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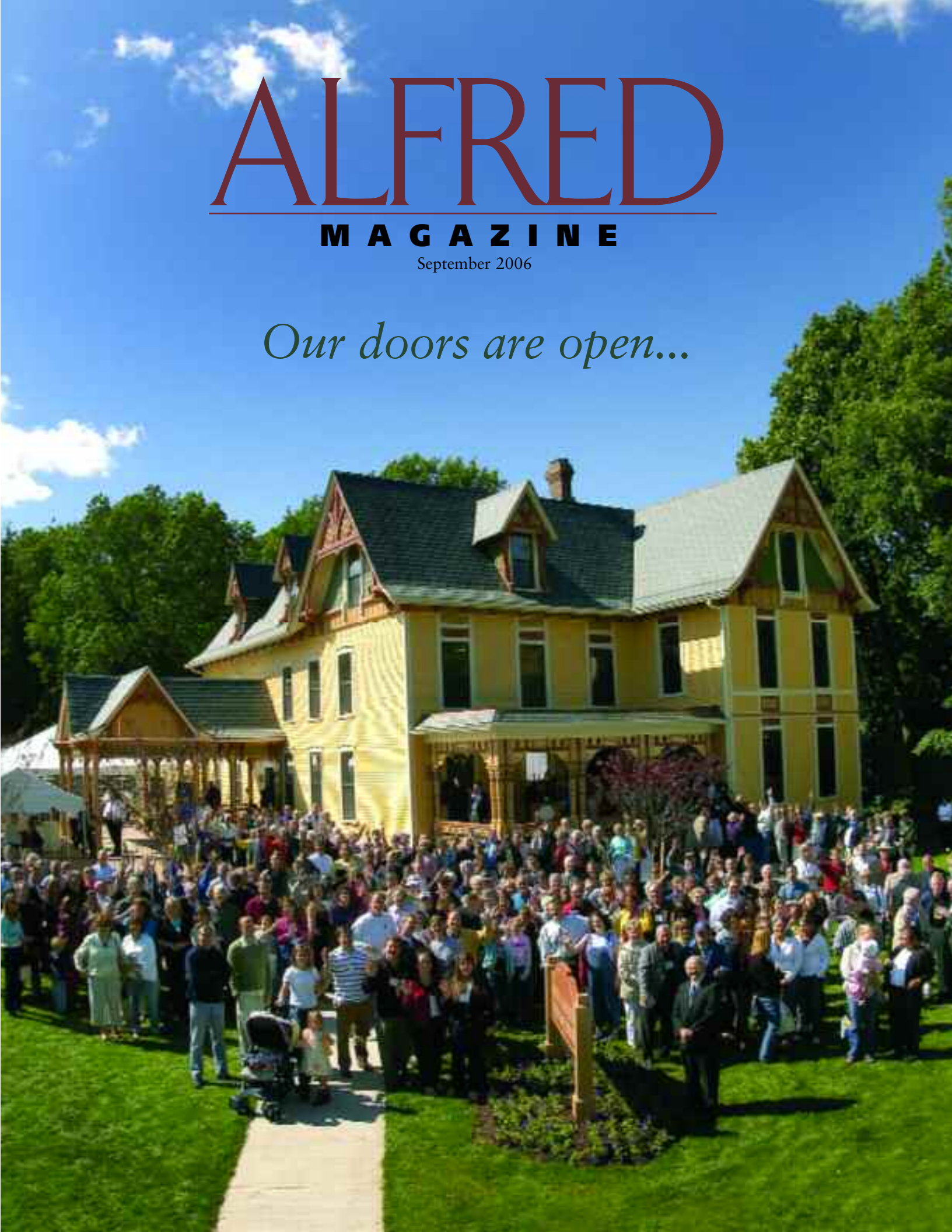

A Message from the President of

The Alumni Association

By Michael N. Christakis, Ph.D. '99

I write this, my first message as Alumni Association president, after having spent Friday and Saturday of Reunion Weekend 2006 with well over 700 AU alumni from across the country and whose graduations dated as far back as 1935! I cannot even begin to share with you the heart-warming stories shared by fellow alums of their time as students at AU.

There are 26,670 AU alumni living throughout the world today. The vast majority of us reside in the United States (26,312 to be exact) with another 358 residing internationally. All 50 states have at least three AU alumni living in them – North Dakota has the fewest (with three). This past May's Commencement speaker, NYS Attorney General Elliot Spitzer, would be pleased to know that the advice he offered to new AU graduates (stay, live, and work in New York State!) had been heeded by most of their predecessors as nearly 12,300 AU alumni reside throughout New York State. Thirty-two alums call Alaska home, with another 35 lucky alums waking up to the beautiful Hawaii sunrises. Internationally, AU alums reside in 67 countries. Fourteen alums reside down under, calling Australia home, 10 live in Turkey, 21 in China, 18 in England, three in South Africa, and five in Venezuela – to name only a few. To paraphrase a 19th century saying made popular when speaking of the British Empire's global expanses of the time, "the sun never set on the British Empire;" the sun does not appear to set on Alfred University either – thanks to its alumni from coast to coast, and sea to sea!

Many of the nearly 27,000 alumni continue to give back to their alma mater in a variety of ways, both financially and through service. One such way to serve your alma mater is to become a member of the Alumni Council, the working body of the Alumni Association. With 21 elected members, five officers, and three alumni-elected trustees, the Alumni Council is by far the single most diverse organized body of AU alumni anywhere in the country. The Council's summer meeting, during Reunion, afforded the

Mike Christakis '99 amd Chrissy Nyman Christakis '01 at Reunion 2006

opportunity to elect four new members to its ranks. Michael Birmingham '95,'01 of Dansville, NY, Katherine McCarthy '80 of Albany, NY, Richard Steer '71 of New York, NY, and Ken Wissman '65, '67 of Stephens City, VA, were all elected to their first term as members of the Alumni Council.

Additionally, the Alumni Council re-elected Kathy Benzaquin '74 of Wilmington, NC, Michelle DeRitter '74 of Olean, NY, Greg Connors '92 of Pittsford, NY, Punkie Sinesiou '68 of Cuba, NY, and George Walter '82 of Lima, NY, to second terms and Mark Ferm '94 of Clarence Center, NY to a full first term, having just completed a partial term.

The Alumni Council also elected a new slate of officers during its summer meeting. Don Boulton '52 of Chapel Hill, NC was reelected first vice president, Warren Smith '59 of Carmel, IN was elected to his first term as second vice president, and Daryl Murray '78 of New York, NY was elected to his first term as secretary. I look forward to working with all of the newly elected members.

The Alumni Association is again soliciting nominations for its annual awards. The Award guidelines can be found on the Alumni Association Web page (www.alfred.edu/alumni/awards.html). Please consider recognizing a fellow alum for achievement or service to AU. Additionally, the Association's class ring program witnessed the delivery of its first set of class rings to graduating seniors and alumni who traded in their old rings. An article, describing the program in more detail is also included in this issue of the Alfred Magazine (pg. 25). In the coming months, the Alumni Council will continue to examine ways to better serve fellow alumni, current and future students.

Finally, Reunion Weekend also signaled the conclusion of Christine Pinto Kulp's '71 term as Alumni Association president. Chris' leadership over the past three years has been invaluable. Her tireless efforts on behalf of the Association, her vision for a fully functioning Alumni Council, and her desire to continue to help Alfred University connect with its alumni, attract the brightest students, and expose recent graduates to the plethora of successful AU alumni have left a lasting imprint. So many of us have valued her friendship, her leadership, and her passion for all things Alfred. On behalf of the Alumni Association and Council, "thank you, Chris for your service and passion." Chris will continue to serve her alma mater as an alumni-elected trustee on the University's Board of Trustees.

Until next time, *Fiat Lux!*

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Cover photo: The Reunion Weekend dedication of the Alfred University Welcome Center at the Fasano House took place on Saturday, June 10, 2006.

Top photo: The addition of horse-drawn carriages at Reunion 2006 offered alumni the opportunity to truly ride in style.

"The largest reunion gathering in my memory was handled beautifully. Thank you for a memorable time."

–Stephen J. Levine '61

There were hugs and smiles, old tales and new in every corner of the campus during Reunion 2006 festivities, June 9-11. More than 700 of you – the largest alumni crowd in memory -- traveled back to campus from near and far to enjoy a jam-packed weekend. There were meals to be shared, sights to see, old haunts to visit, and new facilities to dedicate, but mostly reunion meant renewing the irreplaceable relationships with roommates and classmates, faculty and coaches, dining crew and merchants. And realizing that Alfred is that special place where times change but the memories remain.

Some of the Reunion Weekend sights included (clockwise, beginning at top of right page) learning new dance steps in the Knight Club, Powell Campus Center; toasting friends at dinner; young and old sharing common experiences; singing Alfred's praises; strolling to lunch on a sunny Saturday; picking up the newest style in Alfred-wear; enjoying that special hug; and sharing this special place with family.

Taste of Reunion 2006

"The Joe & Ann Fasano house is just gorgeous, inside and out. The whole weekend was outstanding!"

–Mary Lou Cartledge '68

The new face of healing

By Sue Goetschius

Mark Dillon ’87 can trace the course of his career in a series of “Eureka” moments, those rare times when suddenly everything coalesces and a decision becomes clear. The first led him to Alfred University.

Attending high school in the Philadelphia area, Dillon really had no intention of continuing his education. He was talented, though, and an art teacher suggested he look at AU’s ceramic art program. Dillon applied to the art school, but without a portfolio, he wasn’t admitted. The trip to AU was not in vain, because Dillon learned about ceramic engineering, a field he he’d never heard of until then.

After high school, Dillon went to work in a plastics processing plant, took some courses at a community college, and again applied to AU. “From the first time I came to Alfred University, I never considered going any place else,” Dillon, said.

Eureka moment number two: a biomaterials class taught by Dr. Gene Monroe, which he found “fascinating and interesting.” He remembers asking why one particular type of ceramic was used in a bone implant material when another type would appear to offer better properties.

When it came time to choose a senior thesis topic, that question came back to him, and he asked Monroe to oversee his project – trying to combine ceramics and polymers into a composite that could be used for dental implants.

He succeeded, and earned a patent on his process. Specifically, Dillon blended Teflon® and silicone to form the polymer part of the composite. This involved creating what he called an interpenetrating polymer network (IPN), “weaving” interlocking molecular structures together to form networks that can be engineered to produce specific properties.

Dillon completed his degree in three and a half years, taking 25 credits his final semester so that he could graduate early, even after spending a semester at the University of Sheffield in England.

Dillon took a job with the U.S. Department of Defense in Boston, but continued working to perfect his composite material, literally cooking it in a frying pan on his stove.

But he realized if he were going to ever make a success of his product, he needed to work on it full-time. He sold stock in his fledgling company to family and friends, and became the first employee of Bio Med Sciences.

“Pretty early on, I realized that getting an implant device approved by the Food and Drug Administration was going to take millions of dollars and years of experimentation,” Dillon said.

Eureka moment number three: He recalled that while working on his senior research project, that the IPN “felt like skin. I remember touching it, and thinking, ‘This is really soft.’” He set a new course: developing artificial skin that combined the hydrating properties of silicone and the durability of Teflon®.

Because the artificial skin is applied externally, the FDA considers it to be a medical device, rather than an implant, and the process for gaining approval is (relatively) much simpler.

Samples in hand, Dillon made a cold call on the FDA in Washington. “I got lucky,” he said. “Usually, you get a one-hour interview, once” with FDA officials. The day Dillon made his call, the FDA had a new class of

Bio Med’s silcone thermoplastic sheeting mask reduces facial scarring.

Dillon now holds over 30 patents for a variety of medical products, and it all started with a bright idea that came out of his senior research project at Alfred University.

inductees it wanted to train. "I was a real-live entrepreneur" who happened to walk through the door at just the right time. Their advice proved valuable: It took about a year to compile the application, but once done, he got FDA approval for his Silon-TSR® (temporary skin replacement) in just three months.

His decision was "the right choice," Dillon believes. But this was the early 1990s, and Bio Med Sciences, Inc. was still a long way from being a successful venture. "I continued to raise money, trying to find investors," said Dillon. He decided to move to the Philadelphia area to be closer to home, but a polymer scientist from Lehigh University suggested he look at the Ben Franklin Business Incubator program in Allentown, PA. They had space and also could make modest amounts of seed money available to him.

With the move, Dillon was able to hire his first employee, and together they designed and built the equipment they needed to go from the frying pan into commercial production.

"I had a product. I had FDA approval. I had a manufacturing facility," said Dillon. "I sent out letters to the directors of 130 burn treatment centers across the country, and waited for the orders to come in."

Eureka moment number four: There's more to marketing than sending out letters. Trying to sell to burn treatment center directors was "not a great first choice," Dillon said. "They are the relative elite in the medical community," unaccustomed to dealing with start-up companies. Even when he went to see them personally, "It was nearly impossible to get even five minutes with them."

Although he knew his product worked, the fledgling company's future was in question because he wasn't selling enough to pay the bills.

Then, in the mid-1990s, research demonstrated the effectiveness of silicone in reducing scarring. Unfortunately, most products made of silicone were "thick and crumbly,"' and therefore not practical or effective.

Silon-TSR® – temporary skin replacement – was Bio Med's first successful product.

Mark Dillon '87 and Bio Med Sciences hold 30 patents on burn and wound care products.

Silon is breathable, soft and more durable than ordinary silicone. Dillon realized that the technology would work for scar management. He sought FDA approval of his product for a new application, and shifted to marketing to rehabilitation therapists. "We got some traction there. By the late 1990s, we were starting to sell product. We weren't quite profitable, but we were closer to it," Dillon said. Soon, cosmetic surgeons were also using Bio Med products to prevent scarring.

With the company's viability no longer a day-to-day issue, Dillon began concentrating on developing a family of products. Some of his products combine Silon® with either fabric or plastics for compression, which reduces the formation of tissue that contracts and contorts the skin making movement difficult. For example, a new process developed by Bio Med Sciences allows patients' faces to be scanned by laser so that a three-dimensional mask made of silicone thermoplastic sheeting can be generated on-site. The mask prevents the build-up of scar tissue and promotes growth of new, healthy skin.

Ironically, after having some success in the rehabilitation phase of burn treatment, the surgeons treating the acute wounds became interested, and that segment of his market is now growing rapidly. In addition to the U.S. military, his clients include Shriners' hospitals and other burn treatment centers. And now Dillon works with surgeons to develop products to meet their special needs, including large sheets of foam lined with Silon that protects skin grafts on patients who have suffered second- and third-degree burns over large areas of their bodies.

Today, about a third of Bio Med Sciences' business is in its branded products, sold in over 25 countries under the Silon® and Oleeva® lines. (The Oleeva products are more adhesive.) While Silon® products are sold mostly for "professional" clinical applications, Oleeva® products are consumer-oriented.

Another major share of the business is in technology that is licensed to other manufacturers. For example, the Neosporin® scar management products made by Pfizer, Inc., the world's largest pharmaceutical manufacturer, use Bio Med Sciences' technology. "When Pfizer wanted to get into scar management products, they searched for technology and found that Bio Med Sciences held many patents in that area," Dillon explained.

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Mark Dillon '87

The company also does research and development under contract with other companies.

Eureka moment number five: New products promise exponential growth for the company. Dillon can't say much about it yet, but he's working on a product that may be the equivalent of a facelift-in-a-box, tapping into the huge market of aging baby boomers.

And he's already gained FDA approval and is manufacturing products that deliver medications through skin patches.

Dillon now holds over 30 patents for a variety of medical products, and it all started with a bright idea that came out of his senior research project at Alfred University.

"Meant to be" is a sweet refrain in the Connors household, Pittsford, NY. It seems to be the guidepost for all the major moments in the young family's history.

Case in point. It seemed "meant to be" that Gregory R. Connors '92 of Hornell, and Jeni M. (Wetzel) Connors '94 of Henrietta, both athletes, were destined to meet at Alfred University. In fact, they met in the training room at the beginning of Jeni's freshman year. Greg, the football player and political science major/business minor, and Jeni the (stand-out) soccer player who was an elementary education/special education major, hit it off right away. They found they had many common interests and friends, which led to a strong friendship between them.

Strength was needed in this relationship. After two years together at Alfred, Greg was off to law school at Ohio Northern University, Ada. Then, at the conclusion of Jeni's first semester, senior year, she became very ill and was diagnosed with Good Pastures Syndrome (a very rare kidney disease), spending two months hospitalized with Greg at her bedside in Rochester. But after a long and steady recovery during which they both learned what it means to rely on others to get through a trying

With the AU connection, things were

meant to be

By Debbie Clark

"We both had a phenomenal and wonderful experience" at Alfred University.

Gregory R. Connors '92 and Jeni M. (Wetzel) Connors '94

time, it was meant to be that Jeni came through the illness and was able to graduate from AU on-time. Meanwhile, Greg graduated from Ohio Northern, passed the bar, and began working for a Rochester law firm.

On Nov. 8, 1996 the couple was engaged. The following Friday, Jeni had a kidney transplant. Once again, it was meant to be that the surgery went well and they married on Sept. 20, 1997. Four years later, Greg became a founding partner of Connors and Ferris. Despite the fact that it was August 2001, the business began to flourish almost immediately. Jeni went on to complete a master's degree in special education from Nazareth College, Rochester. It was time to start a family.

In mid-May 2002, while a pregnant Jeni was teaching developmentally disabled children at the School of the Holy Childhood, Rochester, the doctor prescribed complete bed rest; two months later, eight weeks early, on July 16, 2002, a tiny William "Will" S. Connors was born weighing 2 pounds, 13 ounces. There could have been many complications, but today, Will is an active, agile and intelligent 4-year-old who loves soccer, videos, and his new Red Flyer wagon!

In November 2003, Greg and Jeni thought it was time to think about expanding the family. Although doctors didn't rule out another pregnancy, they did present the drawbacks given Jeni's medical history. Jeni had always wanted to adopt, so it was meant to be that the couple look into the process. After paperwork and seminars, and several false starts, they were chosen to be the parents of Luke, born Nov. 4, 2005, in nearby Olean. When they heard that, it was just meant to be, given the Hornell-Alfred-Olean, Southern Tier connection.

Through all these downs and ups, the Connors fostered a strong community interest, realizing that many neighbors and friends and community organizations helped them to keep their goals and dreams on track.

Greg says his father, the late William "Bill" G. Connors, was a great influence in getting he and Jeni involved. My father said, 'you've received a lot from the community, it's time to give back.' And so they began an orchestrated approach to assisting where possible, those causes and concerns that affected them the most. In particular, they gave time and effort as board members to the National Kidney Foundation Rochester chapter and its annual Upstate New York Kidney Walk.

Giving back is also a core principle of Connors and Ferris. The five attorneys and three support staff are highly involved in sponsoring activities for the National Kidney Foundation, Hunter's Hope (they sponsor the Rochester-area dinner for 300-plus participants to raise funds for Crabbes Disease; Hunter's Hope is the charity begun by NFL Hall-of-Famer Jim Kelly and his wife Jill, named for their son who died from Crabbes), NYS Section 5 high school football and basketball championships, the Rochester Martin Luther King Tournament, the Eddie Meath All-Star Game, and Golisano Children's Hospital at the University of Rochester Medical Center.

Actually, the daily work at Connors and Ferris is geared to giving back. The firm focuses on Workers' Compensation and Social Security disability cases. The decision to go that route was an easy one for Greg who likes representing people – the guy next door, the neighbors, salt-of-the-earth workers, kids, parents, families. "It keeps you grounded and real," he said. "It's been very rewarding to make a difference in your own life and in other people's," he added.

That local community involvement soon became the impetus for the couple to become more involved in Alfred University. They both believe when people or institutions touch your life, get you where you are, or help you develop as a person, then it's important to give back.

Alfred is one of those places for them.

"We both had a phenomenal and wonderful experience" at Alfred University, said Greg.

So the giving back goes on. Greg is a member of the Alumni Council and has sponsored and played in the AU Football Tournament. Jeni is a member of the AU Saxons Hall of Fame Committee. They both help organize and host the annual alumni event with the Rochester Rhinos soccer team in the summer (2006 is the third year).

Greg says his focus as an Alumni Council member is to make sure that current students become aware of what the Alumni Association activities are so that they want to get involved after graduation. And he wants them to know how easy it is to give back, even if it is a minimal gift in the beginning. Those gifts add up and ensure that the University can continue to provide student scholarships and grants, and quality programming. Just as it is meant to be.

Finding a new race to run

By Mark Whitehouse

For nearly eight years, Andy Corman called Alfred home. The former cross country and track standout graduated from AU in 2002 with a degree in ceramic engineering and a year later took a job as a counselor in the University's Office of Admissions. Corman says his time at Alfred is something he'll always cherish and he loved working at his alma mater.

Left: Andy Corman '02 approaches the finish line to win the 5K Run at AU Reunion 2006.

STILL, HE LEFT HIS JOB IN JUNE and less than a month later traveled to Southern California, where he began pursuing his dream of becoming a U.S. Olympian.

In July, Corman, 26, began training in Alisa Viejo, CA, just south of Los Angeles, with hopes of qualifying for the Olympic marathon trials and a spot on the U.S. team competing at the 2008 Games in Beijing, China. He and several other Olympic hopefuls are being trained by Scott Slade, former cross country and track coach at the University of Buffalo, SUNY Cortland and SUNY Plattsburgh, who is now coaching at Soka University of America in Alisa Viejo.

Corman was a standout distance runner at AU who still holds the school record in the indoor 5,000 meters. After graduation, he joined the Genesee Valley Harriers, a running club based in his hometown of Rochester. He ran his first marathon in the spring of 2003 and did well enough to qualify for the 2004 Boston Marathon. He competed in Boston in 2004, 2005 and 2006 and has qualified to run the event in 2007.

"My goal is to qualify for the 2008 Olympic trials and ultimately see how far I can go with my running," Corman said during a recent interview. "This is my dream. I didn't really think it was possible until a couple years ago."

John Beck, a fellow member of the Genesee Valley Harriers, suggested Corman send his running resume to Slade and last November, Slade invited Corman and Beck to come to California to train. Corman credits running coaches from the area, including former AU cross country and track coach Cliff Dubreuil, for encouraging him to pursue his dream.

To qualify for the Olympic trials, Corman will need to get his time for the 26.2-mile race down to 2:20.00. He has run in four marathons. In this year's Boston Marathon, he completed the race in a personal-best 2:41.00, which placed him 191st of more than 21,000 participants. He'll need to shave 21 minutes from that time just to qualify for the Olympic trials, which will be held in summer 2008. The top three runners at the trials will represent the United States in the marathon in Beijing.

Corman said cutting his time to 2:20.00 will be a tough task, requiring him to trim an average of 48 seconds per mile over the 26.2-mile course. He notes, however, that the course he'll try to qualify on will be much flatter than the Boston Marathon course, which includes numerous steep inclines.

"I still don't know if it's possible (to qualify for the Olympic trials) but I'm going to try. I have a ways to go, but I think I can do it," Corman said. "I'm not one to back down from a challenge, and even if it doesn't work out, I'll come back a helluva runner. And Southern California isn't a bad place to train and work."

Corman admitted to some apprehension as he prepared to leave Alfred for the West Coast. He had only a part-time job as a lifeguard waiting for him. "It's a huge risk: I'm leaving a good job, a place where I'm known, to go to the other side of the country and live paycheck to paycheck and run. It's a risk, but if I didn't take it, I'd always wonder, 'what if?'"

He may run in the Los Angeles Marathon — he qualified to compete by virtue of his performance in Boston — and plans to run in the National Cross Country Championships in California this fall. He knows the benefits of putting forth a greater effort in training, as was evidenced by his performance in this year's Boston Marathon.

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Andy Corman '02

"In 2004 and 2005, I basically had the same times, but before this year's race, I got more serious with my training," he said. The result was a 14-minute improvement in 2006 over his 2005 time of 2:55.

Corman said he won't be discouraged if he doesn't qualify for the Olympic trials and plans to continue running for the Genesee Valley Harriers, regardless. Having not trained very hard for the marathons he has run in, he's anxious to see how he performs after dedicating himself full-time to the sport.

"If I don't make the trials or the Games, I won't be disappointed because I know I'll have given it all I had," he said. "Right now, I know I haven't given it my all and I want to see what happens when I do."

Breaking the mold

Thirteen alumni artists, all "molded" during long days of classroom learning and studio forging in the School of Art & Design, will bring their art to campus this winter to celebrate the place and the faculty instrumental in carving their careers.

"Breaking the Mold," a juried show, will run from Jan. 26-Feb. 20, 2007, in the Fosdick-Nelson Gallery. In particular, the exhibition will commemorate Glenn E. Zweygardt, professor of sculpture's 38 years of teaching, and the beginnings of the National Casting Center at Alfred University.

Featured artists and their works include

- Jessyca Burke '03 – "Marker Series," cast bronze
- Duncan Chase '05 – "Tree Ring," bronze
- Josh Garber '86 – "Flourish," aluminum bar
- John Gerding '93 – "Glider," steel
- Harry Gold – "Boxed Turtle," bronze
- James Horn '96 – "Slice," steel
- Frank Morbillo '80 – "Reversed Curves III," stainless steel and bronze
- Johnny Ninos '06 – "Spontaneous Thought," resin casting, electronically triggered sound apparatus, welded steel
- Joy Powell '04 – "Untitled," installation with cast parts
- Kristy Summers '06 – "My Wardrobe," cast iron, bronze, wood, steel, rug
- Jeffery Swift '03 "Throttle Through," cast and fabricated aluminum, stainless steel
- David Vertacnik '75 – "Soil Soul," cast bronze, stone, clay steel
- Jen Violette '94 – "Still Life #2 Lemons, 2006," hot sculpted glass, stainless steel mahogany; "Pear Pair;" "Still Life, 3 Granny Apples"

John Gerding '93 – "Glider," steel

There will be an opening reception on Friday, Jan. 26, 2007, from 6-8 p.m.

"Breaking the Mold" will offer a wide spectrum of artwork including figurative sculpture, organic abstraction and site-specific installation. Breaking the Mold reflects the significant contributions Alfred alumni are making in the field of contemporary sculpture.

Members of the Gallery and Visiting Artists Council juried the show, which will showcase small-scale to large-scale work as well as installation pieces. Judith Strahota, assistant professor of sculpture, heads the panel. She is joined by Lise Lemeland, assistant professor of painting; Sanam Emami, visiting assistant professor; Sharon McConnell, director, Fosdick Nelson Gallery; Judy Ross, assistant professor of graphic design; Ezra Shales, assistant professor; and Kathleen Thum, visiting assistant professor.

Jessyca Burke '03 – "Marker Series, 2000," cast bronze

Casting Center 'sparks' opportunities

Alfred University's School of Art & Design has a facility that few, if any, other art schools in the country can claim – a foundry capable of melting large quantities of metal at high temperatures.

Dedicated during Reunion '06 Weekend, the metal foundry is phase one of what Glenn Zweygardt, professor of sculpture, and Steve Edwards, professor of glass art, call the National Casting Center, facilities where their students could cast ultra-large-scale metal and glass sculptures.

The School of Art & Design has had a metal foundry for more than 30 years. Located in the basement of Binns-Merrill Hall, the foundry had furnaces capable of melting small amounts of metals at lower temperatures. Adjacent to the metal foundry was the hot glass shop, where Edwards and his students had facilities to melt small batches of glass.

But Zweygardt and Edwards were experimenting and collaborating on casting large sculptures, and teaching their students to do the same. More room and better facilities were needed, they decided, and they set out to make it happen.

A gift of an induction furnace from Jon '55 and Mary Singleton '58 Tabor, and the support of the F.T. and Anna C. Manley Memorial Trust, was the first step in the creation of the National Casting Center. While the Center will incorporate several casting furnaces, the induction furnace capable of melting up to 200 pounds of metals at temperatures exceeding 3000º F is the centerpiece.

The second step was finding a location for the foundry. Alfred State College offered the use of an unused building on State Route 244 and SUNY Construction Funds covered the cost of renovations. The facility, which includes classroom space, will be used for regular and summer school classes as well as short courses, and special demonstrations by visiting artists.

Edwards is currently constructing a two-ton capacity clear glass and three-quarters of a ton colored glass furnace dedicated to "hot casting." These furnaces are expected to go on stream in the Fall of 2007.

AU online

www.alfred.edu/alumni/online

Meet the new provost

Dr. Suzanne Buckley is the new provost. Read about what she has planned.

New home for the arts

The new Cohen Art Studio gives AU's art programs a new prominent location in the community.

UR on the move

Dr. Sylvia Bryant is interim vice president for University Relations. The division is on the move with new offices in the Fasano House.

Familiar face, new role

Kathy Woughter's '93 career takes a new turn. The former director of the Career Development Center steps into the vice president of Student Affairs role.

Alumnae join trustees

Christine Pinto Kulp '71 and Dr. Kathleen Rivers Richardson '82 have been elected to three-year terms on the AU Board of Trustees. They will attend their first regular meeting in October. Kulp, who just completed serving as Alumni Council president, retired in 2005 from a long career in nursing administration, recruitment and education. Richardson is director and full professor at Clemson (SC) University's School of Material Science and Engineering.

Accent on Allen Hall

Renovated Allen Hall brings International Programs and Modern Languages together in one

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News you can use

Submit your recommendation for the upcoming AU Alumni Awards. The nomination form is online!

CLASS Notes

1925

Bruce Conroe '53 reports "my mother, **Frances Barden Conroe, Class of '25,** died on April 22, 2006, at age 102, 10 days short of 103. Her sister, **Lillian Barden Gerace '24**, predeceased her, as did her husband, **Dr. Irwin A. Conroe '23**. He was Mother's freshman English teacher at Alfred and later dean of the faculty under President Norwood. They moved from Alfred to the Albany area in 1935 when he took his first position in the NYS Education Department. In addition, my brother, **Barden**, graduated in the class of '52 and I graduated in '53 plus master's '54... She and her sister were founding members of Pi Alpha Pi Sorority." Lillian was the first president.

In addition to her two sons, Frances is survived by seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

1931

Mildred E. Gullette writes: "Hi, y'all. Hope all goes great for you. Me(98)? I'm still dancing!"

1933

Phlabia (Sheheen) Shoemaker is a retired counselor/teacher. She sends "Greetings from O'Connor Woods, a lovely retirement residence in Stockton, CA."

1934

Catherine Davis Simpson
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Houston, TX 77084

1936

Mrs. Thelma Bates Ames
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Parishville, NY 13672

From your **Class Correspondent:**
"I would like to hear from classmates."

1937 AU Reunion Year!

Mrs. Lillian Chavis Dixon
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1939

From **Rich Simington:**

"It's hard for **Kendall Getman** to tell how he first met Debby without laughing. Seems he was asked by a pal to join him at a YWCA dance to see if they could meet some new girls.What Ken didn't know was 'introductions' were handled by lining the men on one side with the women on the other. Then each woman got to run across the floor to be the first to reach the man with whom she wanted to dance. Lucky for Ken, Debby was a fast runner. Today Ken still lives in Stamford, CT."

"**Ruth Davie Smith** worked for many years as an educator and librarian in the Wellsville, NY, public school system. Ruth has stories galore about generations of her family who have lived in Allegany County near Alfred since shortly after the War of 1812. So it's not too surprising that Ruth has compiled a photographic collection of Alfred University life in the late 1930s, with a concentration of her Sigma Chi Nu Sorority sisters in campus scenes. Today Ruth lives in Inglis, FL."

Addison Boren Scholes, 88, glass technologist and ceramic engineer, died March 27, 2006. An elected Fellow of the American Ceramic Society, he was an inventor with more than 40 patents.

Addison was a world authority on glass coatings. His invention of a process for coating glass has had application worldwide. He contributed a ceramic device which makes possible the atomic clock in satellites essential to the Global Positioning System.

Addison was an active musician, singing in and directing barbershop quartets. He was a certified harmony accuracy judge for barbershop music competitions and an avid amateur radio operator.

He is survived by his son, **Addison Boren Scholes Jr. '65**; two daughters, Gale Scholes Siess, and Jane Scholes Checkeye; brothers **Samuel Scholes '37**, Alfred, NY, and **James Scholes '42**, Geneseo, NY; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

1940

*(Editor's Note: We regret the error of misidentifying **Dr. Marvin Weinstein,** recipient of the 2006 Alfred University Alumni Award for Distinguished Achievement, in the April 2006 edition of the* Magazine.*)*

From **Rich Simington:**

"**Charles Casamo** and his wife, Bea, continue to live in St. Petersburg Beach, FL, and in Blowing Rock, NC."

Your classmates want to hear from you!

We are always delighted to hear from you, but your classmates and friends look forward to it even more. 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.

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

Upcoming Class Notes deadline: Feb. 15, 2007

1941

Elaine Richtmyer Brown, retired teacher, writes: "Class of '41 Thetas continue to keep in touch through a round-robin newsletter."

1942 AU Reunion Year!

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From your **Class Correspondent**:

"The telephone is so handy your Class Correspondent decided to phone a few classmates. **David Armant** was the first. David and his wife moved to Grosse Point, MI, from Tinton Falls, NJ, two years ago to be near his son ... Gardening is one of David's interests. David said he and his wife are in good health.

"**Harold Barr** and his wife are also in good health. They recently returned from a riverboat trip up the Danube, to the Black Sea, ending in Prague... Riverboating is the easy relaxing type of trip he enjoys so he and his wife have taken a number of them... Your **Class Correspondent** mentioned to him that our 65th class reunion is in 2007, which she plans to attend. He said he also would like to make it.

"**Rea Bovit Jablons** resides in Trenton, NJ, has been there for over 50 years and spends the winter months in Florida, on the east coast, Boynton Beach. At the time she was watching the PGA U.S. Open (I was too). Rea is doing the things she enjoys -- bridge, canasta, and theater trips into New York City. Rea was at Alfred for two years and graduated from Ryder College in Trenton (now Ryder University).

"**Robert Burton** and **Ruth Hughes '44** have moved from Wayne, NJ, to Carthage, NY, and spend a great deal of time at their cottage in Harrisville, NY. They were to celebrate their 62nd anniversary in June. I asked Ruth, What are you doing in your life? Ruth, who always had a laid-back way and a sense of humor said 'As little as possible.' She has heard from **Rhoda Unger Jost '43** and seen **Ailsa Johnstone Inglis '43**. Talked a short time with Bob and he requested **Jack Wall's** address.

"By the way, your **Class Correspondent** has the Alfred University Alumni Directory 2005. E-mail or phone me if you want some addresses of classmates.

"E-mail from **Ann Petri** keeps me up-to-date on our classmate **Bill (Art) Petri.** He is busy repairing antique clocks. The tools needed are very specialized and he doesn't own most of them so he took a class once a week and had access to what he needed. His sister living nearby collects antiques and keeps him well supplied.

"Would like to hear from you. Put on your calendar our 65th reunion in June of 2007 and plan to be there. I'll see you."

From **Rich Simington**:

Class Correspondent Betty Thomas "now lives in a gorgeous retirement community. But anyone who knows Betty knows the word that should be emphasized is 'community,' not 'retirement.' As usual she's vibrant and busy. She knows everyone in the place. And she still plays golf. And bridge. And she keeps up her longtime membership in the American Rose Society. But that may be just so no one questions her expertise as she consults and supervises the planting of rose gardens all over the grounds. Betty today is living in and helping to beautify Sarasota, FL."

1943

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From your **Class Correspondent**:

"Everything doesn't always work out as initially planned ... Ye olde correspondent was recently reminded of this, when we heard in April from good friend **Isabel Riggs Geibel**, who was still in her home in Hammondsport, NY. The last notes assumed (mea culpa) that she had left there in January, and had already arrived at her destination in Del Norte, CO, to live near relatives. Isabel now reports authoritatively that her definite departure date was to be May 9. Godspeed to Isabel driving her own car with two passengers, a dog and a cat, her grandnephew driving an escort car, and a moving van! May she find love and happiness in the years ahead.

"Husband Warren hosted his annual luncheon meeting of the Arizona Liberator Group April 20.

"**Bob Sinclair** is making very good progress in his recuperation from hip replacement surgery on April 11. We called him May 6 and learned that he had returned home and was about to undergo physical therapy. With his typical spirit, patience, and cooperation, we know that Bob will make a successful and permanent recovery.

"'Northern Allegany County Observes 1943' is the third book in a series that portrays life during the WW II years in the area served by the *Northern Allegany Observer*, a local newspaper which was printed in Fillmore, NY, a small village in western New York state. Because I've always had family connections in this area, I've bought all three books. In all of them are references not only to my relatives, but to Alfred University and what effects the war was having on the University, its students and curricula, and other aspects of college life... In March of 1943, Director Davis of the Alfred Agriculture and Technical Institute announced plans to accommodate more registrants that would meet the demand for welders in war industries. In June, the AU School of Nursing, scheduled to open Aug. 31, would grant a B.S. of rank and merit equal to degrees granted to other schools on the campus. In December we learn that the school received full approval and accreditation from the U.S. Health Service. The end of the calendar year revealed that contributions of a total of $30,000 had been made to the Ceramic College at Alfred University... The most curious and amusing news to me was an October quotation by President J. Nelson Norwood of Alfred University, who wrote an open letter to members of the Congressional Ways and Means Committee, asking for a simplification of Income Tax Blanks. He said he was willing and glad to pay the tax but was 'sorely irritated, disgusted, confused, enraged and exhausted trying to understand the complexities of the law.' We wonder what additional epithets President Norwood would hurl could he see some of the current income tax forms!

"In the middle of May, we were very pleased to receive a letter from **J. David Broudo**, as we hadn't heard from him for a considerable time. He writes he has resolved to 'think young,' with the relentless years taking so many of his '43 art group. This commitment is supported by his continuous involvement with Endicott College, where he taught for many years and still gives his annual lecture series on art. His wife Barbara still works as director of museum and archives. In March, David exhibited 12 recent abstract paintings at the Marblehead (MA) Arts Association galleries. At the opening, he gave a lecture on understanding modern art, which was well received by the association director and Marblehead's large arts colony... Congratulations to David and Barbara with the April addition to their family of a second great-granddaughter!

"We've learned that **Marv Britton** has moved into an assisted living facility in Green River, WY, not far from where his son and daughter-in-law reside. In letters to his

good friend, **Ellis 'Chick' Berger**, he reveals that he's happy and contented there, and his health is being favorably maintained. We were very glad to hear that his mental acuity is still sharp and keen. He writes Chick that there are 23 elderly ladies living in the facility, and he is doing his best to entertain them! He adds, 'I've lost my good looks,' but evidently this hasn't negatively affected his wit and charm. Long may Marv's brilliance and writing skills continue to amuse and entertain us.

"My thanks to Chick when I called him May 9 to inquire about his own health and well-being, and that of his wife Tudy and daughter Muff. Chick replies that they're all doing well, and he is still keeping up a remarkable schedule of golf, poker, and bridge playing, sojourns to New York City, and other activities. More power to you, Chick. You're always a good reminder of what potential there still might be in many of us octogenarians.

"Chick's optimism is probably an appropriate way to conclude this episode of class notes. Hope some of the good feelings will reach you out there, and you'll be encouraged to e-mail, phone, or write me about some of the blessings in your life."

1944

From **Rich Simington**:

"**Robert Meyer** was the quintessential all-around athlete. He could run the hundred in under 10 seconds. He starred in football, playing both ways. But he always wanted to use athletics to inspire kids. Especially kids others gave up on. In 1955, the *Saturday Evening Post* did a multi-page photo story on the work he and his wife, Betty, did in inner city Baltimore. Bob still has favorites. Like one of the 11 boys who lived with Bob and Betty over the years. He joined the Marines, became a Special Ops Officer, and later joined the CIA. After retirement, he taught at the school where his mentor, Bob, had been on the staff a generation before. Today Bob continues to live and remains interested in helping youngsters in New Haven, CT."

1945

Gloria Jean (Burchell) Lengenfelder of Bordentown, NJ writes: "Nearly a year ago I moved into a beautiful, old, farmhouse with my daughter and her husband. She raises and shows Borzoi (Russian wolfhounds) and now that my traveling days are about over, I am the official dog sitter and I love the job. My Alfred and Theta Theta Chi days have always been close to my heart and I wish you success in the new endeavor."

Still dancing after all these years, Elaine Derby '46 continues her ballroom dancing demonstrations in Temple Terrace, FL.

1946

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From your **Class Correspondent**: "Red roses to **Billie Dunbar Donaldson**, the only member of the Class of '46 to attend our 60th reunion. She reports 20-25 Golden Saxons there, some of whom you might have known had you been there. Besides the picnic and program activities, she enjoyed visiting the new off-campus metal and glass casting department as well as the ceramic studios and kiln room.

"A graduating granddaughter in Maryland with many awards to applaud kept me from going to Alfred. Perhaps next year?"

Patricia Kenny of Santa Monica, CA, a ceramic artist writes: "I have such wonderful memories" of Theta Theta Chi.

From **Rich Simington**:

"Because **Elaine Locke Derby** is petite, it's easy to underestimate how powerful she is. Until you ask for a list of some of the things she's done -- sold china settings, taught art in college, supervised the construction of a house, studied and sold real estate, was a head model at an art museum, created and exhibited paintings and pottery, operated a sheet music business out of her house for 30 years. And raised two kids. Oh, and she's still studying and demonstrating ballroom dancing in the community where she lives, Temple Terrace, FL."

1947

AU Reunion Year!

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1948

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Joan (Gaffney) Boicourt of Silver Spring, MD, is a retired high school art teacher. She writes: "I was one of the founders of Alpha Kappa O."

Peter Schjeldahl, art critic for the *New Yorker*, mentioned the "celebrated ceramics program of Alfred University" in the May 15, 2006 issue (pages 89-90) in a review of **Betty Woodman's** "spectacular" retrospective -- "The Art of Betty Woodman" -- at the Metropolitan Museum.

1949

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Iona Bohl Johnston of Lake Placid, FL, writes: "I was pleased to learn that the AKO house proceeds will be used for scholarships for members' descendants. I wish the Women's Leadership Center much success."

From **Rich Simington**:
"Most people who know **Karl Scheffer**, know he's had a distinguished career in his native South Africa and the United States as a ceramic engineer. But all their married life, Karl and **Genevieve (Polan) '46** have loved organ music. Karl began playing on a modest keyboard instrument they could afford at the time. As the years went by, they were able to 'trade up' for the next best model. Several times. Today, if you stand outside their home you can hear Karl playing on one of the finest multi-keyboard organs made by the famous Lowey" Organ Co. And inside, Genevieve is enjoying the concert. Karl and Genevieve continue to live in Ocala, FL."

Eugene W. "Sandy" Holman, 81, of Indian Lake, PA, a former University trustee, died May 17, 2006. He was a World War II Army Air Corps veteran. He retired from Pittsburgh-Corning Corp. after 35 years during which time he started the international manufacturing operation in Belgium and became the vice president of manufacturing in the United States. He was former mayor and borough council president and was a founder of Indian Lake Golf Club. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Jeanne, and two sons.

1950

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Class Correspondent and Distinguished AU Alumnus **Herb MacDonell**, a criminalist who was a professor of chemistry and head of the Chemistry Department at Milton College, Milton, WI, was honored with a lifetime achievement award by the Milton College Preservation Society this spring. He taught at Milton from 1951-54. Herb is director of the Laboratory of Forensic Science. He is the inventor of the MagnaBrush, a device used to process latent fingerprints.

Jack Gardner writes: "I wish to notify my Alfred friends that my dear wife Peggy died Dec. 5, 2005. She blessed me with 52 years of marriage." Jack can be reached at 2619 Dawn Lake Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46217-7022.

James Robert Lunney was granted an honorary doctorate of politics by Woosuk University, Korea, on Feb. 24, 2006, "in recognition of his extraordinary humanitarian service and Christian faith in action during the Korean War through his outstanding performance as the staff officer of the S.S. Meredith Victory in the successful rescue of 14,000 North Korean refugees... " James also has a Guinness World Records certificate for performing "the greatest rescue operation ever by a single ship by evacuating 14,000 refugees from Hungnam, North Korea in December 1950." In addition, James reports he was awarded The Great Meritorius Service Medal from the Korean Veterans Association in recognition of his service. He says this was the first time the medal was given to a foreigner.

More recently, James was featured in an article appearing in the the Metro section of the May 30, 2006 edition of *The New York Times*. Columnist Clyde Haberman tells of the mission that James had been on for more than nine years -- to bestow the Medal of Honor on some family member of Peter Tomich, nee Petar Tonic, a native of Croatia, and the only recipient in more that 100 years whose medal was not presented to a surviving relative. James, himself a Rear Admiral, took it upon himself to find family members, and finally prevailed. On May 18, 2006, as the article reads: "Admiral Lunney found himself aboard the aircraft carrier Enterprise, anchored off the coast of Split, Croatia. There, with full Navy honors and plenty of brass on hand, the long-orphaned medal found a home. It went to a distant cousin of Chief Tomich.... "

From **Rich Simington**:
"When you visit **Robert and Betty Jo Champlin Hatch** you'll admire their beautiful home. Now. After Hurricane Charlie, with winds above 168 mph, you would have seen blown-out windows; ripped-off siding, some of which was imbedded in tree trunks; finish stripped off bedroom furniture; roses in the kitchen from a vase in the living room, which was in place and intact; and a flooded

Herb MacDonell '50 received a lifetime achievement award from the Milton College Preservation Society in spring 2006.

downstairs with the new three-month-old carpet. Rob and Betty Jo continue to live in Punta Gorda, FL.

"**Robert Hawkins** is a persuasive guy. Always has been. When he was discharged as a wounded Marine vet, Bob decided he wanted to go to college. His high school career was less impressive than he hoped, so he came to Alfred and talked with Prof. Samuel Scholes. Sam was impressed with his determination. And that's how Bob came to Alfred and went on to a distinguished career as an engineer, and later as a professor and college administrator. Bob and his wife, Pat, continue to live in North Fort Myers, FL.

"Fortunately, the home of **James and Elizabeth Berglund Thayer** sustained very little hurricane damage in the past year when four howlers ripped through Florida. Of course, they know more about weather than most people. When Jim was considering retirement from his distinguished career as a higher education administrator, they lived for a year and a half on a sailboat. That was enough however. Today they're landlubbers continuing to live on solid ground in Punta Gorda, FL."

1951

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From **Rich Simington**:
"Most people who know **A. William Clark** know he's an accomplished artist and art professor, including his own former Alfred professor, **Val Cushing** ('52), 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.

"After graduating from Alfred, when **William Holly** enlisted in the military to serve his country, he might have chosen the wrong branch. He served in the U.S. Army with overseas duty in Germany. Since then he has returned to Germany as a tourist and is going again this year. But his trips have been river cruises; this year's will be on the Danube. Maybe he should have joined the Navy. Bill continues to live in Geneva, NY."

1952 AU Reunion Year!

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From your **Class Correspondent**:

"**Bill McClurg** has released his travel agenda for part of the year: Epcot, Las Vegas, Louisville, Tulsa, canyon country in California, North Carolina, his hometown of Painted Post in New York, North Carolina again, Virginia, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, and finally home to Florida in late September. Golf clubs will be in the luggage for many of the trips. Bill comments, 'Retirement is tough, so we need vacations.'

"**Brad and Jody (Perry) Conroe** said they would compete in the Empire State Senior Games at Cortland in June. Jody has placed third or better in golf every year beginning in 1998, and took gold from 2000 through 2005. She was also to compete in the Women's Senior Amateur Championship in August and last year placed eighth in the National Senior Olympics at Pittsburgh. Brad and Judy have won the Couples League Championship at the Skaneateles Country Club where she runs the junior golf program. Judy says she works at golf, Brad plays.

"**Frank Bredell** is having a hard time reconciling what he reads in the news media about India's great wealth with the incredible poverty he witnessed firsthand during a three-week tour of India last winter. Included in the tour was a fairly close look at cremations on the banks of the Ganges. Frank decided right then that he prefers burial to cremation when the time comes...

"**Marjorie (Bard) McNamee** said she was too busy packing to supply any news for this issue. She was off to Thailand.

"**Don Boulton** wrote that he was packing two suitcases. One was for a trip to the AU reunion, but the other, larger we presume, was so he and his wife Rosemary could spend 18 days touring Turkey, Greece, and the Greek Islands. He says he's not tired of going to Scotland, which he does frequently, 'but change is good.'

"**Marty Moskoff** checked in with a lengthy e-mail that said he was about to publish a novel by **Alan Littell** ('53) called 'Courage: a Novel of the Sea.' Marty's publishing house is called Brillig Press, which specializes in limited edition books and designer/artist volumes. He is also doing a quarterly magazine for the Active Long Term Hospitalcare Association. He says, 'It is a world I never knew existed.' Marty planned to leave soon for Sedona, AZ, to spend time with his son and was just back from a week with **Tom Spleth** ('72), former teacher of ceramic design at AU and now in North Carolina. And finally, Marty is hungry for news of classmates and is available at Moskoff@aol.com."

Robert Mangels writes: "Joan and I are going to our annual Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity Reunion at Pocono Manor Resort. Hope to visit relatives and friends in Switzerland this September. Plan to visit **Millie Stubbs** in Williamsburg, VA, to remember our good times at Alfred! Many thanks, be well and enjoy each day!"

From **Rich Simington**:

"Once you learn that as a young woman **Jane Petersen Uschold** loved riding horses English style, where she lives takes on more significance. The road is named Hunt Club. From her back windows she can look out on an exercise track where equestrians hone their riding skills at almost any hour of the day. Without experiencing sore muscles, or having to muck out a stall ever again, she can enjoy watching magnificent animals. Jane continues to live in Westport, CT.

"**Joan Sauter's** a traveler. She's been to Europe, and to Hawaii and to lots of the United States. But she's taken her last cruise. She's tried twice. And both times the planned itinerary was scrapped because of huge storms. Now that she's a landlubber, the cruise industry is booming. Joan continues to live on dry land in Mineola, NY."

1953

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1954

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From your **Class Correspondent**:

"**George Taft** has co-authored a book entitled 'Forensic Science Today,' written to interest high school students in science. One co-author is Dr. Henry C. Lee, famous for contributions in the O.J. Simpson trial, among many other prominent cases. It is available on Amazon.com. George is highly regarded in his field and has consulted on many prominent cases. He lives in Anchorage, Alaska, and has made the trip to Alfred reunions many times.

"A wonderful luncheon reunion was enjoyed by **Eddie Kleban** and his wife, **Carol Steinberg Kleban '56**, **Jerry Rodis '55** and his wife, Ellen, **Mary Jane Villareale Mackey '55** and **Dee Michaels Levine '54**. Lots of talk and reminiscences about the good old days. Mary Jane, Carol, and Dee were all members of Pi Alpha Pi, and Eddie and Jerry were brothers at Kappa Nu."

Suzanne Miller Peck of Los Altos Hills, CA, writes that "My current body of pastel landscapes will be shown in Palo Alto in late March."

Barbara Cohen Rabiner of La Jolla, CA, writes that she transferred to Brooklyn College after attending AU for two years. She married **Charles "Buddy" Rabiner '53** in 1954.

From **Rich Simington**:

"Anyone who knows **Dionne Levine** agonized with her as she struggled for months and months to have her house rebuilt after a devastating fire. And today it's a showpiece. Her son, a mason, built a stunning circular stone patio where she can sit and enjoy her picture book-landscaped yard sloping to the water. Dee continues to live in Center Moriches, NY."

1955

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Penelope F. "Penny" Weiss writes: "I have just received my copy of *Alfred Magazine*. WOW! When I saw the picture on the cover I knew that my mother would be in it. The

styles of clothing and hair were her era, and sure enough there she was. Perhaps you do know that two of the women in the photograph are the youngest daughters of Charles F. Binns. My mother, **Nora Binns Fraser**, is in the third row just below the tall man on the last row. Her sister, **Dorothy Binns Remsen**, is on the same row just at the fold of the magazine. They were both in the class of 1912 although in age they were a couple of years apart. My mother was the youngest child of Charles and Mary Binns. I have never seen this photograph, but I do have the 1912 and the 1911 copies of *Kanakadea*. Everyone should be proud that women have been admitted to Alfred for so many years."

1956

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(Editor's Note: The notice of the death of Jack D. Slawson of Wellsville, which ran in the April 2006 Magazine was in error. The Jack Slawson who is an AU alumnus is John W. Slawson. The editor regrets any concern or anxiety this announcement caused.)

Your **Class Correspondent** writes: "On behalf of Chuck, Renata, Barbara, Sheldon, my wife Connie, and myself, we want to thank all the returning alumni for a memorable 50th reunion weekend. We also want to thank President Edmondson, Cindy Lewis-Black, Mark Shardlow, and all the AU staff who worked so diligently to welcome us back and made our weekend great. Alfred weather also reminded us of our four years and made us remember that there are two seasons in Alfred, winter and the 4th of July. Those who forgot to bring warm clothes helped the economy of the AU bookstore, buying many sweatshirts to keep warm. For those alumni who were unable to return, keep the faith. We are already discussing returning to Alfred in five years as Golden Saxons."

Ellen Honig Propp of Great Neck, NY, writes: "I am very actively retired from an assortment of jobs throughout my working life. Currently, I serve on a NYS Department of Education committee for medical physics in addition to writing a few wide-circulation newsletters. I am the mother of four children and grandmother to four, with hopes that more will come as my youngest child will marry March 19, 2006. Warmest wishes to all."

Susan Nevmark Stern of Monroe Township, NJ, writes: "Marty and I are both retired, living in New Jersey, and wintering in Florida. Enjoying our grandchildren, lots of golf, tennis, travel, and fun."

1957 AU Reunion Year!

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Angela (Zegarelli) Van Derhoof of Utica, NY, writes that she has been executive director of a human services agency for almost 30 years. She has two grandchildren "living up the street. I am a lucky grandmother."

Leonarda (Baan) Van Der Werf, foreign language teacher, was honored at a special open house on April 30, 2006, at Denver Lutheran High School, Denver, CO, celebrating her 40 years in the teaching ministry. She currently teaches French.

(Editor's Note: The editor regrets that announcement of the death of Marilyn Butts Bardsley '57 inadvertently ran under the 1956 class year in the last issue of Alfred Magazine, so it is repeated here.)

Marilyn Butts Bardsley, 69, of Murrells Inlet, SC, died Dec. 23, 2005. She had worked in five states as a registered nurse. Marilyn enjoyed playing piano and organ and had been the church organist at several churches. Surviving are her husband of 50 years, James J. Bardsley; a son; a daughter; and four grandchildren.

1958

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From your new **Class Correspondent**:

"For many, many years **Judy Loomis Allen** as class correspondent has shouldered the task of providing information about our class for Alfred alumni publications. We thank her for her long-term devotion. Now I will take on that role as an addition to the editing and forwarding our successful 'start of something good' e-mails. We started this to see what our classmates have been doing. We now number 92 classmates receiving the e-mail plus five more who will receive copies of this e-mail periodically through snail mail. They are **Catherine Daggett, Bruce Boulton, Bob Chellin, Joanne Houghton** and **Dick Sproule**.

"**Frenchy** and **Diane LeBlanc** plan to attend the Reunion. He is still consulting and does his work in Spain and Portugal.

"**Lyle** and **Beth Slack** live in Wellsville. Lyle is into house building/repair for his kids. Of course, they will be attending the Reunion.

"**Dick Errico** writes: 'Have been retired for 15 years from teaching and coaching. We spend our winters in Boynton Beach, FL, and in Chestertown, MD, the rest of the year. We enjoy traveling. We have attended all the five-year reunions, keep in touch with **Bob Greene** and **Andy Seaman**. Andy and **Fran Seaman** live about a half hour from the Faheys and Russ and Andy have taken fast bike rides together. Andy is pumped about the big bike ride to Alfred and it sounds like Fran will be driving the car.

"**Ray** and **Ginger Urode** live in California and they will definitely attend. Ray will talk to **Steve Saunders, Harry Bubnack, Lou Ursitti**, and others. Ray retired from Hughes Aircraft years ago and got into real estate, so he is still working.

"**Arnold Namm,** who has a promotional specialties firm, and **Elliott Lasky**, working for his wife's show registration company, just happened to meet at a show where they had adjoining tables. Arnold said he probably would not attend the Reunion but he would like to be on the e-mail list.

"**Ed DeChristopher** spent 30 years in the military and after retiring now lives in Virginia and is in the real estate business with his daughter. A couple of years ago he attended his granddaughter's graduation from Alfred. Wow!

"Question: Why should I go to Alfred for the 50th reunion?

"Answer #1: BECAUSE IT'S THE 'BIG ONE' and not for sissies (as in growing old) -- Ray Urode"

Amy (Koechling) Weaver writes: "My husband Don and I continue to live in Western New York (Mayville) on beautiful Chautauqua Lake. Our four children have blessed us with 11 grandchildren ranging from 21 years to eight weeks. In our winter home in Estero, FL, for four months we enjoy tennis and golf, etc. with AU alums **Gary Braun '57** and **Bob Carman '55** and their wives.

From **Rich Simington:**

"Some guys are good at relaxing. Some aren't. Officially, **Samuel Hulbert** is retired from a distinguished career as president of the renowned Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. But Sam is not doing so well in remedial retirement training. He's been

a consultant and now a professor in the start-up engineering program at nearby Florida Gulf Coast University. And this fall he's going to Japan to teach for a semester at a sister institution to Rose-Hulman. His wife, **Joy Husband '58**, is trying to get him to slow down in Naples, FL, where they now live."

1959

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From your **Class Correspondent**:

"**Dick Zodikoff '62** writes: 'This past March, **Dr. Marty Oppenheim, Dr. Josh Fierer**, and **Dick Zodikoff** got together in West Palm Beach, FL, and renewed old friendships. We talked about the great times we all had at Alfred. We had a lot of catching up to do and after many hours realized this couldn't be done at one gathering. We promised each other to stay in touch and meet again soon. Marty is now retired and Josh is semi-retired. I am still active in the carwash industry in New Jersey doing real estate sales and selling equipment to the carwash industry. I am still trying to have a get-together with some of the Tau Delts and hopefully it will be this August or September.'

"Your **Class Correspondent** spent a great day with **Paula '60** and **Stan Schumann '60** during their visit to Los Angeles. Had a good lunch in Calabasas and visited their son Marc's music business offices and his beautiful new home in Agoura. Nothing like old, good friends!

"Had a nice chat with **Cy Berlowitz** who has relocated with his family to Oakland. Hope to see you at the next reunion Cy -- it's been a while.

"If the following should happen to read this column, please contact http:www.alfred.edu/alumni/docs/theta-theta-chi-census.pdf. Your status as a Theta sister has not been verified: **Janet Weiss Baum, Ann Bergman Buger, Joan Cutter Coughlin '60, Barbara Groffman Anderson, Pat Gregory Friesleben '60, Joan Trepasso Foreman '56, Evadna Sterrett Moskowitz, Bea Romero-Jevremovic '60**, and **Carole Silver '58**. Please contact me if you have any questions -- or just to say hello."

Brian Rogers writes: "I raced to my computer this evening the instant I read in the new *Alfred Magazine* of Dr. Timothy Foecke's July lecture on the collapse of the World Trade Center towers.

"It is beyond my comprehension why the author of that announcement described the planes that hit the towers as 'small.' A small plane is a Piper Cub or a Learjet. The Boeing 767s that hit the towers were large airliners capable of flying more than 5,000 miles, loaded with thousands of gallons of fuel and carrying 200 or more passengers.

"To describe the planes as 'small' is a shocking understatement ... "

David Carpenter '59, '64, a longtime sponsor of the Strafford (CT) Brakettes, the most successful amateur women's softball team of all time, is president and chairman of the Connecticut Brakettes. The Stratford Brakettes are synonymous with amateur women's softball excellence, having won 26 national championships in the team's 60-year history. In May, David and the Brakettes manager received Sterling Spirit Awards which recognize sportsmanship in the greater Bridgeport (CT) area and state of Connecticut.

David is founder and chairman of Riverside Management Group, a New York City firm that provides financial advisory services to companies, funds and entrepreneurs. He and his wife, Dorothy, live in Westport, CT.

Stanley M. Moskowitz, 68, of Great Falls, VA, a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) official who twice served as the agency's liaison to Congress and who tried to forge peace between Israelis and Palestinians, died June 29, 2006. Stanley spent more than 40 years with the CIA. He retired in 2005. He is survived by his wife, Evadna; two sons; two daughters; and three grandchildren.

1960

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Jacqueline Anne (DuBois) Ritter writes that she retired in June 2005 after working as an administrative assistant at Mandarin Presbyterian Church for 22 years. She was widowed in 1980, has three children (one whom died in 2000), and has three granddaughters. "I am enjoying my family, cruising, and 'lighthousing.'"

Marjorie Lee of Toledo has been elected president of the Ohio branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW). She has two grown sons and a daughter, Sandi, who is incoming treasurer of AAUW's Ohio branch.

All 11 members of the nursing class of 1961 returned to campus Reunion Weekend 2006 to celebrate their 45th anniversary. In addition, another 37 nursing alumni, representing classes from 1951-91, traveled back to AU to reminisce and share life and career experiences. Mary Younge, RN, of the Monroe County (NY) Public Health Department, spoke to a nurses' gathering on Saturday morning about her efforts to work with communicable disease problems. In the afternoon, there was a nursing "meet and mingle" session. Janice Smith '75 reports: "… we all agreed that we'd like to pursue yearly gatherings that would encourage participation throughout the region, perhaps offering a more formal session with nursing speakers as well as alumni speakers." Ideas and suggestions may be sent to Janice at Jsmith78@rochester.rr.com.

Sylvia Levinson has lived in San Diego the past 32 years, and has been writing and performing her poetry for 14 years. Publications include "The Snowy Egret" and "City Works." She is a frequent featured reader at San Diego County venues. In 2004, she was awarded first prize in the poetry contests of the American Society on Aging and the San Diego African American Writers and Artists, Inc. Her first book of poetry, titled "*Gateways: Poems of Nature, Meditation and Renewal, A Self-Guided Book of Discovery*" was published in 2005 by Caernarvon Press. Contact Sylvia at shlconsult@cox.net.

1961

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Julianne (Vance) Goodridge is retired and living in Huntsville, AL.

Ceradyne CEO **Joel Moskowitz** was featured in an article about his company's ceramic armor which appeared in the May 22, 2006 edition of *Investor's Business Daily*.

In addition, Joel spoke at NASDAQ's 17th international investor forum, June 20-21, 2006, in London, England.

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Sandra (Kaplan) Coplon writes: "I retired in 2004 from Hartford University Hospital after 28 years on the staff. I'm active with my 10 grandchildren (two more on the way). Norm and I travel and I'm still able to roller blade, bike, etc."

Susan (Lindsey) Cridge writes: "I have relocated from Fairbanks, Alaska, to Salem, OR. Am enjoying a longer growing season, grandchildren nearby, and exploring Oregon. Have enjoyed visits with **Warren Sutton '61** and **Alise Ogden Irwin** when I work in my sister-in-law's art gallery for the racing season in Saratoga Springs, NY."

(Mary) Alise (Ogden) Irwin of Branchport, NY, writes: "We live at Keuka Lake and we do keep in touch with many AKO sisters, especially class of '62. I am very pleased by the decisions made to sell the house and to support the Women's Center and provide for a scholarship. My mother, Helen Acker Ogden, was one of the first honorary members of AKO, along with Mae Bernstein. They were very supportive in the early days when AKO was struggling. They would be proud!"

Janice (Hobbie) Wolcott of Dallas, OR, a staff RN in pediatrics and coordinator of a parish nurse program, writes: "I am reluctant to retire from nursing and stay busy in parish nursing and offering assistance to family caregivers. I only lived at the Theta house during my senior year. I have some fond memories of hours working in the kitchen/dining room."

Robert Klein was the star attraction April 22, 2006, at the ninth annual benefit concert for the Youth Center at the Midia Theater, Philadelphia. He joined Judy Collins, Dave Mason, Eileen Ivers, and others.

1963

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From your **Class Correspondent**:

"**Michael S. Mishkin** writes: 'Received the *Alfred Magazine* and thought it might be time to bring everyone up to date as to what has been happening in my life. Jan. 1 I began my second shot at retirement. The first time in 1987 lasted only two years as boredom set in and the mind started getting interested in business again. This time I think I might remain retired, but time will tell if the feeling is real.

'I have sold all my interests in NYC and have moved permanently to Georgia. I find it hard to believe that I am now a Southerner. I love it here and find the area a great place to enjoy retirement.

'I am married now for 40 years and have two married sons and three grandkids. One son and his family is here in the South and the other remains up North in New Jersey. Both are very successful and I am proud of their accomplishments.

'Went to a surprise birthday party not too long ago for **David Skolsky '62** who has also moved South. Still close to **Arnold Ecker** and stay in touch with **John Sprung**. I am doing lots of travel, playing lots of golf and trying to find out if retirement will hold with me. I am still playing a little basketball which causes some conflict with my family as they feel it is time to hang it up already -- they are probably correct and I might have to do so eventually.

'I was a guest lecturer at Columbia University several months ago and I might like to pursue that as my next adventure. I really enjoyed it and had a great response. If anyone out there wishes to be in touch with me, I can be reached by e-mail at mike@mishkinpartners.com.'

"**Joan Potter** writes: '**Joyce DeChristopher Schmidt** just e-mailed me with the news of the death of **Nancy Gerkin Morris** of cancer and asked that I forward the news to you.

'I also heard from **Maureen Sullivan Dalton '65** (**Henry Hopkin's** cousin) that Hemmings *Classic Car* magazine had an article in the February 2006 issue, pages 14- 19, featuring one of Henry's autos. It included a picture of Henry and his partner. Henry looks great with white hair. His partner looks familiar but I can't place him.

'Nothing has changed for me, I am still working too hard and traveling to see my five grandchildren. I drive to Chappaqua every six weeks to see Dillon, Nicole, Jake, and Luke, and I fly to San Diego every three months to see Brett. Thanksgiving was spent in Chappaqua and Christmas was enjoyed in San Diego and Catalina Island. My son Stephen, who works in London, joined us for Christmas.

'**Bob Gabbey '61** and I had lunch last fall. 'We are trying to put together a program for Rochester-area alumni from the '50's, '60's, and '70's.'

"**Bill Rapp** (Kappa Nu) writes: 'Shortly after my 64th birthday, in March, I began a new career in show business. I have been working as an "extra," or background actor, in such TV shows as: "Law & Order," "Law & Order SVU," "Convicted," and "Without A Trace," and I was in a pilot called "Traveler." I have also, so far, been in two movies, to be released next year, one, a Disney, part animation, part live, film called "The Enchanted," where I was one of 250 extras in Times Square for three days while people in strange (even for NYC) dress popped out of a sewer. And a police drama called "Into The Night." It keeps me busy, is fun, and I've been meeting some very nice people. Of course, I'd appreciate a hand from any alum in the industry in getting a SAG card. I can be reached on my cell: 646.963.7319, even if you can't help, but just want to say, Hi. I hope to be getting voice-overs in addition to to the "acting."

'I have four grandchildren. The greatest bumper sticker I've ever seen said, "If I

had known how wonderful it was to have grandchildren, I'd have had them first!' "

Lucille (Weichert) Croscup writes: "After 39 years I retired from teaching vocal music in 2003. I taught mostly in the Bennington, VT area. I enjoy gardening, digital photography, and singing in community choral groups."

Barbara (Cruzan) Green writes: "Although officially retired, I work as a parish nurse for the Milton, WI, Seventh Day Baptist Church and as a teaching assistant in the nursing skills lab at Blackhawk Technical College on an as-needed basis. My husband and I toured the Alps in September 2005 -- a beautiful trip!"

From **Rich Simington**:

"If you check the records at Alfred, technically **Frederic Lindauer** was a psychology major. But C.D. Smith and Rod Brown knew theater was in his blood. He went on to complete graduate study at the Yale Drama School and has created a distinguished career as one of the best know experts in theater lighting in America. There's hardly a venue in Las Vegas today that hasn't been lit by Fred. And he's a frequent flier to Europe. He's still working 'under the lights' as the United States director of operations for France's internationally renowned entertainment lighting company, Robert Juliat. Fred and his wife, **Barbara Bennett '64**, continue to live in Wallingford, CT."

1964

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Class Correspondent Ruth (Reeve) Gau of Poughkeepsie, NY, a retired educator, writes: "Just returned (3/28/06) from a trip to the Miami Boat Show, Keys, FL, and St. Pete Beach. We toured New Orleans on our return trip and were shocked over the devastation of Katrina. We did not visit District 9 in New Orleans but viewed all the destroyed homes, businesses, churches, etc."

Then she writes (6/15/06) again: "Gregg and I just returned from Kansas where we saw our grandchildren, Emma, 3, and Katelyn, 1... From there we toured Custard State Park, SD, and saw Mt. Rushmore. If you want to see herds of buffalo, visit Custard State Park. Our next trip will be spending a night at a lighthouse on Rose Island, Newport, RI.

"Heard from **Fred Ames**. He just returned from a vacation to Capitol Reef National Park in Utah. After leaving AU he spent four years in the Navy with the NAVSECGRU (Naval Security Group Activity) stationed at Kami Seya, Japan ... 'The base itself was a Navy "listening post" that intercepted electronic communications from around the Pacific RIM, Russia, China, Japan, etc.) and than provided that data to the NSA for analysis. Japan was a great place to be.'

"After the Navy, he returned to San Francisco and married Natalie, and then went to UC Berkeley and graduated with a BA in sociology. He did a brief stint in the insurance business to return to school to receive a MA in sociology from UC at Santa Barbara. He started working for CDC and ended living in Morgantown, WV, where he resided for 26 years. 'I worked in administration for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, division of respiratory disease studies, until 1991, stayed within the division but later transferred to a job in IT (information technology) which provided the division with local area network support, until retirement in 2003.'

"For four years, Fred was a Court Appointed Special Advocate in West Virginia before he moved to North Carolina where he does volunteer work 10-15 hours a week as a Guardian ad Litem.

"Natalie and Fred have two young adults, Brennan, their daughter, and husband, Brent, who have a 2-year-old, Jude, and their son Jonathan, a nurse, who lives in Morgantown, WV."

Lesley (Mace) Knoll of Long Lake, NY, owner/operator of Waters' Edge Cottages, writes: "Married T. Knoll in 1966 and lived on Long Island until 1981. Bought and run Water's Edge Cottages. Have two daughters, Andrea and Michelle (1974 and 1966). Andrea is an art director and graphic designer; Michelle has MA in archeology in Utah. First grandchild (Andrea's) arrived in June -- Alexander Dawson-Ellis. We are also rock 'hounds' and have a rock shop. Tom does lapidary and I do designer silversmithing. We winter in Tucson, AZ."

Pool study makes a splash

Jeff Kohlhas '02, a member of the National Plasterers Council (NPC) Board of Directors, was largely responsible for Alfred University's inclusion in a nationwide study into the reliability of swimming pool water test kits conducted last spring. Kohlhas, who majored in ceramic engineering, is owner and CEO of Leisure Craft Pools of Lancaster, NY.

Representatives of the National Pool Industry Research Center (NPIRC) were at AU on May 8 to conduct tests on water samples taken from Lebohner Pool, McLane Center. The AU pool was one of five nationwide where water was analyzed as part of a study, sponsored by the NPC, on water test kits and plaster deterioration. In addition to Alfred University, pools were tested at the University of Texas at Arlington, the University of Washington, Florida State University and California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo, site of the NPIRC.

Along with testing the reliability of pool water test kits, Kohlhas said the NPIRC's research also studies the impact the chemical makeup of water can have on pool surfaces, many of which are made from plaster. NPIRC researchers found last year that results conducted on pool water varied drastically from test kit to test kit, prompting the new studies. Once the results are tabulated, researchers hope to develop a more reliable kit for testing pool water chemical makeup. It will also help pool builders improve their products, Kohlhas said.

AU Chemistry Professor Garrett McGowan and three of his students — Katherine Stewart, David Cook and Eugene Lowes (all 2006 graduates) — assisted in testing of the water taken from the Alfred pool. Kohlhas, who minored in chemistry at AU, is a former student of McGowan's.

Dr. Kathryn S. (Simons) Wurster-Schmidt, a doctor of chiropractic, writes: "I love chiropractic and my nursing program has helped me so much in understanding and providing better care for my patients. I often think of the wonderful times I had at Alfred and the great people I got to know. You all meant a lot to me... and still do. Enjoy life! P.S. AKO will always have special memories for me."

Barbara (Beck) Muratore writes: "I was surprised to wake up one morning and find that I was on the front page of the Rochester (*Democrat & Chronicle*) newspaper. I had been painting with the Genesee Valley Plein Air Painters in Highland Park, Rochester. I exhibit in art shows throughout Western and Central New York."

1965

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Karen (Lattanzio) Matles of Coral Springs, FL, writes that she retired in February 2004, and reports on her children: Samantha is a mother of two, ages 6 and 5, lives in Alphrata, GA, and has a master's degree in speech and language pathology; Alison has a degree in criminal justice and is a federal agent in California; and Greg has a degree in electrical engineering technology and works in high-tech industry.

From **Rich Simington**:
"Ever wonder how the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) can figure out the inner workings of highly technical research-based companies? They find engineers like **Herbert Dietrich**. After decades creating a distinguished career as a ceramic engineer with an Alfred master's degree in glass science, Herb was recruited by the IRS and today heads a multi-state team of engineering consultants who work as technical advisers to mere mortal tax investigators of state-of-the-art research companies. Herb and his wife, **Gina Rich '70**, continue to live in New City, NY."

Dr. Guner Sumer writes that he is teaching ceramics at Eskisehir University, Eskisehir, Turkey. "My new book, 'Ceramic Raw Materials,' was published in June 2006. This is my 10th ceramic book. Since we do not have ceramic books in Turkey in the Turkish language, I am writing a ceramic book every year. My ceramic books are used in ceramic schools as text and reference books. I hope to come one day to Alfred to join my classmates and friends."

1966

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Wayne A. Newton writes that he "has moved from Connecticut to Las Vegas (where else?) to become director of compensation for Sierra Health Services, Inc."

Leticia (Loomis) Tubman of Pleasant Valley, CT, a teacher of strategies at The Forman School (a college prep school for students with learning differences) writes: "I live with my husband, Harry, and Samantha the cat. We have two freshly grown sons who are still trying to decide what their next step in life will be. We are toying with the idea of retirement, but teaching is still too much fun."

Oakland (CA) City Council member **Nancy Nadel** is in a six-way race for city mayor, which will be determined this fall.

Bob Sevene, the coach best known for helping Joan Benoit Samuelson win the first Olympic Marathon gold medal for women, has decided to retire from his position at the Big Sur Distance Project at the end of this season. He will concentrate his energies on one runner, Blake Russell, the nation's fastest woman in the 3,000- and 5,000-meter runs, and fourth ranked in the 1,500. Bob is in his 37th year of coaching.

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Peggy (Preuss) Amster of Water Mill, NY, writes that after earning an MBA and working in marketing she is now a landscape designer on eastern Long Island.

Martin "Bob" Karig writes that he recently completed his first book, "Hard Coal and Coal Cars," which has been published by the University of Scranton Press. The book traces the history of rail transportation in the anthracite region and the development of freight car technology. Bob retired from the Army in 1989 as a lieutenant colonel and recently enjoyed a second retirement from industry.

Margaret (Mack) Seward of Milford, NH, writes: "Hi to all. We were at the San Francisco Alum Weekend for Nurses from the Class of 1967 last summer. Sure was fun! Hope we can get together again soon!"

Connie (Pettit) Stephens of Utica, NY, writes that she is a legal assistant and "currently enjoying my three grandchildren: Morgan, 4, and Ella, one week (on May 26), and Campbell, 1 1/2 years. **Mike ('64)** and I look forward to our 39th anniversary this August. Yes, we met at AU."

Dr. James R. Davis, board chairman at Tri-County Rural Electric Cooperative, Wellsboro, PA, has been elected to serve a three-year term on the National Cooperative Services Corp. (NCSC) Board of Directors.

Ron Gebhardt was recently appointed to the supervisory committee of Goldenwest Credit Union. Bob is employed as a safety manager at Williams International, Utah.

Dr. Richard Kellogg, professor of psychology, Alfred State College, is the author of an article appearing in the most recent issue of the Newsletter of the Society for the Teaching of Psychology entitled, "Freud and the Queen of Crime."

From **Rich Simington**:
"So you think you're busy? As a psychotherapist, **Laurie Meyerowitz Kopp** maintains a schedule of seeing patients for 45 consultation hours per week. And she's planning weddings for both her son and her daughter before the end of the year. And this fall she's planning to resume her routine of skiing like she did at Alfred, and maybe also do some snowshoeing. Laurie continues to live, but not rest, in Woodbury, NY."

1968

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Sharon Rose of Rock Hill, NY, a nurse, asks: "Doyle, where are you?"

Peggy (Judd) Stott writes: "I worked from 1968 through 1989 in various public health nursing positions. When my husband and I adopted two young sisters in 1990, I also began a home child-care business. We started a home

improvement/repair business in 2000 and I am now caring for my elderly mother full-time (in Florida in winters and Virginia summers)."

NYC artist **Eileen Hickey-Hulme** writes that she had an exhibition and receptions June 23-24 at The Gallery, Sag Harbor, NY, as part of Decorators Showcase Weekend. In addition, one of Eileen's works appeared on the cover of the June 23, 2006 edition of *Dan's Papers*, the largest circulation paper in The Hamptons.

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Mark Cohen of Morristown, NJ, was a candidate for Mountain Lakes School Board. The father of six is a management consultant in his own practice.

1970

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Geoff Brunger writes that "at the NYS Council for the Social Studies/NYS Social Studies Supervisors annual convention in early March 2006, I received an award. I was selected as the Outstanding Social Studies Supervisor of the year." Geoff works for the Kenmore/Tonawanda (NY) School District.

Mary Elizabeth (Gibson) Corey of Athens, GA, a case manager for Hospice, writes that she has four daughters -- Heather, Miranda, Rebecca, and Catherine; and two grandchildren, Jacob, 8, and McClain, 5. Husband Steve works at the University of Georgia.

Dr. Gary F. Purdue, a surgeon and professor of surgery at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, recently completed a term as president of the American Burn Association. Gary directs the burn center at the Parkland Health & Hospital System, Dallas, and is a clinical professor of anesthesiology and plastic surgery. He's on the editorial board of the *Journal of Burn Care and Rehabilitation*, is a reviewer for the Journal of Trauma, and has published many journal reviews and other writings.

From **Rich Simington:**

"If you think you're having a bad day, think of what happened to **Jay Knox** when he was at Alfred. He was selected for the honor of running the lab chosen to study six microscopic samples of material brought back from the lunar landing. All went pretty well until the day someone was careless with one of the samples and it fell onto the floor. If you want to know whether the sample was found, or whether the research leader sent Jay 'to the moon' for a replacement, ask Jay. He now lives in Palm Harbor, FL."

Participating in the first annual class ring presentation were (front row, from left) Frances Alexander, Irma Cleto, Emma Wolfer, Sandra Symonds, Bonnie McDermott, Shandel Carter, Marian Guzman (a bit behind), Aris Rodriguez, Adanna Guerra (a bit behind), Lindsey-Ann Bleasdille, and (back row, from left) Andrea Veras, Steve Hernacki, Keniel Ledgister, and Andreina Simet. Receiving rings, but missing from photo were: Dan Napolitano, Devin White.

First annual class ring presentation ceremony

On April 30, 2006, the Alfred University Alumni Association held its first official class ring presentation ceremony in the Powell Campus Center Board Room. Christine P. Kulp '71, then president of the Alumni Association, conducted the ceremony. Bob Gabbey '61 talked about the meaning of wearing a class ring and Kathy Woughter '83, vice president for Student Affairs presented the rings. A reception with lively discussion and networking followed. A number of University staff and Alumni Council members attended along with a representative from the Balfour Ring Co. to insure that each ring was a perfect fit. All students receiving rings were from the class of 2006. One alumnus, Dan Napolitano '93, was presented with a new official class ring after trading in his old-style ring.

1971

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Anthea (Vanech) Philippou of Rockville Centre, NY, a managing partner at G.E.P. General Association, writes that she is "married to a diplomat and now posted to Nicosia, Cyprus."

C. Scott Vanderhoef, Rockland (NY) County executive, has been tapped by Republican and conservative candidate for NYS governor, John Faso, as a candidate for lieutenant governor.

Gary Horowitz, former director of Alumni Affairs at AU, writes that following his graduation from the University, Scott

went to Columbia Teachers College and worked as an usher at Carnegie Hall. "**Bill Cleveland '72** and I visited Scott and we met at Carnegie Hall. When the evening performance was over and the hall empty, Scott went on stage and played one of his own compositions. The only people to hear Scott's performance were Bill, me, and a janitor cleaning the balcony.

"Scott wrote music, and in fact when he could not attend the wedding of a close Alfred friend he wrote a piece for the friend's wedding."

Scott and his wife, Colleen, of Blauvelt, NY, have triplet daughters and twin sons. Daughter Erin has completed her junior year at AU in the School of Art & Design.

Noted Texas attorney **Stanley Schneider** offered a unique perspective on the Enron trial through the *Houston Chronicle's* Legal Commentary blog. He also appeared in a segment of the March 11, 2006, edition of CBS's "48 Hours Mystery" entitled "Texas Confidential." Stanley is a specialist in state and federal criminal trials and appeals.

From **Rich Simington**:

"With keeping up with her two kids, working full-time, theater events with friends, and singing and other activities, it's no wonder **Catherine Clarke Baumgarten** was singled out for the honor of being selected this spring as the Woman of the Year at her synagogue. Cathy and her husband, Bruce, still live in Syosset, NY."

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Anne (Bloom) Flaherty, a certified rehabilitation counselor, of Dewitt, NY, writes: "I received a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling from Syracuse University in 1992. I have been married to **Denis '69** for almost 35 years. (We were married in Alfred Station on Oct. 17, 1971. Many Theta sisters attended the outdoor wedding under a yellow maple tree!) We have three grown -- two daughters and one son -- college-educated children and one beautiful little granddaughter! We are so blessed!"

Mary Kay O'Rourke of Tucson, AZ, associate professor at the University of Arizona, writes that she "will be speaking at AU in the environmental seminar series on Sept. 22, 2006."

From **Rich Simington**:

"In her capacity as the CEO of Meals on Wheels Association of America, **Enid Borden** recently accepted an invitation from members of the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee including Chairman Mike Enzi (R-WY), Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-MA), and Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-NY), to testify on the effectiveness of how the Older Americans Act programs have served older Americans since the 2000 reauthorization. Enid, president of the Borden Group, continues to live in Alexandria, VA.

"**David Greenspan** is a well known glass expert. He has a Ph.D. in glass science. He is the chief research executive where he works, supervising projects around the world. But what drew him to Alfred and to glass initially was how beautiful it was. So instead of just admiring museum glass, Dave has begun to own his own glass art. Considering his research success, we might one day be seeing his art in exhibition.

"Daughter, Geri, a Yale law student, is interning in Cambodia, assisting in efforts for the launch of the United Nations Khmer Rouge Tribunal, bringing to prosecution persons responsible for the genocide and crimes against humanity during the Khmer Rouge regime. Dave and his wife, Alice, continue to live in Gainesville, FL.

"No one ever accused **Kathryn Fingar Scott** of walking away from a challenge. Years ago she went to a PTO meeting where the principal asked if a volunteer would help supervise kids after school. Kathryn thought, I can do that. Boy could she. Today she heads a private organization with 20 employees operating a comprehensive care program for children in her school from 7:30 a.m to 6:30 p.m. Kathryn and her husband, Jim, continue to live in Guilford, CT."

William T. Hanley, former chairman, president, and CEO of Millittech, has been named to the Video Communications, Inc. Board of Directors.

1973

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Rita (Bonning) Murphy of Rochester, NY, a nurse, wrote that she was "looking forward with great anticipation for Reunion 2006 when AKO and nurses will be getting together. Motherhood is a great equalizer! Shalom."

From **Rich Simington**:

"Talk about making lemonade from lemons. When **Kevin Conklin** was at Alfred he hoped to be a soccer star, until a knee injury ended his career. But the injury started his lifetime career as an athletics trainer. He pursued his vocation at a number of schools, including Alfred, finally using his health promotion expertise to lead a group of professionals in disability insurance at Metropolitan Life, where he works today. Kevin and his wife, Sally, continue to live in South Windsor, CT."

1974

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Mark Little has work in the permanent collection of the Davistown Museum,

Bob Watts '76, took this 360° photograph of his classmates on "the quad" during Reunion Weekend. A collection of Reunion 2006 photos is now available online at www.alfreduniversity.shutterfly.com. This is a free service that allows you to view and order photos. You will need to register but it's free to sign up. Additional photos will be added in the coming weeks. Enjoy!

Liberty, Maine. Mark can be reached at: 1772 Western Ridge, Palermo, Maine 04354, or APOTHEKEARY@hotmail.com

Lisa Murray, who has taught art for 21 years in Springfield, VT schools, is also a professional artist and crafts person. Well known in the area, she organized "Beyond the Unicorn" Craft Fair for 18 years; is a trustee of the Miller Art Center; a member of the Fletcher Farm Society of Vermont Craftsmen, and the Jelly Bean Tree Crafts.

From **Rich Simington**:

"If you live in a small town where there's a college with a team that's a perennial national powerhouse, almost everyone in town is a fan. And that's what it's like in Durham, NH, where the University of New Hampshire (UNH) hockey team is often a contender for an NCAA championship. Because **Stephen Greiner** and his wife, Sally, live in Durham, he's a super fan, on the board of the Friends of UNH Hockey, and annually spearheads its golf outing."

Mark Groesbeck has been named vice president of sales and marketing for the Occtane Group LLC of Hilton Head Island, SC.

Ceramist **Suzanne Hill**, who runs her own studio at the Emerson Umbrella, Concord, MA, was the subject of a local feature article in March 2006.

Jeff Zamek wrote an article entitled "Stoneware Clay Body Formulas" in the February 2006 edition of *Ceramic Industry.*

Jonathan Greenfield reports he has opened Jonathan Greenfield Fine Jewelry Designs (store and studio) at 263 Riverside Ave., Westport, CT. He notes he has created three fresh lines of jewelry; see the designs for yourself at: jonathangreenfield.com

1975

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Dorothy (Van Houten) Fassbender writes that her son, **Albert Fassbender III '06** just graduated from AU *summa cum laude* as an Alfred Scholar with a bachelor's degree in French. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and numerous other honor societies.

Dr. David Gruder married Laurie Morse on May 21, 2006, in San Diego, CA. David is executive director of Willingness Works. Laurie is a licensed acupuncturist and energy medicine specialist in private practice.

Debra (Rhodes) Smith of Pinehurst, NC, owner of Debra Rhodes Fine Art Services, reports that she is "currently writing a memoir of 30 years in the fine art field -- 'Tales of Art Beyond the Frame.' "

From **Rich Simington**:

"Most people who knew **Steven Tierney** in high school and at Alfred thought of him first as an accomplished athlete who happened to major in business. But today, people who know Steve think of him as an accomplished executive heading a regional company providing computerized services to more than 600 restaurants in one of the hottest tourist markets in the United States. And he still is into athletics. He's the coach of his son's middle school football team. And he's a Tampa Bay Buccaneers season ticket holder. Steve and his wife, Karen, continue to live in Tampa, FL."

1976

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Cathy (Timpert) Johnson writes that she: "retired from the Army Nurse Corps in August 2003 at the rank of colonel and now works as a mental health nurse practitioner for the VA Health Care System, Fairbanks, Alaska. I live with my spouse, Carl, and three cats, in North Pole, Alaska, just south of Fairbanks and Ft. Wainwright -- the view from our deck includes the Alaska Range Mountains and Mt. McKinley!

"I recently received recognition at the annual convention for the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners as the Nurse Practioner of the Year from Alaska."

James E. O'Keefe, head of the start-up company Demodulation, Inc., was the subject of an article in the April 27, 2006 edition of *The New York Times*. The company works with microwires which it is marketing for future use as security tags, in surveillance systems, and as chemical and temperature sensors.

Arthur Spitalnick has joined The Kaufman Organization, New York City, as managing director.

David Chesnoff, described as one of Nevada's two most prominent criminal defense lawyers in a June 23, 2006 article in *The New York Times*, has been retained by a wealthy former pawn shop owner from Reno charged with the stabbing death of his estranged wife and the shooting of the judge hearing their divorce case. The case has been receiving national attention.

Richard Steitzer of Clifton Park, NY, married Kimberley Wells on Aug. 20, 2005. Richard is a regional manager at Vascular Solutions. His bride is a teacher.

1977

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Elaine (Hartman) George of Wilmington, NC, writes that she married Michael S. George in 1989.

From **Rich Simington**:

"**Doug Kulmacz** has never been shy about volunteering for new experiences. Before Alfred, he was selected for an experimental high school/college program in his home state of Connecticut. After Alfred he served a year in VISTA working with senior citizens. Then he served two years in Indonesia with the Peace Corps. He returned home to become the youngest ever director of social services in the town of Plymouth, CT. After seven years, and when Connecticut reorganized prison programs, the state needed someone to organize volunteer and recreation programs for 18,000 inmates in 25 institutions. Just another new experience for Doug. After 20 years he has organized a cadre of thousands of volunteers. Currently 250 new ones sign up each month. No wonder he has been cited by the Department of Corrections as one of the 'Best in the Business.' Doug and his wife, Sharon, live in Haddam Neck, CT.

"If you knew how **Barbara Dion Duffy** has held highly responsible positions in some of the largest financial companies in the world it would be hard to believe how close she came to rejecting college. Instead, she was convinced in August to come to Alfred for her freshman year. Today she makes decisions with consequences in the hundreds of millions of dollars. Barbara and her husband, Peter, continue to live in Manhassett, NY. If you want an interesting read, try Peter's account of their professional lives, 'The Courage of My Convictions.' All proceeds from his book are donated to charity."

1978

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Works by fiber artist **Gail Hersey** of Weare, NH, a member of the Beard Pond Art Group, were included in the group's pond-themed exhibit on view from May 16-June 30, 2006 at the Conservation Center, Concord, NH.

Vicki (Ackley) Larson, a nursing supervisor at Eastern Long Island Hospital, Greenport, NY, writes: "**Reed A. Larson** ('77) and I married in April 1979. We are blessed with our son, Andrew Kenneth Donald Larson, who was born in Bacau, Romania, on Dec. 1, 1998. We are very proud parents. We love Andrew and Alfred!"

Susan (Farrell) Marois of Queensbury, NY, writes: "I'll always have the nice memories of my (Theta Theta Chi) sisters and the house."

Linda Ellett is founder and co-owner of L'esperance Tile Works, Rock City Falls, NY, a hand-manufacturer of tiles used in the renovations of buildings of the Victorian and craftsman eras. She says the majority of L'esperance sales are generated from its New York City showrooms at 57th Street, Manhattan, and Green Street in SoHo. Her business was featured in an article in the April 1, 2006, edition of the *Saratoga (NY) Business Journal*.

Robert Mitchell has retired after 31 years of teaching math to Canaseraga (NY) Central School students. He plans to travel and spend more time with his hobby -- painting wildlife.

Akio Takamori, professor of ceramic art at the University of Washington, has several exhibitions on display at the Tacoma (WA) Art Museum – "Between Clouds of Memory: The Ceramic Art of Akio Takamori" (through Oct. 8, 2006) and "Akio Takamori: The Laughing Monks" (through Oct. 22, 2006).

From **Rich Simington**:

"When he was a kid growing up in Queens, if you asked **Mark Samuels** what he wanted to be when he grew up he would have said, be an orthodontist. Like his dad. He came to Alfred with that plan but went another direction. Not because he thought less of his dad. But because he found a field that didn't exist when he was a kid. Today he's a prominent laser engineer. Mark and his wife, Barbara, continue to live in Madison, CT.

"For most of his life, **Evan Goldstein** has done things other people can't do quite as well. He directed firefighting efforts as a volunteer chief of one of the departments which fought the great Suffolk County wildfires in 1995, and today is a fire commissioner.

"He regularly lands the biggest shark in contests which take his boat 30 miles out to sea off the Long Island coast.

"Wish you had a classic '66 Corvette? Evan does.

"Wish you had two Harleys? Evan does.

"But he's best known for his professional skills as a horticultural broker in states around New York. He finds growing stock even large retailers can't. In the future, when you visit the World Trade Center Memorial now being planned, you can thank Evan for locating the exact size and variety of trees the landscape architect wanted but that no one but Evan could locate.

"In October 2005, **Evan** and Chris became the grandparents of a baby girl, Kaleigh Alexandra Summer. Kaleigh is the daughter of the Goldsteins' daughter, Jody, and her husband, Mike Summers, of Stamford, CT. Evan and his wife, Chris, continue to live in East Moriches, NY."

1979

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Nearly two dozen Alpha Kappa Omicron alumni members gathered for a group photo following a Sunday morning breakfast at the Women's Leadership Center as part of Reunion Weekend 2006 activities.

From your **Class Correspondent:**

"**Joanie (Priceman) Hunn** writes: 'I have started a new job as of July 11, 2005, the first full-time one since my 20-year-old daughter was born. My vacation is very limited and we're going on a big trip this summer. I am working at the Fairfax County Health Department, Fairfax, VA, as a public health nurse.'"

Stephanie Lazar writes: "This may be a few years late, but I enjoyed my 25th class reunion (in 2004) -- especially since my son, Nathaniel, was with me. I was amazed by the cushy amenities now provided for students: come on, heated sidewalks? Back in my day, you were lucky to find a sidewalk! I mean we were happy if someone had trudged to class before us and had already made tracks in the slippery snow! And a shuttle bus to town (what town?) -- once we were entrenched on campus there was no thought of escape, let alone the ability to do so! Today's students are so spoiled -- they don't like adventure! Anyway, I just wish more of my classmates had come, although those of us who did had fun.

"As for more recent news -- my son graduated from high school this week (late May, yes, I am getting old) as the valedictorian of his class. He made a clean sweep -- he received the departmental award in math, science, history, English, and foreign languages (French). It is frightening, actually. In September, he'll be heading off for Princeton, leaving me in a state of awe, excitement, and empty-nest depression.

"Take care of yourselves! (By the way, anyone else feel like they're almost ready for a walker?)"

Lisa (Schimmel) Weston of Webster, NY, writes that she has been married for 26 years to Jeff, and has three children: Julia, 25, RN, regional education consultant for Planned Parenthood; David, 24, in graduate school for theatrical lighting design at the University of Memphis; and Jennifer, 21, a junior at Lycoming College, Williamsport, PA. "We're enjoying our empty nest! I'm a breast cancer survivor. My treatment left me alive, but unable to work. (She was a senior nurse counselor at Rochester General Hospital Pediatric Triage Center.) I keep busy knitting, spinning, and weaving. We maintain a menagerie of two dogs and three cats, most of whom spend summer weekends in our RV as we explore NYS campgrounds and beyond!"

Artist/painter **Deborah Oropallo** of Berkeley, CA, had an exhibit of computer-aided, photo-based art entitled "Twice Removed,"(a reference to the fact that what we see is a two-stage takeoff from the physical world) at the Boise (Idaho) Art Museum.

1980

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Your **Class Correspondent, Mark Brostoff,** associate director of the Undergraduate Career Services Office at Indiana University's Kelley School of Business, recently won a National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) Excellence Award in the category of Advancement of the Profession for his development of a presentation to help career services professionals better understand the issues gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) students face during their job search and in the workplace.

Mark Brostoff '80

Titled "Gay Lives, Straight Jobs: Sexual Orientation and Career Decision Making," the program is designed as a starting point for career services professionals to use to help GLBT students address the challenges they face as they move from what often is the supportive environment of the college campus to the uncertainty of the workplace.

Roseanne Sherman of Melbourne, FL, writes that she is a senior technical specialist completing a second year working on the Shchuch'ye Chemical Weapons Destruction Facility in Russia.

Works by **David Boyajian** were included in an exhibit at the Wooster (CT) Community Art Center from Jan. 29-Feb. 26, 2006.

Ryan Dirkx is the director of research and development for Arkema Inc., Altuglas International Worldwide, based in King of Prussia, PA.

Joe Mooney, returning from a 2004 stroke and then battling and recovering from leukemia in 2005, is exhibiting six new outdoor sculptures through Oct. 30, 2006, in a show titled "Phoenix," at the James A. Michener Museum, Doylestown, PA.

William F. Smith II has received a master of science degree with honors in international business management from Daemen College, Amherst, NY.

1981

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Madeline (Russo) Edwards of Marietta, GA, writes: "I am a part-time OR nurse. I have a 9-year-old daughter, Cassandra, and we are adopting a 6-year-old Russian boy. The process is complete and we are waiting for permission to travel."

Eileen Rippe Phillips of Perrysburg, Ohio, is a supervisor for patient care services, Visiting Nurse Hospice. She writes that she is "still happily married to **Randy '78** (Alpha Chi Rho brother)," has four children, three in college, and works full-time in Hospice and the paliative care field. "I think of 'the good

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- **Send your news** to Debbie Clark, Alumni Publications Editor, 1 Saxon Drive, Alfred, NY 14802

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old days' at Alfred and Omicron sisters often."

Donna Farrell, a registered nurse, is the new director of the Smethport (PA) Senior Center. She and her husband have one son and reside in Crosby, PA.

William "Bill" T. Giles is the new executive vice president and chief financial officer of AutoZone, Inc., the nation's leading auto parts retailer.

Charlie Hartz has been appointed general manager of Glenmore Country Club, just outside Charlottesville, VA.

John W. Woychak of Pine City, NY, has joined Perry & Carroll Insurance, Elmira, NY, as an account executive.

1982 AU Reunion Year!

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Ceramics workshops hosted annually by Anderson Ranch Art Center in Jamaica were featured in the April 2006 edition of Ceramics Monthly. **Doug Casebeer**, ceramics program director at the Ranch, began his career as a ceramist in Jamaica. He is prominently quoted in the article.

From **Rich Simington**:
"If you've ever baked and decorated a cake from scratch using decorating tools, colored sugar, or fondant, chances are good the products came from **Jeffrey Schneider's** company, started in 1905 by his German immigrant great-grandfather. He doesn't eat a lot of cake however. That's how he stays in shape to regularly beat an (nameless) Alfred trustee living nearby at squash. Jeff continues to live in Glen Cove, NY."

1983

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John M. Hyde is the new director of employer relations, Career Network Center, at the New York Institute of Technology.

Victoria Bolton is chairman of the Agriculture and Horticulture Department at Alfred State College.

Eddie Dominguez is one of 10 recipients of the 2006 Governor's (NM) Awards in Excellence of Art. His mixed media sculptures are in public and private collections throughout the country.

1984

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Denise (Messina) Hull of LeRoy, NY, writes that she is married to Charles Hull Jr. and has four children -- Stacey, 18; Anthony, 16; Lucas, 8; and Lauren, 7. She works as an emergency room staff nurse. Hobbies include playing hockey (moms' team) and fishing.

Mary E. Newman of Loveland, Ohio, a program manager for case management, writes that she has been elected to a three-year term on the National Board of Directors for the Case Management Society of America.

Leah Leitson taught pottery this summer at the third annual Shakerag Workshops in Sewanee, TN. The two one-week summer workshops bring close to 120 adults to the St. Andrew's-Sewanee School campus for a residency of art and craft classes, lectures and exhibitions. Leah was joined by faculty artists from around the world. Participants at the workshops hailed from 24 states and Brazil. In addition to teaching, Leah's work was included in a faculty exhibit. Leah is a studio potter and a member of the Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, NC, art faculty. Her work includes everyday objects inspired by the 18th and 19th century decorative arts combined with inspiration from plant forms in nature.

Leah Leitson '84 uses wheel-thrown and combined parts techniques to create porcelain vessels inspired by 18th and 19th century decorative arts.

A 70-piece exhibit -- "Night Wings: Moths in Sight and Sound" -- featuring works by **Joseph Scheer**, professor of printmaking and co-director of the AU Institute for Electronic Arts, runs through Nov. 15, 2006, in the Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art, Great Falls, MT. Also, "Moths: Beauty and Biodiversity" is on display at the Florida Museum of Natural History through December 2006.

1985

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Rosemary Meade, chemistry teacher at Colonia High School, was a candidate for the Middlesex (NJ) County School Board. She is married to Shawn Meade and has two sons, Shawn Meade II, 15, and Ryan, 14.

Susan Munyon has joined Saint-Gobain Ceramics as marketing assistant for high-performance refractories.

1986

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Your **Class Correspondent** reports:
"Michele (Heigle) Kimball of Lake Elmo, MN, writes: 'I currently live in Minnesota with my husband Marc and two children, Adam, 12, and Amanda, 9. I run the state's largest consumer organization as state director of AARP (American Association of Retired People) Minnesota, providing advocacy, education, and consumer protection for more than 650,000 Minnesotans over the age of 50.'"

Stacey (Peters) Boeckel is department head of the Paralegal Studies Program at New Hampshire Technical Institute, Concord, NH. She also works in the private sector as a paralegal specializing in litigation practice.

Howard Hotze has been named small business relationship manager for Rochester West by HSBC, based in Batavia, NY.
Hotze coaches for both

AU Track alums gathered at Davis Gym with Coach Cliff Dubreuil (far right) during the Reunion Weekend festivities. A collection of Reunion 2006 photos is now available on line at www.alfreduniversity.shutterfly.com. This is a free service that allows you to view and order photos. You will need to register but it's free to sign up. Additional photos will be added in the coming weeks. Enjoy!

Caledonia-Mumford Youth Baseball and Caledonia-Mumford Hoops Club. He lives in Caledonia with his wife, Barbara, and their three sons.

Ashvin Srivastava launched the Liberty Group, a conglomeration of stone casting companies in southwest Florida, three years ago. Liberty Cast Stone, the manufacturing end of his conglomerate, has completed work for the Florida Department of Transportation's SunGuide Building near Tampa. Besides manufacturing, Ashvin also launched Liberty Masonry Services to install stone made by his manufacturing arm, and started Masonry Depot to distribute stone, tile, and other building materials not made by the Liberty Group. Ashvin employs 30 and expects his business to expand quickly.

1987 AU Reunion Year!

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Jordana Shane of Ardsley, PA, an information literacy coordinator/reference librarian, writes that she is engaged to Brian Peck and plans a November 2006 wedding. She "enjoyed a summer 2005 visit with **Steven Weinman '84**, wife Vivyan, and their three children. I also caught up with **Joe Keddie** in London, in 2004. Among other things, we enjoyed the huge statue of King Alfred in Winchester, and the Museum of Costume on Alfred Street, in Bath.

Loren (Fischer) Spann of Annandale, NJ, graduated in December from Capella University with an M.B.A. She married Maximillian Spann in 1989 and has three boys, Maximillian, Alexander, and Ivan, who are 8.

Philip D. Favre, and his wife, Susan, welcomed a baby girl, Amelie Louise Favre, on May 14, 2004. Philip is a freelance video editor in New York City.

1988

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Kimberly Buff Prado writes that following graduation from the nursing school she "worked as a traveling nurse for several years in critical care units, in Hawaii, California, Alaska, Washington, DC. I then attended the University of Medicine and Dentistry in New Jersey for a master's degree, and work currently as a nurse practitioner for a cardiology group. I was the first nurse practitioner to work at Morristown Memorial Hospital and, in addition to clinical rounds, I set up the policies for future nurse practitioners. Now there are many nurse practitioners and physician assistants."

Tina (Heaney) Birdsall, a business owner, writes: "Hi! Married Tom Birdsall in October 2002. Moved from Vermont to Park City, Utah -- not so cold and much better snow! It's amazing here! Would love for old friends to contact me and stay in touch as my husband and I are on the road most of the time."

Harry Littell was one of three photographers and a sculptor who were guests at the State of the Art Gallery Photography Forum, March 29, 2006, in Ithaca, NY. Harry is a fine-art photographer and educator. His photography currently focuses on the natural and built environments of upstate New York. He teaches at Tompkins Cortland Community College. His commercial studio specializes in custom black-and-white, digital printing and framing for artists and museums.

Harry also exhibited new work at the Main Street Gallery, Groton, NY, from April 28-June 4, 2006.

Jeffrey A. Rudler of Apalachin, NY, is the owner of Tioga Tool, which was featured in the May 29, 2006 edition of *Press Connects* (NY).

1989

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Jeffrey P. Kenefick was appointed regional president, southeast region (NY) -- Bath, Corning, Hornell, and Elmira -- by Five Star Bank.

Tim Stone of Victor, NY, has been promoted to vice president of commercial services by Canandaigua (NY) National Bank & Trust. Tim is also a board member of Bristol Valley Theatre.

1990

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Leslie (Kamlet) Sapienza of Ramsey, NJ, writes that she and **Tony Sapienza '88** have 7-year-old twin daughters, Rachel and Katie. Leslie manages ITS projects for Prudential. Tony develops and implements new products for Medco Health Solutions.

Wendy (Chambers) Summers of Wallback, WV, writes that she is living with her husband, James, and son, Paul. She is a potter in her own studio, Summer Hollow Pottery. Her work is available throughout the Northeast and on her Web site at shpottery.com

Carol (Ermentraut) L. Baxter writes: "I am on a new Army adventure with my husband, LTC Mark Baxter. We are moving to Brussells, Belgium this summer. We are excited to see Europe. We plan to do lots of traveling. Come visit us and see Europe."

Michaeline Shuman has been appointed director of career services at Allegheny College, Meadville, PA.

Kristin (Schad) Vergis of Ellicott City, MD, is an associate director of university promotion and outreach at Adelphi University. She is married to Michael Vergis; they have a son, Thomas Michael Vergis.

Laura L. Giglio '90, '92 of Hornell, NY, was named director of Financial Aid at Alfred State College. She is married to John Giglio. They are the parents of grown sons Todd and Brad.

Bryan J. Hill has joined the South Carolina Bank and Trust Advisory Board for southern Beaufort County, SC. Bryan is vice chancellor for finance and operations at the University of South Carolina-Beaufort.

Keith Orfanides has been appointed executive vice president of ServU Credit Union, Elmira, NY.

Frank Pisciotta, president of Business Protection Specialists, Canandaigua, NY, is only the eighth person in the United States to earn the Certified Security Consultant professional designation conferred by the International Association of Professional Security Consultants.

Dow Chemical Co. has appointed **Attiganal N. Sreeram** vice president for Dow Core Research and Development. He will relocate from Boothwyn, PA, to Midland, MI.

1991

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From your **Class Correspondent**:
"**Kimberly Buck** writes: 'I'm doing well. Back in the Syracuse area after a brief jaunt to Vail, CO, for a year to ski... I'm back at Haylor, Freyer & Coon, which is where I worked before I went out to Colorado.'"

William Cermignani, LO Material Requirements chief at Pratt and Whitney, was inducted into the Kings Park (NY) High School Science Hall of Fame on June 9, 2006, for his contributions in materials science and engineering.

Joshua DeWeese, currently resident director at The Archie Bray Foundation for the Ceramic Arts, Helena, MT (until Sept. 1, 2006, when he will be replaced by fellow alum **Steven Young '04**), was one of 16 artists represented in the seventh Annual Clay Invitational, May 12-June 3, 2006, at the Art Spirit Gallery, Coeur d'Alene, MT. Joshua enjoys creating work that is comfortable to use, pleasing to look at, and extremely interesting to ponder. His work is highly recognized and exhibited all over the United States.

Joshua, who served as resident director at Bray for 14 years, and his wife, Rosalie Wynkoop, will move to Bozeman, MT, in 2007 to concentrate on their studio work.

Joe Iudice '92 and Jennifer (Morse) Iudice '91

1992 AU Reunion Year!

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Your **Class Correspondent** reports:
"**Thomas Rock** was recently elected as president of the National Association of Graduate Admissions Professionals (NAGAP). Tom is the director of Admissions at Columbia University Teachers College, New York City, where he resides on Manhattan's Upper West Side."

Joe Iudice writes: "**Jennifer (Morse) Iudice '91** and I celebrated our 13th anniversary on June 12, 2006. Before that we celebrated the first birthday of our son Quinn Michael on May 7. We have been living in Seattle for the past three years after moving from Chicago, and have taken in the beauty of the Northwest to the fullest. I am enjoying my third year at Microsoft as an account manager, while Jen is keeping busy with contract consulting work as well as being a full-time mommy! Our oldest son, Jack, 8, is in second grade and daughter Sadie, 6, is in first grade. One of our favorite things to do is to spend long weekends with friends in the San Juan Islands (see photo)." You can reach Joe at: joei@microsoft.com and Jen at jeniudice@hotmail.com"

Denise Tabacchi of Mars, PA, a sales/marketing solutions executive for Xerox, writes: "Sam, PJ, and Dawn Marie, where are you? Hope all the (Theta Theta Chi) sisters are well."

Margaret Boozer was the featured artist in the July 7, 2006 edition of Washington, D.C.'s "City Paper."

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Your **Class Correspondent** reports that she has finished her master's degree in physician assistant studies from the University of Nebraska, and also just completed her fifth year at Franklin Square Hospital Center, Baltimore, MD.

She also heard from **Sean Salo** that he "and his wife welcomed their second daughter to the world on Feb. 8, 2006. Abigail Leigh is doing well and her big sister, Rebecca, seems to enjoy being a big sister. He is still at VH1, where he has been for nine years."

Sara (Schulman) Kloor writes that she and Howard Kloor were "proud to welcome our first child, Brayden Ryan, on Feb. 22, 2006, in Plantation, FL." Mother and son are doing well and Sara returned to her marketing position in mid-May.

Nick Basta appeared in the March 26, 2006 episode of "Law and Order: Criminal Intent (CI)." It was Nick's fifth "Law and Order." He's been on "SVU" twice, "CI" twice, and the original, what he calls "the mothership," once. Nick is an actor based out of New York City. He graduated in 2003 from the Institute for Advanced Theatre Training at the American Repertory Theatre at Harvard

Five to be inducted into Hall of Fame

The Alfred University Sports Hall of Fame will welcome five new members into its Class of 2006 during ceremonies held during Homecoming Weekend.

Mark Shardlow '82

Carolyn Clark '90

Tony Coccitto '92

Mark Shardlow '82, Carolyn Clark '90, Mike Klemann '91, Rick Stakel '92 and Tony Coccitto '92 will be inducted during ceremonies Saturday, Sept. 30.

Shardlow was an All-American defensive tackle and a standout on the 1981 team that went 10-1 and earned the school's only berth in the NCAA Division III championships.

Clark was a four-year standout on the women's soccer team, from 1986-89, helping lead the Lady Saxons to appearances in three post-season tournaments (New York State tournament in 1986; New York State tournament and NCAA Division III championships in 1988; ECAC tournament in 1989).

Klemann was a four-time All-American swimmer who at one time held the school's backstroke records. Klemann earned All-American certification 14 times in four years, placing in the top 10 nationally in the 200 backstroke every year and three of four years in the 100-yard backstroke. He also swam on six medley relays teams that earned All-American honors during his four years at Alfred.

Stakel is one of the most decorated swimmers all-time at AU. An All-American each of his four years, he earned 18 All-American certification during his career, including six each in his freshman and sophomore years.

Mike Klemann '91

Coccitto is one of the best goalkeepers in the history of the men's soccer program at AU. A four-year starter from 1988-91, he holds school records for career shutouts, career goals against average, career and single-season wins and career winning percentage.

Rick Stakel '92

Each year, Alfred University honors a team or teams as part of the Hall of Fame banquet ceremonies. This year, AU will honor the football teams that have gone unbeaten over the years.

The honored teams include the 1937 Saxon squad that went 7-0 in legendary Hall of Fame head coach Alex Yunevich's first year at Alfred; Yunevich-coached teams from 1940 (6-0-1), 1952 (6-0-1), 1955 and 1956, which went a combined 15-0 over two seasons, 1970 (Lambert Bowl-winning team, 8-0); and the 1981 squad coached by Hall of Fame member Sam Sanders, which went 10-0 in the regular season before losing in the first round of the NCAA championships.

For more details on the Hall of Fame members, visit www.alfred.edu/pressreleases/viewrelease.cfm?ID=3426.

University with an M.F.A. from the Moscow Art Theatre. The Institute is a joint venture between Harvard and the Moscow Art Theatre. He and his wife have lived in New York for the past three years.

Lisa Berger-Kahn and **Joel Kahn '94** and their 7-year-old daughter Madison welcomed Alexander Ethan to their family on May 16, 2005. They welcome any old friends to contact them at Laughter@optonline.net

Julie Francis, vice president/general manager of Coca-Cola Enterprises Bottling Cos., Midwest Business Unit, was the subject of a feature article in the March 6, 2006, edition of the *Chicago Tribune*.

Anthony W. Digaudio has been appointed vice president of marketing by Park Electrochemical Corp., Melville, NY. This new post is in addition to his duties as vice president of sales.

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Victoria Rentz writes: "I've just completed a year of service in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, working at a nonprofit law center in Camden, NJ. A short story I wrote, entitled 'The Christmas Visit,' will be published by St. Anthony Messenger Magazine in December. And I have a Web site (I like to think of it as a "cartoon blog") open for visitors at http://www.thebiglife.net/>

Ellen Kolonoski was named Teacher of the Year for Newton, NJ Kittatinny Regional High School, earning the Governor's Teaching Award. She has been teaching seventh grade social studies for the past 12 years. She has also been named Sussex County Teacher of the Year and is one of 21 teachers in the running for the State Teacher of the Year, which will be announced in October. This summer, she was one of 25 teachers selected from across the country participating in China: Images and Identities, a summer institute at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Joel Kahn and **Lisa Berger-Kahn '93** and their 7-year-old daughter Madison welcomed Alexander Ethan to their family on May 16, 2005. They welcome any old friends to contact them at Laughter@optonline.net

Works by ceramist **Keiko Akiyama Kamiyama** of Louisville, KY, were included in a four-artist exhibit from April 21-May 15, 2006, at the Hawken School, Gates Mills, Ohio. Her work is inspired by "ancient human spirits and instinct energy."

Mengel, Metzger, Barr & Co., Syracuse, NY, named **Matthew Green** principal accountant. He has been with the firm 11 years.

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News from your Correspondent **Randi Jermansen**: "Your correspondent recently became engaged to Scott Albiston and is planning a spring 2007 wedding in Madison, NJ. We met over five years ago singing in Harmonium Choral Society, a community chorus that is currently one of New Jersey's outstanding nonprofit choral arts organizations. Scott proposed to me in the middle of choir rehearsal in front of all of my fellow singers! The director had been forewarned and (after I said yes, of course!), the chorus broke out in song singing the 'Hallelujah Chorus' from Handel's Messiah! It was so appropriate and memorable. I am currently a senior manager and CPA at Cendant Corp. headquartered in Parsippany, NJ. After Cendant splits into four independent, publicly traded companies this summer, I will be assuming a similar position in corporate finance at Avis Budget Group, one of the spin-off companies. Scott graduated from Franklin & Marshall College with a degree in physics and is working as a senior engineer in information technology at Wyeth Pharmaceuticals in Madison, NJ.

"**Tekonbla 'Randy' Wright** and his wife just had a baby girl on April 27, 2006, Zora Sanai Wright. Congratulations!

"**Scott Feldman** sent in this update: 'After getting married to my wife Jody in August 2001, we moved around the United States quite a bit… from Salt Lake City to Dallas (two years) to Las Vegas (seven months) to Orange County, CA (two years) and then back to Salt Lake City. I am currently working for Opinion Access Corp. in Long Island City, NY, out of my home in Salt Lake City. We had a son, Sebastian David, on Aug. 11, 2004, and are looking forward to his upcoming second birthday! I would love to hear from my classmates… feldbork@comcast.net.'

"**Julie (Hathaway) Verde** and **Michael Verde** announce the birth of their second daughter, Audrey Mae, who was born on Oct. 6, 2005. Three-year old sister Grace loves having a baby sister around to play with! The Verde family is living in Berwick, Maine.

"**Emily (Bologna) Balcom** writes: 'For the last two years, life has been a little crazy! Two years ago I took a position as the director of Residence Life at Utica College and my husband and I moved to Utica. We became homeowners a year ago, purchasing our first house, and moving in last May. We are really settling in! I have continued to be involved professionally with the College Student Personnel Association of New York State, the state division of the American College Personnel Association. This spring I was elected president-elect of the Association, which is a three-year commitment, moving from elect to president then past-president. I was also recently chosen to serve on the board of directors of Planned Parenthood Mohawk Hudson. In my spare time I enjoy working on our 51-year-old house (it's nothing compared to Sigma!), learning to garden, and entertaining friends from the area. If anyone is passing through Utica or lives in the area, I would love to hear from you at ebalcom@utica.edu.'

"**Kimberly (Carol) '96, '01 Birmingham** and **Michael Birmingham '95, '01** had their first child, Jeffrey Michael, on Sept. 19, 2005. Kim, Mike, and baby Jeffrey are living in Dansville, NY.

"**Jodi (Csaszar) Zielinski '96** and **Josh Zielinski '96** announced the arrival of a new addition to their family. Emma Kate Zielinski was born on Aug. 14, 2005. Emma was six weeks early and Jodi spent five months on bed rest, but mom and baby are healthy and happy now! Big sister Noa is thrilled to have a baby sister around. The Zielinski family is currently living in Upper Montclair, NJ."

Sandra (Smithson) Murchison, of Jackson, MS, associate professor of studio art, writes: "I married Julian Murchison in 2004, in Black Mountain, NC. I teach at Millsaps College where I was recently tenured. Julian teaches anthropology and sociology, also at Millsaps College."

Jacqueline (Pennington) Yates of Rochester, NY, a self-employed/work-at-home mom, writes: "Time spent with my AKO sisters is the most memorable and meaningful part of my AU experience. I miss you all and thank you for being such an integral part of my growth."

Scott Bartkowski has been promoted to president of Refractron Technologies Corp., Rochester, NY.

John Potter '95, '96 of Elmira, married **Miranda Barnum '02** of Elmira, on July 9, 2005. John is a sales supervisor in Chemung County for Seneca Beverage. Miranda is a middle school guidance counselor for Campbell-Savona Central School.

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Andrea D'Amico, a marriage and family therapist, of Holtsville, NY, writes: "In 2001 I received a master's degree in marriage and family therapy from Hofstra University. This year, I obtained my license and I'm working with women substance abusers and their families."

Sarah Cuciti has been promoted to the rank of major in the U.S. Air Force. A group practice manager with seven years' military service, Sarah is assigned to the 99th Medical Operation Squadron, Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, NV.

Brad Butterstein and Julie welcomed a second son, Owen Rosser Butterstein, on April 5, 2006. He joins Noah, nearly 3.

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From your **Class Correspondent**:

"**Sarah Clark** and **Peter Wiernicki** welcomed their first child, a baby girl, Brooke Elyse Wiernicki, on March 13, 2006. Brooke has red hair and is doing well.

"**Evelyn Trzeciak Leduc** has been very busy since her days at Alfred. In just the past five years, Evelyn moved to Paris, married Michael Leduc of France, spent a year in the country, and moved to Newport Beach, CA, where they lived on the beach and learned how to surf. While

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in California, Evelyn started working for Cartier, the international French jeweler and watchmaker. After one-and-a-half years in Southern California, Evelyn and Michael moved back to New York City where Evelyn became the marketing manager for Cartier accessories (e.g., leather goods, baby gifts, writing instruments). Most recently, Evelyn launched a new concept salon in the Fifth Avenue store. Now, the couple is back in Paris, and Evelyn's husband Michael is buying a company. Evelyn is taking some time off, traveling on the weekends, spending time in bistros and cafes, enjoying springtime in Paris, and working 'on the next thing.'

"**Shawn Wyatt** reports in: 'Hello there everyone! Just writing to let you all know that the Wyatt Family has been increased by one with the birth of Jade Lillian Wyatt on Feb. 10, 2006. Both **April (Sobota Wyatt '98**) and I are so happy! She is certainly a handful, but because she's so cute, it's okay. We are both still working away here in Greenville, NC. April is one of six doctors at a local veterinarian hospital and I am a senior analytical chemist for a contract pharmaceutical lab. We are both having a great time here in North Carolina and are continuing to live it up with our two dogs and five cats. (Did I mention that April is a vet? Heh!)'"

Jade Lillian Wyatt at 2 months, daughter of Shawn '97 and April '98 Wyatt.

Amy (Nash) Meunier writes: "My husband Jim and I married on July 7, 2001, and on Feb. 27 of this year I gave birth to our first son, Aidan James Meunier. I enjoy reading the magazine and seeing what other classmates are doing now."

Aaron Brophy had two sculpted figures in "Father," a group exhibition exploring fatherhood in a variety of media by 12 different artists, at the Anne C. Fisher Gallery, Georgetown, Washington, DC, June 16-July 22, 2006.

In May, Aaron had a one-artist show, "Numina,"of figurative sculpture at Northern Virginia Community College, Loudoun Campus's Waddell Art Gallery.

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Your **Class Correspondent** writes: "I have just begun a new job with Northstar Travel Media, and am the advertising sales manager for a B2B publication, T&E. My first day on the job was on a plane to a conference in Atlanta, so I definitely hit the ground running.

"Also, celebrated a milestone birthday -- 30 (see photo page 36)!

"My AKO big sister, **Jennifer Grower '96** married William York on Aug. 13, 2005, in Clemson, SC. Jen and Will met at Clemson, where she is currently attending chiropractic school, and her husband is finishing up his Ph.D. They have three dogs, Jasmine, Boots, and Barley, and may be relocating to Greenville.

"Hello, everyone from Debbie Nall! She and PJ are proud new parents of a little eight-week-old puppy! They adopted the lil' guy from cause for paws (http://www.causeforpaws.com). His name is 'Baker' (after Josephine Baker) and he's a pit bull/Jack Russell terrier mix.

"Big thanks to **Lauren Borchard**! She prompted me into joining her at Reunion last weekend, and we had a blast! We stayed in the Brick and felt like students as we wandered around campus. It was also a wonderful weekend because it enabled us to rejoice and reflect with special groups: Performing Arts and AKO! What was so wonderful was to see was the combination and overlap of alumni, who thanks to Alfred's smaller size (and willingness to let all majors participate in anything that struck their fancy), participate in all events such as the 5K, Women's Leadership Center Dedication, and of course, the Performing Arts revue Saturday night! We both want to start planning for our 10th reunion (which is only in two more years!) and are hoping to get interest from not only Performing Arts and AKO, but also Honors! Maybe Paul Strong will see this, and include it in Sublunary Life!

"On May 18, 2006, **Rachel (Alley) Kenyon** and Brian Kenyon welcomed their first child, a boy, Nathaniel Quinn Kenyon. At birth, he measured 19 inches long and weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces. He

Alumni, professor featured in quarterly

Two alumni and a faculty member were featured in a front-page article of the spring 2006 edition of *nlgja Outlook*, the quarterly publication of the National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association.

In an article by Kevin Riordan entitled "Many Journalists Have Used NLGJA Opportunities to Advance Their Careers," Sebastian White '03, communications analyst at the New York headquarters of JetBlue Airways, notes he has been an NLGJA member since 2002 and served as secretary/treasurer of the Boston chapter. He said the 2002 convention was an "eye-opener" for him. "I thought I was a hotshot writer, but as soon as I found myself practicing with some of the industry's top journalists, even just for a few days, I knew I had a ways to go," he said. "Being in such successful company truly helped motivate me to work harder, write better and learn more."

Three other NLGJA members are in the communications office at JetBlue and White noted that when applying for his current job he knew there would be a strong support system.

Chagmion Antoine '04 is a broadcast associate and reporter for CBS News on LOGO. After deciding as a senior to pursue a journalism career, she asked Dr. Robyn Goodman, Alfred University associate professor of communications and NLGJA member, for help. "She gave me a list of things to do and people to contact. I followed her suggestions religiously," said Antoine.

Goodman says many of her students have used NLGJA as a stepping-stone to establishing careers. She sees the organization as a way for young journalists to find mentors.

NLGJA has another AU connection; Pamela Strother '91 is executive director.

Nathaniel Quinn Kenyon, son of Rachel (Alley) Kenyon '98 and Brian Kenyon.

loves his meals. How do we know? The doctor confirmed that at five weeks old, Nathan is now 9 pounds, 9 ounces, and 23 inches long! Congrats Rach & Brian!"

Steven Zelin writes: "As you may know, in addition to my day job as a CPA, I am a singer/songwriter. I fondly remember the open mics, performing at Hot Dog Day, and also the Alfie Awards during my time at Alfred. I haven't given up! In fact, last year I had two songs on the radio in the United States and Puerto Rico! Last year, my humorous song about taxes, "Dear IRS," got radio airplay on seven stations in the United States and I'm planning for more success this year. Also, I'm making a CD for children."

Karen Swyler married Joseph William Shiffer on July 23, 2005, in Helena, MT. Karen is an assistant professor of art at Green Mountain College, Poultney, VT. Her husband is employed as a data entry clerk while pursuing a Vermont teaching certificate in English literature. The couple lives in Bomoseen, VT.

Jeremy Entwistle, a contemporary sculptor and printer studying for a master of fine arts degree at West Virginia University (WVU), had his work selected for the exhibition, "Not to Scale," at the Torpedo Factory Art Center's Target Gallery, Alexandria, VA, from late April through May 28, 2006. He is exploring the integration of wood sculpture, various concrete casting techniques, and structural steel fabrication. He also teaches 3-D design and undergraduate sculpture and is researching bronze and iron foundry development to compliment and enhance the existing casting program at WVU.

Steven Young Lee will be the new resident director at the Archie Bray Foundation for the Ceramic Arts, Helena, MT, beginning Sept. 1, 2006, replacing fellow alum **Joshua DeWeese '91**, who has served in the position for 14 years. Steven is a former Bray resident who most recently taught at the Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design, Vancouver, BC. He was selected from a field of 25 candidates after a yearlong search.

Natalie Krauser '98 recently celebrated a milestone birthday -- 30! Her husband threw a surprise party at Mo's Caribbean's private space, The Havana Room. Some of the group attending included several Alfred alumni: Lauren Borchard '98, Amber (Herron)Williams '98, Jason MacNair '99, Billy Albanese '98, Jeremy Peterson '99, Steve Zelin '98, and Natalie's sister, Vanessa Krauser '00.

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(Editor's Note: We regret an error that occurred in the April 2006 Magazine regarding the marriages of two Argentieris -- Christopher and Domenic, who are cousins. Christopher married Ansley Carswell on Aug. 6, 2005. Domenic married Hilary. Their photo was incorrectly identified as that of Christopher and Ansley.)

Tadd Barnes writes: "Things have been good. I'm now the technology director at an advertising and branding company called Forge Worldwide in Waltham, MA. I'm seeing this amazing and beautiful woman, and things couldn't be better right now. I've been learning how to be a better cook, particularly Asian-styled cuisine, and have been doing a lot of traveling. I just went to Ireland this past February with alumni **Dan Roswell '00** and **Gwen McShea '00**, and I'll be heading out to the Grand Canyon this summer for some camping!"

Korin Scheible of Randolph, MA, is engaged to Jay Kingman. She is employed at Camp Dresser & McKee, Cambridge, MA.

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From **Class Correspondent Jasmine:** "**Jessica Gattone '00** writes: 'Our family of four is doing great! We are still in south Jersey and love our convenient location to both the shore and city! **Sal** is still working for Kimble Glass as a furnace engineer. Not sure I can tell you exactly what that entails other than it gets really hot. I am still freelancing in between running after Jake, 2 1/2, and Tyler,1. We just celebrated out fifth anniversary and can't believe it has been that long since we have seen some of our fellow alumni! Hello to everyone in L-burg and Pinehurst. We will come visit soon -- there are some new faces we have to meet!

Looking forward to girls weekend, although I hope to see you guys before then!'

"**Melissa (Meissner) Thompson** writes: 'Michael Thompson and I are living in Corning, NY, and we now have a son, Isaac Donald Thompson, born on Sept. 22, 2005... I'm staying home with Isaac and working part-time for the company I worked for in Boston, BT Conferencing. Mike is enjoying his position at Corning, and we are hoping to put down some roots here. We have a house that we are constantly making our own and it really feels like home now that we have a family. Plus we are closer to our family in Buffalo. They are happy to be near their grandchild.'"

Kathleen Diane Rasmussen married Brian Paul Schwartz on Oct. 8, 2005. Kate is the clinic treatment coordinator for Madison Cortland ARC, Oneida, NY. Brian is the director of residential services for Madison Cortland ARC. They live in Lee Center, NY.

Nora (Bita) Manz writes: "Sgt. Paul A. Manz and I were married Sept. 24, 2005, at Abington Baptist Church with the reception in our backyard in Abington, PA. I currently work as the assistant director of Admissions at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. I received my M.A. and Ed.M. from Columbia University, Teachers College in 2002. I would love to hear from my classmates at mnbit@aol.com"

Sgt. Paul Manz and Nora Bita '00 married on Sept. 24, 2005.

Nomi Manon writes that she and "her partner Suzanna Randall welcomed their daughter, Shoham Randall, into the world on Feb. 2, 2006. She was born at home at a healthy 7 lbs. 6 oz. Moms and the new baby are doing well and having a great time together. Nomi is continuing her studies to become a rabbi and is still working at Ursinus College as the Hillel director."

Shoham Randall, daughter of Nomi Manon '00 and Suzanna Randall.

Peter McClain of Alfred has been hired as an administrative coordinator at Alfred State College. He is married to the former Janet Sootheran; they are the parents of infant Justin.

Charles J. Holder of Bemus Point, NY, a career member of the Chautauqua County (NY) Sheriff's Department, has been named its second in command -- undersheriff. He also serves as an adjunct professor at Jamestown (NY) Community College and teaches several courses at the Police Academy. In 2002, Charles was appointed by NYS Gov. George Pataki to the Law Enforcement Accreditation Council and is vice president of the state's Law Enforcement Training Directors Association. He also chairs Chautauqua County's Employee Assistance Committee. During his tenure with the Sheriff's Office, Charles has been the recipient of numerous agency agency commendations as well as a meritorious service award and special unit citation.

Charles and his wife, Lori, a sergeant in charge of security at Chautauqua County Court, are parents of 15-year-old J-T.

Jennifer Foust has been promoted to art director at Pinckney Hugo Group, Syracuse, NY.

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Keli (Turner) Walker '01, '03 writes that she and **Thomas A. Walker Jr. '99** were married on July 3, 2004. Tom will celebrate his seventh anniversary at his position as a controls engineer at Micro Instrument Corp., Rochester. Keli is completing her first year as the school psychologist at the junior/senior high school in the Keshaqua Central School District, Nunda. The couple "became the proud new owners of a beautiful colonial house on over seven and a half acres in Caledonia, NY, on Oct. 21, 2005."

John Mauro of Painted Post, NY, a senior research scientist at Corning Inc.'s Science and Technology Modeling and Simulation Group, is the 2006 recipient of the American Ceramic Society's Norbert J. Kreidl Award for Young Scholars. The award was presented in Greenville, S.C., at a meeting of the society's Glass and Optical Materials Division. John presented a lecture at the gathering on "A New Model of the Glass Transition."

Jay Weisberger of Charlotte, NC, will marry Sarah Hyde, also of Charlotte, on Oct. 28, 2006, in Charleston, SC.

April (O'Reilly) Smith of New Berlin, NY, writes that she is married to Michael Smith and was expecting a baby in late spring/early summer.

Stephanie Webster, of East Amherst, NY, writes: "I am nearly done with my master's degree in English (finally!), and I am planning to go back to school for a doctorate in literacy. This is my third year at Sacred Heart Academy, a small private girls' school just outside of Buffalo. I miss all my AKO sisters!"

Works by **Robert D. Sutherland Jr.** were featured in the June-July 2006 edition of American Craft. He teaches at the Clay Studio and the Ceramic Shop, Philadelphia.

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Lauren Flynn writes: "Just got into MICA (Maryland Institute College of Art) for my master's in art education in Baltimore, where Dan and I live now... My school (Dr. Samuel L. Banks High School) just named me Teacher of the Year!"

Melissa Cavagnaro '02

Melissa Cavagnaro has been hired at Cohen & Lombardo PC, Buffalo, NY, as an associate.

Jonathan Bridges, an M.F.A. candidate at the University of Minnesota, described his work in a recent article in the *Minnesota Daily*, the student-run newspaper. Jonathan said he "works with everything -- porcelain, brass, stoneware, photography."

Kelly Pelton writes that she is engaged to Kyle Robinson and their wedding is set for Oct. 7, 2006. "He currently works for Blount Bennet LTD, an architecture firm in East Providence, RI. I currently work for Paychex, Inc., also in East Providence. We own a home in Providence... I love going through the Magazine each time and seeing/hearing about what everyone is up to now."

Miranda Barnum '02 of Elmira, married **John Potter '95, '96** of Elmira, on July 9, 2005. Miranda is a middle school guidance counselor for Campbell-Savona Central School. John is a sales supervisor in Chemung County for Seneca Beverage.

Justin Spooner, who spent a year at AU, wrote to Dr. Louis Lichtman, professor of psychology and interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, that he was to graduate from the University of Buffalo (UB) School of Medicine this spring and had "accepted a residency position at Tulane in New Orleans... I wanted to thank you for getting me started on this path from psych at Alfred to neuroscience/ psychology at UR (University of Rochester), to UB Medicine, to choosing a career in psychiatry in New Orleans... "

Lisa Valitutto '02 married Larry Rossi '03 on Aug. 6, 2005.

Lisa Valitutto '02 married **Larry Rossi '03** on Aug. 6, 2005, in Shamong, NJ. Alfred alumni in attendance included **EJ Valitutto '98, Liz Smith '03, Patrick Kerwin '02**, and **Allison Lass '04**. After graduating from AU, Lisa received her master of arts degree from Rider University. Larry received his commission as a naval officer from Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, FL. They currently reside in Groton, CT, where Lisa is a parent counselor for United Community and Family Service and Larry is division officer onboard the fast attack submarine USS Augusta. The couple is expecting their first child in November.

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From **Class Correspondent Sebastian White:**
"**Mel Schmitt** finished her master's in glass science at AU in December and has started her Ph.D. in materials science at the University of Missouri-Rolla. **Harlan Brown-Shaklee '05** will join her there this summer and beginning his Ph.D., working on ultra-high temperature ceramics. Mel reports that she is 'enjoying Rolla so far, but it definitely doesn't even come close to comparing to Alfred!' Feel free to e-mail her at: mlst3c@umr.edu.

"**Kelley Piccone '02**, graduated in May from Daemen College in Buffalo with her master's degree in physician assistant studies. She most likely will practice in internal medicine or surgery in Rochester."

Leigh Orcut, owner/curator of BREAD, a retail outlet for artist-made fashion and objects in North Bennington, VT, was

Alumni: Check your credential files

Alumni who have credential files: Credential files (letters of recommendation, certifications) are maintained at the Career Development Center for 10 years after your graduation date. As an exception to this policy, a credential file may be maintained an additional five years beyond the cutoff date if a request is received in writing via e-mail or postal mail. Please send extension requests via e-mail to the general e-mail account @ cdc@alfred.edu or postal mail to Career Development Center, Alfred University, One Saxon Drive, Alfred, NY 14802-1205. Pre-med and pre-vet folders are maintained indefinitely.

featured in and article in the Escape Section of the April 14, 2006 edition of *The New York Times*.

Carmen Lozar, a flamework artist, was featured in an an article in the March/April 2006 edition of Glass Art.

Theresa Haass is engaged to Kevin Rowland. She is a grant coordinator at the Workforce Investment Board, Fall River, MA. A 2007 wedding is planned in Rhode Island, where the couple lives.

2004

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From Class Correspondent **Kerry White**: "**Jacque Krycia** had this to say: 'I am beginning a year of clinical rotations in May, which will conclude my master's degree in the physician assistant program at Daemen College in Buffalo, NY. I will graduate in May 2007. This past winter I traveled to the Dominican Republic with Students Without Borders and worked in a clinic for 10 days. It was a life-changing experience. I've also managed to stay involved in softball, coaching and playing.

'I was engaged on Valentine's Day to my high school sweetheart, Eugene Partridge. We are planning an Aug. 11, 2007 wedding. Gene is currently living in Pittsburgh where he is working on his law degree at Duquesne University and will also graduate in May 2007. I am very excited to be starting this new adventure in my life. I'd like to send congratulations on to John Chaney!'"

Elizabeth Burlinson is a mortgage account executive in Syracuse, NY, and owns her own home.

The Vermont Arts Exchange, Bennington, hosted "Salient Dust and the Civil Ceiling: An Installation" by visual artist **Chadwick Augustine** at the Stark Hose Firehouse Gallery, from late May through July 2006. Chadwick is a ceramic technical assistant at Bennington College and has been an artist lecturer at both AU and Interlochen Center for the Arts, MI.

Class Ring trade-in offer extended to alumni

In recognition of the Alumni Association's success in bringing back the official class ring tradition, the Balfour Ring Co. has extended its trade-in offer for old-style rings through the end of June 2007. See the newly designed rings (traditional and signet) on display at Crandall's Jewelers in the Village of Alfred, on Balfour's Web site at www.balfour.com, or the AU Web site at www.alfred.edu/alumni/ring.html. Contact Crandall's at 607.587.9441, or Balfour at 866.225.3687 for information about trading in or purchasing a new ring.

Hannah Patterson and **Ryan Raynes** are engaged. Both anticipated earning master's degrees from Eastern New Mexico University this spring, Hannah in communications, and Chris in elementary education.

Amy Marie Yachup married Andrew John Michales on Aug. 6, 2005. Amy works at Stampcrete International in Liverpool, NY. Andrew works at Service Van Equipment, Liverpool. They live in the town of Camillus.

2005

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Shadra Bruce of Boise, Idaho, has been selected from a field of nearly 1,200 applicants to be a Go-To Mom for ClubMom® (www.clubmom.com), the Web site where millions of moms go for practical, been there, done that advice, connections, and rewards.

Shadra, mother of five, has three stepchildren. Her experience as a stepparent, combined with her talent as a columnist, afforded her the opportunity to share experiences with and offer support to moms in similar situations as the Go-To Mom for stepparenting and blended families and the Go-To Mom for gifted children. Prior to arriving in Boise, she and her husband were columnists for the *Corning, (NY) Leader* newspaper and now publish their column online at www.daveandshadra.com

Zach Lind is a technical education teacher at South Royalton School, Randolph, VT. His favorite course is woodworking. He also coached the boys junior varsity soccer team at the school this year.

Janelle Villone received the State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. Janelle is a doctoral student at the University of Arizona.

Cassi Lynn Clarke is engaged to Shane Michael Sharrett. Cassi earned her master's degree in elementary/early childhood education from AU in May. She works in the Andover (NY) Central School in the pre-kindergarten program. Shane is employed at Alstom Corp. and Wildwood Education Center, Hornell, NY. An Oct. 21, 2006 wedding date has been set.

James G. Hensel of Saratoga Springs, NY, is engaged to Patty J. Humphrey of Saratoga Springs. James is an engineer at Knoll's Atomic Power Laboratory/Lockheed Martin, Ballston Spa, NY. An Oct. 7, 2006 wedding is planned.

William John Sorokes Jr. of Fairburn, GA, is engaged to Emily Kate Searles. He is assistant quality assurance manager at Owens-Illinois. Emily is an archaeologist in the Atlanta area. A July 22, 2006 wedding date had been slated.

2006

Matthew Jay Rolling '06 of Canisteo, NY, is engaged to Dane Erin Knoll of Hornell, NY. Matthew is majoring in business administration and minoring in education. Dane 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

Engagements

Jordana Shane '87 to Brian Peck
Randi Jermansen '95 to Scott Albiston
Korin Scheible '99 to Jay Kingman
Kevin Rowland '01 to **Theresa Haass '03**
Mechele Evans '02 to **Chris Romanchock '02**
Kelly Pelton '02 to Kyle Robinson
Theresa Haass '03 to Kevin Rowland
Jacque Krycia '04 to Eugene Partridge
Hannah Patterson '04 to **Chris Raynes '04**
Cassi Lynn Clarke '05, '06 to Shane Michael Sharrett
Kerry White '04 to Eugene Partridge
James G. Hensel '05 to Patti J. Humphrey
William John Sorokes Jr. '05 to Emily Kate Searles
Ashley Elizabeth Morton '06 to Michael Yackeren
Jennifer L. Scutt '06 to James V. Joyce

Marriages

Dr. David Gruder '75 and Laurie Morse, May 21, 2006
Richard Steitzer '76 and Kimberley Wells, Aug. 20, 2005
John Potter '95, '96 and **Miranda Barnum '02**, July 9, 2005
Jennifer Grower '96 and Will York, Aug. 13, 2005
Allison Tratner '97 and **Peter Gard '97**, March 4, 2006
Karen Swyler '98 and Joseph William Shiffer, July 23, 2005
Nora Bita '00 and Sgt. Paul A. Manz, USMC, Sept. 24, 2005
Kathleen Diane Rasmussen '00 and Brian Paul Schwartz, Oct. 8, 2005
Lisa Valitutto '02 and Larry Rossi '03, Aug. 6, 2005
Mechele Evans '02 and Christopher Romanchock, June 16, 2006
Amy Marie Yachup '04 and Andrew John Michales, Aug. 6, 2005

Births

Joe Iudice '92 and Jennifer '91, a son, Quinn Michael, May 7, 2005
Sean Salo '93 and his wife, a daughter, Abigail Leigh, Feb. 8, 2006
Sara (Schulman) Kloor '93 and husband Howard Kloor, a son, Brayden Ryan, Feb. 22, 2006
Lisa Berger-Kahn '93 and **Joel Kahn '94**, a son, Alexander Ethan, May 16, 2005
Michael Birmingham '95, '01 and **Kimberly (Carol) Birmingham '96, '01,** a son Jeffrey Michael, Sept. 19, 2005
Julie (Hathaway) '95 Verde and **Michael Verde '95**, a daughter, Audrey Mae Oct. 6, 2005
Tekonbla "Randy" Wright '95 and his wife, a daughter, Zora Sanai Wright, April 27, 2006
Jodi (Csaszar) Zielinski '96 and **Josh Zielinski '96**, a daughter, Emma Kate Zielinski, Aug. 14, 2005
Stephanie (LaFever) Hoyer '96 and Kevin Hoyer, a son, Jacob, Sept. 14, 2005
Brad Butterstein '96 and Julie, a son, Owen Rosser Butterstein, April 5, 2006
Shawn Wyatt '97 and **April (Sobota) Wyatt '98**, a daughter, Jade Lillian Wyatt, Feb. 10, 2006
Amy (Nash) Meunier '97 and Jim Meunier, a son, Aidan James Meunier, Feb. 27, 2006
Sarah Clark '97 and **Peter Wiernicki '97**, a baby girl, Brooke Elyse Wiernicki, March 13, 2006.
Rachel (Ally) Kenyon '98 and Brian Kenyon, a son, Nathaniel Quinn Kenyon, May 18, 2006
Chris '99 and Allyson (Heitzman) Markotich '99, a son, Joshua Christian Markotich, March 8, 2006
Melissa (Meissner) Thompson '00 and Michael Thompson, a son, Isaac Donald Thompson, Sept. 22, 2005
Nomi Manon '00 and Suzanna Randall, a daughter, Shoham Randall, Feb. 2, 2006

Deaths

ALUMNI

Frances B. Conroe '25, April 22, 2006
John C. Dunham '38, March 23, 2006
Addison B. Scholes '39, March 28, 2006
Betsey Ryder Shelley '40, June 11, 2006
Margaret Humphrey Smith '41, Dec. 9, 2005
Elmer Wentworth Wilkins '41, July 1, 2006
Susan H. Shiverick '42, March 14, 2006
Lawrence E. Coleman '44, March 12, 2006
Joseph E. Kays '44, June 13, 2006
Rosemary Jankowski '45, May 12, 2006
Aileen F. Button '45, May 20, 2006
Joanna L. Folts Stetson '46, July 13, 2006
Lois Jordan '47, March 29, 2006
Eugene W. "Sandy"Holman '49, May 19, 2006
Madeline Opal Macauley Francisco '50, March 28, 2006
Laverne J. "Jay" Conklin '50, April 27, 2006
Jack Gonzales '50, June 11, 2006
Edmund H. Miller '53, March 7, 2006
Rita H. Dempsey '54, May 2, 2006
Clare Louise LaBar '55, June 23, 2006
Marilyn Butts Bardsley '57, Dec. 23, 2005.
Ruth C. Mead '57, April 4, 2006
Robert Everson '57, April 16, 2006
Thomas E. VanDerhoof '58, May 28, 2006
Charles D. Post '59, March 22, 2006
Stanley M. Moskowitz '59, June 29, 2006
Richard A. Bergh '62, March 20, 2006
Richard J. Cardman '62, June 3, 2006
Carol Wharton Titus '64, March 27, 2006
James McLindon '65, March 28, 2006
Alan W. Laffkas '73, March 20, 2006
Malcolm R. Doremus '74, March 25, 2006
Patricia Long Fries '76, June 25, 2006
Joni L. Dunham '77, March 28, 2006
Cynthia Peel Bauer '78, May 11, 2006
Hildegard Hard Douglas '83, May 10, 2006
Donald L. "Donzo" Copella III '88, Feb. 20, 2006.

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Frank P. Piskor H '69, March 8, 2006
Donald L. "Donzo" Copella III H '88, Feb. 20, 2006
Elzada Rough, wife of long-time faculty member Gaylord E. Rough, May 25, 2006
Dr. Benjamin H. Richardson, former Alfred University Trustee, June 12, 2006.

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FROM THE CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN

The resounding success of this year's Annual Fund campaign bodes very well for the overall success of our Building on Excellence Campaign. While colleges and universities used to make clear-cut distinctions between the two – capital campaigns were about big, long-term gifts and Annual Fund "drives" were about smaller gifts to cover immediate needs – we now recognize the two are inextricably linked. Both are measures of how much Alfred University means to alumni, students, parents and friends.

That's why I am so excited about the 2005-2006 Annual Fund results. Our goal of $1,580,000 was 5 percent higher than last year's, but with your help, we didn't just meet the goal, we exceeded it by more than 3 percent, collecting $1,632,110, our highest total yet. I'm particularly grateful that more than half the donors participated in the Million Dollar Challenge, which is now completed, and made their largest gifts ever to the Annual Fund.

To all of you who contribute to the Annual Fund, please accept our heartfelt thanks. Next year's goal of $1,660,000 (another 5 percent increase) is even more ambitious, but we are excited about the possibilities of supporting the University through gifts raised by the Annual Fund. We look forward to your support in 2006-07 as we aim to reach and surpass that goal.

Sincerely,
– F. Peter Cuneo '67
Chair, Building on Excellence Campaign

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Annual Giving has never been more important to every aspect of University life. Your gift to the Annual Fund provides scholarships for deserving students, support for faculty salaries, and funds to maintain and improve our campus—while also supporting the Building on Excellence Campaign.

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The Building on Excellence campaign will count all gifts made to the University between July 1, 2000 and June 30, 2008 and use them to support Alfred's highest priorities.

There are three ways you may make a gift to Alfred University to support the campaign:

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- life income gifts, through the establishment of charitable gift annuities or trusts; and
- bequest gifts via estate planning.

For more information, contact the Division of University Relations at 800.321.1309 or 607.871.2144.

Alfred University
Homecoming '06

Join us on Saturday, Sept. 30, 2006 for an action-packed day of fun for the whole family. This is the perfect opportunity to see old friends and share memories of your time in Alfred!

Schedule

11:00 AM - Tailgate 2006 - Davis Gym Lawn. Everyone – alumni, parents, friends and community residents – welcome. Picnic tickets are $10 per person, $8 for children under 12, and $5 for students and faculty/staff. Sponsored by the AU Alumni Council.

1:00 PM - Football Game, AU vs. Norwich, VT on Merrill Field 2006. Homecoming King and Queen will be crowned at halftime.

Halftime Reception - Co-sponsored by the Friends of Saxon Athletics and the AU Alumni Council. All attending the game are welcome.

3:00 PM - Celebration of the Bells – Two recitals at the carillon; Doris Burcycki Aman '74 and University Carillonneur Laurel Buckwalter. Refreshments from 3-5 p.m. in Howell Hall.

5:00 PM - Hall of Fame Reception - Kenyon, Allen rooms, Powell Campus Center.

6:00 PM - Hall of Fame Dinner - Knight Club, Powell Campus Center
Reception and Dinner – $30 per person
Reception only – $12 per person

Tickets for the Hall of Fame Dinner can be purchased online at www.alfred.edu/alumni, or by calling the Athletics Office at 607.871.2193

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