjoyed classical music and golf. He was 85.

Richard J. Donohoe ’53, of West Haven, Conn., who served with the U.S. Army in Korea before becoming a national merchandise manager with National Bellas Hess Corp. (Kansas City), July 10, 2017. Later a marketing director with Giltex Company in North Haven, he subsequently owned a retail lighting store and was principal in a business brokerage firm. A fulltime faculty member of the business school at Southern Connecticut State University for 15 years, he was 86.

Eugene Lubinski ’54, of Albany, N.Y., who served in the U.S. Army and worked for the NYS Department of Public Works before becoming assistant director of data processing at the NYS Department of Health, Oct. 1, 2017. Eugene, who enjoyed fishing and spending time with his family, was 85.

John M. Boardman ’54, of Oak Bluffs, Mass., a Navy veteran who was an executive of ComEnergy, June 25, 2017. He was 87.

Edward J. Zimmerli ’55, of Keene, N.H., a trust officer with Fleet Bank (Boston) for 19 years who held a master’s in geology from Cornell University and a master’s in theology from Union Seminary School, July 31, 2017. A self-published poet who enjoyed oil painting and wood working, he founded the Oregon Pooled Special Needs Trust. A member of the Keene Unitarian Universalist Church, he was 84.

Michael Bradfield ’56, of Bethesda, Md., an international lawyer who helped bring the U.S. dollar off the gold standard, curtailed the lending practices of big banks after the 2008 financial crisis, and restored Swiss bank accounts to the descendants of Jews who died in the Holocaust, July 26, 2017. Michael, who held a law degree and master’s degree from Columbia University, was 83.

David S. Ritter ’56, of Goshen, N.Y., who graduated from Cornell Law School and who worked in the U.S. Attorney General’s Office in Washington, D.C., before joining the firm of Bull, Morreale, Inggrassia, Ritter & Williams, Aug. 4, 2017. Later elected county court judge and then Supreme Court judge (Orange County), he was appointed administrative judge of the 9th Judicial District in 1988 and associate justice of the second department of the Appellate Division in 1990. He was 83.

Dr. Frank G. Marsh ’56, of Niskayuna, N.Y., who graduated from Albany Medical College and was the first physician ever drafted into the Army from Schenectady, July 21, 2017. A captain during the Vietnam War, he practiced internal medicine in Schenectady for 44 years and was also medical director of Kingsway Arms Nursing Center for 33 years. He was 83.

Roland E. Lagrange ’57, of Smithtown, N.Y., June 4, 2017. He was 82.

John P. Lott ’57, of Williamsburg, Va., Sept. 16, 2017. He was 80.

Robert L. Sanford ’57, of Chandler, Ariz., who served with the U.S. Navy as an instructor in the anti-submarine warfare school (Key West) and as a patrol plane navigator with the Naval Air Reserve, Sept. 20, 2017. Bob, who graduated from Boston University Law School, was assistant director of financial aid at Fresno State University before becoming a U.S. Treasury agent. Later a director of investigations and auditing for the Arizona Department of Real Estate, he was 81.

Francis X. Giustra Jr. ’59, of Waldoboro, Maine, who held master’s degrees in math and education from Columbia University, and taught math and was department chair at several New England schools, Sept. 22, 2017. A member of the Maine Masters Swim Club and avid Lionel train collector, he was also a member of Penobscot Bay YMCA and owner of Frank’s Market in Warren. He was 80.


1960s

Dr. Kenneth Kelman ’60, of Albany, N.Y., who earned his dental degree at the University of Michigan and served in the Army Dental Corps (detached to Special Forces) during the Vietnam War, Sept. 1, 2017. Ken, who practiced in Albany, Troy and Hoosick, was a huge Yankee fan. He appeared twice (as a model) in the New York Times in ads for Paul Stuart Clothing Store. He was 79.

Edward B. Hatfield ’60, of Freedom, N.H., who held a Ph.D. in biological oceanography from the University of Miami, July 25, 2017. A high school teacher of biology, environmental science and aquatic biology in Freedom, he ran a B&B during retirement. He was 77.

Paul M. LaRocque Sr. ’60, of Flemington, Penn., who held a MBA from Rutgers University and was controller at Paper Aircraft Corporation before working in finance for various companies in N.Y., Conn., Maine and N.H., Oct. 26, 2017. Later the business manager for Keystone Central School District, Paul was active in his community, including as past president of Lock Haven Kiwanis and treasurer of St.
Luke’s United Church of Christ. Also an official for football, baseball and ice hockey, he was 80.

Fred R. Powell ’61, of Teaneck, N.J., who studied business administration at Hofstra University and was executive director of the Interracial Council For Business Opportunity (Harlem), May 30, 2017. Fred, who later owned and operated Barbara’s Flowers in Brooklyn with his family, was active in the PTA and several community organizations, including the Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce. Also floral design instructor for 10 years at Parsons School of Design, he was 77.

John J. Monroe Jr. ’64, of Manassas, Va., a former engineer at NASA and a software engineer at General Dynamics Information Technology, Sept. 6, 2017. John, who was instrumental in the command module procedures and development, and computer programming for the lunar landing of Apollo 16 and Skylab, also held a degree from Virginia Tech. He was 74.

Stephen A. Safranko ’65, of Albany, N.Y., who graduated from Boston University School of Law and was assistant public defender for Albany County before becoming Albany City Court Judge, July 27, 2017. Active in many organizations, he was president of the Albany-Schenectady Magistrates Association and a member of the board of trustees of Congregation Beth Emeth. Recipient of the Sidney Albert Albany JCC Pillars of the Community Award, he was 77.

Marvin H. Levine ’66, Wakefield, Mass., who served in the Army during Vietnam and was working as a sales representative for Needham Oil and Air, Aug. 23, 2017. Marvin, who enjoyed working out at the gym and watching his daughter’s tennis matches, was 73.

Dr. Philip W. Haines ’67, of Vassalboro, Maine, who held a master’s in chemistry from Purdue and a doctorate in public health from the University of North Carolina, Sept. 23, 2017. Eventually promoted to director of the Laboratory of Public Health in the Maine Bureau of Health, he later served as deputy director of the bureau and for periods, as acting director. Phil, who spent 16 years on the Vassalboro Board of Selectmen and more than 30 years as fireman and treasurer of the Vassalboro Fire Department, was 72.

Dr. Kenneth W. Olsen ’68, of Hanover, N.H., who practiced dentistry in New York City with his father before practicing for 40 years in Hanover, Sept. 8, 2017. A trustee and Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Church of Hanover who served on the boards of Meccawee Trout Club, the N.H. Selective Service and Northeast Delta Dental, he was 71.

1970s

Steven H. Bauer ’70, of Concord, Mass., an adventurous traveler whose hobbies included skiing, golf, sailing and cycling and who started a database consulting business, Techcelerate, Oct. 11, 2016. A Niskayuna native, Steve was a football and lacrosse player who majored in electrical engineering and economics and went on to earn an MBA from Northeastern University. He was 68. Friends and family last fall honored his memory by riding the Pan Mass Challenge, a bike ride for cancer research which Steve had done for 25 consecutive years. See classnotes, p. 41.

David J. Uguccioni ’70, of Wilbraham, Mass., a lawyer and title examiner for 40 years at the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Sept. 8, 2017. David, who enjoyed spending time in the apple orchard where he lived, playing music and making his own homeopathic remedies, was 69.

Kenneth E. Jones ’71, of Johnstown, N.Y., an electrician and member of the IBEW Union who was a strong supporter of workers’ rights, Sept. 17, 2017. Ken, who enjoyed family camping trips, the occasional evening poetry readings of William Carlos Williams and Robert Frost, and loved reading mysteries, was 67.

1980s

Charles R. Hicks ’81, of Bennington, Vt., who retired from the postal service after 30 years of serving in Bennington, Dorset and Rutland, Oct. 2, 2017. An avid reader and music lover who enjoyed spending time with his family, he was 57.

Robert C. Farrell ’82, of Nashua, N.H., who was a production engineer at Benchmark Electronics Inc. for more than 20 years and was an expert in producing computer boards without the use of lead, July 28, 2017. Bob, who enjoyed long bicycle trips, most notably a 3,800-mile cross country trip in 1994, and frequent trips to his wife’s home country of Thailand, held a master’s in mechanical engineering from WPI. He was 56.

Joseph M. Shields Jr. ’87, of Temecula, Calif., a licensed professional engineer who worked in the division of electrical engineering at Camp Pendleton Public Works for 26 years, Sept. 20, 2017. Joe, who loved the outdoors, music and his favorite sports teams (Yankees, Jets, Celtics), was 59.
Colleagues and other friends are recalling the intellectual depth, passion for student learning and kindness of Thomas G. “Tom” McFadden, college librarian emeritus.

McFadden, director of Schaffer Library from 1997 until his retirement in 2012, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2017. He was 71.

“Tom was always eager to help anyone in need—for example, buying textbooks for kids who could not afford them or helping international students with food and supplies,” said Anastasia Pease, senior lecture of English. “He was a passionate promoter of liberal arts education, a wise advisor, a great mentor. He worked tirelessly to help students learn and excel. Despite his gruff exterior, Tom was a very kind and tenderhearted man. During the winter holidays, small children often took him for an undercover Santa Claus, and he played along.”

Librarian Annette LeClair fondly recalls the time that McFadden played the Ghost of Christmas Present in a staged reading of Dickens’ *A Christmas Carol*. “The role suited Tom perfectly,” LeClair said. “This was his favorite time of year, but he was a giver who gave all year long. I can still hear Tom’s laugh as he read the line, ‘You have never seen the like of me before!’ We’d never seen anyone like Tom before either; he was a unique, memorable presence among us, and his ghost will remain with us in the best of ways.”

Besides directing the library, McFadden taught a number of first-year preceptorials: Politics and the Novel; Great Ideas; and Utopias, Dystopias, and Totalitarianism. An enthusiast of College history who collected books and memorabilia, he also taught a sophomore research seminar on Union College and Higher Education in the 19th Century. He revived and coached the Debate Club and served as a faculty mentor to the Ethics Bowl team. He was a member of the Academic Computing and Technology Steering Committee.

Tom donated to Special Collections about 100 rare books from his collection of mostly 18th century texts, including foundational works on science, philosophy, history, and education, according to LeClair. These materials are used to help connect students to the Enlightenment period and to the era of the College’s founding, she said. He also produced the 1998 facsimile edition of the 1802 *Laws of Union College*, for which he wrote an introduction explaining why Union was “an ideal well fit for its time.”

Born in Boise, Idaho, he was the son of the late Elmer and Anne (McDonell) McFadden. He was a proud member of the Idaho State High School Debate Championship Team. He completed his undergraduate studies at the College of Idaho, then was a Rhodes Scholar at Worcester College, Oxford University. He earned his master’s in philosophy from Brown University and a master’s of library science from the University of Pittsburgh.

Before Union, he held librarian positions at Rochester Institute of Technology; Brown University; the University of California, Davis; and Northern Arizona University. In retirement, he briefly served as library director at Union Graduate College.

Survivors include his wife of 30 years, Marguerite “Maggie” Horn; nine sisters- and brothers-in-law; and a number of nieces and nephews.
HELEN B. YULMAN
Friend of the College

Helen B. Yulman, who with her late husband, Morton H. "Mike" Yulman ’36, supported a range of initiatives at the College, passed away on Sept. 12, 2017 in Palm Beach, Fla. She was 102.

The Yulmans made a gift in 1992 that funded the Morton and Helen Yulman Theater, which includes two flexible performance spaces, classrooms, offices, a design studio and a production workshop.

The new building, Union’s first structure designed for theater, also made possible the restoration of the Nott Memorial in time for Union’s bicentennial celebration in 1995. Until then, the Nott housed Union’s theater program.

The Yulman family also has supported scholarships at the College.

Mr. Yulman, the retired president and chairman of Sealy Mattress Co., passed away in 2005. He earned his bachelor’s degree in chemistry from Union, and served many years as a trustee. He received one of the College’s highest honors, the Founders Medal.

The Yulmans, who split their time between homes in Albany and Palm Beach, were married 65 years.

Survivors include children, Richard Yulman and Nedra Oren; and grandchildren, Dr. Brad Oren ’88 and Sara Oren ’90.

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**1990s**

**Lindsay D. Jacoby ’99**, of New York, N.Y., a wealth management recruiter at Oppenheimer & Co. who also ran her own recruiting firm, Jacoby Staffing, Aug. 28, 2017. She was 40.

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**2000s**

**Kristin N. Hotvet ’09**, of Schenectady, N.Y., who held a master’s of social work from the State University of New York at Albany and was a licensed clinical social worker with psychotherapy R certification, Sept. 8, 2017. Kristin, who worked at Jewish Family Services, Equinox Inc. and Northeast Parent and Child Society, opened her own practice, Counseling for Restored Hope (later Phoenix Counseling), in 2016. She was 30.

**Friends of Union College**

**John M. Parker**, of Appleton, Wisc., who served with the U.S. Navy during World War II and graduated from Central Connecticut State University before earning a master’s in education from Boston University, Sept. 26, 2017. Associate director of admissions at Union College (1958-1964), he was also dean of students at the Institute of Paper Chemistry in Appleton (1966-1989). Awarded a master’s of arts, ad eundem, by Lawrence University. He was 90.

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**Lindsay D. Jacoby ’99**, of New York, N.Y., a wealth management recruiter at Oppenheimer & Co. who also ran her own recruiting firm, Jacoby Staffing, Aug. 28, 2017. She was 40.
Remainder proceeds from a charitable gift annuity were received from the estate of Herman W. Nickel, Class of 1951. Proceeds will be used to support areas of greatest need. Mr. Nickel received his degree in political science while at Union and spent his career as a globetrotting correspondent for Time magazine and as U.S. ambassador to South Africa.

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

An unrestricted gift was received from the estate of Anita Meyer. Proceeds will be used to support the Berkenblit Artist Fund.

Remainder proceeds from charitable gift annuities were received from the estate of Evelyn Bergen. Mrs. Bergen was the widow of Norman N. Bergen, Class of 1943 and together they established several annuities with the College. Proceeds will be used at the discretion of the Trustees. While at Union, Mr. Bergen was a member of Delta Chi and earned a degree in economics.

A bequest was received from the estate of Horace S. Van Voast, Class of 1952. Proceeds will be used to support areas of greatest need. While at Union “Bo” was on the editorial staff of The Concordensia and was a member of Psi Upsilon. After graduating he enjoyed a 40-year career in the insurance industry.

Remainder proceeds from a pooled life income fund were received from the estate of John I. Argersinger, Class of 1935. Proceeds will be used to support areas of greatest need. Mr. Argersinger majored in economics and was a member of Delta Upsilon while at Union and later received a degree in power engineering from M.I.T.

An unrestricted gift was received from the estate of Fred R. Cain. Proceeds will be added to the Berniece H. & Dr. Fred R. Cain Endowed Scholarship to benefit students pursuing a career in education. Mr. Cain was the widower of Berniece H. Cain, Class of 1959G and it was their wish to create this scholarship for Union College. Mrs. Cain earned a Master of Science in education.

Remainder proceeds from a pooled life income fund were received from the estate of Albert S. Knight Jr., Class of 1939. Proceeds will be used to support areas of greatest need. A science major, Mr. Knight was a member of Beta Theta Pi. He went on to M.I.T. and earned a degree in mechanical engineering.

Remainder proceeds from two charitable gift annuities were received from the estate of William C. Bachtel, Class of 1970G. Proceeds will be used to support Jackson’s Gardens and Science and Engineering. Mr. Bachtel was a graduate of Union, earning a Master of Electrical Engineering and enjoyed a career as sr. design engineer for General Electric Company.

Remainder proceeds from a charitable gift annuity were received from the estate of Quintin P. Cole, Class of 1940. Proceeds will be used to support areas of greatest need. After earning a degree in chemistry, Mr. Cole spent his career as a college chemistry instructor before joining General Electric Company. After his retirement, he continued to teach science.

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

A distribution was received from the estate of John D. Don, Class of 1944. As with earlier estate proceeds, this distribution will be divided to support the Professor Frederick J. H. Burkett Endowment Fund for Mathematics with the remainder to be used at the discretion of the Trustees.

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CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

A charitable gift annuity was established by Philip R. Beuth, Class of 1954. The purpose for the remainder proceeds is currently undetermined.

A charitable gift annuity was established by David C. Horton, Class of 1958. The remainder proceeds are restricted to the Class of 1958 Donald T. Stadtmuller Memorial Scholarship.
In 1856, William H. Seward, Class of 1820, and Robert Toombs, Class of 1828, posed for the only known photograph of the two together. The occasion was a disagreement, though not their last.

Well known is that the two were on opposite sides in the Civil War, Seward as secretary of state under Lincoln, Toombs as Confederate secretary of state. Six years before the war, the two U.S. Senators opposed each other over the funding of the Army Appropriation Bill of 1856. The gathering was preserved in a photograph, a copy of which was found in Toomb's alumni file in Schaffer Library's Special Collections.

The bill, to support the Army through the following year, passed the House but generated heated debate in the Senate. Included was an explicit proviso that prohibited the President from employing the Army to enforce the laws of the "Border Ruffians" in Kansas, according to James McPherson's *Battle Cry of Freedom*.

Known as Sherman's Amendment, the rider was in response to growing violence in the territory of Kansas as it sought to secure statehood. Proslavery advocates, which abolitionists labeled "Border Ruffians," clashed with residents and outsiders who sought to make the territory a free state. When Congress was discussing the Army Appropriation Bill, the "Border Ruffians" dominated the territorial government and the Senate, which consisted of a powerful proslavery force, sought to secure the success of the current governing body of Kansas by striking Sherman's Amendment.

Senator Seward saw this potential action as a threat to liberty. Without the proviso, according to Seward, the "Border Ruffians" would have the power "to fasten chains of iron, six feet long, with balls of iron four inches in diameter, with strong locks, upon the limbs of offenders guilty of speaking, printing, and publishing principles and opinions subversive of the system of slavery!" as quoted in *The Autobiography of William H. Seward* (with memoirs by Seward's son, Frederick). For proslavery Senators like Toombs, the bill without the proviso would bring peace to the war torn territory.

Seward and Toombs found themselves on a six-member committee charged with reaching a compromise. "We met at Toombs' house," Seward noted on August 19, "and found no difficulty in agreeing that we disagree."

Tensions thwarted a compromise, but the two parties found common ground on one topic: photography. The Democrats on the committee proposed the group be "ambrotyped" after they adjourned the last meeting. This proposal met no objection. The group scheduled to take the photo on August 12 at Whitehurst's. After their last meeting, Seward wrote, "I had only just reached home, having forgotten the ambrotype, when a message came for me. I went to Whitehurst's and the picture was made."

Andrew Cassarino, a history major from Rutland, Vt., came upon the Seward-Toombs photo (original source unknown) while doing research in Schaffer Library's Special Collections. Cassarino's senior thesis focuses on the transformation of Union College during the Jacksonian Era and how it reflected a larger, national narrative. After graduation, he plans on returning to Vermont to teach American history at the high school level.
CHARLES WALDRON AND HIS SEEING EYE DOG, HEIDI

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FRIDAY, MAY 18
• Golf Tournament
• Visit-A-Class
• 50th Class Medallion Ceremony
• Faculty and Alumni Wine & Cheese

SATURDAY, MAY 19
• Class Photos
• Alumni Parade
• Convocation & Alumni Awards
• ReUnion Picnic & Kids Carnival
• Open Mic
• Faculty & Alumni presentations
• Kids ReUnion (child care)
• All Class Lobster Fest
• Fireworks

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