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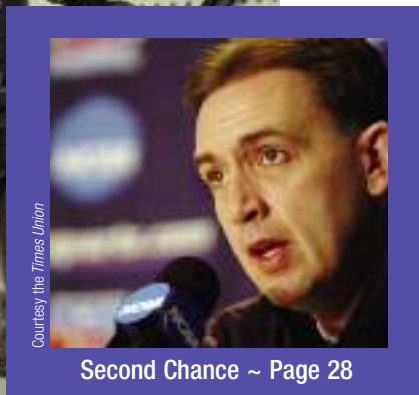
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## Herbst Is Officer in Charge

Provost, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of



Political Science Susan Herbst is serving as the University at Albany's officer in charge. State University of New York Chancellor John R. Ryan announced the appointment in October, two months after the death of former University President Kermit L. Hall.

Herbst came to UAlbany in September 2005 from Temple University, where she was dean of the College of Liberal Arts. A graduate of the University of Southern California and Duke University, she has also completed

advanced research and study at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

## McElroy Reappointed

Lee A. McElroy has been reappointed vice president for Athletic Administration and director of Intercollegiate Athletics for an additional five-year term.



Since McElroy joined the staff in 2000, UAlbany has won 19 conference championships and made NCAA appearances in men's basketball, men's lacrosse, women's volleyball, softball, and men's and women's track and field.

McElroy has led the way in developing a master plan to upgrade the University's athletic and recreational complex.

## Wilcox Promoted

Kevin Wilcox, who served as UAlbany's deputy controller from 1999 to 2006, was named assistant vice president and controller Jan. 2.



In that capacity, Wilcox manages the offices of State Accounting; Institutional Services; Parking and Mass Transit Services; Sponsored Funds Financial Management; and the SUNY Student Loan Service Center. He also provides broad leadership and policy guidance for a range of fiscal and administrative topics.

Wilcox succeeds Leo Neveu, who has retired.

## Women's Studies Program Celebrates 35 Years

UAlbany's Department of Women's Studies is marking its 35th anniversary with a yearlong series of events.

The observance began Nov. 30 with the fifth annual Women's Studies Student Conference, "Looking Back, Moving Forward: Celebrating 35 Years of Women's Studies." Special events planned during 2007 include a faculty exhibit of department history through the College of Arts and Sciences.

## A New Name for the RACC: SEFCU Arena



Thanks to a \$2.75 million commitment from SEFCU, the University's former Recreation and Convocation Center (RACC) has a new name.

SEFCU, the Capital Region's largest credit union, made a 10-year commitment last November to name the SEFCU Arena. Located on the uptown campus, the arena has a seating capacity of 4,538 and is the home of UAlbany's men's and women's basketball teams.

The UAlbany community and SEFCU and SUNY officials celebrate the naming of SEFCU Arena.

### Three Graduate Programs Ranked in Top 10

University doctoral programs in social welfare, educational administration and criminal justice are among the best in the nation, according to a new index for rankings prepared by Academic Analytics.

The 2005 Faculty Scholarly Productivity

Index ranks 7,294 individual doctoral programs in 104 disciplines at 354 institutions; institutions in broader categories, such as the humanities and biological sciences; and institutions as a whole.

UAlbany's social welfare program was No. 5 in its discipline; the educational

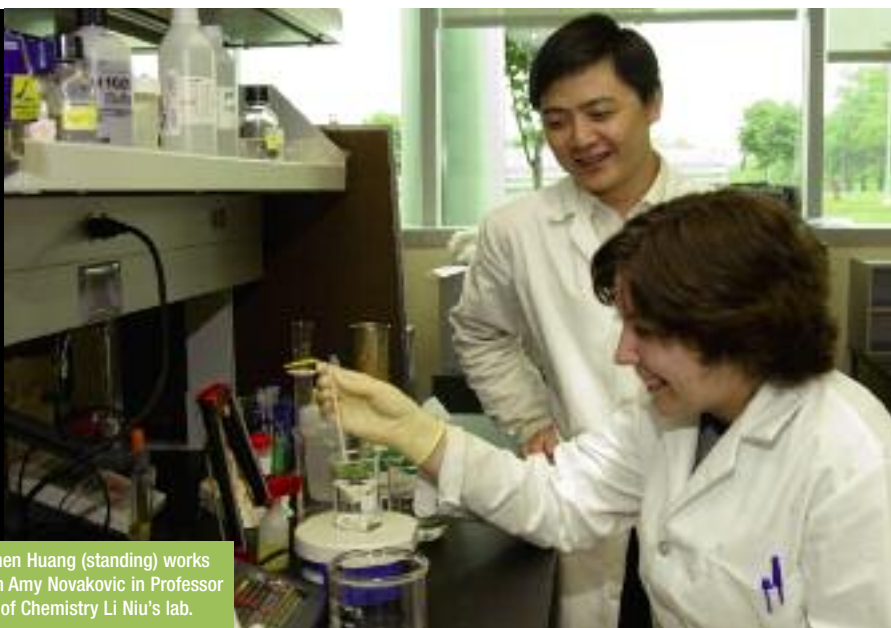
administration and criminal justice programs were No. 7 and No. 10 in their respective disciplines.

Index ratings were published in the Jan. 12 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

## MDA Awards Grant to UAlbany Researcher

Zhen Huang has received a \$135,000 grant from the Muscular Dystrophy Association to identify RNA aptamers that are potential candidates for developing new drugs for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) therapy.

Huang, a postdoctoral fellow, works with Professor of Chemistry Li Niu. The researchers are studying a special family of proteins crucial to such brain functions as memory and learning. Abnormal functioning of these proteins has been implicated in stroke, epilepsy and ALS.



Zhen Huang (standing) works with Amy Novakovic in Professor of Chemistry Li Niu's lab.



## Kim Named Woodrow Wilson Fellow

Minjeong Kim, a doctoral candidate in sociology, is one of only seven Ph.D. students nationwide to be designated a 2007 Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellow in Women's Studies.

A native of Korea, Kim was recognized for her dissertation *Gendered International Marriage Migration under Globalization*. Her interest in the subject was piqued by a Korean television documentary focusing on the Filipina wives of Korean farmers. She spent a year in two South Korean rural communities studying the experiences of the women and their husbands.

Kim, who received a bachelor's degree in women's studies from The Ohio State University, earned a master's in the same field at UAlbany. Her \$3,000 Wilson Fellowship will enable her to disseminate the results of her research to both the academic community and the public.

## SSW Students Help New Orleans to Rebuild

Nine School of Social Welfare graduate students spent part of their winter break assisting with efforts to repair New Orleans homes ravaged by Hurricane Katrina in September 2005.

Jennifer Lathrop; Jwakyum Kim; Rosalyn Galvan; Debra Miesing; Lauren Jacobs, Miriam Nalweyiso; Aline Miraglia; Lindsay Homenick; and Elizabeth Howard spent a week in January gutting homes in the devastated 9th Ward. Their work allowed other teams to begin the reconstruction process.

The experience, observed Lathrop, "provided the opportunity to move our education from the classroom to the real world."

## State Funding Boosts Elder Network

The Elder Network of the Capital Region (ENCR), based at UAlbany's School of Social Welfare, will use \$800,100 in New York State funding to forge sustainable, aging-prepared communities that will serve as models to augment the state's long-term care policy reform initiatives.

Created from a partnership of the University's Center for Excellence in Aging Services and the state Office for the Aging, ENCR works to enhance the health, well-being, quality of life and independence of seniors, and reduce their reliance on out-of-home care.

## DOJ Grant Will Enhance Forensic Services

UAlbany's Northeast Regional Forensic Institute (NERFI) will use a \$100,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services to improve its services.

Through its collaboration with the New York Prosecutors Training Institute, NERFI is establishing a link to enhance communication between forensic laboratories and state prosecutors, ensuring timely and accurate information on the status of cases and approved forensic reports required for court proceedings.



Northeast Regional Forensic Institute Director W. Mark Dale, U.S. Rep. Michael McNulty and Officer in Charge Susan Herbst announce a new IT initiative for NERFI.

## CARD's New Home

UAlbany's Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) opened its doors at 1535 Western Avenue in Albany Feb. 1 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and an open house.

Director Kristin Christodulu noted that the new location "is easily accessible for the many parents and children who utilize our programs." Christodulu and her staff serve Capital Region families living with autism spectrum disorders.

CARD was created in response to pleas from school districts in New York State and throughout the U.S. concerned about the increasing numbers of children diagnosed with autism. Centers for Disease Control data indicate that prevalence rates range from one child in 500 to one in 166 diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder.



Director Kristin Christodulu (second from right) officiates at the CARD ribbon-cutting ceremony Feb. 1.

## NYSTAR Supports CNSE-Vistec Initiative

A \$750,000 grant from the New York State Office of Science, Technology and Academic Research to the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering will support a joint research initiative with Vistec Lithography Inc.

The CNSE-Vistec Center for Nanolithography Development will accelerate development and commercialization of the company's E-beam lithography technology. Vistec is targeting a host of emerging business applications, including nano- and bioelectronics, telecommunications, aerospace and defense markets, currently valued at \$400 million worldwide.

## UAlbany: A Great Start

One went on to a distinguished career in U.S. Intelligence. Another worked for the U.N. for years, feeding the world's hungry. A third went on to head the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. Two others – twin entrepreneurs – have operated several highly successful businesses. Still another applies nanotechnology to pharmaceutical research.

Although Maureen Baginski, Catherine Bertini, Thomas Constantine, Lisa and Debbie Ganz, and Jack Henion have gone on to vastly different careers, they have two things in common: Each graduated from the University at Albany and exemplifies the ideal "Reaching Higher, Achieving More."

They are among the dozen alumni now featured on a series of posters at University Hall touting UAlbany as a great starting point for career success. New rounds of posters are planned for each academic year.

## Begley Receives NIEHS Award

Assistant Professor of Biomedical Sciences Thomas J. Begley of UAlbany's Cancer Research Center has been awarded an Outstanding New Environmental Scientist Award from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.



The honor is presented to "exceptionally talented and creative new scientists who are pursuing careers in environmental health research," says David Schwartz, M.D., NIEHS director.

Begley will use the \$2.2 million award to continue his research on molecular pathways activated by such cancer-causing agents as cigarette smoke and pesticides.

## Hollings Scholarship Awarded to Komaromi

UAlbany junior William (Will) Komaromi has received the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Ernest F. Hollings Scholarship Award in Atmospheric Science.



The scholarships, which honor the former South Carolina senator, are presented annually to approximately 100 college juniors majoring in oceanic, environmental, biological, social, physical and atmospheric sciences; mathematics; engineering; and related fields. Each award provides academic assistance for full-time study during the student's junior and senior years, as well as a 10-week, full-time summer internship at NOAA or a partner facility.

Komaromi, a Presidential Scholar with a double major in atmospheric science and physics, plans to earn master's and doctoral degrees in atmospheric science.

## Allen Makes History as 2006 Turing Award Recipient



IBM Fellow Emerita Frances E. Allen, B.A.'54, became the first woman in the 40-year history of the A.M. Turing Award ever to receive the computer science field's most prestigious honor.

Presented annually by the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), the Turing Award recognizes recipients for their technical contributions to the computing community. Named for an English mathematician, it carries with it a \$100,000 prize.

Allen, who majored in mathematics at the former New York State College for Teachers, went on to earn a master's from the University of Michigan. She intended to become a math teacher but instead accepted a job offer from IBM in 1957. An active member of the National Academy of Engineering, Allen founded the Theory of Program Optimization. In the 1980s, she established the Parallel Translation Group (PTRAN), recognized as one of the top research groups in the world dealing with parallelization issues. Allen was the first woman to be designated an IBM Fellow, the highest technical honor the firm confers. She retired in 2002 from IBM's T.J. Watson Research Center.

A member of the Women in Technology International Hall of Fame, Allen is also a recipient of the Anita Borg Award for Technical Leadership and the ACM's Special Interest Group on Programming Languages' Achievement Award. The University at Albany honored her with a Distinguished Alumni Award in 2004.

For more details about these and other UAlbany stories, please visit <http://www.albany.edu/news/index.shtml>.



Emeritus Center Vice President Toby Clyman (left) visits with retired faculty Ray Ortali and Findlay Cockrell at the opening of the center.

## Emeritus Center Opens

A project 37 years in the making came to fruition Nov. 1 as a standing-room-only crowd gathered in University Administration Building 134 for the opening of Emeritus Center.

Professor Emeritus of Philosophy William Reese took the idea for a place where retired faculty could continue to pursue research, teaching and community activity to UAlbany President Kermit L. Hall shortly before Hall's death last summer. The president's response was, "That's a great thing; let's do it," noted Officer in Charge, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Susan Herbst, who officiated at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the center.

Reese, Emeritus Center president, was ill and unable to attend the ceremony. Professor Emerita of Languages, Literatures and Cultures Toby Clyman, the center's vice president, read a statement from him lauding the opening.

A plaque recognizes Hall for instituting "this long hoped for Emeritus Center."

## Journalism Lecture Series Debuts

A \$25,000 grant from the Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation to the College of Arts and Sciences' journalism program is supporting visits to campus by leading science writers and journalists.

NPR science correspondent Richard Harris was the first guest lecturer for the series, which commenced Feb. 8. Other speakers have included Dan Shapley, environment editor of the *Poughkeepsie Journal*; John Allen Paulos, author of *Innumeracy* and *A Mathematician Reads the Newspaper*; and Laurie Garrett, author of the Pulitzer prize-winning *The Coming Plague* and *Betrayal of Trust: The Collapse of Global Public Health*.



# Going Green!



What's purple and gold and green all over? The University at Albany.

In October, the University community kicked off UAlbany Goes Green, a comprehensive environmental initiative designed to encourage conservation, recycling and beautification of the campus and the environment. At the Go Green Festival held on the uptown campus, Indian Quad took the prize in a campus-wide recycling

competition. For collecting and recycling 15 cubic yards of glass, metal and plastic in a two-week period, quad leaders received a trophy: a Great Dane crafted of recycled metals.

Altogether, the quads collected a total of 60 cubic yards of recyclable materials during the two-week challenge.

Indian Quad students claimed the trophy last October for winning a recycling competition on campus.



# The Nano Revolution

## Pioneering high-tech innovations at UAlbany's College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering

By Cynthia Nagle

Imagine a world in which clothing resists water, stains and wrinkles. Socks don't smell. Golf balls fly straighter. Cosmetics and sunscreens smooth skin and protect it against UV rays. Paint makes car finishes more durable. Bandages help wounds heal faster. A joint or stent implanted in the human body enhances the device's effectiveness – and improves the patient's quality of life.

There's no need to imagine. All of these advances are already on the market, thanks to nanotechnology. And the students, faculty, scientists, researchers and technicians at UAlbany's College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE) are pioneering more high-tech innovations every day.

### Leading the next industrial revolution

In the cluster of sleek, modern buildings on the western edge of the uptown campus, the next industrial revolution is under way.

"Nanotechnology is truly the enabling science and technology of the 21st century," says Alain E. Kaloyeros, Ph.D., CNSE's vice president and chief administrative officer. "Its applications are driving advances in every segment of the global marketplace," including electronics, energy and environment, health care, defense, software, media and telecommunications.

Already, nanotechnology is incorporated into \$100 billion in manufactured goods. In its October 2004 report "Sizing Nanotechnology's Value Chain," Lux Research, an industry research and advisory firm, estimated that sales of products incorporating emerging nanotechnology will rise

to a total of \$2.6 trillion in 2014. The percentages of goods manufactured using nanotechnology, and the number of employees creating those products, will also grow exponentially.

As the first college in the world devoted exclusively to the research, development and deployment of nanoscience, nanoengineering, nanobioscience and nanoeconomics concepts, CNSE is uniquely positioned to address this burgeoning growth. And CNSE's Albany NanoTech complex – a \$3.5 billion, 450,000-square-foot facility that has attracted more than 250 global corporate partners – is the most advanced research and education complex of its kind at any university in the world.

### Merging education, R&D and economic development

CNSE has merged education, research and development, and economic outreach, creating a positive ripple effect throughout New York's Tech Valley – and beyond. Its people, tools and resources attract companies seeking to conduct cutting-edge nanoscale research and development, including Advanced Micro Devices (AMD) and Vistec Lithography.

In June 2006, AMD announced its selection of the Luther Forest Technology Park in Malta, due primarily to its proximity to CNSE, for its new \$3.2 billion chip fab, a world-class semiconductor manufacturing facility that will create more than 1,200 new high-tech jobs and thousands of others indirectly. Then, last October, Vistec revealed it would become the first high-tech equipment supplier to move its entire operation to the Capital Region. The company, which is relocating from Cambridge,



A bunny-suited staff member works in a cleanroom.

# Alain Kaloyeros

## The Driving Force Behind CNSE

As professor of nanoscience, vice president and chief administrative officer of UAlbany's College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE), Alain E. Kaloyeros, Ph.D., wears many hats. He is perhaps proudest, however, of his role as driving force behind the creation of CNSE, ranked the nation's No. 1 college for nanotechnology and microtechnology by *Small Times* magazine in May 2006.

Kaloyeros joined UAlbany in 1988 after earning his Ph.D. in experimental condensed matter physics from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. In the mid-1990s, at his urging, the University was designated as the Interconnect Focus Center-New York, a partnership with Stanford University, Georgia Tech, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and other institutions; it was funded by the nanoelectronics industry and the federal government to perform long-term nanochip research. The center was housed at the 75,000-square-foot Center for Environmental Sciences and Technology Management building, which, under Kaloyeros's leadership, has grown into the 450,000-square-foot, \$3.5 billion Albany NanoTech complex. An expansion currently under way will increase the size of the complex to over 750,000 square feet, including more than 80,000 square feet of Class 1 cleanroom space. By the end of 2008, Albany NanoTech will house more than 2,000 scientists, researchers, engineers, students and faculty.

The author or co-author of more than 150 articles and a contributor to seven books, Kaloyeros holds 13 U.S. patents and has graduated more than 30 doctoral and 50 master's students. He has received awards from numerous institutions, including the National Science Foundation and the Research Foundation of the State University of New York. Kaloyeros has been instrumental in convincing state political leaders and technology companies, such as IBM Corp. and Advanced Micro Devices Inc. (AMD), to conduct research at and invest in the Albany NanoTech complex. He also helped to persuade AMD to select the Luther Forest Technology Park as the site for its \$3.2 billion chip fab facility.

"We are very fortunate to have Alain Kaloyeros as head of our College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering," notes UAlbany Officer in Charge Susan Herbst. "We are extraordinarily proud of him and of all that he has brought to our campus, the Capital Region and the State of New York. He is highly valued at the University at Albany as a leader in the campus scientific mission, and he has, in addition, made enormous contributions to our innovation economy. Alain Kaloyeros's initiatives will be critical to the advances America will see in cancer prevention and treatment, education, homeland security, and many other fields over the coming years, and we look forward to seeing him carry out this mission at the University at Albany."

— Cynthia Nagle



Cary Gold '70



# The Nano Revolution



**Ph.D. student Chaffra Awo-Affouda is pictured in CNSE's spintronics lab.**

England, to the Arsenal Campus in Watervliet, N.Y., will establish joint R&D operations at CNSE under a newly created Center for Nanolithography Development.

Vistec and AMD join an impressive lineup of industry leaders, all working under one roof at CNSE, that includes IBM, International SEMATECH, Tokyo Electron Ltd. (TEL), SONY, Toshiba, Honeywell and Applied Materials.

Tokyo Electron's main goal in establishing its TEL Technology Center, America LLC, at CNSE was to work more directly with the chip manufacturers that are its customers. Participating in the center, says TEL Chairman and CEO Tetsuro Higashi, will allow the Japan-based firm to "shorten the time required to bring critical technology from the research lab to the production floor."

A number of publicly and privately funded programs and research centers, including New York State's Center of Excellence in Nanoelectronics (CEN) and the Center for Semiconductor Research (CSR), a \$500 million partnership with the leading companies in the semiconductor industry, also thrive at CNSE.

## The Albany NanoTech factor

Albany NanoTech is a major factor in CNSE's success. The complex features the most advanced 200mm/300mm wafer facilities in the academic world, including more than 60,000 square feet of Class 1 capable cleanrooms equipped with 300mm wafer processing tools. It also incorporates state-of-the-art R&D and prototype manufacturing infrastructure for a variety of nanotechnology applications.

And the site continues to grow. In August 2006, CNSE took delivery of the world's first extreme ultraviolet (EUV) Alpha Demo Tool (ADT). Valued at \$65 million, the tool represents a critical step in the development and commercialization of EUV technology, and is vital to the future of nanoelectronics manufacturing.

Albany NanoTech's impact on the region's economy is equally impressive. Between 1997 and 2004, its Center for Advanced Technology in Nanomaterials and Nanoelectronics (CATN2) alone created 1,104 high-tech jobs and retained another 384, resulting in a total economic impact of \$1.12 billion during that time. Total employment at the complex has increased tenfold in just four years, with more than 1,600 scientists and researchers currently on site.

Gary Gold '70

## Attracting the best and the brightest

Eager to take their places among the next generation of scientists, researchers, technicians and educators, students from all over the world are enrolling at CNSE.

Chimaobi Mbanaso, a Ph.D. candidate from Nigeria, is delighted to have an opportunity “to be part of an environment that encompasses research and development not only from an academic perspective, but also from an industrial outlook.” CNSE, Mbanaso observes, “provides a complete and well-rounded educational experience which surpasses any other.”



Mark Schmidt

### John J. Sullivan

#### Promoting Innovation and Imagination

UAlbany’s nanotechnology campus has changed a lot in the past decade and a half, as John J. Sullivan can attest. In 1992, he was vice president of Marketing and Technology Management for MKS Instruments in Andover, Mass. His then-supervisor, the company president, met Alain Kaloyeros at the University and told Sullivan, “I want you to go up to Albany and meet this professor of physics.”

Sullivan did – and was just as impressed as his boss had been. The Boston native recalled that the entire nanotechnology operation at the time comprised “Alain, his secretary and six graduate students. Now there are hundreds of people here, working in a million square feet of space. Alain

is quite a guy. He’s made some very good connections with New York State and companies like IBM.”

In his early years at UAlbany, continued Sullivan, a microelectronics expert whose prior work experience includes research in plasma physics and ultra-high vacuum technology for the U.S. Army, “we [MKS] started to do some research funding, \$250,000 a year to assist graduate students. I used to come up here once every six weeks. When I retired from MKS in late 2000, Alain wanted me to come more often.”

So, just about every week for six years, Sullivan has taken a bus or flown from his home in Boston to work in his calibration laboratory at NanoFab 200. There, he calibrates vacuum instrumentation, vacuum gauges and mass flow controls, and conducts other research that will make new nanotechnology advances possible. He explained: “I’m trying to build up the system for vapor pressure measurement of different materials. Some of the materials being used in deposition of materials in semiconductor processing atomic layer

deposition (ALD) are liquids with very low pressures, so you have to heat the materials to create a gas vapor, then flow them into the processing tool in order to design the instruments to control the flow of the vapor. These thin films are important in developing faster transistor gates for next-generation microprocessors.”

In the time he’s spent at UAlbany, Sullivan, who is also an adjunct professor, has gotten to know many of the students who have graduated. “Some of them are back here now with IBM,” he observed. Inspired by their dedication and hard work, Sullivan donated MKS stock valued at nearly \$750,000 to establish the *John J. Sullivan Graduate Fellowship Fund*.

Asked what the future holds for nanotechnology – and for the young scientists honing their skills in the field at the University’s College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering – Sullivan smiled. “It’s limitless,” he replied. “It’s just what people can imagine.”

– Carol Olechowski

## NanoTalk: a brief glossary

**chip:** a miniaturized, integrated electronic circuit, consisting mainly of semiconductor devices, that has been manufactured in the surface of a thin substrate of semiconductor material. Chip areas range from a few square millimeters to around 250mm<sup>2</sup>, with up to 1 million transistors per mm<sup>2</sup>.

**chip fab:** a facility specifically designed for the fabrication of semiconductor chips.

**cleanroom:** an ultra-clean room in which the air is highly filtered in order to keep out impurities. Workers there wear “bunny suits,” which keep them from contaminating the atmosphere.

**Extreme Ultraviolet (EUV) lithography:** a form of optical lithography that uses ultrashort wavelengths (13.5nm) and is widely considered the most promising next-generation lithography technique.

**nano:** from the Greek word for “dwarf,” a unit of measurement indicating 10<sup>-9</sup> or one-billionth. One nanometer (nm) is one-billionth of a meter. A human hair is approximately 80,000nm wide.

**quantum dot:** a semiconductor nanostructure that confines the motion of electrons in all three spatial directions. Because of their superior transport and optical properties, quantum dots are being researched for use in diode lasers, amplifiers, and biological sensors; blue quantum dot lasers are already used in many consumer electronics items such as the new PlayStation 3 and high-definition DVD players.

**wafer:** a thin slice of semiconducting material, such as a silicon crystal, upon which microcircuits are constructed by doping (for example, diffusion or ion implantation), chemical etching, and deposition of various materials. Two common wafer sizes are 300mm (12 inches) or 200mm (8 inches) in diameter. Each can hold hundreds of semiconductor chips.

– Cynthia Nagle

# The Nano Revolution

## NanoProducts

Here are a few more examples of consumer products manufactured using nanotechnology:

- non-stick frying pans
- antibacterial food containers
- glare-reducing eyeglass coatings
- rechargeable batteries
- air-conditioning filters
- toothpaste for sensitive teeth
- flash drives (memory sticks or portable USB drives)
- car tires
- tennis rackets and tennis balls
- baseball bats
- ski wax

– Cynthia Nagle

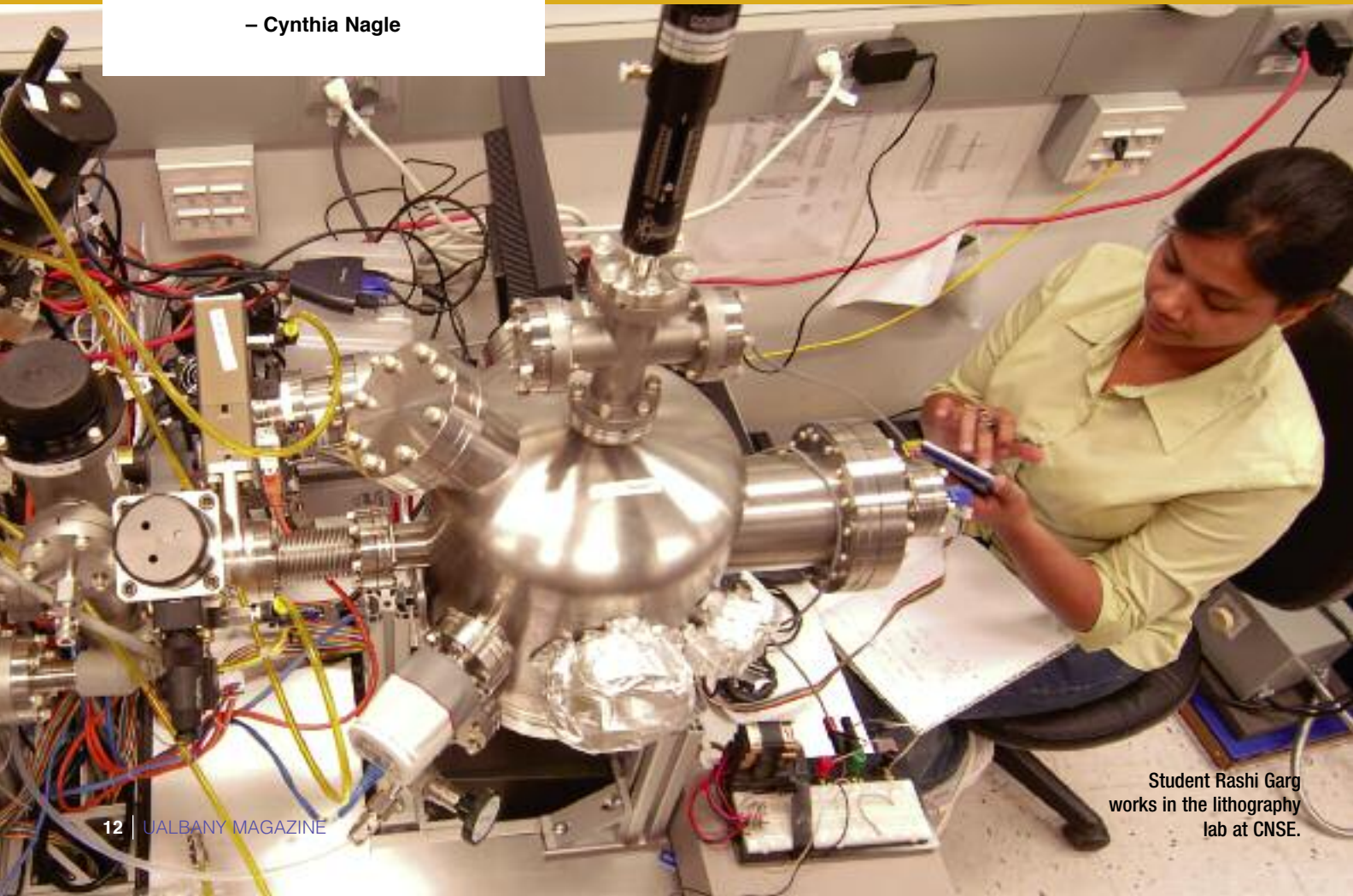
The opportunity to work alongside top industry partners “is something that many graduate students would envy solely for the networking capabilities it offers,” notes Mary Graham, a doctoral student from Wingdale, N.Y. “Doing research that actively pertains to a real industrial problem... provides us with the vital skills and knowledge crucial for success in industry. And I believe that many of the companies our students apply to after graduation recognize that fact, as well.”

IBM is one example: The firm hired China native Yu Zhu, Ph.D.'06, to work at its Thomas J. Watson Research Center in Yorktown Heights, N.Y., last winter. Zhu is grateful for the “teamwork environment and industry-style management” CNSE offered its students.

Another IBM engineer, Filippos Papadatos, M.S.'02, Ph.D.'06, appreciates the “key partnerships and collaborations” he forged at CNSE. Now employed at IBM’s East Fishkill, N.Y., facility, Papadatos, a native of Greece, describes his CNSE experience as “truly one of a kind.”

*For more information, please visit CNSE’s Web site at <http://cnse.albany.edu>.*

Gary Gold '70



Student Rashi Garg works in the lithography lab at CNSE.



UAlbany alumni Marc Z. Kramer (seated) and Dean Chang are colleagues at the *New York Daily News*.

Robert Sabo/Daily News

## MARC Z. KRAMER, B.A.'77: Tabloid Warrior

By Paul Grondahl, M.A.'84

He's got one of the toughest jobs in journalism, yet Marc Z. Kramer, B.A.'77 is not actually a journalist. As chief executive officer of the *New York Daily News*, he's a general in the Tabloid Wars, leading his troops in battle against the paper's longtime archrival, the *New York Post*.

Kramer is up to the challenge. He brings to his management position with "New York's Hometown Newspaper" a law degree, extensive experience as a labor relations attorney, keen business acumen – and an abiding passion for newspapers inherited from his dad, Ben, a 92-year-old retired accountant who still reads both *The New York Times* and the *Daily News*.

Kramer began his studies at SUNY-Buffalo, but family ties drew him east after his freshman year. "I felt too far away from family in Buffalo," he recalled, "but I found Albany comfortable and pleasant."

The history major and future tabloid warrior lived off campus and bought the *Daily News*, *The Times* and the *Albany Times Union* each morning. "I'd scan the headlines on my way to class and, I've got to admit, I sometimes continued to read the papers after the lecture began," Kramer conceded.

There was another sign that the self-described "news junkie" from Port Washington, Long Island, was destined for a career in the newspaper business: He preserved – in plastic – historic front pages documenting such events as the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and the 1969 moon walk.

Kramer read the *Albany Student Press* but didn't work for the paper. Instead, he set his sights on a legal career; cousins and an uncle were attorneys, and "law school seemed like a natural place to go after college."



Marc Z. Kramer, B.A.'77

Robert Sabro/Daily News

After earning a J.D. from New York Law School, Kramer embarked on a highly successful career that included five years with then-Mayor Ed Koch's Office of Labor Relations and several more with the prestigious Manhattan law firm of Proskauer, Rose. He represented Robert Maxwell when the British media mogul acquired the *Daily News* in 1991, then was retained by publisher Mortimer B. Zuckerman, who bought the paper following Maxwell's death. Impressed with the young attorney's work, Zuckerman brought him to the *Daily News* in 1993 to oversee labor relations and labor strategy. Kramer remained there until 1998, when *The New York Times* recruited him as vice president for labor relations. He was subsequently promoted to senior vice president for circulation.

Early in 2006, Zuckerman enticed Kramer, 51, back to the *Daily News*. "Mort has been a great partner and is very supportive of what I want to do," the CEO said.

That support is vital at a time when newspapers are facing financial strains resulting from shrinking circulations, declining revenues and increased competition from the Internet. According to a September 2006 report by the Audit Bureau of Circulations, an organization that verifies newspapers' publication figures, the *Daily News*' Monday-through-Friday circulation for the preceding six months increased by 1 percent, to 693,423. The *New York Post's* average weekday circulation for the same period, 704,011, reflected, in large part, growth outside the New York metropolitan market, and bumped the *Daily News* from its standing as fifth-largest paper in the United States to sixth place. Within the New York metro area, the *News* retains the lead, with average Monday-Friday circulation of 652,832 to the *Post's* average of 603,871. Overall Sunday circulation for the *Daily News* is 779,348 versus the *Post's* 427,265, with New York metropolitan breakdowns of 732,073 and 333,694, respectively. The Tabloid Wars continue to rage.

Despite the challenges of the industry, "a lot of people still want to own newspapers because they make money," Kramer explained. "We deliver a daily product that our readers need. If you want to find out what's going on in New York City, you've got to read the *Daily News*."

As one example of his commitment to readers in the five boroughs, Kramer introduced three new weeklies last May and August. The *Brooklyn News*, the *Queens News* and the *Bronx Boro News* focus on news, sports, features and other information specific to each borough. "Our city-centric strategy enables us to provide full value to readers and advertisers," observed Kramer. "We believe we are one of America's best local newspapers, and we are convinced that local coverage is becoming more and more important."

Kramer, a member of UAlbany's Journalism Advisory Board, also has his own coterie of trusted advisers with University connections. They include his wife, Dinah (Gole) Kramer, B.A.'79; and *Daily News* Controller Amy Strauss, B.S.'85; Director of Communication Jennifer Mauer, B.A.'95; and Metro Editor Dean Chang, B.A.'87, a former political science major, journalism minor and *ASP* editor-in-chief who frequently works 12-hour days in the newsroom. "I wouldn't do it if I didn't love it. I got used to long hours at the *ASP*," said Chang, who met his wife, Heidi Gralla, B.A.'87, while working on the student newspaper. Gralla, also a former *ASP* editor-in-chief, is a stay-at-home mother of three and a freelance writer.

"My goal running the *ASP* and my goal now is to put out the best newspaper possible every day," Chang noted. "I like the fact that I'm working for a fellow UAlbany grad. Marc is sharp, and he has a sense of humor and a strong sense of where the *Daily News* has been and where it needs to go in the 21st century."



Courtesy the Daily News





# a time to refocus

By Carol Olechowski

As he prepares to retire, or “refocus,” Associate Professor and Chair of Marketing William D. Danko, B.S.’74, M.B.A.’76, Ph.D. — co-author of the best-selling *The Millionaire Next Door* — talks about his career, his post-UAlbany plans and his life.

**Q.** Tell me about yourself. How did your parents define the person you’ve become?

**A.** My parents gave me a spiritual grounding; I’m a practicing Catholic. I learned from them that we’re here to serve. My dad, a World War II U.S. Navy veteran, later worked for General Electric and was a union leader with IUE Local 301. He was 38 when he died of multiple sclerosis in 1957; I was five. My mom was a wonderful role model for my two brothers, my sister and me. For 30 years, until she died in 1998, she took care of my brother Tony, who also has MS. I take care of him now.

To honor my parents, I established the *Milton and Mary M.*

*Danko Golden Rule Award.* It provides a \$750 scholarship every year to a School of Business junior who has shared with others his or her most precious resource – time – and a matching amount to an approved not-for-profit organization that assists the hungry and the homeless.

**Q.** What did you want to be when you were growing up?

**A.** As a kid, I was always intrigued by astronauts. I still have an autographed picture of Gordon Cooper. As an undergraduate at UAlbany, I took a lot of science electives – biology, chemistry – but got Bs and Cs. I knew I’d never get into medical school, although I did have that aspiration, too!

Gary Gold '70

## a time to refocus

Gary Gold / '70



**Q.** Doctors and astronauts both explore exciting new worlds, and marketing is a fairly new field, isn't it?

**A.** No. I tell my students that marketing is the world's oldest profession. When it's done correctly, you really understand why somebody would want to exchange his or her money for the goods or services you have to offer.

**Q.** What have you most enjoyed about teaching?

**A.** It's rewarding to deal with students – and to keep in touch with them after they graduate. One of my former students, Dwight Larimer [B.S.'79], owns a company that makes specialty paints. Another, Larri Broomfield [B.S.'85], went to Harvard Law School and is now a partner at a law firm in Wisconsin. You never know where successful alumni will go in their careers.

**Q.** Speaking of success, were you prepared for the reaction to *The Millionaire Next Door*, which you co-authored with former School of Business faculty member Thomas J. Stanley?

**A.** It was surprising because there was no significant marketing budget to propel the book. *The Wall Street Journal* did a feature on *The Millionaire Next Door* in November 1996. After that, it took off, and *The New York Times*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *Money*, *Forbes* and *Fortune* all ran stories about it. The book has stood

the test of time for more than 10 years and is still a *Business Week* long-term bestseller!

**Q.** What's the subject of your next book?

**A.** *Richer Than a Millionaire*, a solo effort for me, will focus on how behavior and outlook relate to a subjective measure of happiness for 1,400 people from all walks of life who represent two groups: net-worth millionaires and "near millionaires," those with a net worth between \$100,000 and \$1 million.

**Q.** Are there many millionaires in the United States?

**A.** A millionaire lives in about one in 15, or around 7 percent, of all U.S. households. To keep this in perspective, the median net worth of U.S. households is approximately \$100,000.

**Q.** Are you a millionaire?

**A.** [laughing] I'll tell you, but you can't print the answer!

**Q.** What's in store for you as you "refocus"?

**A.** I'll spend time with Connie, my bride of 32 years; my three kids; my grandkids; and my brother. I'll enjoy the great outdoors. "Refocusing" is about cultivating relationships with others and nurturing the next generation. I've enjoyed a prosperous career, and I have a huge debt of gratitude to all those who made it possible. Now, I'd like to bring my life to the next level.

*The Millionaire Next Door*, co-authored by Danko and Thomas Stanley, has become a part of American pop culture.



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# Sister Act

## Meet the Persauds, four siblings who make UAlbany proud.

**T**hey live in different parts of the Empire State, but for Michele (B.S.'98, M.P.H.'00), Sharlene (B.S.'01, M.P.H.'03), Alicia (B.S.'03, M.P.A.'06) and Marcia (B.S.'05) Persaud, Albany is still home base. It's the place "where our parents reside, memories remain, and we return for holidays and school breaks. It's the only place to get good home-cooked meals for free, and pampering we all enjoy," observed Sharlene. The sisters also claim another close tie with New York's Capital Region: Each attended the University at Albany.

**MICHELE** entered UAlbany through the Early Admission Program to study biology; she also participated in the Charles Drew Science Club and volunteered with Middle Earth. After earning her master's, Michele worked for a year as a senior research associate with an institute in New York City, but was "looking for a new experience." She completed the New York City Teaching Fellows Program, received a master's in science education from Lehman College (CUNY) and is now a high school science teacher. "I had a very good educational experience at UAlbany, which is one reason I work in education," remarked Michele.

**SHARLENE** graduated from Albany High School a year early and

enrolled at UAlbany as a pre-med student. A biology major, she minored in chemistry and computer science; did research in Associate Professor Rabi Musah's organic chemistry laboratory; and "tutored other undergraduates in general chemistry, organic chemistry and physics through the Career Development Center. After graduation, I followed in Michele's footsteps – she is my role model – and enrolled in the School of Public Health." Now a fourth-year medical student at a school in downstate New York, Sharlene is in the process of applying to residency programs.

**ALICIA** completed a double major in business administration and information science, graduating *magna cum laude*. She returned to UAlbany to pursue her M.P.A. from the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy while working full time in state government. Alicia credits "my family, friends, mentors and teachers" for her accomplishments. Like her sisters, she attended Albany public schools and encourages students currently enrolled there to "keep focus" and persevere in their studies.

Youngest sister **MARCIA**, now a second-year law student at Cornell University, had a double major in business administration and economics, and a minor in Spanish. "The University is unique,

exemplifying a rich, close-knit community of students, professors and administrators. I established a sound academic foundation that has given me an advantage over other law students who struggle to understand the business concepts that form the framework of legal issues. The work ethic and research skills I acquired through the Ronald E. McNair Program have provided me with essential skills necessary to succeed in the legal field," Marcia stated.

The Persauds appreciate the encouragement and attention they received from their "lifelong mentor and friend," Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Associate Dean Carson Carr, who directs the Equal Opportunity Program, as well as from numerous UAlbany faculty, including professors Stephen Brown (now retired); Mary Applegate; Louise-Anne McNutt; Shamsah Ahmad; Rabi Musah and Paul Morgan. They also praise faculty and staff at Thomas O'Brien Academy of Science and Technology (TOAST), Hackett Middle School and Albany High School for providing a "quality educational experience."

Most of all, the sisters are grateful to their mother, Angela Persaud. "Without her tireless encouragement, guidance and support," said Michele, "none of us would have achieved our goals."

– Carol Olechowski



The Persaud sisters, from left: Michele, Sharlene, Alicia and Marcia

# UAlbany's Uptown Campus

*a mark  
of art*

New generations of admirers discover the beauty and genius in Edward Durell Stone's design.

By Greta J. Petry, M.A.'01

## “Dazzling.” “One-of-a-kind.”

Those are adjectives author Thomas A. Gaines used to describe the University at Albany’s uptown campus in his book *The Campus as a Work of Art*. And it appears that Gaines speaks for many other admirers in assessing the beauty of the campus designed by renowned American architect Edward Durell Stone (1902-78) and regarded as an important example of modernist architecture.

In the 40 years since construction was completed, the campus’s design has often elicited stronger – and less flattering – reactions. The wind tunnels that make frigid temperatures feel even colder cause walkers to wonder if the design was intended for a warmer climate or a foreign country. Critics comment about the “cold” appearance of the concrete that shapes buildings and columns, walkways and roofs.

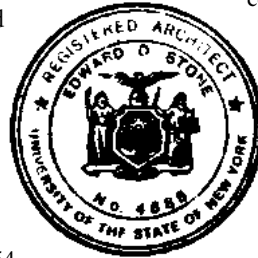
But Stone believed that great architecture should “lift the spirit, feed the soul and transport people out of themselves,” according to Paul Heyer in *Architects on Architecture*. With its soaring colonnades, reflecting pool and pierced overhanging roofs, Stone’s design seems to achieve those aims. It also exemplifies the signature style he used in his major projects between 1954 and 1970, including the United States Embassy in New Delhi, India; the Hotel Phoenicia in Beirut, Lebanon; the Church of All Souls, First Unitarian Society of Schenectady, N.Y.; the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.; and the Aon Center, originally the Standard Oil Building, in Chicago.

Prior to 1954, Stone was known for his International Style of architecture, characterized by clean lines and simplicity. That was before he met his second wife, Maria Elena Torchio, who greatly influenced his later work. (Please see sidebar, page 20) By the time he designed UAlbany in 1961-62, Stone was a world-renowned modernist heading a large consulting firm that specialized in designing major public buildings, campuses and corporate headquarters.

Stone’s grand design for Albany complemented then-Gov. Nelson Rockefeller’s dynamic plans for the growing State University of New York system. Designing a spacious new campus at Albany, initially intended for just 7,500 students, required a leap of imagination. The plan would expand access to quality education for greater numbers of veterans, women, students of color and post-war babies. Stone was the man for the job.

Al Marshall, Rockefeller’s former secretary, recalled how strikingly different the design was. Anthony Adinolfi, Ph.D., who directed the State University Construction Fund, brought in a model of Stone’s proposed design one day. Marshall thought it looked like an ancient Greek university. “I said: ‘Get that thing out of here, Tony. That’s terrible.’” Adinolfi left the model with Marshall, saying it wasn’t so bad.

A few minutes later, Rockefeller himself walked into Marshall’s Capitol office, took one look at the model and said: “Oh my God. What is this? This is wonderful.” The governor got down on his knees to get a better look. “This is the greatest thing,” he repeated. Marshall replied, “I think it stinks.” Rockefeller, who knew a great deal about architecture and art, had the last word. He told his secretary: “You’ve got no taste. You don’t understand this.” (Marshall stayed at the governor’s mansion for a time – but couldn’t stand Rockefeller’s collection of modern art, which covered its walls. “The governor used to tell me all my taste was in my mouth,” he remembered.)



And so Stone’s plan was chosen for Albany; other leading architects were commissioned to design other SUNY campuses. “By October 1963, nearly two dozen designs, including a scale model of the Albany campus on display in the lobby of the Capitol, had been presented to the trustees of the State University,” noted Samuel E. Bleecker in *The Politics of Architecture, A Perspective on Nelson A. Rockefeller*.

Marshall said Stone didn’t go out of his way to be controversial, “but his product was certainly different than that of most of the architects. Maybe that’s what grabbed Rockefeller.”

Rockefeller’s grand vision for the State University of New York system built on the existing state normal schools and created four “university centers.” The most dramatic expansion would be at Albany, which was intended to be a flagship center in the state capital. Stone’s model was a white canvas on which the painting of the University at Albany could be created. For example, as the



Edward Durell Stone

# A Work of Art

## Stone's Muse

Courtesy University of Arkansas Libraries



Behind every great man, it's said, is a great woman. Edward Durell Stone would probably agree.

In the early 1950s, the Arkansas-

born architect met the stunning, sophisticated Maria Elena Torchio on an airliner. He proposed to her before they landed.

"Stone married Maria in Beirut in 1954, when he was working on the Hotel Phoenicia design," said Professor of Planning, Geography and Public Policy Ray Bromley, an expert on Stone. "They honeymooned in north India while he was working on the New Delhi Embassy project."

Beautiful and stylish in her European tastes, Maria – Stone's second wife – undoubtedly influenced his work. His designs became more ornate, reflecting what Bromley called "his Oriental Style – part Venetian, part Byzantine, part Mughal – a sort of Mediterranean/Islamic Modernism. And Ed was lucky because many Middle Eastern rulers wanted modern architecture with an Islamic flavor, so he got lots of contracts, especially for Islamabad."

Alas, the couple later divorced, and in 1972, Stone married again. His third wife, Violet Campbell Moffat, worked with Stone in his business and remained with him until his death in 1978.

Still, the impact Maria Elena Torchio had on her husband's work was undeniable.

Stone's employees noticed her influence, too, according to Bromley, who also serves as interim vice provost for International Education. "I love the nickname his staff gave to the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi: 'the Taj Maria.'"

– Greta J. Petry, M.A.'01



late UAlbany historian Kendall A. Birr pointed out in his history of the University, "the College had to plan space for an anthropology department when there was not yet a single anthropologist on the faculty."

Since its opening, the campus has evoked strong responses. As University at Albany Professor of English and art critic Thomson Littlefield noted in the *Times Union* in 1967: "The place is so huge, so imposing, so beset with illusion, so far out of this world, that people are blinded to the actual, at least until they have looked assiduously for a very long while. A glance at the University is like a glance at the sun."

As recently as September 2006, UAlbany student Nicholas M. Fahrenkopf defended his campus in a letter to the editor of the *Times Union*. "The entire campus is a work of art – and I am not the artsy type," he wrote in response to the opinion that the campus is unsightly.

Stone told the *Albany Student Press* in the Jan. 12, 1965, edition, "When all of the wonderful landscaping plans are fulfilled, I think this campus will compare to Versailles, where there is also great formal architectural composition."

The podium on which Stone clustered the academic buildings brought the disciplines together in a unified way, giving them all the same architecture

and connecting them through stairways and walkways. Living and learning went hand in hand, with dormitories built within walking distance of classroom spaces. In the original design, automobiles were relegated to the perimeter of the campus.

Stone also took Albany's climate into consideration, revealing that he intended to protect students from rain and snow with a concrete canopy. When the campus was new, he told reporters, "This compact plan also allowed us to dispel the idea that a student should have to put on an overcoat and overshoes and struggle through a blizzard from a lecture on biology to a lecture on English."

Though unique in its scale and architectural style, UAlbany's design had traditional elements, as well. In 1966, Stone wrote that "many colleges were started on the quadrangle plan, which I consider an ideal grouping for educational buildings. The traditional quadrangle, like those at Oxford and Cambridge, is in effect an outdoor room that unified a group of buildings, even though they differed in architectural design."

Shortly after the UAlbany campus was constructed, one columnist called it "the crown jewel of a growing state educational system." Many years later, it remains a testament to Edward Durell Stone's signature style.

Albany Mayor Erastus Corning III and Gov. Nelson Rockefeller (center) view Stone's model of the uptown campus in 1962.



Times Union

## Looking Ahead – and Preserving the Past

As is the case with any physical property, time, age, weather and use have left their marks on the uptown and downtown campuses. A \$25 million provision in the 2006-07 New York State budget, however, will enable the University at Albany to address some crucial revitalization needs in the near future.

The plan calls for “combining priority maintenance needs with projects that will provide a high quality-of-life impact and improvement in campus recruitment and retention,” notes John Giarrusso, associate vice president for University Facilities Operations.

### Funding has been earmarked for:

#### Interior sign improvements and replacements:

Capital dollars were recently invested in creating a standards manual for all campus signs, and implementing a program for installation of a new exterior signage and wayfinding system. The current phase will focus on replacing and upgrading interior signage, with the downtown campus and such high-traffic uptown sites as the Campus Center the first priorities for installation.

**Lighting:** The University has launched a comprehensive study of interior and exterior lighting fixtures and lighting levels. A standards manual and an upgrade plan will be created to address energy efficiency, safety, architectural preservation and maintenance considerations. Once they are completed, UAlbany will begin replacement and upgrades of lighting.

**Grounds and site improvements:** Funds will be directed to improve pedestrian walkways, enhance landscaping and address general beautification of the grounds on both the uptown and downtown campuses.

#### Podium canopy, window wells and entries:

This work will repair the concrete canopies on the podium, and seek to install additional sky domes (similar to those over the entrances to the Campus Center and the PAC) over the stairwells at the Humanities and Chemistry corners of the podium. Improvement of doorways and entries to other high-priority areas will also be addressed.

**Downtown building envelope:** These funds will address potential window replacements on the downtown campus, and cover repairs to the exterior masonry at Page Hall and refurbishing of its clock tower.

– Carol Olechowski



# Gifts at Work

By Carol Olechowski

## Helping Others to Realize Their Dreams

Marjorie Ferrugio Delmar, B.A.'58, M.A.'63, definitely chose the right profession. "I love young people," says the Huntington, N.Y., resident, who spent 35 years in the classroom, teaching social studies and psychology to her charges at Oceanside High School in Long Island. "I enjoy that whole atmosphere of learning."

Although she retired 15 years ago, Delmar is still promoting education. She remains active with Oceanside activities and events. And through the bequest intentions she has made at the University at Albany, she maintains a strong connection with the institution she attended when it was known as the New York State College for Teachers.

At State, Delmar majored in social studies – and earned a reputation as a painfully shy young woman. Professor of Education Wallace Taylor noticed the shyness and suggested that the aspiring teacher audition for a part in the 1956 State College Revue, "It's a Social Thing." To her surprise, she won the

role of Hilda, and it changed her life: "I wasn't shy anymore."

Now, her generosity is helping others to realize their dreams. Delmar, who had

already set up one bequest to benefit the University's Center for Jewish Studies and another to endow two graduate fellowships to support students intending to teach secondary school, has increased each to \$500,000. She recently added a third bequest, also in the amount of \$500,000, to support UAlbany's Cancer Research Center and memorialize her husband, M. Michael Delmar, M.D., who died of cancer in 1998.

In addition, Delmar has donated an extraordinary collection of her husband's books – many of which "are out of print but have educational and historic value" – and videos to the Center for Jewish Studies. *The Marjorie Ferrugio Delmar '58 and M. Michael Delmar, M.D., Collection of Jewish Thought and History* was recently dedicated at the center.

Delmar enjoys continuing her involvement with both her former employer and her *alma mater*. "I feel like I'm still a part of what's going on," she observes. "It's a wonderful thing. I never really left."

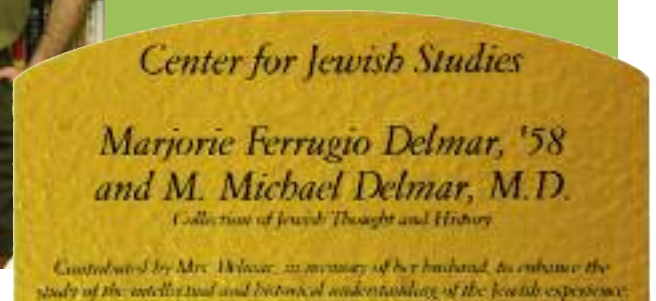


Marjorie Ferrugio Delmar, B.A.'58, M.A.'63

Yoel Hirschfeld (standing at right), assistant director of the University's Center for Jewish Studies, and students (clockwise from lower left) Justin Hirsch, Alexandra Newman, Zakhar Berkovich, Rachael Worren and Kimberly Wolk are pictured with the Delmar Collection.



Mark Schmitt





# Nanotechnology Advocate

During the years he attended the New York State College for Teachers, Clinton Ray Carpenter, B.S.'57, M.S.'58, Ph.D.'73, witnessed an institution in transition. The peaceful post-World War II years, the opening of the uptown campus, the turbulent 1960s, and State's evolution from college to university center each left a mark on the institution that is now the University at Albany. More recently, the nanotechnology era has arrived at UAlbany – and Carpenter is so impressed with the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE) that he plans to support community college graduates who enroll there.

This year, the physics professor emeritus will establish the *Clinton Ray Carpenter Nanotechnology Scholarship Fund*, which will eventually total \$300,000. Preference in awarding the scholar-

ships will be given to students who majored in engineering science and/or physics at Mohawk Valley Community College in Utica, N.Y., where Carpenter taught for more than 20 years. Retired since 2000, he also supports the *Clinton Ray Carpenter Community College Physics Teachers Scholarship Fund*, which provides fellowships to UAlbany graduate students who plan to follow in his footsteps, and a Department of Physics lecture fund.

Carpenter, the first alumnus to establish an endowment to support UAlbany's nanotechnology program, achieved another distinction 50 years ago: At 20, he was the Class of 1957's youngest male graduate. The son of farmers, he had enrolled at the New York State College for Teachers at 16 – and paid his first year's tuition with money he had earned raising chickens.

Clinton Ray Carpenter,  
B.S.'57, M.S.'58, Ph.D.'73



## Unlocking New Opportunities for High-Tech Growth

KeyBank and Key Foundation are supporting CNSE's efforts to further high-tech growth throughout the Capital Region and New York State. A \$250,000 contribution from KeyBank will be used to launch NEXSTEP (Nanotechnology Explorations for Science, Training and Education Promotion), a collaborative program spearheaded by CNSE's NanoEconomics Constellation.

In keeping with its special emphasis on children, citizens and community, NEXSTEP will afford high school students unique opportunities to explore educational and career options. The program will also offer business, government and not-for-profit leaders insight into the dynamic forces that are transforming business and the economy both regionally and statewide.

# Vital Volunteers

## Kimberly Welsh, M.B.A.'89 To the Top

“One of those things you need to do before you die” is how Kimberly Welsh, M.B.A.'89, describes cycling up New Hampshire's Mount Washington, a feat she's accomplished four times since 1999. Each August, the best cyclists in the world ride “up the rockpile.” A cloudless 70 degree morning at the base turns ugly at the summit: 30 degrees, 50 mph winds and sleet. To make it to the top requires training, endurance and the will to remain on your bike when your fellow riders are getting blown off by high winds.

Welsh has also made it to the top in municipal investment banking. As managing director of UBS Investment Bank Municipal Securities Group in Boston, she works with state housing finance agencies across the country. “I feel very lucky to be in this industry,” she says. “I get to work each day with clients who value me.”

In the 1980s, faculty at UAlbany and at Boise State University, where she earned a B.B.A. in finance, were quick to recognize Welsh's talent and potential. Alan Frankle, who taught at UAlbany's School of Business before moving to Boise State, referred her to his former colleague, Professor of Finance (now emeritus) Ronald W. Forbes. Welsh became a graduate assistant to Forbes; worked with Paul A. Leonard, who is now School of Business dean; and enjoyed learning in a team setting.

Her first taste of municipal finance came during her UAlbany

internship, in the “sexy” world of airport financing. Welsh was excited to be involved in one of the biggest airport deals of the time, at Greater Orlando Aviation Authority, and her enthusiasm paid off: Joseph Lhota, then managing director with PaineWebber, later deputy mayor of New York City under Rudy Giuliani, offered her a job. “The good news is that we need you. The bad news is, we don't have room in the transportation group. You'll be in housing,” Lhota told her.

That was 18 years ago. The switch from airport to housing finance was a good move for Welsh, who remained with PaineWebber through its transition to UBS and its relocation from New York City to Boston. Her many accomplishments include facilitating the largest multi-family refunding in the municipal market: \$1 billion for MassHousing. She also structured the first-in-the-nation, state-sponsored securitization of HUD capital funds for the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development.

Welsh resides in Winchester, Mass., with her husband, Kenji Freedman, a stay-at-home dad and chef, and 8-year-old daughter Cassidy. She is a member of the Mayor of Boston's Economic Development Advisory Group, the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Housing Panel – and a fan of Manny Ramirez and the Red Sox.

– Michele B. Flynn



UBS Managing Director Kimberly A. Welsh, M.B.A. '89, chatted with Stacy J. Kanter, B.S.'79, left, and Joan D. Rosenthal, B.S.'76, right, at the third annual Women of Excellence Networking Reception in New York City. Kanter, partner at Skadden Arps, hosted the Feb. 13 reception at her firm; Rosenthal, a director of The University at Albany Foundation Board, founded the event. Welsh was the guest speaker.

Mark Schmidt

## Dan Nolan, B.S.'74

### Winning One for the Team

As a high-level officer with a well-known financial services firm, you'd think Daniel Nolan, B.S.'74, would be more at home in his Albany corporate office or in a boardroom than he would be at a Great Danes football or basketball game.

But you'd be wrong.

Nolan is one of the Danes' biggest fans. And although he didn't play sports as a University at Albany student in the 1970s, he's now a very important part of the team – a key player in Project 2010, a two-part plan to upgrade UAlbany's athletic facilities.

The Ayco Company, L.P., senior vice president is particularly interested in the effort to build a new outdoor football stadium for the Danes. To that end, he has taken the lead in "moving the ball up the field," volunteering to serve on the Capital Region Steering Committee, which is making plans and raising money for Project 2010. (There is also a New York City Steering Committee.) In addition, Nolan has made a six-figure gift to support the project.

With construction of all-weather lacrosse and field hockey fields begun in 2004, Project 2010 is well under way. The second phase, to begin shortly, will involve completion of environmental impact studies and site analysis so that the best location for the stadium,

to be built at an estimated cost of \$50 million, can be determined.

Nolan, who majored in business administration and went on to earn a J.D. at Albany Law School, is delighted with the "remarkable" progress the University has made "in all areas, including our Division I athletics program," in recent years. However, he notes, "we need facilities that match the quality of our programs."

He feels that a football stadium that combines a seating capacity of 10,000 with space for student academic services; a training room; offices for staff and coaches; meeting rooms; luxury boxes; and other amenities will raise the profile of UAlbany's already impressive athletics program.

Nolan also sees the stadium as a means of "connecting alums to the University." Athletics, he observes, "is a powerful way to continue that progress."

– Carol Olechowski



Gary Gold '70

## Steve Zelin, B.S.'84 Like Father, Like Son

Steve Zelin's father, a C.P.A. who became a chief financial officer and then a chief executive officer, told him, "You start in accounting and get good training, and from there, you will have many career options." Zelin took his father's advice and carried his accounting education into the world of investment banking.

As a freshman, Zelin walked into his first accounting class and found "Hal Cannon, the most influential accounting professor of his time," at the podium. "Consistent with his reputation, his approach and style made his class a great learning experience. He was a down-to-earth, gritty professor who made accounting interesting. I will never forget him."

Zelin started his career as an auditor at a Big Eight accounting firm. (Since then, mergers have whittled the Big Eight to the Big Four.) Ernst & Whinney (E&W), Ernst & Young's predecessor, was just the beginning for him, but "continuing as an auditor was not my long-term career goal." So in September 1987, he began attending business school at night at New York University.

The following month, Black Friday hit. Zelin transferred from E&W's Audit Department to its Restructuring & Reorganization Advisory Group, established by partner Art Newman a few years earlier. The group worked with companies and creditors in distressed situations on strategies to recapitalize firms in Chapter 11 transactions. The business grew as leveraged buyout transactions began to experience significant stress, in part due to the contraction of the capital markets beginning in October 1987.

As the need for restructuring skills intensified, investment banks recognized the service opportunity and began expanding into the business. In January 1998, Zelin left Ernst & Young as a partner and joined The Blackstone Group, a global investment and advisory firm, where a few years earlier Newman had moved to start a restructuring advisory business. Today, Zelin is senior managing director in Blackstone's Restructuring & Reorganization Advisory Group.

Though Zelin no longer works directly in the discipline, he notes: "Accounting is still a good profession. My UAlbany education provided me a job opportunity in what was then the Big Eight. The school is recognized and has a reputation for delivering quality accounting students."

Raised in Brooklyn, Zelin lives in Larchmont, N.Y., with his wife, Joy, and children, Jordan, 14, and Danielle, 11. A member of the Dean's Advisory Board of the School of Business and the Executive Board of New York University, he frequently lectures on restructuring issues.

– Michele B. Flynn



# Ask Geoff

By Geoffrey Williams,  
University at Albany Archivist



## Q. What's in a school name?

**A.** My last column on the University's name changes since its founding in 1844 prompted a number of follow-up queries – and some additional investigation on my part! One 1988 graduate told me that the wording on his diploma reads *State University of New York, University Center at Albany*. I asked our registrar, Robert Gibson, what is currently on our diploma. Bob told me that in 1999, the practice of putting *University Center at Albany* on the diploma was discontinued, and the wording was changed to *State University of New York, University at Albany*. He added that the form of the name on the

diploma is always approved by SUNY Central.

In answering this question, I discovered that we do not have a complete file of diplomas – just a hit-or-miss archival collection covering the period from 1846 to the 1930s. So, my questions to you are: **What is the wording your diploma?** and **When did you receive it?** I am particularly interested in the wording on diplomas conferred in the early and mid-1960s, the late '90s and the early 21st century. Did the diploma ever read just *State University of New York*? When was *University Center at Albany* adopted and discontinued? When did the first diploma say *State University of New York, University at Albany* – 1999, 2000 or 2001?

## Q. When did our names change during the period 1959-62?

**A.** Norman Kiner '65 questioned my Fall 2006 timeline for name changes during the period 1959-63. He remembered the changes as having taken place in 1960, 1962, and 1963. I went back and checked the SUNY Board of Trustees minutes and our school catalogs. I discovered that each time the SUNY Board of Trustees approved a name change (June 18, 1959; Oct. 21, 1961; and June 14, 1962), it was too late in the year to incorporate it into the school catalog. The catalogs for 1959-60, 1961-62 and 1962-63 all carried the old name of the school, *State College for Teachers, State University College of Education at Albany*, and *State University College at Albany* into the new academic year.

## Q. You noted that "*University at Albany*" is the "unofficial" name. Why is that so, who can make it official, and how is that done?

**A.** This question came to me from Charles LaFontaine '58. The brief answer is that only the SUNY Board of Trustees has the right to name a State University of New York school. *University at Albany*, approved by then-Chancellor D. Bruce Johnstone in 1993, was probably first used in 1976 to distinguish us from the State University of New York System Administration, which is also located in Albany.

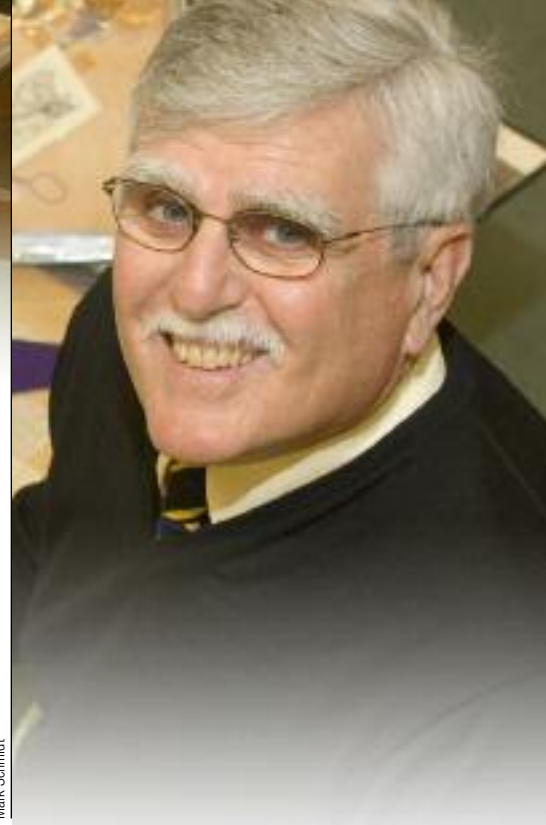
## Q. Was our uptown campus originally intended for India or another warm-weather location?

**A.** James Close '75 wrote that he's heard "different variations on just how this particular design came to be UAlbany's uptown campus – and all of them revolved around the notion that the campus, with its large open-air podium, was originally designed for a balmy place."

I can state unequivocally that the uptown campus was *not* designed for a warmer climate; in fact, beginning on page 18 of this issue, you can read about architect Edward Durell Stone's style and how he applied it to the University ("A Work of Art" by Greta Petry, M.A.'01). During an impressive career, Stone evolved from the International Style of the 1930s – he was an architect on the team that designed the Museum of Modern Art in New York City – to a much more eclectic one



Chicago's 83-story Aon Center, designed by Edward Durell Stone, bears a striking resemblance to UAlbany's high-rise dorms.



Mark Schmitt

that borrowed from southern European and Middle Eastern architectural traditions. After his second marriage in 1954, he traveled extensively in, and studied the architecture of, those regions. While it is true that Stone designed a number of buildings for the Middle East and for warmer climates in the U.S., he also planned – for climates similar to (or worse than) UAlbany’s – buildings that share the architectural elements of the uptown campus. Chicago’s 83-story Standard Oil Building, now the Aon Building, dates from 1969 and looks remarkably like our high-rise dormitories, as does the 27-story UMass Library, completed in 1972. Stone’s 1962 plan for the Atwood Center at Alaska Methodist University (now Alaska Pacific University) in Anchorage bears a strong resemblance to our Campus Center, University Library and Performing Arts Center.

One of Stone’s earliest innovations called for employing broad overhangs, first used on the A. Conger Goodyear house on Long Island in 1935, to shelter a building. There, he also hid automobiles from view by keeping them behind walls – just as he exiled cars and trucks from the center of the uptown campus by designing a raised podium inaccessible to motor vehicles. Other design elements you see on the uptown campus include floating stairs similar to those used in the Museum of Modern Art; and covered passageways between buildings and roofs supported by tall columns (University of Arkansas Fine Arts Center in Fayetteville, 1949). The U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, India (1954), set on a wide, raised podium, also boasts very prominent water features and a wide overhang supported by columns. Cutouts on the perimeter of the flat roof allow light through exactly as those on UAlbany’s uptown campus

do. Stone repeated this feature again and again in his architecture.

If you plan to be at UAlbany this spring, please visit University Hall to see the major permanent exhibit Professor Ray Bromley is mounting on Stone’s architecture. In addition, you may want to stop by the Science Library entrance to see the exhibit of Stone’s design for our campus; it’s on display until June. You’re also welcome to visit the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, located on the top floor of the Science Library, to read *The Evolution of an Architect*, published in 1962, and *Recent and Future Architecture* (1967), two books Stone wrote about his architecture.



Courtesy Alaska Pacific University

The columns and overhanging roofs Stone planned for the uptown campus are features he also incorporated into his design for the Atwood Center at the former Alaska Methodist University.

To submit a question for  
 “Ask Geoff,” e-mail  
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# Second Chance at the Dance

By Carol Olechowski



Brian Jenkins



Left: Coaches, players and Will Brown's son posed for pictures after the Danes won the America East title – and an NCAA tournament berth – for a second consecutive year.



**W**ill Brown, head coach of the men's basketball team, analyzes the America East Conference championship game, the NCAA tournament – and the Danes' prospects for another invitation to the dance in 2008.

On the March 10 game that saw the Great Danes edge the University of Vermont Catamounts 60-59 to claim a second consecutive America East Conference title for UAlbany: "It was the conference tournament championship game, and we were on the road in Burlington. We had never won as a program in Burlington in the history of the championship tournament. In the finals, the better seed had won 21 of 23 games. The odds were stacked against us, but I had a confident and experienced group who had done great things the year before. It helped that we had 600 UAlbany people in attendance, as well. We knew the competition was tough, but we executed the game plan and won."



On the March 16 tournament action that pitted the Danes against the University of Virginia Cavaliers, who posted an 84-57 victory: "We were excited to be back in the NCAA tournament. Virginia is with the Atlantic Coast Conference – one of the two or three best conferences in the country – and the Cavaliers have two of the best players, J.R. Reynolds and Sean Singletary. We knew we'd have to play very well to have a chance to win. In that game, we lost the first 11 shots. Before we knew it, we were down 19-2, and I think our guys were absolutely shocked; they couldn't believe it. The slow start we got off to really dictated the outcome of the game."

Brian Jenkins



*Above:* Fans and players celebrate after the 60-59 victory over Vermont.  
*Right:* Head Coach Will Brown watches the championship game.

## Second Chance at the Dance



Jamie Mullen

### On filling the team roster for the 2007-08 season:

"This year, we lose three seniors: Jamar Wilson, the best player in the school's history; Jason Siggers; and David Bauman. We've recruited two new players and still need to bring in one more. We have 10 returning players, a nice nucleus that includes Brian Lillis and Brent Wilson. The guys coming back need to continue to work hard and improve. They've really gained a lot of experience the last two years."

### On the chances for another championship season:

"I think the future is bright. Our goal is to compete for an America East championship every single year, and I think we have a chance to be in it again next year. Over the years, this University and this community have really impressed our basketball team. Attendance at home and away games is up, and we're grateful to the faculty, administration, students and the entire University. Hopefully, we'll continue to grow together."



Courtesy the Times Union



Jamie Mullen

*Above left and center right: Danes fans and the Pep Band support their favorite team during the UAlbany-Virginia game. Center left: Carl Ross attempts a basket. Below: Team members and students react to the news that the Danes are the No. 13 seed for the NCAA tournament.*



Courtesy the Times Union. Visit <http://www.timesunion.com/sports/ualbany/> for more photos of the 2006-07 basketball season.



# Paw Prints

By Brian DePasquale  
Photos by Bob Ewell

## Fall 2006

### Women's Volleyball

UAlbany (19-13) won its second America East Conference championship in the last three years by rallying to defeat UMBC in the final. **Ashley DeNeal** was named the championship's most outstanding player. **Blair Buchanan** was chosen the America East player and setter of the year for the third consecutive season. Joining Buchanan and DeNeal as first-team all-conference members were **Shelby Goldman** and **Ashley Crenshaw**. UAlbany hosted the first and second rounds of the NCAA Tournament at University Gymnasium, marking the first time the school has been a site for Division I postseason play.

### Football

The Great Danes, who finished in a tie for second in the Northeast Conference standings, posted a 7-4 record, including a 17-10 upset over No. 11 Delaware. **Colin Disch**, the NEC Defensive Player of the Year, became the third UAlbany player to be named to the AFCA All-America squad. Disch has 103 tackles for a defense that ranked fourth nationally among Division I-AA teams in points allowed. In addition to Disch, defensive end **Andre Coleman**; offensive tackles **Jacob Anderson** and **Jacob Hobbs**; defensive tackle **Michael Dungey**; and punter **Chris Lynch** were voted to the all-league first team.

### Field Hockey

The Great Danes earned a share of their first-ever America East Conference regular-season title with a 12-7 record. **Michelle Simpson**, the conference's offensive player of the year, was selected to the ECAC Division I All-Star Team. She led the league with 14 goals and seven assists for 35 points. **Arlette Westdorp** was named the A-East defensive player of the year.

### Men's Soccer

UAlbany made its third consecutive postseason appearance before losing a double-overtime match in the America East Conference quarterfinal round. **Yan Gbolo** earned second-team all-conference recognition after scoring three game-winning goals. **Brian Gordon** was voted to the America East all-rookie squad. **Stephan Hall**, a senior midfielder, was a member of the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America national first team for the second straight year.



*Top right:* Colin Disch  
*Bottom right:* The women's volleyball team celebrates its second America East Conference championship in three years.

## Paw Prints

### Women's Soccer

UAlbany reached several milestones in head coach Mary-Frances Monroe's first season. The Great Danes won five matches – their highest win total as a Division I program – and recorded their first victory in America East Conference play since 2002. Freshman **Jacklyn Rosada**, who had six goals and two assists, was named to the conference's all-rookie team.

### Men's Cross Country

**Ricardo Estremara** earned all-conference recognition after placing seventh at the America East championship meet with a time of 24:58.70. Estremara also finished second at the IC4A meet, bettering his previous year's performance by 44 positions.

## Winter 2006-07

### Women's Cross Country

**Jessica Ortman** and **Jenna Ortman** finished sixth and eighth, respectively, at the America East Conference meet in earning all-league honors. Jessica's time of 17:36.60 was just 13-plus seconds better than her twin sister's. Jenna was fourth at the ECAC championship; Jessica ended up fifth.

### Women's Basketball

UAlbany showed improvement from the previous season. Head coach **Trina Patterson** has two of the better freshman players in the conference, with **Britney McGee** and **Charity Iromuanya** working in the backcourt. **Kristin Higy**, a 6-foot-1 junior, and senior **Amanda Ward** each scored in double figures throughout the year. **Gia Sanders**, who was among the league leaders in blocked shots, is one of America East's top defenders.

### Men's Indoor Track

The Great Danes won the America East Conference championship for the fourth time in the last five years with a meet-record 203.5 points. **David Parker** set a UAlbany record in winning the heptathlon with 3,914 points, and finished fourth in the pole vault. Other conference champions were **Freddie Wills** (long jump), **Mike McCadney** (triple jump), **Pat Weider** (200-meter dash), and **Jean Juste** (55m-hurdles). Weider was also a member of the first-place 4x400 relay. Wills, who won the long jump with a leap of 23 feet, 6 inches, scored in four events, including a second-place showing in the high jump.



Frank Resetarits of the men's lacrosse team

### Women's Indoor Track

**Jessica Ortman** was named the most outstanding track performer of the meet in leading UAlbany to second place at the America East Conference championship. Ortman won the 1,000-meter run in a school-record 2:50.74 and was first in the mile. She also anchored the first-place 4x800 relay that shattered both the conference and school standards with a time of 9:02.66. **Kamilah McShine** posted a pair of wins in the 55-hurdles and pentathlon, an event in which she registered a school-record 3,594 points. **Alyssa Lotmore** was a double-winner in the 3,000- and 5,000-meter runs, while **Brenna Militello** captured the high jump title.

### Men's Lacrosse

This spring, the Great Danes got off to their best start since 1993, posting victories over Johns Hopkins (8-7); crosstown rival Siena (21-8); Delaware (13-7); Massachusetts (10-9, in overtime); and Drexel (16-13). At press time, UAlbany had one of the top scoring offenses in the nation at 13.59 goals per game and retained the No. 2 spot in the U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (USILA) coaches' poll, just behind top-ranked Cornell.

**36** *A Note from Class*

**Councilor Carolyn Viall:** **Harold Shapiro's** wife, Betty, had a bad fall in May. She needs to have constant care, so Harold moved into a different apartment in the same building. Harold's address is: Apartment 3223, 5240 Shalom Park Circle, Aurora, CO 80015-2270.

*Class Councilor: Carolyn Fonda Viall*

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The recipient of the Class of 1937 Scholarship, William Meredith, wrote a letter thanking the Alumni Association for his award. Upon completion of his undergraduate career, William hopes to enroll in UAlbany's teacher certification and educational administration concentrations. William is a junior from Walton, N.Y.

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*A Note from Class*  
**Councilor Jim Spence:** Nicole Kelly,

one of the two recipients of the Class of '39 Scholarship, wrote about her gratitude for the award. She plans to finish her senior year and continue to study for her master's degree. With degrees in global public health and physician's assistant studies, "I aspire to do AIDS/HIV work around the world as well as within the United States," Nicole noted. In a letter, our second awardee, Zakhar Berkovich, also expressed his appreciation. His family emigrated from Minsk, Belarus, five years ago, and he now has senior standing going into his third year of college. Zack writes: "I thank you for your interest in supporting young people like myself. I promise you that your money will not be wasted." We sadly note the death of **Dottie Cain Muggleton** in late June. Dottie, who married **Joe Muggleton** in '41, was almost like a member of our class, and many will be grieved by her passing. **Joe Leese** passed away last July,

leaving his wife of 64 years, **Flossie Nelbach Leese '38**.

*Class Councilor: James Spence, spence7@juno.com*

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*A Note from Class*  
**Councilor Eleanor Alland:** As we look forward to our 60th reunion, you are all being asked for input. A reunion planning committee is needed, so please consider volunteering for this job by contacting one of the class councilors. Under consideration by the Alumni Association and the University is a change in the model for reunions; more to come on that. Currently, there are about 170 members of our class with good mailing addresses. Of these, I reach only 27 by e-mail. Please send your e-mail to ealland214b@nycap.rr.com so that we have your latest info. You will find a newly redesigned Web site at [www.albany.edu/alumni/](http://www.albany.edu/alumni/). This site

*Alumni Association board members attended The University at Albany Foundation's Citizen Laureate dinner. Proceeds from the event supported student scholarships. Left to right: Sean Maguire '00, '04; Arthur Collins '48; Anthony Giardina '81; Christine Bouchard '73, '87; Jill Rigney-Delaney '96; Brian Fessler '06; and Kay Hotaling '67*



# Today's Achievements: Built on Yesterday's Success



One year ago, *Small Times* magazine ranked UAlbany's College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering the top school in the nation for nanotechnology. This remarkable announcement occurred less than two months after UAlbany earned national attention by becoming the first team from the SUNY system to earn a spot in the NCAA Division I

Men's Basketball Tournament. Without question, these two extraordinary accomplishments raised the profile of the University in two very distinct ways: one showing the academic quality of our students and faculty, and the other displaying excellence in athletics.

While many alumni have celebrated these accomplishments, some may feel somewhat out of touch with today's University. However, I look on today's achievements as an extension of the great accomplishments of the alumni, students and faculty of the past. UAlbany's tradition of strong programs in the hard sciences provided the foundation for the NanoCollege. The success of the basketball team continues the tradition of excellence built over 40 years and with more than 700 victories by Head Coach Richard "Doc" Sauer.

To feel a disconnect between your time here and UAlbany's endeavors today is normal. In fact, I imagine many of your deeds as students created the same reaction in the alumni who predated you. But in fact, what is happening here now is a result of not only the tireless efforts of those who excel today, but of all the alumni, students and faculty who have prepared this institution for its current greatness.

Lee Serravillo, Executive Director

contains great resources and information on the Alumni Association chapters and regional events. It is also possible for a class to have its own Web page. Remember to designate your contribution to the Annual Fund for the Greatest Generation Fund for the University Libraries.

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### 49 **A Note from Class** **Councilor Joe Zanchelli:**

Congratulations to **Robertson Baker** and Isabel on the birth of their first great-grandchild, Tyler Vorman, Aug. 26, 2006. **Dick Zeller** continues to keep in touch with '49ers. He and his sister have met several times for lunch with

**Annette Gardiner DeLyser** and Julian. In October, Dick visited **Larry Appleby** and they had a blast in Buffalo.

**Richard Foster** is enjoying living in a very active Sarasota retirement community. He plays bridge; sings; and has enjoyed traveling around South America, along the Rhine and Moselle rivers, and on the Mississippi Delta. **Jean Ineson**

**Ebbert** and husband Leah have finally settled in their permanent residence, 9046 Belvoir Woods Parkway, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060. In November, **Bob Kittredge** and wife Diana celebrated their daughter's 50th birthday by taking 10 members of their family on a seven-day Mexican Riviera cruise. Bob and Diana took eight weeks of line dancing in preparation for the cruise! In

December 2006, they took a two-week trip to northern India accompanied by their 21-year-old granddaughter, a junior at San Diego State University. **Abe Trop** continues his worldwide travels. In November, he returned from Morocco, where he had gone to look over prospects for work and do some touring. Abe states that the most enjoyable part of the trip was spending several days in the Sahara in a tent camp with numerous Tuaregs and Berbers. He worked on

Habitat for Humanity houses in January and February in his home city of Bakersfield, Calif. **Bob Kaiser** and wife Mary Ann had a wonderful trip in September to Greece and the neighboring islands. When they returned, they shared their experiences with **Joe** and **Joyce Zanchelli** in Saratoga Springs.

**Bonnie Totten Adkins** and husband Lee celebrated Lee's 80th birthday in November. They combined this celebration with a "chain-saw" party. With seven chain saws, two splitters and 16 people in all (grandchildren, spouses, and friends) they managed to cut and store

2.5 full cords of wood to keep them warm in 2006-07. Bonnie and Lee are in the midst of planning another trip to Ireland to work at the reconciliation ministry in Belfast. **Bob Kloeppel** reports that he and wife Shirley have been married for 55 years and have three sons and two grandchildren. Bob's comments on his NYSCT experience represent the thinking of many veterans who attended NYSCT when we were there. He noted:

"Many of us who were Class of '49 had also been members of the Armed Forces during World War II. Many of us were lucky to have the GI Bill paying our expenses. Best of all, though, were the wonderful days at Albany State with some of the greatest faculty of all time and with so many new-found friends. Yes, we were very lucky." Bob, that says it all! Congratulations to **Annette Gardiner Delyser** and Julian on the birth of their great-grandson, Brendan Andrew Morgan, Nov. 30, 2006. And now for an ending plea. Our Class of '49 news is from a few people because I have just a few e-mail addresses. I would really appreciate it if many of you would send me your e-mail address so I can contact you for news for future editions. I need help! Thanks.

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Former New York Gov. George Pataki appointed **Brigadier General F. David Sheppard**, commander of the

New York Army National Guard's 53rd Troop Command in Westchester County, the state's Homeland Security director.

#### **A Note from Class Councilor**

**Joan Barron: Bob Donnelly** spent a week in August in Santa Fe, N.M., attending the 50th anniversary festivities of the Santa Fe Opera, where he worked on the technical staff for four summers in the late 1950s and early to mid-1960s. He was surprised to see how the place had expanded since he was there. He then went to California to spend a week visiting his nephew in the Monterey Bay area. **Jean Greenshields Burns** reports how touched she was to read Joe Persico's reflections in the alumni magazine. Some of Joe's favorite teachers were hers, too, with Dr. Harry Price "topping the list." She has been in touch with other '52ers, attending **Marilyn Smith** and **Patrick Mackey's** 50th wedding anniversary and seeing **Marilyn Lewis Harrison** in October when they discussed our 55th reunion in '07. See you there! **Marilyn Johnson VanDyke** was the recipient of the prestigious DeWitt Clinton Masonic Award for Community Service, which was presented by Neal Bidnick, grandmaster of Masons in New York. **Helen Pilcher Terrill** writes: "September proved to be an exciting reunion time for six of us '52ers plus spouses. **Joyce Leavitt Zanchelli** and Joe opened their home in Saratoga for **Jeanne Seymour Earle**, **Joan Bennett Kelly** and Charlie, **Jean Faville Smith** and Smitty, and my husband and me. One day we visited **Ruth LaGraff Phillips** and Dick in Loudonville. What a serendipity! We make several yearly rounds to favorite fishing spots (especially Cape Cod and Nantucket) and to as many of our 11 grandchildren's events as we can in Ohio, Tennessee and Virginia. Life is good, and I feel so grateful for so many close relationships, including those with our own Albany classmates. Love to each." **Jean Faville Smith** writes that the best thing that happened to her and husband Smitty was the mini-reunion at Joyce and Joe's.



## Eunice Baird Whittlesey, B.A.'44: Keeper of Veterans' Memories

Ask Eunice Baird Whittlesey, B.A.'44, for her e-mail address, and she'll laughingly respond that she doesn't have time to use a computer. She and her husband, Joseph, put it in storage because they spend so much time volunteering.

One of Whittlesey's favorite causes is her alma mater: The former New York State College for Teachers English major lends a hand at UAlbany wherever and whenever she can. A past president of the Alumni Association and onetime chair of the Annual Fund, she served on the Benevolent Association from 1982 to 2006.

Several years ago, Whittlesey appointed herself the task of creating a Wall of Honor to recognize the 3,000 University at Albany men and women who have served in the nation's armed forces in both war and peacetime. The effort grew out of her desire to honor World War II veterans — a number of them her own former classmates — with State College connections. She enlisted volunteers, including Helen Brucker Martin, B.A.'44, and the group spent two years working in the archives, contacting veterans' families and collecting photographs. The nine-panel wall is now located in the University Library on the uptown campus.

The project, says Whittlesey, a mom and grandmother, was "very rewarding. I felt we made a contribution because those people won't be forgotten."

— Carol Olechowski

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- Travel with an expert on China from UAlbany's Department of **East Asian Studies**.

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They also enjoyed their Grand Circle trip from Amsterdam to the Black Sea and then to Bucharest and Sinaia. **Joan Bennett Kelly** tells us that she and Charlie have moved twice and now live in Bonita Springs, Fla., for the cold months and in Lake Bomoseen, Vt., for the warm months. The Vermont location is within driving distance of all 13 grandchildren, who all spend time there. Joan is still playing tennis and golf and Charlie will get back to those activities when he recovers from back surgery. Their Bible studies, which they love, are going strong. They were able to visit family in England and rave about the Tattoo in Edinburgh, where they were privileged to see the queen and the Marine Band. Which was more of a thrill, Joannie? Her e-mail address is KellyFLVT@aol.com, and she would like you to get in touch with her if you're in her vicinity. **Jeanne Seymour Earle** reports that she is working at Putnam Valley Library and subbing in neighboring school districts. She was just in the city and saw "Les Miserables" and "When the Lights Go On Again," which was set during WWII and had many of the old songs we all remember. **Vickie Eade Eddy** sent a lengthy update on her family. Son Christopher, a colonel in the Air Force, lives in Coral Gables, Fla., and has a boy nearly a year old; daughter Pamela, Ph.D, is a teacher at Central Michigan University; daughter Maria is a physical education teacher in Olean, N.Y.; son Brian is a marketing director of a non-profit; and daughter Lisa is in the budget department of the Department of Justice. All of her children are married and have children, which makes Vickie a grandma to 11. Vickie winters in Yuma, Ariz., returning there even after her husband Leon died in February 2004. She has seen **Mary Borys Coro** and **Evie Kamke Johnson** and corresponds by e-mail with former roommate **Pat Devitt Kavanaugh**. **Al Stephenson** tells us that he is involved with the \$500,000 planning to upgrade the TV facilities at his college to digital and



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wide screen. It will be in operation for Fall 2007. He has kindly volunteered to take photos of our reunion in June and would be happy to hear from you at ALStevsonj@aol.com. **Ruth LaGriff Phillips**, who was the victim of a persistent infection, is well on the road to recovery and enjoyed the visit from her classmates. The biggest news of all is that we will be celebrating our 55th reunion June 1-3, 2007. You will have received a full schedule of events by the time this news arrives, so we hope you will already be planning to attend, have notified friends with whom you will share memories, and maybe even have already made reservations. If you are sure you are coming, please notify either Joan or me so that we can begin making final plans for the big weekend. We are hoping to see many of you there. Let's continue the reputation that the Class of '52 has – the one with the most spirit! I would appreciate receiving news from any of you and know that our classmates would enjoy that, too. Perhaps you can send me your e-mail address so that we can keep in touch, and I can send reminders when I need news for the magazine. Thanks in advance.

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**54 Naoshi Koriyama**, an internationally acclaimed poet, recently translated 170 Chinese poems from the Tang Dynasty (618-907) into his native Japanese. He is now translating the Chinese poems in the Soon Dynasty (960-1279.) Several of his best-known poems, notably "Unfolding Bud" and "Jetliner," are found in schoolbook anthologies in the United States, Canada, Australia and South Africa.

**56 A Note from Class Councilor Arnold Newman: Marilyn Zelsnack DeBonis** is enjoying her current occupation of housewife, caretaker and babysitter for her five grandchildren. In her spare time, she enjoys sewing, crafts and golf. **Elizabeth "Betty" DeSimone** retired from General Electric. Betty now spends winters in Marco Island, Fla., and enjoys traveling, golf and volunteer work at her church. **Susan Garrett Dimon** considers her present title "lazy person." She quilts, plays the piano and enjoys spoiling her three grandchildren. **Aileen Cochrane Dower** retired from a career as a high school librarian. In her spare time, Aileen does recording for the blind and volunteer ushering for the Washington Shakespeare Theatre. Aileen

belongs to two book clubs and enjoys traveling. **Anne Benedik Dupuy** was retired from her career as a guidance counselor. **Barbara Gitlow Edge** recently retired from a career as a high school French teacher and a grant developer at two community colleges. She and her husband, John, plan to move to France to join their son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren. **Linda Niles Faber** plays tennis regularly, sings with the Bard Symphonic Chorus and fund raises for Planned Parenthood. She is currently writing a memoir for her children about her early life in St. Lucia, West Indies. **Merle Friel** has retired from the Humboldt State University of California Mathematics Department. She volunteers at the Humboldt County Library and enjoys bridge, travel and movies. **James Gallas** is now retired. He enjoys playing golf and participating in a dart league at the Elks Club. **Marie Devine Galyean** is currently a freelance writer, reviewer and food columnist. She has performed in plays in every community theatre in the Boise-Nampa, Idaho, area and has won several awards. *Class Councilor: Arnold Newman, fish7Hill@aol.com*

**57 A Note from Class Councilors Sheila and Ben:** Fifty years! WOW! Let's party! A committee of classmates has been meeting to plan our big 50th reunion. There will be some really special events for you. Plan to be

with us June 1-3 to celebrate! We hope you've received the class newsletter outlining plans for class activities. We are planning to have a new directory of our classmates, so be sure to return the information survey so your news can be included. Please put the dates on your calendar and try to attend. We want to make this the best 50th class reunion ever! Watch for the invitation from the Alumni Association so you can register and participate in dinners, tours and general "catching up." Send Ben and Sheila any ideas or plans you would like to have included over the weekend. We eagerly look forward to seeing you in June.

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**60 Marion (Bunny) Silverstein Calabrese** was made associate professor emerita upon her retirement from Sacred Heart University on Sept. 1, 2006. **Nancy Marie Ryan** has now had 25 books of her poetry published. **Doris Hische Brossy** recently attended her 50th high school reunion in Old Saybrook, Conn.

**61 Pixie Carole Engel-Wilbourn** is an animal behaviorist in Manhattan. Pixie has authored seven books on cat behavior, is often seen on TV, and has been on "Live with Regis and Kelly." A recent feature was done on

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her in *National Geographic*. You can check her Web site at [www.TheCatTherapist.com](http://www.TheCatTherapist.com).

**62** **A Note from class councilor Sheril McCormack: Elena Rabine-Halady** visited her niece, who was studying in Seville, Spain, in May 2006. Travels took them to Gibraltar, Tarifa and Madrid. Elena taught in the summers of '05 and '06 at New Jersey Institute of Technology. She has co-authored a math book, *Honing Algebraic Skills in a Calculus Setting*. She continues to be the school accountant at Forest Hills High School and teaches math in the GED program at Queensborough Community College Continuing Education Program. Ballroom dancing is her primary passion several times a week. **Bob Sweeney** and **Phyllis Lindsey '77** celebrated their 28th

anniversary. He met Phyllis when trying to fill a position of assistant to the director of Great Lakes Lab at Buffalo State. Her outstanding Albany education made her the best candidate, and the rest is happy history. **Sheril Joan McCormack** had a birthday bash for her 65th in September. There was an Albany contingent table consisting of **Gene Altman, Shelley Altman '65, Mack Mobray, Hannah Schnitt-Rogers, Elena Rabine-Halady, Susan Blank, Linda Bosworth, Helen Arcuri-Stoloff and Pixie Carole Engel-Wilbourn '61**. Sheril's brother came in from the Philippines and MC'd the event at George Washington Manor in Roslyn.

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*P.S. Sheril encourages other classmates to e-mail her news. There are lots more of you out there!*

**63** The Board of Education has appointed **Dr. Francis Banta** interim principal of Garden City High School in New York.

**64** **Bob Badger**, who worked for radio station WPTR while at UAlbany, returned in the '70s to manage local radio station WABY for nine years and then returned to his Florida roots. In July 2006 he retired from his duties managing the State of Florida's yacht broker licensing and compliance components. He now plans to work in the security field. Yellowjackets, please send us news!

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### **65** **A Note from Class**

**Councilor Judy Madnick: Anthony Adamo** is enjoying life in Tampa, Fla., working as the chief development officer of a large orphanage serving abused, neglected and abandoned children and playing a fair amount of golf. Anthony recently celebrated his 50th high school reunion from Valley Stream High School. **Dick Custer** delivers daylong programs on personality type for the educational component of the Schoharie "Welfare to Work" program, and attends workshops and seminars to expand his knowledge of personality type and Jungian psychology. Dick is also a co-presenter in private-sector staff development. He continues to deliver commercial vehicles about the country to indulge his passion for travel. In May 2006, Dick completed a doctorate, presumably for the sheer joy of learning, because he has no plans to pursue anything resembling a full-time position.

**George Laribee** retired from teaching at Carthage Central School and Jefferson Community College, where he was an adjunct professor. George is the father of three wonderful children – college graduates who are now married with children. In 2001, George married **Wendy Coon**, a '66 UAlbany graduate who taught at Guilderland High School. Both George and Wendy were French/Spanish majors and French/Spanish teachers. They enjoy being grandparents to his 11 grandchildren, most of whom are located in the Lowville, N.Y., area, where they live. **George Matthews** is a volunteer in a neighborhood planning effort as a facilitator for a Syracuse local planning council. George also serves as district representative in a citywide advisory committee on community development. In the summer and fall of 2005, he managed his wife's successful campaign to serve on the Syracuse City Board of Education. George continues to teach mathematics at Onondaga Community College. Co-councilor **Ira Paul Rubtchinsky**, having worked in law for

*Pictured from left, front row, are Aralynn Abare McMane '73, Ruth Sibley Parker '74, Mindy Sheldon Shult '73; top row from left are Christine Ryan '73, Jeanne Jonientz Merulla '73, and Mary Bean Cunningham '73*





over three decades, has taken on the responsibility of fund-raising chair of the Albany Collegiate Interfaith Center's 40th Anniversary Fund Drive. The Chapel House is used by hundreds of students a week and is an important center for interfaith dialogue.

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**71** **Dorothy Gulbenkian Blaney** died July 10, 2006, after a long struggle with cancer. Dorothy was president of Cedar Crest College in Allentown, Pa., at the time of her death.

**72** **Robert N. Gottfried**, a partner in Hodgson Russ LLP's Immigration Practice Group, was a faculty speaker at "Employment and Immigration Law: Overlaps, Conflicts, and Intersections," a New York City Bar Continuing Legal Education program. **Timothy Abeel** has been elected to serve on the Executive Committee of Rawle & Henderson LLP in Philadelphia, Pa. **Ken Johnson** will be the *Boston Globe's* new art critic. Since 1988, Ken has written for *Art in America* magazine, which named him a contributing editor in 1990. His reviews have appeared in *The New York Times* since 1997; he also has written for *Vogue*, *New Art Examiner* and *Art New England*. **Jill Kanin-Lovers** has been appointed to the board of directors of First Advantage Corp., a global risk mitigation and business solutions provider.

**73** **Jeanne Jonientz Merulla** is teaching English as a second language at Morgan Road Elementary in Liverpool, N.Y. Jeanne has three children: a son in college and twin daughters in high school. In July 2006, Jeanne enjoyed a reunion (after 33 years!) with fellow '73 SUNYA friends **Mary Bean Cunningham**,



**Michael Weintraub, M.A. '79:**

## Knowledge, Confidence, Vision – and a Career in Real Estate

After earning a bachelor's in criminal justice from Northeastern University, Albany native Michael Weintraub, M.A. '79 accepted a position with the San Francisco public defender's criminal investigative division and worked as a private investigator. Still, "I yearned for a greater knowledge base that would enable me to gain a better understanding and appreciation of the whole criminal justice field so that I could ultimately make a contribution to it. I researched some of the programs throughout the country, and the University at Albany's School of Criminal Justice seemed to be a natural choice because of its program, its reputation and its proximity to my home."

His year at UAlbany taught him "how to think and write critically and creatively, and collect and analyze data," said Weintraub, who also worked with the Criminal Justice Research Center – now the Michael Hindelang Center – and later earned a law degree from Suffolk University. "Professor [Leslie T.] Wilkins challenged us to think about how all this information could create a vision for tomorrow. The University gave me the advanced statistical knowledge I needed to ask the right questions, the opportunity to apply the concepts I learned and the confidence I needed to do whatever I chose."

Weintraub ultimately chose real estate. After graduation, he worked as a researcher with the

New York State Department of Corrections, then as director of security for a large multi-use residential community in the Boston area. He is now a vice president with the New York City-based Millennium Partners, an internationally known real estate developer of mixed-use luxury properties. Weintraub, who has been with Millennium for more than five years, manages the firm's Boston portfolio, serves on its Washington and Georgetown condominium boards, and is also "helping to transition our newest property, Millennium Tower Residences in New York's Battery Park City."

Weintraub, who is "blessed with a wonderful wife and daughter, good health and a wonderful job," supports the School of Criminal Justice. "Like most educational institutions," he noted, "the University needs and deserves alumni support so it can remain competitive, maintain excellence, provide value to its current and former students, and be an integral part of the surrounding community, as well as of the larger academic world. The School of Criminal Justice, in particular, has provided its alumni with outstanding educational opportunities and a proud history. We have an obligation to give back to those who will succeed us in the future."

— Carol Olechowski

## Tony Smith, B.S.'80: Promoting EOP



At UAlbany, Tony Smith, B.S.'80, found “a place to fit in”: the Educational Opportunity Program. Today, he’s giving back by helping to establish EOP & Friends, a constituent group that will benefit students while giving alumni a chance to “share remembrances.”

Smith enrolled at the University “to establish my independence but still get home to see my family.” The Brooklyn, N.Y., native played varsity football during his freshman and sophomore years but dropped the game to focus more on his studies. Acceptance by the School of Business, he recalls, required “56 credits and a 3.5 grade point average.”

A business administration and marketing major, Smith enjoyed participating in EOP.

He fondly remembers Vernon Buck, who directed the program then, and counselor Brad Biggs, who advised him to continue his studies after his dad died, “because that was what my father would have wanted.” Smith still keeps in touch with Biggs, and with current EOP director Carson Carr and counselor Abdul Jarvis.

Smith, an account executive with SourceOne Healthcare Technologies, maintains a hectic travel schedule – his territory covers hospitals and cancer centers throughout the Northeast – but the Roselle, N.J., resident still makes time to promote the EOP. In 2006, President Kermit L. Hall, Vice President for Student

Success James Anderson and Vice President for University Development Deborah A.W. Read endorsed his “vision” for the program. He organized a team – fellow alumni Staton Winston, Earl Thomas, Tim Ridgeway, Maritza Vega, Karen Williams, Rosena Heyward and others – to help plan an EOP reunion in Atlanta. The “fantastic” program last July 28-30 attracted participants from around the country.

The team also put together a Web site ([www.sunya-eopreunion.com](http://www.sunya-eopreunion.com)) to introduce visitors to the EOP and recap the reunion; another, [www.albany.edu/~eopa](http://www.albany.edu/~eopa), will launch shortly to invite alumni and friends to join the constituent group. A clip

of the reunion is available on both sites, which also will offer for purchase a full DVD of the three-day program.

EOP & Friends currently has 30-plus members, but by the EOP’s 40th anniversary in 2008, “we would like to see membership reach at least 1,000,” says Smith, the constituent group’s vice president, “so that we can underscore our commitment to outstanding achievement. That spirit of inclusiveness has made it possible for the University to become what it is today. We would like to reach across all cultural boundaries to bring everybody into the fold.”

— Carol Olechowski



*Guests enjoy themselves at the EOP reunion in July 2006.*



**Mindy (Sheldon) Schult, Christine Ryan, Aralynn (Abare) McMane** and with **Ruth (Sibley) Parker '74**. She would love to hear from anyone – [Jeanne\\_Merulla@liverpool.k12.ny.us](mailto:Jeanne_Merulla@liverpool.k12.ny.us). **Rick Ginsberg** has been named dean of the School of Education at the University of Kansas. **Stephen Goldstein** joined Transport Topics Publishing Group in May 2006 as deputy news editor of *Transport Topics*, the weekly trade newspaper of American Trucking Associations of Alexandria, Va.

**74** **Timothy Carey**, president and

chief executive officer of the New York Power Authority, has been appointed to the 2007 board of directors of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). The



Timothy Carey

USGBC is the nation’s foremost coalition of leaders from every sector of the building industry and works to encourage development of buildings. **Michael**

**Daugherty** has been named executive director of CAPTAIN Youth and Family Services after serving 12 years as chief executive and president of

Family and Children’s Services of the Capital Region. **William Bluhm**

is slated to be the next president of the American Academy of Actuaries, the public information organization for the actuarial profession in the United States.



William Bluhm

**75** **David Fleming**, director of global health strategies for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, has been named to take over as director of Public Health of Seattle & King County. David, who also teaches at the University of Washington School of Public Health, has worked for the Gates Foundation, the world’s largest philanthropy, since 2003. Columbia Business School has appointed **Clifford Cramer** director of its new MBA Healthcare and Pharmaceutical Management Program. Damon & Morey

attorney **Patrick Curran** has been admitted to The Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel.



**David Taffet** has appeared in several episodes of "Prison Break" this season on Fox. He also was seen in "Inspector Mom," a new series on Lifetime TV that ran in November with a two-hour movie, followed by 10 episodes and a second movie tentatively set to air in April.

**76** **Patricia Tosney** has been named director of finance for the Lighthouse Center of the Arts in Tequesta, Fla. **A note from Class Councilor Nate Salant:** Councilors **Nate Salant** and **George DeLuca** were delighted to see **Doug** and **Jean Lewanda** (look great!), **Andy Baumann**, **Ken Cobb**, **Stu** and **Maria Klein**, **Bob Williams** and others at the Homecoming and Reunion events. Those who had not seen Nate since graduation did not recognize him (short hair, contact lenses, slimmed down), although he picked out everyone as soon as they arrived. Nate, Doug and Jean headed up to Saratoga Harness after the football victory over St. Francis, where, rumor has it, Nate won five of the eight races he bet on, including a \$112.50 exacta, and then won a few dollars on the slot machines, too. It is hard to believe that 30 years have come and gone! **David Lipkowitz** just celebrated his 30th year with Jews for Jesus in June 2006. David is currently serving as the office manager of the international headquarters in San Francisco, Calif.

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**77** RHR International Company, a world leader in executive and organizational development, announced the election of **Thomas Saporito** as president. He will be responsible for the global operations of the company. SPARTA Inc. has named **Maureen Baginski** president of its National Security Systems

Sector. Maureen has a long and distinguished career in the U.S. Intelligence community, where she served for 27 years.

**78** Ceridian Corp. has appointed **Kathryn Marinello**, an executive at GE Commercial Finance Fleet Services, as its president and chief executive. Ceridian is a \$1.4 billion human-resources outsourcing



Kathryn Marinello company. Marinello will be one of six women heading companies in the Pioneer Press 100, an annual survey of Minnesota's largest publicly traded companies. **Cynthia Ryan Huether** has been appointed president of the Rochester Rehabilitation Center in Rochester, N.Y. Cynthia is married and has two children and can be reached at: chuether@rochester.rr.com.

**79** Sadly noted is the death of **Rev. Anthony Maione** on May 23, 2006. Anthony served in Albany, N.Y.,

for many years, transferring to Florida five years ago. **Catherine Riordan**, vice provost for academic affairs since 2004, has been named interim vice president and executive director for Central Michigan University's off-campus programs. **Maureen Helmer**, former chairwoman of the New York State Public Service Commission, will join the Syracuse law firm of Green & Seifter Attorneys PLLC, and head its new Albany office. Maureen is a member of the Harvard Electricity Policy Group and the Foundation Steering Committee of the School of Criminal Justice at UAlbany. She was also a founding member and former president of Women in Communication and Energy.

**80** **James Schorr** announced the formation of Cezanne Resources, LLC, a recruitment firm specializing in the nation's top sales executives and impact players for office equipment, printing, publishing, telecom and wireless. **Casey Crabill** became the



James Schorr

first woman president to lead the Raritan Valley Community College in North Branch, N.J. **Richard C. Bulman, Jr., Esq.**, recently traveled to London, England, and Edinburgh, Scotland, to speak at a seminar, "Doing Business in Florida for Biomedical and Life Sciences Companies," on behalf of the Executive Office of former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and Enterprise Florida. Richard is a Fort Lauderdale shareholder in the national law firm of Akerman Senterfitt. **Frank Ciervo**, a long-time media representative for the New York State Bar Association, has been named director of bar services. Ciervo will be responsible for the association's outreach and collaboration with the American Bar Association and with 160 local, specialty and minority bar associations throughout New York.

**81** **Scott Bohling**, branch manager of Marshall & Sterling's Utica Business Park Office, was selected to join the insurance company's Producer Council, which is limited to the company's top 10 production

*Legacy families joined the Alumni Association and University leaders for a reception during Homecoming 2006.*



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professionals. Scott also was recently recognized for running one of the company's fastest growing and most profitable offices during the last four years. **Eric Loukas** has been promoted to executive vice president and chief operating officer of MGI PHARMA in Minneapolis, Minn. **Donna Ferrara**, former state assemblywoman from Long Island, was designated by former Gov. George Pataki chairwoman of the New York State Worker's Compensation Board in July 2006. Dendrite International announced the appointment of **Carl Cohen** as president of its marketing solutions division. In November's election, **Michael Arcuri** won the 24th

District Seat for Congress representing the Ithaca, N.Y., area.

**82** The Alumni Association sadly notes the death of **Scott Kunen** on Nov. 13, 2006. As councilor for his class, Scott always showed a deep commitment to UAlbany and dedication to the council and his class. **Diane Podolsky** is a professional dog trainer and owner of The Cultured Canine. Diane credits alum **Jay Gissen** for the name of her business, located in White Plains, N.Y. Diane writes, "while this is not a career that UAlbany offers specific studies for (i.e., canine behavior or behavioral analysis with a focus on animal learning)," many

of the skills she learned at the University helped her while studying at the San Francisco Academy for Dog Trainers, where she graduated valedictorian of her class. The following composers have set **Paul Turner's** poems and lyrics to melodies in classical, jazz or folk genres: Alan Dickson; Paula J. Diehl; Stephen Feigenbaum; Eric Funk and Larry Alan Smith. You can reach Paul at paulturner1@comcast.net. **Naomi Somerstein Kreutzer** is a social worker at Saint Barnabas Hospice & Palliative Care Center in West Orange, N.J.

**84** **W. Francis Keating** has been named dean of Arts and Sciences at Luzerne County Community College in Pennsylvania. **David Beck** is president of Classic Business Solutions, a Manhattan printing and graphic design firm servicing businesses throughout the United States. David also is president of WineDoggyBag.com, which sells tamper-proof, take-home wine bags to restaurants. **Paul Grondahl** received the Dr. James M. Bell Humanitarian Award from the Parsons Child and Family Center in Albany last October. Paul, an award-winning reporter for the *Albany Times Union*, is the author of several books, including *Now is the Time: The History of the Parsons Child and Family Center*. The book chronicles the 175-year history of the center.

**86** **Lt. Col. Joseph P. Sullivan III** of Green Island, N.Y., has received a Bronze Star and a Joint Service Commendation Medal for meritorious performance in Afghanistan. He earned the awards while he was a plans officer with the Combined Joint Special Operation Task Force – Afghanistan, 7th Special Forces Group. **Caryn Miske**, an attorney pursuing a doctorate at the University of Montana School of Forestry, has been hired as executive director of the Flathead Basin Commission. Caryn's background includes work as a lawyer for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the National Park Service. **Ellen Schaeffer**

**Brody** has three daughters, ages 14, 11 and 8. She and her husband own and operate a conference company, ibreakfast.com, which holds a monthly networking seminar in New York City for executives. **Ross Abelow** is a partner in Abelow & Cassandro LLP, with offices in Manhattan and Jericho. He also is a co-owner, along with fellow alum **Mitch Schuster**, of the Green Goblin Restaurant in Manhattan. Ross has a wife and three children. **John Labate** is executive editor of *Treasury & Risk*, a monthly magazine for finance executives. He lives in Brooklyn with his wife and two children. Phil Lewis teaches Sociology at Queens College and serves as a senior analyst to the New York City Department of Finance. Phil and his wife, Rose, have been married for seven years. **Patty Lovell's** well-regarded children's book, *Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon*, has been reissued in a special "Modern Gems" edition by Penguin Books. **Sharon (Epstein) and Craig Nessel** lived in Belgium for five years and are now in New Jersey. Craig is with Exxon Biomedical Services and Sharon is program director for the Mount Freedom Jewish Center in Randolph, N.J. She also has a ladies accessory business called "Accessorize." Their three children are Aaron, Amanda and Zachary. **Sheira Brayer Rosenberg** is a songwriter and, with her husband, produces the "Sheira and Loli's Dittydoodle Works" show on PBS. They will soon launch a live tour and merchandising program. They live in Dix Hills, N.Y., with their daughter, Ayden, and son, Liam. **Paul Schaffer** is controller for Citigroup's Commercial Business Group, specializing in corporate lending and leasing solutions. Paul has been with Citigroup for nearly 17 years. He and his wife, Brigid, have two daughters, Sarah, 8, and Amber, 6. Paul is also the treasurer for the Danbury Westerners, a not-for-profit baseball team that competes in the summer New England Collegiate Baseball League. **Eric Schwartzman** and his family just moved to New York City's Roosevelt Island. Eric will be

Richard Golubow '85, left, and Joseph Zumbo, director of Student Legal Services, chatted at the Student Association Reunion open house in October.



celebrating 10 years this Spring at Geller & Company LLC, a provider of financial outsourcing solutions, where he is the manager for indirect taxes. **Sal Perednia** is a technology risk manager for Citigroup and lives with his wife, Eva, and his two children, Samantha, 6, and Kyle, 2, in Garwood, N.J. Sal enjoyed seeing his former classmates at the 20th reunion. **Michael O'Connor** is an institutional equity trader at an investment firm in Albany and has a wife and three beautiful children. **Debi Boyer** is married and has two daughters, 15 and 13. She has worked at Bausch and Lomb for 14 years.

*Class councilors: Mike Miller, rellim7@optonline.net; Paul Schaffer, pschaffer@snet.net; Larry Goodman, lbgesg@aol.com*

**87** **Manuel Ossers**, professor of Spanish at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, received the 2006 College of Letters & Sciences Award for Excellence in Service. Manuel also received the university's 2005 Latinos Unidos Recognition Award "For his Support to Latinos Unidos & Latino Student Programs." **Ilene Farash Avallone** has joined the National Technical Institute for the Deaf as a marketing communication specialist. Ilene previously served as marketing communication manager with Stantec Consulting Services. **Maureen Simmons** received her MBA in marketing from Iona College in New Rochelle, N.Y., and is currently a communications manager with Citigroup's Commercial Business Group in New York City. She has been with Citigroup for 10 years.

**88** The board of directors of the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) has selected **Robert Dingman** as the next president. Robert previously served the AMA as its Washington, D.C., representative. More recently, he served as assistant commissioner for Transportation Safety for New York State's Department of Motor Vehicles, where he headed the Governor's Traffic

At the end of his freshman year at UAlbany, Garry McCarthy, B.A.'81, had a decision to make. The University had recruited him to play football, but the linebacker had also begun playing baseball. So he sat down with the coaches for the two sports, Bob Ford and Bob Burlingame, respectively, and decided to continue with the baseball team. "It was probably one of my worst decisions," laughs McCarthy, adding that he still hasn't gotten football out of his system and continues to play the game today at age 47.

### Garry McCarthy, B.A. '81: Leading a Turnaround in Newark



The history major was also weighing career options. "I was thinking about law school, but my dad was a New York City detective, and I wanted to be a police officer, too. When I graduated, I took the law boards and a test for the New York Police Department. I joined the NYPD, intending to study law at some point. I got promoted up through the ranks and threw myself into my career. I got married, had two kids, bought a house – and never got back to thinking about law school."

Ultimately, he made the right career choice. McCarthy started with the NYPD in The Bronx, "where I was born and raised," as a patrol officer in 1981, working his way up to sergeant and captain, and holding various positions in Manhattan and Brooklyn, including a post with the Internal Affairs Bureau. He spent 25 years with the NYPD, leaving as deputy commissioner of operations last October to accept the post of director with the Newark, N.J., police department.

As director – a position equivalent to that of commissioner in other police departments – McCarthy oversees a force that includes 1,300 uniformed officers and 400 civilians. Newark, he notes, "ranks tenth in the nation in murders per capita," so his focus will be on "preventing crime instead of just reacting to it." His strategy will combine "quality of life enforcement – what's known as the 'broken windows theory,' where we take care of small things before they become big problems – and intelligent policing. We used this model in New York, analyzing trends so we could stop crime before it occurred."

For McCarthy, the director's position presents "an opportunity to do something special. It's a perfect time to be part of a turnaround in Newark."

McCarthy remains close to the University, visiting each year to get together with fellow alumni. "I got a great education and met a lot of good friends there," he says, adding that he had "a whole table of friends from Albany," including Richard Cardillo, Glen Titan and Arnold Fischler, at his swearing-in ceremony last fall. He also still keeps in touch with former schoolmates Ted Anderson and Evan "Zoot" Zahn.

— Carol Olechowski

**Lisa Lillien, B.A.'87:**

## Common Sense Advice about Food, Topped with Humor

**Lisa Lillien, B.A.'87, is not a doctor, a nutritionist or a dietitian. Instead, she calls herself a "foodologist." Why? "Because I obsess over food," she says. "I learn about it, read about it, research it, dream about it."**

Three years ago, Lillien, 39, turned her passion — and all she has learned about food in a lifelong struggle with 20 extra pounds — into a friendly, informational service called Hungry Girl.

Each weekday, she sends out — mostly to adult women — a free e-mail describing how to eat well and stay trim. In three years, her e-mail circle has swelled from about 200 to 200,000 subscribers, and it is growing by 500 to 800 people a day. Lillien, who has appeared in *People* magazine, recently landed her own Sunday column in the New York *Daily News* and expects to bring in \$250,000 in revenue this year from advertisers on her Web site, [www.hungry-girl.com](http://www.hungry-girl.com).

Lillien grew up in North Woodmere on Long Island, and majored in communications and minored in business at UAlbany. She headed to Los Angeles in 1995 for a producer's job at Nickelodeon, then moved to Warner Brothers Telepictures as vice president for New Media. She left the corporate world behind to launch the Hungry Girl brand in 2004.

In her 20s and well into her 30s, Lillien, a petite woman, was a yo-yo dieter, losing or gaining 10 to 20 pounds. Then, about half a dozen years ago, something snapped. She began eating healthier and exercising, and lost over 20 pounds. "I found guilt-free ways of satisfying cravings without dieting," she says. She often shares those methods in her e-mails. For example, if you're craving a Burger King Whopper, which carries 760 calories and 47 grams of fat, Lillien recommends her Whopper Swapper — a Boca burger with fat-free cheese and light Miracle Whip. The price? Only 240 calories and three grams of fat.

The common sense also comes with a topping of humor. Hungry Girl's tag line is "Tips and Tricks . . . For Hungry Chicks!" Lillien is also an inveterate punster, as revealed in the titles of some of her e-mails: "I Only Have Fries for You," "Against the Slaw!" and "The Taco the Town."

Despite all she's learned, and all the advice she gives, the cravings persist. "When I want to be bad, I go to Grandma's in Albany and have a slice of coconut cream pie," she says. "But that doesn't happen too often."

— Dennis Gaffney



Safety Committee. The international law firm of Greenberg Traurig LLP announced the appointment of **Valerie Grey** as director of the Governmental Affairs Department in the Albany office. Prior to joining the firm, Valerie served as vice president of Americhoice of New York in the Department of Government Affairs and Regulatory Compliance.

**Marijo Murphy** has been promoted to vice president in the Agency Department of New York Life Insurance Company. Marijo currently resides in Yorktown Heights, N.Y., with her husband, Patrick, and their three children. **Ellen Reavis Gerstein** is a marketing director for John Wiley & Sons publishing in Hoboken, N.J.

**89** Boca Raton resident **William Cea**, a shareholder and attorney with the law firm of Becker & Poliakoff, was granted certification in the area of construction law by the Florida Bar Association. **Dana Pellizzari** has joined the Wilmington, N.C., office of Smith Moore LLP.

**90** **Scott Gutmanstein** has signed on as an attorney with Bracewell & Giuliani LLP as part of the Broker-Dealer and Market Regulation Practice Group in its New York City office.

**Robert Tamburri** and his daughter, Emily, 6, reside in Dunwoody, Ga. Robert works for the wealth management firm GV Financial Advisors as vice president of Finance & Investments. Robert has recently appeared on Bloomberg TV to discuss the firm's 2007 stock market outlook. Malverne resident **James Callahan III** has been appointed commissioner of the Nassau County Office of Emergency Management. James earned the 2005 New York Emergency Manager of the Year award in October 2005. The Children's Place Retail Stores Inc. announced the appointment of **Jill Kronenberg** as senior vice president, general merchandise manager in Secaucus, N.J.

**91** **Andrea Hoffer** completed her MBA at Georgia State University in December 2006. Andrea is the owner/operator of a Lake Worth, Fla., Massage Envy massage clinic scheduled to open in March 2007. More information can be found at [www.massageenvy.com](http://www.massageenvy.com). Integrium, a leading contract research organization in the cardiovascular and metabolic areas, announced the promotion of **Richard Caroddo** to director of Business Development. Richard will lead Integrium's activities establishing and expanding service relationships with biopharmaceutical clients. He has been with the company for four years and was previously the associate director of the



Doug Kruse, right, talks with former Gov. George Pataki in May '06.

business development group. **Doug Kruse** was promoted to vice president

for Advancement at New England College in Henniker, N.H., after working as director of Development there since 2004. His 13-year fund-raising career began in 1993 at UAlbany, where he worked as assistant director of annual giving for three years. Doug is serving his second term on the Manchester school board and chairs its finance committee. He also is a member of the Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Greater Manchester Class of 2006. Doug and his wife, **Cathleen Cole Kruse**, live in Manchester, N.H., with their sons, William, 6, and Nicholas, 3. A former librarian at Hesser College in Manchester, Cathleen has been a full-time mom since 2000. **Monica Britton** was named director of marketing and publicity at the Brooklyn, N.Y., house of worship, St. Paul Community Baptist Church. Previously, Monica worked for more than 14 years in the entertainment industry in marketing at EMI Music, Virgin Records and Universal/Motown Records Group. **Beth Bjerregaard** has

been honored as a finalist for the 2006 Bank of America Excellence in Teaching award, which was presented by the University at North Carolina. Former Hollywood talent agent **Jamie Gold** bluffed his way to victory at the World Series of Poker by taking home the grand prize of \$12 million. The tournament was held in Las Vegas, Nev.

**92** Past Student Association president **Bill Weitz** continues as New York chief of staff and campaign manager for Congressman Elliott Engel of the state's 17th Congressional District. **Scott Hughes** started his new position as director of the Trenton, N.J., Public Library in October. **Shannon Ritter**

started as a clinical statistician at Novartis in East Hanover, N.J., in October. **Derek Westbrook** is an adjunct Black Studies professor and administrator at The Sage Colleges in Troy, N.Y.

**93** **Thomas Begley**, an assistant professor of biomedical sciences at UAlbany's Gen\*NY\*Sis Center for Excellence in Cancer Genomics, was selected by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to receive an Outstanding New Environmental Scientist Award. **Lawrence Force**, professor of psychology at Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh N.Y., and his colleague

**Jeffrey Kahana** were responsible for securing the college's first National Institute of Health award. The two-year award will enable Force and Kahana to research the scope and quality of services provided by Area Agencies on Aging.

**94** **Ralph Marino Jr.**, former superintendent of the Hunter-Tannersville Central School District, has become the superintendent of Horseheads Central School District in New York.

**95** **David Hennessy**, associate professor and chair of the Business and Law Department, was pre-



David Hennessy

## Picture Perfect!

We'd like to fill "Class Notes" with pictures of alumni – on vacation, at work, at home. Send your photos and news to Kathy Gaddis at [alumniassociation@uamail.albany.edu](mailto:alumniassociation@uamail.albany.edu) or University at Albany Alumni Association, Alumni House, 1400 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12222.

*Alums enjoyed the Great Danes Great Bash at WT's during Homecoming/Reunion 2006.*



## Alumni News and Notes

sented with the first Schenectady County Community College Foundation Award for Excellence in Faculty Service.

**Theresa Russo** was named a partner at Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker LLP. She will be directing the newly launched lobbying compliance practice at the Albany, N.Y., office.

**97 Timothy Lance** of Cornwall on Hudson, N.Y., has been named assistant professor of mathematics at Francis Marion University in Florence, S.C.

**98 Eric Roth** has been named executive director of the Huguenot Historical Society of New Paltz, N.Y. **Helen Petrozzola** is the associate country



Helen Petrozzola

director of the U.S. Peace Corps program in Ukraine. Prior to assuming this assignment in 2004, Helen worked for the United Nations Development Program with programs in Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova.

**99 Amber Arvon** has joined the staff of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials in Washington, D.C. **James Hendry** won his election bid in the Second Ward for the Republican Party in Port Jervis, N.Y. James practices law as an associate in the law firm of Victoria B. Campbell PC in Port Jervis.

**00 Mike Oliva** has been named head baseball coach and facilities coordinator at Maritime College in Throgs Neck, N.Y. **Theresa Thayer Snyder**

has been named new deputy superintendent in charge of curriculum and instruction of the Brunswick Central School District in Troy, N.Y. **Christy Schwartz Carey** is a reading teacher in the Holland Patent Central School District in Stittville, N.Y.

**02 Attorney Sean Ragusa** has joined the law firm of Sholes & Miller LLP in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.



Sean Ragusa

Actor **Brandon Jay**



Brandon McLaren

**McLaren's** latest role is in "She's The Man," opposite Amanda Bynes. Brandon made his feature film debut in "Scooby Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed."

He also was seen in the television

movies "Perfect Romance" and "D.C. Sniper: 23 Days of Fear," and had starring roles on the television series "Secret Central" and Disney's "Power Rangers SPD."

**03 Paul Casado** has opened a restaurant, Wrapsody Grill, in New Paltz, N.Y. **Gregg Anthony Pinto** has received his juris doctor degree from Brooklyn Law School. He was a member of the Moot Court National Honor Society and received the PINTO Thompson Trial Advocacy Award. Gregg has accepted a position as assistant district attorney in the Brooklyn district attorney's office. **Kellee Henn** is a school social worker for the Sussex-Wantage School District in Wantage, N.J.

**04** The U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill to rename the Pitcher Street Post Office in Utica, N.Y., the Capt. George A. Wood Post Office Building. **U.S. Army Capt. George Wood** died three years ago while serving in Iraq. George was 33 years old and is survived by his wife, Lisa, and daughter, Maria.

**05 Jamie Cohen** is the new assistant principal of East Greenwich High School of Rhode Island.

**06 Crystal Smith** has become public relations coordinator of Latorra, Paul & McCann, located in the historic Crystal Smith University Building in Syracuse, N.Y. **Griffin DuBois** will be featured in the Bloomsburg Theater Ensemble of "Much Ado About Nothing" this spring at the Alvina Krause Theatre in Bloomsburg, Pa.



*1st Lieutenant Eric Torrado '97, right, shared his UAlbany spirit with his company while stationed in Afghanistan last October.*



For class councilor information, go to:  
[www.albany.edu/alumni/council\\_of\\_classes](http://www.albany.edu/alumni/council_of_classes)  
 or call the Alumni Association at (518) 442-3080.



# Births

**1978** – **Terry M. Kuflik**, and husband David Orgel, a daughter, Rachel Paige, July 23, 2006

**1988** – **Ellen Reavis Gerstein** and husband Michael, a son, Jordan Beckett, Sept. 7, 2006

**1990** – **Laurie Lieman** and husband Mike, a daughter, Shayna Quinn, Nov. 12, 2006

**1991** – **Bill Braine** and **Claudia Depkin '93**, a daughter, India Rosalind, July 26, 2006  
**Evan Levy** and wife Tracey, twin boys, Ethan and Daniel, March 13, 2006

**1992** – **Bill Weitz** and wife Bellanne, a son, Bennett Chaim, Sept. 8, 2006

**Scott Hughes** and wife Jill, a son, Coleman Langston, July 2006

**1996** – **Andrew Casella** and wife **Nicole Plambeck '97**, a son, Cole Robert, Dec. 14, 2005

**1997** – **Lisa Morton Cone** and husband Stephen, a girl, Siena Noelle, Jan. 26, 2006

**1999** – **Gregory Wahl** and wife Abby, a son, Isaac Karmi, Oct. 26, 2006

**2000** – **Cristy Schwartz Carey** and husband Aaron, a daughter, Fiona Suzanne, June 17, 2006



Shayna Quinn Lieman



India Rosalind Braine



Jordan Beckett Gerstein



Siena Noelle Cone



Isaac Karmi Wahl



Cole Robert Casella

# Weddings

**1984** – **Todd Cherches** and Karin Sibrava, Oct. 22, 2006

**1991** – **Carrie Michele Girgenti** and Gregory Scott Sheps, Sept. 30, 2006

**1996** – **Emily Prawda** and Andrew Weiss, Feb. 20, 2005

**2003** – **Robert Stabile** and **Jaime Degina**, July 22, 2006  
**Kellee Henn** and Sean Yakupcin, Oct. 7, 2006  
**Patricia Albarino** and **Craig Yustein**, June 25, 2006

**2004** – **Kristin Elizabeth** and Lawrence Phillip Anderson, July 5, 2005

**2005** – **Angela Rose Levy** and Domenic Andrew Gagliano, Aug. 12, 2006

# Authors and Editors

**Robert L. Tucker, B.A.'49, M.A.'52**, of Fort Myers, Fla., has published *Poems*. The retired teacher's collection of 16 poems includes the works "The Wise Man," "True Love" and "The Late-Blooming Poet."

**Shirley Dunn, B.A.'50, M.A.'87**, has researched and written two books on the Mohican Indians of the Hudson Valley and western Massachusetts: The first was *The Mohicans and Their Land 1609-1730*; her second is *The Mohican World 1608-1750*. Both books are unusual in their reliance on land deeds as a source for historical and cultural information about Native Americans. Dunn is also co-author of *Dutch Architecture Near Albany: The Polgreen Photographs*. The book contains unique photographs of area Dutch-style houses as they looked in the 1930s, as well as text about architectural developments.

**John Sullivan, B.A.'61**, has written *Gatekeeper: Memoirs of a CIA Polygraph Examiner*. Sullivan was a polygraph examiner with the CIA for 31 years, during which time he conducted more tests than anyone in the history of the agency's program. Here, Sullivan describes his methods, emphasizing the importance of psychology and the examiner's skills in a successful polygraph program. But *Gatekeeper* is more than Sullivan's memoirs. It is also a window to the often acrimonious and sometimes alarming internal politics of the CIA.

**Carl Cusato, M.B.A.'66**, has published a hilarious memoir, *Bucky Told Me to Put the Stick in the Door ... and Other White Lies to Live By*. Included in the book is a section about college life in the '60s at the University. The book is available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com); [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com) and at UAlbany's main library. Cusato owns Cusato

and Company, a technology integration company in Malibu, Calif.

**Mary Schoenecker, M.S.'70**, has authored *Four Summers Waiting*, her debut novel. Published last July, the Civil War epic was chosen by the publisher as the July No. 1 Editor's Choice. Authentic letters and diary excerpts weave a tale of history, terror and romance through four summers of the war.

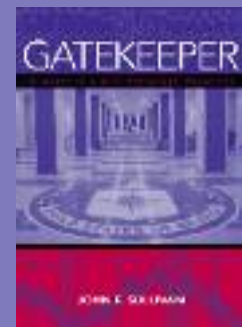
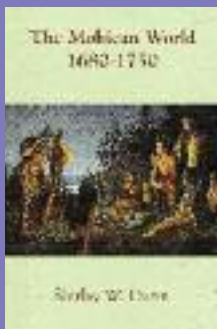
**Rev. Pam Sheppard, M.S.W.'73**, has written *Faces of the Religious Demon: Freedom Through Deliverance Counseling*, a step-by-step guide to spiritual truth by exposing the error and deception around whether or not demons can possess a Christian in spirit, soul and body. A textbook on spiritual warfare and deliverance, the author says the main purpose of this book is to unmask the true nature of the spiritual battle as it pertains to exposing religious counterfeits.

citizens of New York and the heroes who emerged in a time of crisis. Amodeo's first novel gives readers an original and intimate glimpse into the lives of the everyday heroes who have made Manhattan home for years.

**Marjorie Altman Tesser, B.A.'74**, has co-edited *Bowery Women: Poems*. *Bowery Women* is a unique anthology that features a signature poem from each of 76 contemporary female poets, ranging from national treasures like Anne Waldman, Ana Castillo, Sapphire, Wanda Coleman and Marie Ponsot, to Def Jam poets Suheir Hammad and Ishle Park, to international slam winners such as Celena Glenn, to emerging artists. The book also features Tesser's own poem, "The Important Thing is ... *Card Game*." For more information, visit [www.bowerypoetry.com/bowerywomen](http://www.bowerypoetry.com/bowerywomen).

**Bill Alexander, B.A.'74**, has been named a finalist for the prestigious Quill Book Awards for his critically acclaimed memoir *The \$64 Tomato: How One Man Nearly Lost His Sanity, Spent a Fortune and Endured an Existential Crisis*. Alexander also was invited to the National Book Festival hosted by Laura Bush and the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., in September 2006.

**Marie Mance, B.S.'76**, has co-authored *Creative Leadership, Skills that Drive Change*. The book demonstrates how creative thinking is an essential element of leadership. The authors provide a unique combination of conceptual arguments, practical principles, and



proven tools to enhance future leaders' effectiveness in creating and managing change.

Jeanne Shub, B.A.'63, Ph.D.'78, has co-authored *Ready to Learn How to Overcome Social and Behavioral Issues in the Primary Classroom*. The authors have created a classroom program that helps teachers address students' social and behavioral problems and creates a supportive classroom community. Interplay teaches self-control, social skills and problem-solving strategies. This skill-training program helps integrate special-needs students into regular classrooms but actually benefits all the students.

Nancy Levine, B.A.'82, has released her newest book, *Letters to a Young Pug*, the third adventure book featuring Wilson the Pug. Levine is a former staff photographer for the Elmsford, N.Y., Humane Society. She has had extensive experience in theater and stand-up comedy, and her commentaries have been broadcast in the San Francisco area on NPR affiliates.

Joseph Heithaus, B.A.'85, has had five poems published in the latest edition of *El Adelantado de Indiana*. Heithaus contributes "After Light," "The Angels at My Brother's Death," "Bad Translation," "Husband's Apology" and "Taking It." The poems are in both English and Spanish, with translation provided by Emilia del Río Martínez. *El Adelantado de Indiana*, an online literary journal, is published as a collaborative effort between a group of Segovian writers and artists and their counterparts at universities in the Americas and beyond.



Julie Blattberg, B.A.'91, has published *Backstage with Beth and Trina: A Scratch and Sniff Adventure*. The work, a novelty/humor book for adults, tells the story of two groovy rocker chicks whose goal is to get backstage at the rock shows and hang out with the band. The scents range from cherry lip gloss to smoke to latex to vomit, in true rock and roll style. For more information, visit [mmeyer@hnabooks.com](mailto:mmeyer@hnabooks.com) or [www.bethandtrina.com](http://www.bethandtrina.com).

Steven Wolfgram, Ph.D.'05, has published *Global Development and Remote African Villages*. This study explores the relationships among tropical biodiversity conservation, economic development and local cultures within the context of two provinces in the Central African nation of Cameroon. Wolfgram has been working on human development projects and environmental conservation efforts and conducting research in Cameroon over the past 15 years. He is the president of the Cameroonian American Foundation.

## Calendar

### April

- 19 School of Business Networking Reception, NYC
- 22 Fountain Day

### May

- 19 Legacy Family Celebration, Albany
- 19-20 Commencement Weekend

### June

- 1 Alumni Association Excellence Awards Gala
- 1-3 Alumni Weekend
- 4 14th Annual Great Danes Scholarship Golf Classic, Albany Country Club

For more information, visit the UAlbany Web calendar at [www.albany.edu/todayualbany/](http://www.albany.edu/todayualbany/) or call (518) 442-3080.

*More than 600 Great Danes fans enjoyed the biggest pregame party of the season before the Big Purple Growl, Feb. 3, 2007.*



# Margaret (Meg) Stewart



Gary Gold '70

Distinguished Teaching Professor Emerita of Biology Margaret (Meg) Stewart passed away at her New Scotland, N.Y., home Aug. 2, 2006, after a lengthy battle with pancreatic cancer. She was 79.

Stewart graduated from Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, now known as UNC-Greensboro; the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and Cornell University. She taught at the New York State College for Teachers and its successor, the University at Albany, from 1956 until 1997, returning after her retirement to assist in developing the program in Biodiversity, Conservation & Policy, a multi-disciplinary master's program that prepares students for careers requiring knowledge of both ecology and public policy.

A renowned herpetologist, Stewart studied reptiles and amphibians, including frogs of the Adirondacks, Jamaica and Puerto Rico. One African frog, *Phrynobatrachus stewartae*, or Stewart's puddle frog, which she first collected, was named for her. She also wrote extensively about her work; her numerous publications included the book *Amphibians of Malawi*.

In 2005, Stewart – the first woman president of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists – received the ASIH's Robert K. Johnson Award for her service to the society and the Henry S. Fitch Award for long-term excellence in the study of amphibian and/or reptile biology. The many other honors accorded her during her lifetime included the University at Albany's 1987 Citizen Laureate Award.

Stewart is survived by her husband, University at Albany Professor Emeritus of Mathematics George E. Martin; a brother, John M. Stewart; two nieces and two nephews.

Gifts in her memory may be made to the Margaret Stewart Biodiversity Fund through The University at Albany Foundation, UAB 226, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12222.

## Deaths

### 20s

**Ida Argersinger Maybe** '28

**Ruth Bates Shillinglaw** '29, Aug. 10, 2006

### 30s

**Louise Trask Torrance** '30, Jan. 19, 2004

**Mildred Larson** '31, March 18, 2006

**Ellis Kolodny** '32, Oct. 5, 2006

**Marylou Walther Canessa** '34, Jan. 14, 2000

**Maybelle Stewart Schere** '34, Oct. 27, 2006

**Laura Enders** '35, Sept. 13, 2006

**Jean Diblasi Cotugno** '36, Oct. 1, 2006

**Marjorie Howe** '36, Nov. 1, 2005

**Marion Tymeson Pendleton** '36, July 7, 2005

**Marion Cole Fischer** '37, March 12, 2006

**Eleanor Dubois Huba** '38, Feb. 9, 2006

**Dorothy Cain Muggleton** '38, June 23, 2006

**Galen Plumb** '38, Nov. 30, 2006

**Alice Tedford Whelan** '38, Sept. 13, 2006

**Kurt Blixt** '39, June 12, 2006

**Joseph Leese** '39, July 25, 2006

**Leslie Wiley** '39, Sept. 29, 2006

### 40s

**Charlotte Ventimiglia** '40, March 5, 2006

**Bernard Arbit** '42, Aug. 30, 2006

**John Tibbetts** '42, Oct. 14, 2006

**Ira Freedman** '43, Nov. 6, 2006

**Hannelore Schoen Hoose** '44, Aug. 29, 2006

**Evelyn Crabtree Chapman** '48, March 16, 2006

**Robert Hill** '48, April 14, 1998

**Bernice Shapiro Kahn** '48, July 22, 2006

**Florence Smith Westover** '49, Sept. 9, 2006

### 50s

**Martin Lewenstein** '50, Nov. 17, 2005

**Daniel Ganeles** '51, Nov. 8, 2006

## Scott Kunen B.S. '82

Scott Kunen, a member of the Council of Classes, passed away Nov. 13, 2006. Scott became a class councilor in 1987, serving as a link from his class to the Alumni Association and the University. While at UAlbany, Scott served as assistant controller for the Student Association.

His energy and enthusiasm for the University will be sorely missed.

**George Lampman** '51,  
April 30, 2006

**Glen Armitage** '52,  
March 16, 2006

**Jeanne Hamilton** '52,  
July 4, 2006

**Patricia Purcell Ryder** '52,  
July 20, 2006

**Katherine Monsees Gaudreau** '57,  
April 4, 2006

**Margaret Johnston** '59,  
Oct. 20, 2000

### 60s

**Anita MacMaster Fekete** '60,  
April 22, 2006

**Susan Roderick Stafford** '61,  
June 30, 2003

**Terrance Hyland** '64,  
Oct. 13, 2006

**Ronald Raphael** '64,  
June 19, 2006

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May 23, 2006

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# Back to the Future:

## A visit to UAlbany evokes memories, smiles

By Alan D. Abbey, B.A.'75



Christine McKnight

**Editor's Note:** In this issue of *UAlbany*, we are delighted to introduce a new column, "The Last Word," an opinion piece focusing on a graduate's strong connection with the University.

Alan D. Abbey, president of Abbey Content Services, Ltd., an outsourced content services provider to businesses and organizations, penned the first installment. Abbey lives in Jerusalem with his wife and three children.

**A**fter graduating from the University, I traveled around the U.S. as a journalist. In the 1990s, I was in Albany working as a reporter, and then as business editor, at the Times Union. I occasionally visited campus to attend events, conduct interviews and do some reporting.

But I maintained a professional distance and never made an effort to connect emotionally with the campus and the life there. What I saw did concern me, though: The physical infrastructure seemed to be deteriorating, and the air seemed one of defensiveness and hunkering down.

It was only after I moved away from Albany again – this time to Israel – that I began to feel an emotional tug to Albany and, particularly, the University. From time to time, I have run across UAlbany graduates who have made their lives in Israel. I hired one to work with me at The Jerusalem Post; then it turned out that a friend of his from UAlbany worked with my wife. By rough estimates, there are at least 50 UAlbany graduates in Israel. We occasionally talk about organizing ourselves into a true Alumni Association chapter, but we haven't gotten there yet.

That strong connection with the University drew me back to campus last fall to lecture to students in the newly accredited degree-granting journalism program directed by Professor William Rainbolt. When I was a student, the journalism program, run by the late Professor William Rowley, was a small subset of the English department. A hidden gem was William Kennedy, an instructor who was still getting established as an author. I have carried his lessons, Rowley's and those of my future Times Union colleague Fred LeBrun with me throughout my career.

Before I spoke to the students that day, I took a guided stroll around the campus, and I was pleased to see it looking so good. The burst of new construction in the last 10 years has invigorated the place, and regular maintenance seems to have improved. The new buildings blend in well with the original architecture, and Edward Durell Stone's design is aging more gracefully than I would have imagined.

The students at my lecture were also impressive: up to speed on current events in Israel and the Middle East, and savvy about media in general. It was a great pleasure to see the energy of current ASP members who attended my talk, and of the journalism program itself.

If you'll have me, I'll be back.



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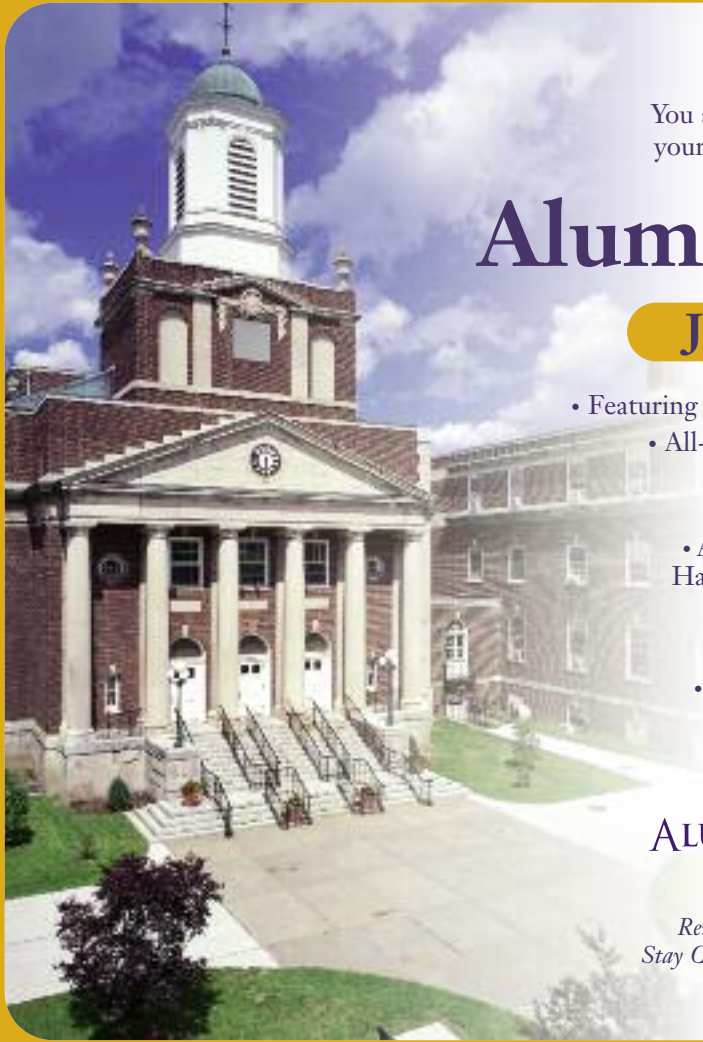
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