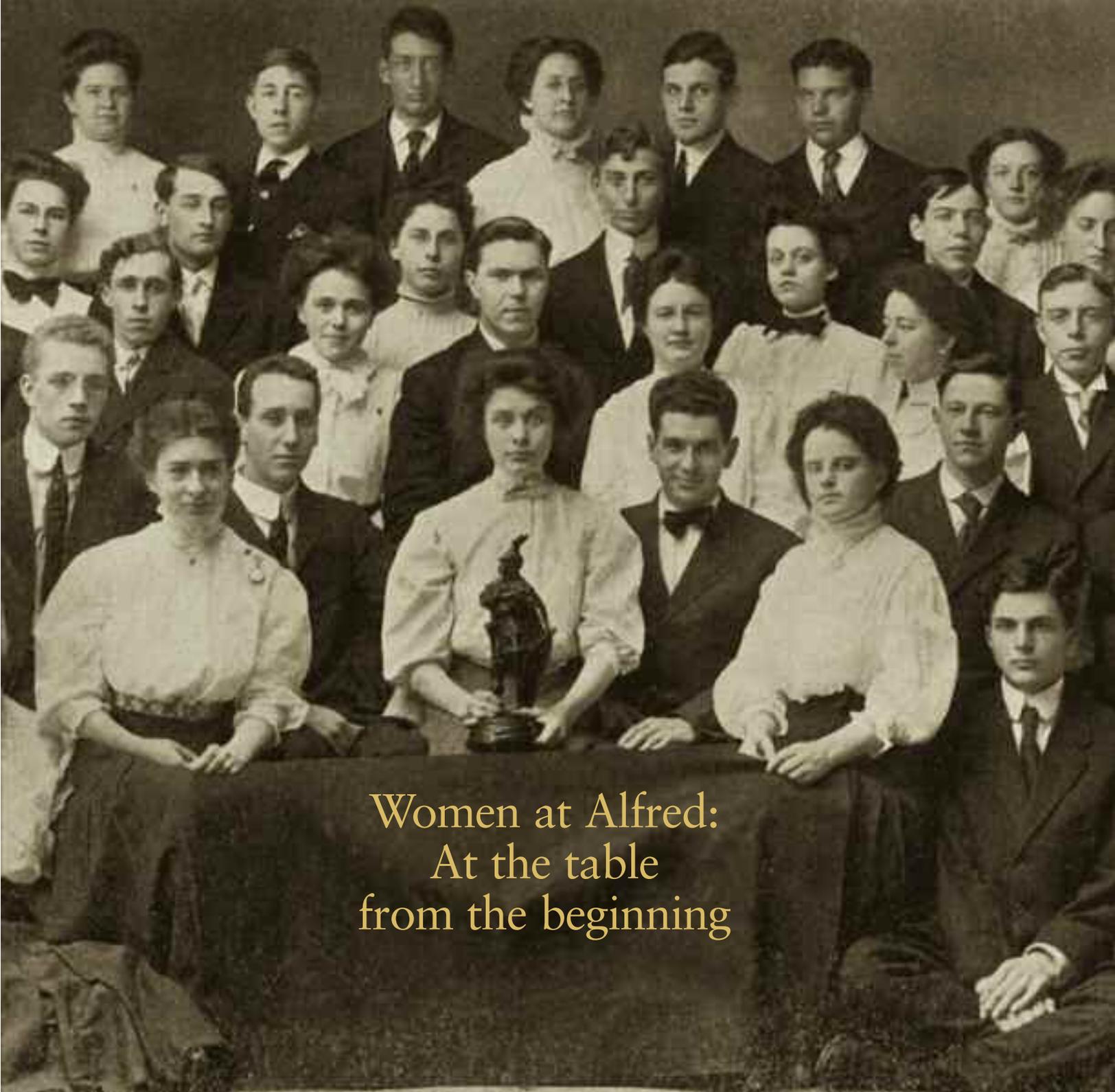


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Women at Alfred:
At the table
from the beginning

ALFRED UNIVERSITY REUNION

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You know you've thought about it a thousand times. Wouldn't it be nice to walk around campus with a group of forever friends? Wonder what it would be like living in a residence hall again? Wouldn't it be a special treat to enjoy uninterrupted time laughing and catching up on life after Alfred? Wouldn't it be great to chat with that special professor or classmate who really made a difference in your college career?

Well, you can do all that, and "Recapture the Memories" at this year's Reunion 2006, June 9-11.

We invite you to journey back to a place where times change but memories remain the same.

Reunion Weekend is open to all alumni but particularly celebrates honored classes starting with the Class of 1996 and reaching back in five-year increments until reaching the Golden Saxons - those from the 50-year class and beyond.

And this year there are a number of "special" reunion activities planned for those of you who devoted much of your time to efforts such as track and field, performing arts, nursing, playing the carillon, or a Greek society. It's not too late to join fellow alums and classmates in registering to participate. Check the Web site - www.alfred.edu/alumni/reunion/index.html - for details about what's planned, and who's coming. Chances are, you'll find some of your friends have already registered.

With two months to go before Reunion, registrations are already 50 percent higher than they have been at this time in previous years, so we're hoping for a tremendous turnout!

Mark Shardlow '83
Director, Alumni and Community Relations

It's not too late for you to become involved in some of the special "reunions" within Reunion. Here's what we have planned:

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Delta Sigma Phi – See page 40.

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Theta Theta Chi – Join us for our first Theta reunion during AU Reunion Weekend. Members are encouraged to attend the dedication of the Women's Leadership Center at 4 p.m. Friday, June 9. Events for Saturday, June 10, include a tour of the Fasano Welcome Center, conducted by Mark Shardlow '83, and dedication of the plaque marking the Theta Memorial Garden, at 10 a.m., to be followed by the first meeting of the Theta Theta Chi Alumni Association; a private party for members and guests at Alex's, noon to 5 p.m.; dedication of the Fasano Welcome Center, 4-6 p.m.; and dinner at 6 p.m. This will be an AU- sponsored event so tickets will be required. Please visit AU's Reunion Web site for registration information, or contact the Alumni and Community Relations Office at alumni@alfred.edu. RSVP by contacting Megan Hughes Orsini '94 at 518.357.2843.

Track and Field – Join the 5K Run on Saturday, June 10, 8:15 a.m. Grand Marshal is Coach Dubreuil. Special dinner to honor the coach at 6 p.m., Davis Gym. Please contact: Keith Gregory '68, grego@infoblvd.net, 607.587.9321

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You may register for Reunion in one of three ways:

- Online at <http://www.alfred.edu/alumni/reunion/register>
- Call the Alumni and Community Relations Office at 607.871.2144
- Mail in registration form found in December 2005 *Alfred Magazine*

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Editor's note: Even in the highly unlikely event that there had been photos from AU's beginning in 1836, none would have survived. So, we had to rely upon slightly more recent archival photos to illustrate this issue's theme.

Cover photo: Class of 1912, from the 1910 Kanakadea yearbook.
Above photos: What better way to show how things have changed even though they remain the same?
The photo at left shows three members of the *Alfred Monthly* staff, 1898.
At right are three current members of the *Fiat Lux*.



Joe Fasano '54 examines an ornamental piece of a wood to determine if a replacement needs to be made.

"We literally tore the house apart,

Guided by archival photos, chips of paint and what remained of the original woodwork, craftsmen and artisans are painstakingly restoring the former Delta Sigma Phi fraternity house into a showplace: the Fasano Welcome Center, which will be dedicated during Reunion Weekend, at 4 p.m. Saturday, June 10.

That evening the Delta Sigma Phi alumni will gather for a special dinner and their own Reunion at the house they owned for more than 80 years. They led the efforts to raise funds and contributed more than half the total needed to restore and renovate the house for its new life.

For Joe Fasano '54, it is quite simply a labor of love. The welcome center is being named to honor Joe, who was a member of Delta Sig; his wife Ann Saunders Fasano '53, and their son, the late Patrick Fasano '81, who was also a member of the fraternity.

Using the skills he honed from more than 40 years of restoring antiques and making intricately carved duck decoys, Joe is creating replacement balustrades for the main staircase and ornamental woodwork for fireplaces, including the one in the "front room."

The room will be named for the late Annie Pallone McGahan '82; alumni from 1979-81 made donations in her memory. She was married to Leo McGahan '80, a Delta Sigma Phi alumnus.

Downstairs, in what was called the TV room, Mary Cournoyer Harris '91 has spent hours on a scaffold, carefully applying paint. Inspired by both archival photos and tiles from the fireplace, Harris has designed the elaborate stencils that will decorate that room, one of two to be named in honor of the late Pat Fasano. The other is the adjoining "chapter room." Combined, the two will create a suite of meeting rooms for use by alumni and campus groups.

Across the hall, in the former dining room, Alfred artisan Joe Dosch (whose son, Nick, is a sophomore ceramic engineering major and whose wife, Dr. Nancy Evangelista, is an associate professor of school psychology) was surrounded by strips of molding, pieces of windows, and an elaborate frame he's built for the welcome desk in the front hallway.

Standing in a shaft of sunlight coming into the "front room" at the former Delta Sigma Phi house, Joseph Fasano '54 mused, "You know, I think this is one room in the house I never lived in." But his craftsmanship will.

Bringing an AU landmark back to life

By Sue Goetschius

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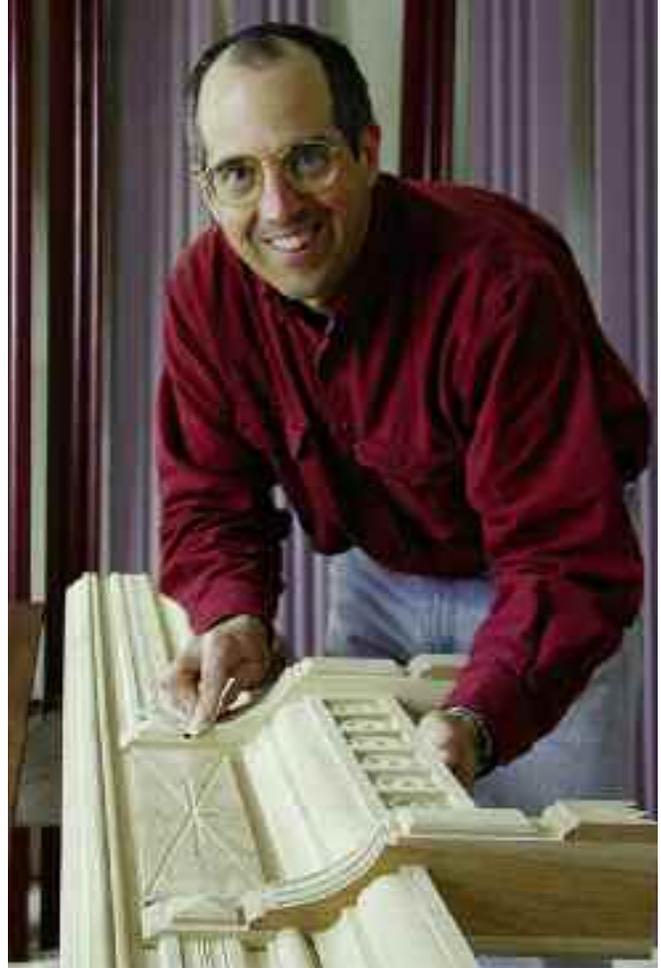
- Fasano House interior design director Vivian Hyde

Dosch is replicating the carved woodwork that surrounds doors and windows on the first floor. He's also created windows, bordered with stained glass, for the chapter room; they will match those found in the TV room.

"We literally tore the house apart, layer by layer," to find out what the original woodwork, plaster, wallpaper, and paint colors for the Victorian house were, said Vivian Hyde, interior designer for the project. She worked with Elizabeth Corbin, a noted restoration architect whose father is Robert Corbin '56. Each find was carefully documented so the first floor of the house could be restored as closely as possible to match what it was like when it was built more than 150 years ago.

In the dining room, raised plaster motifs of grapes and cherries adorned the walls. John Gill '75, professor of ceramic art, did rubbings and molds so that they can hopefully be recreated in the future.

"We're keeping in place as much of the original structure as we can," said Hyde, noting some changes have been made because the building will be used by the public and must meet New York State's Building and Fire Prevention Code.



While the walls are now made of fire-rated dry wall for code compliance, she said, Dosch is using yellow birch because that is what was used for the original woodwork. The existing door and window frames are being cleaned and repaired, where necessary, but will not be refinished. "The digs and nicks," rather than detracting from the appearance, "tells everyone this house is nearly 200 years old," Hyde said.

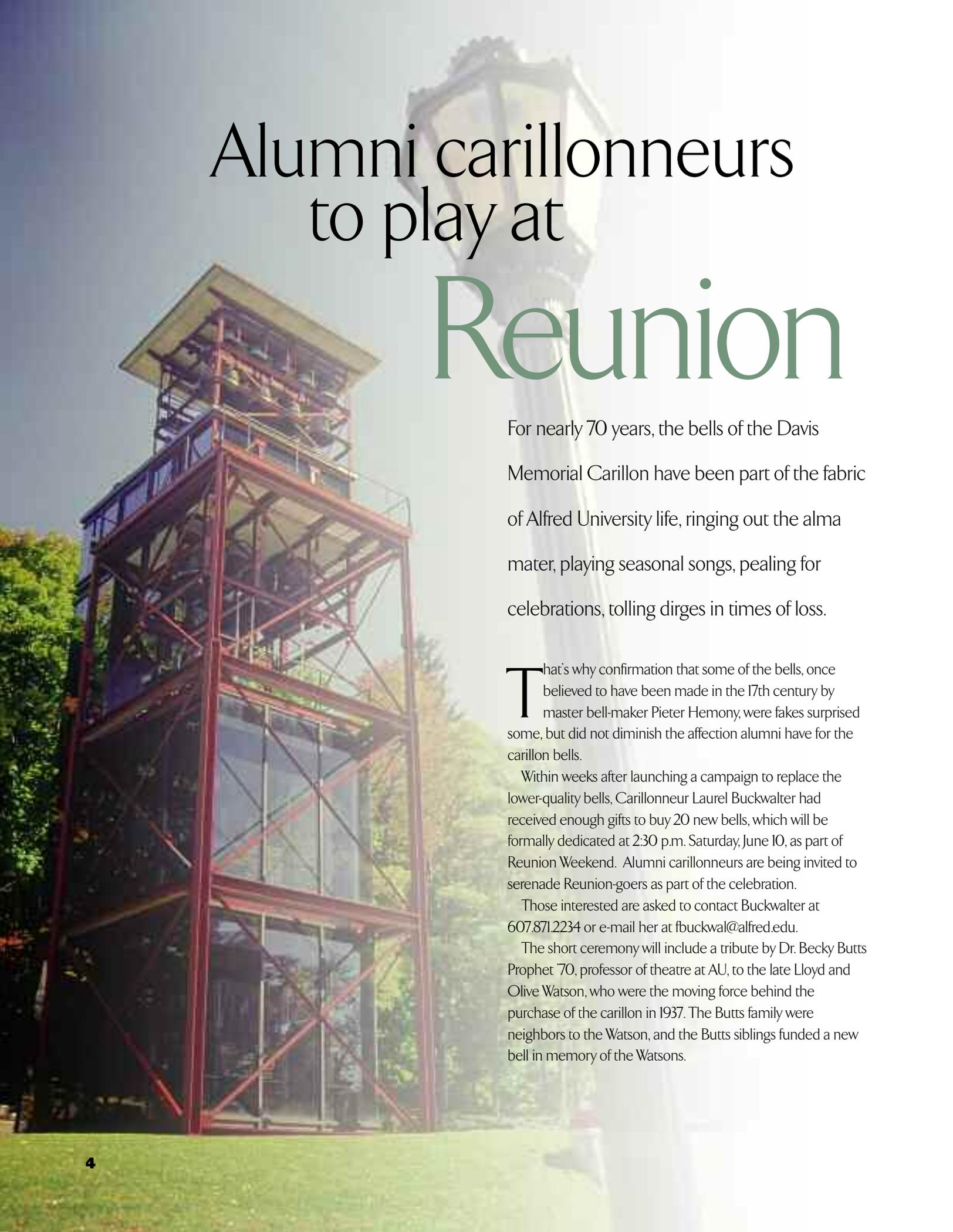
"We looked at every piece, every surface and decided what can we save, what should we save and what should be replicated." To Hyde's disappointment, the fireplaces cannot be restored because there are not enough original tiles, which were manufactured in Trent, England, in the 1880s, left intact. To buy sufficient tiles from that era for the fireplaces is too costly, so she's searching for new tiles with a period look to install instead.

The original tiles are being saved, and will be displayed along with other historic memorabilia in special cases in the foyer. Upstairs, there was little to be salvaged, Hyde admitted, because fires had destroyed much of the original woodwork and decoration. The second and third floors are being renovated as offices for the Division of University Relations.

The exterior of the building was "in wonderful shape" for a structure that old, said Hyde. Where it's been necessary to make repairs, Spanish cedar, the original material, is being used. Contractor for the project is Burdick Building Supplies of Alfred.

All of the woodworking by Joe Dosch (above), and the wall and ceiling stencils by Mary Harris '91 (left) are painstaking recreations of the building's original design features.





Alumni carillonneurs to play at Reunion

For nearly 70 years, the bells of the Davis Memorial Carillon have been part of the fabric of Alfred University life, ringing out the alma mater, playing seasonal songs, peeling for celebrations, tolling dirges in times of loss.

That's why confirmation that some of the bells, once believed to have been made in the 17th century by master bell-maker Pieter Hemony, were fakes surprised some, but did not diminish the affection alumni have for the carillon bells.

Within weeks after launching a campaign to replace the lower-quality bells, Carillonneur Laurel Buckwalter had received enough gifts to buy 20 new bells, which will be formally dedicated at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10, as part of Reunion Weekend. Alumni carillonneurs are being invited to serenade Reunion-goers as part of the celebration.

Those interested are asked to contact Buckwalter at 607.871.2234 or e-mail her at fbuckwal@alfred.edu.

The short ceremony will include a tribute by Dr. Becky Butts Prophet '70, professor of theatre at AU, to the late Lloyd and Olive Watson, who were the moving force behind the purchase of the carillon in 1937. The Butts family were neighbors to the Watson, and the Butts siblings funded a new bell in memory of the Watsons.



Laurel Buckwalter's performances on the carillon are a Reunion staple.

Carol Burdick, professor emerita of English, will share her thoughts in "The Bells of Alfred."

After the ceremony, a reception will be held on the patio while the dedication recital is played by Sir Adrian Gebruers. A historic video of the arrival of the bells to campus in 1937 will be running during the reception.

The new upper bells were cast by Meeks and Watson of Georgetown, Ohio, to replace the lower-quality bells in the current set of 47.

Carillon supporters and guests will share dinner with the Performing Arts group. As alumni enjoy dessert on the patio outside Alumni Hall, they will be serenaded by alumni carillonneurs including Stephen Crandall '76, director of Herrick Library, and Doris Burzcycki Aman '74 of Webster, as well as former University Carillonneur Joanne Droppers and Buckwalter. Anyone who wants to participate should contact Buckwalter at fbuckwal@alfred.edu or alumni@alfred.edu.

The program for the evening Alumni Recital will be composed of music dedicated to loved ones for whom individual bells have been funded.

At 8:30 p.m. in Ade Hall, the second Performing Arts Variety Show will be held. Organized by Michelle de Ritter '74 and Prophet, the show will include an alumni choir directed by Professor Emeritus Paul Giles and Buckwalter; an alumni theatre piece directed by Prophet; and an alumni band. Soloists are invited to bring special numbers for the show. Buckwalter will be accompanist, if needed.

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GIVING THE GIFT OF SONG TO AU...

In memory of Martha Beach Fissell 1895-1996, housemother at Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, by members of the fraternity.

In memory of Milton and Theda Stull, by Dr. John Stull '49.

In memory of Patricia B. Spriggs, by Dr. Richard M. Spriggs, professor emeritus of ceramic engineering.

In honor of Bruce A. Kulp '00, honorary alumnus, by Christine Pinto Kulp '71.

In memory of Douglas Miller by the Alfred University Division of Performing Arts.

By Dr. James H. Edmonston and family.

In honor of Dr. William C. Engram, Ph. D., professor of psychology at Alfred University 1967-81, by the Engram family.

In honor of his children Elena Renee and Jack Alexander, by Dennis W. J. Burton '82.

In memory of their son Teiva Rain, Sept. 7, 2002, by Sarah Day Posniewski Rain '97 and Daniel Siess Rain '96 and their families.

In memory of Lois Boren Scholes by her children and grandchildren.

In memory of Alex by the Spyralatos family (Angie, John '85, and Penny).

In memory of his grandfather Masataka Takeuchi by Kazumasa Takeuchi '05.

In memory of Lloyd and Olive Watson by the Butts family.

Lyons to receive honorary degree at commencement

Alfred University will present an honorary degree to an alumnus during its commencement exercises at 10 a.m. May 13 in McLane Center on the AU campus.

A Doctor of Fine Arts degree, *honoris causa*, will be awarded to Nathan Lyons '57 for his seminal work in photography and education.

An English major with minors in theater and art, as a student Lyons wrote and directed plays, established a poetry workshop, was editor of the *Fiat Lux* and the literary review, and studied photography with John C. Wood '58, a printmaker and photographer who joined the School of Art & Design faculty in the 1950s.

After graduation, Lyons became associate director and curator at the George Eastman House from 1957 to 1969. He curated a number of exhibitions pivotal in the history of the museum, according to Roger Freeman, professor of photography in the School of Art & Design, who will present Lyons for his honorary degree.

In 1963, Lyons organized the first invitational conference for teachers of photography; from that first conference grew the Society for Photographic Education (SPE), a national organization that now draws several thousand participants to its annual meetings, according to Freeman. Lyons was the first president of the SPE.

Upon leaving the Eastman House in 1969, Lyons founded Visual Studies Workshop in Rochester, which Lyons calls "one of the oldest remaining alternative arts organizations in the country." It not only "helped forge

a responsive structure for the emergence of photography in the 1970s, but also has maintained a central leadership role in the support and exploration of contemporary image-making in general. It has been at the center of the study of the history, theory, criticism and practice of all visual media since its inception.

In an unusual arrangement, the State University of New York at Buffalo named Lyons a full professor in 1970, and granted Master of Fine Arts degrees to the graduates of the Visual Studies Workshop, which was located in Rochester.

Today, there are hundreds of graduates of the Visual Studies Workshop making "major contributions to the field as teachers, artists, writers, curators and media specialists."

Additional thousands have participated in its evening and summer institute programming. The Visual Studies Workshop has also sponsored exhibitions and traveling exhibitions, residency programs, conferences, book arts programs and community outreach programs.

Lyons has earned numerous awards and honors. He's widely published, and exhibits his work internationally. His current project is curating a retrospective of John Wood's work. The exhibition will open at the Eastman House and Memorial Art Gallery in Rochester, then travel to New York City and Chicago. A book will also be produced.

His wife, Joan Fischman Lyons '57, and their daughter, Elizabeth Lyons '82, are also alumni.

Pollard named dean of students

The new Alfred University dean of students is a familiar face on campus. Dr. Norman Pollard, director of the Counseling and Student Development Center (CSDC) at the University for more than 13 years, was named to the new position in January.

"Since I arrived on this campus, I have been fascinated by Alfred University's ability to create a strong, caring, compassionate community," said Pollard. When the position of dean of students was created as a result of restructuring, Pollard saw it as "way to use my skills and talents to help promote the mission of Alfred University into the future."

A licensed professional counselor and a nationally certified counselor, Pollard arrived in Alfred in August 1991 as assistant director of what was then Career and Counseling Services. When the offices were reorganized

in 1992, he became director of the Counseling and Student Development Center.

A national search will be conducted for a new director to replace Pollard, but in the meantime, Dana Rothrock, a counselor for the CSDC since 1991, has been named acting director.



Dr. Norman Pollard

Pollard earned his B.A. degree in political science and criminal justice at Lycoming College in Williamsport, PA; his master's in agency counseling from Western State College, Gunnison, CO; and an Ed.D. degree in counseling and personnel services from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.

Women chemists are topic for Scholes Jr. Lecture

Dr. Mary Ellen Bowden, senior research historian at the Chemical Heritage Foundation, will deliver this year's Samuel R. Scholes Jr. '37 Lecture at 8 p.m. April 11 in Nevins Theatre, Powell Campus Center. Her topic is "The Changing Lives of Women Chemists."

Dr. Joshua Fierer '59 created the Samuel R. Scholes Jr. Lecture in honor of his long-time mentor and friend. Scholes came to Alfred in 1932 when his father joined the faculty of the College of Ceramics at Alfred University. A 1937 graduate of Alfred University, the younger Scholes earned a Ph.D. degree from Yale University. He returned to Alfred in 1946 as a member of the faculty in the chemistry department, where he taught until his retirement in 1980.



Dr. Mary Ellen Bowden

arts in teaching history and a doctorate in the history of science and medicine from Yale University.

Bowden has been associated with the Chemical Heritage Foundation since 1988. She has curated several of its exhibits; among these are traveling exhibits on the life of R. B. Woodward, a 20th-century organic chemist, and "Chemistry Is Electric!" which deals with the history of electrochemistry.

She holds a bachelor's degree in history from Smith College and both a master of degree in history and a doctorate in the history of science and medicine from Yale University.

Alumnus to speak at NYC luncheon

Mark Dillon '87, president of Bio Med Sciences, Inc., will be the guest speaker at a New York City alumni luncheon, scheduled for noon May 23 at The Harvard Club.

Dillon, who earned a B.S. in ceramic engineering and now has approximately 30 patents, claims his senior thesis project led to the formation of Bio Med Sciences, Inc., which makes products for wound care and scar treatment. Initially focusing on ceramic/polymer composites for bone implants, his experiments of mixing "teflon" and silicone eventually lead to the Silon® line products.



Mark Dillon '87

Bio Med Sciences Inc., received an award in 2000 for Product Innovation, presented by the Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Northeastern Pennsylvania as "the company that best demonstrates the commercialization of a unique, innovative product that creatively and effectively meets a market need," according to the company's Web site, www.silon.com. Bio Med also won a \$100,000 technology development award from the Life Sciences Greenhouse of Central Pennsylvania in 2004; and the Incubator Graduate Award from the Technology Partners of Northeastern Pennsylvania in 2004.

Cost of the luncheon is \$20 per person; reservations may be made by calling the Alumni and Community Relations Office at 607.871.2144; faxing them to 607. 871.2391; e-mailing alumni@alfred.edu; or by visiting the Web site, <http://www.alfred.edu/alumni>.

AU welcomes first Fulbright Scholar in Residence

Alfred University welcomed its first Fulbright Scholar in Residence to campus this academic year – Hoda Zakareya, professor of sociology, television personality, and activist. Her activist focus is on women's rights. Zakareya is a leader in a movement to change the laws in Egypt in an effort to support and empower women.

"We feel in Egypt that Americans are very good people," she said, and believes the two countries have many "similar circumstances."

The AU faculty specifically requested a woman Islamic scholar be invited to campus under the Fulbright Scholar program, to enrich the cultural opportunities for students and, in particular, to acquaint them with the Islamic culture in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the World Trade Center.

This spring semester Zakareya is

teaching courses in Politics in Society in the Middle East and Sex and Gender Issues in the Middle East.

She has presented one of the Women of Influence programs at the Women's Leadership Center; has led a Women's Studies Roundtable Discussion; and has presented a Bergren Forum. Her on-campus host is the Social Sciences Department.



Hoda Zakareya

LaCourse named acting associate

Alfred University has named Dr. William C. LaCourse as acting associate provost for statutory affairs; his appointment was unanimously affirmed by the State University of New York (SUNY) Board of Trustees.

LaCourse will serve in the position while a national search for a full-time associate provost is conducted, said Alfred University President Charles M. Edmondson. LaCourse's appointment ends months of negotiations between SUNY and Alfred University, which operates the College of Ceramics under a contract with the state.

LaCourse joined the AU faculty in 1970 and advanced through the faculty ranks to become a full professor of glass science in what is now the School of Engineering in 1986.

LaCourse, who holds seven patents, primarily on biomedical applications of glass, also served as director of the biomedical materials engineering program, which now offers both B.S. and M.S. degrees.

He has secured more than \$3 million in research funds, and his work has resulted in more than 100 publications and more than 300 presentations. He received a SUNY Award for Research and Innovation for his work. During his tenure at Alfred, he has advised 14 Ph.D. degree recipients and 44 who received master of science degrees.

LaCourse has been recognized for teaching excellence, earning the McMahon Award for Excellence in Teaching, which is presented to College of Ceramics' faculty; multiple Alfred University Excellence in



Dr. William C. LaCourse

Teaching Awards; the Kruson Award for Outstanding Service to the University; and a SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

The Glass Art Society in 2004 bestowed upon him its prestigious Dominick Labino Award. LaCourse is also writing a book, *Glass Science for Glass Artists*.

Popular with current students and alumni, "Doc" LaCourse was

named an honorary alumnus of the University by the Alumni Association. For decades, he has been the "Voice of the Saxons," doing the play-by-play commentary at football games.

An entrepreneur as well, he founded Santanoni Glass and co-founded Saxon Glass, both start-up companies located in the Ceramic Corridor Innovation Center in Alfred.

LaCourse received his B.S. degree in engineering science from the SUNY Stony Brook; a master's in materials science from the same institution, and a Ph.D. degree in materials engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

James R. Houghton to deliver Cutco Lecture

James R. Houghton, chairman of the board of Corning Inc., will deliver the seventh annual Cutco Foundation Lecture on Entrepreneurial Leadership Monday, April 10. Houghton's lecture will be presented at 4 p.m. in Nevins Theater in the Powell Campus Center.

The lecture series, sponsored by The Cutco Foundation and Alfred University, is made possible by a gift from Erick and Marianne Laine and the Cutco Foundation. Erick Laine is chairman of Alcas Corp. of Olean, NY, chairman of Cutco International Inc. and an Alfred University trustee. Erick



James R. Houghton

and Marianne Laine endowed the Cutco Lecture as a way to bring nationally prominent entrepreneurial leaders to campus to meet with students, faculty, and friends of Alfred University.

Corning Inc., headquartered in Corning, NY, is a diversified technology company with a history of more than 150 years. The company concentrates efforts on high-impact growth in the areas of display technologies, telecommunications, environmental technologies and life sciences.

Scholes Sr. Lecture highlights day's events

Dr. Adrian C. Wright, professor of solid state physics at the J.J. Thomson Physical Laboratory, University of Reading, will deliver the 2006 Samuel R. Scholes Sr. Lecture, "GLASS: Genesis to Apocalypse," at 11:20 a.m. Thursday, April 27, in Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall, on the AU campus.

The annual Samuel R. Scholes Award Lecture is presented each year by a distinguished glass scientist or engineer for his or her contributions to the field. The award is named in honor of Dr. Samuel R. Scholes, Sr., who founded the glass science program at Alfred University in 1932.

During his lecture, Wright will review the past, present and future of glass from the perspective of a glass scientist. He will discuss the factors that led to an improvement in glass quality, with particular emphasis on the synergy between the development of glass and that of science.

Internationally known as a glass scientist and researcher with more than 200 publications to his credit, Wright has received numerous awards from the international glass community. He is a Fellow of the American Ceramic Society and also a Fellow and past-president of the Society of Glass Technology.

His lecture is part of a daylong series of events that begins at 9 a.m. with a presentation and reception at the Ceramic Corridor Innovation Center in Alfred. Dr. Russell Bessette H'01, director of the NYS Office of Science, Technology and Academic Research, will be on



Dr. Adrian C. Wright

hand to present a \$1.8 million check to University President Charles M. Edmondson; Dr. Alastair N. Cormack, dean of the Kazuo Inamori School of Engineering; Dr. Vasantha Amarakoon, director of the Center for Advanced Ceramic Technology; and Dr. S.V. Babu, director of the Center for Advanced Materials Processing at Clarkson University.

AU and Clarkson are partners in the project, which involves building a pilot plant in the Innovation Center to help develop and test the next generation of electronic components.

A workshop exploring different perspectives on technology transfer will be held at 2 p.m. that afternoon.

Dean Cormack will welcome visitors; speakers will include Marjorie Zack, director of Sponsored Research Service at Rochester Institute of Technology; Guven Yalcintas, director of technology transfer for the State University of New York Research Foundation; Ted Hagelin, director of the NYS Science and Technology Law Center, and director of the Commercialization Research Center at Syracuse University, as well as Babu and Amarakoon.

For more information about the Scholes Sr. Lecture and the technology transfer workshop, please contact Marlene Wightman, director of Continuing Education and Outreach for the College of Ceramics, at 607.8711.2425 or wightman@alfred.edu.

Hyde takes post at Jackson Laboratory

Michael E. Hyde, vice president for University Relations since September 1997, has resigned, effective June 1, to accept the position of vice president for advancement at The Jackson Laboratory, Bar Harbor, Maine. Hyde will oversee fund-raising, public relations, marketing, and governmental relations.

When Hyde joined Alfred University in the fall of 1997, he was charged with completing The New Millennium Campaign by June 2000. The University not only met its \$70 million goal, but exceeded it by nearly 20 percent. Under Hyde's guidance, the University's Building on Excellence Campaign has already raised more than \$140 million with two years to go before completion.

Hyde has also been responsible for the University's alumni and community relations and public relations. Under Hyde's leadership, the University has seen



Mike Hyde

increased attendance at alumni events, particularly Reunion, and greater visibility for the University through public relations initiatives.

"As a member of the University's senior administration, Mr. Hyde has been integrally involved in our strategic planning initiatives, and has guided our state government relations efforts," noted AU president Charles Edmondson. "We can credit

him with securing more than \$20 million in state funding for initiatives on our campus."

Alfred alumni to play major roles in International Congress on Ceramics

The American Ceramic Society, in conjunction with the European Ceramic Society and the Ceramic Society of Japan, are organizing the first-ever International Congress on Ceramics, to be held June 25-29 in Toronto, Canada.

AU alumnus Dr. Kazuo Inamori H'88, founder and chairman emeritus of Kyocera Corporation, the world's largest manufacturer of fine ceramic materials, will deliver the opening address June 25.

Kyocera made a \$10 million gift in Dr. Inamori's honor to endow the School of Engineering at Alfred University. The University, in turn, renamed its school the Kazuo Inamori School of Engineering.

AU alumni delivering plenary addresses at the upcoming international meeting include: Dr. Satyam Cherukuri '80, president and CEO of Sarnoff Corp., whose address is "Sarnoff Corp.'s Vision for the Future"; Dr. Katherine Faber '75, chair of the Materials Science Department and associate dean for Research and Graduate Studies at Northwestern University, "Opportunities for Ceramic Education in a Material World"; and Joel Moskowitz '61, president and CEO of Ceradyne, Inc., as well as an AU trustee, "Ceradyne, Inc.: A Company's Vision."



Kazuo Inamori

Making presentations are: Joseph Cesarano '83; Kevin G. Ewsuk '80 and Bruce A. Tuttle '69, all of Sandia National Laboratories; William P. Kelly '72, Unifrax Corp.; Haochuan Jiang '99, GE Healthcare USA; Dr. Marina R. Pascucci '77, CeraNova Corp.; Dr. Brian Sundlof '96, IBM Corp.; John Marra '83, Savannah River National Laboratory; David C. Greenspan '72, NovaMin Technology, Inc.; and Dr. Thomas W. Coyle '79, University of Toronto.

AU alumni who are members of the International Advisory Committee that is organizing the first-ever international congress include: Cherukuri, Coyle, Douglas Freitag '53; Dr. L. David Pye '59; Sundlof; and Dr. David L. Wilcox '58.

Dr. Cheol Y. Kim '81 represents the Korean Ceramic Society on the International Convening Committee. Alumni who are on the Convening Committee of the Americas include Coyle, Faber and Dr. Warren Wolf '72.

Why did the World Trade Center buildings collapse?

Dr. Timothy J. Foecke, materials scientist in the Metallurgy Division of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, will deliver the opening talk for "Fractography of Glasses and Ceramics V, to be held July 9-12 at the Rochester (NY) Hyatt Hotel.

Foecke will be talking about the failure analysis done on the World Trade Center twin towers in an effort to discover why the buildings collapsed after being hit by two small planes Sept. 11, 2001. His talk is open to the public.

Additional information about the conference, which is sponsored by the Kazuo Inamori School of Engineering at Alfred University and the American Ceramic Society, is available at engineering.alfred.edu/outreach/conf/fractography/

Information may also be obtained by contacting Marlene Wightman, director of Continuing Education and Outreach for the College of Ceramics, at 607.8711.2425 or wightman@alfred.edu

AU increases residency requirement

Beginning in fall 2008, juniors at Alfred University will be required to live on campus, provided the University has sufficient space to accommodate them. Currently, students must live on campus for two years, or four semesters. First-year students who enter this fall will be the first class affected by the new requirement.

"The residential experience is an important component of the education we offer our students," said Michael E. Hyde, vice president for University Relations. "By increasing the number of semesters students are expected to live on campus, we can enhance what it means to be part of the Alfred University community. We want to provide a high-quality residential experience for as many students as we can."

Alfred University is a residential community, Kathy Woughter, interim vice president for Student Affairs, emphasized. "Residence hall living is a key component of a student-centered educational experience that integrates academic learning and student development." She said the University will be increasing the amount of programming it does in the residence halls, particularly in the first-year halls.

Marlin Miller Award winners juggle academics and activities

Andreina Simet, who has a double major in economics and marketing in the College of Business, and Ian Phillips, a College of Liberal Arts & Sciences student with a triple major in history, philosophy and political science, are this year's recipients of the Dr. Marlin Miller '54 Outstanding Senior Awards.

They were chosen for the honor by a campuswide committee on the basis of their scholarship, extra curricular leadership and personal character. Candidates for the award are nominated by faculty and staff.

Along with a hand-crafted tile made by Wayne Higby, professor of ceramic art, each will also receive \$5,000 in cash, thanks to an endowment created by Robert L. MacNeil Jr. of Wyndmoor, PA, a friend and business colleague of Marlin Miller.

In 2004 the awards were named in honor of Miller, a member of the AU Board of Trustees since 1972, a former chairman of the board. Miller is former president and CEO of Arrow International.

"Attaining an education has always been important to me," said Simet, who is the youngest of three children in her family and the only one to

have completed high school. "(When) I think back to my childhood, I never envisioned myself where I am today.... My experience in Alfred has steered me toward so many opportunities that I wouldn't have otherwise... none of these things would have happened if I had not come to Alfred."

"Andreina has proven herself to be motivated, professional, hard-working and a great representative of Alfred University," said Kathy Woughter '93, interim vice president for Student Affairs.

Simet is a member of the AU chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership society, and Omicron Delta Epsilon, the economics honor society, which she also serves as treasurer. She received the Howard R. Neville Award for Excellence in Economics Award, and was named to *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

She has been a resident assistant for three years, and this year was named the Gibbs Intern at the Career Development Center, working to promote internships for AU students.

Simet was co-founder of L.E.A.D. (Let's Explore All Differences); chaired the Student Senate Cabinet; serves as a member of the Women's Leadership Center Advisory Board; helped to organize the ALANA Reunion in 2005; directed Poder Latino's RAICES; served as president of Poder Latino; historian for UMOJA and as a member of the Financial Women's Association Mentoring Program.

Phillips, who served two consecutive terms as president of Student Senate, said that during his four years at AU "I have been changed immensely."

Of his tenure at Student Senate president, Phillips said he believes his greatest accomplishment is "greater student involvement in decision-making."



Andreina Simet, left, and Ian Phillips are this year's outstanding seniors.

Another major accomplishment, according to Woughter, was Phillips' efforts to increase the Student Senate budget. By benchmarking AU's budget, student activity fees and the number of organizations supported with that of peer schools, he was able to successfully argue for an increase in the budget allocation. "This was much tougher than it sounds," Woughter said. "Ian's hard work resulted in a substantial increase in Student Senate funding... I am not sure that the students fully understand or appreciate what went into Ian's accomplishment, but I certainly do."

In addition to his responsibilities as Student Senate president, Phillips has been an orientation guide; a resident assistant; the vice president of the Residence Hall Council; studio manager for AUTV; and a member of the Student Activities Board, Poder Latino, Pirate Theater, the Game Show Club, the Tastebuds, College Democrats, College Republicans and the Political Science Society.

He is a member of Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honor society.

Three projects completed; more on the way

Mark three more projects as completed.

The Bromeley-Daggett Equestrian Center and the Cohen Art Studios will be dedicated May 11 when Alfred University's Board of Trustees gathers on campus for its regular meeting.

The equestrian center was made possible by a gift from the Bromeley-Daggett family - Catherine Bromeley Daggett '58 and her children, AU Trustee Robert Daggett '81 and Deborah Daggett Cavagnaro '83.

In use since the beginning of the current school year, the facility has an indoor arena, two outdoor arenas, classrooms, offices and stalls to accommodate 50 horses.

It's already achieved one of the goals behind its construction - an expansion of the equestrian program.

"Last spring there were 28 students enrolled in equestrian classes, and this spring, there are more than 80," said Jill Paxton, program director. "Last year we offered classes in English riding and equine lecture classes, and this year we offer equine lecture classes, English riding, Western riding and draft horse driving. Last year the varsity equestrian team had 18 riders," she said. "This year we have 24 varsity riders and 10 junior varsity riders."



Students take lessons at the Bromeley-Daggett Equestrian Center

She also added an Equestrian Club, open to students, faculty, staff and alumni, so that when she adds up the numbers, the equestrian center is serving more than 160 students a week.

The Cohen Art Studio, located behind the former Zeta Beta Tau house on Main Street, is the new home for the School of Art & Design's Freshman Foundation program.

Classes began using the new facility with the start of the second semester in January. The former ZBT house is being renovated for use as a gallery that will be run as a joint project between the School of Art & Design and the College of Business.



The Cohen Studio provides a bright, open space for art students.

"So far (the Cohen Studio) has been terrific!" Ted Morgan, chair of the Freshman Foundation Program, said. The facility replaces the old Music Annex that the Foundation program used for about 10 years. "The new studio offers more space than what we had before. It is open, flexible and able to accommodate a variety of activities," Morgan added.

Also completed, and due to be dedicated during Reunion Weekend, is the Fasano Welcome Center. (See story, page 2.)

By the end of summer, another major renovation project will also be completed.

Michael A. Neiderbach, director of Capital Operations and Legal Affairs for the University, said work on Allen Hall will be wrapped up by August. The 9,000-square-foot building will provide classrooms and faculty offices for the Division of Modern Languages, and will also house International Programs. The third floor will be used by Instructional Technologies.

A gift from Trustee Robert Perlman '64 and his wife Lynn provided funds for the Allen Hall renovation.

Work on the Herrick Library renovation will begin in May, with staff due to move to temporary offices in Scholes Library that month. During construction, which is anticipated to be completed during the summer of 2007, faculty and students will have access to most, if not all, of the library collection.

Focal point of the library renovation will be a large commons area, café and reading lounge on the first floor, as well as a 24-hour study area on the ground floor. The Special Collections area on the third floor will be expanded and easier access will be provided.

Still pending are the new home for the Museum of Ceramic Art and the proscenium theater addition for the Miller Performing Arts Center. Architectural designs for those projects are being finalized, and work should begin in 2007, according to Neiderbach.

Delayed, temporarily, is renovation of South Hall.

Hot Dog Day: Alumni relish the thought

Alumni relish the thought: Hot Dog Day is coming!

This year's traditional spring festival is April 22, and coincides with Spring Family Weekend, April 21-23.

Hot Dog Day begins at noon with a parade on Main Street, followed by the Main Street carnival that runs from noon to 5 p.m. This year, as in the past, the carnival will feature games, arts and crafts, kiddie rides, booths selling a variety of merchandise and food, as well as plenty of hot dog stands.

Music will be provided by several bands playing at the Village Bandstand during the afternoon.

Other activities include a women's softball game against Hartwick at 1 p.m. at Hornell High School. Mud Olympics, another Hot Dog Day tradition, begins at 2:30 p.m. at Tucker Field. Events include volleyball, tug-of-war and wheelbarrow racing.

A concert at the Davis Memorial Carillon is scheduled from 4-5 p.m. and will include a hands-on open house. Visitors may try their hand(s) at playing the bells under the tutelage of Carillonneur Laurel Buckwalter.

"Recycled Percussion," a band that "has the ability to project the experience and thrill of a giant rock

concert, as well as combine rhythmic grooves of amazing hip-hop inspired vocal and body percussion into a truly amazing performance," will take the stage at Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall, at 5 p.m. for a free concert.

More information about Hot Dog Day and Spring Family Weekend may be found at www.alfred.edu/parents/spring_family_weekend.html.



Superheroes champion diversity on campus

Biff! Pow! Bang! Ka-Boom! Legendary comic book heroes will tackle the tough issues of diversity on the Alfred University campus. On April 7, Alfred University students will present an art exhibit and stage show that will explore the history and role of ethnicity, gender, and sexual identity in American comic books. (Audience members are encouraged, but not required, to attend in costume.)

The program will be the first in an annual series entitled "Drawn to Diversity" that will choose one medium or art form per year and explore the presence of often underrepresented populations in that specific area, explained Dan Napolitano '93, director of Student Activities at AU.

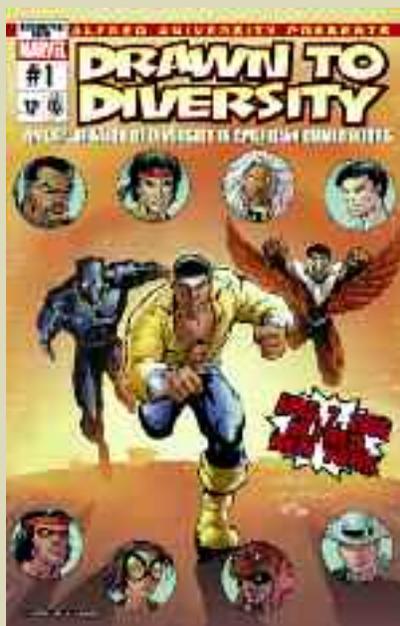
The exhibit will feature authentic artifacts, such as original comic books, along with artwork created by Alfred University students and alumni.

The stage show will be a combination of a history lecture and skits performed by Alfred students dressed as famous and not-so-famous superheroes, Napolitano said.

In addition to the on-campus program, the coordinators are planning to travel to area schools in early May with a version of the program geared toward school-age children. They are currently contacting schools to arrange performance dates.

AU received a Youth Venture grant from MTVU, a college-branch of MTV. Marvel Comics has also offered support for the event, Napolitano noted.

The art exhibit will open at 7 p.m. April 7 in Harder Hall and will be followed by the stage show at 8 p.m. in Holmes Auditorium. The show will be appropriate for all ages. Sha-ZAM!





Women at Alfred...

at the
table
from
the

beginning



BY DEBBIE CLARK

They have always been here. They have always contributed. They have always flourished.

Women - motivated, intelligent, outspoken - have been a part of the University fabric from Alfred University's beginnings as the Alfred Academy in 1836, thanks in large part to the founders in the Seventh Day Baptist Church, who centered their religion on individual interpretation of the Bible, which required educated children, male and female. From that premise arose the need for teachers of both genders.

Facing page: The archival photo shows women 'at the table' from the University's early days. Today's *Fiat Lux* staff shows the diversity of the current student body. Front row left to right: Jernée Johnson, Adrienne Egglinger, Keniel Ledgister. Seated, left to right: Irma Cleto, Geraldeen Genzardi, Dr. Robyn Goodman (faculty adviser), Patrick Felix, Jessica Webster. Back row, left to right: Bonnie Ye, Chad Winan, Katie Kiely, Matt Butts.



In addition, AU's first president, William C. Kenyon, was a great advocate of education for all.

Another factor was the number of women available; in the case of Alfred, they could commute to school, live at home, and still work on the farm.

At the time, coeducation was defined either as educating men and women together in an identical manner, or educating them at the same institution, but not necessarily in the same way.

In 1857, when the NYS Legislature chartered Alfred University, there were three curricula on campus – classical, science, and the Ladies Course. The Ladies Course required less mathematics than the scientific but more than the classical. It also had more literature and modern



Top photo – A formal AU student life photograph from the late 19th century. Bottom photo – A rare candid student life image from the same era.

language than either of the others. Still, women and men shared some of the same classes and sometimes the same benches from the earliest days, unlike other institutions, even those that portrayed themselves as “co-educational.”

Before the women's Congress in New York City in 1873, Abigail Allen, wife of Alfred's second president, defined coeducation as “a common faculty, a common curriculum, a common examination.” An early activist and suffragette, Allen encouraged women to “be radical, radical to the core,” an ethic that survives today in the Abigail Allen Alumni Award to improve the quality of women's lives.

Fast forward about 150 years and one finds a similar

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Women – motivated, intelligent, outspoken –
 have been a part of the University fabric
 from Alfred University's beginnings



Director of AU's new Women's Leadership Center, Amy Jacobson, left, meets with art major Grace Stewart '08.

environment where women students are taught and treated equally with men. And many women AU graduates become high achievers and leaders in their chosen fields.

But today there is an increased demand for women students to not only be taught equally, but to have the opportunity to prepare for leadership posts in which they are competing with men, prior to graduation. Thus enters the Women's Leadership Center at Alfred University.

IN MAY 2004, THE UNIVERSITY received an anonymous \$250,000 gift from an alumna to create a center on campus which would enhance the leadership skills of female students. Programming and services are open to women (and men) from all majors and class years.

"We've made enough progress for students to think that it doesn't matter male/female. But women may be surprised" at some of the challenges in the workplace, said Amy Jacobson, the first director of Alfred

University's new Women's Leadership Center, adding AU wants its students to be better equipped to meet them.

Jacobson says the leadership center emphasizes not just careers, but career success and developing leadership, life, and career skills. Current educational thinking, says Jacobson, is that women's needs do differ from men's, with many women's colleges addressing self-esteem, self-satisfaction, and ultimate success issues.

"We're creating the advantages of a women's college on a co-ed campus," says Jacobson. "Women need help in understanding their own strengths. They are extremely good at many things" and need to appreciate their special strengths. The core activities at the Center are in programming/workshops, financial planning, communications, and public speaking. Jacobson has an advisory board of students, faculty, staff, and alumni assisting in the schedule of activities and events.

Workplace reality bolsters the needs identified in the WLC agenda. Women are doing much, including finding their ways into management positions, but according to U.S. Census Bureau figures from 2000, earning only 73 percent of what men with similar work experience make. Not only that, according to the same Census data, women held 32 percent of the executive management jobs in the United States in 1990; in 2000 that figure was less than 19 percent. Look further at the employment statistics and you find that women in the traditional female career fields - education, health care, human resources, social services - are filling positions ranging from a 5:2 to a 4:1 ratio over men.

Is it that women's leadership is not being taken seriously enough; or perhaps they are not as leadership savvy as their male counterparts?

"Women can do so much, but often they think they have to emulate men to accomplish things," said Jacobson. "But what counts is their leadership behavior, the way women lead."

The online newsletter *Advancing Women* notes: "The strategy to overcome this must be by women networking together and mentoring each other," the foundation of the WLC focus.

Barbara Pritchard, president of the Healthcare

"We're creating the advantages of a women's college on a co-ed campus..."

-Amy Jacobson, director, Alfred University Women's Leadership Center.



Businesswomen's Association (HBA), the Pritchard Group, and Intermedia, echoes the tactic in describing Lynn O'Connor Vos '78, the HBA's 2005 Woman of the Year. "Lynn represents one of the strongest role models in our industry. She demonstrates the ideal of advancing women in their careers by appointing them to key leadership positions in her organization and mentoring women at various levels throughout the industry." (See related article page 18.)

Jacobson stresses that the WLC offers insights for all students, male and female. Although the title may indicate otherwise, "it's not just women-oriented. It's helpful for anybody."

The Women's Leadership Center will be dedicated on Friday, June 10, at 4 p.m. as part of the Reunion 2006 activities. Special participants in the event will be members of Sigma Chi Nu and Alpha Kappa Omicron, sororities that have donated to the endowment for the Center. The WLC is located in the Commons, across from Alumni Hall. The Center encourages alumni to become involved in activities, which range from lectures to residencies, to workshops and mentoring, to externships and networking. To volunteer or offer ideas, contact Jacobson at jacobsona@alfred.edu, or 607.871.2971.

AU education: Centered on success

Scan Alfred University alumni rolls, and you will find hundreds of successful women - in the arts, in education, in health care, in business, in engineering, in research and in a host of other fields.

One trait they have in common: They have built highly rewarding careers on the foundation provided them at Alfred, and choosing just three from among the hundreds of choices was difficult. We selected women of three different decades, three different AU experiences, and three different routes to success.

Ellen "Lynn" O'Connor Vos '78 earned her B.S. degree in nursing, a field that was then and is still dominated by women. Her career veered in a different direction from nursing. She's now CEO of Gray Healthcare Group, a \$1 billion-a-year firm that specializes in healthcare communications in a global marketplace.

Dr. Cheryl Blanchard '86 was a ceramic engineering

major, a field that, in spite of strides made over the past several decades, is still predominantly male, in contrast to her experience at Alfred. She's stayed in her field, went on to earn a doctorate in materials science, and is now senior vice president of research and development and chief scientific officer at Zimmer Holdings, Inc., Warsaw, IN, a manufacturer of artificial joints and other biomedical devices.

Elizabeth Mott Rothwell '90 was also a ceramic engineering major and earned a master's degree in electrical engineering. She is now vice president of research and development for Kyphon, a firm that is pioneering treatment of compression fractures of the spine, but she's best-known in AU alumni circles for her athletic accomplishments.

Read more about AU alumnae who are "centered on success" on the following pages.

AU provided ‘good springboard’

By Debbie Clark

What becomes of a nursing major with an appreciation for fine arts, who is also a business builder and entrepreneur at heart? Why, she becomes the president and chief executive officer of a flourishing health care communications company, of course.

Although she didn’t really have an exact plan, Ellen “Lynn” O’Connor Vos ’78 did know she had places to go when she left Alfred University.

Originally, she thought the path would lead to medical school; nursing was just a way of getting a job following graduation.

The journey began at Children’s Hospital, Philadelphia, working in adolescent medicine, but she soon became restless and spied an ad for a position with Johnson & Johnson that included travel around the country. As a clinical research associate, Lynn visited drug research sites, assessing the clinical testing work. “I loved the combination of travel and medicine,” she said, but the intense attention to detail required “was not my cup of tea,” so a course adjustment was necessary.

There was a “free spirit” at Alfred as well as the “influence of fine arts...”

Lynn O’Connor Vos ’78

Next, she was a clinical research manager for Novo, a Danish research group dealing with insulin. “It was really exciting and I was visiting major teaching centers, inviting them to fight diabetes using our insulin.” That experience, which entailed the liberal use of business skills, prompted Lynn to become part of a small, start-up company –Phase 5 Communications – a medical education firm.

“It was a wonderful opportunity to be entrepreneurial” with her understanding of the medical field, and to use her “artistic and creative side,” she said.

Phase Five was acquired by Grey Advertising, which today is Gray Healthcare Group Inc., a \$1 billion global communications enterprise with 42 offices in 21 countries. Grey’s client list includes 14 of the world’s top 15 pharmaceutical companies.

Lynn attributes much of the success she’s had in her career journey to Alfred University.



Lynn O’Connor Vos ’78

“The environment at Alfred allowed me flexibility. I had independent studies and a lot of philosophy and English, as well as nursing.” There was a “free spirit” at Alfred as well as the “influence of fine arts... It was a comfortable, safe environment, but quirky, which was fine with me.” There was also a “full range of tolerance and acceptance of all comers,” she added.

“I never set out to be a nurse... I needed to graduate with a job. It turned out to be a good springboard – a place to take off from.”

An Alfred University education took her “to another level. With no roadmap” she had the confidence to “create something out of nothing.”

In 2005, Lynn was named the Healthcare Businesswomen’s Association (HBA) Woman of the Year. HBA President Barbara Pritchard said: “Lynn has demonstrated tremendous entrepreneurial success by building a major global health care communications network. Lynn represents one of the strongest role models for our industry.”

Lynn also gives back to the community through various charitable activities including work with the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, Jed Foundation (for prevention of teen suicide), and the YWCA of the City of New York. She is a trustee of the Windward School, on the editorial board of Medical Marketing and Media, and on the boards of the Medical Advertising Hall of Fame and the Coalition for Healthcare Communications.

What’s next?

“I love running a communications company. I’m happy,” says Lynn. “With the new ownership (Grey Global Group), the world just got bigger and more exciting.”

Besides, she does need time to spend with husband George, 17-year-old Kate, and 13-year-old twins, Julia and Connor.

Alfred: The most 'gender-neutral' place

By Debbie Clark

Gender has never been a hurdle for Dr. Cheryl Blanchard '86, senior vice president of research and development and chief scientific officer at Zimmer Holdings, Inc., Warsaw, IN. In fact, she's never much thought about it, even during her college days as a ceramic engineering student.

"Alfred University is the most gender-neutral of any place I've been," she says. "You didn't think about it. The professors were great; they treated everyone the same. It wasn't a point of conversation."

She had at first balked at coming to Alfred University, but not because it had anything to do with the campus climate. It was because her father, Carlton Blanchard '60, was urging her to do so, and an adolescent daughter tends to want to do anything but take a parent's suggestion. "He started recruiting me when I was five," she recalls, also remembering, fondly, attending many Alumni Weekend activities. (She attended both her five- and 10-year reunions.)

What clinched the AU decision was a little father's intuition (and know-how from his high school counseling job). He arranged to have Cheryl spend a weekend in a residence hall. "On Monday, I was going to Alfred! I wanted to be an engineer, but I didn't want to be around only other engineering students. I love art, liberal arts, business... I wanted to have all of those too," and she found them at Alfred University.

"At Alfred, I was superbly trained..."

Cheryl Blanchard '86

Upon graduation, "I left the program thinking there were lots of women engineers – but there weren't" she found in the workplace. In classes, some 20-25 percent of the students were female, said Cheryl.

Perhaps because of her Alfred experience, Blanchard has found gender has not been an issue throughout the continual ascension to leadership positions in her field. She spent 14 years at the Southwest Research Institute, San Antonio, TX, before joining Zimmer five years ago.

"I wanted to go into research, which is not easy with a bachelor's degree" but "I feel like I was superbly trained. The AU program is very practical and hands-on." Her first day on the job she was asked to set up a

lab. "I didn't know how, but started to do it. I was taught how to learn, and that's the most important tool you can give," Cheryl said.



Cheryl Blanchard '86

While in San Antonio, she earned her master's and Ph.D. degrees in materials science and engineering from the University of Texas-Austin. Prior to joining Zimmer, a leader in the orthopaedics (knee/hip replacements, trauma devices, spinal devices, etc. using metals,

ceramics, and polymers) industry, she held leadership positions at the University of Texas Health Science Center and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Her current work at Zimmer is just what she wants right now. "If you think about it in the shower - you're doing it, your dream job."

For a student who chose engineering over medicine, Cheryl often finds herself in an unexpected place: the operating room. "I'm in surgery all the time now. You have to have a very close relationship" with surgeons "in order to develop medical devices with the right instrumentation and design."

And of the business courses that interested her at AU – "I continue to be very interested in the business side of the operation."

She and her husband, Ramsey Railsback, have two children, Lauren, 9, and Mitchell, 7.

Rothwell still courts success

By Mark Whitehouse

At Alfred University, Beth Mott Rothwell '90 enjoyed a Hall of Fame career on the basketball court. Today, she is helping lead a California company that is a pioneer in the field of spinal restoration.

Rothwell is vice president for research and development at Kyphon, a Sunnyvale, CA, firm that developed a line of products used in kyphoplasty, a minimally invasive medical procedure that treats compression fractures of the vertebrae. The fractures are normally caused by osteoporosis, but can also be caused by cancer.

With a kyphoplasty procedure, a surgeon creates a small pathway into the fractured vertebra, into which an orthopedic balloon is inserted. The balloon is inflated, raising the collapsed vertebra and returning it to its normal position. Once the vertebra is in the correct position, the balloon is deflated and removed. This process creates a void (cavity) within the vertebral body, which is filled with a bone cement to support the surrounding bone and prevent further collapse.

“The ceramic engineering degree, and the reputation Alfred University has (in the field of ceramics) really stands out...”

Beth Mott Rothwell '90

The procedure is associated with significant and maintained reduction in back pain, increase in ability to perform activities of daily living, and improvement in quality of life.

“The patient usually can go home within a couple days of the procedure and it allows them to go back to their normal daily activities with limited amounts of pain,” Rothwell said.

Rothwell, who has a master's degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, started working at Kyphon in November 2002, shortly after her brother, Richard Mott '80, became CEO of the company. Rothwell had been vice president of Intercon, a contract manufacturing firm in Forest, VA, from



Beth Mott Rothwell '90

1996-2002.

Rothwell credits much of her success to her time at Alfred University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in ceramic engineering, as a student and as a standout on the basketball court.

“The ceramic engineering degree, and the

reputation Alfred University has (in the field of ceramics) really stands out,” she said. “The small environment and classrooms, and the outstanding professors, allowed me to succeed.”

Rothwell was inducted in the Alfred University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2001. A four-year, letter-winning basketball player, Rothwell is the school's career leader in rebounds (1,050) and is second all-time in steals (179) and fifth in scoring (1,049 points). She is the only AU basketball player ever (men's or women's) with at least 1,000 points and rebounds.

“The work ethic I developed as a student-athlete has carried over into my career,” said Rothwell, a Division III basketball All-American in 1990 and a GTE Academic All-American in 1989 and 1990. “The leadership characteristics you learn and develop while playing a team sport translate well when helping to run a business.”

Rothwell and her husband, Derek, have two children: daughter Kaitlyn, 4, and son Kyle, 21 months. She is quick to credit her brother for her success and that of Kyphon.

“Since Rich joined Kyphon, the company has had 34 consecutive quarters of revenue growth,” she said. “He's been a great mentor to me all my life. I give him tons of credit.”

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Finding the next 'perfect job'

You've been out of school for a year, or five, and your "starter" job no longer fits what you want to do long-term. How do you make a change? Kathy Woughter '93, acting vice president for Student Affairs/director of The Career Development Center, offers advice.

I'm looking to make a career move. How do I begin?

You are probably learning that the skills and variety in the work force are much broader than what you may have expected. Although it can be overwhelming, I encourage you to see this as positive as you look beyond that first job to incorporate some of the new things you're learning into your next job.

As you seek that next position, please keep in mind the following:

- There is no perfect job. Trying to find it will drive you crazy. Every job means some compromise.
- You will need to retool your resume... more about that later. The college resume doesn't cut it anymore.
- Many people become frustrated doing a solely electronic job search, with good reason. You absolutely must use your networks – career fairs, company contacts, AU alumni, and those ubiquitous "networking events." The most reliable ways many employers find candidates with work experience are from employee referrals and word of mouth.
- You may not want to jump ship too quickly, or a prospective employer may think you will do the same if they hire you. What's acceptable will vary depending on your job and industry.
- When you do leave, be sure to do so on good terms because the chances are good that if you don't, it could come back to haunt you. If you believe your current employer may be contacted for a reference, make sure you notify him or her first. Realize that a prospective employer is not obliged to stick with the list of references you provide.
- Many candidates lie on their resume – everything from altering employment dates to making up job titles that sound more impressive than what the title actually was. Don't be one of those people.



Kathy Woughter '93

How should I tailor my resume now that I've been out in the field?

Instantly, once you're out of college your educational background takes a back seat to your experience, at least on paper. Begin to structure your work experience in terms of accomplishments, not responsibilities. Employers don't need to know what you are supposed to do – tell them what you actually did.

If you had a vague objective statement on your college resume, replace it with a professional summary that shows an employer what you have to offer. The Career Development Center at Alfred University (CDC) can assist you with this, and the Web is filled with guides that will help you convert your college resume into one that showcases your experience.

I recommend you begin with the Riley Guide, arguably the best career resource on the Web – www.rileyguide.com.

What if I want to make a total career change?

If after only a few years you realize that the job isn't a match for your skills – get out now! I've heard from many people who stick with a job they can't stand because they can't afford to leave, or view the task as too daunting. It is NOT worth it to stay, and you're lucky to realize so quickly what it takes some people years to figure out.

Recognize that it will cost time, money, and emotional investment, plan for it, and then move forward. If you're at a complete loss as to how your current skill set matches the work force, invest in a good career counselor in your area. Career coaching is also becoming popular and is worth looking into. There are many free, online tools available such as the Department of Labor's O*Net (online.onetcenter.org) that will help you get a handle on your

transferable skills.

You can also use popular mega-sites like Monster.com or Idealist.org, and use the keyword search section to see which employers are seeking the skills you have. For example, let's say you're in sales but are tired of the for-profit world. A search for 'sales' on Idealist turns up 84 jobs in the nonprofit world. Are all of them suitable? No, but now you have a great idea of who might hire you given your skills.

How can the CDC help?

The CDC is available to assist alumni through e-mail, phone, and personal appointments. We also have a Web site set up for alumni at www.alfred.edu/cdc (click Alumni at the top of the page) that has links to job search Web sites, resume examples, and more.

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Robert L. Flint, 96, died on Dec. 3, 2005, in Bradenton, FL, where he had moved from Rochester, NY, in 2001. He retired as a ceramic engineer after more than 40 years at Ritter Dental Co., Rochester. Robert was a member of the Alfred University Alumni Association. He is survived by a son, two grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

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From your Class Correspondent:

“Pleasantly surprised to receive an Alfred sweatshirt for Christmas from my grandson and his friend, a fine arts freshman at Alfred. “Talked with **Marguerite Hyde Blundred**. She sounded great and is doing well. Also talked with **Bernice Mautner Wolchonok**. She is thinking of giving one of her award-winning sculptures to the Fosdick-Nelson Gallery. Received a Christmas card from **Janet LaDue Skinner '35**, who now lives in an assisted living facility in Elmira, NY. These nonagenarians are all doing well. I know there are more of you out there, so drop me a line. I am planning to attend the Alumni Weekend in June. Hope to see some of you there.”

Morris A. Shapiro of Bennington, VT, 91, died on Nov. 19, 2005. Following World War II, Morris worked as a hearing aid dealer, owning and operating his own business. He was the president of the NYS Hearing Aid Dealers Guild. He loved Big Band-era music, was an avid saxophonist, and enjoyed bowling. He is survived by a son, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Elmer E. Rosenberg of Gettysburg, PA, 91, died on Dec. 3, 2005. He was employed at the E-Light Lighting Co. from 1950-75, and at Craft Light, Littletown, PA, from 1975-81. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Anne Marie, a daughter, and two granddaughters.

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Word has been received through **Don '46** and **Mimi Tooke Polan '46** of the death about a year ago of his cousin, **Muriel Polan Baber '37**, in Keeseville, NY. In 1991, Muriel started an endowment for the maintenance and enhancement of the Alfred University Carillon in memory of her brother Dighton who would have graduated in '40 but was shot down by the Japanese in the South Pacific in World War II. While at Alfred, Dighton was a floor adviser at Bartlett for two years and on the varsity football and basketball teams all three years. Don wrote, “I was a high school student at the time the bells arrived and stood guard

Your classmates want to hear from you, and so do we!

It has been so rewarding to hear from and about so many of you whether through your Class Correspondents or directly. Your community activities, family and professional achievements, stories of reunions with classmates and friends, and travel reports are all an exciting “Part II” to your life and we are happy that you’re willing to share them. Encourage others to do the same.

We’d also like to urge you to think about returning to campus for Reunion 2006, June 9-11. It would be great to meet all of you. And just think! You could share all of your news with friends and former faculty members, revisit some of your favorite places, and take a look at the many changes on campus since you left Alfred.

Our goal is to have as many alumni names as possible listed in Class Notes within each issue of the Alfred Magazine. So keep your notes, postcards, photographs, and e-mails coming. During the next year we will also begin to run Class Notes on the Alumni Web site. And the gift report is now online and is updated on a regular basis.

Here’s how to get your news published:

- **Contact your Class Correspondent.** Names, addresses and e-mails may be found by looking under your class year in the Class Notes section.
- **E-mail us:** clarkd@alfred.edu or enews@alfred.edu.
- **Send your news** to Debbie Clark, Alumni Publications Editor, 1 Saxon Drive, Alfred, NY 14802.
- **Visit the AU alumni Web site:** www.alfred.edu/alumni, and enter your class note there.

Upcoming Class Notes deadline: May 15, 2006

at night the first few days that summer when they sat on the ground at the tower's site. The bells were greatly enjoyed even though they were later found to be counterfeit. We always have enjoyed the carillon concerts on our many visits to Alfred over the 20 years while my parents still lived there – not so often after my mother moved away from Alfred about 1986.” Don’s father, L Ray Polan, taught math at Alfred for 27 years. Mimi moved to Alfred at age 12 when her father Ward C. Tooke became Alfred’s superintendent of buildings and grounds; she remembers climbing the steps with Ray Wingate and watching him play the carillon bells. (See related article page 4.)

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Nelson R. Carney, 88, of Perry, NY, died on Nov. 11, 2005. He was an engineer for Kaustine Furnace and Tank, then vice president of the Perry Knitting Mill, and then operator of the Nitey-Nite Factory Outlet Store, Perry, retiring in 1984. He is survived by a daughter, a son, two grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Dorothy E. Savidge, 92, of Ormond Beach, FL, died on Jan. 16, 2006. Dorothy was a volunteer at Memorial Hospital Oceanside, Ormond Beach. An avid golfer, she also had a pilot’s license and enjoyed flying.

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Bruce Fenton, 91, of Lancaster, PA, died on Nov. 7, 2005. He worked as a commercial designer for Kerr Glass, Lancaster, retiring in 1975. He is survived by his wife, Susan, and a son.

Edna K. Edsall, 89, of Cape Vincent, NY, died on Jan. 22, 2006. Edna worked as a teacher for several years before spending the majority of her career as both an English teacher and librarian at Cape Vincent Center School. She is remembered for bringing literature to life in her classrooms with elaborate costumes and vivid storytelling. Edna enjoyed traveling, especially with family and friends, and cooking. She is survived by two sons, two daughters, 13 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

The Official AU Class Ring

Acquire an Alfred University official class ring and wear it with pride in the common bond that we share! The newly designed class rings, both traditional (right top) and signet (right bottom) styles, are on permanent display at Crandall's Jewelers in the Village of Alfred. Contact Crandall's at 607.587.9441, or Balfour directly at 866.225.3687 for information about ordering a ring or trading in your old-style ring. The rings can be viewed on Balfour's Web site at www.balfour.com, or the Alfred University Web site at www.alfred.edu/alumni/ring.html.



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John S. Trowbridge, 88, of Carthage, NY, is still practicing dentistry at the Watertown (NY) Denture Clinic, which he and his wife, Harriet, opened 25 years ago. He and brother Robert, 80, who runs a veterinary practice, were featured in a Feb. 9, 2006, article in the *Watertown (NY) Daily Times*. “My dad said the biggest mistake he ever made was quitting his practice,” said John...“I figure, if you like your work, why should you punish yourself by quitting?” John “enjoys beautiful music he can dance to, betting on football games with friends, and boating on the St. Lawrence River.”

Harold R. Funk, 87, died in Akron, Ohio, on Jan 23, 2005. He was the former executive director of Akron City Hospital. He served more than 70 years as a volunteer with Boy Scouts. He also loved walking, hiking, gardening, and photography. Harold is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jacqueline, three sons, and a daughter.

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Charles H. Rushmore, MD, 89, of Indianapolis, IN, died on Feb. 22, 2006. Upon his retirement in 1981, Charles was medical director of Indiana Bell Telephone Co., Indianapolis. He is survived by his

wife, Mary, a daughter, two sons, 13 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

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From your Class Correspondent:

“Here it is early February ’06, and if our reckonings are correct, our intrepid fellow classmate and good friend, **Isabel Riggs Geibel**, has now reached her destination in Colorado. At the age of 85, Isabel decided it was time to live near close relatives. Her grandnephew built a house for her on his land in Del Norte, CO, and was scheduled to arrive at Isabel’s residence in Hammondsport, NY, in early January with a moving van to escort her cross-country. Isabel has lived in New York State almost her entire life, so choosing and packing were very difficult. Her many activities through the years added to the complexity. Isabel’s companions in her own car were to be her cat, Sheba, and a friend’s dog! Godspeed to the whole entourage and love and happiness in the years ahead to Isabel and her relatives.

“Downsizing one’s residence is becoming more prevalent and necessary, often stressful and arduous, for more and more of us oldsters. Such was true of **George Jones** and his wife Claire this past year. However, they seem to have made the transition from a large historic house to a compact apartment, centrally and conveniently located, with

comparative ease. Their new environs are very pleasant, with trees, flowers and birdlife in abundance. With a river nearby, George's old canoe, a handbuilt 'relic' of the early '30s, also has a home. In October, George and Claire made a hasty trip to Belgium, Claire's homeland. A very rewarding trip, George adds, but insufficient time to see everyone they would have liked. Happily, he concludes, they experienced only some of the complaints peculiar to the elderly. Yes, getting there isn't half the fun it used to be.

"Margaret Ames Parker and her husband Merle Parker '40 are once again back home in Port Charlotte, FL, after spending nearly a

year in Dallas following Hurricane Charley. While their apartment was spared complete destruction, some portions of the building were not. So the Parkers were reassured by the complete renovation and secure new roof they found on their return. Marg writes that all their family members seem to be thriving, and their grandchildren light up their lives.

"Bob Sinclair keeps healthy and active through most of the year. Ye olde correspondent appreciates this, and Bob's communications about his comings and goings. We've already reported on Bob's return to Alfred at reunion time, and his participation in the first AU alumni tour of

the Finger Lakes area. He's always a faithful traveler to the conferences of the California Historical Societies. The first meeting was in February in Palm Desert, and the second, in San Clemente. At each gathering, tours and special venues are featured that highlight the historical aspects of the area in an interesting and educational manner.

"A gathering of note happened Jan. 27 at the home of Joel Moskowitz '61 and his wife Ann, in Corona Del Mar, CA. AU President Dr. Charles Edmondson and his wife Dr. Laura Greyson attended. Dr. Marlin Miller '54 and his wife, Ginger, whose magnanimous gift over a decade ago built the innovative and inspirational Miller Performing Arts Center, were also there. The Millers' most recent gift includes funds to build a 500-seat proscenium theater/concert hall to enhance the facilities. Bob said he was among the 50 or so guests who enjoyed the occasion. Thanks again to Bob for keeping me current on such events.

"We received a newsy, lively, and entertaining letter from Ellis 'Chick' Berger in late January. He and wife Tudy and daughter Muff are all doing well. They had a traditional but very quiet holiday time, but Chick and Muff followed it with a sojourn to New York City to see THE TREE at Rockefeller Center and the surrounding decorations. One of the most anticipated aspects of Chick's letters is always his enclosure of splendid pictures of the family's activities. This time, the array included photos of THE TREE and its impressive setting, the family's lovely home and own festive Christmas tree, and the deer and wild turkeys in a nearby wooded area. Chick adds that at age 85 he feels fortunate to be able to play golf, poker, and bridge, do crossword puzzles, and enjoy life immensely. His letters always brighten our days. Wish we could share his optimism with everyone out there!

"We lost an accomplished and versatile classmate when Jim Starkweather died Dec. 24, 2005, in his home in Rush, NY. We saw him last in 2003 at our 60th reunion. He was easy to remember with his elegant appearance and shock of white hair. Jim is best known for his attainments in the field of education and advocacy of children's mental health rights in the Rush, NY, area, near Rochester. After WWII military service in Europe, he built and founded Topping Hill Craft, a ceramic design and manufacturing company with national distribution. From 1959-62, Jim was art director and performer on a local children's TV show, creating multiple character roles. In 1966, he received his MA in educational administration from the University of Rochester. In 1949, he was interviewed by Joan Hosking, a local radio

A son remembers... Juanita Pulos '51

By William W. Pulos '77

This tribute results from my mother's lifetime of service for the betterment of society. It was composed nearly 20 years after her death. The intent is to memorialize my mother's contributions in the fields of music and fine arts in rural Western New York, most of which I only recently came to recognize and appreciate.

Juanita Whitaker (Pulos '51) was born a coal miner's daughter in the small town of Cromona, KY, about 18 miles from the Virginia border, on Oct. 7, 1925. As a child, Juanita was raised in the coalfields and mining towns, living primarily in Kentucky and West Virginia.

She was drawn to music at an early age. Her first piano teacher was the wife of the local doctor... Juanita's father had learned on his own to play the banjo and he played the instrument without sheet music. Juanita inherited this trait and she also learned to play by ear. Juanita was also blessed with perfect pitch.

From the age of 12, Juanita served as the regular church pianist. In her teen-age years, she played at evangelical church revivals which drew big crowds. From those meager beginnings, Juanita's love and appreciation of music grew, taking her on a lifelong journey of extensive formal education, classical and technical music training, and service to community, children, and church.

It was while attending Anderson College Juanita met her husband, an Anderson local and professor-in-training, William L. Pulos, to whom she was married in the campus church in 1948.

The following year, in 1949, Juanita and William packed all their belongings in a car, said good-bye to William's hometown and their alma mater and came east to Alfred University, for William's professorship that lasted 36 years.

It was then that Juanita began her own 36-year relationship with AU.

To read the full version of William's remembrance, go to: www.alfred.edu/pressreleases/viewrelease.cfm?ID=3262



Juanita Whitaker Pulos '51

and TV personality, who married him in 1950. She survives him, along with a son and daughter and three grandchildren.

“We were very pleased to have beautiful Christmas greetings from Col. Larry March '45 and his wife Eddie with the message they were both keeping fit and happy. (To us, they're the quintessential loving couple.)

During one of our frequent phone conversations with Larry, we were reminded of his and Warren's somewhat disparate experiences in the Army Air Corps with the B-24 Liberator bomber of WWII. Larry was a pilot of the lumbering but powerful craft, and Warren was a waist gunner. Both flew over the Alps from different air bases in Italy. After the war ended in Europe, Warren exited the military. Larry, always interested in flying, decided to make it his career, but in the direction of single-engine planes. So he retrained in single engine and became an instructor at advanced pilot school. Larry earned regular Army commission after WWII, and flew 34 different single-engine aircraft in a variety of assignments, but retained a special affection and loyalty to the P-51 Mustang. He advanced his education with a degree in political science at George Washington University and a master's degree in government/international relations at Trinity University, TX. He served on USAF Air Staff, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and was a delegate to a number of multinational conferences and committees. Larry's overseas tours included Italy, Iran, Turkey, Europe, the Middle East, and Africa/India/Pakistan. He retired from the USAF after 32 years active duty Aug. 31, 1974, as deputy inspector general, Air Force, U.S. Readiness Command. He's a life member of the Southeast Region of P-51 Mustang Pilots Association. (Mustangs Forever!) Larry is married to Eddie who served with the Navy WAVES in WWII, and they have two daughters and a son. When we read this abbreviated biography from info Larry sent taken from a P-51 Mustang book, we were more than impressed. I was once again reminded of the seemingly endless number of AU people who achieve and accomplish so much, and succeed so markedly, whatever their field of endeavor!

“While we may not all have been career 'stars,' I'm sure there are many of you, now retired, who are proud of what you've done with your lives. Why not e-mail, call, or write and reminisce about it? Hasn't Alfred University played a formative role in directing and defining your life? It did mine, that's for sure. Let's 'fess- up and share some stories. Thanks.”

Message from the Alumni Association/Alumni Council President

As I find myself in the last few months of my term as Alumni Council president, I am reminded, once again, of the transitions that life brings. This is a good thing though and I look forward to opportunities yet to be found in new personal and professional endeavors.

Despite how life changes, some things remain constant and one of those constants for me is Alfred University. Since I first stepped foot on campus in 1967, the opportunities to have fun, learn, interact, and grow have been ongoing, for myself and my family. I expect that this will continue!

I wish to thank AU Alumni and Community Relations staff, Mark Shardlow and Cindy Lewis-Black, Alumni Council members and alumni-elected trustees for their dedication and loyalty and most of all, support and friendship. We have accomplished some important work during my tenure as president and have laid the groundwork for more to come.

I also wish to thank friends of the University and alumni all over the world who are so consistent and generous in their giving and those who also add to the fun with their presence at events – Reunion, Homecoming and Hot Dog weekends.

Contact the Alumni and Community Relations Office at 607.871.2144 if you have questions about the Alumni Association and Alumni Council. We welcome new members and can put your expertise to good use!

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James Prokopec, 89, of Danville, KY, died on Feb. 23, 2006. He was a retired Corning Glass employee. He is survived by his wife, Roseanna, two sons, a daughter, five grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

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From your Class Correspondent:

“From **Edna J. McBride Wyeth** – ‘I have just put my house on the market and plan to move to a retirement community in North Bend, OR (60 miles north of my present home). I have been looking at retirement facilities since a surgery last June and am pleased to have found this as

I hated to leave the Oregon coast. I will have a two-bedroom, two-bath cottage and hope to make the transition without too much trauma. Downsizing is a hard thing! I shall probably move the latter part of February. My health is good but my endurance wanes. Do you have plans to attend our 60th reunion this year? If I knew that others from our class would be there, I believe I'd make the trip. They have lumped us into ‘Goldens’ but I think ‘60’ is special!

“**Kit Carson Burdick** and husband **Bob '43** also recently weighed pros and cons of a retirement community but couldn't bring themselves to leave their cozy home in the woods of Virginia's Northern Neck with creek access to the Rappahannock River and crab traps by their dock. Besides, she says, the family from the cold North comes to visit: son Robert, the doctor; son Art, the ceramic engineer; Tracy, the computer scientist, and many

grandchildren, including a lively three-year-old. Betty and **Bill Crandall** also stop in, going from South to North or vice versa.

“**Betty Lou Fontaine Cameron** from Maple Valley, WA, says, ‘I am enjoying my home – keep busy with church activities and trying to keep up with yard and house. I did spend some time at my son’s in Michigan and was there for grandson Zack’s 10th birthday. Went to all his football practices and games. Then they came here in December. We all stayed at my daughter’s. Our big “treat” was a boat tour from Lake Union through the locks into Puget Sound and back.’

“A note from **Emma Burdick Johnson** ’45 with word that she and husband Paul are in comparatively good health although she does need oxygen. Their yard in Waterford, CT, is frequented by deer who ‘drink, frolic, and eat the tulips but let the daffodils flourish.’

“**Billie Dunbar Donaldson** wonders if we’ll see each other at reunion. She says

she is expecting **Al Ploetz** ’41 and wife Grace from Nebraska to meet her in Alfred.

“About our 60th Reunion! You all should have received a letter last fall about plans for Reunion Weekend, June 9-11. We ‘Golden Saxons’ receive a discount of 50 percent off the registration fee if made by April 15. A 60th anniversary is certainly special. Wouldn’t it be a treat ‘to remember’ with others who do? Hope to see you.”

Gladys M. (Imke) Stratton, 80, of Mattapoisett, MA, died Nov. 9, 2005. She was a homemaker and a bookkeeper for a number of local businesses. She was also the proprietor of the Attic Consignment Shop, Mattapoisett for many years. She enjoyed reading, playing cards, and solving word puzzles. Gladys is survived by a son, two daughters, and four grandchildren.

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Molly W. Parson, 79, of Ridgway, PA, died on Dec. 12, 2005. She was employed by the Ridgway School District for 15 years, as a teacher. She is survived by her husband, James, a daughter, a son, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

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From your Class Correspondent:

Alfred University Alumni Council Update

Alumni Council members held their winter meeting in Albany on Jan. 28. Our next meeting is on campus, Friday, June 9, followed by an open meeting of the Alumni Association during Reunion Weekend on June 10.

In this past year, council members have continued to work on strengthening the organization in order to provide more meaningful volunteer service, some examples of which follow. Council members are serving as class or special interest group coordinators for Reunion Weekend ’06. They participate on the Women's Leadership Center's Advisory Board. Some have assisted University Relations staff with mailings to encourage gifts to the Annual Fund. Others continue to work on ways to help boost numbers in the Saxon Career Volunteer Program and match alumni with faculty who need classroom speakers with a particular expertise.

We continue to promote sales of the Alfred University official class ring, designed a year ago in conjunction with the Student Alumni Association. Events that council members have been involved in planning include: a summer ’05 Rochester Rhinos soccer event; ’05 and ’06 Performing Arts Reunion; an interactive AU timeline displayed during Reunion Weekend ’05; and co-sponsorship of the Homecoming half-time reception with Friends of Saxon Athletics.

Council will appoint new members at the June 9 meeting. If you are interested, please contact me. We are a working council and looking for alumni who are self-starters, motivated, creative and like to have fun!

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“Had three recent letters from **George Tappan** ’50, widowed husband of **Lois Sutton Tappan** ’48, one telling of **June Allen Shabb** ’48 (Lois’s cousin) and her circumnavigating the globe, the latest letter being from Chile.

“Though I never hear from **Millie Albert Casey** ’48, she had written George just before Christmas. (Millie, please report to me too.)

“He reports that Lois’s sister, **Marion Sutton Attali** ’56, who lives in Paris, France, goes to Shanghai several times a year with her husband, an endocrinologist; he goes as a medical lecturer. The Sutton girls lived with their missionary parents in Shanghai for several years prior to their moving to Alfred when Lois was 11 or 12. George appreciates the ‘Alfred Connection’ for he knew many of the ‘Alfred kids’ through Lois.

“George spent the winter holidays in South Dakota with son and family. The grandchildren had built him an igloo with interior electric lights, a guest house for HIM? A thaw before his arrival left the igloo looking a little sad and he was allowed to sleep indoors. He reports that there was an 8-inch new snowfall just before Christmas – just beautiful, just what he needed, a white Christmas.

“In late January, he had just received the page proofs for the Civil War Journal he had been working on .

“George refutes the comment ‘the jungles of Peru’ in the article in the latest *Alfred Magazine* – he and Lois lived there

10 years and it is 'a very old and civilized country.' He closed with a remark about being so busy, 'Who has time for retirement?'

Miriam Tooke Polan '48 sends an article on "Dreamers," the AU 1948 Trio: "The class of 1948 was unusual in that there were 11 students from Alfred-Almond Central School (AACS) – Patty Crofoot (Turnbull), Norma Jacox (Stoneham), Jean Martin (Harrison), Jeanne Morgan (Holman), Adele Ormsby (Zydor), Clayton Ormsby, Don Polan, John Rice, John Seidlin, and Lois Sutton (Tappan).

"Lois Sutton, Norma Jacox, and Miriam Tooke, the 'Dreamers,' were together for eight years through high school and college. During this time they sang for various organizations as well as on radio station WWHG, Hornell, NY.

"The three girls were students at AACS when they began to sing together. Arrangements of popular and religious songs were written for them by Olin Johnson, AACS music director, and by Gene Jacox, Norma's sister. After graduation from AACS, they continued their studies at AU, graduated in 1948, and scattered to begin their adult lives elsewhere.

"In 1958, the girls just happened to be spending the weekend in Alfred visiting their parents and got together to compare notes again. Lois was visiting from Caracas, Venezuela, Norma from Rochester, NY, Miriam from Binghamton. They enjoyed a musical reunion at the John Jacoxes' home." (A photo of them appeared in *The Hornell Tribune*.)

"They continued their various musical lives – Lois directed an a capella community chorus in Peru during the years of 1958-68; Norma sang in her church choir in Rochester; Miriam was a charter member of the Fairbanks, AL, Sweet Adelines from 1968-74.

"The 'Dreamers' (Norma from Rochester, Miriam from Astor, FL, and Lois from Kingwood, TX) got together to sing the beautiful hymn 'Lift Thine Eyes' at an apartment one evening during their 45th Alumni Reunion in 1993 – sadly their final reunion, as we lost Lois in 2002."

Miriam (Mimi) and Donald Polan were seen reading the *Alfred Sun* in a photo on the front page of the Dec. 15, 2005, edition of the paper. The couple was pictured in Filitosa Corsica, site of the prehistoric Menhir statues. Don grew up on Park Street, Alfred, while Mimi lived



Alpha Kappa Omicron sisters met in January 2006, at The Eagle House Restaurant, Williamsville, NY, for a lunch gathering. The 30 sisters who attended were: Carolyn Potts '57, Barb Rickard '65, Sandie Davison '66, Darla Ostrum '71, Katherine Allen '71, Nancy James '71, Sue Blondin '72, Helen Darrow '73, Rita Murphy '73, Sharron Gilbert '73, Kathy Olenick '79, Mary La Brake '79, Sheila Flanagan '79, Joyce Hjort '84, Rosanne Stanley '85, Ellen Boldt '87, Kim Slosman '89, Jill Hamilton '90, Lisa Davis '91, Toni Kusimierski '91, Mary Lou Cartledge '91, Kristin Leete '93, Tammy Durant '93, Allison Schoolcraft '97, Carin Cole '97, Jennifer Goehle '98, Aretta Stillman '98, Michelle Pancoe '99, Sara Easton '99, and Stephanie Webster '01.

AKO encourages Reunion '06 attendance

The Alumni Advisory Board (AAB) of Alpha Kappa Omicron would like to invite all AKO sisters to attend Alfred University's Alumni (AKO) Reunion this year, June 9-11, 2006. AKO will be attending the dedication of the new Women's Leadership Center (WLC) on Friday, June 9, and other events planned by AU and AKO will round out the weekend. Check out AKO's Web site at groups.yahoo.com/group/AKO_AU/ for all the details. We look forward to seeing you in June 2006!

The Alumni Advisory Board elected officers during the Fall 2005 elections:

- President – **Sheila Flanagan '79**
- Scholarship Liaison – **Elizabeth (Robinson) Judson '82**
- Archivist Liaison – **Meghan Martin '04**
- Communications – **Bridgette (Henne) Preston '02**
- Events Co-Chairs – **Sue (Fitzgerald) Blondin '71**
Lisa (Poloncarz) Davis '91

Over the last few months, several AKO events were conducted regionally. In October 2005, AKO sisters in the DC area gathered for a Chili Potluck Dinner. Also in October 2005, AKO sisters in the Seneca Lake area gathered for a wine tour. In late January 2006, 30 sisters in the WNY area met for lunch at an area restaurant. During the month of March, AKO joined with the WLC in Alfred to take a trip to the Seneca Falls area to visit the Women's Rights National Historic Park. More AKO events are being planned. Stay tuned to the AKO Web site for dates, times and details. If you are interested in organizing an AKO event in your area, please contact Lisa Davis or Sue Blondin for help! lisdavis@adelphia.net or sueblondin@adelphia.net

in the house where Steuben Trust Co. is now located, near the Alfred Rural Cemetery.

Marilyn T. Ahlgren, 81, of Fort Myers, FL, died on Feb. 14, 2006. She is survived by two sons.

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From your **Class Correspondent**:

“**Art and Jane Hazlett** wrote in December to say they had been to Carthage, NC, to celebrate **Lucille Clark Rowland** and **Don Rowland’s** 60th wedding anniversary. Lucille and Don were at Alfred in 1944 but World War II changed the timetable. He was studying ceramics, returned to Alfred and graduated in 1949. Lucille finished her degree at Elmira in business. Later they both taught in Bath in business and art, after being in Oklahoma awhile. Jane writes, one other Alfred alumnus made it to Carthage (to the anniversary) from Ohio (but she didn’t say who it was.) Art and Jane live in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains near Asheville, NC, where they play golf almost every day – so Art says. They visited Whitesville, NY, last summer for Art’s 60th High School Reunion, which may have set a record for small reunions since only one other person showed up.

“**Marguerite De Lorenzo Cox** sent news that **Wilma Stonebrook Rapp** was critically ill for six months last year. The latest news is that she is home and recovering. Let us know how you are doing, Willie. Marguerite also wrote that **Virginia Garis Kling** had died in September. Gini was a member of the last class of Cadet Nurses at Alfred. That class also included Marguerite and Wilma. Gini continued her nursing career at Corning Hospital after graduating.

“‘Judge’ **Don Bemis** is pictured in the 2005 edition of *Images of America* featuring the Town of Porter in Western New York. He is shown with a group of town officials. After graduation from Ag-Tech, which was still a part of AU, he and Nancy Curtiss were married and moved to Ransomville, NY, Nancy’s hometown. Nancy’s family were also featured in the book.

“Happy News from **Lois Mutch Beato**. She and **Stan Scheidler** were married a few

months ago after renewing a friendship of more than 50 years. Lois retired from Northport VA Medical Center after a nursing career that spanned 40 years.

“**Jean Stangrover Foster** called to say Merry Christmas. She and **Dan ’50** live in Fountain Hills, AZ, outside Phoenix.

“Does anyone have **Jim Snow’s** e-mail address? **Art Hazlett** wants to contact him.”

Virginia Mills Ciampaglio, 80, of Chatham, NJ, a registered nurse at Overlook Hospital for more than 40 years, died Jan. 13, 2006. At her retirement in 1992, Virginia was coordinator of the Anesthesia Department. She was an avid golfer and a member of the Essex Falls Country Club for more than 50 years. Virginia was also a lifelong baseball fan and possessed a remarkable knowledge of the game and her favorite team, the Giants. Virginia was predeceased by her husband, Fred, in 1974.

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From your **Class Correspondent**:

“**Floyd English Jr.** was recognized by the Corning, NY, Rotary Club as ranking third in years of service to Rotary. Floyd joined the Corning Rotary Club in 1954 and was the club president in 1964. He was a long-time director of Youth Service and officiated at track meets.

“I had quite a surprise two days ago. I had a message on my answering machine that started, ‘Herbert, this is a voice out of your long past, this is in Atlanta, GA...’ **A(ndrew) Page Gensch** and I lived with retired Rev. Edgar Van Horn and his wife Harriet at 25 Elm St., 1946-48. We had separate rooms but shared a bathroom. Page graduated in 1948 and the house we shared has been long gone when Ag Tech expanded. I called Page back and we had a long talk catching up on our lives during the 48 years since last we talked. I had missed his call as I was bringing Phyllis home from getting a knee replacement on the 24th. She is doing great and we hope to be dancing soon.”

Frank Clemons Folwell died on Jan. 17, 2006. He had served in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a pilot in the 380th Bomb Squadron 310th Bomb Group from 1942-46. Frank was a painting contractor for many years while living in southern California. Friends and relatives report he had a great sense of humor and was very interested and self-educated in alternative medicine and health, food, and history. He loved to hunt and fish. He is survived by a daughter, a son, and a half-sister, **Marge Lee ’60** of Toledo, Ohio.

Richard S. O’Neil, 78, of Hornell, NY, died on Feb. 11, 2006. He taught high school math and science at St. Lawrence High School, Cedarhurst, Long Island, and also was a research chemist at Corning Glass Works. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, three daughters, three step-daughters, a step-son, and four grandchildren.

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Alums gathered for a West Coast Reunion Jan. 27, 2006 (front, from left): Matt Walker '02, Barbara Stenzler, Robert DiChiara '80, Bert Kohn '57, Arnie Miller '51, Gladys Kohn; (second row, from left) Chuck Stirling '59, Joel Moskowitz '61, Lisa Cerone '59, Wil Wakeley '52; (top row, from left) Anne Moskowitz and Marty Stenzler '59.

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Beverly Ann (Beck) Edwards is retired and living in Tucson, AZ. She says she reads every issue of the *Alfred Magazine* and enjoys them.

From Rich Simington:

“Most people who know A. William Clark know he’s an accomplished artist and art professor, including his Alfred pal, Val Cushing, who recently invited Bill to exhibit work in a national competition of contemporary art in South Carolina where Val will be the juror. But besides creating art, Bill’s had another lifelong interest - birding. His fascination began when he set out to be an Eagle Scout by the age of 14 and continues today as an officer in the local Audubon Society Chapter near where he lives in Homosassa, FL.

Edward White Mack III, 83, of Naples, FL, died on Feb. 12, 2006. He served in the U.S. Navy Air Corps during World War II and was a sixth generation brickmaker and operated MacK Brickyard, Windsor, CT, until the early '60s. He loved jazz and was a drummer in a jazz band in the '50s and '60s.

One of his hobbies was carving wood ducks. He is survived by his wife, Irine, a son, two daughters, two step-daughters, six grandchildren, and five step-grandchildren.

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From your Class Correspondent:

“Don Boulton, class president forever (no term limits), is still happy about the big family party for his 75th birthday. The bash was Dec. 30, but the real birthdate was Dec. 31. ‘Everyone has a party that night,’ said Don. Don is vice president of the Alumni Council and major promoter of the Golden Saxons, which is all of us in the class of '52.

“B.J. Amberg Lawrence says that in the past year she and her husband, John, have traveled the East and Gulf coasts, Texas, Arizona, Utah, Colorado and Ohio. She was driving their motor home when a tire blew out near a remote little place called Moapa, NV. A Good Samaritan changed the tire and they got repairs and continued on. During the trip they saw Zion and Bryce Canyons and found them to be ‘absolutely beautiful.’ In the fall, with gas prices rising, they sold the motor home. They miss the travels, but find their lives in Dansville, NY, rewarding.

“Emily Worth Robinson reports that she is busy writing a history of her church and some poetry. She is planning a summer trip abroad, but didn’t say what the destination would be. She did say, though, that in January she learned that she would be a great-grandmother soon for the fourth time.

“Bob Mangels noted that he is still playing the trombone with six bands on Long Island near his three married sons and eight grandchildren. He added, ‘Alfred relationships are for a lifetime.’ A-men.

“Wil Wakely and his wife returned in January from a month-long South American trip that started in Rio, went to Iguazu Falls (‘not to be missed’ said Wil) and then by ship down the east coast of South America to Antarctica and back up the west side.

AU artists featured in Henry Bauer Collection

Works by several alumni and AU faculty members were included in a mid-winter ceramic art exhibit in Asheville, NC, billed as “one of the most important ceramic collections in the country.”

“Alfred Ceramics: The Henry Bauer Collection” debuted in February 2006, at the University of North Carolina-Asheville’s University Gallery. The collection includes more than 40 ceramic pieces created by nine internationally known ceramic artists who have been either teachers or students at the NYS College of Ceramics. The exhibit includes works by Val Cushing '52, '56; Wayne Higby; John Gill '75; Tony Hepburn '47; Daniel Rhodes, Bill Parry '47, Don Reitz '65, Robert Turner '49, and Ted Randall.

After the exhibit closed in March, it traveled to Clemson University for an opening in August.

Leaving the ship, they took a side trip to Machu Picchu in Peru. Although Wil's laptop computer was stolen in Rio, he said it was still a very pleasant trip. He added, 'We plan to do a lot of traveling while we can still get around without wheelchairs or crutches and have booked a China cruise we need to rest up for. Reach us at wilw@adnc.com.'

"Fred Earl and his wife, Virginia, reported that they were expecting a new grandchild – their eighth. He added that last July they traveled to Arkansas for a wedding, toured places in 14 states where they hadn't been before, and visited a 98-year-old uncle.

"Marty Moskof has recently opened a book publishing business, Brillig Press, and was preparing to launch a novel by Alan Littell '53. The book is called 'Courage: a Novel of the Sea.' Marty has also designed a new magazine for the Acute Long Term Hospital Association and is trying to start a

calendar business. You can reach him at Moskof@aol.com.

"Kar Styhr says he and constant companion (for the last 12 years) Mary Redeker went on six cruises last year and intend to keep traveling 'as long as we both can.' The boat rides included the Mexican Riviera, the Mississippi, the West Coast, the Caribbean, and Pacific islands. They also did five weeks of timeshares in Mexico and California. When he sent this information Kar said they were planning a cruise to Singapore and Bangkok.

"David Woodin reported some sad news, the death of his oldest daughter due to heart failure. Then, he said, 'we had great happiness' when his youngest daughter married. He also says he is auditing a ceramics class and the professor wants him around to repair any equipment that goes kaput. In return for the fixing, Dave has 24-

hour access to the shop and a place to work. Repairing the kiln keeps him busy, but in September he and his wife will embark for a trip to Japan.

"John Fisher will be listed in the next edition of 'Who's Who Among America's Teachers,' having been nominated by former students at Norwalk Community College where he was dean and a math professor from 1992-04. In the latter year he became president of St. Vincent's College in Connecticut. He also reports that he and the dean at St. Vincent's published an article about college support of students in the winter edition of the 'Journal of the New England Board of Higher Education.' The article says the colleges studied put a lot more money into business functions than helping students. John will send a copy of the article to anyone who asks. His e-mail address is jfisher@stvincentscollege.edu .

"Martin Chodos has a new e-mail address: mchodos@shaw.ca. That 'ca' ending means, of course, that he is in Canada, in Victoria, BC, to be exact, and enjoying life with his wife, Rosalyn, whom he married during a summer school session of the College of Ceramics in 1960.

"Allen Baxter says, 'I have nothing to report...still waiting around to die, but remembering how pretty I was in my purple Saxon Warrior cheerleading outfit. Signed Dean Gertz's poster child.' (Editor's Note: hmmm.)

"Ellison (Pat) Patterson has been elected to a three-year term on the vestry (controlling board) of St. George Episcopal Church in the Villages, Florida. He is also in charge of the lectors, ushers, and greeters at the church, but still has time to play in a weekly men's golf scramble 52 weeks a year (unless there is a lightning storm), he says.

"Ruth Vail Howland sent a handwritten letter on proper stationery in an envelope with a stamp. Do you remember how to do that? Anyway, she said, 'After having visited all 50 states and most of the national parks I am quite content to stay at home and look at over 30 picture albums.' Then she added, 'I have not stayed home all the time, but have been to the Canadian Maritime Provinces, England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and have taken a Caribbean cruise. I may go to Paris at Christmas time.'

"Wayne Husted said, 'I am 78 and very healthy and active. When not designing I am mostly a chauffeur for my 15-year-old daughter, Dana. I am still enjoying notoriety for the hundreds of ahead-of-their-time designs I created in the '50s and '60s for the venerable Blenko Glass Co. There are

Your classmates want to hear from you, and so do we!

It has been so rewarding to hear from and about so many of you whether through your Class Correspondents or directly. Your community activities, family and professional achievements, stories of reunions with classmates and friends, and travel reports are all an exciting "Part II" to your life and we are happy that you're willing to share them. Encourage others to do the same.

We'd also like to urge you to think about returning to campus for Reunion 2006, June 9-11. It would be great to meet all of you. And just think! You could share all of your news with friends and former faculty members, revisit some of your favorite places, and take a look at the many changes on campus since you left Alfred.

Our goal is to have as many alumni names as possible listed in Class Notes within each issue of the Alfred Magazine. So keep your notes, postcards, photographs, and e-mails coming. During the next year we will also begin to run Class Notes on the Alumni Web site. And the gift report is now online and is updated on a regular basis.

Here's how to get your news published:

- **Contact your Class Correspondent.** Names, addresses and e-mails may be found by looking under your class year in the Class Notes section.
- **E-mail us:** clarkd@alfred.edu or enews@alfred.edu.
- **Send your news** to Debbie Clark, Alumni Publications Editor, 1 Saxon Drive, Alfred, NY 14802.
- **Visit the AU alumni Web site:** www.alfred.edu/alumni, and enter your class note there.

Upcoming Class Notes deadline: May 15, 2006

usually some of these on EBay if you pull them up under my name...I earn nothing from these sales of course. Type in 'husted' in EBay and see my old stuff. Would love to see you if you are in the San Francisco area.' His address is w.husted@comcast.net."

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From Rich Simington:

"Good news from **Tony (Antone Carvalho)**. The past year has been a 'rebuilding year' as the Brooklyn Dodgers used to say. Now that he's been surgically repaired and gone through recovery, he reports he's 'doing things he couldn't do before the operation.' I wonder if that means he can now play the piano?"



Joel Moskowitz '61 CEO of Ceradyne, left, opened NASDAQ Feb. 10, 2006. With him is Jeff Singer, regional vice president of NASDAQ.

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From Rich Simington:

"Now that **Dee (Dionne Levine)** has two new knees it's likely she'll want to be playing in the next varsity-alumni soccer game."

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Your Class Correspondent reports:

"**Dave Mahoney** wrote after seeing the memories book from the reunion. Sorry he couldn't make it due to prior commitments, but maybe next year for **Barbara's (Barbara Scouler '56)** 50th. Dave had just returned from a 10-day trout fishing trip to western Montana. He reported that winter came at the higher elevations the day of their arrival, but the fly fishing at lower elevations was superb! He invites all to come and partake.

"**Bob Amdur** and wife **Judy** write of their trip to South Africa this past year. Bob reported a wonderful trip including a safari in Kruger National Park. He thinks South Africa has a promising future.

"Your Correspondent is still active in the USCGAUX, and amateur radio, and of course the never-ending job of working on my '67 TR-4A. Sure would like to hear more from classmates and see what you are doing now."

Mort Floch writes: "My wife, Sharleen, and I have been living in the Jackson, MS, area for the past 10 years. We own a real estate company – Premiere Properties (www.MississippiHomeTours.com) – and would love to hear from any Alfred alumni anywhere near this area. One of these days I would like to take Sharleen to see Alfred (she's from Florida) and show her any of the old haunts that might still be there. During my years at Alfred, I was president of Tau Delta Phi fraternity and editor of *The Fiat Lux*. After leaving Alfred, I earned my MBA at NYU – now Stern College – and also served two terms as national president of Tau Delta Phi. I hope I still have some friends out there."

Richard S. Goodman, MD, FAAOS, of Smithtown, NY, who practices orthopedics, has been appointed to the faculty of Saba Medical School as chairman of clinical surgery. His responsibilities include supervising medical students based in hospitals throughout the United States and monitoring their surgical education.

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From Rich Simington:

Judge Sidney Landau has recently been selected as a Fulbright Senior Specialist. This honor enables him to teach and lecture outside the United States with some expenses paid by the J. William Fulbright Scholarship Board. Sidney is a noted scholar with recognized expertise in the field of Constitutional law. He has lectured and taught widely.

William Raymond Smith of Rush, NY, died on Nov. 2, 2005. During his 43-year career at Lapp Insulator Co., LeRoy, NY, he built an international reputation for his expertise in earthquake resistant high-voltage insulators and radio tower insulator design. His clients included NASA, the U.S. military, and major utility companies worldwide. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Tobie; four sons; and seven grandchildren.

Marilyn Butts Bardsley, 69, of Murrells Inlet, SC, died on Dec. 23, 2005. She had worked in five states as a registered nurse.

She enjoyed playing piano and organ and had been the church organist at several churches. Surviving are her husband of 50 years, James J. Bardsey; a son, a daughter; and four grandchildren.

Jack D. Slawson, 76, of Wellsville, NY, died on Feb. 4, 2006. He was employed by Fold-Pak, Newark, NY, for 25 years, retiring as human resource director and chief union negotiator. He loved to hunt and fish, collecting numerous big-game animals throughout the United States and Canada. Surviving are a daughter, four grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

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Your Class Correspondent writes:

“Nothing like a meeting of old friends –**Chuck Stirling '59** came south from Fresno, **Bert Kohn '57** and Gladys came north from La Jolla, **Marty Stenzler '59** and Barbara came east from Indian Wells, and **Lisa Finelli Cerone '59** from the San

Alumni Association honors award winners

Through the years, numerous distinguished alumni have been honored with awards presented by the Alumni Association during Reunion Weekend. This year's “class” of award recipients is no less notable. Classmates and friends are encouraged to attend the Saturday afternoon picnic (June 10, 1 p.m.) to applaud the following recipients for their achievements:

Alfred University Alumni Award for Distinguished Achievement:

Recipients are Dr. Marvin Weinstein '40 and Dr. Madeline Dalton Jurado '83. This award honors alumni whose achievements in their profession, career, avocational pursuits, or service to society bring honor and distinction to Alfred University.

Marvin retired from Schering-Plough Corp. in 1981 as vice president of microbiology, antibiotic research, and recombinant DNA research. He organized the company's antibiotics discovery program. He is currently involved in the establishment of the Central New York biotechnology Research Center, Syracuse, NY.



Madeline Dalton '83

Madeline is director of the Hood Center for Children and Families, and research associate professor, Department of Pediatrics, Dartmouth Medical School, Lebanon, NH. She has been principal investigator for research projects that gained national



Harvey Weinstein '40

attention for demonstrating the link between showing cigarette smoking in movies and tobacco use by teen-agers.

Alfred University Alumni Award for Distinguished Service:

This year's recipient is Tolga Morawski '97. The award is given in recognition of loyalty and commitment in service to Alfred University. Tolga is a digital art technician at City University of New York Brooklyn College, New York City, supporting and managing the college's Digital Art Department. As a former cross-country runner, Tolga has a special affinity for Davis Gym. Hearing that the building was going to be torn down, Tolga undertook a Historic Architecture Building Survey documentation project for the building to create a permanent record of Davis Gym in the Library of Congress.



Tolga Morawski '97

Abigail Allen Award for Service to Women:

Tapped for the Abigail Allen Award for 2006 is Sara Wall-Bollinger '76, CEO/executive director of Enable, Syracuse, NY. This honor is given to an Alfred alumnus/a in recognition of distinctive career achievement, community service, or avocational pursuits that have improved the quality of women's lives.



Sara Wall Bollinger '76

Sara has devoted her professional career and a

Fernando Valley, and we all converged upon Newport Beach, CA, for a mini reunion, and then proceeded to Joel Moskowitz '61 and Anne's reception for Laura (Greyson) and Charley Edmondson. What a good time at 'Alfred West' for some really special old friends and classmates. I was very happy to see Bob Sinclair '43 and Casey Crandall '79 and his cute little mother again as well – two of the mainstays of our alumni group here in California. I remember when Casey's baby boy was born and now he tells me he just joined the Marines, so you know how far we go back! (See photo page 29)

"Brenda Kaufman Monene '59 and Jack have traded their Boston accents for a Southern drawl as they have relocated to South Carolina.

"As for the rest of you in the class of '59 –please note my new e-mail address and send me some news. We care about where you are and what you are doing."

The limited edition collagraph prints of Grace Bentley-Scheck '59, '60 are on display through April 22, 2006, at The Old Print Shop, 150 Lexington Ave. at 30th Street, New York City.

Stephen M. Morris has joined the Savannah, SC, office of insurers MetLife as a financial services representative for the Bluffton area. He is a certified financial planner, certified employee benefit specialist, and a certified fund specialist. He is a member of the National Association of Insurance and Financial

Advisors. He has worked in the financial services industry for 25 years.

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Arlene Avakian writes: "I have recently published a co-edited book on women and food. 'From Betty Crocker to Feminist Food Studies: Critical Perspectives on Women and Food.' Arlene Voski Avakian and Barbara Haber, eds. 2005. University of Massachusetts Press. My other edited book, 'Through the Kitchen Window:

considerable amount of personal volunteer hours to children and adults with special needs, particularly women with disabilities. Like Abigail Allen, Sara promotes social justice and encourages public roles for women, including broadening of their employment opportunities.

Lillian T. Nevins Award for Lifetime Service to Alfred



Catherine Daggett '58

University: The Nevins Award for 2006 goes to Catherine Bromeley Daggett '58 of Bradford, PA, a retired equestrian professor from Houghton College.

This award is given to honor alumni who have rendered outstanding service to Alfred University. It is reserved for those who, throughout a period of many years, have worked with interest, intelligence, and success to promote the highest interests of Alfred University and alumni. This award is made with seriousness, honor, and esteem and expresses great recognition and gratitude on behalf of Alfred University and the Alumni Association.

Catherine comes from a family that has given decades of service to the University. Her father, the late Dr. Robert Bromeley, was a long-time member and former chairman of the Board of Trustees. The late George Daggett '60, Catherine's husband, was also a member of the Board of Trustees, and now their son, Robert Daggett '81 is a trustee.

But it was Catherine's dream – aided by Rob and daughter Deborah Daggett Cavagnaro '83 – to create a new equestrian center for the University. Their efforts led

to development of an equestrian facility, and expansion of the University's equestrian program. The Bromeley-Daggett Equestrian Center on Jericho Hill will be dedicated in May. (See story page 12)

Alfred University Honorary Alumnus/a Recognition

Award: The recipients for 2006 are Michele Cohen, AU trustee, and Lois Smith, University librarian emerita. The award is given to a non-graduate in recognition of interest, allegiance, and service to Alfred University and alumni.

Michele has been very active on behalf of the University and has shown tremendous commitment to the improvement of the student experience academically, socially, and culturally. In addition to her service as a trustee, Michele and her husband Marty made a gift that created the Cohen Art Studio and Gallery.



Lois Smith

Lois assisted in the earliest development of the Scholes Library of Ceramics. Upon her retirement, in 1974, it was said: "Her contributions have included leadership in her relations with libraries and library associations, recognition as an organizer of professional and cultural programs." The widow of the late C.D. Smith, professor of theater, Lois "continues to be a strong supporter of the performing arts at AU."



Michele Cohen



Friends from the Class of 1965 met for a long-awaited reunion in July 2005. Happy to be together again are (from left) Lin Bessett, Gail Ash, Isabel Chicquor, Linda Kieves, Carol Kleban, Martha Lewin, Dianne Hunter, Shelly Kaufman, Martha Glynn, Lynn Scelfo, Bebe Miller, and Marion Bush.

Women Explore the Intimate Meanings of Food and Cooking' originally published by Beacon Press (1997), has just been reprinted by Berg Publishers, Oxford, England."

From Rich Simington:

"When Roy Gorton sets his mind to a challenge there's no stopping him. He met his wife Peg '58 at Alfred, Sept. 10. They were married Nov. 16. When he retired five years ago, he decided to try golf. Today he plays to a 10 handicap. Not too long ago, Roy decided to try biking. Last year he rode 4,000 miles. Now he's lifting weights. Roy and Peg continue to live in San Antonio, TX."

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From Rich Simington:

"Edwin Post has always been a guy with widespread interests so it's always fun to get a report on what he's been up to as occurred recently. He reports that he had successful rotator cuff surgery and learned to harness and drive a team of Clydesdales. Seems a

little extreme to learn a new skill. His shoulder must be feeling pretty well though because he also reports he raised the corner of his house 4 inches. Ed and his wife, Tina, continue to live in Slingerlands, NY."

Ed also reported that "in August we drove up to Queensbury (NY) with Gary Grimindl '59 and his friend to visit with Joyce and Pete Smith, our basketball coach at Alfred. We talked of the old times and Gary's great shooting which I watched from the bench. Pete showed us a letter from UCLA's John Wooden endorsing Pete's contribution of the spaces between players on the foul lanes."

Charles Furgeson of Palmyra, NY, is the new director of the Wayne (NY) County Veterans Service Agency.

Marianne K. (Durofchalk) Korba is retired and living in Sinking Spring, PA. She says she is "traveling as much as possible - Ireland, Scotland, Wales in 2005 - looking forward to China and Vietnam this year. Anticipating ninth grandchild in late summer."

Rhoda Nevins '66, sister of the late Elaine (Feinberg) Bender writes: "Elaine (Feinberg) Bender (1940-2005) established the Elaine Feinberg Bender '61 Writing Proficiency Scholarship as part of the Elaine Bender Trust. At Alfred, Elaine was an English major, and one of her favorite professors was Dr. David Ohara. As a member of the 'Alfred Review,' she had several poems and stories published. After graduating with a B.A., she received a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship and continued her studies at Columbia University where she received her master's degree. She also pursued additional graduate study at New York University. Throughout her life she taught writing, literatures, and critical thinking, both in New York and California. Elaine also worked as a professional writer, specializing in literary criticism and general non-fiction. In addition, she wrote test-preparation manuals for Alfred classmate Fred Grayson '61. The Bender Writing Proficiency Scholarship will be offered to student with financial need, and with writing proficiency and talents that receive endorsement form the dean of the college of Liberal Arts & Sciences."

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Rick Denton writes: "Serving as member of the Alfred Community Corp. has helped me stay in touch with campus. It has been interesting and enjoyable.

"Last summer, I completed my third short-term mission trip to Romania. Much of Eastern Europe was damaged by heavy rains and flooding last summer, and we experienced some of that. It turned out to be a very successful trip in spite of the weather, as we worked with some wonderful young people there.

"In February of this year I chaired a three-day industry professional conference at the University of New Hampshire at its continuing education facility. It was a successful event, and one that is nice to have in the rearview mirror.

"My wife, Myra, and I plan several special trips for the summer as we will celebrate 40 years of marriage in August."

In "Fireside Reading, Direct From the Shelves of the Famous," an article appearing in the Dec. 11, 2005, edition of *The New York Times*, comedian Robert Klein noted that he was reading "His Excellency: George Washington" by Joseph J. Ellis, and said in a telephone interview that the president was "totally misunderstood... He really is the father of our country. He'd be proud to know that we celebrate his birthday every year with a mattress sale."

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From Rich Simington:

"Throughout most of his career, **Bruce Kelly** has been known as an accomplished professional in the field of orthopedic implant devices. But he has another fascination too – cars. Fast ones. Bruce finally retired the 1967 Chevy drag racer he used to drive at tracks. But he still has two Corvettes in mint condition, a '63 and a '92. He's a careful driver, but truthfully

if you asked him if he ever had a 'Vette over 150 mph he'd have to answer yes. Bruce and his wife, **Katie '63**, continue to live in Houston, TX."

Karen Hack retired in January 2006 from her library specialist job in the reference section of the Mesa (AZ) Public Library, but she continues to volunteer in The Friends of the Library Book Store.

"**Don Reitz: Trial by Fire**" was on display at the American Museum of Ceramic Art, Pomona, CA, from Feb. 11-April 1, 2006. The ceramic art exhibit title refers to Don's recovery from a near-fatal auto accident, his father's death, and a niece's cancer diagnosis, all which inspired a new style and a return to reinvent signature vessel forms.

Nancy G. Morris, 64, of North Dartmouth, MA, died on Feb. 9, 2006. She is survived by her husband of 40 years, I. Michael Morris, two daughters, and two granddaughters.

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From Rich Simington:

"If you talk to people who knew **Rich Giandana** in Klan at Alfred, or who joined him hanging around with a band of students called the 'Three Bad Bananas,' they'd likely say the probability he'd wind up his career as a prominent executive in Austin, TX, was low. Well they'd be wrong. Today, Rich is the vice president of human resources for the fast-growing company, TriSun Health Care. Rich and his wife, Kiren, live in Cedar Park, TX.

"In case you were wondering why you didn't see **Phil Stillman** in competition at the recent Winter Olympics it was because he had his leg in a cast for 14 weeks after rupturing his Achilles tendon. He expects to be back on the golf course this fall.

"**Jerome Klawitter's** orthopedic implant device company, Ascension Orthopedics, is doing very well. But he's an engineer after all. So he likes to solve mechanical problems. For instance, he recently redesigned the steering system on the motorcycle he's building with friends to challenge the world land speed record at the Bonneville Salt



Phi Epsilon Pi brothers from the Class of 1970 celebrated a fall 2005 reunion in Rhode Island. They are (front, from left) Alan Stern, Ken Campbell, Ron Zapletal, Howard Gershon, Wes Martens; and (back, from left) Sandy Reinauer, Gil Roessner, and Mike Moran.

Flats. He thinks with the new system they'll top 200 mph. He recently shared a paper of the steering engineering specs with the Alfred students in the Society of Automotive Engineers. Jerry and his wife, Ann, continue to live in Austin, TX."

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Ken Wissmann writes he "is in his fifth year on the math faculty of Shenandoah University, Winchester, VA. Ken also plays bass with a local '70s sextet; check out the details at www.robbielimonband.com. Ken reports that a few recent AU alumni have created an online forum enabling old friends to correspond; go to www.alfredalumni.com/forum/index.php to give it a try. It's all free and you can read the privacy policy/standards of good taste online before you register.

Shelly Kaufman writes: "Forty years later...We reunited in July 2005 at the home of **Carol Hermanns Kleban**, Larchmont, NY. Many of us had not seen

each other since graduation day, June '65. Some had traveled great distances for the occasion – **Shelly Lorber Kaufman** from Haifa, Israel; **Lynn Mozzochi Scelfo** from California; **Isabel Chicquor** from North Carolina. A special day, full of warmth, laughter, and lots of reminiscing was had by all." (See photo above)

Gerald Labie has been named president and CEO of CXO Systems, Waltham, MA, a leader in real-time risk and operational intelligence software.

Salisbury (NC) Lions Club President **Don Conner** was named Lion of the Year by his club. Don retired from Rowan County, NC, in December 2004. In addition to Lions Club duties, he is active in United Way and the Keystone Investment Club.

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From Rich Simington:

"During **Paul Larson's** successful career he's worked with some big companies and some not too big. Now he's using that experience in his own firm, The Myrddin Group, providing organizational development expertise to growing companies around the United States. Paul likes to work. He hopes to go to age 85. So he's also teaching online at several schools of higher education. Paul and his wife, Charlene, continue to live in San Antonio, TX.

"When **Raymond Johnson** played basketball at Alfred, the team wasn't undefeated. But he also played on the golf team and it was. No wonder Coach Yunevich wanted Ray on the team. As a young amateur, Ray's dad once defeated Golf Hall of Famer Gene Sarazen. Today Ray and his wife, **Susie '67**, continue to live in Houston, TX, where Ray's the headmaster at the prestigious Presbyterian School."

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Frank Peter Cuneo, vice chairman, Marvel Entertainment, Inc., was featured in a one-on-one interview in the Dec. 5, 2005, Harvard Business School Alumni Bulletin online. Peter earned a master's degree from Harvard in 1973.

Elizabeth Treichler is a retired educator. She says she would love to hear from other Theta Theta Chi sisters. "Could we have an e-mail/snail mail Theta directory?" she asks.

From Rich Simington:

"Some of his friends call **Stuart Kane** 'Superman.' He's had a Clark Kent life as a mild-mannered insurance company executive. But few people at work knew of his secret life as a nationally known collector. His collection of thousands of vintage, original-cast recordings of show tunes is thought to be the best in the United States. But the same is true for his unmatched collection of first-edition, illustrated, children's books. And he has hundreds of antique victrolas and radios. Now he's starting again with a collection of Disney animation art. Stuart recently retired so he can pursue his 'Superman' career full-time. He lives in Houston, TX."



George Leventon '72 has a unique hobby - he's the owner and chief engineer of his own railway, the Alfred University Railroad, headquartered near his home in Bellaire, TX. Photo above shows a boxcar, the photo at right is an enlargement of his logo.



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Eileen Hickey-Hulme writes that her work was featured in an art exhibition on Feb. 22, 2006, at the Malt Ball, The Studio Gallery, 151 Kent Ave., Brooklyn, NY.

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Glass artist John Nickerson of Waynesville, NC, was the subject of a feature article in the *Smoky Mountain News Arts & Events* section, week of Jan. 11, 2006.

Jean Marie (Turner) Johnson reports that “after teaching at overseas schools for 17 years, my husband and I have returned to the United States. We are teaching at the Grand Canyon School in Arizona. Both daughters have graduated from college and are out on their own.”

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Nancy Risser, MN, RN, APN, CANP, earned an Honorable Mention in the third annual Tribute to Nurses supplement which ran in the Nov. 20, 2005, *New York Times Magazine*. Nancy works as a nurse practitioner and as a clinical nurse specialist in the Department of Veterans Affairs, New Jersey Health Care System, Lyons, NJ. She is one of the first licensed nurse practitioners in the country. The article notes: “It is her ability to use exceptional medical skills on a day-to-day basis while listening to what a

Your classmates want to hear from you, and so do we!

It has been so rewarding to hear from and about so many of you whether through your Class Correspondents or directly. Your community activities, family and professional achievements, stories of reunions with classmates and friends, and travel reports are all an exciting “Part II” to your life and we are happy that you’re willing to share them. Encourage others to do the same.

We’d also like to urge you to think about returning to campus for Reunion 2006, June 9-11. It would be great to meet all of you. And just think! You could share all of your news with friends and former faculty members, revisit some of your favorite places, and take a look at the many changes on campus since you left Alfred.

Our goal is to have as many alumni names as possible listed in Class Notes within each issue of the Alfred Magazine. So keep your notes, postcards, photographs, and e-mails coming. During the next year we will also begin to run Class Notes on the Alumni Web site. And the gift report is now online and is updated on a regular basis.

Here’s how to get your news published:

- **Contact your Class Correspondent.** Names, addresses and e-mails may be found by looking under your class year in the Class Notes section.
- **E-mail us:** clarkd@alfred.edu or enews@alfred.edu.
- **Send your news** to Debbie Clark, Alumni Publications Editor, 1 Saxon Drive, Alfred, NY 14802.
- **Visit the AU alumni Web site:** www.alfred.edu/alumni, and enter your class note there.

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patient has to say that makes Nancy such an outstanding health care provider.”

Class of 1970 Phi Epsilon Pi brothers met in September 2005 at Ken Campbell’s summer home in Rhode Island for a weekend of golf, boating, fishing, and general catching up. (See photo page 35) The group attended Alfred reunions in 1995 and 2000 (we missed 2005), chartered a sailboat in the Virgin Islands in 2002, played golf in Killington, VT, in 2003, and in Cincinnati, OH in 2004. The next event was to be skiing in Colorado in March 2006.

Robert Gosden of Hector, NY, chief financial officer for the Elmira (NY) School District, retired Feb. 1, 2006, having devoted a 36-year career to education. He said he plans to spend time with his family – wife Susan and daughters Jennifer and Emma – catch up on some reading, and enjoy the view of the lake from his home.

Ronald Bridge of Hornell, NY, has been hired by Alfred State College as construction field representative in the Facilities Services Department to inspect and oversee on-campus construction. He is the father of twin sons, Jared and Matt, and a daughter, Laura.

From Rich Simington:

“When **Linda Rounds** was a kid she thought she’d like to be a nurse, an LPN. Then her high school counselor intervened to say if she wanted to be a nurse she should get a BSN. So she came to Alfred. Then she thought she should get an MSN. So she did. Then she thought it would be good to be a nurse practitioner. And it was. Finally, she decided she’d really better earn a PhD. And she did. Today Linda is a professor of nursing at the University of Texas Medical Branch. And she’s still out in front. Her

students are located around the United States because they are all learning online. Linda and her husband, Charlie, continue to live in Galveston, TX. Guess what he does? He's a nurse."

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Works by Kathie Raneri '71, '72 of Johnstown, NY, were featured during the month of November 2005 at the Frothingham Free Library. Kathie is a retired teacher, married with two grown sons.

"Surprises for 2006" was an online article published on Jan. 3, 2006, and written by Doug Kass, a contributor to *Street Insight*. Doug is a general partner for two investment partnerships, Seabreeze Partners L.P. and Seabreeze Partners Short L.P.

From Rich Simington:

"There was a time when if you were in trouble with the law in Texas – where trouble with the law is no small thing – and wanted the best defense, you called Gerry Spence, or Racehorse Haynes. No longer. Now you call Stanley Schneider. For years he's been successful in so many high-profile cases with so many high-profile clients it's no wonder he's been featured on all the national news magazine shows including '60 Minutes,' 'Dateline,' and '48 Hours.' And he's been the best for a long time. As a young attorney, Stan argued successfully to win the appeal for the first pardon for innocence of a capital case in Texas since the 1920s. Stan and his wife, Susan, continue to live in Houston, TX."

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From Rich Simington:

"George Leventon has always been a busy guy. He's been a dentist, a pathologist, a professor, and today is a psychiatrist. When he's not using his clinical skills to help children, or his in-demand forensic skills to testify as an expert witness in court, he's an



Among those attending the Kyoto Prize ceremony were, from left, L. David Pye '59, AU President Charles Edmondson, Dr Kazuo Inamori H '88 and Gary Messing '73. Seated is Masako, Crown Princess of Japan.

avid volunteer with the Boy Scouts. And he's the owner and chief engineer of his own railway, the Alfred University Railroad (AURR) near his home. In fact, he's also building a second locomotive in his garage – from scratch. George continues to live in Bellaire, TX, with his (patient) wife, Marge.

"Warren Wolf knows a lot of funny stories from his days at Alfred, when he lived in a house in town that became known as the 34 Church St. Boys' Club. Ask him about electrified flying saucers or Cross Bronx Expressway signs in the parking lot. But he works as hard as he plays. Warren is known as one of the best litigators in San Antonio. He's been elected by his fellow attorneys as an officer of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. He's volunteered so much with Boy Scouts many people in town think he's a staff member. He's a mainstay of the Lion's Club. And he bikes almost as much as Lance Armstrong, covering 4,000 miles last year. Warren and his wife, Teresa, continue to live in San Antonio, TX."

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Gary L. Messing delivered the annual John F. McMahon Memorial Lecture at AU on Oct. 13, 2005. His topic was "Manipulating Microstructures – A Path to Better Ceramics." Gary is Distinguished Professor of Ceramic Science and Engineering and head of the Department of Materials Science and Engineering at The Pennsylvania State University, State College, where his research interests include nucleation and crystallization of chemical precursors, inorganic powder synthesis, sintering and grain growth, textured ceramics and nanocrystalline materials. He is a Fellow and past president of ACerS.

Andrew Lavooft Bluestone was awarded the Legal Technical Innovator of the Year Award by Hewlett Packard on Jan. 30, 2006, for his work in the New York Legal Malpractice Blog, and in creating a "paperless" legal office through extensive scanning and digital retention of legal documents. Look for his blog at www.blogbluestonelawfirm.com

Dorothy Dickieson has been selected as Woman of the Year by the Seneca Falls (NY) Women's Coalition and was to be honored at a dinner March 11, 2006. She was tapped for her 50 years of volunteering in Seneca County. She is a board member of Habitat for Humanity, a volunteer librarian for the Women's Rights National Historical Park, a volunteer at the National Women's Hall of

Fame, a member of the Seneca Sings church choir, and a master gardener with Cornell Cooperative Extension. She is also active in NYS Retired Teachers, president of the local chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, former president of the women's Reading Club, treasurer of the Fortnightly of Seneca Falls, and works with the Red Tent reading group. Proceeds from the dinner will go to Habitat for Humanity, her favorite charity. Dorothy and husband Sam have been married 58 years. They have two daughters and six grandchildren.

David E. Mentley, 54, of El Sobrante, CA, died on Jan. 29, 2006. His engineering career ended at Stanford Resources, which he joined in 1984 as a senior partner. He was known as one of the leading authorities in the information display industry. He enjoyed sailing in the San Francisco Bay, camping, traveling, photography, gardening, and woodworking. He is survived by his wife of 17 years, Barbara, and two sons.

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From your **Class Correspondent**:

Mark Little is represented by The Frand Brockman Gallery, Brunswick, ME.

Eileen P. Goldenberg writes: "A teapot of mine was featured in the March 2006 issue of *Metropolitan Home*. It is on page 34, 'Indigo.' Starting May 28, a half-hour show called the 'Artist's i' all about my art, ceramics, and drawing will be shown on Comcast, Channel 11, in the San Francisco Bay area. I have a brand new Web site – www.eileenpgoldenberg.com, and a blog: www.epgoldenbergencaustics.blogspot.com

Michael Kays has joined Valeant Pharmaceuticals, Costa Mesa, CA, as senior vice president for global procurement and logistics. He was brought on board by long-time Hornell, NY, friend Tim Tyson, CEO and president. Both men were featured in a Feb. 8, 2006, article in their hometown newspaper, *The Evening Tribune*.

From Rich Simington:

"Most people who knew **Marie Streusand** at Alfred knew she was a first-rate

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chemistry student. So good that a favorite professor recommended her for graduate study with his mentor. And she continued to excel in the lab. But even scientists like romance. And to make a long story short, Marie fell in love and married her grad school lab partner. Today Marie and her husband, Barry, continue to live in Austin, TX, where they own and are first-rate chemists at Applied Analytical. And they're still romantic."

recognized masters of pottery. She can be contacted regarding creating custom works at 203.322.3970.

Maryann (Morfesi) Mathiasen, widow of the late **Kenneth J. Mathiasen**, who died in July 2005 from complications following an accident, has contributed to the AU Baccalaureate Scholarship Fund in her late husband's memory.

Wayne T. Cashin, 53, of Woodbury, CT, died on Nov. 3, 2005. He worked as a project manager at IBM for 28 years. He was an avid golfer, coached Little League baseball, and coached and played men's softball. Surviving are his wife, Kathy, a son, and a daughter.

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Graham Marks writes about his experience last fall "working in New Orleans with a group called Acupuncturists Without Borders (AWB). We are a group of volunteers, dedicated to providing free acupuncture treatment for communities in need. Once food, water, and shelter are provided, we see our role as a way to provide stress and trauma relief to all who desire help – displaced people, first responders, etc. I was in New Orleans for three weeks and it was an amazing experience – treating displaced populations there (Vietnamese communities, Honduran communities, in

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Robyn Lane is the new principal at Quaker Ridge School, Scarsdale, NY.

Timothy J. Scott is a certified nurse anesthetist at Norman Regional Hospital, Norman, OK. He writes that "somewhere I have a copy of a note that Dr. Joella Rand provided me that I was the first 'generic' male to start and complete the AU School of Nursing. There had been a few men who graduated, however they already had the RN license and were obtaining a BSN degree." Tim is also a member of the AU Sports Hall of Fame, class of 2003.

Layah Rubenstein, an operating room nurse supervisor for 17 years, and now full-time artist, has established Redstone Ceramics in Norwalk, CT, to display and sell her works. She has spent the last six summers in Alfred studying under

the lower 9th Ward, St. Bernard Parish) as well as firefighters, National Guard, LA state officials, etc. – on sidewalks, under tents, in hotels, and in churches. The Web site for AWB is www.acuwithoutborders.org”

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Susan Joy Share and her artwork were featured in a Jan.15, 2006, article in the *Anchorage Daily News* which detailed her “performing” books. The article reads, in part: “Susan Joy Share marvels at the inventiveness of books, but when she creates her own, she doesn’t do a lick of writing. She presses, cuts, sews and glues; she drills, laminates, fastens and fabricates. She builds universes that unfold from simple boxes and sculptural forms that bloom from the oldest of bookbinding techniques. With fanciful, meticulous grace, Share explores the kinetics of books.” A solo show, “Attachments,” ran Jan. 15-March 12, at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art.

Mary E. Moynihan, 52, of Penfield, NY, a nurse and executive for area health care providers, was killed on Feb. 17, 2006, when a large tree, toppled by a strong wind gust, crushed her car as she drove to a doctor’s appointment. She had been most recently employed at Excellus BlueCross BlueShield, Rochester Region, where she was vice president of medical economics. She was known to be an excellent cook and loved to entertain. She is survived by her husband, David A. Johnson.

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Your Class Correspondent heard from Nancy Sheehan ’79 that: “Elaine Fletcher-Vega celebrated her 50th birthday at home in Amherst, MA on Aug. 1, 2005, with her husband Carlos and daughter Rebecca and her large extended family. Also on hand were Michaela Brennan-Lindebaugh ’79 and her daughter Riley of Ann Arbor, MI; Sheldon Stein ’80 and his wife Betsy and children Gabe and Daisy of New York City; Nancy Sheehan ’79 of Cranbury, NJ; and Paul Warren ’79 of Miami, FL.

“On Sept. 10, 2005 Victoria Flood of San Francisco, CA, married Charles McDonnell of Mystic, CT, at the home of her parents in Wickford, RI. It was an exceptionally beautiful day on the water and Michaela Brennan ’79 and her daughter Riley were there along with Elaine Fletcher-Vega and her husband Carlos; Cathy McDermott with her husband from Boston; and Nancy Sheehan ’79 of Cranbury, NJ. Cathy did a wonderful solo song.”

Your Class Correspondent also reports that: “In October 2005, Evan Goldstein and his wife, Chris, became the grandparents of a baby girl, Kaleigh Alexandra Summers. Kaleigh is the daughter of the Goldsteins’ daughter, Jody and her husband, Mike Summers of Stamford, CT.”

Tim Porter married Dawn Haynes ’80 on Dec. 1, 2005. Tim writes: “A fine time was had by all.”

Greg Thomas is one of the owners of The Factory, a new restaurant and bar in Ballston Spa, NY, described as a “family-oriented sports eatery.”

Richard D. Nadel writes he is celebrating his 22nd year of law practice with the Nadel Law Firm, P.A., in Palm Beach, FL.

From Rich Simington:

“One of the reasons Kenneth Thompson liked Alfred so much was that most students stayed on campus. It was truly a residential college. Maybe that’s why Ken became a dormitory head resident a year before anyone else had. Or why he worked at the Tech (Alfred State College) in residential services while continuing graduate school at AU. Then he went on to a college on Long Island and then to the Westin and Stauffer Hotel chains. Today Ken is still intrigued by residents. He’s the vice president of operations for Dimension Development Co. which owns and operates 35 hotels around the United States. Ken and his wife, Jane, continue to live in San Antonio, TX.”

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(Editor’s Note: Class Correspondents Mary Shaddock ’78 and Kate Wehrle must have ESP, talk to the same friends, and frequent the same places. Both sent in the news reported in the first section of the Class of 1978. So those of you in the Class of 1979, please go back a year to learn what’s happening to several of your classmates and friends!)

Class Correspondent Kate Wehrle also writes: “As many of us are looking at the big 50... A landmark birthday to be sure... Why don’t we take this opportunity to let our AU classmates know where we are and what we are all doing now. I will be looking for your e-mails and hope to have a large contribution for the next issue... e-mail me right now while you are thinking about it!”

Dedication of Fasano House a major part of Delta Reunion this June

Delta Sigma Phi alumni and their families will definitely be in attendance at this year’s Reunion. “We are excited to see our old house become the welcome center for the University, especially since it will bear the Fasano family name,” said Mike Carey ’99.

“We’re looking forward to the dedication on Saturday (4 p.m. June 10). We’re also planning a brief alumni meeting to discuss the fraternity affairs, so expect more details as the weekend approaches,” he added.

Delta Sigma Phi members will be the first group to make use of the new facilities in the Fasano Welcome Center. A dinner is planned for the evening of June 10.

For more information or to make reservations, contact the Alumni and Community Relations Office at alumni@alfred.edu.

Woody Hughes, an art instructor at Gould Academy, Bethel, Maine, had a show of his ceramic work in January at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI.

Kathryn Annan, a science teacher at West Genesee (Syracuse, NY) High School, recently received her national teacher certification.

From Rich Simington:

“Sometimes parents ask their Alfred student how they’ll earn a living when they complete their BFA. Those students should call **Ann Wagner**. Here’s a capsule from the professional biography on her company’s Web site: ‘Ann, founder and CEO of Baron Design Group, has been involved in developing leading-edge workplace and facilities solutions for Global 100 companies for over 20 years...’ The firm’s diverse experience includes developing global corporate standards programs; designing highly sophisticated corporate headquarters; and coordinating customer service centers and other workplaces in Asia, Latin America, and North America. Ann and her husband, Dean Barone, continue to live in Houston, TX.”

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Deborah G. Spratt, RN, BSN, MPA, CNOR, CNA, a clinical specialist at the University of Rochester (NY) Medical Center, is a candidate for the board of directors of AORN. AORN is the professional organization of perioperative registered nurses whose mission is to support registered nurses in achieving optimal outcomes for patients undergoing operative and other invasive procedures.

Richard G. Larson is the new president and chief executive officer of Lehigh Valley Plastics, Inc., Allentown, PA. Richard is also a principal investor of a private equity group which recently purchased the company.

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Michael '91 and Cassidy Coble send greetings from Iraq.

Daniel G. Shephard has been named executive vice president of Martin Marietta Materials, Inc., Raleigh, NC.



From Rich Simington:

“Oh sure, today **Kate Ritson** is a *Daniel Shephard '81* beloved professor and former chairman of the Art Department at Trinity University, where she’s been on the faculty since 1990. And she’s well-known in the region for her sculpture exhibitions. But if you want to hear some interesting stories, ask her about her work experiences before she got to Trinity. They’re a little bit like a cross between the songs, ‘Cinderella’ and ‘Sixteen Tons.’ Today Kate continues to live in San Antonio, TX.

“If you want to hear an interesting story, ask **Donald Thieberger Nose** how he came to change his surname to ‘Nose.’ It would help if you have read Gary Larson cartoons. The change is helpful to catch kids’ attention in his long-term avocation as a children’s entertainer. He continues to make large pottery and to teach ceramics to children at several schools, including his own, the Platypus Potter School. Don and his wife, Thiemba, just celebrated the birth of their daughter, Ocean. They all live in Livingston, NJ.”

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Peggy Whalen and husband **George Lithco** work to educate communities and prevent Shaken Baby Syndrome through the Skipper Initiative, named for their son, George “Skipper” Lithco, who was shaken by his babysitter and died Dec. 3, 2000, from brain injuries three weeks before his first birthday. The program stands for “Shaking Kills: Instead Parents Please Educate and Remember.” The couple was featured in a Dec. 4, 2005, front-page article in the *Poughkeepsie (NY) Journal*. Peggy and George have a 3-year-old son, John.

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Cooper's the guy to 'Git 'er done'

By Mark Whitehouse

A star on the wildly popular Blue Collar Comedy Tour, Larry the Cable Guy has quickly become one of the top standup comedians in the country. His most recent CD, "The Right to Bare Arms" debuted last summer at number one on the comedy charts and became the first comedy album ever to crack the top 10 on Billboard's album charts.

It was only natural that Larry (whose real name is Dan Whitney) would parlay his success on the comedy stage to a starring role on the Big Screen. Hollywood producers chose Trent Cooper, '92, to direct Larry in his first full-length film, "Larry The Cable Guy: Health Inspector." Coincidentally, it marks Cooper's feature film directorial debut.

Cooper's journey from Alfred University to the bright lights of Hollywood was one marked by lots of hard work, some big risks and a little bit of luck. After graduating from AU with a degree in political science, Cooper took a job as a marketing assistant with a production company in Tampa, FL, where he stayed two years before moving on to a corporate communications firm in Denver, CO, producing regional television commercials. Five years later, Cooper, who had long dreamed of making it in the movie business, moved to New York City and started his own production company. "I had to see if I could make it happen," he said.

Cooper produced commercials for the likes of DirectTV, the National Football League and ESPN. His big break came in 2002 when "The Comeback," a four-minute short film he wrote and directed, starring noted Hollywood actor Samuel L. Jackson, aired during ESPN's ESPY Awards show. The film, about a 55-year-old man in search of redemption on the pee-wee football field, was a hit at festivals around the world, winning the award for Best Short Film at HBO's U.S. Comedy Arts Festival. Most important, it caught the eye of Hollywood producer Alan Blomquist.

"When I saw his short film, I was floored by it. I couldn't believe how funny it was," said Blomquist, who has produced several successful motion pictures, among them

"What's Eating Gilbert Grape," "Cider House Rules," "Chocolat," and the recent Academy Award-nominated "Walk The Line."

"When I heard how fast he'd done ('The Comeback') and how little he'd spent, I said, 'I have to keep my eye on him.'" When Blomquist and his production partners decided to make "Health Inspector," he immediately thought of Cooper. "With (Cooper) being a first-time director, we were taking a bit of a chance, but it really paid off," Blomquist said.

Cooper, 34, describes "Health Inspector" as "a redneck version of Austin Powers, crossed with 'Ace Ventura: Pet Detective.'" The film, shot in Orlando, FL, over a five-week period last summer, opened in theaters March 24. It also stars actors Joe Pantoliano ('The Sopranos') and Joanna Cassidy ('Six Feet Under').



Trent Cooper '92, right, enjoys a between-scenes break with Larry the Cable Guy.

Cooper, a native of Lakeland, FL, said it was a thrill working with Larry, a fellow Floridian who makes his home in Tampa. "I loved it. We had so much fun," he said.

The movie's star came away impressed with Cooper, who helped him overcome some early shooting jitters.

"I'd never done a full-length movie and the first couple of days I was really nervous," Larry recalled. "Trent really made the job easy. I'd do something and he'd want to do a couple more takes but was very encouraging. He

made me comfortable and I'm at my best when I'm comfortable. It was a blast and Trent made it fun." Blomquist lauded Cooper's work and believes his future in the film industry is bright.

Cooper's journey from Alfred University to the bright lights of Hollywood was one marked by lots of hard work... and a little bit of luck.

"He works very well with the actors and has that ability to get a disparate group to work together. That's challenging for a first-

time director, but he really pulled it off," Blomquist remarked. "The movie is fantastic. We're very happy with it."

Cooper lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Shannon, and their 3-year-old son, George, who has a memorable cameo appearance in "Health Inspector." He hopes his recent success will help him land other directing jobs.

"Doing this movie really helps - it's a huge milestone," he said. "Immediately, I'm in a pretty exclusive club. The next big test will be how it does in theaters. I'm up for five or six jobs, but nothing's been booked yet."

John Simmins '84, '90 and wife Judi live in Waldorf, MD, with their five children, John Patrick, 10; Nathan Charles "Charlie," 9; Christopher Robert, 7; Marianna Rosalie, 4; and Elizabeth Ann, 2. John is principal analyst for Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative where he helps set IT strategy and manage the project management office. He is also busy pursuing his passion for radio by helping establish Catholic radio stations; the first one begins broadcasting in spring 2006. John is also active in pro-life, environmental conservation, and social justice issues and is pursuing a second career as a permanent deacon in the Roman Catholic Church. John writes: "Judy, for her part, is busy raising the kids and making sure John sleeps once or twice per week."

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In December 2005, Graham Corp., Batavia, NY, where **William Johnson** is president and CEO, received two purchase orders totaling some \$3.2 million for equipment to be installed in a new petrochemical production complex in Saudi Arabia. In January 2006, Graham received a \$3.6 million purchase order for a large ejector system to be installed in the world's fourth largest oil refinery in South Korea.

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Your Class Correspondent writes:

"Dear Friends, We have moved to West Lafayette, IN – home of Purdue University. After almost 20 years of designing locomotives at GE, John accepted a job with a company that designs Black Hawk Helicopters. We love the Midwest and all that this area has to offer. I spend time volunteering at Burnett Creek Elementary School. Mitch is 10 years old and in fourth grade. Madeline is 7 years old and in first grade. Keep your correspondence coming! As always, we love to hear from you!"

Dr. Cheryl Blanchard has been promoted to senior vice president of research and development and chief scientific officer at Zimmer Holdings, Inc., Warsaw, IN. Zimmer is a leader in the orthopaedics industry. (See story page 19)

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Bonnie McMillen, RN, BSN writes that she has been director of Student Health Services at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford (PA) since 2002. "I was a part-time staff nurse here since 1997. I enjoyed my years at Alfred very much and think there is no other place quite like Alfred, NY. Since receiving my degree from Alfred I have worked in almost every area of nursing, medical/surgical, OB/GYN, psychiatric units, and now college health. I taught clinical nursing courses at BOCES and Jamestown Community College before coming to Pitt-Bradford. I enjoy my present position tremendously because I have one-on-one interaction with students, faculty, and staff at the university and feel I make a difference in the health and well-being of the Pitt-Bradford community. I live in Bradford with my husband Neal, who is enjoying his retirement. My current passion, other than nursing, is spinning fiber into yarn and creating all kinds of fiber art. I also enjoy teaching and demonstrating spinning. So that makes me a married spinster."

Peter Smith writes that his band Pitchfork Militia released a double-live CD entitled "Hall of Flame," on Feb. 14, 2006. "Pitchfork Militia plays a blend of country, blues, rockabilly, and punk, and has been a band since 1995, self-releasing eight full-length CDs previous to 'Hall of Flame.' It's fun, it's fast, it's loud!" To receive a free Pitchfork Wreckerds catalog, write to: P.O. Box 327, Palenville, NY 12463, or head@fsancomm.com, or call 518.678.9556; visit www.peterheadhimself.com to view photos.



Michele Lang LaCourse '96 and her STAR award. (See class note, page 45)

Michael C. Casseri has been owner of the Michael C. Casseri State Farm Insurance Agency in Clarence, NY, since October 2005.

Harry Littell, photographer, artist, and instructor at Tompkins Cortland Community College, Dryden, NY, co-authored an article in the February 2006 edition of *Smithsonian* magazine with Ronald Ostman, a Cornell University professor with whom he has worked on two books. The article came about as a result of a discovery by one of Littell's students. Littell, who teaches digital photography, had a student bring in glass plate negatives she had discovered in her tool shed, inspiring him to clean them up, print the photos, and then start searching for the photographer. He says they are photos of logging camps taken by William T. Clarke of Pennsylvania, and he plans a future book on the subject.

Bill Ruffle has recently taken over as director of the Northern Virginia Community College Manassas Campus Math Center. Bill, his wife, Sheri, and children, Anna, 7, and Paul, 4, live in Reston, VA.

Mark Stasz was selected to present his work as the first of three artists under consideration in the University of Science and Arts, Oklahoma Public Art Project this spring. Over the past 15 years, he has created more than 200 site-specific works of art for private, corporate, and public clients. Stasz works specifically with metal and rock that are ideally suited for large-scale, outdoor sculptures.

CurtCo Media, Bala Cynwyd, PA, has announced the appointment of **Michael Schneider** as vice president and publisher of "Worth," the nation's only high-end consumer magazine dedicated to the management, preservation, and transference of substantial wealth.

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Maura Lilley has been promoted to senior art director/design director at Media Logic, Saratoga Springs, NY.

Andrew Gordon played the part of William Clark in the November 2005 production of "Lewis and Clark and the End of the World" at Sou'wester Lodge, Seaview, WA. Andrew performs with Harlequin Productions.

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Allen Mangel and his wife, Felicia, welcomed a son, Joshua Reece, on Jan. 15, 2006.

The St. John Fisher Cardinals, coached by **Rob Kornaker**, were the top seed in the Chase Tournament in early January 2006 in Rochester, NY.

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Michael D. Coble writes: "I have been serving in the U.S. Army ever since I graduated (January 1991). I work in the telecommunications field for the Army. I am currently stationed in Darmstadt, Germany. However, my wife and I are currently deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. My wife is not an Alfred graduate. Her name is Cassidy M. Coble." (See photo page 41)

Alex Torres is area sales manager for Pitney Bowes Global Mailing, Raleigh, NC.

Susanne Knaak Brandt, photographer, along with fellow art teacher Tracey Marino O'Hara, launched an exhibition of their work in November 2005, at Rockwell Art and Framing, Wilton, CT. Susanne has developed a reputation for her alternative photo-finishing techniques. She teaches photography and ceramics full-time at Wilton High School and conducts photo printing workshops at Silvermine Guild School of Art in her spare time.

Lea Walker Duserick and **Shannon Duserick '92** had another daughter on Oct. 29, 2005. Alden Camille joins big sister, Emilia, 4, and big brother Sawyer, 3. They write: "Life is good with three!"

Jeff Jacquin and his wife, Andrea, had their first child on Feb. 3, 2006, a son, Jeffrey Nicholas Jacquin.

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Sara (Gelfan) Davis writes: "We had a beautiful baby boy on June 23, 2005 – Rylan Daniel Davis. Father Eric and brother Jensen (age 4) are very proud and we are all enjoying the new addition to our family. I am still teaching second grade, but am teaching only in the morning so I can have more time with the baby. I have started my own birthday business that is really taking off and is helping to supplement my part-time income (see: www.noahsarkworkshop.com/saradavis773)

Works by ceramist **Lisa Orr** were on display in fall 2005 at the Anne Kittrell Gallery, University of Arkansas. Her works are included in several private and public collections such as the Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco and the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts.

Mitra Samadani is engaged to Philip Argiros. A summer 2006 wedding is planned.

Michelle Collette and **Jen Thompson** welcomed twin sons, Julien Richard Collette and Raphael Michel Collette, on Sept. 8, 2005. They join big brother Jean-Luc, 3.

Jodi Ives McAneney and **Matthew McAneney** welcomed a son, Liam Thomas McAneney, on Sept. 30, 2005.

Peter Walls and **Angelica Veitch '94** had a son, Tommy, on Oct. 1, 2005.

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Thomas W. Reed II, a Corning, NY, lawyer, is the new chairman of the Corning City Republican Committee.

Dr. Kristen L.(Rogers) O'Rourke and **Shawn M. O'Rourke** welcomed a daughter, Opal Lily O'Rourke, 6 lbs., 12 oz., 20-inches long, born Oct. 10, 2005, at home.

Geoffrey "Geoff" Patrick Doring, 35, of Philadelphia, died on Nov. 28, 2005. He was a singer and guitarist in the Philly rock band Latimer. He was also an expert carpenter. He is survived by his parents, Christine and William Doring of Malvern, PA; and two brothers.



Lauren F. (Hanke) Verni '98 married Christopher J. Verni on Sept. 17, 2005.



Christa R. Nyman '01 and Michael N. Christakis '99 were married on Sept. 10, 2005, in Rochester, NY. Alfred University-related attendees included: (front, from left) Dr. Rex Olson, Jason Maier '02, James Kostiw '99, Daniel Napolitano '93; (middle row, from left): Dr. Karen Porter, professor of sociology; Carolyn Corrado '02; John Paliouras '60; Michael and Christa; Sheila Callahan '01; Mandy Nourse '01; (and back, from left) Kenneth Leidig '99; David Clay '00; Bradley Berwald '99; Katherine McCarthy '80; and Patricia Debertolis '95.

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Angelica Veitch and Peter Walls '92 had a son, Tommy, on Oct. 1, 2005.

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A photo of tulips by Christa Neu appears on the cover of the February-March issue of *Organic Gardening* magazine. She did the photography for three features in the issue. Christa is photography editor for the magazine.

Jess Weida of Chicago will participate in the city's Gay Games, July 15-22, 2006, in the javelin throw.

Dr. Brett Schulz married Sara E. Scheffler '01 on Oct. 8, 2005.

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Seth Balliett writes about his new project, *N'eat Magazine*, Portland, Maine. "With a lot of hard work, many late nights and loads of coffee, we've just released our third issue, Fall/Winter 2005... certainly the best yet. Visit us online at www.neastmagazine.com, where you can sign up for our e-newsletter, read a little of 'In This Issue' and check out or new 'Subscribe for Life' program with 10 percent of profits going to the Surreider Foundation, www.surreider.org.

Michele (Lang) LaCourse writes: "At my work we have a peer recognition award program called 'STAR.' The STAR awards allow anyone to nominate any co-worker for doing outstanding work. At the end of the year all of the nominees are categorized and ranked, then a group of upper managers decide who wins the STARS. Out of 40 total

nominations in our site, there were 10 winners and I was one of them! (See photo page 43) We have about 300 people who work in Methuen so it's quite an honor just to be nominated. Here is an excerpt from my nomination which one of my co-workers submitted: 'Michele is being nominated for a STAR award based on her excellence as the DST NPI Leader. Her organization, planning, and devotion towards the DST project have brought structure and unity to the cross-functional groups that make up the DST team. Her NPI leadership methods should be used as a template for all future NPI Leaders.' Here's a little acronym help – DST is the name of the new touch screen we are launching

www.3M.com/3Mtouchsystems/DSTtouch/intdex.jhtml NPI stands for New Product Introduction – it's the process 3M uses to develop and launch a new product."

Michele, who is married to Brian '93, '97, is a senior product development engineer at 3M, Methuen, MA. Brian works for Saint-Gobain USA, Northboro, MA. The couple lives in Pepperell, MA.

Carlyle Hicks recently became director of Residence Life at Dominican College, Rockland County, NY.

Christopher Meany has joined Applegate & Co., Charleston, SC, as project manager.

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Your Class Correspondent writes:

Becky (Higginbottom) and Josh Dahlman have lived overseas in Tainan and Taichung, Taiwan, since September 2004. They continue to work at Corning Inc., in the LCD glass industry. Josh and Becky were planning their move back to Kentucky in March to see if their house is still standing, their neighbors remember them, and to plant their feet a bit closer to family and friends. Josh says that Asia trips will still be frequent as things are expanding very quickly on that side of the world (i.e. Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and China). Josh and Becky are hoping to get a couple weeks in New Zealand during the transition back home. According to Josh, 'Rumor has it that it's very pretty and has tons of adventure, scenery, and great weather!' On a personal note regarding their



Christopher Argentieri '99 married Ansley Carswell on Aug. 6, 2005. After spending four years with Conde Nast Publishing, Charlotte, NC, Christopher accepted a position as international accounts manager for SourceInterLink, Bonita Springs, FL. His wife works as a project supervisor for Prudential Florida WCI Reality of Naples, FL.

move back to the United States, Josh writes, 'Our Chinese is getting better, the food has been great, the people are very welcoming and friendly, the traffic won't be missed, drinking out of the tap again will be a novelty, random fireworks won't stir us at 2:30 a.m., the garbage truck melody will go down in history, the great winter weather will be sad to say good-bye to, and we'll miss the groups randomly doing Tai Chi in the parks at 5:30 a.m. What an eye-opening experience.' Josh and Becky would like to catch-up with friends. They can be reached at joshdahlman@hotmail.com."

Your Class Correspondent **Kari Jermansen** became engaged to Joseph Martin on Dec. 10, 2005. A September 2006 wedding is planned.

"**Cassandra (Racasi) '97** and **Mark Fleksher** welcomed the birth of their first child, a son, **Dillon Markus Fleksher**, on June 1, 2005. The family resides in New Jersey."

Peter Kupinski '97, '00 is engaged to **Kara Costello '00**. An Aug. 11, 2007, wedding is planned. Peter is a ceramic engineer at ITT Industries, Rochester, NY. Kara is a counselor at St. John's Villa, Rochester.

Sue Tirrell married **Craig Buscher** in October 2005. Sue is a self-employed ceramic artist. She conducted a two-day intensive workshop at Beall Park Art Center, Bozeman, MT, Nov. 5 and 12, 2005, on sculpting animal forms in clay. Sue served as director of education for the Custer County Art & Heritage Center, Miles City, MT, for the past seven years. Her work has been included in national and regional juried and invitational exhibits and can be viewed at Visions West Gallery, Bozeman and Livingston, MT. Her husband is a reading specialist for Gardiner Public School. The couple lives in Paradise Valley, MT.

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Your Class Correspondent heard from **Christina Lombardi-Curtin**: "After four years of being an attorney at the

Smithtown law firm of Meyer, Meyer, Metli & Keneally, I have opened my own practice. It's a lot of work, but it's going well and there's nothing like being your own boss. I've been married for a little over three years now and married life couldn't be any better. I'm still active in the Democratic Party on Long Island. I was a campaign manager for a local council race this past election cycle. It was a tough race, but my candidate won. I've been asked to help run a Congressional race this summer. Also, I sit on the executive board of Brookhaven Town Democratic Party as a vice chair." Natalie notes: "She was active in student government at Alfred, and is definitely civic-minded!"

Natalie also writes: "By the time this is printed, **Rachel Kenyon, nee Alley**, also Class of '98, will be four short weeks away from expecting her first child with fellow alum, **Brian Kenyon**. I'll be hosting her baby shower on April 8, and hopefully we'll have visits from other AKO sisters, **Carrie Para, nee Potter** and **Jennifer Goehle, nee Golus**.

"AKO births! **Jenn Goehle** had Allison in October 2004, and **Virginia Johnson, nee Livermore**, had Emily in February 2005.

"Anyone who is thinking about attending Reunion, let me know! **Lauren Borchard** and I are thinking about making the trip, and it's always great to see other faces we know! There will be a performing arts focus as well, so if you want to participate, contact **Becky Prophet**.

"Lastly, a shout out to everyone who prayed and cheered for the Steelers to win Super Bowl XL!"

Jason Gray reports that he has won the Wick Chapbook Prize, and his book of poems, "How to Paint the Savior Dead," will be published next spring by Kent State University Press. "The Wick prize is sponsored by the Wick Poetry Center and Kent State University Press, and selects the best chapbook manuscript submitted (under 25 pages) by an Ohio poet for publication. Along with that, Kent State has invited me to give a reading once the book is available. Here's the Web page if you're interested: dept.kent.edu/wick/publications.html." (See story page 47)

Lauren F. (Hanke) Verni married **Christopher J. Verni** on Sept. 17, 2005, in Newport, RI. (See photo page 44) After graduating from Alfred, Lauren earned her

Mossip Scholarship increased

Caroline Mossip, mother of the late Diana Mossip, and wife of the late Richard Mossip, has recently added to the Diana Mossip Scholarship Fund, which was established in 1997, following the untimely death of Diana, an Alfred University student. Two scholarships are awarded annually at Honors Convocation to students pursuing veterinary, human, or dental medicine. Diana Mossip had looked forward to a career in veterinary medicine.

law degree and a master's degree in intellectual property law from Franklin Pierce Law Center, Concord, NH. She is an associate attorney at the law firm of Brennan, Recupero, Cascione, Scungio & McAllister, LLP, Providence, RI. Christopher graduated from the University of Rochester and also earned his law degree from Franklin Pierce Law Center. He is corporate counsel at Pfizer, Inc., Groton, CT. The wedding party included several friends from Alfred: **Rachel Johnston** (maid of honor), **Kyla Gill '99** (bridesmaid), and **Allison Mullen '99** (bridesmaid). Also in attendance at the celebration were the bride's aunt, **Robin (Caster) Howard '86** (assistant dean, School of Art and Design, AU) and uncle, **Dr. Benjamin Howard** (professor of English, lecturer in music, AU) along with **Alyssa (Carlton) Cowell '98** and her husband. The couple traveled to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, for their honeymoon and makes their home in Wakefield, RI.

Kimberly E. McCurdy of Ivoryton, CT, joined the staff of The Spa at Norwich Inn as weddings and special events

coordinator. The Spa is a 100-guestroom retreat. Kimberly is a member of the Connecticut Chapter of the Association of Bridal Consultants.

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Gubernatorial Authority and Influence in Thirty-Three States," examines the politics of public higher education in the United States.

Mike will also assume the presidency of the Empire State Capital Area Chapter of the American Society of Public Administration in May 2006.

Kyla Gill writes: "For the past six years I've been a graphic designer for KeyBank's headquarters in downtown Cleveland, Ohio. This past year I was promoted to art director. On Oct. 7 of this year I will marry Andrew W. Ludwig. The wedding will take place in our hometown of Hudson, Ohio. Also, Andy and I are currently in the process of relocating to El Paso, TX. In March, Andy will be stationed at Fort Bliss with the United States Army there."

Brooke White was one of three faculty members at the University of Mississippi to have work on display February through March 17, 2006, at the university's Gallery 130. Brooke, who specializes in imaging arts, said that through photography and video she investigates the way media trains how people see.

Christopher Argentieri married Ansley Carswell on Aug. 6, 2005. After spending four years with Conde Nast Publishing, Charlotte, NC, Christopher accepted a position as international accounts manager for SourceInterLink, Bonita Springs, FL. His wife works as a project supervisor for Prudential Florida WCI Realty of Naples, FL. (See photo page 46)

Jennifer Chin Cromme and Peter Cromme welcomed a daughter, Juliana Kristina Cromme, on Nov. 28, 2005.

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Two alums 'write for their lives'

Two Alfred University alumni were among the visiting writers who participated in the eighth annual Writing for Your Life Conference March 30-April 1 on campus.

Novelist and commentator **Paul Ford '95** and **Jason Gray '98** each read from their work and conducted seminars for aspiring writers.

The New York Times (Oct. 31, 2005) described Ford's latest book, *Gary Benchley, Rock Star*, as "an edited and expanded version of [the fictional] Benchley's serialized rock chronicles – a sort of Dickens-esque flourish for the digital age."

Ford is an associate editor of *Harper's Magazine*, the editor of *Harper's Magazine Weekly Review* and the creator of the influential Web site, ftrain.com. He is a frequent contributor to National Public Radio's popular "All Things Considered" program.

"My professors were my guides – they encouraged me to take risks," he said in a November interview. "They followed the curriculum but pushed me to explore outside of it. That sense of intellectual freedom served as the foundation of my career as a writer, editor, and technologist."

Now a resident of Brooklyn, NY, Ford recalls his time in Alfred with fondness. "There is something remarkable and genuine about the town of Alfred. It is an unusual, intimate place," he said.

After AU, Gray earned a master's degree from Johns Hopkins University's acclaimed Writing Seminars. He is a poet whose work has appeared in nationally recognized publications including *Poetry*, *The Threepenny Review*, *Literary Imagination* and *The Sewanee Theological Review*, as well as being featured on Verse Daily, a Web site which daily publishes a selection from literary magazines and books of poetry. His book reviews have appeared in *Prairie Schooner*.

Class Correspondent **Chandra Leister** writes:

“I got a new job! A few months ago, I began working for Pira International, a conference and consultancy company based in Leatherhead, England. I work out of their new Portland, ME, office and am now planning conferences all over the United States. I’m enjoying myself and learning quite a bit, as well as traveling to a different part of the United States every month. I may be visiting a city near you! I also wanted to wish a congratulations to Chrissy and Mike and Ann and Kris on their recent weddings! I want to see pictures! And also to fellow Correspondent Jasmine on her teaching award! **Kris Guyot** (former Alfred attendee, transferred away!) and I are still living in North Yarmouth, and have some major house renovations planned for later this year. I am once again looking for interested alumni in the area for a possible Northern New England alumni event. E-mail me at chandrakis@gmail.com.”

Class Correspondent **Jasmine Lellock** received this news from **Colleen Bush** and **Shandon Hart**:

“We are doing well and enjoying chilly Minnesota. Actually the weather is much like Alfred – it is colder for just a few weeks in the depths of winter. We are very thankful to both have found jobs in the same division of the same company – our offices are less than 100 feet apart! We often drive to work and have lunch together.” Colleen and Shandon are living in St. Paul, MN and both are working as engineers for 3M. See photo page 48)



Colleen Bush '00 and Shandon Hart '00 were married on July 18, 2004, in Findley Lake, NY. Pictured (from left) are: Hannah Hallman '00; Mike Sowards '00; Dr. Lisa Lantz; Nick Antolino '00; Paula (Mastrodonato) Dole '00; Ben Dole '00; Colleen; Shandon; Daniel Burton; Rogelio Vila Rodriguez (AU exchange student '00); Megan Lang; Ester Tolos; Nate Wyckoff '00; Nick Barkley '00; and Maria Barkley.

Heidi Ackerman writes: “Last year was a busy year. I left the Nativity of Our Lord Church to take the position of CFO for Catholic Social Services in Cincinnati, in March. Then in July, Alex proposed at Cinderella’s Castle. We are getting married in August. Along with the wedding planning, which is difficult when the majority of the wedding party lives out-of-state, I ran the Disney Marathon raising over \$3,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma’s Team in Training program. It was a great experience and I highly recommend Team in Training to anyone considering running a marathon.”

Mindy S. Wintermantal of Larchmont, NY, has joined Nestfinders Real Estate as a licensed agent.

Ben Ellcome teaches After School Arts Photography classes for middle school students at the Island Arts Center, Newport, RI.

Kara Costello is engaged to **Peter Kupinski '97, '00**. An Aug. 11, 2007, wedding date is set. Kara is a counselor at St. John’s Villa, Rochester, NY. Peter is a ceramic engineer at ITT Industries, Rochester.

Teresa Elizabeth Wightman married **Michael John Cianchetti** on Aug. 20, 2005. Teresa is a consumer lending associate at M&T Bank, Williamsville, NY. Her husband works as a LAN/WAN coordinator at ESM LCC, Amherst, NY. The couple resides in Amherst.

Jennifer Jean Melissa (Knapp) Woodhams writes that she married **Matt Woodhams**

'03 on June 25, 2005. “It turned out to be a beautiful sunny day with a ceremony at Hunt Country Vineyard, Branchport, NY, followed by a dinner cruise reception aboard the Keuka Maid, Hammondsport, NY. A handful of Alfred alumni were in attendance.”

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Jay Weisberger and **Sarah Hyde** are engaged. Jay joined Epley Associates’ Charlotte office in August 2005. Prior to becoming part of the Epley team, Jay served as the public relations manager for *Teen People* magazine, New York City. During his tenure at the publication, Jay spearheaded day-to-day media relations and developed PR strategies for all initiatives, including “red carpet” events. Jay’s other previous experience includes three years of work at NYC PR agency Bender/Helper Impact and as a staff writer/copy editor at *The Times* (Trenton, NJ). As account manager, Jay serves a variety of clients, including the North Carolina rehabilitation center Pavillon, Shat-R-Shield, the Charlotte School of Law, the Official NASCAR Members Club, and more. Previous client work in his career has included Scholastic Entertainment, Konami Digital Entertainment-America, 20th Century Fox Home Entertainment, and Marvel Enterprises, Inc. While a newcomer to the Charlotte region, Jay has always been an active member of his community. In New York, he was a member of the Manhattan Choral Ensemble, a 40-voice a cappella group. He also volunteered at Central Park Summer Stage. Sarah is an admissions counselor at Wingate University, Wingate, NC.

Hoon Lee presented a performative installation, “Washed,” on Feb. 3, 2006, at the Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts, Grand Rapids, MI. “Washed” involves pouring 50 gallons of milk onto

the gallery floor and mopping it with a clay brush he has made. The simple act of washing the floor becomes an act of penance through the interaction between the audience and artist.

Randi Oakes is engaged to Erik Werner '02. She currently teaches fourth grade at Hornell (NY) Intermediate School. She is also the owner/operator of Pristine Paws Grooming Salon. Erick teaches math at Hornell High School. The couple plans a July 15, 2006 wedding.

Dan King married Jennifer Stiglemeir '02 on May 21, 2005. The newlyweds recently bought a home in Petersburg VA. Dan works as a regional support specialist for Carl Zeiss MicroImaging, and Jennifer is attending nursing school. You can e-mail them at: soapgal@adelphia.net.

Sara E. Scheffler married Dr. Brett Schulz '95 on Oct. 8, 2005.

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A number of Alfred graduates were in the bridal party for the wedding of Erin Sands '02 and Christopher McNulty, Oct. 1, 2005. They included (back row, left) Amy Ratchuk, (back row, right, standing) Lindsay deCsipkes, (middle row, second from left) Nicole Gallery, (middle row, far right) Sheilah Higgins, (front row, third from left) Nicole Petrillo, and (front row, far right) Nicole Smolinski.

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Class Correspondent Jennifer Baltrush received this news from Kyle Torok:

"I hired on in late September (2005) as the internship/co-op coordinator at the Career

Development Center at AU. This comes after two years in journalism at a few different papers. I received several reporting honors: an award from the NYS Publishers Association for Distinguished State Government Coverage in 2005; the Key to the City of Hornell in 2004; and a special citation from the Associated Press in 2004 for providing the first on-cycle photographs of the federal anthrax investigation in Wellsville, NY. That photograph appeared all over the country, including *USA Today* and the front page of the *Baltimore Sun*, which someone was nice enough to send me a copy of. Mostly, though, I wrote about stupid criminals, of which Western New York has in abundance. Reporting was fun, but this job offers a direct connection with as wide a variety of people, and seldom is internship/co-op coordination reviled by the public as journalism is. I live in Hornell with my girlfriend of a year and a half, Colleen Bowen, and my cat, Cleo. Also: we have a plant."

Jennifer also writes that she was recently admitted to the Bar in New York State, and that Ashley Long is now an admitted attorney in Massachusetts.

Class Correspondent Alexis Piekarsky became engaged to Cary Stone on Nov. 4, 2005, in Walt Disney World in front of Cinderella's Castle. They will be married on Nov. 17, 2007. Alexis is currently working toward her master's in organizational and corporate communication at Fairleigh



Cindy Lewis '00 married Chris Black on Oct. 8, 2005. AU alumni in the wedding party included: Margaux Benoit Lingle '99, Tonie Deeb's '99, and Christina Lewis '05. Also attending the wedding were: Dan Higbee '00, Jason Reuscher '00, Jeff Mattison '00, and several University staff members.

Dickinson University, Madison Campus, and is also the program graduate assistant.

Alexis received word that **Jennifer Stiglemeir** married **Dan King '01** on May 21, 2005. The newlyweds recently bought a home in Petersburg VA. Jennifer writes: "We are both doing pretty well. Dan is working as a regional support specialist for Carl Zeiss MicroImaging, and I am currently attending nursing school." You can e-mail them at: soapgal@adelphia.net.

Kristine Costello of Buckhannon, WV, is engaged to **Matthew Loszynski '03** of Buckhannon. They have set a June 24, 2006 wedding date. Krissy teaches third- and fourth- grade reading at French Creek Elementary. Matthew is a ceramic engineer at Corhart Refractories, Buckhannon.

Erik Werner is engaged to **Randi Oakes '01**. Erick teaches math at Hornell (NY) High School. Randi currently teaches fourth grade at Hornell Intermediate School. She is also the owner/operator of Pristine Paws Grooming Salon. The couple plans a July 15, 2006 wedding.

Kristin Whitney Cary married **Ryan Hammersley Harrington** on Oct. 1, 2005. Kristin is a manager of Barbara Moss Clothing Co., Horseheads, NY. Ryan is a finishing process engineer with World Kitchen, Corning, NY. The couple lives in Horseheads.

Erin Sands married **Christopher McNulty** on Oct. 1, 2005, in Saratoga Springs, NY. (See page 49) Many members of the bridal party were Class of 2002 classmates – **Amy Ratchuk, Lindsay deCsipkes, Nicole Gallery, Sheilah Higgins, Nicole Petrillo, and Nicole Smolinski**. Additional AU grads who attended included: **Erica Capozzi '99, Karen Pacelli '99, Kim Fank '03, Katie Sedgwick '03, Rachel Shapiro '03, and Rob Steadman '01**.

Andrew Reeve and wife, **Beth**, joyfully announce the birth of their daughter, **Shelby Taylor** (7 lbs. 3 oz.), on Jan. 8, 2006, in Cocoa Beach, FL.

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From Class Correspondent **Danielle Johnson-Kutch**:

"In November 2005 I started a new job as government affairs associate at the National Association of Mortgage Brokers and in late January I was promoted to PAC manager. In December, Tyler and I celebrated our first wedding anniversary and February marks our sixth month of homeownership. We're keeping busy, fixing up/settling our house, traveling a lot, and looking forward to seeing everyone at the AKO event at this year's Reunion, and all the get-togethers between now and then.

"**Jennifer (Guard) Morse '03, '04** writes: "We re-did our vows on our two-year anniversary, Aug. 20, 2005. Jim was on active duty when we first got married, so this time we were able to do the whole ceremony with our families and some friends. We had the ceremony and reception at Taughanock Farms Inn in Trumansburg. Right now we're living in Cortland, NY.

"**Margaret Honti** writes: "**Brian Quinn** and I got engaged in March 2005 and are planning an August 2006 wedding in Rochester, NY. I'm currently living in Burlington, VT, and working as director of development for Safe Tables Our Priority (STOP), a national, non-

profit, grassroots organization devoted to victim assistance, public education, and policy advocacy for safe food and public health."

John Dunphy reported to Danielle: "In November 2005, John Dunphy, who when we last saw him at AU was hosting the late-night 'The John Dunphy Experience' radio program and writing for *The Fiat Lux*, decided to finally go to South Korea to teach English like he had said he would ever since his senior year at AU, almost three years ago. He went and... realized he didn't like it. So, six weeks later he came home, several hundred dollars deeper in debt but also several metric tons heavier in gimbap, kimchi and rice consumption. He went back to the newspaper he had been writing for, now covering Edison, NJ, and decided to participate in a 100-mile bike ride in Lake Tahoe, NV, in June for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team in Training program. John needs to raise \$4,400 for the charity, which funds research in finding cures for blood cancers such as leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma. Anyone who is interested in making a tax-deductible donation to the society is asked to visit: www.active.com/donate/tntsonj/JDunphy"



Leila Nelson Orienter '00 married Matthew Orienter on Sept. 24, 2005. AU friends in attendance included (from left): Sarah (Snow) Eyre, Erin McNally, Jerome Paul, and Emily Schroeder. The couple lives in Oxford, CT.

Class Correspondent **Sebastian White** reports:

“**Rachel Bullard** recently moved to sunny San Diego after teaching in Brooklyn for a couple years.

“**Deirdre Dowd** was married on March 3 in Hornell to **Jason Spisak** '01. Deirdre is in the school psychology program at AU and works on campus as an RD. Her maid of honor was **Mel Schmitt**, who is beginning work towards her doctorate at the University of Missouri-Rolla. **Esther Urquhart** was one of her bridesmaids.

“**Maria Giampino** is working as a sales planning specialist at Catalina Health Resource, a marketing firm for the pharmaceutical industry in New Jersey. Maria was among those in attendance at **Alison Green**'s recent birthday bash (Feb. 17, 2006) in New York City, where Alfred was well-represented. Others present included **Christina Piracci**, **Brigid O'Dea**, **April Felipe**, **Jordan Chow**, **Caitlin Cohen**, **Nicole Frye**, and me.

“I recently moved to NYC from Boston to start a new job in JetBlue's marketing and communications office. Also in New York is **Jess Raad**, who works at MTV Networks.”

Artist **Kok Siew Wai** gave a talk at Rumah Air Panas Gallery, Kuala Lumpur.

Matthew Loszynski '03 of Buckhannon, WV, is engaged to **Kristine Costello** '02 of Buckhannon. They have set a June 24, 2006 wedding date. **Krissy** teaches third- and fourth- grade reading at French Creek Elementary. **Matthew** is a ceramic engineer at Corhart Refractories, Buckhannon.

Lauren M. Torok of New Windsor, NY, is engaged to **Jason T. Murray**. They have set a July 29, 2006, wedding date. The ceremony is slated for 3 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, Wellsville, NY. **Lauren** teaches biology at Minisink Valley High School, Slate Hill, NY. **Jason** is a correctional officer with the Orange County (NY) Sheriff's Office, where he is also a member of the Emergency Services Unit. He previously spent six years in the U.S. Army.

Matt Woodhams married **Jennifer Jean Melissa Knapp** '01 on June 25, 2005. **Jennifer** writes: “It turned out to be a beautiful sunny day with a ceremony at Hunt Country Vineyard, Branchport, NY, followed by a dinner cruise reception aboard the Keuka Maid, Hammondsport, NY. A handful of Alfred alumni were in attendance.”

Daniel Thayer married **Terri C. Seyfried** '05 on July 3, 2005. **Daniel** is attending Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. **Terri** is pursuing a master's degree in immunology at the University of Pittsburgh.

Nicholas Tsibulsky married **Sarah Dunn** '05 on Oct. 22, 2005, at St. Ann's Church, Hornell, NY. **Nicholas** is a systems engineer at Alstom, Hornell. **Sarah** is a part-time pharmacy tech and a per diem lab tech at St. James Mercy Health, Hornell.

Stephanie L.B. (Bliss) Rock writes: “This past year has been a big one for myself, and also for another Alfred alum, **Nicolaus Rock**. **Nick** and I got married on Nov. 12, 2005, and I moved from Collegeville, PA, just outside of Philadelphia, to be with **Nick** in Pittsburgh, while he finishes his Ph.D. at Carnegie Mellon University. We were happy to share our special day with several Alfred alums including **Kelly Palczewski**, **Nathanael Lawton**, **Matt Johnson**, **Tim Scott**, **Dan and Terri Thayer**, **Mike and Erica Saccoccia**, **Andy Hay**, **Ashley Taylor**, my uncle, **Dale Vance**, and many more friends and family!”

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Class Correspondent **Kerry White** writes:

“I am currently living in Derry, Northern Ireland, pursuing a master's in written and verbal arts, tending bar in a pub, and enjoying Irish life.

“**Melissa Cate** moved to Portland, OR, in October 2004 to continue a career in the field of glass art after receiving her BFA in glass casting and metal casting in May 2004 from Alfred. She works at a small glass studio that produces light fixtures for the lighting industry, glass projects for architects and designers, as well as work for private artists. **Melissa** continues to create her own art work as well. She currently is executing work in the medium of fused glass as well as cast glass. Those wishing to stay in touch with **Melissa** can e-mail her at: melissacate@alfredalum.com.

“**Amy Johnson** is engaged to **Eric Sanford**, an Alfred State graduate. The tentative date is next summer.

“**Callie Carmichael** writes: ‘After months of job searching and some travel and a short stint at Starbucks, I became a video-journalist at CNN in Atlanta. It's an entry-level job that allows me to train with writers, producers, editors, and technical directors. I work floor directing, script distribution and teleprompter right in the heart of the newsroom. I see news right as it happens. It's very exciting, but stressful at times. I love my job, but still miss AU.’

“**Sadie Driscoll** says: ‘I am currently living in Charleston, SC, and am working full-time at Renaissart Graphic Design. I also still teach belly dance and have joined a local belly dance troupe called Ancient Echoes (www.ancientechoes.info). I am also studying African Polynesian and Latin dancing with the hopes of soon starting my own dance company.’

“Heard from **Carrie Mervine** that ‘In November 2005, just after Thanksgiving, I moved to Las Vegas, NV, with my boyfriend of a year and a half, **Jeremy**. I am currently working for the Sunterra Corp., a resort agency with resorts all over the world. I'm working as a production artist, designing different pieces of print media for the resorts. I had a slow start after school, but now I love my job and where my life has taken me, including Sin City!’

“**Andrew Tyler** writes that he lives in Denver and works ‘for a company called Nine Systems Corp. My job doesn't have an official title, but you could call me a production engineer. My main client is the NBA and I am responsible for acquiring satellite signals, encoding the basketball games, and both broadcasting live on NBA.com as well as archiving for on-demand viewing. Trust me, it sounds much cooler than it is, but it's paying the bills. I'm involved with The Lucid Dream Project, a music and video production group with an album coming up this summer (fingers crossed). I am also continuing to spearhead The Sketchy Kids, which has sadly fallen to the back burner. Other than that I ski the Rockies weekly and LOVE it.’

“**Leslie Brighton** reports: ‘After graduating, I had a slow start. I did some odd jobs here and there waiting for my big break. It wasn't until I moved to Connecticut when everything started to change. I began interviewing with design companies in NYC and getting my name out there. It wasn't until recently that I am now working for a design company called AMSCAN based out of Westchester, NY, and am a merchandising



The Beaulac-Sly wedding party included (from left) Leah Petruno, cousin of the bride and maid of honor; Khristina (Beaulac) Sly '04, bride; Samuel Sly, groom; and Christopher Sly, brother of the groom and best man.

designer. I am now living in Stamford, CT, with my fiancé, **Mike Mann**, also an '04 grad. He was the lucky one to get a job right out of college and is now a fund accountant for Chilton Investment Co., Stamford, CT. He has been there for a year and a half already and is doing really well. Our wedding is set for Oct. 21, 2006, and is going to be in our home town of Rochester, NY. I hope the class of '04 is doing well and wish everyone the best.' ”

Cassandra Jean (Dungan) Baker writes: “I got married to Cpl. Kyle Baker on Aug. 22, 2004. I recently started teaching kindergarten on Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, DC. My husband is in the Ceremonial Unit of the Marine Corps based in Washington, DC. My address is: Cassandra Baker, 16 Rudder Ct. SW, Washington, DC 20032, e-mail: spunky0822@aol.com ”

Khristina M. (Beaulac) Sly writes: “I was engaged on Dec. 25, 2005, to my wonderful friend and love of 12 years, Samuel G. Sly. We will be (were) married Feb. 18, 2006, in Williamsville, NY, at they United Methodist Church. Please share in our joy! (See photo page 52)

“Sam graduated from SUNY Albany May 2005 with a bachelor of science degree in geology. He is currently working at Chesapeake Journey at Reagan National Airport. I am currently working as a senior paralegal for Wolpoff & Abramson, LLP We're living in Gaithersburg, MD. Write to us and keep in touch! 17624 Sequoia Drive Apt 201, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Nacca & Capizzi, Rochester, NY, has hired **Laurie Thorpe** as a receptionist.

Air Force Airman 1st Class **Sharrah E. Brown** of Rensselaer, NY, graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX, as an honor graduate.

John Chaney is engaged to Natalie Lynn Schoonmaker. The couple plans a July 1, 2006, wedding at Norton's Chapel, Keuka Park, NY. John is employed by Hewlett Packard, Colorado Springs, CO. Natalie is a student and admissions counselor at Westwood College, Colorado Springs.

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Class Correspondent **Emma Buckthal** heard from **Katherine McSweeney** that: “I was hoping we could share our happy news that **Peter Damian Logar** (mechanical engineer) and I (sociology major) were engaged on March 8, 2005. We are getting married in Auburn, NY, on Sept. 23, 2006.”

Class Correspondent **Tim Inthirakoth** writes:

“It's been about eight months since I left Alfred as an undergrad and while it was sad to leave my ‘home’ of four years (and the amazing **Dr. Robyn Goodman**) I am very excited to have begun another chapter in my life. Alfred was a wonderful place to mature and grow, allowing me to develop strong connections to the Alfred community since I have relocated to my dream city of Boston, MA, in August. I am currently a publicist with a corporate public relations and events management firm located in downtown Boston between the Boston Common, Government Center and Faneuil Hall. I regularly split my week between NYC and Boston, often visiting close friend and AU classmate **Jessica Ecock**. In addition, I have been jet-setting regularly to various locations about three weekends a month, allowing me to explore the United States (something I couldn't do with a college schedule) as well as keeping in close contact with classmates **Melanie Braun**, **Jen Unislawski**, **Deen Genzardi** and **Nicole Latini**.

“I recently ran into AU '05 grads **Janiris Diaz** and **Ihuoma Ude** at LaGuardia International Airport (NYC) while catching a flight back to Boston, as they were trekking back to Buffalo, NY. Interestingly enough, there is an abundance of Upstate New York connections in Boston as I have met several people from my native Rochester, NY region (not to mention that many are familiar with Alfred University). While I do miss my hometown and family, who are all based in Rochester, I love living in the capital of New England and enjoy the many offerings of such a cultured and large metropolitan city. I have immersed myself in Boston's many diverse neighborhoods, such as Little Italy in the North End, Chinatown, Beacon Hill, and the artistic South End.

“In addition to my professional career, I have engaged in various community service activities serving the Greater Boston region. I am an English tutor and civil action public relations consultant for the Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center, a special events volunteer for the Greater Boston Food Bank, volunteered for the campaign to elect Sam Yoon to Boston City Council (which he won, making Yoon the city's first Asian American city council member) and served as a volunteer for the Goodwill Clothing Collaborative. I am still an active tennis player and a member of the Winchester Indoor Lawn Tennis Club of Winchester, MA.

“**Jessica Ecock** is currently working at the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America in downtown Manhattan. She is responsible for the coordination of donations from top

fashion designers, such as Dolce & Gabbana, Gucci, Luis Vuitton, Vera Wang, and Calvin Klein for the non-profit's annual fundraiser. She returned to Alfred on Feb. 15, at the request of Brenda Porter, to present a diversity program that she created as a resident assistant in 2004. She will be attending grad school this fall for her master's in higher education administration.

"Nicole Latini is currently teaching studio/computer art in Newport News, VA, at two high schools: Denhigh and Menchville. She is living a few minutes away in Yorktown, VA, with her dog, Sean, which she adopted in October from a border collie rescue near Richmond. These days she's been hanging out a lot with Sean, working on lesson plans, and trying to just get some furniture for her apartment. She says, 'I'm still finding my way around VA, so I haven't been out much but ...baby steps! School is good and I'm enjoying it for the most part and learning a lot about what it really takes to be a good teacher. But the weather's great, so I can't complain!'

"Beth Stone is currently working for the Americorps as a program manager for the Girl Scouts. She oversees the recruitment of volunteers in New London and Groton, CT. She will be finished in her current position as of Aug. 31, 2006, and is currently applying for teaching fellowships in Connecticut.

"Jen Unislawski is working towards her master's degree in public relations at the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University. She will be graduating this summer after completing her capstone experience.

"Pam Cooper is living in Scranton, PA, working towards a dual degree in social work and art therapy at Marywood University. She writes, 'if all goes as planned I should be done after the summer of '07.'

"Meira Gottlieb is a gallery assistant at Agora Gallery in Chelsea, NYC.

"Evelyn Navas writes, 'I am working for the Housing Department and am a housing specialist. I basically help people in the East Harlem and Bronx area get low-income housing and public assistance. And I am in the process of applying to schools for my master's.'

"J'Dale 'J.D.' Berner (maiden name Fisher) married Ryan Berner on Aug. 6, 2005. She is currently living in Naples, NY, and working for Keuka College in the Financial Aid Department.

"Mary Karen Mrowka is currently living in Saratoga Springs, NY, working in a mental health unit as a therapy assistant doing group therapy, vitals, and other general tasks for the unit. She will be moving to San Francisco, CA, in September and looking for grad schools.

"Bridget Purdy is getting her master's in public policy at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA. She will graduate in May '07. She will also be interning with the Washington Center, Washington, DC, this summer.

"Bryndis Adalsteinsson is engaged to her boyfriend Brian Davis. He proposed to her in Iceland this past Thanksgiving. Currently, she is working in advertising for her local newspaper.

"Maurice Myrie is working on his master of education degree in administration of higher education at Suffolk University, Boston, MA. He will be graduating from the program in December '06.

"Amanda Bartman is currently a resident director on campus and enrolled in the counseling education graduate program at Alfred University. She is getting married in July to Brian Pinto.

"Daniel Occena was elected the interim president of Black Law Students Association at the Massachusetts School of Law. He works in the law library and successfully finished his first semester of law school.

"Marlene Santana is working as a case worker and previously was an administrative assistant.

"Bill D'Elia writes, 'I am living in Atlanta, GA, and attending my first year of Emory Law School. But you have my permission to write that I have moved to Newark, NJ, am working as a riot control officer at East Jersey State Prison in Rahway, NJ.'

"Bradford Boyd is attending Rodger Williams Law School in Bristol, RI.

"Val Kraft is working as an associate auditor for KPMG, LLP in Rochester, NY.

"Amy Espowood, writes, 'I am getting my master's of science in clinical art therapy concentrating on work within correctional

facilities in December '07. I also work at the Springfield College Police Station as a dispatcher (woo hoo! from my AU security experience)... and missing Alfred like crazy....'

"Alicia Ballard recently got back from hiking in the Grand Canyon for a week. She works for Ludowici Roof Tile. She writes, 'I am a ceramic engineer and internal ISO quality auditor. I work with the glazes and develop new colors and also match colors that people send in. There's more but that's the gist.'

"Mary Stermole writes, 'I'm currently in my second semester of law school at the University at Buffalo. This summer I have an internship at the U.S. Attorney's Office in downtown Buffalo.'

"Chantal Jackson writes, 'Right now I am working for BLBG, a law firm. I am also a junior publicist for the agency. Finally, I will be starting grad school (NYIT) in the summer.'

"Monica Edmiston writes, 'The photography project in McLane is finally finished! I worked on it all summer and was able to finish it the weekend before the first-year students moved into Alfred this past August. I have been back to Alfred three times since we all graduated to hang out with friends who still had a semester of student teaching to finish up.'

'I am still living in Erie, PA, working as photographer for Lifetouch Photography Studio. I was able to attend the Lifetouch National Winter Conference in San Diego this January for a week on my first official business trip.

'I am also a dance instructor at Keri's Dance Studio here in Erie. I teach everything from ballet, tap, jazz, hip-hop, belly dancing, salsa, aerobics and weight training. I teach

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students ranging from three and four years old through older adults. I love it! I am enrolled in a few classes myself, and will be performing in seven dances when it comes to our dance performance in June.

“On top of everything else, I just made a professional dance team for the arena football league. Erie has a football team called the Freeze, and I am a Chiller. The Chiller’s are the official dance team of the Freeze. I also made co-captain for the team. Our season started in January with auditions, and our last home game is in June, unless we make play-offs. The Freeze team went to championships last year. The Web site for the football team and dance team is eriefreeze.com. My picture and eventually my bio will be on there. I am moving out of Erie by the end of summer to get more on track of my graphic design and marketing career.”

“Betsy VanDeusen will be working in the costume shop on the musical ‘Chicago’ at the Riverside Theatre, Vero Beach, FL.

“Ihuoma Ude is a manager at Walgreens (Buffalo District) and training for the executive assistant position. She will be transferring to the New York District (North) this May and applying for grad school to pursue her MBA in human resources management.

“Liz Groff is living in Washington, DC, and just finished her first semester of grad work in arts management at American University. She is also working for the Department of Performing Arts as a graduate fellow in marketing. She has volunteered at the Strathmore Music Center, North Bethesda and is working with the Opera Theatre of Northern Virginia as a stage manager and chorister.

“Nicole Haahr is currently working and this spring will be working as assistant director of Hidden Valley 4-H Camp where she’s worked for two years as a program director. In the fall, she hopes to start teaching high school English and has applied to teach in England.

“Cathy Lavery will be starting her master’s degree in education in the fall and recently bought a house. She is getting married in August and teaching global studies.

“Jordan Baker-Caldwell, writes ‘I am a freelance graphic designer in NYC. Most recently, I designed the logo for Lefthook Entertainment (www.lefthookent.com), a record label producing people like Fefe Dobson and such. I’m working on having my work displayed in galleries around the city and in the process of getting one of my sculptures commissioned for a large-scale building property in Delaware. If all goes

well I will have a 15-foot-tall, bronze rendition of my Tube sculpture! (you can view that sculpture and the rest of my work at www.jordancanfly.com)’

“Kelly Baum writes, ‘Right after graduation I was hired as a substitute teacher for the Babylon School District, Babylon, NY, on Long Island. Between that I was working five days a week and started a furniture refinishing business. The business is only a month old right now but doing really good. I also just sold four of my paintings to a local family in my village and have been asked to paint three more pieces totaling \$2,300, so things are going well.’

“Nkecki Iroh is working in New York City and getting ready to go back to school in January ’07 for her MBA.”

Brandon Thurner serves as a correspondent with United Press International in Washington, DC, and as a market researcher with Odell, Simms, and Associates, Falls Church, VA. He is a former managing editor of the *Fiat Lux*. To read about Brandon’s “Life after Alfred,” go to: www.alfred.edu/pressreleases/viewrelease.cfm?ID=3265

Ryan Chavoustie works as an operations analyst for Hewitt Associates, Norwalk, CT. He writes that he’s very excited to have obtained a position in his chosen field as his first professional position.

Sara Dunn married Nicholas Tsibulsky ’03 on Oct. 22, 2005, at St. Ann’s Church, Hornell, NY. Sarah is a part-time pharmacy tech and a per diem lab tech at St. James Mercy Health, Hornell. Nicholas is a systems engineer at Alstom, Hornell.

Jessica Larter married Alan Witherow on Oct. 29, 2005. The groom is a counselor for Eckerd Youth Alternative Camps, Manson, NC.

FUTURE ALUMS

Matthew Jay Rollins ’06 of Canisteo, NY, is engaged to Danee Erin Knoll of Hornell, NY. Matthew is majoring in business administration and minoring in education. Danee is a substitute teacher in Arkport, Avoca, and Hornell, NY. A summer 2006 wedding is planned at the Buena Vista Wesleyan Church.

Jennifer L. Scutt ’06 of Wellsville, NY, is engaged to James V. Joyce of Wellsville. Jennifer anticipates receiving her master’s

degree in May. James is a sales director at Certified Traffic Controllers, Andover, NY. The couple plans an Oct. 7, 2006 wedding at Trinity Lutheran Church, Wellsville.

Jamie Isaac Lain ’07 of Canisteo, NY, is engaged to Megan Elizabeth O’Brien ’09, also of Canisteo. The couple plans a June 2007 wedding in St. Jude’s Chapel, Alfred. Jamie is pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering. Megan is working on a degree in environmental studies.

Martha Joy Buckwalter, who is studying geology and environmental science at AU, married Bradley Duane Davis on Aug. 20, 2005. The bride’s mother, Laurel Buckwalter, is the University carillonist and specialist in music.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mitra Samadani ’92 to Philip Argiros
 Kari Jermansen ’97 to Joseph Martin
 Pete Kupinski ’97, ’00 to Kara Costello ’00
 Randi L. Oakes ’01 to Erik W. Werner ’02
 Jay Weisberger ’01 to Sarah Hyde
 Krissy Costello ’02 to Matthew Losznyski ’03
 Lauren M. Torok ’03 to Jason T. Murphy
 John Chaney ’04 to Natalie Lynn Schoonmaker
 Bryndis Adalsteinsson ’05 to Brian A. Davis
 Katherine McSweeney ’05 to Peter Damian Logar ’05
 Jennifer L. Scutt ’06 to James V. Joyce
 Matthew Jay Rollins ’06 to Danee Erin Knoll
 Jamie Isaac Lain ’07 to Megan Elizabeth O’Brien ’09

MARRIAGES

Tim Porter ’78 and Dawn Haynes ’80, Dec. 1, 2005
 Dr. Brett Schulz ’95 and Sara E. Scheffler ’01, Oct. 8, 2005.
 Sue Tirrell ’97 and Craig Buscher, October 2005
 Christopher Argentieri ’99 and Ansley Carswell, Aug. 6, 2005
 Lauren Verni ’98 and Christopher Verni, Sept. 17, 2005
 Colleen Bush ’00 and Shandon Hart ’00, July 18, 2004
 Teresa Elizabeth Wightman ’00 and Michael John Cianchetti, Aug. 20, 2005
 Leila Nelson ’00 and Matthew Orienter, Sept. 24, 2005

Cindy Lewis '00 and Chris Black, Oct. 8, 2005
 Jennifer Stiglemeir '02 and Dan King '01, May 21, 2005
 Kristin Whitney Cary '02 and Ryan Hammersley Harrington '02, Oct. 1, 2005
 Deirdre Dowd '03 and Jason Spisak '01, March 3, 2005
 Daniel S. Thayer '03 and Terri C. Seyfriend '05, July 3, 2005
 Stephanie L.B. Bliss '03 and Nicolaus Rock '03, Nov. 12, 2005
 Casandra Jean Dungan '04 and Cpl. Kyle Baker, Aug. 22, 2004
 Khristina M. Beaulac '04 and Samuel G. Sly, Feb. 18, 2006
 Sarah Dunn '05 and Nicholas Tsibulsky '03, Oct. 22, 2005
 Jessica Larter '05 and Alan Witherow, Oct. 29, 2005
 Martha Joy Buckwalter (future alumna) and Bradley Duane Davis, Aug. 20, 2005.

BIRTHS

Allen Mangel and Felicia, a son, Joshua Reece, Jan. 15, 2006
 Lea Walker Duserick '91 and Shannon Duserick '92, a daughter, Alden Camille, Oct. 29, 2005
 Jeff Jacquin '91 and Andrea Jacquin, a son, Jeffrey Nicholas Jacquin, Feb. 3, 2006

Sara (Gelfan) Davis '92 and Eric, a son, Rylan Daniel Davis, June 23, 2005
 Michelle Collette '92 and Jen Thompson, twin sons, Julien Richard Collette and Raphael Michel Collette, Sept. 8, 2005
 Jodi Ives McAneney '92 and Matthew McAneney '92, a son, Liam Thomas, Sept. 30, 2005
 Peter Walls '92 and Angelica Veitch '94, a son, Tommy, Oct. 11, 2005
 Dr. Kristen L.(Rogers) O'Rourke '93 and Shawn M. O'Rourke '93, a daughter, Opal Lily O'Rourke, Feb. 12, 2006
 Cassandra (Racasi) '97 and Mark Fleksher, a son, Dillon Markus Fleksher, June 1, 2005
 Jennifer Chin Cromme '99 and Peter Cromme, a daughter, Juliana Kristina Cromme, Nov. 28, 2005
 Andrew Reeve '02 and Beth Reeve, a daughter, Shelby Taylor, Jan. 8, 2006

DEATHS

ALUMNI

Robert L. Flint Sr. '32, Dec. 5, 2005
 William C. Fuller '32, Dec. 31, 2005
 Morris A. Shapiro '36, Nov. 19, 2005
 Elmer E. Rosenberg '36, Dec. 3, 2005
 Alys S. Abel '36, Jan. 7, 2006
 Nelson R. Carney '38, Nov. 11, 2005
 Dorothy E. Savidge '38, Jan. 16, 2006
 Dr. Lyle N. Perkins '39, June 20, 2005
 Bruce Fenton '39, Nov. 7, 2005
 Edna K. Edsall '39, Jan. 22, 2006

Stuart W. Thomas, '40, Dec. 19, 2005
 Harold R. Funk '41, Jan. 23, 2006
 Charles H. Ruchmore '42, Feb. 22, 2006
 James Robert Starkweather '43, Dec. 24, 2005
 James Prokopec '43, Feb. 23, 2006
 Gladys M. (Imke) Stratton '46, Nov. 9, 2005
 Molly W. Parson '47, Dec. 12, 2005
 Marilyn T. Ahlgren '48, Feb. 14, 2006
 Virginia Garis Kling '49, September 2005
 Virginia Mills Ciampaglio '49, Jan. 13, 2006
 Frank Clemons Folwell '50, Jan. 17, 2006
 Richard S. O'Neil '50, Feb. 11, 2006
 Edward White Mack III '51, Feb. 12, 2006
 William Raymond Smith '56, Nov. 2, 2005
 Jack D. Slawson '56, Feb. 4, 2006
 Marilyn Butts Bardsley '57, Dec. 22, 2005
 Nancy G. Morris '63, Feb. 9, 2006
 Daved E. Mentley '73, Jan. 29, 2006
 Wayne T. Cashin '75, Nov. 3, 2005
 Mary E. Moynihan '77, Feb. 17, 2006
 Geoff Doring '93, Nov. 28, 2005
 Robert J. Libbey '96, May 1, 2005

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Hazel L. (Hull) Harvey, who established the School of Nursing at AU, died on Jan. 13, 2006
 Former English faculty member Dr. Elizabeth R. Curry died on Jan. 31, 2006

I N M E M O R I A M

Dr. Daniel Benjamin Sass, 86, died March 23, 2006, in Charlotte, NC, where he had resided for the past three years. He was a professor emeritus of Geology and Environmental Studies at AU where he taught for more than 30 years.

Born March 28, 1919, in Rochester, he was a World War II veteran, who served with the U.S. Army Medical Corps in Iran and India. He received his A.B. degree in 1949 and his M.S. degree in 1951 from the University of Rochester. He earned his Ph.D. in geology from the University of Cincinnati in 1959. Dr. Sass was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi and Phi Kappa Phi national honor societies.

He joined the Alfred faculty in 1952 and retired in 1982. He served as chairman of the Geology Department

from 1952 until 1980, and was director of the Environmental Studies program, which he helped to develop, from 1965 to 1977.

Throughout his career, he was an advocate for the improvement of the Earth Science curriculum in public schools. He introduced the undergraduate Geology major at AU, and served as a consultant to the New York State Board of Regents in geology.

Dr. Sass was a member of the committee that organized the Association of Sea Grant Universities. He was also a founder of the College Center of the Finger Lakes, a research consortium with 11 members, and was instrumental in the establishment of a field station on San Salvador that continues to provide services and facilities for teaching and research in

the tropics.

Dr. Sass was a leader in establishing the Environmental Studies program at Alfred University. The interdisciplinary program became a model for other educational institutions.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, the former Mary Jane Moler; a son, Dan, of Charlotte, NC; and a daughter, Elizabeth Sass Castro of Atlanta, GA.

The family requested that memorial contributions be made to the Daniel B. Sass Fund at Alfred University. Donations may be sent to University Relations, Attn. Dan Sass Fund, Alfred University, 1 Saxon Drive, Alfred, NY 14802.

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Left: Joe Fasano '54 is helping to restore the woodwork in the former Delta Sigma Phi house that will be dedicated June 10 as the Fasano Welcome Center. See page 2.

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