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## ON ALFRED CONNECTIONS

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

In each issue of *The Alfred Magazine*, in each story we tell at Reunion, in each e-mail we write to our classmates, there's an underlying theme: The strength of Alfred connections that tie us to each other.

I, like so many Alfred alumni, have stories that characterize my own unique set of Alfred connections. Whether it be how I came to choose Alfred University in my senior year of high school, my representing AU last October at a presidential inauguration in Virginia, or hearing about others' AU connections while on business at the University of Richmond in late January of this year.

**A personal AU Connection:** As a senior in high school I had not even heard of Alfred let alone considered applying for admission. A long-time family friend and personal mentor of mine, Dr. John Paliouras '60, had mentioned to my father that I should seriously consider applying to Alfred University. After some convincing from my dad, I filled out the application to AU and mailed it in. Several weeks later, in mid-February, I received a personalized letter of acceptance from AU. The rest, as they say, is history. I ended up attending, received a tremendous undergraduate education, and was able to participate in a plethora of co-curricular activities that rounded out my educational experience while at AU. None of that would have been possible had Dr. Paliouras not innocently mentioned Alfred University to my dad, and had my dad not convinced me to at least apply.

**A professional AU Connection:** In mid-October President Edmonson was gracious enough to permit me to represent Alfred University at the inauguration of a dear friend and colleague of mine, Dr. Kenneth P. Ruscio, as president of Washington and Lee University in Lexington, VA. For those who are less familiar with the pomp and circumstance of such academic rituals as presidential inaugurations, colleges and universities are invited to send delegates to represent their institutions. Delegates



Mike Christakis '99

process in the order of their institution's founding—in my case, 1836, the year of Alfred University's founding. While I wasn't first in line – that honor went to Oxford University (founded in 1096) – I could not have been more proud to represent my alma mater amidst nearly 100 colleges and universities represented as part of the inaugural festivities.

**AU Connections where you'd least expect them:** In late January I had the pleasure of spending three days at the University of Richmond to meet with colleagues and discuss prevailing issues in higher education and student affairs. During a morning meeting with Richmond alumni, a participant mentioned the tremendous fundraising success they had experienced thanks to D. Chris Withers '63, an Alfred University alumnus who had gone to Richmond in 1970 and remained there until his retirement in 2002 as vice president for Advancement. Later that afternoon, following an open-forum style meeting with faculty and staff, a gentleman approached me and asked where I had done my undergraduate work. I responded that I had attended a small, comprehensive university south of Rochester, NY named Alfred University. The gentleman, with a distinct grin, said he had heard of Alfred. In fact, he knew it

quite well. After all, he had an uncle who had been president at AU for some time. I asked who his uncle was. "Ed Coll," he responded. I was floored! What were the odds that I'd encounter one of President Coll's nephews while on a business trip to the University of Richmond?

**Making New AU Connections:** The Alfred University Alumni Council, during our fall meeting in Alfred, unanimously approved the First Point of Contact program in association with the University's Career Development Program. Loosely defined, the program works to make connections among alumni who work in and around areas of interest of current students. The Alumni Council First Point of Contact Program allows the Career Development Center to arrange for a member of the Alumni Council to serve as the first point of contact or to initiate contact with current students.

We all have AU connections—be they people, places or things that we first encountered while at Alfred, discovered after we left Alfred, or were surprised to realize in the most unlikely of places. Enjoy reading about AU connections in this issue of the *Alfred Magazine*, and share some of your AU connection stories in upcoming Class Notes or at Reunion this summer.

Until next time,  
*Fiat Lux!*

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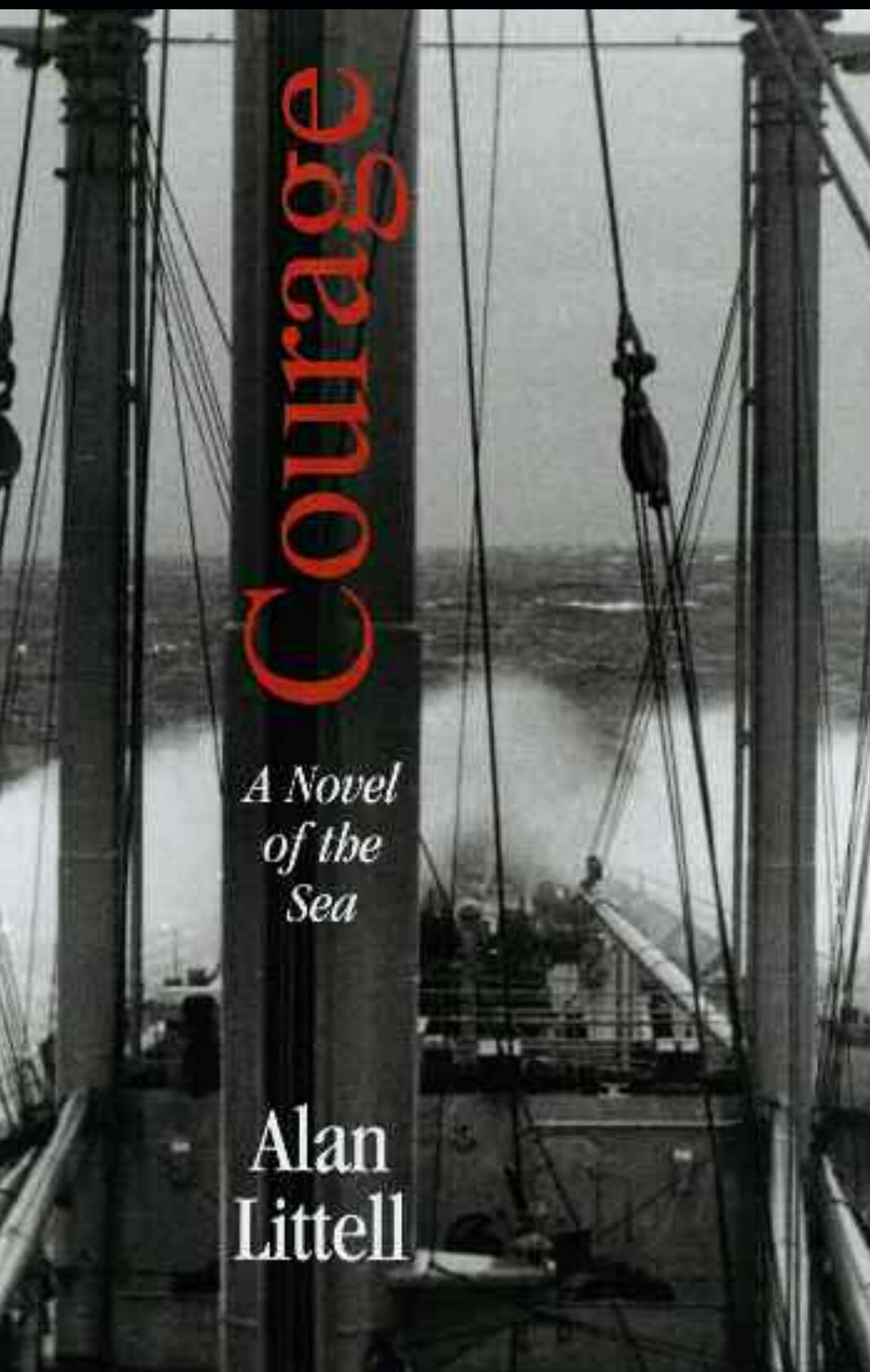
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#### **EDITOR'S NOTE:**

The "stuff" of pomp and circumstance is only the beginning of the ties that bind to the University. This spring 2007 Alfred Magazine looks at some of the ways AU and its alumni, faculty, and friends stay connected. Our cover photo is by Ken Riemer of Rochester whose daughter Corey is a senior art and design major.

Top photos: Some of the many sights and moments shared by the AU family.





As far as book deals go, this one is somewhat unconventional. For starters, the pact was made in a New York City airport, and sealed with a handshake.

The back-and-forth between author and publisher takes place via e-mail, snail mail, and long distance telephone calls.

And both parties are launching dreams during self-imposed second careers – one a novelist, one a publisher.

Actually, the two have been colleagues, of sorts, for quite some time. They are both Alfred University alumni. In fact, that's what brought them together as collaborators.

COLLABORATING ON A NOVEL

# Idea

By Debbie Clark

When Alan Littell, class of 1953, of Alfred, read in the Class Notes section of the University's alumni magazine that fellow alumnus Martin Moskof, class of 1952, of New York City, was launching a publishing company, it seemed the appropriate time to network. Marty had recently decided to venture into publishing to broaden the base of his graphic design firm. Alan had been rewriting a novel of the sea – "Courage" – first published some 40 years ago. He



Alan Littell '53

wasn't prepared at this point in life, he says, to run the gamut of agents and editors. Perhaps Marty was looking for a first book to publish.

"I wrote to Marty, telling him about my book," Alan said. "He agreed to read the manuscript.

"For several months I heard nothing from him. I had no idea what he intended to do until a Class Notes item in a subsequent issue of the *Magazine* reported Marty would publish 'Courage' under his imprimatur, Brillig Press. Marty and I later met in New York, and we shook hands on a publication deal." It was in the Food Court of Terminal 4, JFK Airport, New York, to be exact.

In addition to their alumni ties, it certainly helped that Alan comes from a solid writing background (stints as a reporter/editor in Paris and Boston, as well as six years at WCBS Radio, New York). While at WCBS, he was selected as a CBS Foundation News Fellow which provided a wide-open opportunity for study. He chose to work on his master's degree in British history at Columbia University.

Since 1968, Alan has also been a constant presence on the Alfred University campus, working as news bureau director and editor-in-chief of the alumni newspaper

until 1984, with a three-year stint as media consultant in the provost's office in the mid-1990s. Since 1978 he has served as bibliographer and curator of the Openhym Collection of Modern British Literature and Social History. He's also been known to provide mentor-like assistance to budding writers and journalists honing their skills on the *Fiat Lux*, the campus newspaper. Today, Alan is best known professionally as a nationally

distributed travel journalist. His credits include *The New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Travel & Leisure* magazine, and he is a longtime contributor on maritime subjects to *Ocean Navigator* magazine. Alan is also travel editor for the local Hornell (NY) *Evening Tribune/Sunday Spectator*.

Brother Robert Littell, AU class of 1956, is an accomplished novelist: "The Company: A Novel of the C.I.A.," "The Defection of A.J. Lewinter: A Novel of Duplicity," "Legends: A Novel of Dissimulation," and others. (Marty interjects, "By sheer serendipity, I was an acquaintance of Robert's during his time in New York City following graduation.")

Nephew Jonathan Littell, Robert's son, recently broke onto the literary scene with rousing fanfare, in France, with his first novel, "Les Bienveillantes" ("The Benevolent Ones"). The 900-page book is written in French but will soon be translated into English and published in the United States by HarperCollins. Last November, Jonathan became the first American to win France's most prestigious literary award, Prix Goncourt.

Harry Littell, one of Alan's sons, has provided three computer-generated images for section headings of "Courage." The illustrations are done as woodblock-

type images in the style of Rockwell Kent.

Harry, AU class of 1988 (M.F.A., sculpture), is a photographer, artist, and instructor at Tompkins Cortland Community College, Dryden, NY, who has co-authored several books and articles on photography – including a *Smithsonian* magazine article as well as a book, “Margaret Bourke-White: The Early Work, 1922-1930.”

“I’ve been collaborating with my father on projects involving images and text for the past 25 years,” said Harry. “As a teenager I took photographs to illustrate his freelance travel articles. In recent years he has provided crucial editing advice on my photo book projects.

“I was excited to be able to work on the illustrations for ‘Courage.’ Working with some of my father’s merchant marine photographs and found photographs I attempted to create a very graphic woodcut effect using the computer,” he explained.

For Marty’s part, having never dealt with an author before as a publisher, it was a whole new experience being on the receiving end of a manuscript. “But it’s nice hooking up with an old classmate,” he says.

Marty is creative director of Graphic Communications & Product Design Inc., formerly Moskof Associates Inc., founded in 1962. Examples of his award-winning work are found in almost every graphic design arena including direct mail campaigns, exhibitions, books, magazines, newsletters, advertising, corporate identity programs, annual reports, catalogues, theater, architectural signage, and film titling.

He designed “The New Soldier” by Sen. John Kerry for Macmillan; “The American Jewish Album,” “The Italians,” “New York 1900” and “New York 1930” for



*Marty Moskof '52*

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WOW Magazine for Scholastic Press; re-designed the format for *Parabola Magazine* and was art director for nine years.

Marty was retained by the Metropolitan Museum of Art to plan, design and install the retail sales shops for the national tour of the Tutankhamen Exhibition in New York City; Washington, DC; Chicago; New Orleans; Los Angeles and Seattle. Shortly thereafter, he was engaged by Carnegie Hall to design its logo and architectural graphics and to serve as art director to design all advertising and direct-mail programs.

With the architectural firm of Buttrick, White and Burtis, Marty designed all the neon signage and in-store graphics for Tower Record stores in 11 major cities across the country and in London.

His special affection for children’s books and educational products led to the publication of 16 children’s books, 10 of which he wrote and designed, including five books for The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) and two books for UNICEF. The Shufflebook series (with Richard Hefter) still represents the most successful children’s products ever sold at MoMA.

Marty is a founder and member of the Documents of

Rizzoli; “The Diary of Sigmund Freud” for Scribner; “The Colt Heritage” for Simon & Schuster (which was one of the first books to receive a nomination in design for the National Book Award), “The Catalogue of Healthy Food” for Bantam; and many others. Marty also designed all versions of the book as well as the film titles for “Pumping Iron” which brought us Arnold Schwarzeneger.

He designed the original formats and was art director for *Metropolis Magazine*, *Games Magazine*, *Metalsmith Magazine*, *Musical America*,



American Design Board of Directors, a non-profit organization committed to editing and designing an ongoing series of monographs on graphic and product design published by Abrams. He was on the initial advisory board of The International Museum of Ceramics at Alfred and is a former board member of the AIGA, the professional association for design.

Marty now works full-time out of offices in Riverdale and New York City.

Alan had long harbored some unfinished business related to that first novel, published in 1962 by Cassell's, London.

"'Courage' did not do well," Alan relates. "I was never satisfied with it. About 10 years ago I began rewriting the book, retaining the basic plot and framework of the original but superimposing an overlay of new material: fleshing out characters, eliminating hyperbole, attempting to reduce language to the spare essentials needed to tell a story whose overarching

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### Alan Littell '53

theme is the test of courage, perhaps the irrelevance of courage."

Alan describes the novel as a throwback to the literary fiction of the 1920s. "It's not a modern book," he says. In other words, "no sex or drugs." The "seriousness" of his writing comes from another Alfred University connection, said Alan, that being Dr. Melvin Bernstein, the late professor of English, whom Alan credits with taking "time and care with students who were serious about their own writing.

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*Alan Littell's 1952 Merchant Mariner's document.*

"The idea for the book came, first, from my time on the North Atlantic in the bitter winter – January and February – of 1949, when gales swept the ocean from one end to the other. That was my introduction to seafaring.

"A key influence on the writing of the book was a story I was told by a chief mate I'd sailed with. He had commanded a motor lifeboat that put down in heavy seas, at great risk to himself and his crew to rescue crew and passengers from a foundering freighter. That anecdote was the germ of the plot of 'Courage.'

"Courage" is a yarn set in 1950, in the North Atlantic west of Ireland. Here the destinies of two ships fuse. One, an English tramp, breaks apart in a winter storm. Five survivors cling to wreckage.

Chance puts the novel's central character, an officer of a nearby liner, at the helm of a boat that battles its way through mountainous waves in a desperate attempt to reach the castaways.

Twain Braden, co-author of the book "In Peril," said of "Courage" that "Littell writes of the mystery of the sea with a force and style not seen since Conrad and McFee."

Capt. R.W. Warwick, retired commodore of the Cunard Line, says of the book: "Littell's novel reflects the ways of the sea...a different view of the mariner."

"Courage" was scheduled for delivery March 31, 2007. Check listings for Barnes & Noble bookstores and online, and at Amazon.com for availability. The book will also be available at the campus Book Store (607.871.2350).

# Three cheers for the



By Mark Whitehouse

The Stratford (CT) Brakettes are to women's amateur softball what the New York Yankees are to professional baseball, and then some.

Last summer, the Brakettes won their 27th Amateur Softball Association (ASA) championship, which eclipses by one the 26 World Series titles won by the Yankees over the years. But the Yankees would very well be ahead of the Brakettes on the list of national championships if not for the efforts of Alfred University alumnus David Carpenter '59 and his wife Dorothy.

When David Carpenter became chairman and chief sponsor of the Brakettes in 1996, the team was struggling. The Brakettes, preparing to begin its 50th season, had just lost their main corporate sponsor, automobile brake manufacturer Raybestos. At the same time, many of the Brakettes' most recognizable players had left the team in 1994 to train for the 1996 Olympics.

"I learned the history of the team and thought this is such a shame," said Carpenter, who at the time owned the Waterbury (CT) Spirit, an independent minor league baseball team. "We agreed to sponsor (the Brakettes) for a year and then find a new corporate sponsor."

Since Carpenter took over the team, the Brakettes have played in the ASA national championship game five times, winning four titles. Carpenter sold the Waterbury Spirit three years ago — the team now plays in Lynn, MA — but he's stayed with the Brakettes, despite his original plans to find another corporate sponsor.

"It's such a great team," said Carpenter. "These are great people to be around."

Bob Baird, the team's general manager, credits Carpenter with preserving not only one of the most dominant and well-known teams in amateur sports, but also ASA's flagship division.

"Dave came along during the team's greatest struggles. He and his wife infused new life into the organization," Baird said. "It's really came back full throttle. Dave and Dotty Carpenter not only saved the Brakettes, they saved the ASA Women's Major division of fastpitch softball. Without the Brakettes' continued existence, the ASA would have been without its greatest brand name on the national level. The swell of national support to save the top amateur division would not have been without the Brakettes."



Carpenter, a native of Woodhull, NY, earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from AU in

1959 and a doctorate in ceramic engineering in 1963. After earning his Ph.D. he went to work for the New Jersey Zinc Co., a firm that mined and developed applications for zinc. In 1981 he was part of a small group that bought out the company. By 1988, the company's sales had risen from \$100 million to \$1.3 billion.

Carpenter helped develop several smaller hi-tech companies, which were run under a holding company, Horsehead Industries. Those companies, still operating, have been sold off. New Jersey Zinc Co., now Zinc Corporation of America, ultimately ceased mining and now manufactures zinc products using raw materials made up exclusively of recycled zinc waste. It is still the largest zinc products manufacturer in the country.

Carpenter retired in 1995 and now lives with his wife in Westport, CT. The couple has two children, son James and daughter Carla. He and Dorothy, while not as involved in the day-to-day operations of the Brakettes, still attend as many games as they can. They also enjoy watching their two granddaughters and two grandsons participate in sports.

*"I feel like sports have provided so many opportunities for men. To me, it's great any time women can compete and be successful in sports."* – David Carpenter '59

"I attach a lot of importance to sports, as part of life and growing up. I love to take friends to Brakettes games and watch these great female athletes," said Carpenter. Dorothy, his wife of 50 years, "isn't as big a sports fan as I am, but she really enjoys the Brakettes. It's such a nice group of people to be associated with."

The Brakettes' legacy is more than the 27 national titles and three world titles the team has won since 1958. Association with the Brakettes has often led



David Carpenter '59 and wife Dorothy, fifth and sixth from left, pose with members of the Brakettes.

coaches and players to lofty heights. Ralph Raymond, who coached the Brakettes from 1968-

94, was the first U.S. Olympic softball coach, and had six Brakette players on his Olympic team. Seventy-six former Brakette players became coaches at the collegiate level and many of the top players in college softball this spring will play for the Brakettes in the summer.

Nineteen former Brakettes are in the ASA Hall of Fame, including Joan Joyce and Donna Lopiano. Joyce was instrumental in starting the first women's professional league, playing for the four-time national champion Connecticut Falcons. She is now head softball and golf coach at Florida Atlantic University. Lopiano, a former director of women's athletics at the University of Texas who was instrumental in the creation of Title IX legislation creating equity for women's collegiate athletic programs, is currently chief executive officer of the Women's Sport Foundation. Sue Enquist, who retired last year as head softball coach at UCLA, was part of all 11 UCLA national championships, either as a player or coach.

Carpenter has been recognized for his involvement in Connecticut sports. Last May, he and John Stratton, longtime manager of the Stratford Brakettes, received Sterling Spirit Awards, which recognize sportsmanship in the greater Bridgeport (CT) area and the state of Connecticut. Former award winners include Geno Auriemma, head women's basketball coach at the University of Connecticut, and Julie Chu, a member of the U.S. women's hockey team that won a silver medal at the 2002 Winter Olympics.

Carpenter looks forward to another Brakettes season and, hopefully, another national championship.

"It's a remarkable record this team has. It's been wonderful going to the games during the summer," he said. "I feel like sports have provided so many opportunities for men. To me, it's great any time women can compete and be successful in sports."

# AU Online

[www.alfred.edu/alumni/online](http://www.alfred.edu/alumni/online)

## AU to award 2 honorary degrees

Robert R. McComsey '66, outgoing chairman of the Alfred University Board of Trustees, and Dr. Madeline Dalton '83, whose seminal research established a connection between teen-agers smoking and what they see in the movies, will receive honorary degrees during the May 12 commencement ceremony in McLane Center.

## MFA in ceramic art tops list

AU's master of fine arts program in ceramic art is again the top-rated program, according to *US News and World Report's* "America's Best Graduate Schools 2007."



## REPO, car project win awards

Students win two Student Innovation Awards: for launching REPO, an ongoing project to recycle materials for making art, and for designing an anti-gravity car.

## Outstanding seniors named

Like previous recipients of the Marlin Miller Outstanding Senior Awards, Dillon Stein and Bonnie Ye are exemplary both in and out of the classroom at Alfred University.



## 275 combined years...

Nine faculty members' contributions will be remembered and marked at a reception this spring. Together they have taught for a combined 275 years, reaching students too numerous to count.

## Listen up! Lectures abound

Spring semester brings a number of invited speakers to campus to deliver prestigious lectures.



## Herrick to reopen for fall semester

A newly renovated Herrick Library, complete with coffeehouse, will reopen in time for the fall semester.

### What's new at AU?

Sign up for E-news to get weekly updates delivered to your inbox.

### Read what fellow alumni are doing

<http://www.alfred.edu/alumni/news/>

# Notes

## 1933

Adee N. Bennett writes: "Is anyone around anymore? I still am in contact with **Juliet Drabkin** of West Haven, CT. She still lives in her house as I do in mine. I am 97 years old and enjoy friends and neighbors very much. Have my #2 son Geoffrey who visits me three-four times a week and helps me with everything, especially my car, which I still drive."

## 1934

**Catherine Davis Simpson**  
505 Bering Drive, Apt. 103  
Houston, TX 77084

**Harry Bauman's** daughter, **Phyllis Glass**, writes that her father died on Jan. 17, 2007. He would have been 96 on Feb. 4. "He was very proud of Alfred University," she said.

## 1935

**James L. Knapp II** writes that in 1996 he and his wife moved into a cottage in a retirement community -- Moravian Manor -- in Lititz, PA. "During the past few years my wife, Olive, and I have had heart by-pass surgery, from which we have recovered

nicely. However, in February 2006 we felt the desirability for closer medical attention where we would feel more comfortable and safer. So we moved up the street into the assisted living facility of Moravian Manor. We are very happy here. Life continues to be interesting and fun."

## 1936

**Mrs. Thelma Bates Ames**  
3486 George St.  
Parishville, NY 13672

At 95, **Creig Flessel**, the comic book artist, is still in demand for autographs. He most recently welcomed visitors in town for a San Francisco comic book convention to his Redwoods of Mill Valley, CA residence, where he lives with wife **Marie (Marino) Flessel**. They will celebrate their 70th anniversary Nov. 20, 2007. The visitors dubbed him "the Elvis Presley of the Golden Age of comics." Creig is one of a few living cartoonists whose career began in the 1930s. He is considered an American comic book icon. Creig was featured in a March 13, 2007 article in the *Marin (County California) Independent Journal*. He is currently working on a book about an alien falling into radioactive San Francisco Bay during a crab festival called "Iceberg."

## 1938

The family of **Constance (Brown Getz)** of Vestal, NY, writes that she died on Jan. 10, 2007, six days shy of her 91st birthday. "She maintained a career as an educator for several decades and had many fond memories of her undergraduate years as a fine arts major at Alfred."

## 1939

The daughter of **Robert F. Perry Sr.**, who died on Nov. 19, 2006, wants it known that anyone who wishes to make a gift should make a donation to Alfred University. His wife, **Jean**, can be reached at 585.394.6022.

## 1940

**Wisner Cook** of Andover, NY, was the first official drawing student in the new Wellsville (NY) Creative Arts Center, which opened last fall. At AU, he studied ceramics.

**Merle and Margaret Ames '43** Parker of Port Charlotte, FL, are grateful there were no hurricanes in Florida this year. The area in which they live is still showing effects of Hurricane Charley which hit in 2004. Their retirement community has been completely repaired and refurbished, and they continue to enjoy the many activities, social life and good friends.

# Alumni *online*

## Alumni to be honored at Reunion

The Alumni Association annually presents awards to alumni and others who have contributed greatly to the AU community, their workplace and society in general. The 2007 award winners include: **Mark Dillon '87**, **James Lasky '74**, **Elizabeth (Sidar) Hall '70**, and **Terry Galanis Sr. '40**.

## AU Hall of Fame inductees

Four former student-athletes and a former administrator will be inducted into the AU Athletics Hall of Fame. The 2007 inductees will be **Gene Castrovillo**, a longtime head athletics trainer and athletics director; **Steve Ratliff '82**, **Glenn Law '84**, **Margaret Baleno '93** and **Glenn Clinton '97**.

## Four alumni join trustees

Four alumni -- **Greg Connors '92**, **Dr. Terry Michalske '75**, **Robert Stephens '71** and **Roger Worboys '69** -- will begin their service on the Alfred University Board of Trustees at the October meeting.

## Reunion trip sparks memories

While planning a trip back to Alfred for their 50th class reunion, both **John McNamara** and **Donald Weaver** found they have plenty of memories to "pack" for the trip, including their own sons' experiences at AU.



Charles C. Casamo of St. Pete Beach, FL, died on Sept. 29, 2006, 16 days before his 91st birthday. His wife, Bea, writes: "Chas always enjoyed reading the Alfred News on e-mail, and the last Alfred Magazine had his name mentioned under the class of '40 and he was pleased about that ..."

Daughter Carol writes: "Throughout his life he loved Alfred and looked forward to all communications and publications about Alfred. He belonged to Klan Alpine and returned for class and fraternity reunions whenever possible."

## 1942 AU REUNION YEAR!

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From your Class Correspondent:

"The phone is my best way to reach many of you. Evelyn (Mathew) Kahn '44, (residing in Auburn, NY) is living in a retirement complex.

"Robert Klein '62 graduate of AU and nationally known, very successful stand-up comedian performed here in Sarasota at our Van Wezel Performing Art Auditorium this past January -- a terrific show.

"Bill Crandall has donated a 1900 Strich & Zeidler grand piano to the (Alfred) Village Hall Theatre (to read more, go to: [www.alfred.edu/pressreleases/viewrelease.c](http://www.alfred.edu/pressreleases/viewrelease.c)

fm?ID=3788). Bill and Betty enjoyed a trip to Ireland last summer.

"My call to George Kellogg was answered by his wife Sheila, who said George was at his Romeo outing "Retired Old Men Eating Out." George e-mailed later: "... All my life I've had a workshop, and a particularly large one when I retired to Florida. I have built furniture for my children, along with toys and the occasional school project with my grandchildren ... In 2005 I fell and broke my leg ... I am now using a cane. I have a very small workshop now, and make only squirrel-proof bird feeders. I'm also going to write up the instructions for such feeders for posterity."

George and Sheila have been married for almost 28 years and these years have been the happiest of his life.

"Anthony 'Tony' Ninos lives in Cocoa, FL, working in Florida government and as an official and owner, Brevard Hotel & Yacht Club. He is retired and has limited eyesight which does not hold him back. Tony enjoys his i-pod.

"When I called, Audrey (Fisher) Gregory '43 she related that Gerald (Jerry) Gregory her husband and our classmate passed away in October 2005. Audrey lives in Homosha, FL and is now confined to a wheelchair. With her caregiver, she is getting long rides, picks up mail and goes out to lunch.

"Louise (Kenyon) Slingerland, Zephyrhills, FL, wrote last fall to tell me of the passing of Bob. I talked with her on the phone recently when she told me she has undergone surgery with an extended

recuperation at a local nursing home and is now in her own home with her son's help.

"Bill 'Art' Petri, spouse Ann and family members went on a safari in Tanzania in June. They stayed at the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre before going on an unforgettable eight-day safari. The Gates Foundation funds a modern clinic at the hospital. The Infectious Disease Department at the University of Virginia Medical School advises the clinic on medical procedures and Bill Jr. is chief of the department in Charlottesville.

"Bill is 86 (aren't we all) and in wonderful health. He remembers his Alfred days very fondly.

"Thank you Bob Sinclair '43 for giving me the information about the Country Inn that I may go to for my '65 reunion. My son wants to see the college where his father and mother met each other so he will be my traveling companion. He says he heard about it all his growing up years.

Your Class Correspondent attended the Sarasota Luncheon for the 26th time.

Got vacation plans? Add a visit to Alfred to your list of fun destinations! Enjoy the beauty of Alfred in the summer for Reunion Weekend 2007, Friday June 8 through Sunday, June 10."

Dr. Ralph Crawshaw wrote an article for the fall 2006 edition of "Bellevue Literary Review" entitled "Pushing the Geriatric Envelope."

From Rich Simington:

"Laur Don Wheaton spent his professional life creating beauty out of glass; he made bottles. Oh sure, some were fairly ordinary, made for the pharmaceutical industry. But others were special, exotic, artful, one-of-a-kind creations for the cosmetic industry. So it's not too surprising that in retirement, Laur Don has settled in a place almost too beautiful to describe, well off the beaten track, around a curve on a one-wagon-width country lane looking across acres of wild grass meadows onto ranges of the Blue Grass Mountains in Roseland, VA."

## 1943

Evelyn Stevens Gorman  
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From your Class Correspondent:

"Bob Sinclair, with his usual persistence and spirit, successfully had hip replacement surgery in April of last year. After six weeks of rehab, he reports, 'all is working great.' In late September, Bob



Dorothy (Robbins) Vedder '44 of Easley, SC, had an interesting experience while traveling from Aug. 29-Sept. 5, 2006. "I was fortunate to take a tour of some of the western national parks via the American Orient Express. To my surprise, among the 127 train passengers was a fellow Alfred alumnus, Richard Moscovitz '74! We took snapshots to mark the trip, including this one."

## 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: Aug. 15, 2007**

traveled to Oakland, CA, to attend the fall meeting of the Conference of California Historical Societies. On Jan. 21, '07, Bob attended a 25th wedding anniversary party for **Donald Busted '50** and his wife. A lot of reminiscing probably ensued, as Bob was best man at the wedding.

"**Isabel Riggs Geibel** seems to have adapted very well to her new home in Del Norte, CO. Her grandnephew and his large family own a 38-acre ranch there, and they built a house for her near the main residence. Isabel immediately became involved in church activities, senior citizen get-togethers, and American Legion and VFW meetings. Isabel is very thankful that she is a healthy 86.

"**George Jones** writes that Christmas time found him and his wife Claire in good health and good spirits. He added that these blessings, enhanced by many close friends, make them 'rich, indeed.' In late October, they made an Elderhostel trip to visit three national parks, Sequoia/ Kings Canyon, Yosemite, and Death Valley. For 2007, this on-the-go couple hope to go to Europe to see relatives and friends in Belgium and friends in Germany. In George's words, 'at our age, we must not stand still.'

"**Margaret Ames Parker** and husband **Merle Parker '40** celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on Jan. 2 of this year.

"**Ellis 'Chick' Berger** and his wife Tudy celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in November '06. Their children noted the occasion with a dinner/dance given in their honor at their local country club.

"Dear friends, **Col. Larry March '45** and his wife Eddie are keeping well, as are their son and two daughters, who check in with their parents regularly. Holiday time was in full seasonal mode at the March's residence, Larry reports, and the view from their fifth-floor apartment was very impressive ... A recent (Feb. 7, '07) call to

Larry and Eddie reaffirmed their state of well-being and general contentment.

"My former roommate, **Emma Jo Hill Potter**, still leads a remarkably active life. She and long-time friend Grace Bruno have a successful accounting business in Avon By the Sea, NJ. Hearing from Emma Jo stimulates many happy memories with a very compatible friend.

"As readers have probably noticed from the column's initial info, we are now living in Sedona, AZ, in an area called the Village of Oakcreek. Our son Dave and his wife and daughter live about a mile away, a very appealing coincidence. We kept finding it more difficult to tolerate the Phoenix summer heat, air pollution, increase and density of the population, and general megalopolis trends there. Moving day was Jan. 27, so there are still some unpacked boxes (!), but the day will come when all this stress and readjustment will pay off. Thanks for your good thoughts and encouragement."

## 1946

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Notes gathered by your Class Correspondent from Christmas cards she received:

From **Bettie Lou (Fontaine) Cameron**:

"Although my doctor told me I was not to travel alone by air, at Thanksgiving I was able to spend three weeks with my daughter's family and 11 days at my son's. At Christmas, my grandson surprised me by putting up the lighting display which my late husband had made but not been able to install his last few years. I do enjoy my house, especially since I just had a new

roof and have found someone to weed!"

From **Edna J. McBride Wyeth**:

"... here I am in a two-bedroom cottage (an independent retirement community) on the Oregon Coast, nestled amidst tall firs and overlooking the Coos River. I have the opportunity to make new friends who for the most part are widely traveled, have had interesting careers and, best of all, enjoy laughter with their dinner. My only travel plans are for my usual visit to Siesta Key, FL, in March. If your travel plans include the Oregon Coast, please let me know!"

"**Billie (Dunbar) Donaldson** reminds us, 'I just got a card telling me reunion is June 8-10. I hope to make it.'

"**Kit (Carson) Burdick** and **Bob '44** wrote from their new home in Lexington, KY '... Surprise, surprise! We had never considered leaving our home in Virginia, but our son and his wife, who moved to Lexington two years ago, convinced us by promising to make the whole deal virtually trouble-free for us. We are in the Blue Grass section of Kentucky, surrounded by estates for breeding race horses AND home to several distilleries. We are very fortunate -- and so very lucky to keep well and happy together.'

"My activities have been curtailed of late since I had a pacemaker implanted just before Christmas. However, all is ticking away very nicely -- I imagine there are quite a few out there amongst you all, too. Make a note on your calendar: send a Christmas card with notes to me this year."

## 1947



REUNION YEAR!

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## 1948

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From your Class Correspondent:

"I have had personal messages from both **Johnnie Seidlin** and **Shifty Geer**, regular informants. The latest from Johnnie was an inquiry about our recent near miss by the Ground Hog Day tornados in Volusia County, FL, straight across DeLand just north of our home and south of our daughter's home. We were missed by a couple miles. **Mimi Polan** and I wrote a

short note about it for the *Alfred Sun*.

"I inquired of Shifty about his getting his book published at Trafford Publishing in Canada for I have written a novel which I am trying to get published and wanted his opinion of the company. He had nothing but good to say about the company.

"I have been writing short notes to the *Alfred Sun* for the past eight weeks based on the speech I gave at the class of 1948 50th reunion in June 1998 called 'Alfred --As It Was.' "

## 1949

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Your **Class Correspondent** writes:  
"Greetings from a snow-covered world -- we are buried under 3 feet of snow. Thank heavens for e-mail or there wouldn't be any correspondence.

"I learned at Christmastime that **Lois (Mutch) Beato** passed away in July. After graduation from Alfred, Lois and I joined the nursing staff at the VA Hospital in Northport, Long Island. Lois had an exemplary career, becoming head nurse of the Admissions Unit soon after starting at the VA. When she retired after 40 years of service, she was part of nursing administration. Lois then moved to Shallotte, NC, where she became an avid golfer. She is survived by two sons, Michael and David, both of Long Island, and by four grandchildren.

"**Marjorie (Mould) Komitor** has sold her home in Annandale, VA, and is on permanent vacation at Spring Village, an assisted-living facility. She loves having lots of people around, especially at meals. She said 'It's just like being back in college.' Her new address is 7450 Spring Village Drive, Apt 511, Springfield, VA 22150-4944.

"**Jim Wood** is making a snappy comeback after major surgery last summer. He is still a consultant for the Arts Council in Owego and takes care of membership, although he has given up being president of the Council and treasurer of the Elks. He has been in touch with **Paul Riley**, who has retired to Eclectic, AL, from Oviedo, FL, where Paul taught literature classes at a local college. Paul is struggling with macular degeneration and would love to hear from old friends. Contact Jim at 607.687.4981 for Paul's address, etc.



*A group of Alpha Kappa Omicron sisters gathered for the Keuka Lake Winery Trail Oktoberfest Sept. 16, 2006. Seven sisters met at Keuka Overlook Wine Cellars and proceeded to taste and tour a total of eight wineries. Luckily, two of the group volunteered to be designated drivers! The scenery was lovely, the wines were very enjoyable plus it was so nice to reconnect with sisters from different eras. See more AKO news on the facing page.*

"Lots of news from **Art Hazlett** and Jane, who did a lot of traveling last summer: 'We did our Yankee circuit in June, traveling to Leesburg, VA, New Hampshire, Boston, Armonk, NY, New Jersey, and then to the Poconos for an Alfred get-together with a group from Lambda Chi.' Art writes, 'I had a good time ... and saw the Elliotts and the Hellmers.' In August, they made a trip to Oregon, flying to Boise, ID and driving to Oregon. After that, it was back to Virginia Beach, VA for a grandson's graduation from the Police Academy and again in December for a family Christmas with daughter Sue.

"I had a long talk with **Susan (Pike) Normoyle**. We had a lot of catching-up to do. Sue and Tom live in Huntingdon Valley, PA. Sue had a great career as a school-nurse teacher, an experience with children that she looks back on with great enthusiasm. She also spent a lot of hours baby-sitting for her grandkids. Her husband Tom has had a long battle with cancer.

"I was recently appointed town health officer and am on an emergency response team involved in writing a disaster plan for this community. Just when I make the decision to sell my home and move back to Youngstown, NY, where I grew up and have a lot of family, life decides to take this interesting turn.

"Please let's all stay in touch. My e-mail address is willawright@stny.rr.com. My

phone number is 315.292.1129. You won't find it in any phone book since it's Broadband and not phone company."

From **Rich Simington**:

"As a college professor and researcher specializing in anthropology and archeology, **Russell Langworthy** was an expert in collective farming in Europe. After years of research, he fell so in love with Italy he bought a farm in Tuscany, determined to implement some of his theories of collective farming. One day in the field the plow turned up something that Russell formerly had only seen in museums. It turned out that under his farm field was an Etruscan tomb. The experience gave a whole new meaning to 'field research.' Today, Russell and his wife, Carol, live in Providence, RI."

## 1950

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Your **Class Correspondent** was included in the Sept. 13, 2006 edition of "Psychic Detectives," which focused on a 1982 case in Watkins Glen, NY. His involvement was to locate the origin of bloodspatter to show that the victim was beaten to death on the floor.

He also writes: "Don Rosser, a track



and cross country runner at Alfred, went on to a career in journalism and education but never got off the treadmill. Since he turned 60, he's been a perennial state cycling champion in his age group. This year was no exception: he won first place in the U.S. Cycling Federation's State Individual Time Trial Championships in the 75-plus age group. His home is in Moorestown with wife **Helen (Miller) Rosser '52.**"

Herb goes on to report: "In November 1983, I conducted an Advanced Bloodstain Institute during which I founded the International Association of Bloodstain Pattern Analysts. We began with 22 members and now have almost 900 worldwide. In October 2006 I hosted the annual conference of this international group (in Corning, NY) with 150 delegates attending from 12 countries and 21 states."

**Frank Trost** and his wife, Katherine, have finally received awards they each earned in World War II. With their three children looking on, the two Navy veterans participated in ceremonies in early December 2006. Frank was presented the World War II Victory medal; the American Campaign; the European-African, Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with three bronze stars; Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon; Combat Action Ribbon; Honorable Service lapel pin, and discharge button. Katherine received the World War II Victory Medal; the American Campaign Medal, an Honorable Service lapel pin, and the discharge button.

**Verlie Anne (McKenzie) Skillman** is looking for any news from occupants of the Castle during the years 1946-48. "I lived there and would love to hear from them. I moved to Rochester, MN, to finish my nursing degree, married, and spent 21 years in Japan, raised five children, and now am in a retirement community in Maryland with (husband) John. We just celebrated our 56th anniversary." She can be reached at [jvskillman@comcast.net](mailto:jvskillman@comcast.net).

**Howard "Bud" Helmer** and his wife, Vidla, went to Asheville, NC, to attend a reunion of the engineering battalion he served with in World War II. They spent an evening with Jane and **Arling Hazlett '49** of Arden, NC.

From **Rich Simington**:

"**Donald Doster** and wife Karyl are close to celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary. They continue to live in Hornell, NY."

# 1951

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From **Rich Simington**:

"**Richard Alliegro**, early in his engineering career, was a lead researcher in the project that solved the problem for the military of how to make materials of sufficient size and strength to be used as body armor. Dick and his wife, Barbara, continue to live in Northborough, MA.

"Alfred University is honored to have named our college of ceramic engineering after Kazuo Inamori because of his success at creating one of the largest, most successful companies in the world. But often, large companies become larger by acquisitions. And in fact, one company whose acquisition helped to increase the notoriety of Dr. Inamori was a California firm where **Norman Schoenfeld** was the president who made the company attractive enough to be an acquisition target. Today Norman continues to live in Del Mar, CA."

# 1952



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Class Correspondent **Frank Bredell** writes that after completing his dispatch for this magazine he was packing his suitcases for a tour of Mayan ruins in Guatemala, Belize, El

Salvador and Honduras with an add-on trip to Panama. He and his wife, Jean Carnahan, who didn't go to Alfred, but after making a few visits to the campus wishes that she had, will have visited 57 countries together in the last dozen years. Jean chalked up another 17 countries before they were married.

Frank also writes:

"**Val Cushing** can't seem to understand that being retired means not working. Here is some of his schedule for the recent months: February 2007, juried an art show at the University of Dallas and presented awards; January 2007, exhibited work at the Dubuque Museum of Fine Arts in Iowa and the Manchester Craftman's Guild in Pittsburgh; November 2006, exhibited at the Loveed Gallery in New York; September 2006, gave a slide lecture at Clemson University. Val's e-mail address is [Cushingve@frontiernet.net](mailto:Cushingve@frontiernet.net)."

**Val** was also featured in an article, "A Constructivist Approach," by Edward Lebow, in the February/March 2007 edition of "American Craft" magazine.

"**Al Baxter**, on the other hand, says 'I do nothing from Monday through Friday and rest on Saturday and Sunday.' Al identifies himself as 'The only student ever to fall asleep during the calculus final exam.' He neglects to report on his grade, but does list a new e-mail address, [squareal@zoomtown.com](mailto:squareal@zoomtown.com)

"**Don Boulton**, class president forever (no term limits), says, 'All is well in Chapel Hill and our committee is beginning the selection for the Alumni Awards for this year and is looking for new members from the classes of the '50s for Alumni Council.' For the sixth year, Don will spend three weeks in April at

## AKO still going strong

The Alpha Kappa Omicron Alumni Group has been connecting and is still going strong! Several events conducted during the last year included a D.C. potluck gathering, Seneca Lake Wine Tour, a luncheon in western New York, a trip to Seneca Falls with current AU students through the Women's Leadership Center, Reunion Weekend activities and an Oktoberfest Wine Tour on Keuka Lake.

AKO hopes to coordinate an event at the Women's Leadership Center during the June 2007 Reunion weekend in Alfred and a sisterhood celebration is in the works for September 2007. Please go to AKO's Yahoo Group Web site to find out more details about the 2007 events or contact Lisa (Poloncarz) Davis by e-mailing [lisadavis@adelphia.net](mailto:lisadavis@adelphia.net)

In Fall 2007, a new AKO Alumni Advisory Board will be elected. Please consider serving on the new Alumni Board. Information regarding the nomination and election process will be posted this spring. Please contact Sheila Flanagan by e-mailing at [flanster40@yahoo.com](mailto:flanster40@yahoo.com) if you are interested in being nominated for a position on the next Alumni Advisory Board.

St. Andrews University in Scotland as a visiting scholar. Does anyone hear the rattle of golf clubs in the luggage? His e-mail is dboulton@mindspring.com.

"**Dave Woodin** and his wife, Terry, spent two weeks in Japan in September with friends from that country who toured them to Tokyo, Fukuoka and the pottery towns of Imari, Arita and the museum at Karatsu. They also got to Osaka, Kyoto and Nara. Their spring plans call for a visit to Tuscany. Meanwhile Dave does some pottery and repairs equipment at the ceramics department of George Washington University. His e-mail address is dwoodin521@aol.com.

Dave conducted his annual craft show in Reno, NV, on Nov. 5, 2006. He had 300 one-of-a-kind pieces for sale.

"**Ellison (Pat) Patterson** has been appointed to the search committee to find a new rector for his church, St. George Episcopal, in the Villages in Florida. E-mail at empattsr@aol.com.

"**Marjorie (Bard) McNamee** has had cataracts removed from both eyes. With her implanted lenses she is reading without glasses. 'Simply amazing!' she says. Her e-mail is margiemack@mindspring.com.

"**Phyllis (Ballman) Herrick, AKA Chickie**, says that all three Ballman 'girls' from Middletown, NY, have achieved their goals. Each with her original spouse has been married at least 50 years. Two of the sisters married AU grads. Chickie married **George Herrick**, also '52, and her sister, **Sandra '57** married **Gus Lydahl '56**. The other sister didn't attend Alfred.

"**Lyn (Byers) Hart** also reports celebrating her 50th anniversary with her husband **John '53**. She says she spends her spare time teaching craft classes and gardening at their home south of Ocala, FL, and John challenges the golf course.

"**Wally Higgins** is very busy developing consumer products including burial urns at Santanoni Glass and Ceramics in the Alfred

Ceramic Innovation Center. He says his wife, **Norma (Miller) Higgins '51** spurs him on.

"**Robert Fluhr**, who earned a master's degree in ceramic art, has been teaching ceramic art to blind adult students for 16 years in Philadelphia. Now, he says, 'I am over 80 and have the usual aches and pains that go with age.' His memories of Alfred include living in an Army-surplus trailer with a leaky roof and a bathroom 'a block away.' He recalls waking up one morning to find icicles hanging around the bed. He also remembers favorite teachers who are so memorable he doesn't give them full names - **Harder, Rhoades, Nelson, Fosdick and Smith**. He'd like to hear from alumni at 901 W. Evergreen St. Apt. 904, Philadelphia, PA 19118.

"**William McClurg** admits to having some health problems, but brushes them off lightly and says he is planning trips to Victoria in Canada and the western Mediterranean for the summer. His address is wmbmc@verizon.net."

**Joseph and Pauline '74 Piccirillo** of Chester, VA, were honored by family and friends with a surprise party marking their 60th wedding anniversary Aug. 21, 2006. Following the party, the couple took a cruise to Bermuda as a second celebration of their anniversary.

## 1953

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**Richard Riegert** owns Quad Group, Inc., in Spokane, WA. He has been a pioneer in the invention of the microchip and has been involved with nanotechnology since the 1990s.

## 1954

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**James Sclafani**, founder of Multi Image Group (MIG), Boca Raton, FL, writes: "For the first time in the history of the National Hockey League, video projected on the entire arena ice was performed for the opening ceremony for the Florida Panther Hockey Team. All the photographs, graphics and animation were produced by MIG and then projected by MIG technicians using high-resolution video projectors hung from the arena ceiling. The family-owned MIG corporation has a staff of 90.

**Claude Marshall** has been a full-time volunteer consultant at UNHCR, a United Nations refugee agency, for the past 14 years, helping tens of thousands of refugees around the world. The 74-year-old Marshall volunteered his services at UNHCR headquarters after retiring as European vice president for a major international advertising and public relations firm. Much of his work since then has focused on raising public awareness and private sector support for sport and education programs for refugee children. Claude is preparing to hand over duties soon.

**Stuart Fries, CIC**, vice president of Garber Atlas Fries & Associates Inc., Oceanside, NY, received the Professional Agent of the Year Award from Professional Insurance Agents of New York Inc. last summer.

From **Rich Simington**:

"If you think you're a good salesman, you'd better meet **Leonard Schoenfeld**. He was so good he had to retire from his retirement. Len's one of those guys who could sell anything and did. After Alfred he sold Fuller Brushes. Eventually he was recruited to the insurance industry, where he owned his own agency on Long Island. He couldn't retire gradually so he tried to retire by moving to Florida. He had no office and no staff. But all his friends knew he was an insurance expert. Soon he was selling again just to help his friends. Finally, his older brother, **Norm '51**, came to his rescue and convinced Len to retire from his retirement and join him in California. Today Len is really retired at last and continues to live with his wife, Julie, near Norm, in Del Mar, CA."

## AU 'family' has fond memories of Gerald Ford's visit

In the wake of President Gerald R. Ford's death, several members of the Alfred University community were inspired to recall a visit then Congressman Ford, minority leader, made to the campus in April 24, 1972. His campus appearance was part of the University's Cultural Program Series. Sen. Barry Goldwater had initially been scheduled to talk but cancelled.

To read the rest of the story, go to:  
[www.alfred.edu/pressreleases/viewrelease.cfm?ID=3717](http://www.alfred.edu/pressreleases/viewrelease.cfm?ID=3717)

## 1955

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### From Rich Simington:

"Some go to college for four years, but **Penelope (Fraser) Weiss** has been affiliated with academia and Alfred all her life. As the youngest granddaughter of Charles Fergus Binns and the daughter of Norah Binns Fraser, who established the Box of Books (now a part of the Alfred village library), Penny often visited Alfred throughout her early years. Penny's father, A. David Fraser, was a professor at Alfred before moving on to the University of Virginia. Penny returned to Alfred for her college education. She became a roommate and close friend of **Marcia Mapel**, the soon-to-be Mrs. Marlin Miller. Penny returned to Virginia after graduating and married UVA Theater Professor David Weiss. Eventually, thanks to an enduring friendship between Penny and Marcia, Marlin invited David to serve as the theater consultant for the Miller Performing Arts Center. David continues to serve in that capacity for the second phase of the Center, a new proscenium theater, now in the planning stages. Penny and David continue to live in Charlottesville but both of them remain intrigued with Alfred and enjoy visiting at least twice every year."

## 1956

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**Class Correspondent Douglas Wilson** writes: "It is my sad duty to report that **Anna Mae 'Annie' Sullivan**, passed away Sept. 11, 2006. I'm sure that those of us that knew Annie will be saddened to learn of her passing. She was a sweet person and we all liked her and will miss her."

### From Rich Simington:

"**Howard Mendes** is a banker managing commercial real estate transactions, and a dedicated volunteer. He represented his neighborhood on numerous civic boards in New York City. He was a leader in his co-op. He's been on the board of countless organizations. And he was a strong advocate to successfully oppose the New

## Class of '58 reunion parade

The Class of 1958 is planning a parade for the Friday afternoon of Reunion Weekend 2008, tentatively starting at 3 p.m. Members want to show that they still have the energy and the will to have some fun. Parades are fun. To our knowledge this will be a first. No other 50th reunion class has ever had a parade in Alfred. Current plans are for the parade to begin at the Alfred University Welcome Center at the Fasano House, with any kind of conveyance such as bike, wagon, car, etc. It will end at the statue of King Alfred in time for all to then proceed to the Friday night "Taste of Alfred" event nearby. Class members would like to invite all Golden Saxons (classes of 1957 and earlier) to join them.

York City West Side Stadium project. Howie continues to live and be active in Manhattan.

"**Harry Robert Morton** was pastoring rural churches as early as his junior year at AU. As a young pastor in Washington (state), he helped lead a campaign to clean up a local dump. It was that successful campaign that led him to successfully run for state representative when he retired. And today he serves his constituents as a Washington state senator. Bob says, 'I've just enlarged my congregation.' Bob and his wife, Linda, continue to live in Kettle Falls, WA.

"**Henry 'Budd' Kass** now lives in Portland, OR. He retired two years ago after 43 years of teaching at the University level. Since retirement, he and his wife Rose have spent their time enjoying their three grandchildren, their beach house on the Oregon coast and occasional trips to Europe. Currently, Budd is pursuing his long-delayed hobby writing children's stories which he tries out on his severest critics, his grandkids.

"Budd said that his experience at Alfred University was seminal in setting him on the path to his life's work. The University afforded him an opportunity to go to the Washington Semester Program at American University. Upon graduation, he was able to win a Washington Semester Fellowship to the American University School of Government. There he completed his master's and doctoral degrees in government. Without the opportunities Alfred gave him, Budd said he would never have found a career that gave him a lifetime of rewarding work."

## 1957 REUNION YEAR!

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Your **Class Correspondent** writes: "Fellow Classmates: Hope to see all of you at our 50th Reunion."

**Joan Lyons** presented "Joan Lyons, Selected Work/Four Decades," and "A Reading Room: Books from Visual Studies Workshop Press," of which Joan was founding director, at the Rochester Contemporary, Rochester, NY, Jan. 26-Feb. 25, 2007. The program highlighted one of the Rochester area's "living treasures." She was cited as one who has been influential on the local arts scene for a number of years and in that time has helped to shape the careers of many others.

### From Rich Simington:

"After a distinguished career as a ceramic engineer in one of the world's largest companies, and having been president of the regional and national ceramic engineering professional association, **William Rhodes** is a consultant to three small companies, sharing his expertise to help them grow. Not surprisingly, in one, the principals are Alfred alums. Bill and his wife, **Jacquie Monahan Rhodes '59**, continue to live in Lexington, MA."

## 1958

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"Your **Class Correspondent** has been in contact with **Bill Hoskyns**, **Ed Law**, **Dick Bauer**, and **Russ Fahey** ...

"**Mae Tupa** spends some months in Spain ...

"**Mary (Singleton) Tabor** and husband Jon have been active in renovation of the Delta Sigma house and getting an induction furnace for the casting center ...

"**Ed Weiss** has the romantic lead in a community theater production ...

"**Marvin Bell's** 19th book of poetry, 'Mars Being Red,' will be published in July ...

"In December, **Leon Sobon** received the only Gold Medal in the International



Barbera Festival in Allessandro, Italy, for his 2004 Shenandoah Vineyards Barbera wine. He will try to save enough to bring some to the reunion ...

"Ray and Ginger Urode ventured to South America where they rounded Cape Horn ...

"John LeBlanc continues to work in many countries with a glass melting technology based upon a patent he received. When it is no longer fun he will spend more time helping his wife in her garden ...

"In 1968 Warren Mintz applied for a summer teaching job at Hofstra University. An opening in the fall extended to the next 38 years ...

"Tinker Forbes Wilcox '57 and Dave Wilcox celebrated their oldest grandson's 16th birthday by taking him on a perspective-expanding trip to China ...

"Phil Baker had a pleasant reunion in Washington with Bill Dick just before Christmas. He is always 'at the ready' to be the best private tour guide to Washington ...

"Ed and Carol (Davidson) DeChristopher are still living in beautiful and historic Fredericksburg, VA, where he is in the real estate field with his daughter.

"Stan Ren and his wife spend time at their summer cabin on an island in the 1000 Islands (NY). At an Alfred sports banquet honoring undefeated teams including two on which he played, he enjoyed talking with Dick Errico, Ed DeChristopher, Bill McAlee, Chuck Shultz and others ...

"Elliott and Bonnie Lasky had an enjoyable visit to Alfred in October."

## 1959

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Cy Berlowitz reports he's alive and well and retired in Oakland, CA ... He's been married for 27 years to Judith Berlowitz, a professor of Spanish Literature at Mills College in Oakland. They have a daughter, Ana Celia. He also has two stepdaughters, Victoria Mauleón, a producer for NPR, and the noted Latin Jazz musician, Rebeca Mauleón.

Cy spends his time managing his investments, reading, taking long hikes, cooking, and enjoying fine wines. He and Judith have maintained their love of traveling with trips over the past several years to Mexico, Cuba, Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, Denmark and Germany,

and, yes, Alfred University. The next trip, perhaps, will be to Russia and the Ukraine.

He has communicated with Bob Greene '58, Jake Ryan '59 and Elissa Cerone '59. Cy's e-mail is cber11@sbcglobal.net.

Stephen M. Morris writes: "In my old age I am trying my hand at poetry, children's stories, golf, part-time work and many other things. The beginning of the following poem was written about 1980 and the rest I finished yesterday (Jan. 26, 2007). Happy reading! To read Stephen's poem, go to [www.alfred.edu/pressreleases/viewrelease.cfm?ID=3908](http://www.alfred.edu/pressreleases/viewrelease.cfm?ID=3908)

Peter '60 and Barbara (Miller) Hoagland have moved to White House, TN, to be near family. Peter is retired from Vesuvius and continues to do consultation work. Barbara is retired from teaching. They have three children ... Laura and family in White House, Diane and family in Godsden, AL, and Bon in Bethesda, MD. Their address is: 116 Millstone Way, White House, TN 37188; e-mail: petehoagland@comcast.net.

## 1960

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Carlton Blanchard writes that he began his 31st year coaching boys track and field, six years at Batavia (NY) and in his 25th year at Westhill in Syracuse, NY. Carl and head coach Matt Whipple have coached 10 undefeated teams and 10 with only one loss. Carl ran track and cross country at Alfred in the Finnerty, Sweet, DiCamillo, Kelley, Crossman era -- 1956-61.

George Obst was appointed chairman emeritus of Dental Services Group, a company he co-founded. George resides in Fountain Hills, AZ, and maintains a residence in Bellevue, WA.

## 1961

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Jean Davis writes that her husband, the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis, died at home on May 20, 2006, in Bradenton, FL, after 45 years of pastoral service with the Seventh Day Baptist churches in Florida, Rhode Island, Michigan and West Virginia.

"Some of our happiest memories are of the five years at Alfred while he taught at Alfred-Almond, studied at the School of Theology, assisted Pastor Warren and raised a young family of four, then five, at the married housing 'barracks' on 'Diaper Hill.' Many thanks and love to all of you whose kind notes and calls have meant so much to me and the family."

The Orange County chapter of the American Jewish Committee honored Ceradyne, Inc. CEO Joel Moskowitz, an AU trustee, with the National Human Relations Award for his contributions to his profession and the community. Joel has been involved with organizations such as the Orange County Interfaith Shelter, the Jewish Bureau of Education, the American Cancer Society and Alfred University. He says Alfred University "represents the single basic focus of my life and my philanthropic efforts."

Ceradyne was featured in the February 2007 edition of *BetterInvesting* magazine as the month's "featured company." Ceradyne was also named the 2006 Growth Company of the Year at the BetterInvesting National Convention because of the increase in sales and average annual rates.

Gary Ostrower professor of history at Alfred University, presented a Webchat on Sept. 19, 2006, on the origins of the United Nations and its new challenges in the 21st century, for the U.S. Bureau of International Information Programs, Department of State. Gary has served as president of the Society

## Attention Lambda Chi Alumni

Your Alumni Association is alive and well. Visit our Web site at [www.aulambda.com](http://www.aulambda.com) and see what is going on. You can also update your contact information and submit news to be posted on the site.

The Alumni Association is looking to organize an all-year reunion. If you are interested please let us know by visiting us at [www.aulambda.com/Reunion%20Survey.htm](http://www.aulambda.com/Reunion%20Survey.htm) and complete the questionnaire.

For additional information feel free to contact Mitch Feldman - [aulambda@aulambda.com](mailto:aulambda@aulambda.com).

for the Study of Internationalism, an organization that promotes and publicizes academic study in the field of international cooperation.

The *New York Times* featured **Charles Gold** and wife **Peri Wolfman's** new weekend home in Bridgehampton, NY, in its Nov. 16, 2006 edition.

Four Alfred University alumni, **Kathleen O'Donnell**, **Sharon McConnell '87**, **Elizabeth Emery '05** and **Linda Swanson '05**, showcased artwork in "Craft Art Western New York 2006," an exhibit that opened in September at the Burchfield-Penney Art Center, Buffalo State College.

## 1962 AU REUNION YEAR!

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Your **Class Correspondent** heard from **Linda (Venezia) Reed**: "Walt has been retired for 10 years and we still continue our worldwide travels. Our most recent trip was to Eastern Europe, relatively void of tourists, which was a pleasure.

"We were also in Japan for the World Federated Rose Convention, where over 37 countries were in attendance, and we could discuss our hobby of growing and exhibiting roses. We grow over 200 roses of several varieties, exhibit at the local, district and national shows. We have been successful in getting on the trophy table at all levels with our roses. We have become judges for the American Rose Society. Our travels will now include judging rose shows, visiting children and grandchildren in Nevada, Colorado, New Jersey and South Carolina.

"We plan to attend the June Alfred reunion. We hope to see some familiar faces there."

**Robert Klein**, Bronx-born actor and comedian, bought his vintage comedy to the South Orange Performing Arts Center, South Orange, NJ, in November 2006. A lot of his material today is about facing age and aging.

From **Rich Simington**:

"**Sara Pritchett** who was a colonel in the Marines, was a leader in the successful effort to create the Arlington Cemetery Women in Military Service Memorial honoring all women who served in the U.S. armed forces. For the 231st anniversary of the Marine Corps last fall Sally hosted a "Marine Corps Birthday Party" attended by dozens of former Marines living in her retirement



*The wedding party and family members pose during the wedding festivities for Kimberly Gray '02 and Craig Hare '01 on July 1, 2006, in Hampstead, NH. See story, page 35.*

community. Sally continues to live in Springfield, VA."

## 1963

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Your **Class Correspondent** writes:

"My apologies for not writing a long and detailed column for this issue. As you can see above, I have retired after 40 years as the director of the Stevens Institute Library. However, I continue there part-time as the Frederick Winslow Taylor Curator. Taylor, by the way, is the 'Father of Scientific Management' and we are digitizing all of his papers.

"People have asked why we moved north to Utica when we had a house in North Carolina. The short answer is that we wanted to be relatively close to our country house at Big Moose Lake and near New York City by Thruway or train. There is a longer answer found in the writings of a book called 'Nine Shift' that talks about dramatic changes in business and society and which places will benefit first.

"There was a gala farewell party for me on Jan. 13 attended by about 500 people. A few Alfredians came to Hoboken for the event including, **Joan (Schlosser) Potter**, **John Gutierrez**, **Eugene Bannigan** and **Dart Everett**.

"**Henry Landsman** reports that he is now retired. After residing for many years in Israel, he now divides his time between Wharton, NJ, where he lives with his wife, **Elaine**, who is the sister of **Joel Weshler**

'61 and **Tiberia**, a town in the Galilee.

"Speaking of retirement, **Eugene Bannigan** took compulsory retirement from his law firm and then joined **Nixon Peabody** on Madison Avenue in New York City. I hope with my monthly visits to the NYC area that we can get together for lunch.

"**John Gutierrez**, spends a few months each year working for FEMA, and does he have colorful stories.

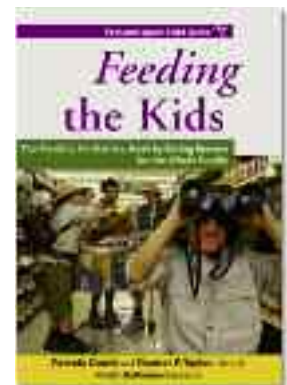
"**John and Mary Boucheaux** live in Hoboken, NJ.

"This column can only grow if you all e-mail or call me with news. Surely with so many people retiring, there must be lots of adventure stories of travels, hobbies and or new careers."

**Eleanor "Ellie" (Perry) Taylor** is the author of a new book to be published in June 2007 by

**Mancala Publishing --**  
"Feeding the Kids: The Flexible, No-Battles, Healthy Eating System for the Whole Family."

Working with her daughter, **Pamela Taylor Gould**, the book represents the culmination of a career focused on preventive medicine and wellness. Mother and daughter collaborated and researched for two years, teaming up with **Clemson University** nutrition professor, **Dr. Katherine Cason**, who served as consulting dietitian. Ellie has had a 25-year career as a health educator and



## Bicyclers head for Reunion 2008

In 1998, as part of celebrating Reunion for AU class of 1958, **Elliott Lasky, Russ Fahey**, and some friends and supporters rode their bicycles from Colmar, PA near Philadelphia, to Alfred, about 320 miles. That was such fun they decided to do it again. Well, in 2003 Russ was breaking in a new knee so they decided to wait until their 50th reunion in 2008.

Recruiting of class members to ride has been going on since 2003. **Roger Eiss, Andy Seaman** and **John "Frenchy" LeBlanc** have already volunteered (or been coerced) to join the group in 2008. No, this is not the Tour de France. The plan is for a five-day ride, ending in Alfred on Friday afternoon of reunion weekend. Contact your **Class Correspondent Elliott Lasky** for details.

director of a hospital-based Wellness Center.

**Michael Kosser** wrote "How Nashville Became Music City, U.S.A. 50 Years of Music Row," published by Hal Leonard in June 2006. It is the story of how thousands of musicians, millions of fans and billions of dollars turned a small southern city into a huge music mecca. Michael reports the book is doing well.

**Don Reitz** had a show of his ceramic works -- "Trial by Fire" -- at the University of North Texas Art Gallery in October-November 2006.

From **Rich Simington**:

"**Karla (Turkheimer) Moskowitz** came to Alfred planning to be a physician. But her experience at Alfred's Washington Semester changed her plans. She went on to law school at Columbia and became an advocate for women's jurists in the New York City area. Her career has inspired other talented women jurists not only by her counsel but by her example as a long-serving, distinguished justice of the New York Supreme Court. Karla and her husband, Marvin, continue to live in Manhattan.

"With tongue in cheek, **Justin Schulman** calls his ceramic engineering classmates who work in some other field 'fallen engineers.' He includes himself. He hasn't done ceramic engineering since he was in the U.S. Army stationed at an ammo dump in Oregon after college. When he was discharged, he took a job with Control Data, a fledgling company in the new field of information technology. And the rest, as they say, is history. Today, several companies later and equipped with an MBA in information technology from Pitt, Jud is a vice president for Bank of New York linking its electronic transactions to the global market. Jud and his wife, Rosalinda, continue to live in Glen Ridge, NJ."

## 1964

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From **Class Correspondent Ruth Gau**:

"**Lesley (Mace) Knoll** and husband Tom Knoll are grandparents as of May 24, 2006. Their daughter, Andrea (and husband Anthony Dawson-Ellis) gave birth to Alexander Kas Dawson-Ellis. Lesley and Tom have a rock, mineral, and fossil shop along with selling jewelry which Lesley creates in a building next door to their Water's Edge Cottages. There are five cabins -- two are winterized -- located on Rt. 30, Long Lake, NY. They spend the winter months out west at Quartsite, AZ, an old gold-mining town, and at Tucson, AZ. They haul a 37-foot titanium trailer made in Canada.

"Spoke with **Donna Middleton** who attended Alfred University for two years and then graduated from the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, NY. She had a career in teaching music and private lessons and is performing in the Boston, MA area. She has one son, Charles, who is 27, and two grandchildren, 12, and 5. Donna has been fundraising for an environmental protection organization outside Philadelphia for eight years.

"Also heard from **Ann (Burgess) Conklin '65** and husband Gary Conklin. They remodeled their home in 2006.

"**Joyce (Insley) Fogg '66** is recovering from a serious fall. In January 2006 Joyce completed her year as an intern at the Acupuncture Clinic and on March 3, 2006 she graduated; the day after 'I fell while

going down an outside set of stairs, an event that was to totally change my life as I knew it!' After emergency surgery, and intense rehabilitation, Joyce was in a wheelchair for five months. She has had extensive therapy and had to retire from her school nurse/teacher job. She is 'trying to heal and reclaim my life.' We wish her a speedy recovery in 2007!"

**Rich Giandana** has been promoted to vice president of human resources at RenewData, a leader in electronic evidence services for law firms and corporations, headquartered in Austin, TX.

**John Turner** writes: "I've been enjoying reading Class Notes over the years, particularly the extensive news from 1963 Class Correspondent **Richard Widdicombe**, who was my freshman-year roommate in Cannon Hall.

"I read where many from our era are retired and/or enjoying second careers, but I'm still enjoying my role as president of Allied Mineral Products in Columbus, Ohio and helping grow the company after joining it 36 years ago. After 40 years in the refractory business, I still feel going to Alfred and entering the ceramics industry was the best piece of good fortune for which one could ask.

"I plan to stay at it for a few more years, but I am finding more time to spend with Liz and my twins and our four grandchildren, whom we are fortunate in having live nearby, all in the same ZIP CODE. I'm still playing as much golf as I can and getting to Naples, FL often during the winter. My garage full of old cars awaits retirement, though, before they get the attention needed for restoration."

From **Rich Simington**:

"**Michael Kaplan** must have been a heck of a drummer at Alfred because alum Robert Klein still tells Michael stories. Recently, Michael's sister went to hear Robert perform in Ohio and sent a note to say she was Michael's sister. Robert insisted she come back stage so he could recount some of his favorite stories, including some about Michael. When he isn't representing clients as an attorney, Michael is still drumming in San Diego, CA.

"**Mary (Espenmiller) McGaughey** has spearheaded projects to create award-winning home care services for the handicapped in Oregon. She has worked to restore appropriate vegetation to endangered water channels. She has worked to reclaim park areas and replant indigenous vegetation. And she's now a volunteer horticulturist at the Oregon Zoo. Mary was probably seen by the largest number of people when she happened to be in Bilbao,



Spain for the European dedication of the Guggenheim Bilbao. Because she was one of the few Americans there, all the television coverage showed her. Today Mary continues to live in Gresham, OR.

"As an internationally recognized authority on Montessori education practice and peace education, Louise (Berry) Bogart was selected to be the keynote speaker in March at England's 100th year Montessori celebratory conference. She and her husband, Burt '63, have created the Christina Trudeau Education & Research Foundation to honor the work of one of Louise's mentors. Louise and Burt live in Salem, OR."

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Mary E. Sekercioglu '67 of Muskegan, MI, called to report the sad news that her husband, Ibrahim Sekercioglu died unexpectedly Jan. 10, 2007.

Stephen R. Baar retired in 2006 after 35 years as a professor of English, dean and academic vice president at Westminster College, Salt Lake City. He is "enjoying the absence of responsibility."

Ken Wissmann wrote and produced a stage show in November 2006 at the

Victory Hall Theater, Scottsville, VA, called "Lovesick Blues: The Life and Music of Hank Williams, Sr."

Stephen Pearlman has joined Houlihan Lokey Real Estate Investment Banking. He has been an adjunct professor for the New York University master of science in real estate program since 1986.

## 1966

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Dianne M. Hunter, professor of English at Trinity College, Hartford, CT, writes that she lectured on Anton Chekhov's play "The Sea Gull" at the Avon (CT) Public Library in December 2006, and gave a paper entitled "Twentieth-Century Ophelias on Film: Faithfull, Bonham-Carter, Winslet" at the New York University Common Grounds Arts Festival in February 2007.

Also, she presented a paper on "Poetics of the Actual" at the Edinburgh Arts Festival in Scotland, in August 2006. Last spring, she gave a paper on "Shakespeare in Love" at the Shakespeare Association of America convention in Philadelphia.

In fall 2006, Donald T. Sagolla joined the Los Angeles office of Heidrick & Struggles as a partner with the financial services practice.

Linda Purdy is a member of the Wolf Creek Painters featuring artists from Castile, NY. They had their first gallery exhibit last fall at the Arts Council Wyoming (NY) County Gallery. Linda's paintings consist of children and landscapes in oils and some watercolors. She also displayed a stoneware hand-built teapot and vase.

HH (Skip) Lyman, proprietor of Half Moon Studio, Spokane, WA, had an exhibition of his work at The Fountainhead Gallery, Seattle, during February 2007.

From Rich Simington:

"Barbara Jean Mauer recently proved that sometimes what you hear advertised on TV is really true. She is newly married. In an e-mail she reported, 'It's quite a fairy tale as we met through e-Harmony. And, as the commercials tout, it really was electrifying from the get-go. Who knew?' Barbara Jean and her husband, Gary, live in Gridley, CA."

## 1967 AU REUNION YEAR!

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Rochelle M. Kuhn-Kimmel writes: "My oldest granddaughter was married on Dec. 28, 2006. I have 13 grandchildren."

AU Trustee Peter Cuneo has been named to the board of directors of Iconix Brand Group, Inc. which owns, licenses and markets a growing portfolio of consumer brands.

Peter was also featured in an Aug. 14, 2006 *Time* magazine article "Marvel Unmasked." He is vice chairman of the board of Marvel Entertainment.

An article -- "Tom Swift's Mysterious Motorcycle" -- by Dr. Richard Kellogg, professor of psychology at Alfred State College, appeared in *Biker Ally*, a bi-monthly magazine for the motorcycle enthusiast.

From Rich Simington:

"Deborah Shutt Hazel has retired from her career in Civil Service but that doesn't mean she's not busy. She started a food newsletter that grew into the publication of specialty cookbooks, which morphed into a company for the wholesale distribution of related items to gift shops. While this was occurring she was training and winning agility dog competitions with her two golden labs, Abby and Max. Now she thinks she has a little time so she's



Friends gather at the wedding reception for Erik Myers '98 and Sarah Ficke, Oct. 8, 2005, at the Delaware Center for Contemporary Arts in Wilmington, DE. Alfredians are: Carolyn Reddy, Callie Hastings, Scott Macmillan, Alison Huftalen, Erik, Sarah, Tadd Barnes, Brian Anderson, Lauren Mier, Patrick Clapp, Meg (Heinhold) Notaro, Raff Notaro, Anya Cressotti, Dave VanVessem, Michael Fitzgerald, Domenick Freda, and Earl Stephens. See story, page 32.

studying tax certification so she can assist in Dick's accounting firm. Debbie and Dick live in Richmond, VA."

## 1968

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**Barry Quinn** is the president of the Rochester (NY) Engineering Society for 2006-07. He is regional utilities engineer at the NYS Department of Transportation.

**Eileen Hickey-Hulme** had works included in "Paintings and Sculpture" presented by Vito Sisti, Mobile Mechanic, Inc. at Ashawagh Hall, East Hampton, NY, Sept. 9-17, 2006.

**Sharon Estee** is a pioneering, nationally recognized researcher studying problems of how to best deliver services to people with multiple problems. She and her husband, Mark, live in Olympia, WA.

From **Rich Simington**:

"Sometimes fathers wonder whether as kids grow up they listen and respect their father. That's been answered as far as **Robert Harwood** is concerned. Now that Rob has achieved a noted distinguished career as an attorney specializing in large and class action suits, his son, Chris, has joined a law firm in New York City, four blocks from Rob's firm. Rob and his wife, **Suzanne Mesibov Harwood**, continue to live in Dobbs Ferry, NY.

"Just when I think I've heard the last of the 'ceramic engineers can do anything' stories, I run into a guy like **Glenn Drosendahl**. Oh sure, he graduated with

his AU engineering degree and studied chemical metallurgy at Penn. But what really stuck with him was his time as an editor at the *Fiat Lux*. So after the Army, he took a job as a sports reporter in Idaho. Before long he was recruited to cover the Seattle Seahawks for the *Post Intelligencer* where he became the sports editor. Today he's still at the *P-I* as its reader representative. Glenn and his wife, Cassandra Tate, continue to live in Seattle, WA."

## 1969

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**Richard Wukich**, professor of ceramics at Slippery Rock University, Pittsburgh, PA, volunteered to instruct two Iraqi potters in Kalsu in how to make ceramic filters using his free time between semesters. He recently traveled to Iraq and spent two weeks training his new charges. The plan is to teach the apprentices how to make the filters so they can start selling them at affordable prices to the general public. Richard became involved through Potters for Peace. The project results in two things: putting Iraqis to work, and providing clean water.

The Rev. **Tracie Martin**, pastor of Robinson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Westvale, NY, was installed for a three-year term as

moderator of the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse in a ceremony Jan. 27, 2007, at her home church. As moderator, she oversees administration of the Presbyterian faith in 44 congregations across Central New York, a community of about 6,500 members.

**Janet Riker**, director of the University Art Museum, University at Albany (NY), will be the guest curator of the 28th Contemporary Sculpture at Chesterwood, Stockbridge, MA, a juried, invitational, outdoor exhibit, from June 22-Oct. 14, 2007. Chesterwood is a national and Massachusetts Historic Landmark.

From **Rich Simington**:

"**Patricia Belcastro** can tell a riveting story of raw courage and determination. After a bike accident, she needed a total shoulder replacement. Her surgeon says she has recovered better than any patient he's ever had. But that's because she and her coach **John** did physical therapy exercises at home in excruciating pain three times a day for two years. Now they get exercise chasing their new West Highland Terrier puppy **Hobbes** (From "Calvin and Hobbes). John and Pat continue to live in Avon Lake, Ohio.

"**Anthony Munroe's** always been special. When he went into the Army he served in the Special Forces. After he was discharged he worked in Saudi Arabia for many years. So it's not too surprising that when he bought property in Stow, MA he decided to renovate the Cape Cod house on the property. He preferred Victorian houses. So he built one that swallowed up the Cape Cod. Tony and his wife, Lucy, continue to live in the house.

"If the Department of Defense was doing future planning it might seek out scientists who had expertise in microtechnology, or perhaps biological materials science, or armor materials. Or it might contact **William Snowden**. And that's what it's done since he finished his Ph.D. at Berkeley after graduating from Alfred. He's worked on research projects at Lawrence Livermore National Labs, the Department of Defense, and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, some of them more than once. And for several years, to maximize the benefits of his research, he consults for a variety of agencies. Bill and his wife, Dianne, continue to live in Fairfax Station, VA."

## 1970

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## Doc Walker memorial

By **Yvonne Squadrille**

This is the first of what I hope will become an annual correspondence with the Alfred community on what has begun and what has been given in memory of Dr. Gail C. Walker.

First, I would like to express my deepest and most sincere appreciation for the cards, letters, and compassion you have given me. They inspired comfort and hope amidst a very difficult and lonely period in my life.

One of Doc's last wishes was to establish a fund for students who needed assistance in purchasing textbooks. Due to your encouragement and financial support, we are delighted to announce that this funding was available to students beginning in the fall of 2006. We greatly depend upon and appreciate your continued efforts to keep Doc's dream alive.

To read the entire letter, go to:  
<http://www.alfred.edu/pressreleases/viewrelease.cfm?ID=3909>

Lars B. Johanson writes that he has been selected as chief of the Statistical Compendia Branch at the U.S. Census Bureau, where he has worked since 1975. He and his wife reside in Woodstock, MD and are always looking forward to their next opportunity to travel abroad.

The Alaska Municipal League (AML) named **Barbara (Englert) Gruenstein** 2006 Municipal Employee of the Year. The mayor of Anchorage whom she serves as municipal clerk nominated her. Barbara also serves as co-director of AML's Newly Elected Officials Training Program.

**Dr. Elizabeth "Betsey" Hall**, executive director of Homeless Solutions, Inc. (HSI), Morristown, NJ, was honored last fall by the Community Foundation of New Jersey with its Exemplary Performance in Non-Profit Management Award. During her tenure, which began in 1998, HSI has grown from an emergency shelter to one of the premier nonprofit affordable housing developers in New Jersey.

At Rochester (NY) Institute of Technology's (RIT) Center for Integrated Manufacturing Studies, engineers from RIT and a local firm are developing new and improved designs to extend the life of the EA-6B Prowler, an "electronic warfare" plane used by the U.S. Navy. **Dr. Michael Haselkorn** is project team leader.

From **Rich Simington**:

"After Alfred **Christoph Rodger** earned a master's degree at Duke. And he's created a distinguished public school teaching career while also coaching for 20 years, expanding on his Alfred Hall of Fame football prowess. But he's certainly never been accused of being a teacher with an 'ivory tower' mentality who's aloof from his students. In fact it's difficult to walk with him through his school without virtually every student wanting to greet him. Maybe they can sense he's adept at 'real world' skill too. After all, he earned a living as a carpenter before grad school. And after that he owned and operated a successful sub shop. Chris continues to teach high school but has 'retired' from coaching football. Chris and his wife, **Deborah Walker**, '72, continue to live in McLean, VA."

# 1971

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*Several AU alumni gathered on July 1, 2006, Phoenix, NY, for the wedding of Melissa Ball '03 and Dr. Aaron Shupp. Posing for a photo during the festivities were (from left) Erin Huntington '03 (ceramist); Jackie (Stafford) Hensley '03 (video editor working on her master's degree in education); Dr. Suz Coan (friend of the groom); Julie Callard (bride's sister and matron of honor); Melissa; Aaron; Tim Nealon (friend of the groom and co-best man); J Fisher (friend of the groom and co-best man); Christopher Ball (brother of the bride). See story, page 37.*

From **Rich Simington**:

"Maybe Alfred is more widely known than we think. Recently, **Paul Kaye** was wearing an Alfred shirt while vacationing in Thailand. A young woman stopped him to say, 'My mother went to Alfred.' Paul and his wife, Yoka, continue to live in Huntington Woods, MI."

# 1972

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**Truett Sweeting** '72, '79 is currently the operations manager of Vesuvius Hi-Tech Ceramics, Alfred Station, NY, a company that can trace its roots to the NYS College of Ceramics. The company currently employs 120 people living in the Alfred area. Vesuvius, a company founded in 1916 to manufacture clay graphite crucibles, acquired Hi-Tech Ceramics in 1995. Four generations of present and former employees' family members came together to celebrate Hi-Tech's 25 years last September.

Work by **Lois Anne** was featured in the final show of the season at the Ocean House

Gallery at Rose Cottage, Port Clyde, Maine, last fall.

From **Rich Simington**:

"As we all proceed farther into the Internet age there are more and more reports of people choosing to work from home. Well **Larry Sell's** way ahead of the wave. He's been running his company buying and selling collectibles including stamps and antiques from home for years. For one thing it allows convenience for dealing with customers in all time zones around the world. Larry continues to live in Hornell, NY."

"**Jeff Riklin** is one of those guys who can do anything he tries. He's been a sports coach, an athletics trainer, and a physician's assistant. Today and for many years he's been a building contractor. And a good one. But his real calling should have been a social director. He needs card files to keep records of all the networks in which he's involved. For example, for almost four decades he's spent New Year's Eve with a group of Alfred friends. He's played monthly poker for 25 years with a different group of friends. He also has a hiking group, a golf group and several others. In each, he's the instigator, organizer, chief cook and bottle washer. Jeff and his wife, Liz, continue to live in Newton Upper Falls, MA."



"Herb Rickloff is yet another example of the continuing saga of how ceramic engineers can do anything. By his education at Alfred he's a glass scientist. But early in his career he became the Ford Motor Co.'s EPA expert. Which led to an increasing involvement with oversight of manufacturing plants. Today, for Pfizer, he oversees 25 research buildings (19 of which he supervised the construction) totaling 25 million square feet. He's about to retire to do what he really likes, study to be an artist (photography, paint, sculpture). And he and his wife operate three commercial resort homes. Oh, and he is on the board of a local incubator. Herb and his wife, Marla, live in Ann Arbor, MI."

"Jay Haberland was on campus recently for a reunion. No he didn't come to Alfred to visit with classmates. Although, he conducted University business with his fellow members of the Alfred Board of Trustees, that wasn't the reunion part of the visit either. The 'reunion' happened at Alfred's Bromley-Daggett Equestrian Center when Jay got to visit with 'Karen,' a horse he donated to his alma mater who now lives at the Center. Jay and his wife, Evelyn, continue to live in Simsbury, CT."

"Under Enid Borden's leadership as CEO, Meals on Wheels Association of America has been awarded a \$1 million grant from the Homeland Security Department to develop a curriculum to be used nationally for the training of caretakers responsible for seniors and disabled homebound people in the event of a disaster. Enid continues to live and work in Alexandria, VA."

## 1973

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Author Peter Jenkins was the focus of a feature article -- "Southerner by Choice" -- in the Sept. 1, 2006 edition of *Southern Living* magazine.

Oil and acrylic paintings by Nick Berger were included in a fall 2006 exhibition at the Beacon Fine Arts Gallery, Red Bank, NJ.

Amelia "Mena" Hansinger, a health professional, was featured in the Sept. 12, 2006 edition of *The Citizen*, Auburn, NY. Mena is the assistant fitness director at the Auburn YMCA.

Mitch Queler of Yorktown Heights, NY, was honored for his volunteer efforts with the Member of the Year Award from the Darien (CT) Chamber of Commerce for upgrading the professional look of the Chamber's monthly bulletin and establishing a semi-annual newsletter. Mitch is vice

president of operations at Colangelo Synergy Marketing.

Stephen E. Wagner of Bel Air, MD, was appointed vice president and personal lines marketing director for Selective Insurance Co. of America. He joined the firm in May 2006.

Pottery by artist Lynn Uhlmann was featured in a summer 2006 exhibition, "Dynamic Perspectives," presented by the Chambersburg, PA Council for the Arts.

## 1974

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Pamela A. Cabanas writes that she has recently opened Timberwind Gallery, Waldoboro Road, Friendship, Maine.

Ceramics, prints and oil paintings by Gretchen Wachs of Santa Fe, NM, were on display in "Then and Now" last summer at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, Hagerstown, MD.

Memphis, TN artist Nancy White had an exhibit -- "Picket Fence Borders" -- in late summer at the Fine Arts Center Gallery at Arkansas State University, Jonesboro. She is an associate professor at the University of Memphis.

Dr. Jonathan Greenfield of Newton, CT has set aside his psychiatry practice to make jewelry. He has a studio and storefront in Westport, CT, and has had his works accepted for the American Crafts Show at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, New York City, for spring and fall 2007. His pieces, made of precious metals and stones, were also sold there in fall 2006.

From Rich Simington:

"Many students aspire to a career in the publishing industry. but few achieve the distinguished success Susan Pioli has. After all, it's very hard, competitive work. Today, Susan's a publishing director for one of the largest textbook publishers in the world. She and her husband, Martin, continue to live in Boston, MA.

"Given the fact that Gail (Lohrey) Markey grew up in Saratoga Springs, NY, home of one of the most famous race tracks in the United States, it's not too surprising that she's had a lifetime fascination with horses. Today she has three. And her two daughters also ride. One of them is a veterinarian, specializing in the care of horses. When she's not riding, Gail is the vice president and Richmond, VA manager for a large title insurance company. She and her husband, John '73, continue to live in Rockville, VA.

"Betty Bookheim grew up on an island wanting to be a marine biologist. And she has achieved that goal, working today as a marine ecologist for the State of Washington. Since Alfred, she has lived most of her life on or near the water, including the five years she and her husband David lived on their sailboat traversing the Pacific Ocean, eventually living on the boat in American Samoa, Tonga and Fiji. Today Betty and David live in Olympia, WA."

## 1975

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Liz Perry writes: "I've opened my own pint-sized gallery on Cape Cod next to my print-making studio." Read about it at lizperry.com

## 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,  
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Upcoming Class Notes deadline: Aug. 15, 2007

# Summer Programs at AU

Each summer we welcome high school and pre-high school students from all over the country who come to our campus to attend academic institutes and sports camps. We invite you to consider these programs for your children, grandchildren or anyone you may know who might benefit from this very special experience. This year's summer schedule includes the following residential programs:



## ACADEMIC

Astronomy Institute  
Creative Writing Institute  
Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute  
Women Leaders of Tomorrow Institute  
48-Hour Challenge - Science, Math & Engineering Competition

## SPORTS CAMPS

Girls' Basketball  
Boys' Basketball  
Equestrian - English  
Equestrian - Western  
Swimming  
Team Football  
Team Lacrosse

Please visit our Web site for further information, or contact us at: Office of Summer Programs, Saxon Drive, Alfred, NY 14802-1205, 607.871.2612, [summerpro@alfred.edu](mailto:summerpro@alfred.edu) [www.alfred.edu/summer](http://www.alfred.edu/summer)

**Dr. Wayne Rosenfield** earned his amateur radio license in March 2006. He was invited to operate W1AW, the flagship station of the American Radio Relay League at the national headquarters in Newington, CT, during the annual Ham Radio Field Day in June 2006.

**Harris E. Kershner** has been selected for inclusion in the 2007 edition of "The Best Lawyers In America," based on his expertise in the field of labor and employment law. He has also been selected as one of the "Southern California Super Lawyers 2007."

A mixed media exhibit -- "**Alison Weld:** The Figurative Impulse in Abstraction" -- was on display at the Rider University (NJ) Art Gallery last fall.

"Spirited Fushion: Akamatsu and Fenci," an autumn show at the Tyler Museum of Art, Tyler, TX, featured the ceramic, vessel-based work of **Piero Fenci** and the sculpture of his wife, Elizabeth. Also last fall, Piero presented Etruscan pottery and Shaker hatboxes as one of 15 artists included in "Between Form and Function" at Baltimore Clayworks, Baltimore, MD.

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Therapist **Margaret Swartz**, who works with young patients, was featured in a Dec. 20, 2006 article in the *Carroll County (MD) Times*. For the last five years, Margaret has worked almost exclusively with victims of sexual abuse and other crimes.

**Susan Rogers**, executive vice president of WXXI Public Broadcasting, Rochester, NY, was one of 21 finalists for the annual Athena Award honoring a local professional woman who has demonstrated significant achievements in business, community service and the professional advancement of women.

Rogers will speak at Reunion as part of the Women of Influence Series sponsored by AU's Women's Leadership Center.

**Susan Beckhorn** sends news about her new book: "In addition to starred reviews from Kliatt and Booklist, 'Wind Rider' (a teen novel about how the first horse might have been tamed and ridden which takes place in Asia 6,000 years ago) was selected by Booksense (the association of independent booksellers) for its winter Kid's Pick List. It also made the ALA's (American Library Association) Amelia Bloomer List for

literature which promotes equality for women and is slated to be published in Germany. I'm thinking about a sequel and am planning a trip to Kazakhstan next summer to research more about the origins of horseback riding." See the Harper Collins Web site for more information. The book is available at the AU Bookstore.

From **Rich Simington**:

"**Leah (Hirsch) Rubenstein** of Stamford, CT, is a gifted operating room nurse. But since Alfred she has loved making pottery. In recent years, she has twice attended Professors John and Andrea Gill's month-long summer pottery seminar on campus. And today Leah is in transition from being a nurse to a full-time potter. The architectural plans are drawn to build her pottery studio and instruction and exhibition space, in the woods at the back of her property where she continues to live with her husband, **Dan '74**."

"When **Michael O'Grady** came to Alfred he had career aspirations to be a detective on the Buffalo (NY) Police Force. Well he wound up being a public servant, but not in Buffalo. After a distinguished career working on the staff of Congressional agencies as well as staffing some of the most powerful congressional committees including the Senate Finance Committee, he was recruited to serve in the Department of Health and Human Services as the assistant secretary for planning and evaluation. Today Mike is a senior fellow at the National Opinion Research Center and a consultant to organizations around the United States. Mike and his wife, Sharon, continue to live in Chevy Chase, MD.

"When **Robert Meredith** was in high school he developed an interest in ceramics. So it made sense that he graduated from the School of Art & Design at Alfred. Wanting more study in sculpture, he earned his graduate degree from Yale. And to round out his educational experience, since leaving grad school he has been on the art faculty at the Dalton School in New York City, serving 13 years as chairman of the Art Department. Rob and his wife, **Sara Holland '76**, continue to live in Brooklyn.

"**Robert Pachner** grew up in an insurance family. He would have been the fourth generation to work in the family firm. But at Alfred he learned new ideas. And although he has gone on to spend virtually his whole career in the insurance field, he is noted for his information technology expertise. Today Bob shares those talents with many firms as an IT (information technology) consultant. He and his wife, Robin, continue to live in Hastings-on-Hudson, NY.

# 1976

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The Numismatic Literary Guild (NLG) presented its highest honor to **Barbara J. Gregory**, editor-in-chief of *Numismatist*, the American Numismatic Association's



Barbara Gregory '76

monthly magazine. The coveted "Clemmy" annually recognizes an individual who embodies the attributes of Clement Bailey, an NLG founder who was known for

his literary talent and sense of humor. The sixth woman out of 39 to receive the award, Barbara joined the *Numismatist* staff in 1981 and was appointed editor -- the first woman to hold the title in the magazine's 119-year history -- in 1988.

Col. Cathy J. Johnson (Ret) of North Pole, AK, was selected as Alaska Nurse of the Year 2006 by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

Frank Ozereko had a show -- "Those People ..." a watercolor series -- March 22-April 23, 2007, at Open Square Gallery, Holyoke, MA.

Fitness educator Tim "T-Bone" Arem was profiled in the Jan. 5, 2007 edition of the *Citizen-Times*, Asheville, NC.

Andrew Benjamin wrote: "I am in Singapore running the second of four legs of the greatest race on earth, marathons in Nairobi (Oct. 29, 2006), Singapore this week, then Mumbai and Hong Kong. Will not be back until April."

From Rich Simington:

"After Robert Eberhart left Alfred he began a career in federal government with the Immigration and Naturalization Service in the New York City area. But after 10 years or so dealing with immigration and deportation issues at Kennedy and Newark airports and in the city, he joined the family firm and continues today managing hundreds of residential rental units and dozens of commercial spaces. Bob and his wife, Barbara, continue to live in West Nyack, NY.

"David Conrad, a bank president, collects, restores, and sells antique cars. But while he owns them he drives them to work. He now owns nine, including a 1919 Studebaker that won the national title 'Studebaker of the Year' in 1999. Dave and his wife, Rita, continue to live in Pomfret Center, CT."

# 1977 REUNION YEAR!

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Steven Weinberg, an American studio glass pioneer, is conducting his first solo exhibition in Shanghai, "Journey-the Dream Boat," in China's first and only glass art museum -- Liuli China -- through the end of June. The exhibition includes selected works from five collections throughout Weinberg's 30-year career. His "Boat," "Icon," "Cube," "Mandala," and the newest "Life Studies" series are on display and available for purchase. Weinberg has built successful practices in the use of cast glass and has personally invented and designed techniques which are widely used today in studios and universities worldwide.

Daniel Starr was named superintendent of the Corinth (NY) Central School District in July 2006.

From Rich Simington:

"Being chosen as the first artist-in-residence at the Big Cypress National Preserve in Ochopee, FL, is only one of the most recent honors Laurel Egnaw has received. She's also been best of show in a Toledo (Ohio) Museum of Art Exhibition, finalist in the Artist Magazine National Landscape Competition, and an Atlanta Portrait Society award winner. She's been spotlighted in the Portrait Society of America newsletter and exhibited by invitation of the Ohio Arts Council at the Ohio Governor's Mansion. She's a portraiture workshop instructor at the Toledo Museum of Art and been commissioned throughout the country for works today displayed in both public and private collections. Laurel's home and studio are in Toledo."

# 1978

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The husband and parents of Suzanne Lester Walker -- Davis C. Walker and Larry and Marilyn (Childs) Lester '57, '86 -- have established a scholarship in her memory titled "Excellence in Creative Expression," saluting Suzi's many talents and accomplishments. Suzi died May 30, 2005, following an 11-year struggle with cancer. Friends have asked how they may remember Suzi. This scholarship is one way to do so, said her family.

An award of \$1,000 will go annually to an outstanding graduate at Friendship (NY) Central School, where Suzi was president and co-valedictorian of the Class of 1974. The recipient must enroll in a university, college or a school of higher education, and must demonstrate certain talents of the scholarship's namesake. Selection will be by Friendship Central administrators.

The scholarship fund has been set up at the Alfred/Allegany Educational Employees Federal Credit Union, Pioneer Center, Alfred State College, Alfred, NY 14802.

After earning a bachelor of science degree in ceramic engineering, Suzi worked several years installing kilns and building factories throughout the East. Married to Davis in 1983, they were co-owners of Woods Quality Cabinetry.

Works by ceramist Jim Chalkley, Suffolk, VA, are included in a two-artist



Suzanne (Lester) Walker '78

exhibit running through May 20, 2007, in the Babcock Fine Arts Center Gallery, Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, VA. Jim focuses on contemporary art and interior design.

Jim and his home were featured in a September 2006 article in *Portfolio*



*Weekly* magazine. He is an adjunct professor at Old Dominion University.

Some 45 works by **Akio Takamori**, associate professor of ceramics at the University of Seattle, WA, were on exhibit at the Racine (WI) Art Museum in "Between the Clouds of Memory: Akio Takamori—A Mid Career Survey," through March 18, 2007.

From **Rich Simington**:

"**D. Michael Ahl** is one of the best glass problem solvers, traveling to plants around the world. But when he's home, he's a biker. He's ridden his Harley to bike week at both Sturgis, SD, and Dayton, FL. Mike continues to live in Bowling Green, Ohio.

"**David Kaplan** is the chief professional officer for the American Counseling Association, living a great deal of the time on the road at conferences and events representing the interests of his members. Dave and his wife, **Vickie '94**, continue to live in Alexandria, VA."

## 1979

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**Robert D. Shorb** associate dean, director of Student Aid and Family Finance, and tuition exchange liaison officer, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY, writes about an interesting AU and professional connection between him and David L. Gruen, director, Student Financial Aid, University of Wyoming.

"David was the director of student financial aid at Alfred University from 1976-89. I was his first AU graduate student intern under the new College Student Development Specialist program in 1978-79. After leaving AU, Dave went on to three different director jobs, and I did too. Years after we both left Alfred, we served on the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA) Board of Directors together, each serving terms of five years in our roles as regional presidents and reps-at-large. This year we are both NASFAA Commission Directors. Now the association has the mentor (Dave) and the mentee (Bob) running against each other for a national election! The election is slated for mid-March to early April."

**Arnold Zimmerman** of Poughkeepsie, NY, and **Christopher Kurtz '98** of Accord,



*Several AU friends from the Class of 1999 gathered last summer for some time on the water in Charleston, SC. (Front, from left) Ally (Heitzman) Markotich '99, Chris Markotich '99 and Josh Markotich and (back, from left) Russ Patterson '99, Rebecca Hellinger '99 and Thuy Patterson.*

NY, received the prestigious Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation Award for 2005. They each received a \$20,000 grant. Arnold is a ceramist/sculptor; Christopher is a sculptor. The biennial awards recognize emerging American artists and craftspeople delving in painting, sculpture, printmaking, photography, video and craft media. Recipients are those who show artistic promise but who have not yet received widespread critical or commercial recognition.

**Ivy Avildsen**, 51, of Nelsonville, NY, died on Nov. 10, 2006. She is survived by her husband, Michael Kalota, and three children, Kate, Ethan, and Andrew. Her family is establishing a college scholarship fund for her children.

Ivy earned an MFA from the Art Institute of Chicago in 1981. Her works in various media, including sculpture, prints, oil, and water color are included in private and public collections, including the Museum of Modern Art, Caracas, Venezuela, and Art Park, Buffalo, NY.

She worked on a number of community education projects, founding Common Threads, a school-based diversity initiative at the Haldane School, best known for the annual Community Night Celebration. Common Threads received the Phoebe Apperson Hearst National PTA Award of Excellence in June 2006.

Ivy was also active in political and community activities including Amnesty International, Phillipstown for Democracy and the American Friends Service Committee.

From **Rich Simington**:

"As an Alfred student, **Linda Kline** was selected to serve on the staff of New York Mayor Edward Koch. She went on to Georgetown Law and then clerked for a federal judge. After several years as a litigator, 20 years ago she became the principal of New England Legal Search, matching attorneys and firms all over the Northeast. Linda and her husband, Ken, continue to live in Brookline, MA."



*Christa Latacz '98 was married to Adrian Jones May 27, 2006.*

# 1980

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Your Class Correspondent reports:  
"Linda (Lenz) Rapp has been promoted to senior engineer at IBM Corp., East Fishkill, NY. She also continues to be an active chamber musician in the Poughkeepsie/Kingston/Woodstock area."

Frank Morbillo had a number of his mixed-media sculptures on display at Deloney Newkirk Fine Art, Santa Fe, NM. Morbillo's work was reviewed in the November 2006 issue of "THE Magazine," Santa Fe's monthly magazine of and for the arts.

Melanie J. Steilen is director of nursing education and co-director of the clinical division at the Cicatelli Association, New York City. She is currently heading up a home-based care project.

From Rich Simington:  
"When Richard Godsil was at Alfred, he was a member of the staff of WALF. Of course that wasn't his primary interest or he wouldn't have graduated. But it's interesting how experiences stay with you. Today he's a volunteer at a new radio station in his community and may win an

opportunity as a disk jockey again. That doesn't mean he's planning to leave his job with Guardian Life where he's the manager of underwriting for one-third of the United States. Rich and his wife, Nancy, continue to live in Spokane, WA."

# 1981

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Dr. Avi Kempinski is an assistant professor of modern languages at Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS.

Five Star Bank, Bath, NY, has appointed Jeffrey A. James vice president of commercial lending in the bank's southeast region -- portions of Steuben, Yates, Ontario, and Allegany counties. He is a board member of the Steuben Churchpeople Against Poverty, Bath Rotary and Bath Elks clubs.

# 1982 AU REUNION YEAR!

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Kevin F. Day married Maria Lourdes Legaspi on May 20, 2006. Kevin is assistant director of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Secretariat for the Church in Latin America, Washington, DC.

Jeff Lindenthal has been hired as public education and recycling manager by Monterey Regional Waste Management District, Monterey, CA. He and his wife Melissa started Green Field Paper Co., San Diego, producing and distributing recycled and "tree-free" paper products.

Portrait paintings by Joseph Stephen Perrone were included in an autumn exhibit at the Delavan Art Gallery, Syracuse, NY.

Lori Lee Coleman erected a special installation last summer called "1,000 Cranes for Peace" in Riverlink Park, Amsterdam, NY. A multitude of stylized cranes were fashioned from heavy-duty, reflective mylar and suspended from light fixtures high above the park's plaza on transparent, 25-lb., deep-sea fishing line in a web-like pattern reminiscent of a meditative mandala.

# 1983

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David B. Levy was recently re-elected to a third, two-year term as regional director for the American Society for Quality (ASQ) and serves as a member of the board of directors. Additionally, David is a member of a host of committees within ASQ.

David established a quality consulting business -- Levy Quality Consulting, LLC -- in 2000 and is currently serving a variety of clients including Siemens Transportation Systems, Argo International Corp. and Allied Sinterings.

David still lives in Cortlandt Manor, NY, with his wife of 16 years, Sharon Stern, and their two children, Danielle, 12, and Alex, 10.

Paul Viau was hired in September 2006 as an associate university registrar at the University of Central Florida (UCF), Orlando. He has been a member of the UCF community for the past nine years, previously working as the assistant director of First Year Advising and Exploration.

Fred E. Nicholson of Port Washington, NY, writes that his wife, Martha K. Nicholson, is pursuing her doctorate in nursing at Case Institute, Cleveland, Ohio.



Alfred University alumni in attendance at the wedding of Jeffrey Povelaites '04 and Gabrielle Gaustad '04 on July 3, 2006, in Canandaigua, NY, included (seated, from left) LaDonna Lanphere '04; Doran Sheftall '04; Laura Mirabito '04; Becca Sorkin '04; Joyleen Gaustad '92; Gabrielle, Jeff; Darren Manter '04; Rob Baynes '04; Nick Trakas '04; and (standing, from left) Linda Neiley '89; Mike Nicholas '04; Drew Hurd '04; Dan Burnett '05; Harlan Brown-Shaklee '04, MS '06; Melodie Schmitt '04, M.S. '05; Matt Gifford '03; Jen Baltrush '02; Brad Coyle '04; Kyle Conklin '04; Matthew McNamara '04; Elizabeth Baynes '05; Phil Monteleone '03, M.S. '05; Stephanie Forsey '04; and Jacob Martin '04.



"She continues at North Shore University Hospital (Manhasset, NY)" where she's been for over 23 years. "Her direct line is 516.562.2924."

**Edward LaScala**, an experienced structured securities professional, has joined Cantor Fitzgerald's Debt Capital Markets new Structured Products Group.

**Katherine (Kate) A. Williams**, a glass artist, was featured in a July 2006 article in the Lubbock (TX) *Avalanche-Journal*. She is married to Ben, a neurologist, and has three children, Hayley, 14; Chase, 11; and Avery, 10.

**Eddie Dominguez's** earthenware sculptures were included in "Ceramics Retrospective: 20 Year Commemorative Exhibition" at the Manchester Craftsmen's Guild, Pittsburgh. He was one of nine artists featured for contributions to the Guild during the past 20 years.

**Nancy Shearer '83** was promoted to dean of Enrollment Services at Alfred State College.

From **Rich Simington**:

"When **Bruce Clark** graduated from Alfred, his first job was to locate a site and oversee a start-up operation in a new location for a company. Some 22-year-olds might have been intimidated. Not Bruce. A couple of years later, another company hired him to do the same with an operation many times the size of the first. No problem. Then Bruce decided he could grow his own company. So he did. And today Belmont Corp./Village Cabinets is twice as big as it was when he bought it. Bruce and his wife, Marianne, continue to live in Avon, CT."

## 1984

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Light sculptor **Christopher Freeman** was featured in an article in the September issue of the *Brick Township Bulletin*. He recently completed a commissioned work – "Flow Fabric/Woven Light" for the Toms River Branch of the Ocean County (NJ) Library and is working on another commissioned piece for the Rutgers Campus Center for the Arts at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.

**Richard Dolan** of Rochester, NY, was featured this past fall on late-night coast-to-coast AM radio and recently on the History Channel, talking about his area of expertise, UFOs.



*From left: Jennifer Corrado '97, Denise (Miller) Farnsworth '98, Ben Farnsworth '00, Randi Jermansen '95, Kari (Jermansen) Martin '97, Elaine (Torkildsen) Jermansen '64, Dan Neuburger '97 all were on hand on Sept. 23, 2006, when Kari married Joseph Martin. See story, page 32.*

AU faculty member **Joseph Scheer**, professor of print media and co-director and founder of the Institute for Electronic Arts in the School of Art & Design at AU, had works in various exhibits this past fall and early winter. They included: "Joseph Scheer's Moths: Flight, Light and Desire," at the University of Arizona Museum of Art; "Night Flyers," at the Gallery One Visual Arts Center, Ellensburg, WA; and "Moths: Beauty and Diversity -- at the Florida Museum of Natural History, Gainesville.

**John P. Walsh** has been appointed president, chief executive officer and a director of Timminco Limited. Timminco, an international company, is a world leader in the production and marketing of alloy magnesium, silicon metal and specialty ferrosilicon, calcium and strontium alloys.

## 1985

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**Marshall Nicholson** writes: "Since leaving Alfred, I received a B.S. and M.S. in engineering from Columbia U, an M.B.A. from U of Virginia and worked in investment banking in New York and Hong Kong for 15 years. Most recently, I joined Bank of China International as managing director, head of Equity Capital Markets, based in Hong Kong. I spend most of my time in mainland China but traveled

extensively throughout Asia the past five years."

**Virginia Scotchie**, a professor of fine art at the University of South Carolina since 1991, has been working on "Floating Spheres of Continuity," a large-scale sculpture to be installed on the grounds of the Taipei County Yingge Ceramics Museum in Taiwan. It is her biggest and most complex piece to date. She curated an exhibition at the Baltimore Clayworks in September 2006. Her work was included in shows at the Dubuque (Iowa) Museum of Art, November; the Clay Studio, Philadelphia, December; and in a solo exhibition at University of Tulsa, January 2007.

**Greg Lesh** writes that he was one of 40 artists who had photographic work included in "NYU/ICP 20 Years In Exhibition" at the New York University International Center of Photography, November-December 2006.

## 1986

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Your Class Correspondent writes: **Lori Hochberg**, founder and director of Village Artist School of Fine Arts, Huntington, NY, was featured as Merchant of the Week in the Sept. 13, 2006 edition of the *Yankee Trader*.

**Susan (Brooks) Talbot** of Auburn, NY, writes that "Zinnia - From The All-



American Selections Garden at Dickman Farms," an oil painting, was featured in a full-page layout in volume 13 of "Direct Art," an annual "bookazine" that includes work by national and international artists. The painting was selected as a result of a national call to entry for the exhibit "Art Biologic" in May 2006, conducted at the Limner Gallery, Phoenicia, NY. The exhibit featured the works of 16 artists from across the country, three from New York State. Direct Art is distributed to galleries in the greater New York City-area as well as Borders Books and Barnes & Noble.

Susan is a fine arts instructor for the Seneca Cayuga ARC and maintains a studio in her home, which she shares with her family. In late spring 2007, she will open a new studio, The Walden Room, at 46 South St., Auburn, and will provide art instruction to ages 7-17.

Work by **Walter McConnell**, AU associate professor of ceramic art, was included in a three-artist exhibition at the Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, last summer.

# 1987 AU REUNION YEAR!

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In summer 2006, **Jim Bush-Resko** wrote: "On Aug. 10, our adoption of Hayden Lian Isobella Bush-Resko will be complete. We travelled to Guangzhou, China, last August to get Hayden. She has adjusted very well to life here in the United States. Lauria, Hayden, and I will be travelling to China again in the late fall to adopt her sister Sofia. You can follow



*Jim '87 and Laura Bush-Resko with daughter Hayden Lian Isobella.*

## Alum's Internet infamy outlives 'American Idol' axe

By Kyle A. Torok '02

He left his "American Idol" ambitions in Seattle, but Dustin Weiderman's three seconds of infamy live on through fellow alumni and the Internet. Alumni were surprised to see the 2001 grad pop up during the Jan. 17, 2007, episode of "Idol," growling out a line of the Pussycat Dolls' "Don't Cha" during the show's signature closing medley of mangled jingles. Afterward, watchers wondered: was it really Weiderman?

"Yes, it was me," he confirmed the next day. "I think this may count more as three seconds of laughter than 15 seconds of fame, but at least it was something."

To read the rest of the story, go to:

[www.alfred.edu/pressreleases/viewrelease.cfm?ID=3778](http://www.alfred.edu/pressreleases/viewrelease.cfm?ID=3778)

the progress of our adoption at our Web site: [www.bush-resko.redthreadkids.org/](http://www.bush-resko.redthreadkids.org/)

**Matthew R. Versaggi** sends news: "We've (Matt and wife Ana) been blessed with ALL Boys and Identical Twins! Nathan and Kaleb, who are now two years old follow their older brother of four years, Lukas. Life is Good, and the boys are great!"



*Matthew Versaggi '87 and his wife Ana have three sons: Lukas, center, and twins Nathan and Kaleb.*

Matt is an entrepreneur of 15 years running his own company, Versaggi Information Systems, Inc., in Illinois, and is also an adjunct professor of eBusiness at DePaul University, having taught there eight years.

Matt is also training for athletic competition (USA Track and Field Master Division) in the Pentathlon event and will hopefully compete in March 2008. "I got the bug to compete again over a year and a half ago and have been training hard ever since. It looks like I'll be able to perform at a competitive level again! That's all of the latest news from Casa D' Versaggi!"

**Paul Fabozzi** had two solo exhibitions running concurrently -- an exhibit of paintings and works on paper at Gallery Siano 309, Arch Street, Philadelphia, Nov.

3-25, 2006, and an installation of sculpture, artist books and large drawings at the Carbon 14 Gallery, 126 North 3rd St., Philadelphia from Nov. 3 through December 2006.

Paul's work was also featured in a recent exhibition at the San Diego Museum of Art as well as in the new book "100 New York Painters" by Cynthia Maris Dantzie.

Sypris Solutions, Inc. appointed **Robert Callahan** as director of Global Supply Chain. He will be located at company headquarters in Louisville, KY. Sypris Solutions is a diversified provider of technology-based outsourced services and specialty products.

**Holly Shulman**, president of Ceralink Inc., Troy, NY, says a \$250,000 deal with the U.S. Department of Energy is the six-person company's biggest in its six-year history. The company's project, also its first federal contract, involves using its radio-frequency wave technology to laminate glass to make bulletproof glass, windshields for planes and vehicles, and other laminated glass products. Ceralink will develop the process and equipment and license the technology to companies in the glass industry as well as to equipment manufacturers.

**Shawn Allan '02** writes that many Alfred alumni are involved in Ceralink. In addition to him, there are **Patricia Strickland '02** and **Morgana Fall '03**. "We spent our early years in Alfred at the Ceramics Corridor, and 'graduated' two years ago when we relocated to Troy. We seem to keep expanding our Alfred connections with our intern students. One of our recent interns is the son of an Alfred ceramic engineering graduate and

another is the son of two former professors at AU.”

**John Reed Minty**, 47, died at his home in New Era, MI, on Feb. 8, 2007. He was the owner and artist-in-residence at The Pottery Shop in Stony Lake. A suggested memorial is Alfred University’s Baccalaureate Scholarship Program.

## 1988

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**Perry Streeter** writes that he and wife Jeanne welcomed Matthew Brian Streeter on Jan. 4, 2007. He joins brothers Thomas and Will at home in Canisteo, NY.

**Dr. Gert Patello** ’88, ’94 has been named Technical Group manager of the Radiochemical Science and Engineering Group and Radiochemical Processing Laboratory at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Richland, WA. She is directly responsible for professional development and performance of approximately 81 technical and administrative staff. The facility she manages supports projects worth in excess of \$50 million.

**Bonnie Onofre M.S., R.N., C.R.N.P.** has joined Guthrie Health System as vice president and chief nursing officer of Guthrie and Robert Packer Hospital. She is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives and Pennsylvania State Nurses Association.

**Michael M. Buchman** has joined Pomerantz, Haudek Block Grossman & Gross LLP, New York.

From **Rich Simington**:

“At first there seems to be little connection between computers and wine. Until you talk to **Mark Harris**. He coupled his experience as the CEO of a winery with his computer experience to create a company electronically linking wineries, suppliers and customers. But that’s his avocation. In the daytime he’s the Web Services manager for a nationally prominent project connecting educational institutions to media learning services operated across the United States by WGTE Public Broadcasting, Toledo, Ohio. Mark continues to live in Sylvania, Ohio.”

## 1989

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**David Poulin** of Jamestown, NY, worked for three weeks last fall as an artist-in-residence at the Chestnut Elementary School, Kane, PA, helping students to create a large, clay (approximately 150 pounds) sculpture for permanent display at the school. He has done similar projects at more than 60 schools in Pennsylvania and New York.

**James Densmore** was hired by Arketi Group, an integrated marketing consultancy based in Atlanta, GA, as art director.

**Erik Williams** married Cathy Richy on Sept. 9, 2006, in New Rochelle, NY. The couple resides in White Plains, NY. Erik is employed by Wallace Foundation.

**William Schultze** and **Jennifer Breeze** ’02 celebrated their marriage on Oct. 7, 2006, at Kanakadea Park, Hornell, NY. Their daughters, Gillian and Susannah, were a delightful part of the ceremony. About 20 AU alumni, from class years spanning the decades, attended the wedding and “Oktoberfest-style” reception afterward, including **Chris Daigler** ’88, saxophone player from the legendary Bill Schultze Band, and his family.



*Jennifer Breeze ’02 and William Schultze ’89 were married on Oct. 7, 2006.*

volleyball. Tanju is married and has a daughter (see photo). He is finance manager at Central Finance and Contracts.

**Eric Bridges** was elected executive director of the North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission, Ridgeway, PA, last fall. He and his wife, Maureen, have three children: Shannon, 11; Megan, 9; and Brendon, 1.

The Booz Allen Hamilton Board of Directors elected **James Neely** as Cleveland (Ohio) area vice president. James specializes in strategic transformation for clients involved in post-merger integrations, divestitures, spin-outs, and restructuring.

Professional saddlemaker **Gordon Andrus** demonstrated his craft last August in the Buffalo Bill Historical Center’s saddle shop in the Buffalo Bill Museum, Cody, WY, as part of the gallery-in-residence program.

## 1990

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*Baby Kilic*

**Tanju Kilic** of Ankara, Turkey, writes that he would like to hear from **Michele Korwin-Edson** ’98, whom he remembers doing experiments for NASA, and **Jennifer McLaughlin** ’98, who played

## 1991

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Your Class Correspondent writes:  
“I want to announce the birth of our (father



Jeffrey Greabell) twin boys. We welcomed Kevin James and Jack Foster Greabell on June 23, 2006. They join their big brother Peter who is 9."

**Mark Vaughn**, a Corning Inc. scientist, received the "Corporate Promotion of Education Award" from the career Communications Group at the February 2007 annual Black Engineer of the Year Awards Conference in Baltimore. Mark was cited for promoting minority educational advancement in science, engineering and technology. He serves Corning as manager of diversity recruiting and technical talent pipelining in the company's Science and Technology Human Resources Group.

**Maureen (Bell) Hyde** writes that she and husband Mark welcomed their third child, Keira Eve, on Dec. 13, 2006. She joins big sister and brother Lilith and James.

**Krystin (Torp) Jorgenson** writes that she and Matthew had a boy, Leif Matthew, on April 12, 2006. Leif joins big sister Freya Rose, 3. The family lives in North Carolina. Krystin is controller at Triangle Community Foundation, Durham.

**Kim Buck** has taken up running marathons over the past few years as a way to support the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society through Team in Training. She is currently training for a special run on June 3, 2007. She intends to compete in the San Diego Rock-n-Roll Marathon in honor of fellow AU alumna and Intercollegiate Horse Show Teammate **Alicia (Fereday) Shiland**, who was diagnosed with Stage II Hodgkins Lymphoma in December 2006. To learn more about Buck's challenge go to: [www.active.com/donate/tntcny/buck](http://www.active.com/donate/tntcny/buck). You can also reach Buck at 2834 Apulia Road, LaFayette, NY 13084; or 315.481.8253; or at [kimbuck@hotmail.com](mailto:kimbuck@hotmail.com).

**Bridgette J. Cassety** is vice president of Veracity Benefit Designs, independent employee and executive benefits expert, with locations in Jamestown and Olean, NY.

**Roberta Grant FNP** was appointed to the Specified Professional Personnel Staff in the Department of Occupational Medicine at St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, NY. She works in Occupation Health Services.

**Jonathan Woolson** has been named assistant director for Web site communications at the State University of New York at Fredonia. Since 2004 he has served local and national clients through his company, "thinkplaydesign." He and his wife, Laura Mitchell-Woolson, live in Fredonia with their two children, Allegra and Francesca.

Alfred University librarian/archivist **Laurie McFadden** will travel to Africa in a Rotary International Group Study Exchange (GSE) program, May 7-June 7, 2007. She is sponsored by the Hornell (NY) Rotary Club.

**1992 AU REUNION YEAR!**

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Your Class Correspondent writes: **Julee Allen** and **Laurence Jones** married in April 2006 at Scott Farm in Brattleboro, VT. Julee attended Alfred University and the School for International Training and is employed by Save the Children. Laurence is a graduate of the University of California in Santa Cruz and is employed by the U.S. Department of State. The couple live in Washington, DC and will relocate to Port-au-Prince, Haiti in 2007.

**Kristen (Johansen) Lindenmayer** writes that she and Joe Lindenmayer welcomed a daughter, Riley Grace, Sept. 16, 2006.

**Mitra Samadani** and Philip Argiros were married in four ceremonies and

two receptions in Iran on June 28 and July 5 and in the United States on Aug. 4 and 5, 2006.

Mitra writes: "We knew within four months that we wanted to marry each other. Due to my mother's illness, my parents had moved their residence back to Iran so we didn't know whether they could travel to the United States for our wedding. We decided to take the wedding to them and were able to get a visa for Phil. This was an absolute dream come true and we were additionally able to celebrate my parents 40th wedding anniversary and Phil's birthday with my family in Iran." The couple resides on Long Island with plans to move to California.

**Dr. Thomas R. Rock**, director of Admissions at Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City, appeared last fall in the 10th season of "The Amazing Race" on CBS. Tom and his partner, Terry Cosentino, made up one of 12 teams who embarked on a four continent, 13-country adventure that took them more than 40,000 miles in less than 30 days (to read more go to:

[www.alfred.edu/pressreleases/viewrelease.cfm?ID=3399](http://www.alfred.edu/pressreleases/viewrelease.cfm?ID=3399)).

Tom is also an adjunct professor in the higher education program on campus. His research interests are in access and equity in the college admission process.

Tom was recently elected president of the National Association of Graduate and Admission Professionals. He is also a three-time New York City Marathon finisher and can be seen weekends training in Central Park.

Works by **Jeaneen Barnhart** are now presented in the Park West Gallery of Michigan art collection. Park West is America's largest art dealer as well as the largest art dealer conducting auctions at sea.

Texas artist **Lisa Orr** presented a collection of her pottery at Hendrix College, Conway, AR, on Jan. 24, 2007. She also was a guest juror for the second annual Juried Student Art Show on campus.



*Riley Grace, daughter of Kristen '92 and Joe Lindenmayer*



*Mitra Samadani '92, center right and Philip Argiros celebrated weddings on two continents.*



Catherine Moody has been named director of professional and workforce education at the University of Pittsburgh (PA) at Bradford.

Peter Anderson was promoted to director of coating development and process at Viracon's Owatonna, MN facility.

Kerry S. Freeland of Dundee, NY, died March 4, 2007 in a car accident along with her husband, Timothy, and 13-year-old son, Russell/"Rusty." Kerry is survived by a 17-year-old daughter, Samantha. She was the manager of Follett Bookstore at Keuka College, Penn Yan, NY. She enjoyed reading, cross-stitch, and was an avid and obsessive collector of koala bears. Contributions may be made to a scholarship fund for Samantha, c/o Five Star Bank, 32 Main St., Dundee, NY 14837, or to a memorial scholarship fund in memory of Rusty, c/o Dundee Dollars for Scholars, P.O. Box 204, Dundee, NY 14837.

From Rich Simington:

"Most of us can remember a teacher who influenced our lives. Francesco Milana had two -- one in his native Sicily, and one in the United States. So it's not too surprising that after several years into a successful electrical engineering career, when he had an opportunity, Frank decided to become a public school teacher. Frank and his wife, Janel, continue to live in Oneida, NY."

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Nick Basta, an actor based in New York City, appeared on "Law & Order -Special Victims Unit" on Feb. 27, 2007, on NBC. This was his sixth appearance on a Law & Order program in three years. Basta would like to hear from classmates and friends. You can reach him at [Nickybski@nyc.rr.com](mailto:Nickybski@nyc.rr.com)

LaVerne Cody Gittens presented sculpture in "Summer Light III" at the Westbeth Gallery, New York City, last summer.

Anthony W. DiGaudio was appointed vice president of marketing for Park Electrochemical Corp. in addition to his position as vice president of sales.

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Fred Johnston, the "Johnston" of Johnston & Gentithes Art Pottery, Seagrove, NC, was the Chairman's Choice potter for the 2006 Pottery Plus Auction, the annual FirstHealth Hospice Foundation fundraiser in Southern Pines, NC.

## 1995

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Sandra Smithson Murchison, associate professor of art at Millsaps College, Jackson, MS, curated and designed a traveling printmaking exhibit which is also a portfolio exchange. "Red Herring 2007," which opened in New York City on Jan. 19 at The Center for Book Arts, features the work of 20 artists, including Murchison and Laura Berman.

The show was also featured at The Lewis Gallery at Millsaps College; the Southern Graphics Council Conference at the Kansas City Art Institute (KCAI) - "Points, Plots and Ploys" -- March 21-25; and the Southwest School of Art & Craft. Laura is an assistant professor and head of printmaking at KCAI and the conference director. Sandra is also one of the coordinators for this conference.

Sandra was also to have a solo exhibition of recent work at the Rockhurst University Greenleaf Art Gallery.

Montana Artists Refuge artist-in-residence Zachary Keeting, painter, photographer and filmmaker, displayed his work during a benefit for the Refuge's scholarship fund in November.

Kurt Gohde, associate professor at Transylvania University, spent a yearlong sabbatical last academic year visiting roadside attractions created by people some would call visionary and others would call crazy. He returned to campus last fall and created works for "Murmuration of the Filth," a solo exhibit.

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Your Class Correspondent heard from Bill Ernst: "My wife Ann and I welcomed a healthy and very happy baby boy, Liam, on



Liam Ernst, son of Bill '96 and Ann Ernst

Aug. 21, 2006. Mom, Dad and baby are all doing well." Seth Balliett, Long Beach, CA, writes: "After many years of hard work, piles of torn paper, and the occasional paper cut, all in the pursuit of my artistic passion, I'm proud to announce the launch of PAPERTOCANVAS.com, a site dedicated to the unique textural portraits I've created. Please take a look and if you have any questions, or just want to say hello, feel free to drop me a line."

Peter Bergmann became president of Sisters of Charity Hospital, Buffalo, NY, on Sept. 5, 2006. A certified health care executive, he will relocate with his wife and three children.

Alison Safford, a sculptor, was one of two artists presenting "Purpose Considered" at the Grimshaw-Gudewicz Gallery at Bristol Community College, Fall River, MA, in February 2007.

William Bergman, sculpture technician at the College of St. Rose, Albany, NY, displayed a collection of his kinetic sculpture work last fall at McDaniel College's (Westminster, MD) Rice Gallery in "Ten Years of Balance: The Sculpture of William R. Bergman."

Laura Vincent of Pittsburgh, PA, was one of four featured artists demonstrating skills at the Ellwood City Arts Festival, New Castle, PA, last July. She was joined by her husband and fellow ceramist Michael Vincent.

Glass artist Jean-Pierre Canlis was featured in a July 10, 2006 article in the *Madison Park Times*, Seattle, WA.

Sandra Lance, a potter, has opened a retail outlet and working studio -- Sandra Lance Pottery -- in the Field Farm complex of stores, junction of Rtes. 7 and 125, East Middlebury, VT, featuring the work of other potters as well as her own. Visit Sandra's Web site at: [www.sandralance.com](http://www.sandralance.com)

Michelle (LoGerfo) Cryan writes that she wrote and illustrated a book that was published in January 2007 by Gallaudet University Press. It is a sign language lift-the-flap book for toddlers.

Rachel Crafts married Chris Comstock at Buttonwood Grove Winery, Romulus, NY, May 20, 2006. A number of AU alums attended. The couple resides in Orlando, FL.

Jay Eich and his wife, Lindsey, welcomed a baby girl, Sophie, on Feb. 28, 2006. Jay is

a director at Pricewaterhouse Coopers and Lindsey is a banker with Bank of America.

**Christina Mottoliese-Haubeil** of Wantagh,



*John Paul Mottoliese-Haubeil*

NY, writes that she and her husband, Steven Hayubeil, welcomed their first child, John Paul, on Aug. 10, 2006. She also reports that she is head of the

Marketing Research Department at The Greenberg Group. "We assist clients such as Lacoste, Puma, French Connection, Mikasa, Oneida, Kiess Furniture, just to name a few companies, open up stores throughout the United States and Canada."

## 1997 AU REUNION YEAR!

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Your Class Correspondent has news! **Kari Jermansen** married **Joseph Martin** on Sept. 23, 2006, in Monmouth Beach, NJ. The ceremony was held at The Channel Club, on a dock alongside the Shrewsbury River. Many AU alums celebrated together at the reception, including **Elaine (Torkildsen) Jermansen '64** (mother of the bride), **Randi Jermansen '95** (maid of honor), **Jennifer Corrado** (bridesmaid), **Dan Neuberger**, **Denise (Miller) Farnsworth '98** (bridesmaid), and **Ben Farnsworth '00**. Kari and Joe honeymooned for two beautiful weeks in Kauai, Hawaii. The couple is settling into their home in the Port Monmouth section of Middletown Township, NJ.

After graduating from AU, Kari received a master of science degree from the SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry. For six years, Kari worked as the outreach director for Clean Ocean Action, a nonprofit environmental organization in Sandy Hook, NJ. In January 2007, Kari was promoted to policy communications director.

Joe graduated from Kean College with a bachelor's degree in fine arts and is an associate and environmental project manager with Birdsall Engineering, Inc., Eatontown, NJ.

Kari also reports: "**Domenick Freda** and his wife **Cristina** welcomed their first

child, **Alessandra Maria Freda**, on Aug. 26, 2006. Alessandra weighed 8 lbs., 4 oz.

"**Domenick** is working in the financial services industry in Boston. He and **Cristina** just bought a house in the central Massachusetts suburbs, outside Worcester. According to **Domenick**, 'I finally found my way back to writing for a living, although these days it's the "less creative" world of requirements documents and project management.' **Domenick** says he and **Cristina** are busy changing diapers and singing with their beautiful little girl."

**Gretchen Lee (Richards) Carletta** writes: "We moved from the city of Rochester, NY, to a three-acre country parcel in Hamlin, NY, this past summer. I recently launched a new Web site to market my photography: <http://www.pqrphoto.com>. I had the pleasure of reuniting with many Alfred faces when I photographed an alumni wedding in November!" She also updates her family information: **Paige Cyan Carletta**, born March 17, 2003; **Quinn Cerulean Carletta**, born Oct. 28, 2004; **Carletta baby #3** due April 9, 2007.

"**Natural World**," showcasing nature-inspired works of four Alfred University alumni artists from Seagrove, NC -- **Bulldog Pottery's Bruce Gholson '97** and **Samantha Henneke '95**, along with **Johnston and Gentithes Art Pottery's Fred Johnston '93**, and **Carol Gentithes '93** opened Jan. 25, 2007, and runs through May 13, at the Gregg Museum of Art & Design, Talley Student Center, on the North Carolina State Campus. Together they are displaying over 140 ceramic pieces. Show information can be found at: [www.bulldogpottery.com](http://www.bulldogpottery.com).

**Bruce** and **Samantha** also exhibited their ceramics in the Nature Art Gallery at the Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh, NC, during October and November 2006.

In Flight Radio, the Brooklyn-based quartet, marked the release of its first CD with a special show at the Mercury Lounge, Manhattan, on Sept. 18, 2006. Half of the quartet, singer-songwriter **Peira Moinester** and bassist **Devin Krug**, have been making music together since their days at Alfred University. In Flight Radio's signature sound can be found on "Come

Back and Stay," one of two singles featured on XM Satellite Radio's "The Futures" program. College radio stations have also begun putting them into heavy rotation.

**Sue Tirrell**, who lives near Pray, MT, opened her exhibit "New Year" at the Red Lodge Clay Center, Red Lodge, MT, with a reception. The show ran through Feb. 23, 2007.

Sculptor **Zoe Strecker** presented "Veil Ops," Feb. 9-March 3, 2007, at the University of Kentucky Tuska Center for Contemporary Art.

**Christian Weigandt** is the new cross country and indoor/outdoor track and field coach at State University of New York at Oswego.

**Bradley Walters** had a one-artist show at Anderson Ranch's Patton-Malott Galleries, Snowmass Village, CO, last fall. Bradley is a staff member and working artist at Anderson.

**Patricia Serraro** was featured in an article -- "Handcrafted For Your Home Custom Ceramic Artist Makes One-Of-A-Kind Tiles and Much More" -- in the *Day's Marketplace* section, July 16, 2006.

## 1998

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Your Class Correspondent sends along: "**Erik Lars Myers** reports: 'It's been a while -- big news of the past year or so is



*Lauren Borchard '98 at Sanjyusangendo, a Kyoto, Japan temple devoted to the Buddhist deity Kannon. Lauren traveled to Japan with friends during the New Year holiday season. See story, page 33.*

that I got married on Oct. 8, 2005, to a lovely redhead named Sarah Hyde Ficke. I've included a picture from our wedding - we had a pretty good set of Alfredians.

'We're currently in Chapel Hill, NC, while Sarah's working on her Ph.D. in literature at UNC. I've been working at the University myself, as a programmer and database manager for an arthritis research project in rural North Carolina.

I've been spending a fair amount of free time as a staff member on an Internet media magazine, [intrepidmedia.com](http://intrepidmedia.com) (we're about to put out a book of short stories!) and keeping up a little Web site from my house that happens to house a fair amount of Alfred alumni -- [peoplesregime.com](http://peoplesregime.com).

Finally, I'm working on perfecting my latest (5+ years old) hobby of making my own beer by writing a business plan -- the plan is that wherever Sarah and I land once her Ph.D. is finished, I'm starting a brewery -- and the more people I tell, the more likely I am to follow through on it, so keep your eyes open for it.'

'Friend and Omicron sister, **Jennifer (Golus) Goehle** and her husband Mike just welcomed their second baby girl! Her name is Jillian Willene Goehle and she was born on January 15, 2007. Check out their site for all the cute photos! <http://mysite.verizon.net/mgoehle/>

'**Virginia Livermore-Johnson's** little girl, Emily, will be 2 on Feb. 15. She will also be making the trip to Williamsville to attend the Second Annual AKO Luncheon!

'And breaking news from **Paige (Junker) Ormiston** in Sicily ... 'Well, it looks like we're moving to Everett, WA, this fall for me to be the discipline officer on USS Abraham Lincoln. I don't have written orders yet, but it's pretty close to set in stone.

'We're going to Prague this weekend and Paris/Normandy the first full week of March. We had a great time in Heidelberg in December and hit Ansbach, Wurtzburg, and Nuremburg while we were there this time. Yes, that's four different Christmas markets. I had a ball! We ate and drank our way (using Dr. Strong's suggestions) through Florence at Thanksgiving. Other than that, my sister is coming here before law school graduation and we'll travel and watch "Grey's Anatomy." Season 3 finally premiered here ... ahh the pleasures of home.'

'**Lauren Borchard** writes: "Traveled to Japan with friends over the New Year holiday (Welcome to the Year of the Golden Pig!) The trip was about 10 days and we had a blast -- visited Kyoto, Hiroshima, Miyajima, Nara, Tokyo, and



*A number of fellow AU alumni were on hand to celebrate the wedding of Rachel Crafts '96 to Chris Comstock on May 20, 2006. Joining the bride (center front) were Nyseem Thomas '96 and Erica (Battit) Fullerton '96, and (back row, from left) Andrew Keck '97, John Mitchell '95, Katie Walsh '95, Andrew Crafts '03, Denise (LaForce) Keck '97, Shawn Smith '96, and Sheila McLeod '96. See story, page 31.*

Iwakuni, and saw temples and shrines just about everywhere. Our six words of Japanese were enough to get by and we found the country fascinating and the people lovely. I'm on a search for kitsune noodles in Washington; no success yet but I've found lots of other great Japanese food and have finally made my own sticky rice.'

'**Amber Williams Herron** (we were next-door neighbors freshman year!) and her husband Tom have recently bought a beautiful old house and are restoring it! They also adopted two black kittens, Lucy and Isabelle, and have had house guests including **Jessi Gottlieb**, **Kate Bond** and her husband Mike Ward, and me and my husband Sean.

'And your correspondent has been trying to be less busy. We now have an English Bulldog. Her name is Izzy-Bell and she became a member of the family in September as an early anniversary gift. She has quickly adapted to life in our house, though the cats have not yet adopted her? Otherwise, life is pretty the same. We went to Antigua over New Year's and spend as many weekends as possible in our lake house in Dingmans Ferry, PA.'

**Christa (Latacz) Jones** checks in with the following: "I am currently living in the suburbs of Columbus, Ohio. I was married on May 27, 2006, to Adrian Jones and we are expecting our first child in spring 2007. We recently bought our first house so I'm spending a lot of time unpacking and decorating right now. I am self-employed as a sign language interpreter, which is a big departure from the business degree I got from Alfred. I went back to school a few years ago and

got my degree in sign language and have been interpreting ever since and I love every minute of it. I would love to hear from any Alfred alums, especially ones now living in Columbus."

'**"Singing CPA" Steven Zelin** was featured in CFO magazine. Also featured in the article is the photography and cover design work of fellow Alfred alum **Dan Neuberger '97**. CFO, a media vehicle for senior financial and business executives, noticed Steven's work first on the Web, where his humorous takes on New York life piqued the interest of the editor. To read the article, go to: [www.cfo.com/article.cfm/8581936/c\\_8613584?f=magazine\\_alsoinside](http://www.cfo.com/article.cfm/8581936/c_8613584?f=magazine_alsoinside) Samples of Steven's music are available on his Web site, [www.theSingingCPA.com](http://www.theSingingCPA.com).

Steven also performed two Halloween events in New York City, with assistance from **Matthew Washington '04**, deputy director of Friends of Hudson River Park. In addition, he did a New Year's concert for kids and families at the Lincoln Triangle Barnes & Noble Booksellers at 66th & Broadway.

**Christopher Kurtz** of Accord, NY, and **Arnold Zimmerman '79** of Poughkeepsie, NY, received the prestigious Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation Award for 2005 (see more on page 25).

**Jeremy Entwistle**, a West Virginia University art student who will graduate in May with a master's degree in fine arts, exhibited work in the university's Creative Arts Center's Mesaros Galleries in March 2007. "Bridgewalkers" featured his latest work, including his exploration of wood sculpture, concrete casting and structural steel fabrication.



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Class Correspondent Andrew Alesso received the following: "In 2003, Katilyn Ormsby got married to Mike Prutsman. They were married in my parent's backyard in Alfred Station NY, catered by the Barbecue Bandits. Many AU grads attended, many of the now defunct Klan Alpine fraternity. They are currently living in South Glens Falls NY, Mike's hometown. They bought their first home last year. Katilyn is working for the AIDS Council of Northeastern New York as a case manager. Mike is working at Adirondack Community College as the director of the Office for Advisement and Student Instructional Support. Mike, Violet, and Katilin visit Alfred (family) frequently and love to see all the improvements to the town and the school!"

Class Correspondent Mike Christakis received this item from Shane Nickerson: "On Feb. 8, 2007, Samantha and I welcomed our first child, Hazell Heary Nickerson, to our family. She arrived less than a week before my 30th birthday ... and I couldn't imagine a more precious gift. We'll be showing her off to a few other AU alums whom we're meeting in Myrtle Beach for a weekend this April. We have lived in Orlando since the summer of 2004 (the winters are great). Sam left PwC last spring to work for the Dr. Phillips charities and I continue to work for Hewitt Associates."

Mike also heard from Sarah (Schuldt) Bellina: Danny '00 and I welcomed our second child, a girl, on May 23, 2006. We named her Lila Grace. We love having a boy and a girl and big brother Logan loves his baby sister!"

Rebecca Hellinger writes: "I moved from Aberdeen, NC, to Southern Pines, NC, in early June 2006. Closer to work at the hospital, and of course, my friends! Chris and Ally Markotich had baby Josh in March (2006) so we're spending time together in the sunny south. June marked my first year in North Carolina and also a birthday, so Russ Patterson and his wife Thy invited us to take in the Charleston,

SC, charm. That was my first whirlwind trip down there but expect more in the near future. Always nice to pick back up where you left off with fellow AU friends."

Jessie Ricchetti reports: "I have some exciting news. Chadd and I gave birth to a beautiful baby girl on Dec. 29, 2006. Her



Leah Katherine LaMay, daughter of Jessie (Ricchetti) '99 and Chadd LaMay

name is Leah Katherine LaMay. She was 6 lbs. 12 oz. I hope all is well with you! I couldn't be any happier these days. I am the director of marketing for Country LifeVitamins here in Long Island, and I love it."

Jeremy R. Pierce has joined the San Diego offices of Knobbe MartensOlson & Bear as an associate.

Joseph Moore earned a master's degree in business administration last spring from Clark University. He was a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, the national honor society for students of management, while attending Clark.

Alleghany Meadows and Sam Harvey '01 own Harvey/Meadows Gallery, Aspen, CO. The gallery features contemporary ceramic art, prints and works on paper.

Michael H. Butler married Julie B. Agne on April 29, 2006. Michael is a new product analyst at Advance/Newhouse Communications, Syracuse, NY. His wife is a research analyst at KS&R.

Kendall Getek married Francisco Lauri of Rome, Italy, on Aug. 26, 2006. They reside in S. Norwalk, CT.

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Class Correspondent Katie Franklin heard from Morgan Weinrich: "After graduating from the art school and moving back to

Maryland, I had my first solo show in Frederick, MD, in the summer of 2004, while working as admissions assistant at the Corcoran College of Art & Design, Washington, DC. One of my printmaking pieces was also featured in a group show at the District Fine Arts Gallery in DC, and is now in the permanent collection of the Corcoran.

"In February of '05, I made the big leap to the Bluegrass state, moving with my faithful feline Argyle to Louisville, KY, and to a job as a design consultant for an interior design firm. Along the way I met Jason Warf, with whom I have fallen head over heels and am now cohabitating with, along with a new kitten-addition, Oberon. My artwork was chosen for a show of local artists' work in August at the Craig Kaviar Gallery and Forge in Louisville, and a solo show in November at the River Bend Winery in downtown Louisville. I was also asked to return to the Kaviar Gallery for an upcoming show." Contact Morgan at morgan.weinrich@gmail.com or find her on MySpace.

Class Correspondent Jasmine Lellock heard from Leanne Schinella: "Jeff '00 and I are back in Arizona living in Sun City. We had our third baby girl April 29, 2006. Isabel, 3 1/2, Cecelia, 2, and Olivia are growing like weeds. Jeff is currently working for Christ's Church of the Valley in Peoria as the senior Web designer. He loves this job. I am currently home and loving that. We are excited to be back in the sun and have warmer winters again."

She also received a note from Beth Merrill: "I got a new job at a marketing firm in Albany (NY), Media Logic. And my boss is an Alfred grad who graduated with a couple of my design teachers from Alfred."

Also, Jessica (Dunbar) Creter reports: "Mike is nearing the end of his first year as a Hartford police officer. He currently works the midnight shift and we have learned to adjust the rest of our lives to fit around Mike's work schedule. It is sometimes difficult, but worth it because he loves his job and is very happy. You should hear the stories he has to tell now! Also, we are expecting our second child -- due this summer, just after Matt turns two!"

Michelle R. Foster of Orlando, FL, writes that she is the East Campus assistant provost at Valencia Community College. Happy in Orlando, Michelle and her husband, Richard, are the proud parents of Alexandra, 13; Morgan, 10; and Zachary, 7. You can e-mail Michelle at: mrfoster@valenciac.edu

As part of its commitment to

community service, Clifford Chance's New York employees volunteered at the Food Bank for New York City on Sept. 30, 2006. One of those employees was **Vanessa Krauser**, who along with friends, repackaged 5,560 pounds of donated food -- the equivalent of 4,277 meals.

**Julie York** presented "Eight Small Ceramic Works," an exhibit of conceptual ceramics, at SOFA Chicago in November 2006.

**Tyler Lotz**, assistant professor of ceramics and 3-D fundamentals at Illinois State University, presented "Concatenations" this winter at the Armstrong Gallery, McLean County Arts Center, Bloomington, IL. Tyler also had a photo of his work in the August-September 2006 edition of *American Craft* magazine.

**Angus Powers**, visiting assistant professor of glass in the NYS College of Ceramics, had work on display in a three-artist show -- "Penumbra" -- last fall at the Sordoni Art Gallery, Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, PA.

**Brian Boorman**, a principal engineer with Harris Corp.'s RF Communications Division, Rochester, NY, wrote an article last fall for *EDN Magazine*, Highlands Ranch, CO.

## 2001

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Class Correspondent **Kizzy Parks** writes: "Hello Everyone. I am in the midst of completing a Ph.D. in industrial/organizational psychology at Florida Tech. As a reward for all of my hard work, I am heading to Trinidad in a couple of days for Carnival."

**Allison Lipani** wrote last summer: "It has been another great year in Alfred, NY. I have been here for so many years now that I think I could be considered a local. Yikes! I have been spending most of my summer attending/participating in weddings. Thank goodness I have



*Amy Ratchuk '02 was married to Christopher Shanahan on Friday July 7, 2006 in Buffalo New York. Many AU alums were in attendance.*

summers off as a teacher. By the time I go back to work I will have attended seven weddings in just a little over two months ... most of which were Alfred alumni weddings. On a slightly similar note ...

**John Feenaughty '06** and I (B.F.A. '01 and M.S.ed '06) got engaged on July 18, 2006, while we were vacationing in San Francisco. We are planning on getting married sometime in the next year and a half and would like to have a huge bash with all of our Alfred friends. E-mail me for details at [allilipani@hotmail.com](mailto:allilipani@hotmail.com). I would love to have all of you there with us!"

**Kimberly Gray '02** and **Craig Hare '01** were married on July 1, 2006, at the Granite Rose, Hampstead, NH. Alfred alums in the bridal party included **Anne Ebert '02**, **Diana Moller '02**, **John Thurber '01**, **Jon Pierce '01** and **Chris Ungaro '01**. Also attending were **Brandon Chamberlin '02**, **Gregg Bell**, **Luke Sturdevant '05**, **Laura (Hilfiker) Gubitosi '02**, **Allica Culbertson '02**, **Elizabeth Birtch '02**, and **Mary (Ball) Flannigan '02**. The couple honeymooned in Play del Carmen, Mexico. Kim and Craig reside in Merrimack, NH. Kim is employed as a staffing manager for Career Connections, Nashua, NH. Craig is employed as a manufacturing engineer for Ultrasource, Hollis, NH.

**Amelia Wexler** writes: "A healthy 6 lb. 6 oz. baby boy was born to **Josh Wexler '00** and **Amy (Laurence) Wexler** on Oct. 9, 2006. His name is **Stokley Eugene Wexler**. Josh, Amy, and Stokley currently reside in Providence, RI.

Also, on Nov. 16, 2006, **NeoLux Neon**, Pawtucket, RI, celebrated five years in

business. **NeoLux** is a neon manufacturing and design company owned and operated by Josh. An open house marking the occasion featured neon chandeliers that Josh collaborated on with glassblower **Dave Naito '03**.

**Nicholas Burt** of York, PA, writes that he will marry **Amanda Kreeger**, also of York, on April 20, 2007. Nick is a supply chain analyst with Harley-Davidson Motor Co. and Amanda is a supports coordinator with Cumberland/Perry County.

## 2002 REUNION YEAR!

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Class Correspondent **Judy Tsang** received this news from **Melissa Debolt**: "I am recently engaged to Dr. Gabor Virag. Our wedding date is in September 2007 at Esperanza Mansion on Keuka Lake. A second ceremony is scheduled for April 2008 in the Baroque Cathedral of Szekesfehervar, Hungary.

"Since graduating I have been employed as the administrator of the Ph.D. program of the Simon School of Business at the University of Rochester (NY). I have been taking M.B.A. classes part-time, taught ballet, taken up gardening, bought and restored a beautiful Victorian home, become an avid skier, and done much traveling in the United States and Europe for both business and pleasure.

"Alfred U provided me with a great education of lifelong value as well as a venue to formulate my identity in a very safe and nurturing environment. I would recommend the experience to anyone in possession of a positive and constructive nature. My sincerest thanks to all!"

She also heard from **Sophie Gublo '03** that she and **Shawn Henry** are engaged. The couple is planning an October 2007 wedding. Shawn is a programmer/analyst at Ensco, Inc., Endicott, NY. Sophie is a graduate student at Elmira College and is employed as a procurement specialist at Apex Pinnacle, Port Crane, NY. They reside in Johnson City, NY."

Also from Judy: "**Jennifer Baltrush** and **Matthew Gifford '03** are engaged! The Albany couple are to wed in October 2008."

**Kendra Stratton** writes that she is engaged to Brad Albertson and will be married on Oct. 6, 2007, in Burlington, VT.

**Danielle M. Evans** writes: "I am excited to be graduating from Rutgers School of Law-Newark (NJ) in May 2007 and plan to return to the Pacific Northwest. Law school seems to have absorbed all of my time. I would love to hear from AU friends with whom I've lost touch ." You

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**Elissa Armstrong** presented "Objects of Innocence and Experience" last fall at the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City, MO.

**Robert Strickland '02** married **Rachelle DiMatteo '04** on June 10, 2006, in Niagara Falls, NY. Rachelle sent the following: "Rob and Rachelle met at Alfred over three years ago while in graduate school. Many Alfred alumni friends attended their wedding including groomsmen **Andrew Reeve**, **RJ Dawson**, **Joseph DiDomenico**, **Will Smith** and **Brian Strait**. Rob and Rachelle Strickland currently reside in Rockledge, FL. Rob works as a structural engineer for Northrop Grumman Integrated Systems Corp. and Rachelle is a school psychologist for the Brevard County Public School District."

**Nicole Smolinski** writes that she is engaged to Brian Rick of San Diego State University.

## 2003

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**Class Correspondent Sebastian White** reports:

"**Jess Raad** is living in New York and working for Comedy Central MTVN as a sales coordinator in advertising.

"**Lindsay Olson** was recently promoted to senior auditor at Bonadio & Co., LLP, a public accounting firm in Rochester, NY, and recently passed the CPA exam.

"**Gretchen Schwerzler** and **Tom Whitcomb** are happily settled in Southbridge, MA, outside Boston. The pair recently hosted a get-together for 20 Alfred grads in the New England area! Gretchen reports that after living in Indiana for a while, 'It's so nice to be back where all our friends are again!'

"**Rachel Bullard** now lives in Los Angeles where she is vice principal at Aviva, a non-public high school for girls with special needs. (She was a Miss New York candidate from East Flatbush.)

"**Deirdre (Dowd) Spisak** will graduate from AU in May with her master's in school psychology and will be moving to Lancaster, PA, with her husband, **Jason Spisak '00**. Jason has been working at ART Research Enterprise in Lancaster and he and ART were recently on the Travel channel show 'Made in America.'

"**Al Fuller** recently earned her M.F.A. from Savannah College of Art and Design where she was nominated for the top prize in photography. She is currently teaching photography at Alabama A&M University. Some of her work can be seen at [carafuller.com](http://carafuller.com). She sees **Zack Wickham '04** all the time. He lives in Birmingham, AL, and works for Bear Creek Glass. He also has a Web site at [zacharywickham.com](http://zacharywickham.com). Al also hears from **Noah Morgan '04** often. He lives in NYC and works for a company called Rocks Off doing rock music legwork (promotions for shows, etc.).

"**Wes Sweetser** is working as a production glass blower in Texas and **Dean Thornton** spent part of last year working at an organic farm in Maine.

"**Terry Conrad** and **Rachel Zeigler-Sheridan** moved to Albany, NY, recently, where Rachel is attending grad school.

"I recently spent a long weekend with **Julie Babulski** in Vancouver. She is in grad school at the University of Rochester, and I'm still at JetBlue and living in Manhattan."

**Bradley Sussman** graduated with honors



*Robert Strickland '02 and Rachelle DiMatteo '04 were joined by many AU alums at their wedding in June 2006.*



in May 2006 from the Jacob J. Fuchsberg Law Center (Touro Law School), New York City, earning the juris doctor degree. He began work in September as an assistant district attorney in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office. On Nov. 14, 2006, he learned he had passed the bar exam.

**Sheree N. Johnson '03, '04** writes that she is an account executive for cho Highwater Group, a public relations firm in New York City. Her clients are Vivendi Universal/Sierra Entertainment, Verizon, Her Interactive and iHome. Sheree also reports that she moved into an apartment with **Jamir Scarbrough '04**. "We had a house warming on Nov. 4 (2006)."

**Lauren (Torok) Murray** married Jason Murray on July 29, 2006, in Immaculate Conception Church, Wellsville, NY. The reception followed in the Knight Club, AU campus. The couple honeymooned in Puerto Morelos, Mexico. Lauren teaches biology at Minisink Valley High School, Slate Hill, NY. Jason is a corrections officer with the Orange County Sheriff's Office, where he also is a member of the Emergency Services Unit. They've recently purchased a home and now reside in Walden, NY.

**Melissa Ball** wrote that she married Dr. Aaron Shupp in her hometown of Phoenix, NY, on July 1, 2006. She included an update on her life since AU. "I attended Nazareth College (Rochester, NY) for my M.S. in computer technology. (She anticipated graduating in December 2006.) I have also worked as an art teacher at Phoenix, Oppenheim-Ephratah, and now at Veronon, Verona, and Sherrill central school districts." The couple resides in New Hartford, NY.

**Charlotte Potter** presented "Conversations in Glass," works in glass, wood and straw, this past winter at the Koshu Wine Bar, Jackson, WY. Also, she was featured March 2, 2007 in the Jackson Street Gallery's "First Fridays" series.

**Kelly Kingston** is a visual arts instructor at Bridgewater Village School and Sherburn Elementary School, Vermont. She was featured in an article in the Vermont Standard newspaper.

**John Dunphy** is managing editor of *The Lawrence (NJ) Ledger*.



*Jason Murray and Lauren (Torok) Murray '03*

## 2004

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**Ryan Spruck** is administrator of lighting and sound and director of performances at Elmira, College, Elmira, NY.

**Nick Coleman** is full-time junior varsity football coach at AU.

**Ronald Lambert** is a visiting assistant professor in the School of Art & Design at AU. He is represented by the Catherine Person Gallery, Seattle, WA.

Throughout the month of November 2006, visitors to the Newburgh, NY City Hall enjoyed a rare perspective on ordinary people and events through the eyes of **Rachel Weidkam**. A professional artist, Rachel is a certified teacher in New York State and is a substitute teacher in Newburgh Enlarged City School District. She is represented by the Residue Gallery, Jersey City, NJ.

**Kevin Kline** was one of eight artists who are first-year M.F.A. students in the Department of Visual Studies, University at Buffalo, having works in an exhibition in March 2007 in the UB Art Gallery, Center for the Arts.

**Rachel Olin** writes that she became engaged on Valentine's Day to Ken Levy. Ken, born in Seaford, Long Island, graduated from Wagner College in 1990. He has a master's degree in elementary education and teaches secular and Hebrew school. Rachel is pursuing a career in Web design and for the past few years has dedicated herself to helping a local non-profit Jewish organization, where she channels some of her artistic talent, overall creativity, knowledge from her B.A. in general studies from Alfred and her Jewish upbringing to raise money for the needy. The two live in Miami and plan to wed in December.

## 2005

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Class Correspondent **Tim Inthirakoth** was profiled in the Sept. 2, 2006 edition of Bay Windows Online, Boston, MA. He writes: "I left my post as public relations account coordinator with a Boston events management and PR firm in August 2006 to strike it out on my own. As an independent PR and marketing consultant, I work with clients in the consumer, technology, financial services, marketing and non-profit sectors. In December, I secured a feature for one of my clients on 'The Today Show' in a special segment with Meredith Vieira, Matt Lauer, Ann Curry and Al Roker! I'll remember that one for a long time."

"I recently moved into the beautiful South End neighborhood of Boston with my partner Frank Addonizio, who owns a franchise of Ameriprise Financial Services, and our 11-year-old black lab Sebastian! I keep in touch with my Alfred family as often as possible and here's what some of my fellow alumni are up to ..."

"**Pam Cooper** is currently in her last semester at Marywood University, Scranton, PA. She will be graduating in late August with her M.S.W., as well as a certification in art therapy. After graduating, Pam will be moving back home (Rochester, NY) to search for a job."

"**Bradford Boyd** has been selected from an internal competition for the Roger Williams University Law Admiralty Moot Court team

and was to argue in front of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco in March. He has taken a summer position with a London law firm handling offshore oil platform claims as well as overseeing shipbuilding contracts and international insurance claims.

“Erin Donovan writes: ‘I married in March 2006 and moved to the United Kingdom in May 2006. I work in the international development sector at Enterplan Ltd. I’m part of the Outsourced Facilities team and am responsible for the Madhya Pradesh Rural Livelihoods Programme (<http://mprlp.nic.in/>). My husband and I have three “kids”: our lop-eared bunny Albert and two Russian hamsters, Axel and Henry.’

“Mary Karen Mrowka writes: ‘I just moved to San Francisco with Marie and I’m working as a kindergarten teacher out here.’

“Daniel Occena is currently in his second year of law school. And he is still very active in the Black Law Students Association and Student Bar Association. Also, Daniel is the leading prosecutor on his Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Team.

“Bryndis Adalsteinsson is currently working in the Visual Merchandising Department of Babies ‘R’ Us at the Toys ‘R’ Us, Inc. corporate headquarters in Wayne, NJ. She will be getting married to Brian Davis (Alfred State College ’06) in May 2007 in her hometown of Chadds Ford, PA.

“Valerie Kraft reports: ‘I am currently a second-year associate auditor with KPMG LLP in Rochester, NY. The majority of my clients are in the manufacturing segment and

I travel to the Napa Valley region of California as well as Chicago. I passed all four parts of the CPA exam and will receive my CPA license in September. I am dating Brian Goodberlet, he’s also an accountant, and we live in Rochester.’

“Brandon R. Thurner is currently working as a research analyst at Pace Global Energy Services in its Clean Energy & Environmental Services practice. He is living and working out of Fairfax, VA, just outside of the Washington, DC Beltway.

“Crystal Myers graduated from AU in 2005 with dual bachelor’s degrees in psychology and early childhood education. She gained acceptance into AU’s graduate literacy program and earned her master’s degree in education in 2006. While working on her master’s, Crystal had an assistantship with AU’s Residence Life Office as the resident director of Barresi Hall and its 75 first-year students.

“Crystal currently is living in Rochester, NY, and is working for Monroe Community College. She is the resident director of Tribune Hall, a 137-bed, suite-style hall. She is also the program coordinator for all 400 students living on campus. She would love to get in touch with other



Margaret Honti '03 married Brian Quinn on Aug. 19, 2006. In attendance were many AU alumni. Pictured are bottom row (from left) Tracy Young '03, Kevin Rowland '01, Penny (Schader) Dunn '00, Julie (Miller) Ramon '02, Theresa Haass '03; second row, (from left) Kurt Kochev '99, Jennifer (Stiglemeier) King '02, Brian Quinn, Margaret (Honti) Quinn, Theresa Honti '06, Jessica Crast '03; third row (from left) Danielle (Johnson) Kutch '03, Jennifer (Guard) Morse '03, Kerry Gerrity '04; and back row (from left) Corey Dunn '00, Kendra Stratton '02, Jim Hart '01, Jennifer (Burke) Hart '02, Jason Croston '00, Daniel King '01 and Keith Phalen '04. Missing from the photo: Amy Nelson '00 and Betty Embser-Wattenberg '81.

alums in the Rochester area. Please feel free to e-mail her: [caileec19@yahoo.com](mailto:caileec19@yahoo.com)

“Since Colleen Lyons graduated, she has moved back to Oakfield, NY, a suburb of Buffalo, where she works for Tops Markets. She currently is the customer operations manager and is continuing her education at Medaille College, Buffalo. She will be graduating in May 2007 with a master’s degree in business administration.”

Kara Dunne writes that she participated in an art exhibit -- “Art in Odd Places” -- last fall on the lower east side of New York City. Her performance piece was “Bathroom Vignettes: Scenes in a Bathroom.”

Naomi Krasnow was a Summer Camp orientation counselor for incoming freshman at her high school, Champlain Valley Union High School, Williston, VT.

Artist Hayley Schertz has joined the Matawan Student Enrichment Program. She instructs in ceramics to students in grades kindergarten and higher.

Michael McGuire of Buffalo, NY, has joined the Peace Corps. He left for Peru on Sept. 13, 2006. He is serving as a community health promotion volunteer.

Nothnagle Realtors, Rochester, NY, hired Laurel Platt as a graphic designer in the marketing support department.

James P. Gentile graduated from Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning,



A number of alumni guests participated in the Oct. 7, 2006 wedding of Kelly Pelton '02 and Kyle Robinson at the Mendon (NY) Country Club. On hand were (from left) Wes Choy '01, Emily Rotundo '01, Kathryn Marshall '02, David Hilfinger '08, Kyle, Kelly, Karen (Fantasia) Gnamn '02, Karl Gnamn '02, Lauren Hurley '02, Carolyn Corrado '02, William Ueland '01, Julie (VanVechten) Hosenfeld '02, Justin Coffman '02, and Adam Vanskiver (attended AU in 1998) In attendance but missing from photo is Brooke Cummings '02.

Columbus, GA, and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

**Andrew B. Crawford**, who competed on both the cross-country and indoor and outdoor track teams at AU, writes: "My first marathon was this past October – the Corning Wineglass Marathon – where I qualified for Boston. I took 26th place out of just over 600 people, and third in my age group. Not bad for only four weeks of marathon specific training! ... My training for Boston is an 18-week schedule, with long runs on Sundays up to 20 miles, and faster, tempo work on Wednesdays. The weekly mileage ranges from 55–70 miles ... While continuing in graduate school at AU, I have re-focused my life towards running again, and have improved a lot since my undergraduate years ... My goal time for Boston is 2 hours 50 minutes, roughly 6:30/mile, but I will be happy with a time under 3 hours. All of the faculty and other graduate students here are very supportive of my running endeavors. The current members of the cross-country and indoor and outdoor track and field teams are also great supporters."

## 2006

**Deen Genzardi** is living and working as a health and community development volunteer for the Peace Corps. She is located on the small island nation of Kiribati in the Central Pacific Ocean.

**Tammy Brackett M.F.A.** of Hornell, NY, is a visiting assistant professor in the School of Art & Design at AU.

Red Barn Computers, Binghamton, NY, has named **Jeremy Kruser** as a computer field technician.

**Ben Callaghan** and Upper Saranac Lake, NY, neighborhood friend Joel Nashett have created the Avant ski line. They have designed, built, and presented a pair of skis within six months. They were featured in an article in the *Adirondack Daily Enterprise* on Aug. 7, 2006.

**Keith DeCarlo** is a ceramic engineering research assistant at AU.

**Heidi J. Grimmins** is a staff accountant with Mengel, Metzger, Barr & Co., Elmira, NY.

## ENGAGEMENTS

**Anthony Cavalli '91** and Katrina Keller  
**Christopher Johnson '97** and Tessa Thomas

**Allison Lipani '01, '06** and John Feenaughty '06

## 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.

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- **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

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**Nicholas Burt '01** and Amanda Kreeger  
**Jennifer Baltrush '02** and Matthew Gifford '03

**Melissa DeBolt '02** and Dr. Gabor Virag  
**Shawn Henry '02** and **Sophie Gublo '03**  
**Nicole Smolinski '02** to Brian Rick  
**Kendra Stratton '02** to Brad Albertson  
**Gretchen Schwerzler '03** and **Thomas Whitcomb '03**

**Rachel Olin '04** and **Ken Levy**  
**Kelly Palczewski '04** and **Adam Preston '04**

**Hannah Patterson '04** and **Ryan Raynes '04**

**Ben Mullen '07** and **Amanda McConnell**

## MARRIAGES

**Brian Patterson '74** and Janet Harrision-Cantin, Oct. 28, 2006

**Erik Williams '89** and **Cathy Richy**, Sept. 9, 2006

**William Schultze '89** and **Jennifer Breeze '02**, Oct. 7, 2006

**Julee Allen '92** and **Laurence Jones**, April 2006

**Mitra Samadani '92** and **Philip Argiros**, June 28 and July 5, 2006, Iran; Aug. 4–5, 2006, United States

**Vernon B. Hall '92** and **NaTarsha D. Brown**, Oct. 14, 2006

**Mike Prutsman '95** and **Katilyn Ormsby**, June 25, 2005

**Joel D. Bartley '96** and **Ibeliz**, November 2005

**Patricia K. Bennett '97** and **Ruth van Erp**, Aug. 5, 2006

**Kathryn M. Guiney '97, '02** and **Craig M. Phenes '03**, Aug. 12, 2006

**Kari Jermansen '97** and **Joseph Martin**, Sept. 23, 2006

**Joseph DiCarlo Jr. '97** and **Kristina Kavey**, Oct. 28, 2006

**Christa Latacz '98** and **Adrian Jones**, May 27, 2006

**Erik Williams '98** and **Cathy Richy**, Sept. 9, 2006

**Erik Lars Myers '98** and **Sarah Ficke**, Oct. 5, 2005

**Korin Scheible '99** and **Jay Kingman**, July 2006

**Jason Hans '99** and **Therese Schlesiger**, Aug. 20, 2005

**Michael H. Butler '99** and **Julie B. Agne**, April 29, 2006

**Warren M. Kelly '99** and **Elizabeth A. LePinnet**, July 8, 2006

**Todd Smith '99** and **Sharon Sirianni**, July 15, 2006

**Kendall Getek '99** and **Francisco Lauri**, Aug. 26, 2006

**Christopher R. Furman '00** married **Stacy Sebert**, July 22, 2006

**Randi Oakes '01** and **Erik Werner '02**, July 15, 2006

**Ron Duliba '01** and **Kelly Dankert**, Aug. 12, 2006

**Robert Strickland '02** and **Rachelle DiMatteo '04**, June 10, 2006

**Kimberly Gray '02** and **Craig Hare '01**, July 1, 2006

**Amy Ratchuk '02** and **Christopher Shanahan**, July 7, 2006

**Joshua C. Dunn '02** and **Sondra D. Stephens '05**, July 8, 2006

**Casandra A. Bishop '02** and **Jason P. Slagle**, July 15, 2006

**Jason P. Slagle '02** and **Casandra Bishop**, July 15, 2006

**Kelly Pelton '02** and **Kyle Robinson**, Oct. 7, 2006

**Leigh Orcutt '03** and **Chadwick Augustine '04**, Sept. 23, 2006

**Stephanie Bliss '03** and **Nicolaus Rock '03**, Nov. 12, 2005

**Melissa Ball '03** and **Dr. Aaron Shupp**, July 1, 2006

**Lauren Torok '03** and **Jason Murray**, July 29, 2006

**Margaret Honti '03** and **Brian Quinn**, Aug. 19, 2006

**Lisa Schlafer '04** and **Oliver Briscoe**, April 2006



Gabrielle Gaustad '04 and Jeffrey Povelaites '04, July 3, 2006,  
 Jamie L. Tinker '04 and Matthew D. Rose, July 29, 2006  
 William Sorokes Jr. '05 and Emily Searles, July 22, 2006  
 Ron Duliba '05 and Kelly Dankert, Aug. 12, 2006  
 Burt Turner '05 and Molly Jackson '06, Dec. 30, 2006  
 Ann Marie Gallagher '06 and Matthew R. Bush '05, Oct. 1, 2005  
 Shannon E. Patrick '06 and Harley D. Lentola, July 15, 2006  
 Beau E. Payne '06 and Meghan M. Plank, Sept. 9, 2006

## BIRTHS

Perry Streeter '88 and Jeanne, a son, Matthew Brian Streeter, Jan. 4, 2007  
 Cheryl L. Cudmore '90 and John D. Cudmore III, a son, Matthew John Cudmore, Sept. 1, 2006  
 Krystin (Torp) Jorgenson '91 and Matthew Jorgenson, a son, Leif Matthew, April 12, 2006  
 Karen (Schrader) Greabell '91 and Jeffrey Greabell '91, twin sons, Kevin James and Jack Foster Greabell, June 23, 2006  
 Maureen (Bell) Hyde '91 and Mark, a daughter, Keira Eve, Dec. 13, 2006  
 Kristen (Johansen) Lindenmayer '92 and Joe Lindenmayer, a daughter, Riley Grace, Sept. 16, 2006  
 Michaela M. Cavallaro '94 and Darren Cook, a daughter, Skylar Darcy Cook, May 10, 2006  
 Jennifer '95 and Evan '95, '98 Enke, a daughter, Ellora Margaret, Jan. 28, 2007  
 Jay Eich '96 and Lindsey, a daughter, Sophie, Feb. 28, 2006  
 Faith (Laubenheimer) Klemick '96 and Philip Klemick, a son, Ryan, June 25, 2006  
 Christina Mottolese-Haubeil '96 and Steven Haubeil, a son, John Paul, Aug. 10, 2006  
 Bill Ernst '96 and Ann, a son, Liam, Aug. 21, 2006  
 Erin Marie (Randall) Williamee '96 and Chris Williamee, a son, Drew Michael Williamee, Jan. 20, 2007.  
 Domenick Freda '97 and Cristina, a daughter, Alessandra Maria Freda, Aug. 26, 2006  
 Tiffany (Van Pelt) Ainsworth '97 and Dave Ainsworth, a daughter, Sydney Elizabeth Ainsworth, Nov. 22, 2006  
 Jennifer (Golus) Goehle '98 and Mike, a daughter, Jillian Willene Goehle, Jan. 15, 2007

Sarah (Schuldt) Bellina '99 and Danny Bellina '00, a daughter, Lila Grace, May 23, 2006  
 Karen (Eberhardt) Pacelli '99 and Eben Pacelli, a son, Caleb Henry, Nov. 20, 2006  
 Jessie Ricchetti '99 and Chadd, a daughter, Leah Katherine LaMay, Dec. 29, 2006  
 Shane Nickerson '99 and Samantha, a daughter, Hazell Heary Nickerson, Feb. 8, 2007  
 Jeff Schinella '00 and Leanne Schinella, a daughter, Olivia, April 29, 2006  
 Josh Wexler '00 and Amelia (Laurence) Wexler '01, a son, Stokley Eugene Wexler, Oct. 9, 2006

## DEATHS

### ALUMNI

Lois B. Davidson '32, Oct. 16, 2006  
 Lola M. Sheetz '33, Sept. 29, 2006  
 Marie Catherine Fleischhauer Morgan '33, Oct. 2, 2006  
 Harry Bauman '34, Jan. 17, 2007  
 James H. Steere '35, July 10, 2006  
 Thelma M. McAloon-Ames '36, Oct. 5, 2006  
 William S. Godfried '36, Jan. 20, 2007  
 Virginia (Jamison) Hefler '37, Oct. 22, 2006  
 Elizabeth Williams '37, Jan. 15, 2007  
 Charles Foster Gilbo '38, Nov. 4, 2006  
 Constance Brown Getz '38, Jan. 10, 2007  
 Leonard S. Rubenstein '39, Sept. 3, 2006  
 Helen Mae Button Giebell '39, Sept. 12, 2006  
 Robert F. Perry Sr. '39, Nov. 19, 2006  
 Charles C. Casamo '40, Sept. 29, 2006  
 Richard R. Peglar '40, Oct. 28, 2006  
 Adrienne (Owre) Lynch '40, January 2007  
 Elmo Fitz Randolph '41, July 7, 2006  
 Dr. James F. Wygant '41, June 17, 2006  
 Francis E. O'Neill '41, Dec. 10, 2006  
 Gerald Gregory '42, October 2005  
 Mary (Gigee) Clare '42, Nov. 1, 2006  
 David F. Nordquist '42, Nov. 8, 2006  
 Robert H. Burton '42, Jan. 18, 2007  
 Malcolm D. Beals '42, Jan. 30, 2007  
 Ernest Tancous '43, July 2, 2006  
 Virginia L. Repert '43, Aug. 8, 2006  
 Gerald F. Rynders '43, Aug. 30, 2006  
 Robert H. Burton '44, Jan. 18, 2007  
 Francine Robbins Fierstein '45, July 13, 2006  
 Jeannette (Milnes) Cottrell '45, Aug. 3, 2006  
 Joanna L. Folts Stetson '46, July 13, 2006  
 Christine L. Sheridan '46, Aug. 5, 2006  
 Esther M. Burke '47, Aug. 4, 2006  
 Robert C. Turnbull '47, Sept. 22, 2006  
 Lois (Mutch) Beato '49, July 2006  
 Arthur Ives Chatfield '50, July 4, 2006  
 Clare (Richeson) Drake '50, Aug. 12, 2006  
 Earl Charles Lowe '50, Oct. 11, 2006  
 Howard Taylor '50, Nov. 18, 2006  
 Henry Seligman '51, April 2006  
 Rev. O. John Eldred '51, Nov. 8, 2006  
 Jane (Marshall) Martz '52, Feb. 22, 2007  
 Bruce R. Goss '53, May 31, 2006  
 Robert W. Grunow Sr. '53, Aug. 20, 2006  
 Ann S. Fasano '53, Nov. 27, 2007  
 Harold F. Enos '54, Dec. 17, 2006  
 Clare Louise LaBar '55, June 23, 2006  
 Al La Pera '55, Oct. 19, 2006  
 Myra Gray '55, Oct. 20, 2006  
 Paul D. Messner III '55, Nov. 1, 2006  
 Anna M. Sullivan '56, Sept. 11, 2006  
 Merle E. Arnold '56, Oct. 21, 2006  
 Barbara Groffman Anderson '59, July 20, 2006  
 Robert E. Loesel '59, Oct. 12, 2006  
 Rev. S. Kenneth Davis '61, May 20, 2006  
 Carole L. Gall '64, July 27, 2006  
 John C. Constantine '65, Jan. 9, 2007  
 Ibrahim Sekercioglu '65, Jan. 10, 2007  
 Glenn I. Post '65, Feb. 4, 2007  
 Dr. Charles E. James '69, Feb. 21, 2007  
 Robert G. Hardy '70, Oct. 11, 2006  
 Anne B. Gordon '71, June 29, 2006  
 Judith L. Wadsworth-Gordon '73, Oct. 27, 2006  
 Christine Federighi '74, Nov. 18, 2006  
 Ford Porder Screiber '75, Nov. 14, 2006  
 Cynthia Lynn Popeel '78, May 11, 2006  
 Ivy Avildsen '79, Nov. 10, 2006  
 Catherine E. William '78, Nov. 11, 2006  
 Howard Stuart Mosher '80, July 13, 2006  
 Paul A. Kunzinger '80, Jan. 27, 2007  
 Tim Jaenecke '84, January 2007  
 Catherine E. Bossard '85, Sept. 25, 2006  
 Peter A. Culkin '86, Oct. 3, 2006  
 James B. Sheeche Jr. '87, Sept. 16, 2006  
 John Reed Minty '87, Feb. 8, 2007  
 John E. Vasil '94, Nov. 11, 2006

### FRIENDS

Robert E. Heywood, former vice president of Business and Finance and associate professor of accountancy, Sept. 16, 2006. To read a full obituary, go to: [www.alfred.edu/pressreleases/viewrelease.cfm?ID=3922](http://www.alfred.edu/pressreleases/viewrelease.cfm?ID=3922)

Dr. Gaylord Rough, professor emeritus of biology, March 7, 2007. To read a full obituary, go to: [www.alfred.edu/pressreleases/viewrelease.cfm?ID=3874](http://www.alfred.edu/pressreleases/viewrelease.cfm?ID=3874)

# BUILDING ON EXCELLENCE

## FROM THE CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN

The Alfred community has many causes worth celebrating, and the Building on Excellence campaign is one of them. We have exceeded our \$150 million goal a year ahead of time, because of your generous support of Alfred University.

Rather than continue the campaign any longer, the Board of Trustees voted to declare an end to the campaign and to celebrate your achievement.

Our total giving, with three months left before the campaign officially ends, stands at \$154,290,919 in cash and pledges, 86 percent higher than the \$82,610,316 raised in The New Millennium Campaign that ended in 2000. To date, 14,632 donors have made a campaign gift, with an average gift of \$10,545.

When we announced the public phase of the Building on Excellence campaign two years ago, we set some ambitious goals, and I'm pleased to say we have reached those financial milestones.

One objective was to increase our Annual Fund giving, the best way for alumni to indicate their long-term support of the University's mission. Annual giving makes possible a top-quality, affordable education to students who want to avail themselves of an Alfred education.

Last year, we increased our Annual Fund target to \$1,580,000, and then surpassed this by 5 percent, raising \$1,632,100, our highest-ever Annual Fund amount. And, we appear to be on track to meeting our \$1,660,000 goal for this year.

Another objective was to increase our endowment to \$100 million, and we've met this as well, with an endowment that is now valued at \$105 million. Again, it was generous gifts to the campaign, coupled with wise investment policies that lead to that growth. A vigorous endowment is critical to the long-term health of any educational institution today and will form a strong base for Alfred's future.

In concluding my responsibilities as campaign chair and taking on new ones – in May, I will become the Chairman of the Alfred University Board of Trustees – I would be seriously remiss if I did not publicly thank Robert R. McComsey '66 for his significant contributions as the outgoing Chairman of the Board. Six years ago, when he stepped into the Chairmanship, Bob said he



wanted to see AU's endowment reach \$100 million. The achievement of that milestone is, in no small measure, a tribute to Bob McComsey's wise counsel and sheer tenacity.

Bob and other past Chairman – Dr. Marlin Miller Jr. '54, Dr. Art Powell '43, and Dr. Gene Bernstein '69 – have set high standards that I will strive to meet, with your continued support.

While the Building on Excellence campaign has come to a successful conclusion, there will always be unmet needs at the University, and my goal as Chairman of the Board will be to address these with you in the future.

Two examples bear mentioning.

Students today still demand and deserve excellent academic programs, taught by outstanding faculty. They are also interested in maintaining the quality of their experience at Alfred. One challenge is for expanded recreational facilities. McLane Center, built in 1973, is busy from early morning until nearly midnight every day. Davis Gym helped ease the pressure on the McLane facilities, but Davis is too small and frankly, too old, to meet today's needs.

We envision a future facility that would not only meet the sports and recreational needs of our students, but also would fill a critical gap in health and wellness activities for the community as a whole.

A second challenge centers on residence halls. We need to refurbish existing buildings, making them more attractive living spaces for our students, while creating new residence halls to accommodate additional students.

Enhancing Alfred's reputation as one of the greatest institutions of higher learning in America will not ever be easy, but our future will be secure with your support.

Sincerely,

– F. Peter Cuneo '67

**Chair, Building on Excellence Campaign**



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highlights include:

## FRIDAY, JUNE 8

Alumni Golf Scramble -  
Wellsville Country Club  
Annual Flavors of Alfred Alumni/  
Community Carnival  
Welcome Back Party

## SATURDAY JUNE 9

5k Run/Walk  
Local Artisans Craft Sale and Show  
All-Class Reunion Awards Picnic  
Emeriti Faculty Reception  
Honored Class Dinners  
Performing Arts Variety Show  
Live Entertainment

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