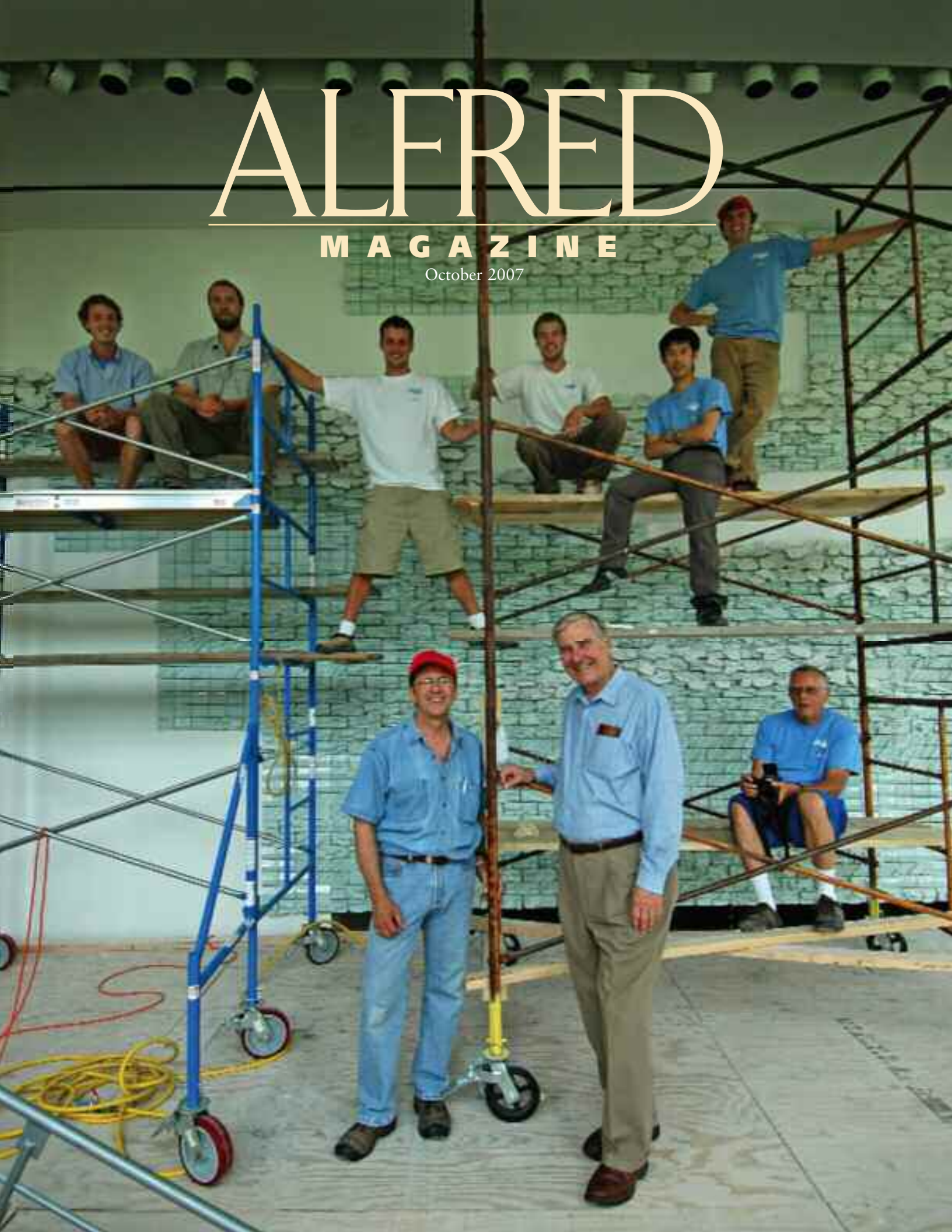


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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE Alumni Association

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

Reunion Weekend seems like a distant memory as fall begins to settle into the hills surrounding campus.

During Reunion Weekend the Alumni Council re-elected Angie Kleeh '70 and Joe Smith '66 to their second three-year term; Jessica Gottlieb '98 and Mike Birmingham '95 to their first full three-year terms; and Sheila Flanagan '79 to complete a partial term.



The Council also received and endorsed the final report from the Task Force on Purpose and Program, chaired by Scott Brenner '84. The report aims to move the Association's work forward in the years to come by further engaging alumni and current AU students.

Among the initiatives endorsed by the Council as part of the Task Force's recommendations is an increased presence by the Alumni Association during Homecoming activities (Oct. 5 – 7, 2007). Under the leadership of Warren Smith '59 and Michelle DeRitter '74, the Alumni Association hosted a reception for student leaders, assisted with tailgate festivities, and participated in half-time activities during this year's Homecoming Weekend.

*Fiat Lux!*

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### FEATURES

#### EarthCloud

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Cover photo: Wayne Higby's ceramic installation EarthCloud required several talented assistants, most of whom are Alfred University alumni. Clockwise from upper left are: Albion Stafford '99, Lee Somers '99/'06, Peter Pincus '05, Ian McMahon '04, Hongwei Li '07, Rob Marzinsky '04, Don Kaake. In the front are, from left, Wayne Higby, and Marlin Miller, Jr. '54, who sponsored the project.

Top photo: An evening view of the Miller Performing Arts Center, with Wayne Higby and EarthCloud.



At first it looks white. Solid.

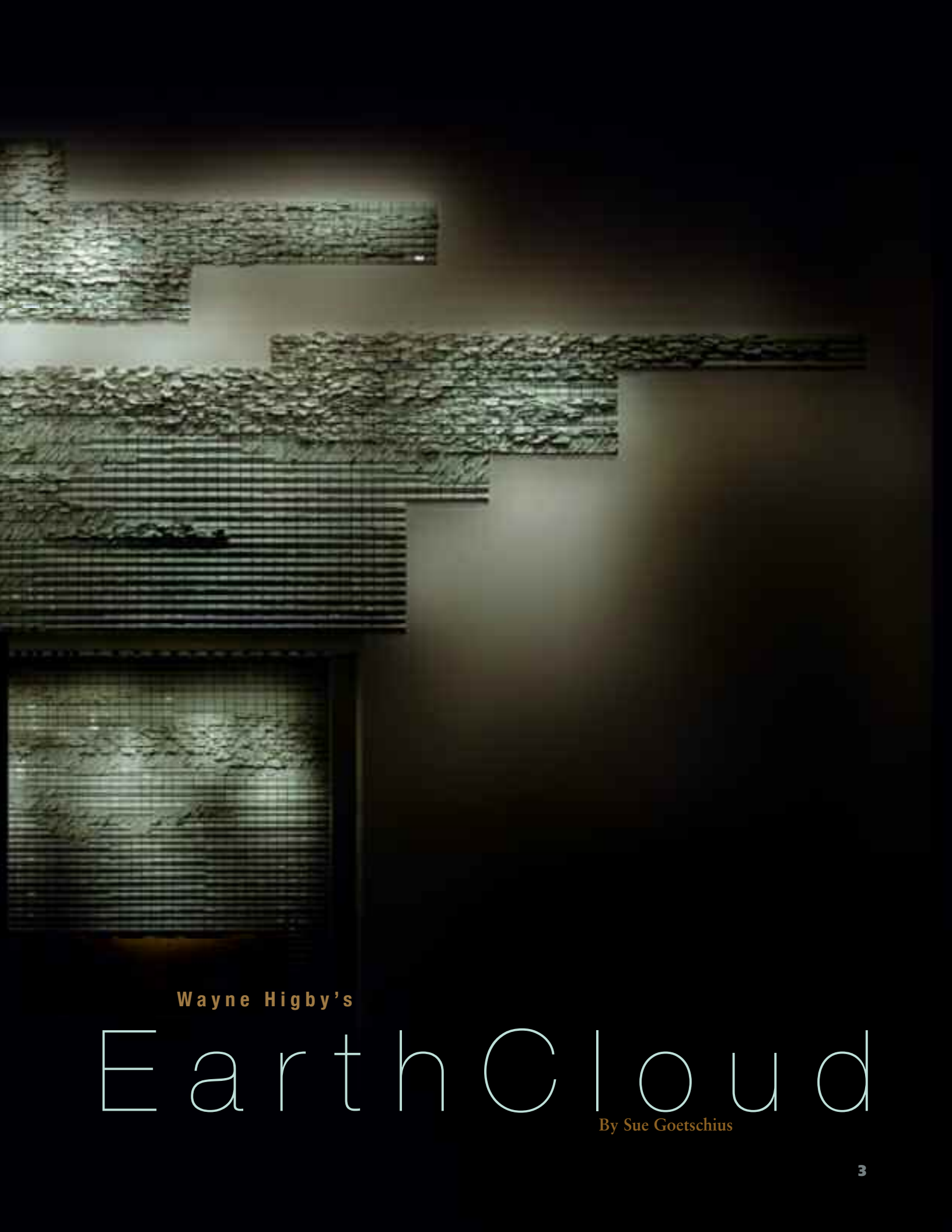
The sunlight shifts. The wall glimmers.

A beam reflects from one surface to another,

a faint wash of color deepens, then brightens.

"EarthCloud" comes to life, bathed in the light from the towering windows of the Miller Performing Arts Center.





Wayne Higby's

# Earth Cloud

By Sue Goetschius

To the indigenous people  
who first settled the area  
where Alfred University  
is located, Kanakadea  
meant “where the earth  
meets the sky,” so it is  
fitting that  
“EarthCloud” is the title  
of ceramic artist Wayne  
Higby’s “first piece  
about Alfred. I want the  
piece to reflect what  
Alfred is and what it has  
meant to me.”



Image on previous page: Composite  
photograph by Lee Somers

Left: Detail of EarthCloud

Below: A nighttime photograph of Wayne Higby  
and EarthCloud through a north window of the  
Miller Performing Arts Center.





“I have been so influenced by the idyllic landscape of this area,” said Higby, but it is not the physical beauty of the Kanakadea Valley alone that affected his work. “I have been inspired by the young people I have taught,” explained Higby, a professor of ceramic art in the School of Art & Design for more than 30 years. “But it is even more than that. It’s the sense of community, the history, and the environment. It’s all kind of interwoven.”

The piece is also about his long-standing friendship with Dr. Marlin Miller ’54, a member of the AU Board of Trustees who donated the funds to build the original Miller Performing Arts Center and who is supporting its expansion. Miller and Higby began talking about a tile installation for the performing arts center – symbolic of the fusion between fine arts and performing arts on the AU campus – in 1995, when Higby created a smaller tile installation for the headquarters of Arrow International, the medical device manufacturing company Miller owned in Reading, PA.

But perhaps most of all, “EarthCloud” became a tribute to Higby’s wife, Donna, who died April 3, 2004,

three weeks after they had celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary.

Her diagnosis of cancer came at the beginning of the “EarthCloud” project, and at times, Higby admits, he was tempted to give in to the despair of watching his life partner’s illness and death. “At one point, I wanted to stop, and Donna was very insistent that I not stop. She could ‘see’ the finished piece, and she kept me going.”

After her death, it was the work, the challenge, that became his solace. “It was my lifeline,” he said, although because of Donna’s illness, “EarthCloud” was “really challenging, emotionally as well as technically.”

All those elements are evident in “EarthCloud,” believed to be the largest hand-cut porcelain tile installation in the world. To create it, Higby and his assistant Lee Somers ’99/06, extruded, cut and fired 40,000 pounds of porcelain, creating 4,955 tiles that cover an area 30 feet high by 56 feet wide.

Installing “EarthCloud” – each piece precisely placed to capture Higby’s vision – was a monumental undertaking, so Higby turned to the best: Alfred University alumni and students.





"I knew they had the skills," explained Higby. "We say we graduate the best – and we do." Each one asked to join the team was "someone I had admired as a student and liked as an individual," he said. And each "has a focus, a commitment and an intensity about what he does." Among the crew there was a "bond of friendship and mutual respect."

As ceramic artists, they had not just an understanding of, but an appreciation for, the material, and that was extremely important to Higby. "They were savvy about hand-made objects; they had a sense of the nature of the material, the fragility and its tolerances."

"Once we got the team together, it felt as though the project was do-able," said Higby. "I loved the collaboration. If a problem came up – and they did – we solved it. Everyone had an idea. We had a conversation about the best solutions."

Somers had the advantage as Higby's assistant of being involved in the project from its early stages, helping to build the equipment designed by Don Kaake of Angelica, who is an artist and craftsman who has worked with Higby in the past. "A huge amount of detail had to be worked out," said Somers. "The studio had to be outfitted and we did testing, testing and more testing" to determine composition of the clay body and the glaze.

Then, he said, it was "slow, steady production," following the sketches and detailed charts Higby had made to capture his ideas. Tiles were made section by section, each piece numbered to indicate where it belonged. Some pieces were smooth and shiny; others rough-textured with a matte finish so they would reflect light differently.

Once the tiles for each section were completed, they were assembled on the upper floor of his studio in 20-foot sections, numbered, packed and set aside to make room for production of additional tiles. The piece was not seen in its entirety until it was laid out on the floor of the black box theater in Miller. "I had to keep the image of the finished piece in my head," said Higby. "There was not any point prior to laying it out in Miller that I could see the whole thing."

As an emerging artist – Somers earned his MFA from Alfred in 2006 – "to watch all that unfold is professionally huge." He found it exciting to "be involved in all phases, to watch the evolution of the piece and to be able to interface with the various people involved," from Miller to the members of the "EarthCloud" crew.

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"Each (artist) has a focus, a commitment  
and an intensity about what he does..."





“The pieces were made by hand,” and therefore have inherent variations in size and shape. “The tiles were consistently inconsistent ... yet they needed to fit within a grid, within limits,” said Higby, who worked with Kaake to design metal brackets and a grid system to hang the tiles individually on the wall, which had to be rebuilt to bear the weight of the finished installation.

Ian McMahon '04, who has taken Somers' place as Higby's assistant and technical specialist, was also a member of the “EarthCloud” crew. “I came in later,” just as the piece was ready to be hung, said McMahon. Being involved in “EarthCloud” gave him a “different

understanding” of how to approach a project of that complexity and magnitude. “It gave me a much better insight,” said McMahon. “You have to break it down into pieces or steps,” and work through each one.

His participation in the “EarthCloud” project will affect his work in the future, McMahon said. “I've seen the potential” in such a large-scale undertaking. “I think it will be easier in the future” to work “on a grander scale.”

Hongwei Li, who received his MFA in May '07 and who is teaching Freshman Foundation this year, was honored to be part of the crew. “I had an opportunity to see something really special,” he said.

It has already influenced his art. “I learned that to do an installation like that you have to plan everything in advance, work through it from beginning to end,” Li said.

But he was nervous about it, too. “There were so many potential problems – the tiles could crack, or they wouldn't fit – but we solved them all. We had to learn to trust ourselves, to keep going and keep trying to find solutions.”

Peter Pincus, an '05 graduate and “definitely the youngest” member of the “EarthCloud” crew, agreed that learning to trust himself was important. “At first, I lacked the confidence to understand why I had been chosen” for the crew, he said.

“It was really so inspirational to be part of something so large,” said Pincus. “It was a beautifully simple way of teaching. There were so many units, and they all had to work together.” While he doesn't envision creating a tile installation of that scope himself, “I love units, I like to make sets of things. Working on ‘EarthCloud’ made me realize I had to work really tight” to think about clay, and glazes and how things fit together.

Even Somers, who had been so involved in the production, admitted “At times the numbers were daunting, and I wondered if we'd ever be able to finish.” What made it possible, he said, was that neither Miller nor Higby had a deadline for completing the project. “That gave us room to breathe, time to work through the problems and overcome any technical difficulties.”



Li agreed that lack of deadline pressure was important. “Wayne kept telling us to relax, to take our time and to remember safety first.”

There were times when tiles were broken and had to be replaced. “There was tension” when that happened, McMahon said, but then he, too, realized that Higby “had picked people he had confidence in,” and knowing that helped.

“Everyone sort of figured out what he was good at” as the work progressed, McMahon said. “Everyone had a part.”

“Yeah, we were like a well-oiled machine,” Somers added.

“Each of us had a really great skill,” said Pincus. “Ian and Rob Marzinsky ’04 were so awesome at wood-working, and I was able to do some metal-working.”

## ‘EarthCloud’ inspires musical compositions

“EarthCloud” has inspired original music that will be performed during the festivities marking the official dedication of the installation, which begin at 5 p.m. Oct. 19 at the Miller Performing Arts Center.

The first piece, “From Earth to Cloud,” was a matter of serendipity. Adrian Gebruers, past president of the World Carillon Federation and carillonneur at St. Colman’s Cathedral in Cobh, Ireland, was on campus to perform at the dedication of the new Davis Memorial Carillon bells in June 2006.

As part of his tour of campus, he visited the “black box” theater in Miller Performing Arts Center and there, spread upon the floor, were the porcelain tiles for “EarthCloud.”

“I took him up on the catwalk in the theater so he could see what the piece would look like,” Higby recalled.

They climbed down, Gebruers’ tour continued, and Higby didn’t think anything more about it until “Six months later, I opened my e-mail, and there’s a piece of music” inspired by “EarthCloud” and written by Gebruers for the carillon, Higby said.

Neil Jacobs, a 12-string guitarist and frequent guest artist on the Alfred University campus, will present pieces of original music during the “EarthCloud” dedication. He and Dr. Lisa Lantz, associate professor of music and director of the Alfred University orchestra, will perform “Morning at Ragged Point,” and “Adena River” as well as a “piece that will be specially written for the performance, and dedicated to ‘EarthCloud’”

said Jacobs. “I’ve been inspired by Wayne’s work, his creativity and his dedication to his art.”

“The Making of ‘EarthCloud’,” an exhibition that traces the piece from its conceptual stage through production and finally installation, will be on display at

the Fosdick-Nelson Gallery from Oct. 18-Nov. 29. A reception, open to the public, will be held from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18.

“The Making of ‘EarthCloud’” includes some of the specialized tools and equipment built to create the tiles, as well as sketches, still images and video. Also featured will be earlier Higby works in which the genesis of “EarthCloud” can be seen.

The Fosdick-Nelson Gallery is open Mondays-Fridays from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 1-3 p.m.

The making of the piece is also chronicled in *Wayne Higby – Earth Cloud*, printed by Arnoldsche, a German art book publisher. (See [www.arnoldsche.com/](http://www.arnoldsche.com/)). The book, which is actually two attached volumes contained in a hard-cover sleeve, contains more than 300 images.

Dr. Marlin Miller ’54, chairman emeritus of the Alfred University Board of Trustees, commissioned “EarthCloud” for the Miller Performing Arts Center. He has written the introduction to *Wayne Higby – Earth Cloud*. Also included are an artist’s statement by Higby, and essays by Dr. Mary Drach McInnes, professor of art history; Dr. Ezra Shales, assistant professor of art history; and Helen Drutt, Higby’s gallerist. It also contains an interview with Bruce Wood of Kallman, McKinnell and Wood, the architectural firm that designed the original arts center and that is now designing the theater addition.







Given the fragile nature of the tiles, and the fact that each tile was uniquely made for a particular spot created some tension on site.

"I was the first person to break a tile," said Pincus, but Higby "was really forgiving." At one point, he put a tile on the floor and started to move a ladder. Wayne called my name, then walked over to me and put his hands on my shoulders. I realized I nearly made a huge mistake."

The worst moment, several of the crew recalled, was when an outside workman "jumped up on the scaffolding," tool in hand. "Wayne kept saying to him, 'Be careful. Please be careful,' and as he was saying it, the workman smacked the tile and broke it," Pincus said. "It was one of the tiles that was really hard to replace."

Regardless of the tensions and the challenge, each of the "EarthCloud" crew was pleased to have been a part of installing the piece.

"I got to work closely with (Higby,) one of the world's leading ceramic artists," said Albion Stafford '99, but he said each of his colleagues, some of whom

were his classmates and others he met for the first time through the project, is an outstanding ceramic artist in his own right.

Stafford's work is "utilitarian, functional," but the experience of working on the installation was valuable nonetheless. "I am working in porcelain, and anything that bolsters my feeling for the material" is beneficial.

For Higby, having his students and former students complete the work with him just enhanced the meaning of "EarthCloud." "Their hands are in the piece," he said. "I see their hands all over it. That folds into what my career has been about."

Some art professors describe themselves as "artist-educators" or "educator-artists," but Higby "refuses to accept the hyphen," which implies that one facet is more important than the other.

That he has succeeded in eschewing the hyphen is apparent in the many and varied tributes to his work, both as an educator and as an artist. One measure of his success: Higby has received both the "distinguished educator" and "master of the media" awards from The Smithsonian. Few others, if any, have been so honored.

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the history, and the environment.  
It's all kind of interwoven."



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## Ann's House: Another special place

Trustee Joel Moskowitz '61 is building a new campus special interest house in honor of his wife, Ann.

## AU opening branch campus

Later this month, Alfred University will expand its campus facilities and enrollment when a new branch headquarters, attracting more than 400 students, opens in Istanbul, Turkey.



## AUto racing with the 'big guys'

Alfred University's gravity racing team competed against some of the biggest names in automotive design in the sixth annual X-treme Green Racing event in Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

## Herrick Library: A new chapter

An Oct. 18 reception will formally mark the opening of the newly renovated Herrick Memorial Library. The \$5.3 million project, completed in 15 months, features flexible learning spaces and a coffeehouse, as well as the more traditional library accoutrements.



For more on all these stories, please go to [www.alfred.edu/alumni/online](http://www.alfred.edu/alumni/online)

## Other campus news

- McMahon Lecture will feature familiar face
- Alumni create Service Learning Center in honor of Dr. Gary Horowitz
- AU football enjoying a banner year
- Award-winning theatrical director to present annual Riley Lecture
- More than 600 new/transfer students welcomed to AU

## Clare recovering

Dr. Alexis Clare, professor of Glass Science, who was on a sabbatical leave, working at Corning Incorporated for the 2007-08 academic year, was seriously injured in a car accident Aug. 20 in Corning. She was taken to the intensive care unit at Arnot-Ogden Medical Center in Elmira, and then transferred to the brain trauma unit at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester where she is making progress toward recovery. It will be an extended process, however, one that will likely take several months of therapy.



*Dr. Clare overseeing students during AU's 48-Hour Challenge in June 2007.*

She is receiving cards and letters from alumni and colleagues all over the world, and her family says they are helping her recovery. Her address is:

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## Notes

1931

Sally Gullette, daughter of Mildred (Kneerim) Gullette, wrote to tell us her mother was to mark her 100th birthday on Sept. 20, 2007. You can reach Mildred at: One Meadow Lane, Lincoln Park, NJ 07035.



Mildred Gullette '31

1934

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1936

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1937

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1940

Elaine (Richtmyer) Brown writes to her classmates: "I missed you at the Reunion. Everything hung together and it was a great one."

Rev. David Stillman Clarke died in Sayre, PA, July 11, 2007. A service of remembrance and celebration was held on Aug. 4, 2007, at the 1st Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred.

Condolences and other communications may be sent to the family at 33 S. Main St., Alfred, NY 14802 or dsclarke3319@gmail.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the 1st Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred, New

York, the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, or the Alfred Rural Cemetery Association. For a full obituary, go to: [www.alfred.edu/pressreleases/viewrelease.cfm?ID=4092](http://www.alfred.edu/pressreleases/viewrelease.cfm?ID=4092)

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REUNION YEAR!

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Evelyn Gorman, your Class Correspondent writes:

"Our distinguished classmate, J. David Broudo, continues his flair for living and pursuing his artistic talents. For 48 years, David directed the art program at Endicott College. In his retirement, he was appointed Distinguished Professor Emeritus, the first

such title on campus. We've always followed with interest his years of leadership and commitment, and were delighted to hear from David that on July 15, 2007, there was a celebratory art exhibit and reception in Beverly, MA, where he and wife Barbara reside. We accessed a Web site and downloaded several of his paintings, all of them appealing to one's individual imagination and interpretation. One painting of special interest to us was David's dramatic rendition of Sedona's red rocks. A stoneware bowl which illustrates his ceramic talents has recently been acquired by the Museum of Ceramic Art at Alfred and placed in its Corsaw Collection of Functional American Ceramics.

"Loyal correspondent Bob Sinclair wrote that he returned to Rochester, NY, in June '07, to visit his two sisters, both of whom were widowed this past year. Time restrictions did not allow a trip to Alfred, but Bob arranged to have lunch with Bob Starr, who lives in Webster, a Rochester suburb, where his sister and her daughter also reside. Bob and Bob enjoyed talking about their Navy days in WWII. Bob Sinclair crossed paths in training with Benny Soldano, who lives in Oak Ridge, TN, and with whom he still keeps in touch. Bob Starr returned from his Navy service, got both his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees, taught school in my



REUNION '07 MEMORIES

home town of Olean, NY, and later was superintendent of schools in the Buffalo, NY, area. My thanks to the CA Bob for his consistency in communicating with your often news-starved correspondent.

"Ever optimistic Ellis 'Chick' Berger sent an always newsy and positive, handwritten letter in June of this year. He says that he and his wife Tudy are still active, but admits that they have slowed down a bit. Daughter Muff lives with them and 'rides herd,' so to speak. With good health and favorable circumstances continuing, Chick plans to attend our 65th reunion this coming year.

"Col. Larry March '45 and his wife Eddie have become very dear friends, although they live almost a continent away, and I never knew Larry while we were both students at AU. A bond has developed between Larry and my husband Warren, as they are both aviation aficionados and are both WWII vets with B-24 Liberator bomber experience. Larry was a pilot, and Warren was an armorer/gunner. Another coincidence is that they both took some initial training at Keesler AFB in Biloxi, MS. Larry stayed in the military and had a very illustrious career in the Air Force. His interest switched to the

single-engine P-51 Mustang, which evolved into a lifelong enthusiasm and affection ... Larry has had some recent medical reports that are heartening. His specialist assured him that the eye problem that Larry has experienced a number of years has stabilized. Very good news for Larry and Eddie, their family and many friends.

"Isabel (Riggs) Geibel keeps well, happy and busy, busy, with social gatherings and veterans' activities in Del Norte, CO, where she now lives. Having driven there from her long-time home in New York State, being on the road for thousands of miles doesn't challenge her. So, if all continues well with Isabel, she plans on returning for our 65th reunion in June of '08. "How about the rest of us? I know Chick Berger will be there, if at all possible. I think Bob Sinclair will be in attendance, if his good health and general wellbeing allow. A very good chance, too, that David Broudo and his wife Barbara will make the trip from Massachusetts. Also, ye olde correspondent here plans to gather all my medications together to tote in a transparent carry-on, and fly East. We called an AU office and learned that reunion weekend is scheduled to be Friday, June 13

to Sunday, June 15, 2008. (We're counting on none of you out there being triskadephobics!). Please note that our e-mail address and telephone number are now included with my name at the head of the column. Avail yourselves of the ease of e-mail communication to keep in touch with me. Otherwise, the viability of this column may be in jeopardy. Almost everybody has a telephone, knows how to type like Bob Sinclair, or hand write a letter like Chick Berger. So, don't leave me groping and grasping for news from our outstanding class. Reminiscences, amusing anecdotes, special moments, etc., all make a good read. We look forward to hearing from you."

Douglas Hageman has notified us of the death of his mother, Cleone Campbell Post Hageman, June 17, 2007. "I know she loved Alfred as she spoke of it fondly and often all of her life, right up to her last days," he said.

"She and my dad (the late Louis C. Hageman '42) both went there, as did her brother Ben (Post '45, deceased) and sister, (the late) Nancy (Post Lange '49), along with Nancy's husband Jim Lange '49. Decades later my cousin, Ben's son, Ben Post '70 (who was born in Alfred, NY, while his dad finished school after returning from WWII) graduated from Alfred too. I'll miss her. She was funny, witty and opinionated; I really liked her (everybody loves their mother, I liked mine too.)"

## 1946

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Class Correspondent Wilma Albert writes:

"Two telephone calls recently, old-fashioned perhaps but satisfying: Genevieve (Polan) Scheffer and Kalope (Giopulos) Jamesson.

"Karl M.S. '49 and Gen Scheffer, after many years in Upstate New York and Canada are glad to be in Ocala, FL, away from snow, sleet and shovels. Karl takes loving care of Gen. Although she has a memory problem, she sounded cheerful and enjoys visits from their daughter.

"Popey and husband Mike also favor Florida – but for a month's vacation every winter. For the rest of the year they are happy to stay in Cuba, NY, since their daughter, Athena, and son, Michael, both live in the Rochester area. Three active grandsons involve them in a variety of 'keep young' activities and, of course, bring much joy and pride.

"In the fall, Henry and I expect to be moving to a senior lifestyle apartment here in Fredericksburg, VA. Our post office address will change but the e-mail will remain the same. Do use it to send news of your summer wanderings and activities."

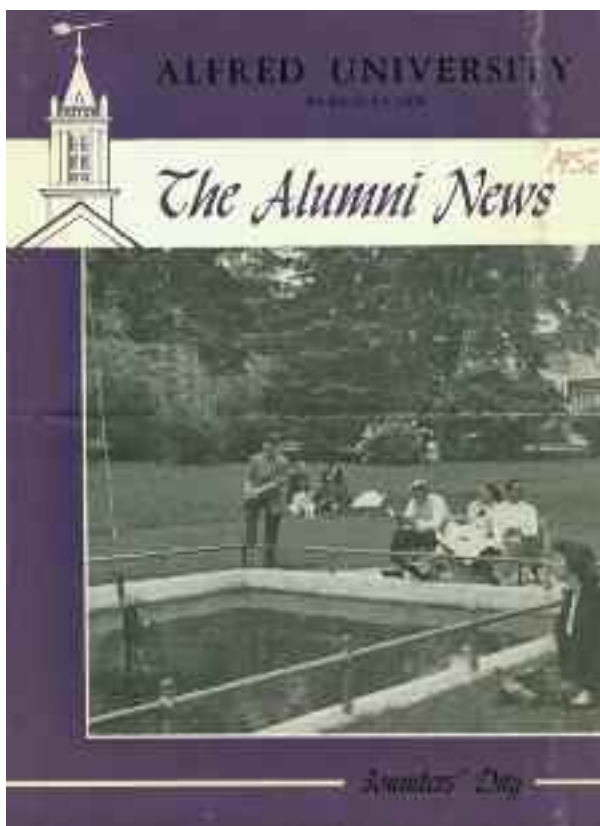
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**AU REUNION YEAR!**



The son of Abdul Kahn '49 informed us that his father appeared on the Founders' Day issue of the Alfred University "Alumni News." We located a copy in the archives, scanned it, and the cover is shown above. Abdul is the man seated on the right end of the bench. His son wonders if anyone can identify the others in the photo.



## 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: March 1, 2008**

Wallace F. Davidow of Amagansett, NY, and Pompano Beach, FL, recalls the fortuitous way he came to graduate from Alfred University. His older brother graduated in the class of 1941, but when it came Wallace's turn to go to school there was no money, so he got a job in a jewelry store making \$12 a week. Then things changed on Dec. 7, 1941. Two weeks later he answered an ad for free training to become an aircraft mechanic. In three months, he was working full-time for \$60 a week and saving money for college. He began studies at New York University College of Engineering in fall 1942. "They said that I would not be drafted out of college that year if I joined the enlisted reserves and if I stayed in college until April 10 I would get credit for the whole year ... I stayed, got credit for the year, and on April 23 ... was given a uniform." He served in Okinawa, under Douglas MacArthur. He was sent home in 1946. In the meantime, Congress passed the GI Bill. Wallace was entitled to 47 months of college – \$500 a year for tuition and \$90 a month for living expenses. He applied to Alfred University. "I attended for two years with 20 credits per semester and six credits from Columbia University summer school. I had the necessary 120 credits and graduated with the class of 1948. My diploma says 'cum laude.' " He was admitted to Cornell Law School and after graduation practiced law with his brother for 35 years in their hometown. In 1992, they turned the practice over to Wallace's son Lawrence.

## 1949

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Amin Khan, son of the late **Abdul Khan**, would like to hear from anyone who might have known his father. He can be reached at picglows@gmail.com

## 1950

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Class Correspondent Herb MacDonell writes that he directed his 70th Bloodstain Evidence Institute in Parma, Italy, June 18-22, 2007, at the request of the Carabinieri, the federal police. With his staff of eight, Dr. MacDonell taught students from the UK and all over Europe learning how to interpret the size, shape, and distribution of bloodstain

patterns to learn their significance ... On the Saturday before the Institute he was the keynote speaker for a forensic workshop on bloodstain patterns before an audience of 200 judges, lawyers, forensic scientists, and law enforcement personnel from all over Europe.

Herb has heard from a number of classmates:

From **Jean Foster '49** – "Dan and Jean Foster have been happily retired for 27 years and are living in a beautiful little town called Fountain Hills, AZ. Fountain Hills is adjacent to Scottsdale, and in a recent poll was named best place to live in Arizona. We are both still very active in the community and belong to several clubs including the Antique Car Club, Friendship Club, Men's Golf Club, VFW etc. plus hold a couple of board and commission seats. We have made a few visits to Alfred over the years and each time it brought back some wonderful memories. Not only did we get a well-rounded education at Alfred but we got something even more important, a deep love for each other that has never faded over the 56 years of our marriage. Our best wishes to all Alfred Alumni wherever you are!"

From **Dick Johnson**: "What a surprise? How did you get my e-mail? At the moment I am in Paris at the beginning of my regular summer holiday in Europe which I have been doing since 1966. Next week, I go to London for a week to visit friends and then back here where I pick up a leased Peugeot. After visiting friends in Provence, I'll be driving on to Greece where I'll stay through the middle of September. I'll return to New York about Oct. 1. I don't know if this is very interesting news but at least it indicates



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that even at our age, we can still keep moving. Being retired isn't all that bad!"

From **Paul Kiesow**: "I am on the Oxford City Council and am a member of Rotary, BSA, Community College Foundation, my church foundation, our hospital foundation, Chamber of Commerce, and the 12-step home board. My wife and I enjoy traveling, averaging two overseas trips, three Kentucky and three New York trips per year. My son has two daughters, one 19 and one 24. My daughter has two boys, one 16 and one 10. My son lives nearby and my daughter and family live in Louisville, KY. I just became a Great GrandDad from my son's eldest daughter. In July of 2006, I had my aorta valve replaced. I feel very lucky to live near Duke and to get well with lots of support."

**James Wood Sr.** of Owego, NY, membership administrator of the Tioga County Council on the Arts, was chosen as marshall of the 17th Annual Strawberry Festival Parade on June 16, 2007.

**William P. Dougherty**, Elmira Heights, NY, is a volunteer chaplain for Arnot Ogden Medical Center, Elmira; the Elmira Heights Police Department; and the Elmira Heights Rotary Club.

## 1951

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**Audrey (Riess) Bagnall** writes: "This past summer, four Sigma Chi Nu sisters renewed ties made over 50 years ago with a reunion in upstate New York. I hosted (**Jinx Klemijeski**) **Zegler '50**, **Margaret 'Peg' (O'Neil) Bach '50** and **Diana (Seligman) Dreyer '51** at my summer home in Windham, NY. We pored over old pictures and yearbooks which brought back many memories of our shared time at Alfred. Many ears may have been ringing in late June!

"Earlier, in May, my husband, **Al '50**, and I embarked on an 'Adventure Elderhostel' to Banff and Jasper, Alberta, Canada. At the first night 'meet and greet' get-together we met two AU graduates with much in common – **Dorothy (Shaw) Doane '53**, a Sigma Chi sister, and husband **Bruce Doane '54**, a Delta Sigma Phi brother of Al's. "What a surprise and delight after so many years."

## 1952

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Your Class Correspondent **Frank Bredell** writes: "Instructors of proper behavior counsel us to be very wary of discussing religion and politics. Nevertheless your intrepid correspondent and those who have written to him wade right in.

"On the religion front, **Pat Patterson** says it took six months of hard work, but the search committee he served on at St. George

Episcopal Church in Lady Lake, FL, succeeded in hiring a new rector. Pat now returns to his regular position on the church vestry, the governing board.

"He reports that his wife, Jean, had a knee replacement which prevented them from making their usual summer trip to Rochester. Next year, he says, 'unless the creek overflows.'

"**Al Baxter**, after e-mailing an astounding collection of photos of long-vanished two-pump gas stations, offers this political comment: 'I continue to be a political activist that's totally disgusted with our Congress and the current administration. I waited 40 years for a Republican Congress and president to bring fiscal responsibility back to government and after six years of what was supposed to be "conservatism," our fiscal mess is worse now than ever ...'

"On quite a different note, **Val Cushing** sent a note that he says resembles what used to pass for news in the *Alfred Sun*. He reported plans for a summer reunion in Canada involving **Matt and Nellie Melko**, both of the class of '51; **Bill and Peggy Brison**, also '51; and **Val and Elsie Cushing**. They were to meet in Ontario where the Brisons have a summer cottage on an island and a tree house on shore. The question, said Val, would be who would be best adapted to sleep in the tree house. The last time Val, Matt and Bill were together was during their college years when they were roommates at Delta Sig fraternity."

Additionally, Val presented a workshop for the Slippery Rock (PA) University Potters Guild's Regional Conference on Ceramic Arts, April 13-14, 2007. He was also juror for The Guilford (CT) Art Center's Biennial of North American Functional Clay exhibit this past spring.

"**Bob Mangels** reports that about 30 former members of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity met at the Pocono Manor in June to 'relax, reminisce and be thankful for our wonderful relationships. Classes from the '40s to '60s were represented and most agreed that our Alfred University experience was unforgettable."

"**Dr. John K. Fisher**, president/CEO of St. Vincent's College, Connecticut, has been appointed for a three-year term to the American Council on Education's (ACE) Commission on Effective Leadership.

"**Russ Wood**, after living in a life care community for nine months, says, "The only regret we have is that we couldn't do it sooner because of a backlog of applicants." He adds that their daughter with husband and two children visited for most of July after completing a tour of duty in Prague. (Son-in-law works for the State Department.) Their next assignment will be two years in



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*Alfred's Sigma Chi Nu Robins – a group of alumnae from 1953 and 1954 who have gathered annually with their spouses – presented a rocking chair for the children's room at Herrick Memorial Library in memory of Ann Saunders Fasano '53. On hand were, seated, Joe Fasano '54, and standing, from left, Martha LePrell '53, Joyce Crean '53, Beverly Rawlings '53, Inge Hess '54, and Nancy Double '53. Ann Fasano, who died Nov. 27, 2006, was a member of the Herrick Library staff for many years prior to her retirement.*

the United Arab Emirates.

"After diligently pressing the computer keys to send this alumni report, **Frank Bredell** and his wife, Jean Carnahan, were to embark on what Elderhostel describes as a literary tour of Britain. They'll see places associated with Charles Dickens, Sherlock Holmes, Jane Austen, Shakespeare, Thomas Hardy, Beatrix Potter (how did she get in there?), Wordsworth and maybe a few others. Dutchy Barnard and Mel Bernstein would be so pleased that their love for English literature took hold in at least one student."

## 1953 REUNION YEAR!

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**Class Correspondent Carol Sheets** writes that several months ago a classmate e-mailed from Helotes, TX, that he had found a classmate living there – **Ardith (Kuehn) Beckmann**, 14802 (Alfred's Zipcode!) Circle A Trail, Helotes, TX 78023.

Carol notes: "Next year is our 55th and I hope the class is looking forward to returning to Alfred for the celebrations. At the 50th Reunion, three of my four children accompanied me and really enjoyed it. Next year I expect all four will be returning with me."

Saratoga Springs, NY, native **Bob Ewell**, who retired in 1991 after 35 years in human resources at GE, began a new career four years ago. He has grown into a nationally recognized artist known for painting images from the backstretch and track at the Saratoga Race Track. Living nearby, he wakes early and often strolls to the practice barns to capture the early fog, horse baths, and stall scenes. He takes photos of workouts, then makes sketches, and finally paints them on canvas. A collection of 60 of his hometown works, entitled "The Backstretch, Mostly," was exhibited this past summer at the Saratoga Visitors Center.

**Alan Litell** of Alfred has been receiving quite a bit of publicity on his new book, "Courage: A Novel of the Sea," published by Brillig Press, owned and operated by

fellow alumnus Martin Moskoff. Publicity has included a feature article in the *Olean Times Herald*, *The Hornell Tribune*, and a column in *The Athens (Greece) Times*.

## 1954

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**Class Correspondent**  
**Dee Levine**

heard from

**Barbara**

(Parsons)

**Merridew** who

writes that she

"is back in

New York State

after spending

the winter in

her home in

Englewood,

FL." She is

active in the Venice, FL Venetian

Harmony Chorus, a division of Sweet

Adelines. She also enjoys singing in the

Venice Trinity Church Choir. Her

granddaughter, Jamie Shaw from

Hammondsport, NY, is a freshman at AU

in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences.

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*Barbara (Parsons)  
Merridew '54*

**Mary Jane Mackey '55** of East Northport, NY and your **Class Correspondent** both sent in an article in which retired attorney **Rona Seider** of Rockville Centre, NY, was one of five women profiled for, "A feminist's work is never done," which appeared in the June 2, 2007, edition of *Newsday*.

## 1955

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**Mary Jane Mackey** of East Northport, NY, sent an article from the Feb. 18, 2007 edition of *Newsday*, in which it is noted that **Michael J. Ostrow** of Huntington, NY, and **Stephen W. Schlissel**, co-founders and managing partners of Schlissel, Ostrow, Karabatos & Poepplein, Garden City, NY, were chosen for the 2007 edition of "The Best Lawyers in America" for their work in



the field of matrimonial and family law. Both are diplomates of the American College of Family Trial Lawyers and fellows of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Michael is a leader in many professional organizations.

## 1956

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Marion (Sutton) Attali writes: "I would like to mention my surprise last year, after the 50-year Reunion for my class, upon receiving an Alfred University citation, awarded not to me but to my husband, Jean-Raymond Attali! He's French and has been to Alfred several times (Alfred was my hometown), but never studied there! I wish I could have attended the reunion and am very proud of my alma mater. I hope to be there next summer for a family reunion. Keep up the good work."

## 1957

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Class Correspondent Bob Tompkins writes that he was happy to receive his 50-year certificate from Reunion 2007, and sorry that he could not make it to campus to pick it up. His wife was ill and could not travel.

"Missed seeing Sol Schwartz and Bert Koutar. Bert told me Reunion was fantastic. I'll be up in 2009!"

Jack Coombs and his wife, Kay, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary (June 10) with a reception on July 7, 2007, at a local church.

## 1958 REUNION YEAR!

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Class Correspondent Elliott Lasky has much news to share:

"Phil Lau – After Alfred went to Syracuse University for Ph.D. in organic chemistry. Spent a couple of years post doctoral at UC Berkeley. Returned East to Eastman Kodak, retiring in 1998. 'Keeping myself pretty busy by consulting, a lot of golf and tennis, and trips around the world. Married, three kids and seven grandchildren.'

"Dave and Tinker '57 Wilcox left Sun Lakes, AZ in April for a three-month RV trip to the East Coast with their Jeep Liberty and hybrid bicycles in tow. Their 21' Chinook covered 10,000 miles, the Jeep another 4,000, bicycles about 200, hiked about 100 and added 30 miles of canoeing. An incredible experience taking the 'blue roads' of this wonderful country. This fantastic journey enabled Tinker to

join her nursing class and the Alfred University graduates of 1957 at their 50th reunion. Dave was able to join his LXA brothers at their 35th annual 'Roscoe' LXA reunion held at the Inn at Pocono Manor, PA.

"John Swartz: 'Next Monday I'll be at the bottom of the Grand Canyon on a raft. Temperatures this past week in the Canyon have reached 117 with a water temperature of 42. Will take my son, two sons-in-law and two grandchildren (ages 10 and 13) down the Colorado River for three days. This may not have been one of my better decisions. Helen just got back from taking the spouses to New York City along with four granddaughters. Perhaps a better choice! But, our best trip came about because of my hobby – genealogy. Last fall, Helen and I took our son and two daughters to East Germany and Berlin to visit the area from which the Schwarz family immigrated. This while the spouses stayed home and took care of our six grandchildren. My great great grandparents were serfs and worked for the von Hahn family in Basedow, Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg. The 24th generation of that family, Ekhard von Hahn, took us on a tour of the castle in Basedow where my great great grandmother worked as a maid (circa 1819). I took great pleasure in tipping him after the tour. The family had the castle and their land confiscated by the Russians after World War II and it has not and will not be given back – all 2,400 hectares (a measure of land equal to 2,471 acres) – so he is reduced to being a tour guide. Still working at Lake Shore Cryotronics, but my son is now in charge. Looking forward to the Reunion.'

"Marvin Bell retired in 2005 from the University of Iowa Writers' Workshop, where he taught 40 years and held the position of Flannery O'Connor Professor of Letters. He serves on the faculty of the brief-residency M.F.A. program based in Oregon at Pacific University. His 19th book of poetry, "Mars Being Red," appeared in July. He and his wife, Dorothy, live in Iowa City, IA, and Port Townsend, WA, and sometimes for a short period in Sag Harbor, NY. Their sons, Nathan and Jason, live in Signal Mountain, TN, and New York City, respectively.

"Peg (Cartwright) Gorton: After working some general and private-duty nursing, got the M.S.N. at University of Texas in 1975, and taught nursing (OB specialty) for five years at San Antonio Community College. 'We have three sons,



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*Members of the 1961 AU Nursing Class gathered with their spouses at Keuka Lake in July of 2007.*

celebrate our 50th in November, and enjoy golf and travel (both land tours and cruises). I'm a docent at the San Antonio Zoo and have an absolute blast with the animals and guests, who, regardless of age, can be quite challenging. Looking forward to next year's activities.'

"**Georgia Jones:** 'Having a great time here in Lake Placid, skiing, hiking, sailing in the summer and just enjoying the mountains and the water. I'm right where I want to be. Spend some time in Park City, UT where my son and his family (two lovely little granddaughters) live. **Bob Greene** has a place not far from Park City and his son Forrest seems to be working for my kid's business doing something with computers. My daughter lives here in L.P. and owns the family jewelry store. I have three stepchildren who are wonderful and have families of their own. I'm lucky to have a great extended family. I'm busy with community organizations – planning and zoning, Olympic Museum, president of a conservation foundation to preserve land around Placid Lake, and a number of arts and cultural things. Life is good and I'm looking forward to reunion. Had a wonderful time at **Joyce Emmick** and **Ed McNamara's** 50th. I sat at the table with **Jackie** and **Bill Rhodes** and **Amy Koechling** and **Don Weaver**. The party was at the Hilton Hotel here in Lake

Placid and was organized by Ed and Joyce's five sons and their families. A warm and lovely evening.'

"**Rev. Mynor G. Soper** attended the School of Theology for at least a semester, probably 1954 or 1955, making him a member of our class. He has served as a pastor ever since and still is. He is currently the pastor of a Seventh Day Baptist Church in Texarkana, TX.

"**Gwen (Whiting) Graine** has a studio in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, Alexandria, VA, Studio 307. If you go to [torpedofactory.org](http://torpedofactory.org) and click on Gwen, you can see samples of her work.

"**Ed Weiss:** 'ALIVE ... KICKING (so far) ... Planning to attend the 50th. I have wonderful memories of most everyone on

the list. **Bill "Duke" Rodemeyer** and his wife **Gwenn** and I live in Champaign, IL.' He spent 30 years in the refractories business serving the metal melting industries. He left the business world in 1991 and now is the township assessor and serves as an itinerant preacher in the Southern Baptist Church. He has three children and six grandchildren. They reside in Chicago, Denver and Champaign, respectively. They spend as much time with them as is possible and spend three winter months on Siesta Key, FL, "where we enjoy the joy of the sea and are able to preach in that community." Duke says he has found the simple life is better and wished he had realized that earlier.

"**Joe Stein**, one of the few still working,

importing materials from China to the USA steel makers. Offices in Mars, PA, and Key West, FL.'

"**Dick Errico:** 'We sold our house in Chestertown, MD, and bought a townhouse in Mount Pleasant, SC. Are adjusting to the heat. Our daughter and husband and 5-month-old grandson live 10 minutes away. We overlook a golf course but don't play.'

"From **Judy Clark:** 'Sobon wines have made it! The Sobon Estate Hillside Zinfandel listed in our new Premier Wine catalog. That's all the way to Buffalo! AND it is my favorite. Life is good.'

"Note: Two members of our class have recently passed away: **Jim Angelo** and **Cathy Daggett**.

## 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.



"Class members, please send your e-mail address to [classof1958@entermail.net](mailto:classof1958@entermail.net) if you haven't been receiving regular e-mails with additional class news and news about special arrangements for 2008 Reunion.

"For Reunion, there is a limited ability to have RV electrical hookups at McLane gym. Arrangements can be made with the Alumni Office via Mark Shardlow, and he in turn will do whatever necessary with the facilities folk. A maximum of five vehicles can be accommodated. ([shardlow@alfred.edu](mailto:shardlow@alfred.edu))

**Robert Winokur '58 M.F.A.**, of Horsham, PA, ran as a Democrat for a seat on the Hatboro-Horsham School Board last spring. He is a retired fine arts professor from Temple University.

**Catherine S. Daggett**, an alumna and good friend of the University, died May 16, 2007, at Erie County Medical Center in Buffalo, as a result of injuries sustained in an accident in Bradford, PA, May 7, 2007.

The family has requested that contributions in Mrs. Daggett's memory be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Daggett, 12 Hedgehog Hollow Road, Bradford, PA 16701; and Mr. and Mrs. Scott Cavagnaro, 600 Hedgehog Lane, Bradford, PA 16701. To read a full obituary, go to: <http://www.alfred.edu/pressreleases/viewrelease.cfm?ID=4114>

## 1959

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From Class Correspondent **Elissa Cerone**: "Don't mean to bring up our age, but did anyone read of the eight retiring AU faculty members with more than 225 years of service among them? The frightening thing is, not one of them taught during our time on campus.

"Talked with **Bob Kohn '57** who reported a fun and successful reunion for their class's 50th. Congratulations to the Class of '57 and here's looking forward to our 50th in 2009. **Brenda (Kauffman) Monene** and **Jack** have already made their reservations and **Karen (Dennis) Barney** and I are once again thinking about staying at the Brick (1st floor) – It may be **Linda (Treiling) DeMoss's** chocolate chip cookies! It's never too early to plan ahead, especially you, **Marty Stenzler** – I'm holding you to your promise to return in 2009.

"Had the pleasure of meeting **Brenda** and **Jack's** mensch son, **Marc**, on my recent trip to the California wine country (Napa/Sonoma) which is a wonderful place to drink and relax.

"Hopefully you've all had a healthy and great summer."

**Dr. L. David Pye**, professor emeritus of glass science and former dean of the NYS College of Ceramics at AU, will take over the presidency of the 7,500-member American Ceramic Society in October 2007.



*L. David Pye '59*

**Dr. David Olin Carpenter**, who founded the Electric Arc Furnace Dust Recycling industry in the late '70s and as CEO led the development of the world leader, Horsehead Resource Development Corp., died June 22, 2007. He was active in his community and with charities. He was also a strong supporter of women's sports through his personal sponsorship of the Stratford, CT Brakettes, the top amateur women's fast pitch softball team. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, **Dorothy**, their two children, and four grandchildren.

## 1960

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## 1961

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Class Correspondent **Richard Gross** writes: "I just returned from a week in Palestine doing spinal deformity surgery with the only pediatric orthopedist in that country."

**Denise Pinardi** writes: "For the second year in a row, members of the AU Nursing Class of 1961 and their spouses got together during the weekend of June 22, 2007 (see photo, page 17). This year, 29 of us traveled to Lake Keuka on the kind invitation of **Judy (Wyman)** and **Ron Bruce**. We had a wonderful time together. I won't bore you with the details because you had to be there. What is remarkable about the weekend is how seamless it was. We played. We talked. A few swam. We went on side trips in small groups to see points of interest. Yes, we hit a few wineries. We prepared and gathered for meals. One evening we sat around a bonfire on the shore of the lake. This was not a



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group of old nurses getting together to hash out their past. It was a collective group of vital and interesting men and women who have come to enjoy each other's company, the product of a shared experience at Alfred University and with the ability to comfortably incorporate new members. As a result of the weekend, we left Keuka as one group who shared memories and have begun to create new ones. The following classmates attended: Barb (Terhune) Austin, Judy (Wyman) Bruce, Nancy (Howes) Durburrow, Marianne (Korba) Durofchalk, Sally (Benedict) Florence, Mugsie (Roters) Frobels, Liz (Beijer) Hutton, Pat (Sharp) Lagay, Anne (Clift) Lynch, Gretchen (Snover) Major, Nancy Mercer, Gayle (Zimmer) Morgan, Denise (Were) Pinardi, Diane (Gibson) Rosenbaum, Judy (Oldham) Smith, Liane (Beeson) Taft. Other classmates, Carol (Africano) Frank, Barb (O'Connor) Yee, Jeanie (Ahern) Kortright and Carol (Loveland) Shaw had hoped to attend but were forced to cancel due to family commitments. We hope that we will meet again before the Class of 1961's 50th Reunion at Alfred in 2011.

Joel Moskowitz, long-time member of the AU Board of Trustees and founder of Ceradyne, Inc., presided at ceremonies marking the opening of a 98,000-square-foot factory for his company in Tianjin, the People's Republic of China, June 20, 2007. While in town he visited one of his new "neighbors" – Allied Mineral's plant, which is located "within walking distance" of the new Ceradyne facility. Fellow AU alumnus Jon K. Tabor '55 just happens to be CEO and chairman of the board of Allied Minerals. The AU connections don't stop there: manager of the new plant, where Ceradyne will produce high-purity fused silica ceramic crucibles to be used in the manufacture of polycrystalline silicon for photovoltaic solar cells, is Dr. Shuhai Wang, who completed post-doctoral work at Alfred University. And John Gill M.F.A. '75, professor of ceramic art, was on hand for the Ceradyne opening. He was in Tianjin visiting an art school.

## 1962

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*Masters of Studio Glass: Joel Philip Myers (BFA '62, MFA '68) and Steven I. Weinberg '77 opens at The Corning (NY) Museum on Nov. 2, 2007, and runs through Oct. 19, 2008.*



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## 1963 AU REUNION YEAR!

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Your Class Correspondent writes: "Joe Rosenberg died this past June. We shall miss him. He wrote many interesting e-mails and was enthusiastically involved in his retirement years.

"A follow-up to my last article – Eugene Bannigan has now retired to Florida. Hopefully, he is keeping his pilot's license and we shall see him as he tours interesting places in the United States.

"Classic Car Magazine featured Henry Hopkins in an article about restoring and collecting antique motorcars ... From time to time Henry sells a car or two to recycle money for the acquisition and restoration of yet another dream car. With his partner, they purchased a 1940 Cadillac convertible to use on Caravans with The Classic Car Club of America, a national group that organizes two or three-week or so long drive tours around various parts of the country ... You can also visit special private car collections along the way. Amazing what folks have stored away.

"Linda and Walt Reed wrote that their

daughter, Gina, won the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science for the state of Nevada. She teaches the gifted and will attend a ceremony at the White House.

"Roger Underhill wrote that he sold one house and plowed the profits into purchasing another in San Francisco. He went to Memorial Day 'Lost Boat' Ceremony @ WWII sub USS Pampanito @ SF Fisherman's Wharf ...

"Fun seeing Joel Moskowitz '61 on financial news TV occasionally, since his company, Ceradyne, doing so well trying to protect our troops from awful carnage.

"Martha and I were privileged to attend a gala party sponsored by Alfred Trustee Bob McComsey '66. Bob has always been so gracious and generous with his time and resources. The event, which was held at NYC Rainbow Room, was a splendid black-tie affair last February. Bob had an opportunity to highlight some of the world's best ballroom dancers for a very appreciative crowd.

"Please remember that news for this column only appears if you make contact and send me information."

## 1964

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Class Correspondent **Ruth Gau** writes:

"About two years ago, **Helen (Plumb) Farnsworth** and her husband, Ron, moved from Vermont and purchased a home in Naples, FL. Helen volunteers at the Naples Community Hospital in the heart catheterization lab and also is 'a liaison to the doctors, nurses, and patients' families."

"Since **Phil Stillman** retired in 1994, he has dabbled in acting and has been in commercials for Liberty Health. When he is not golfing, he is enjoying his twin, 8-month-old granddaughters, Samantha and Addison, the children of son, Nate and Karen. Phil's daughter, Elizabeth, lives in Manhattan, NY. Phil mentioned he had been in contact with **Joe Smith '66**. When we talked about our days at the campus center and all the funny jokes he had, Phil mentioned, 'I'm still a 12-year-old at heart.'"

"Recently, **Priscilla (Humphrey) Popp** returned from Grand Rapids, MI, where she spent a few weeks with her son, Steven and daughter-in-law, Lori, celebrating the birth of Jennifer Popp. Jennifer has two brothers, Joshua, 4, and

Jonathan, 2.

"**Harriet (Fain) Berger** and her husband **Ron Berger '63** are in the process of renovating the upstairs of their home in Rockville, MD. They gave up 'their painting project' and had it professionally done along with wallpapering and carpeting as their busy work schedules – Harriet with her business, Peppertree Children Centers, and Ron with his contract law work with Montgomery County – took their time. As for traveling, this past March, they visited the Orient, flew to Hong Kong, and stopped in Japan and Taiwan, where they lived for two years when Ron was in the Air Force. They also went to the mainland and did the 'the tourist stuff' like visiting the Great Wall and were guests of a Beijing family, who prepared a traditional Chinese dinner for them. Harriet noted the great preparations for the upcoming Olympics."

"Had a nice conversation with **Les Hoskyns** who lives in Walnut Creek, CA."

"**Betsy (Conover) Leipold** and her husband **Paul**, with their daughter Sue and husband, son Eric and girlfriend, cruised in a Sunsail 39' Bare Boat Charter in the Carribean. After sailing with their family, Betsy and Paul were to fly to Italy for two weeks on a trip called 'The Italian Mosaic.' On the tour, time will be spent in Florence, Rome, Assisi, Sorrento, Capri,

Tuscany, and Venice."

"**Janet (Peach) Bidwell** and her husband **John Bidwell '63** are the proud grandparents of Daniel Bidwell, born July 4, 2007, to Sarah and Andy Bidwell of Portland, OR. Daniel has a brother Sammy who is 4 years old. Andy Bidwell is a wildlife biologist for Portland General Electric. John's and Peachie's other son, Tim, lives in Connecticut with his wife, Dale. Recently, Tim became a marketing vice president for Moore Medical, a division of McKesson Medical, in the Hartford area. Peachie and John are enjoying themselves on their pond, where they have a resident loon. Peachie's green thumb has produced a garden of over 100 perennials (flowers and herbs) and that is a feat when they have limited sun and soil comprised of sand and pine needles."

"From a professional reference librarian at Framingham State College, Framingham, MA, to a volunteer at the Newton History Museum, MA, and now a part-time teacher at this Museum, **Ronnie (Suchman) Klein** is kept busy. School classes and camp groups in grades K-12 from surrounding towns, participate in the programs that Ronnie instructs in 19th century family life and the Underground Railroad. At the end of September, Ronnie and her husband **Richard**, along with **Vicki (Klein) Resnick** will be attending the wedding of **Sue (Martin) Rosenzweig's** daughter, Roberta, in Los Gatos, CA. After the wedding, Ronnie and Richard will be staying in San Francisco with **Elizabeth 'Bebe' (Graves) Miller '65** and **Dave Miller '65**."

"We were saddened to learn about the death of our classmate **Dr. Martin Resnick**."

"Several classmates have asked about **Rosemary Sokol** and **Carolyn (Morton) Burke**. Can you help us find them? Please contact [clarkd@alfred.edu](mailto:clarkd@alfred.edu) or the class representatives."

**Cynthia Bringle (MFA)** was represented in the "Pursuing Excellence" exhibit and gave a talk this spring at the Center for Craft, Creativity and Design, University of North Carolina-Hendersonville. She is a faculty member at Peland School.

**Dr. John E. MacFadden** retired July 1, 2007, from Saratoga Springs (NY) City School District. He served the district for 38 years, 16 of them as superintendent of schools. He says "more time with family is a first priority as with most retirees." He plans to continue his commitment to the



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community through volunteer work and to pursue his interest in national and international travel with his wife, Donna. The history and economics major also writes: "Being elected president of the Class of 1964 was a distinct highlight, along with the many educational and social activities Alfred University offered at the time."



Paul Leipold '64

**Paul A. Leipold** has joined Harter Secrest & Emery LLP, Rochester, NY, as counsel in the Intellectual Property Group. He is married to Elizabeth (Conover) Leipold.

**Martin Resnick**, physician, who chaired Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine's Urology Department and several national urology associations, died in Cleveland, Ohio, June 24, 2007. He was the founding editor of *Contemporary Urology* magazine. He is survived by his wife, **Vicki Ann**; two sons; and three grandchildren.

## 1965

**Janet Seamon Pitt**  
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**Lester Rickard** was elected a Fellow at the 108th annual meeting of the American Ceramic Society, in recognition of his contributions to the ceramic arts and science. He has served on the society's corporate advisory board and as counselor for its Western New York Section. He is a past member of the Dean's Advisory Board of the NYS College of Ceramics at AU. Lester and his wife, **Barbara Falkey '65**, are both retired. They reside in Hamburg, NY.

**Joseph Di Bello BA '65, MS '69** of Montgomery, NY, was a featured artist at State University of New York Orange County, Middletown this past spring. The exhibit presented historic sites of the Hudson Valley through paintings, drawings and photography. He also presented a one-artist show during the month of May, at the Noble Café, Route 207, Campbell Hall, NY.

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- **Send your news to Debbie Clark**, Alumni Publications Editor,  
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## 1966

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## 1967

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**Arvid Pasto (M.S. '67, PhD '72)** retired in February 2007 from Oak Ridge National Laboratory where he was director of the High Temperature Materials Laboratory, a Department of Energy national "user facility," for 12 years. At Arvid's retirement party, Alfred alumni **Jane Howe (M.S. '97, Ph.D. '01)**, **Tom Watkins '85**, and **Linda Watkins '87**, presented him with an AU cap and sweatshirt. The gifts were contributed by five Alfred alumni who are currently working at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, **Jane, Hsin Wang (M.S. '91, Ph.D. '95)**, **Tom, Andy Wereszczak '87**, and **Michael Lance '92**. Arvid and his wife, **Elaine (Haney) Pasto '72**, reside in Farragut, TN, and have two grown children and four grandchildren.

Arvid spoke about the Elmwood Mine



Arvid Pasto M.S. '67, PhD '72 and wife Elaine (Haney) Pasto '72 get set to enjoy the cake at his retirement party.

in Tennessee, one of the most famous fluorite-specimen mines in America, at the Spencer (NY) Town Hall on July 15, 2007.

**Dr. Richard Kellogg**, professor of psychology at Alfred State College, wrote "Conan Doyle and the Sleeping Fiend" for the latest issue of *The Serpentine Muse*, a literary quarterly.

**Ed Greene**, CEO of Vision Council of America, was one of two honorees at the State University of New York Optometric Center's March 23 "Eyes on New York" Gala, the Rainbow Room, Rockefeller Center.

## 1968 AU REUNION YEAR!

**Peter L. Williams**  
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**Kenneth Wingo** is a Potter County (PA) commissioner from Ulysses Township. Active in volunteer services, he is assistant chief at the Tri-Town Fire Department, Ulysses, president of the Gale Hose Ambulance Co., Galeton, PA, an active EMT in Galeton and Ulysses, a state EMT instructor, and forest fire instructor. He also serves as a deputy coroner for Potter County.

## 1969

**James L. Higerd**  
30529 Cobb Road  
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**Bill Snowden**  
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**Wayne Lee**, an English teacher, was selected Watchung Hills Regional High School's (Warren, NJ) 2006-07 Teacher of the Year by the Governor's Teacher Recognition Program.

The Seneca County (NY) Board of Supervisors named **Jeffrey Weyrauch** (M.A.) of Honeoye, NY, interim director of community mental health services. Jeffrey retired in 2005 as chief of community services for Rochester (NY) Psychiatric Center.

## 1970

**Peter L. Immordino**  
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Studio Poone & Fax: 707.433.4471  
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**Paul Bernhardt M.F.A.** '70 of Bear Creek Lake and West Chester, PA, received a national Excellence in Teaching Award from the National Council on Education in Ceramic Arts. A retired high school teacher, he currently teaches potter at the Chester Springs (PA) Studio.

**Mary Smith**  
M.S. '70 of Almond, NY, a professor in the Nursing Department at Alfred State College, was awarded a State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching last spring.



Mary Smith '70

## 1971

**Mrs. Cathy Clarke Baumgarten**  
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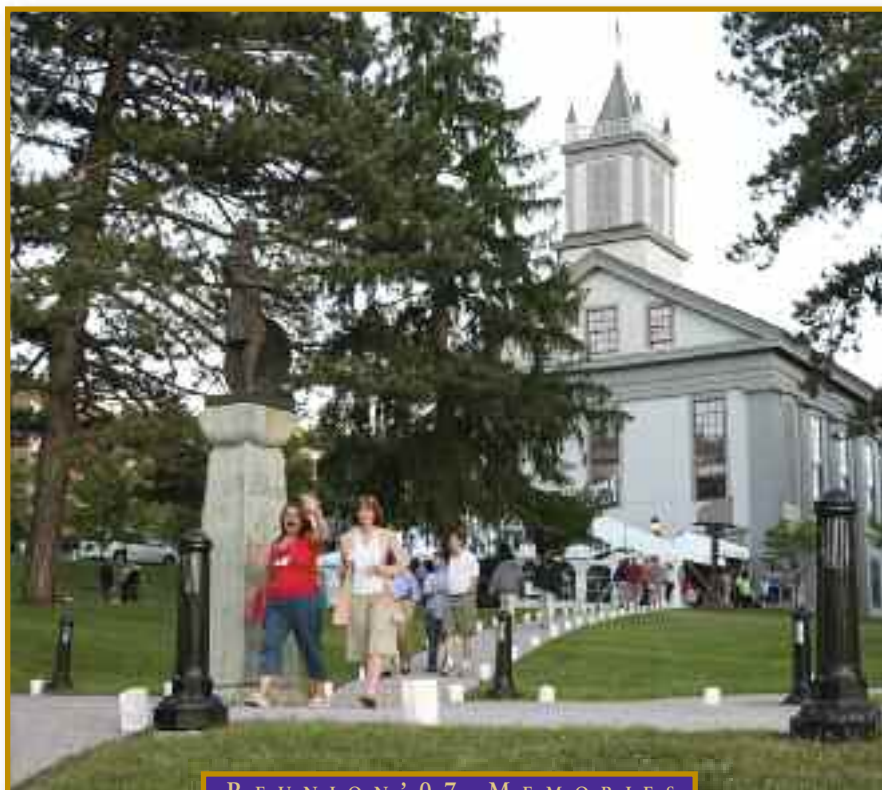
**Chris Kulp** writes that she and husband **Bruce '00H**, and daughter **Rachel Collins '99** "had great fun once again this year as members of the Rochester (NY) Dachshund Parade Planning Committee. "The fifth annual parade was held on May 19 in Rochester's Washington Square Park with an overwhelming 375 dachshunds and 1,000 people present. Modeled after the dachshund parade in New York City's Washington Square Park, Rochester's parade is now thought to be the largest of its kind ... Oompah music, singing of the 'Dachs Song,' a hot dog vendor and other vendors selling handcrafted dog-themed items were enjoyed by all. Needless to say, with that many Dachshunds, it was a loooooong parade!"

**Susan (Carter) Tubbs** writes: "I retired in June 2005 after 31 years as a special education teacher with Monroe (County, Rochester, NY) #1 BOCES. Most of my career was spent working with young children with behavior challenges, particularly autism. My husband, Gerry, a senior electrical engineer at Xerox Corp., and I celebrated my retirement with a trip to Hawaii to visit our oldest daughter, Dawn, who is a physician's assistant in the Navy. Our other two daughters - Erin, 27 and



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Katie, 24 – went with us to surf, snorkel, and swim with sea turtles. During retirement I plan to continue to actively pursue a life well lived.”

**James Grillo '71 BS, '72 MS** of Hammondspport, professor in the School of Management and Engineering Technology at Alfred State College, was among 28 State University of New York (SUNY)-wide faculty members recognized by the SUNY as Distinguished Teaching Professors this past spring. The designation constitutes a promotion above that of full professor.

Columbia River Mental Health Services has appointed **Jeff Kassel** financial officer.

**Bill Riker** was featured in a July 13, 2007 article in EastBayRI.com. He runs Riker Art Glass in East Providence, RI, and teaches students in the Rhode Island School of Design continuing education program.

**Professor Richard A. Lord** of the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law at Campbell University, Buies Creek, NC, received the Dean's Excellence in Research Award for his article, "The At-Will Relationship in the 21st Century: A Consideration of Consideration," published in the Baylor Law Review. The 70-page article examines the at-will employment relationship under which many Americans are employed. Richard is also the revising author and editor of the 4th Edition of

Williston on Contracts, a 31-volume treatise that serves as one of the major resources on contract law for lawyers and courts throughout the United States.

## 1972

**Mrs. Audrey Camann Pfol**  
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**William T. Hanley**, chairman of Video Communications Inc., talked about business startups May 22 at Corning Community College's Airport Corporate Park, Elmira, NY.

**Dr. David C. Greenspan** has joined Tutogen Medical, Inc., Alachua, FL, a leading manufacturer of sterile biological implant products made from human and animal tissue, as vice president for global research and development.

## 1973 AU REUNION YEAR!

**Steve Reichman**  
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**Mitch Queler** was named Member of the Year by the Darien (CT) Chamber of Commerce. He is vice president of operations for Darien-based Colangelo Synergy Marketing.

## 1974

**Mrs. Nancy Ballert Heilstedt**  
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**Michelle (Miller) De Ritter** retired in June 2007 from her position of 32 years as an instrumental music instructor for Olean (NY) City Schools. She is in her second term on AU's Alumni Council and has served as alumni coordinator for three consecutive AU Performing Arts reunions.

**Kathleen Mulcahy M.F.A.** presented "Natural Forces" from March 28-May 7, 2007, at the Kean University Center for Academic Success Gallery, Union, NJ.

**Jeff Zamek** wrote an article for the March 2007 edition of *Ceramic Industry* magazine entitled "A Cautionary Tale." The article details how a diverse and thorough knowledge of raw materials is



*President Charles M. Edmondson, left, presents a Distinguished Service award to James Lasky '74, who is a partner in Bogdan, Lasky and Kopley, one of the top 10 lobbying firms in New York State. Lasky was cited for his professional accomplishments, as well as his service to Alfred University.*

## Buffalonian roams to new home

Life is good for Randy Dittmann '79 of Tulsa, OK. Even though it's a long way from Randy's early years on a dairy farm in Marilla, NY, near Buffalo, he has daily reminders of his roots as owner/founder/president of Buffalo Land Abstract Co., a title and abstract service with dealings throughout the state.

He also owns Logan County Abstract Co., Guthrie, OK; Oklahoma OneStop, Tulsa; Coal County Abstract Co., Coalgate, OK; and Buffalo Holding, Oklahoma City.

Most recently, Randy and Sandi completed a different sort of land project when they opened the Cedar Rock Inn Bed and Breakfast and event center on a 48-acre parcel called Redberry Farm, right next to their home in West Tulsa. A wilderness area and walking trail surround the inn. Cedar Rock was originally a house built in 1890. The Dittmanns spent six years renovating the property; every effort was made to use recycled materials in the reconstruction. *To read more go to: [www.alfred.edu/alumni](http://www.alfred.edu/alumni).*



*Randy Dittmann '79 in front of the Cedar Rock Inn Bed & Breakfast in West Tulsa, OK.*

the potter's only recourse in the present environment of fewer material options.

**From Rich Simington:** "Kathleen O'Connor Benzaquin recently received two prestigious awards for professional excellence at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington. She was selected as the Lecturer of the Year at the institution and Faculty Member of the Year in the College of Education. Kathy and her husband, Del '73, live in Wilmington.

## 1975

**Janice Brewer Smith**  
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Pottery by **Leah Rubenstein** was featured in a five-week, three-artist exhibit at Our World Gallery at the Stone Studio, Stamford, CT, this past spring. Leah and her husband, Dan, live in Stamford.

An exhibit spanning the career of **David Vertacnik** was on display last spring in the Indiana State University Art Gallery.

## 1976

**Sara Wall Bollinger**  
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Manlius, NY 13104  
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## 1977

**Gerard Nealon**  
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"Masters of Studio Glass: Joel Philip Myers (B.F.A. '62, M.F.A. '68) and Steven I. Weinberg" opens at The Corning (NY) Museum on Nov. 2, 2007, and runs through Oct. 19, 2008.

**Constance Pennisi**, an instructor in the Computer Imaging and Architectural Engineering Technology Department, Alfred State College, was



*Connie Pennisi '77*

awarded a State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities last spring.

Artist and educator **Neil Tetkowski** was one of four Grand Island (NY) High School graduates honored at the first Distinguished Alumni Awards Ceremony last spring. Neil is director of the art galleries at Kean University, Union, NJ. He is also the founder and director of the Common Ground World Project, an international, non-governmental organization that uses the arts and education to focus attention on global environmental concerns.

## 1978 REUNION YEAR!

**Mrs. Mary Liebel Shaddock**  
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**Jan L. Saeger** has had her first textbook – "New Foundations in the Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork" – published by McGraw-Hill Higher Education Group. She is in the process of writing a second book for McGraw-Hill – "Successful Business Practices for Wellness Professionals" – which will be out next year, and she has been asked to submit two more proposals for books. She writes: "After graduating ... I spent several years in magazine publishing and on Wall Street. An injury to one of my horses led me into the healing arts field, specifically massage. I have taught at Keiser University (West Palm Beach, FL) for almost four years, which gave me the opportunity to write college textbooks ... I certainly credit my AU education and wonderful professors for my writing success."

## 1979

**Mrs. Kate Hamlin Wehrle**  
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AppliedE™, a company founded in 1999 by **George Eagan**, was awarded its first European patent in July 2007. This patent is parallel to AppliedE™'s first U.S. patent, issued on May 22. The patent is a "business method patent that claims and protects a method of automatically recording Internet activity performed by a user on behalf of a client," he said.



# 1980

**Mark Brostoff**  
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**Bob Double** received an M.B.A. from St. Bonaventure University in 1986 and a master's of divinity from Northeastern Seminary in 2004. He is currently working as an accountant for Liss International and as a children's minister at Willowbrook Christian Church, Victor, NY. He is married to **Linda Hupp '81** and has three children, **Robert III (21)**, a senior at Wheaton College Wheaton, IL, **Katelin (17)**, a senior at Victor High School, and **Alexander (12)** an eighth grader at Victor Jr. High. The Doubles reside in Farmington, NY.

Since mid-January 2007, **Sheila Calkins** has been serving as chief of staff in the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office.

Sculpturist **Rina Peleg** of New York City is represented by the Rhonda Schaller Studio, NY.

# 1981

**William Leverence**  
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Brookfield, CT 06804  
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**Dr. Jason Alter** turned his children's nightly bedtime stories into a novel now offered on Amazon.com and Borders.com. "John Fastramp and the Dakota 3000 Challenge" is adventure aimed at both boys and girls. The story focuses on the adventures of John Fastramp, his friends and his unique race car.

NYS Gov. Eliot Spitzer and Lt. Gov. David A. Paterson appointed **Lora K. Lefebvre** deputy secretary for Public Finance and Local Governments.

Two alumni were among 68 artists whose work was shown this summer in "Made in NY 2007," an exhibition at the Schweinfurth Memorial Art Center in Auburn, NY. Among those exhibiting were **Linda Price** of West Rush and **Linda Swanson '05** of Alfred Station.

**Stephen K. Heine** is executive vice president for consumer and business banking at Provident Bankshares Corp., Baltimore. Stephen and his wife, Carole, have four children. He coaches girls' lacrosse at the youth and high school club levels.



*Enjoying the President's Cocktail Reception at Reunion 2007 are (from left) **Jami (Perry) Smith**, **Alison Wolfe**, **Kari (Jermansen) Martin**, **Cheryl (Wilczynski) Vetter**, and **Jennifer Ward**.*

NYS Supreme Court Justice **Guy J. Mangano** was the judge vacating a 22-year-old conviction and granting a new trial in a celebrated NYC murder case with alleged Mafia ties.

# 1982

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Three AU alumni are among 50 artists selected to display works in "Beyond/In Western New York, a biennial exhibit which opened in September featuring top artists from a bi-national region including Toronto, Buffalo, and Syracuse. Featured are sculptor **Roberley Bell** of Batavia MFA '82; **Renee Brackett** BFA '03, MFA '06 of Hornell, NY, visiting assistant professor of expanded media at AU; and **Jaclyn "Jax" Deluca '04** of Buffalo.

# 1983 REUNION YEAR!

**Jodi (Poggi) Hirsch**  
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Your Class Correspondent **Jodi Poggi** married **Raphael Hirsch, MD**, on Nov. 25, 2006 and is now **Jodi Hirsch**. She is general counsel for the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation. Her husband is the division chief for pediatric rheumatology at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC. Jodi writes: "I am now a step-mom to three terrific kids – son **Eytan**, 16; daughter **Talia**, 14; and son **Gabriel**, 12."

**Cree Research, Inc.** co-founder and research and development chief **John Edmond** is listed on Business 2.0's "50 Who Matter Now" list. Cree is a Durham, NC company at the forefront of LED technology.

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**Alicia Kozuch** writes that her 14-year-old son, Jacob, was honored by the organization Do Something with a BRICK Award for his community service work in starting a company, Computers for Communities, which obtains discarded computers, teaches prison inmates to refurbish them, and distributes them to the underprivileged. Alicia is executive director of Computers for Communities. The first televised award show about changing the world, the BRICK Award celebrates young people making the world better.

**J.C. Lapp '83 MS, '86 PhD**, noted display scientist and one of Corning Inc.'s leading researchers in display glass, died April 26, 2007, after a long battle with cancer. Dr. Lapp, development Associate with Corning Display Technologies, was the co-inventor of Corning's Code 1737 and EAGLE 2000 (R) substrate glasses. He was 50. To read more, go to: <http://www.alfred.edu/pressreleases/viewrelease.cfm?ID=4008>

## 1984

**Mrs. Judi Lewandowski Brayer**  
1249 W. Clinton St.  
Elmira, NY 14905

**Bert Schmidt** has been named president and CEO of public broadcasting station WHRO, Norfolk, VA. Now chairman of the Virginia Association of Public Television Stations, Bert is also on the board of the National Educational Telecommunications Association.

**Terri L. Mangione, Ph.D.**, was named dean of students at Canisius College, Buffalo, NY.

The Orlando (FL) Magic professional basketball team has named **Bob Beyer** an assistant coach.

**Elizabeth Garry** was elected last November as state Supreme Court justice in New York's Sixth Judicial District – 10 counties in Central New York: Chenango, Cortland, Otsego, Delaware, Broome, Tioga, Chemung, Schuyler, Tompkins, and Madison.

**Leah Leitson** presented a porcelain workshop at the Del Rio Potters' Guild, Del Rio, TX, in April 2007.

**Richard Dolan** had an article – "Conspiracy: No Theory – Just Reality" released through Conspiracy Planet, an alternative news and history network.

## 1985

**Margot Ferrari Fry**  
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Greensboro, NC 27455  
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**William C. Graham** was named CEO of Triton Systems, Long Beach, MS.

## 1986

**Catherine Riscili Staszewski**  
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West Lafayette, IN 47906  
E-mail: [jstaszewski@verizon.net](mailto:jstaszewski@verizon.net)

Chautauqua (NY) County Sheriff **Joseph Gerace M.S.** presented a one-credit summer course – Security and Preparedness – through a Jamestown Community College/Chautauqua Institution series.

**Lori Ralyea Ballengee** of Angelica, NY, was one of four women honored last spring at the annual celebration of Allegany County women sponsored by the county Youth Bureau for overcoming obstacles and making the best of what life has handed them.

**Patricia A. Smith** is founder and president of Management Strategies, Jamestown, NY. She recently wrote an article – "The Interim Director: Place Holder or Catalyst for Organizational Change?" – for CharityChannel's Nonprofit Boards and Governance Review eNewsletter.

**Paula Tomanvich** was promoted to a nurse manager at Wilmington Hospital, Wilmington, DE, working with the elderly in acute care.

## 1987

**Mrs. Susan McDonald Gould**  
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**Matt Versaggi** writes: "While at AU I competed in track and field as a decathlete, high jumper and pole vaulter under Coach Dubreuil and earned All-State honors in the vault for three years. Some 23+ years after graduation I began training to continue competing in track and field in the USATF

Masters division (age group 40-44). Two years later, and 30 pounds lighter, I finally competed in some meets that are worth noting. In the USATF Midwest Regional Championships (Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia) on 7/28/07, I took a bronze medal with a jump of 5'8 and 1/4" which exceeded the USATF All-American standard and qualified me to attend the national championships the following week. At the USATF National Championships held in Orono, Maine on 8/4/07, I also took a bronze medal, placing third. That puts me third in the nation for the outdoor season of 2007 in my age group."

**Robert Renaud** is an art instructor at Carthage High School, Carthage, NY, where he also coaches football and volleyball. He and his wife, Mary Beth, have two children, Josh and Amelia.

**Stefanie (Gleit) Fix** is a musician living in Austin, TX. She has produced three CDs, the latest, "Crooked Smile," released in May 2007. Last spring she appeared on the Fox News morning show. You can learn more about her career at [www.Stefaniefix.com](http://www.Stefaniefix.com).

## 1988 REUNION YEAR!

**Kara Mackey Dopman**  
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Your Class Correspondent **Kara Dopman** heard from classmate **Tom Ahart** who



*Matt Versaggi '87's three sons "model" the latest in AU gear while attending Reunion '07.*



writes: "I am still living in the Philadelphia area. In 2003, I married Susan Hetzel and we now reside in Ambler, PA. We just welcomed our first child into the world – Cecelia Joy Ahart was born on May 8, 2007. I also have a new position with Keller Graduate School of Management. I am the Center Dean for their location in Fort Washington, PA, where I work with graduate students in business and technology programs. I would love to make it back to Alfred in the near future."

"Cold Pastoral," sculpture and photography by **Kim Dickey M.F.A.** was presented at Rule Gallery, Denver, CO, this past summer. She is working on a collaborative piece with a landscape architect which will sit atop the Museum of Contemporary Art/Denver, which opens Oct. 28, 2007. She also recently finished a commission in Austin, TX, and she spent several weeks this past summer in Portugal, working with other artists on a government-sponsored project. She is an associate professor of ceramics at the University of Colorado (CU). Kim is married to Kirk Ambrose, assistant professor of art and art history at CU, and they live in Longmont, CO, with their two young children.

**Staci Covey, R.N., M.S., C.N.A.,** administrator of Troy (PA) Hospital and Guthrie Home Care, was elected as chairman of the 2007 Hospital Association of Pennsylvania Small Hospital Council.

## 1989

**Mrs. Stephanie (Niles) Conroy**  
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Your Class Correspondent **Stephanie Conroy** writes: "John '90 and I are pleased to announce the birth of our fourth child. Michael Patrick Conroy was born on May 5, 2006. He joins big sisters, Natalie, age 9, and Elizabeth, age 4, and big brother, Stephen, age 7.

"I also would like to share some news that was sent to me from a fellow alumnus. **Barton Lee**, from Park Ridge, NJ, received his master of science degree in technology management from Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, NJ, on May 24, 2007.

**Tracie Goldbaum**, an art teacher in Liberty, NY, and International Natural Bodybuilding & Fitness Federation (INBF) Figure Competitor, won her first INBF Figure Competition, June 30, 2007, in New York City. Tracie competed against five other



*An informal reunion of sorts took place just prior to the launch of the space shuttle Endeavor in August. Meeting at the Kennedy Space Center were, from left, James Royston '88, president of SPACEHAB; Dr. Xingwu Wang, professor of electrical engineering; and Carlos Chang '02, now a PhD candidate at Arizona State University, who had an experiment flying on the shuttle.*

## Inpromptu reunion builds connection

It was an unanticipated Alfred University reunion of sorts.

James Royston '88, new president of SPACEHAB, invited his AU mentor, Dr. Xingwu Wang, professor of electrical engineering, to the Kennedy Space Center to watch the launch of the space shuttle Endeavor in August.

Coincidentally, Carlos Chang '02, now a PhD candidate at Arizona State University, had an experiment flying on that flight, so the three met at a pre-flight gathering.

"I thought it would be a quick five-to-10-minute photo op," admitted Chang. Instead it was far more.

"Dr. Wang was very interested in my opinions of our program at Alfred," said Chang, who earned two degrees – a BFA degree and a BS in materials science. "He had particular interest in ways we could direct the new biomaterials program," said Chang, whose current research is in the area of biomaterials.

Plus, he said, "It was pretty nice to hear what's been going on back in Alfie-land."

Meeting with Royston was an added bonus. "Jim was great," said Chang. "It's so easy to forget how relaxed, personable and close-knit the Alfred community is. I guess after spending some time in industry and at some larger institutions, I just expect people to be pompous and condescending to young researchers. Jim, however, was so Alfred – genuinely interested in our research project, my particular Ph.D. research and also in my upcoming post-doc at the Cardiovascular Innovation Institute in Louisville, KY.

Chang anticipates continued discussions with Royston and SPACEHAB.

"There were some extremely interesting parallels with SPACEHAB's future research interests and my current and future research," said Chang. "I, as well as my future advisers in Louisville, are very interested in continuing discussions with Jim relating to future work. We're hoping to meet up again sometime this fall to chat some more."

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*Tracie Goldbaum '89*

athletes to earn the Overall First-Place Novice Figure Title. The first-place honor earned Tracie a trophy, a spot in the INBF Magazine and the opportunity to advance to the "Open Figure" level in her next competition. Will she compete again? "Yes, I have already begun training for competition in the fall. It feels fantastic to have won my first competition. I'm hooked!" Tracie works out four to five times a week at GOLDS Gym Middletown, NY, and gives credit to her figure coach and support of her husband, Brad, and two children, Madden and Cameron, "without whom I couldn't have brought home the trophy. Cheers to getting better with age!"

Paul Kotula owns Paul Kotula Projects, a gallery in Ferndale, MI.

## 1990

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Christine Scott-Miller writes that she and husband Oliver welcomed a son, Justin Lee Miller, on Oct. 17, 2006. The baby weighed 6 lbs., 1.4 oz. and was 18 1/2 inches long. Christine also reports that she graduated with an M.B.A. in marketing from Canisius College, Buffalo, in May 2007.

Keith Reester, director of public works for the city of Loveland, CO, reports that he was named a 2007 International Fellow by the American Public Works Association and the Eisenhower World Affairs Institute. He was to travel to Australia in August to attend the International Public Works and Engineering Australia Conference, Cairns,

Queensland, and complete a research fellowship. Keith is only the 12th person from the United States to receive the award since its inception in 1987. His research is aimed at finding innovative approaches to replacing the retiring baby boomer generation in the public works and engineering fields.

Cathy Bissoon has been named a partner by Cohen & Grigsby, Pittsburgh, PA. Cathy focuses on employment discrimination and harassment litigation and has first-chair jury trial experience along with extensive pretrial litigation experience. In March 2007, she won the Honorable Thurgood Marshall Award at the 11th Annual Multicultural Prism Awards in Hollywood for her efforts to "enhance diversity in the legal profession." A frequent speaker, trainer and counselor regarding employment law compliance, Cathy has been named one of the "Best Lawyers in America," one of Pennsylvania's "Super Lawyers," and is one of only a few Pennsylvania employment lawyers to be ranked by Chambers USA. She and her husband and two children live in Mt. Lebanon, PA.

Author/illustrator **Matt McElligott** visited Guilderland (NY) Elementary School this past spring to show students how a children's book is put together. Visit his Web site at [www.mattmcelligott.com](http://www.mattmcelligott.com)

## 1991

**Karen Schrader Greabell**  
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**Michael Day** is the majority staff director for the House Small Business Committee, Washington, DC.

**April M. Watson** is the new associate curator of photography at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, MO. April is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Kansas-Lawrence.

**Steve Mountain** is the engineer for the town of Batavia, NY. He and his wife, Kelly, have two daughters, Chelsea, 9, and Melissa, 7; and a son, Tanner, 3.

## 1992

**Michelle Peck**  
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Class Correspondent Michelle Peck writes: "If anyone stayed in contact with Ami (Leaal) DiCarlo, please contact me at [Michelle\\_Peck@Pediatrix.com](mailto:Michelle_Peck@Pediatrix.com). There is a very special old friend of Ami's who just recently heard about Ami's passing several years ago and she would feel honored to pay respects to Ami's family."

**Chrissy Smith** writes that she was married on March 4, 2007, to Anthony Ward in Palm Beach, FL. "We just bought a home in Port St. Lucie, FL. My e-mail address is [chrissy77777@msn.com](mailto:chrissy77777@msn.com)"

**Peter Anderson** was promoted to director of coating development and process for glass fabricator Viracon at its facility in Owatonna, MN.

**Joan Dupont**, who earned her master's degree from AU in community services administration, is the NYS Department of Transportation's regional director in the Hudson Valley. The region includes Westchester, Rockland, Orange, Putnam, Dutchess, Ulster and Columbia counties.

**Alexandra Lakin** was a summer instructor in Oregon State University's JumpstartART program for high school students in Corvallis, OR. She is a visiting assistant professor of drawing at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.



**Melinda "Mindy" (Legg) Ylagan '91** reports that she and her husband, Bob Ylagan, welcomed their third son, Lance Theodore, on May 28, 2007. Lance joins big brothers Renan, 6, and Elliot, 2. Mindy still lives in the Houston area and works as a "stay-at-home mom." She looks forward to the chaos and challenges of three sons.



## 1993 REUNION YEAR!

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Two-dimensional works by West Virginia artist Eric Pardue were featured at the MountainMade Gallery, Thomas, WV, during July 2007.

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Your Class Correspondent writes: "David Bacharach reports the birth of his second child, Adam, on Oct. 5, 2006. He is little brother to Josh, age 4.

"Carrie (Manon) and Morris Hawk and their 2-year-old Celia June welcomed Theodore Manon Hawk into their family on June 27, 2006. The family moved to Chagrin Falls, Ohio while Carrie was nine months pregnant with Theo. Carrie has worked on solid oxide fuel cells with Technology Management in Cleveland since 1997. Friends are welcome to contact them at [hawkmc@core.com](mailto:hawkmc@core.com)

"Kathleen (Siuzdak) Weber and her husband Darin had a girl, Sarah Paige, born June 23, 2006."

Clay work by Maria (Zakaria) Snyder was selected for "Clay: applied art vs. fine art," an exhibition at the Gloria Kennedy Gallery, Brooklyn, NY, this past spring.

Kandi Geibel of Hornell, NY, assistant director of Admissions at Alfred State College, received the State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service this past spring.



Kandi Geibel '64

Nancy Fish joined the T-S-T BOCES, Ithaca, NY, as a school counselor at the Career & Tech Center.



Several Alfred alumni attended the April 14, 2007, wedding of Andrea Goetschius '01 to Ben Moser in North Carolina. The AU contingent included (from left) Brenda (Barry) Dowdy '01; Christian Tribastone '01; Kathryn Goetschius '06; Sean Bishop '01; Andrea; Melissa Bell '00; Lauren (Pidcoe) Dobbins '01; Kyle Torok '02; and Ben. Andi and Ben are living in Durham, NC.

Kristan Kennedy was a juror for "Soft," an exhibition this past summer at Tilt Gallery and Project Space, Portland, OR. Kristan is the visual art program director for the Portland Institute of Contemporary Art. She is represented by the Elizabeth Leach Gallery, Portland.

Bryan V. Thomas, a non-traditional sculptor and lecturer in the State University of New York (SUNY) at Cortland's Art and Art History Department, had a spring exhibit at the Cortland Picture Frame Co. Bryan is married to Abby and they have a toddler. Also, SUNY Cortland awarded him an Excellence in Teaching Award this spring, and he was featured in an article in the *Cortland Standard* in April.

## 1995

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Randi (Jermansen) Albiston '95 reunited and sang with her AU voice teacher, Dr. Paul Giles, and his wife, Mrs. Betty Giles, while attending Reunion 2007 (see photo page 33).

Sandra Murchison wrote that she had two exhibitions of her work this past spring/summer – "SURPLUS: three-dimensional prints and mixed media pieces" at Cottonlandia Museum, Greenwood, MS, and "Process Exposed" Printmaking Council of New Jersey, North Branch Station, NJ. "Process Exposed" is also scheduled to be at Ortho Biotech, Bridgewater, NJ, from Sept. 20-Dec. 20, 2007. In June, she was to make a series of large etchings at the Center for Contemporary Printmaking in Norwalk, CT.

Sandra, associate professor of art at Millsaps College, Jackson, MS, adds that she is "excited to announce that my work-in-progress Web site is up and running at <http://home.millsaps.edu/smiths>.

## 1996

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Potter Sandra Lance of Ripton, VT, was one of many Vermont artists and artisans donating works for the Hospice Volunteer Services' 21st Annual Arts Auction, Ferrisburgh, VT, in May 2007. Sandra runs a shop and studio in Middlebury, VT. She was featured in a May 4, 2007 article appearing in the Addison County Independent, Middlebury.



*Devin (Anderson) Burns '06 writes: "Kyle Burns '06 and I were married on July 8, 2006 on the Alfred campus -- the Brick lawn. It was a beautiful day for a wedding and the AU staff did an amazing job with catering, Saxon Inn stays and assisting with the day." Kyle is a prepress technician at Specialized Printed Forms, Caledonia, NY. Devin is a graduate student at Nazareth College, Rochester, in the master's in art therapy program. The couple lives in Scottsville, NY.*

Ceramic artist **David Webster** was featured in an article appearing in the July 2007 edition of *The Crafts Report*. He is the proprietor of Morning Light Pottery, Skaneateles, NY.

Works by Sculptor **Alison Safford** were featured in a two-artist exhibit this past summer at the Grimshaw-Gudewicz Gallery, Bristol Community College, Fall River, MA.

## 1997

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Class Correspondent **Kari Martin** sends the following report: "10-Year Reunion Recap! Laughs, laughs, and more laughs were enjoyed by alumni and their guests at the Class of 1997's 10-Year Reunion June 8-10, 2007. Class members in attendance were: **Kari (Jermansen) Martin, Jennifer Ward, Alison Wolfe, Cheryl (Wilczynski) Vetter, Jami (Perry) Smith, Emmalee Olson, Dan (Siess) Rain '96, Sarah (Posniewski) Rain, Peter Wiernicki, Sarah Clark, Jennifer (Moorhead) Sullivan, and Domenick Freda.**

"I was recently promoted to policy communications director at Clean Ocean Action from outreach director ... In my new position I will develop, communicate, and implement pro-ocean protection policies and actions. I will track, coordinate, and participate in targeted advocacy campaigns

through the New Jersey/New York region and communicate policies through publications and media, among others.

"In addition, I was recently named to the board of Real Mama, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with the mission to inform and educate mothers and families and to increase awareness and conservation of the natural environment through the most important resource – children ... In this volunteer position, I focus on outreach and communications. For more information about Real Mama, Inc., past newsletters, online resources, and donations, visit [www.realmama.org](http://www.realmama.org)."



*Peter Wiernicki '97 and Sarah Clark '97 (not pictured) introduced their daughter Brooke to AU during Reunion 2007.*

Kari continues: "**Susan Gross** was married to Ken Baron in 2004. They welcomed their first child, Alex, in November 2005. On July 21, 2007, Sue and Ken welcomed a baby girl, Gabrielle Faith Baron. After Alfred, Sue received her master's degree in social work from Rutgers University and worked as a psychiatric social worker with individuals from the state institution until Alex was born. The Baron Family resides in northern New Jersey.

"**Matthew Hanson** recently accepted a position as a partner at New York Life Insurance Co. in the Boston area. As a partner, he serves a primary role in recruiting, developing, and maintaining agents. Matthew and his wife Liana, along with their son Alexander, 2½, and daughter Olivia, 1, reside in Bedford, MA. They would enjoy hearing from AU alumni in their area; Matthew can be reached at [matt\\_g\\_hanson@yahoo.com](mailto:matt_g_hanson@yahoo.com).

Glass blower **Ken "KC" Carter** was featured in a March 2007 article appearing in the Canton (Ohio) *Repository*. He owns KC Glass Studio, Canton, and annually presents two shows of his work in May and November.



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*Alums who gathered in Virginia Beach, VA, for the May 19, 2007 wedding of Rick Tobin '99 and Shaunna Johnson included (kneeling, from left) Chris Markotich '99, Rebecca Hellinger '99, Shaunna, Rick, and Shannon (Erva) Hamilton '97; (standing, from left) Stephanie (Perkins) Kirk '99 with daughter Megan; Ally (Heitzman) Markotich '99, Brian Kirk '99, Jessica (Rossi) Gattone '00, Sal Gattone '99 with son Tyler, Russ Patterson '99, Dan Hamilton '98, and Gary Recktenwald '99. Missing from photo is Chris Schaeffer '99.*

Theresa Perry and her husband, Lawrence, purchased Rupert's Restaurant, Hornell, NY. The couple has three children – 22-year-old and 8-year-old sons, and an 18-year-old daughter.

Sculptor Aaron Quinn Brophy exhibited life-sized figurative sculptures in a one-man show – “untitled” – at the Anne C. Fisher Gallery, Washington, D.C., May 18- June 29, 2007.

## 1998 AU REUNION YEAR!

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Christa (Latacz) Jones writes that she and husband Adrian “welcomed Adrian Wayne Jones Jr. on June 2, 2007. He weighed 9 lbs., 5 ozs.



*Adrian Wayne Jones, Jr.*  
20.2 inches long. He is now almost 2 months old and is starting to develop his

own personality. I have become a stay-at-home mom and am loving every minute of it so far. We go on a lot of play dates, which are more for the moms at this age, but are still fun.”

Jennifer Hennessy reports: “I was married in April to Timothy Nicholas and enjoyed an amazing honeymoon in Aruba.”

Gregory J. Griffin MBA of Liverpool, NY, has been named associate vice president for development and alumni relations at the State University of New York at Oswego. He and his wife, Casey, have three daughters: Emma, 3; Taylor, 5; and Autumn, 11.

Adrienne Metzinger-Hong is a founding member, managing and marketing director, and graphic designer of One World Symphony, Brooklyn, NY. She and her husband, Sung Jun Hong, artistic director and conductor, started One World in late fall 2000. One World has a roster of more than 100 orchestra musicians, 300 vocalists, and a team of composers, collaborative pianists and conductors. Adrienne is also design director for Stan Adler Associates, New York City.

Sculptor and printer Jeremy Entwistle, who earned an MFA from West Virginia University, Morgantown, WVa this spring,

had work displayed during March 2007 in the the university's Creative Arts Center's Mesaros Galleries.

Jason Gray had a book of poetry – “How to Paint the Savior Dead” (Kent State UP, 2007) – this spring, wick won the Wick Chapbook Award. Find the book at <http://upress.kent.edu/poetry/chapbooks4.htm>

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Class Correspondent Jasmine Lellock writes: “Jessica (Dunbar) Creter and Michael Creter welcomed their second baby, Sebastian James Creter, on July 18, 2007. His brother Mattingly adores him!”

Jasmine had a note from Melissa (Them) Peterson: “I defended my dissertation in July and have officially completed my doctoral degree in clinical psychology. Finally! I’m in the process of looking for jobs now ... I have a couple of offers and another couple of interviews scheduled over the next week or so. It’s a hectic time, but I’m feeling very fortunate to be where I am. Myles (BS ’01, MS ’03) is still working for the General Electric Global Research Center in Niskayuna, NY. He’s been there for

three years and greatly enjoys his work. We built a new house last year and now that I might actually make a real salary, we're looking forward to putting on the finishing touches!"



*Charles J. Holder '00*

Chautauqua (NY) County Undersheriff **Charles J. Holder** recently graduated from the 10-week FBI National Academy Program at Quantico, VA.

## 2001

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**Nicholas Burt** writes that he and Amanda Kreeger were married on April 20, 2007, in a ceremony in Hallam, PA. The couple celebrated with family and friends and then retreated to the Caribbean for a week in Curacao. Other AU alumni in attendance included **John Thurber '01**, **Andrew Pascarella '01**, **Bradley Earley '02**, **Chris Maljovec '02**, **Cindy Lewis-Black '00**, **Joe '01** and **Heather '00 Uderitz** and **Tommas Callen '98**. Nick currently works as a supply chain analyst with Harley-Davidson Motor Co. and Amanda is employed with Cumberland/Perry County MH/MR as a supports coordinator. The newlyweds reside in York, PA.

**Jeff Kohlhas** of East Aurora, NY, chief operating officer of Leisure Craft Pools, Lancaster, NY, has been named contributing editor of two industry manuals, the National Plasterers Council (NPC)

Technical Manual and the American Concrete Institute's (ACI) Guide to Portland Cement-Based Plaster. With a background in ceramic engineering, Jeff contributes articles and information for both manuals on a variety of topics such as combating the deterioration of plaster



*Jeff Kohlhas '01*

in swimming pools. Jeff is a full voting member of ACI's plaster committee. The NPC is the swimming pool plasterers trade association and Kohlhas is an active member of its board of directors.

**Rod Stedman** is the new varsity boys' basketball coach at Hornell (NY) High School.

Ceramic artist **Lea Zoltowski** presented a lecture last winter at the School of Art at Montana State University, Bozeman. Lea teaches ceramics at Montana State University-Billings.

## 2002

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Class Correspondent **Judy Tsang** heard from **Danielle Farrell** who wrote: "I was accepted into the Greater Rochester Collaborative Masters in Social Work program with Brockport and Nazareth colleges in Rochester, NY, and will begin this fall along with an internship at Strong Memorial Hospital working in a program with individuals who have mental illness and substance abuse issues."

A blank journal created by **Jennifer Verbilt** was raffled as part of the fund-raising activities at The Center for Book Arts, New York City, last spring. Jennifer is a work-study at the Center, assisting with special events, openings and poetry readings. In return she can take classes in the letterpress and bookbinding fields. In addition, she rents space there and has been working on freelance book art projects. Jennifer also works in an after-school program called "Arts in Action" for children in grades kindergarten through five.

**Jamie E. Hatch** is celebrating one year in business running her own art gallery, Fire Sign Fabrications, 910 Santa Fe Dr. Studio #2; Denver, CO, 80204. The gallery features only Hatch's work. You can find pottery,



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## Your classmates want to hear from you!

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- **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

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glass, and metal sculpture here. Visit the Web site at [www.jamieehatch.com](http://www.jamieehatch.com).

Small-scale works by **Michael Jones McKean** M.F.A. of Richmond, VA, were shown in late spring at SUNDAY, New York City. He was scheduled for a solo exhibit in September.

**Monica Duncan** is on the staff of the Atlanta (GA) College of Art. She was featured in the March 2007 edition of *Jezebel* magazine, Atlanta, in an article entitled "Atlanta's Emerging Artists – Five up-and-coming stars of the city's art scene." Her two most recent shows were the three-artist Evidence" at the Eyedrum Music and Art Gallery and "Recording" a group video and photography exhibit at the Contemporary.

**Mike Minney** is group events coordinator for the minor baseball league Lancaster (PA) Barnstormers.

**Brian Gillis** was a juror for a sculpture exhibition sponsored by the Springfield (IL) Art Association this past summer. He is an assistant professor of visual art at the University of Illinois-Springfield.

**2003 AU REUNION YEAR!**

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Class Correspondent **Sebastian White** was named manager of corporate communications at JetBlue.

He also reports: "Pat 'Keaka' Nelson and Sarah Strong recently got engaged and are planning a summer wedding next year in Hawaii. They're living in Seattle, where Sarah recently finished medical school, but are moving to Hilo on the Big Island of Hawaii before fall is out!

"Mel Schmitt and Harlan Brown-Shaklee '05 are still living in Rolla, MO, where they're each working on Ph.Ds from the University of Missouri (Harlan in ceramic engineering and Mel in materials science). Mel reports, 'We both passed our

Ph.D. qualifying exams in June and have about two years left (sigh). We also were both sent to conventions overseas this summer to present our research (Harlan to the European Ceramic Society meeting in Berlin and Mel to the International Congress on Glass meeting in Strasbourg, France).' Mel and Harlan have made it back to New York a couple of times this summer, including once for Mel to give a talk at the Glass and Optical Materials Division meeting hosted by Alfred in Rochester, and for a few Alfred alum weddings. Mel and **Andy Corman** got a chance to meet up in Los Angeles for lunch this summer as well.

"**Rachel Bullard** is living in sunny Hollywood and is vice principal at an all-girls high school. She'll be running for Miss California USA this November. Rachel writes, 'I have also just finished my novel "Black Geisha," which I am currently shopping to publishers and I have begun my own home-based business, Prepaid Legal Services. Folks who are looking for identity theft protection and restoration services as well as affordable access to an attorney for any legal matter can check out my Web site at [prepaidlegal.com/rachelbullard](http://prepaidlegal.com/rachelbullard).'

"I've had a few Alfred run-ins in New York recently: **Emily Weisergerber** and I ran into each other on the streets of Manhattan this summer, and I had dinner recently with **Justin Ryan Hunter** (better known as 'Idaho') – who moved this summer from Boise to Brooklyn – and **Alison Green**, who is also living in Brooklyn.

"Recently, **Nikki Birdsall** and I



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happened to run into each other outside an office tower in New York. It turns out we both work in the building, she at a law firm and me at JetBlue. It goes to show what a small world it is that we went from being neighbors in a dorm on one of the smallest campuses ever to being neighbors at work in the biggest city in the country ... ”

**Megan Cross** writes: “I just wanted to spread the word that I’ve just been hired as the studio assistant/darkroom technician for the Photography Department at Williams College in Williamstown, MA. I also recently started my own photography business --Megan Cross Photography. I’m excited to finally have some things to brag about to the Alfred community. Wouldn’t have gotten this far though if it hadn’t been for the University, specifically the NYSCC.”

Three AU alumni are among 50 artists selected to display works in “Beyond/In Western New York,” a biennial exhibit which opened in September featuring top artists from a bi-national region including Toronto, Buffalo, and Syracuse. Featured are **Renee Brackett B.F.A. ’03, M.F.A. ’06** of Hornell, NY, visiting assistant professor of expanded media at AU; **Jaclyn “Jax” Deluca ’04** of Buffalo; and sculptor **Roberley Bell of Batavia M.F.A. ’82**.

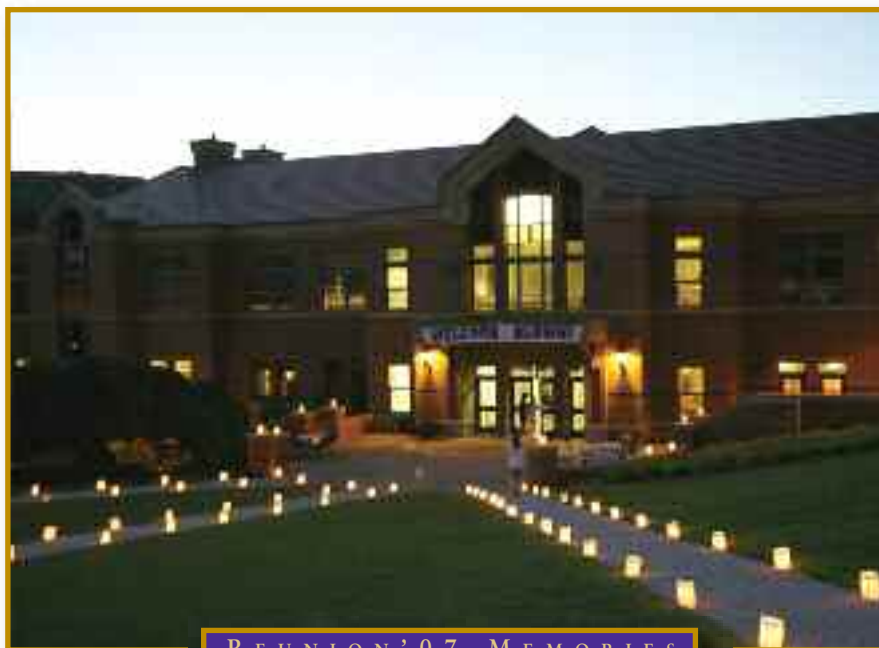
**Cheryl Junker** was awarded a juris doctor degree from Franklin Pierce Law Center, Concord, NH, May 9, 2007. While at Pierce she served as president of the Moot Court Board and admissions ambassador.

Work by Queensbury, NY potter **Thaddeus Powers** was displayed in a spring exhibit at Valley Artisans Market, Cambridge, NY. He teaches at the Historic Courthouse pottery studio, Salem.

**Christopher J. Cowen ’03, ’04** received his Ph.D. in material science and engineering from Michigan State University in December 2006. He also received a National Research Council Associate Pastoral Fellowship at the U.S. Department of Energy’s National Energy Technology Laboratory in Albany, OR.

## 2004

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**Sherri Jones** writes: “Since graduating from AU in May 2004, I moved to Boston, MA, where I was a special education teacher working with children with autism at The New England Center for Children in Southborough, MA. I graduated from Simmons College in May 2007 with a master’s of education degree in special education intensive needs. At the end of July, I relocated to Atlanta, GA, where I will be a lead teacher for students with special needs at MountainBrook Comprehensive Academy, Canton, GA, and moved in with my boyfriend, Montario Burrell of Stone Mountain, GA.”

The Bakery, New Paltz, NY, hosted an exhibition of paintings and prints by **Rachel Weidkam** this past spring. She currently works as a professional artist creating commissioned portraits and murals. You can view her work at [www.residuegallery.com](http://www.residuegallery.com).

**Natasha Mezhebofsky**, team president, helped form North Shore Women’s Rugby, Lynn, MA, in 2004.

**Miranda Vagg** of Lyndonville, NY, has been promoted to managing editor of *The Journal-Register*, Medina, NY. She recently earned a master’s degree in communications from the State University of New York at Brockport.

**Julie Peppito’s** first solo show in New York City – *The Breath* – ran from June 14-July 28, 2007, at the Heskin Contemporary, Hell’s Kitchen.

**Kevin Kline** of Sayre, PA, is in the master of fine arts program at the University of Buffalo, NY. He was been hired as an instructor at Niagara (Falls, NY) County Community College in the digital media program for spring 2007. He is also an instructor of digital SLR photography at the CEPA Gallery, Buffalo.

## 2005

**Emma Buckthal**  
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Class Correspondent **Tim Inthirakoth** reports that **Kelly Boise** married **Alan Lawton** on June 30, 2006. The couple moved to Southern Pines, NC, this past summer where Kelly will teach Spanish at Pinecrest High School.

**Casey Lumbra** writes that he was married in July 2006 and is now expecting a child with his wife, Jennifer.



**Andrew B. Crawford B.S. '05, M.S. '07**, currently enrolled in the Ph.D. glass science program, competed in the Boston Marathon on April 16, 2007.

Two alumni were among 68 artists whose work was shown this summer in "Made in NY 2007," an exhibition at the Schweinfurth Memorial Art Center in Auburn, NY. Among those exhibiting were **Linda Swanson** of Alfred Station and **Linda Price '81** of West Rush.

**Daniel Occena**, a second-year student at Massachusetts School of Law, was among a 12-member team that finished just behind the winning team at the Northeast regional finals of the national Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition last February. He then became part of a four-member group to participate at the national championship round in Atlanta last March. That team also came in second.

**Hayley Schertz** of Matawan, NJ, instructs students in grades kindergarten and higher in ceramics in the Matawan Student Enrichment Program.

Works by **Chrissy Lapham** were included in a three-artist show this summer at The Houghton Gallery at 171 Cedar Arts Center, Corning. She works and teaches at The Studio of The Corning Museum of Glass.

**Valerie Perry** taught a handbag workshop at the Wellsville Creative Arts Center last spring. She has her own line of handbags. She is also a sculptor.

## 2006

**Grant Brown** sends this message back to his friends on campus: "I wanted to write and thank you for a very enjoyable 3.5 years at Alfred. I was able to learn ... quite a bit, but more importantly I met lots of great people. I finished in December, and have been hired by the Minnesota Air National Guard for pilot training. Most of you know it's always been a dream of mine to be an F-16 pilot, and now I've got the chance. I want to thank you all for the dedication you've shown me."

**Timothy W. Ball** is an assistant accountant at The Bonadio Group, Pittsford, NY.

**Seul Ki Park** is a resident artist at the Carbondale Clay Center, Carbondale, CO.

**Melissa Williams** is an employment specialist for PRIDE at the Rochester (NY) School for the Deaf.

**Heidi J. Grimins** is a staff accountant at Mengel, Metzger, Barr & Co.'s Elmira, NY office. She is also the assistant coach for the Corning (NY) Community College Women's Basketball Team.

**Benjamin Callaghan** is a graphic designer at Fathom, Hartford, CT.

## 2007

**Abby Tripp**  
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Class Correspondent **Abby Tripp** reports:

"**Ian Adkins** and **Laura VanCott** reside in Almond, NY, with their 'criminally insane cat.' Ian is a student in Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania's master of liberal arts program and Laura is a doctoral candidate in materials science at AU. The couple is planning a May 2008 wedding in Alfred.

"**Nicole Ditttrich** and **Ryan Westerdahl** recently moved into an apartment in Liverpool, NY. Nicole is in charge of the fiction and biography sections of the Dewitt, NY, Barnes & Noble. Ryan has accepted a position at Welch Allyn in Skaneateles, NY.

"After a summer in Alfred as an RA for the University's summer institutes, **Kellie French** recently began work on her M.A. in English at SUNY Binghamton.

"Post-graduation, **John Kalish** toured Greece and Bulgaria with the AU Chamber Singers before beginning an actuarial internship at the Princeton, N.J. office of Mercer Health and Benefits. This fall, he hopes to transfer to Mercer's Boston office and live with longtime girlfriend **Libby Hart**. Libby will be studying costume design at Brandeis University.

"**Tara Ketterer** is living in Barcelona, Spain, and working as a marketing intern for Interway while she pursues her goal of achieving total fluency in Spanish.

"**Rebecca Miller** writes that she spent the summer at her family's home in Pennsylvania's Brandywine Valley training chrysanthemums at Longwood Gardens, 'the world's premier horticultural showplace.' This fall, Becky will relocate to the United Kingdom. After finding a job, she plans to spend several months working on her art; in early 2008 she will move to Ireland and do the same.

"**Ashley Paddock** is the editorial administrator at Laurin Publishing, Pittsfield, MA. She is loving life in New England so far, and says she would love to meet other Massachusetts-based AU alums.

"This past July, **Jessica Webster** moved to Manhattan's Upper East Side and started her job with the Operations and Services

Graduate Training Program of UBS Financial Services.

"**Jason Weeks** moved to Buffalo, NY, this summer and began his grad work last month at UB's School of Architecture and Planning. He hopes to complete his master's in urban and regional planning in 2009.

"**Bonnie Ye** is soaking up the sun in Myrtle Beach, SC, where she works as an internal auditor for AVX Corp.

"After graduation, **Jodi Andersen** and I spent three weeks at Vassar College as counselors and teaching assistants for the Summer Institute for the Gifted (SIG). Our co-workers on the residential staff included fellow Alfredians **Eric Howard '06** (M.S. Ed./CAS expected 2008) and **Melinda McCabe MA '07**. Eric and I made yet another unexpected AU connection when we were assigned to TA sections of a sculpture class taught by **Brett Booth '87**.

After SIG, Jodi returned to her hometown of Berkshire, NY. She is currently job-hunting in and around Ithaca and Binghamton and would love to network with other AU alums in her area.

Post-SIG, I moved to Lexington and began my graduate work and TA duties in the University of Kentucky's Department of English. I'd love to meet up with other Alfred folks calling the Bluegrass state home!"

**Matthew D. Butts** is performing public relations and advertising duties for Cotton Inc., Madison Avenue, New York City. He writes: "So far, I love the job and have been exposed to so much already: commercials, Web development, magazine layout, creating and sending press kits, going out of the office to do PR for Cotton at numerous gardening establishments, etc."

**Corinne Gretch** of Rousses Point, NY, presented a hands-on clay project for children at a Sunday service this past summer at Mooers (NY) United Methodist Church.

**Fontana Fluke** of Shaftsbury, VT, edged out the competition in the Brighton, NY, 10K this past summer.

## ENGAGEMENTS

**Anthony Cavalli '91** to **Katrina Keller**  
**Christopher Johnson '97** to **Tessa Thomas**  
**Allison Lipani '01, '06** to **John Feenaughty '06**

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

Melissa DeBolt '02 to Dr. Gabor Virag  
Shawn Henry '02 to Sophie Gublo '03  
Nicole Smolinski '02 to Brian Rick  
Kendra Stratton '02 to Brad Albertson  
Gretchen Schwerzler '03 to Thomas  
Whitcomb '03  
Rachel Olin '04 to Ken Levy  
Kelly Palczewski '04 to Adam Preston '04  
Hannah Patterson '04 to Ryan Raynes '04  
Ben Mullen '07 to Amanda McConnell

## MARRIAGES

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Sidar Hall '70 and  
Pamela Mary Palumbo, June 15, 2007  
Jill Wittliff '88 and Chris Nestico, Aug. 3,  
2007  
Jeffrey C. Resch '89 and Cheryl A.  
DeAngelo, Sept. 9, 2006  
Shira M. Grill '91 and Eric A. Newman,  
Oct. 16, 2005  
Chrissy Smith '92 and Anthony Ward,  
March 4, 2007  
Charles E. Baranich Jr. '96 and Marcie  
Lynne Mattison, May 20, 2006  
Jennifer Hennessy '98 and Timothy  
Nicholas, April 2007  
Rick Tobin '99 and Shaunna Johnson,  
May 19, 2007  
Christopher Robert Furman '00 and  
Stacey Darleen Sebert, July 22, 2006  
Kaitlin Elizabeth May '01 and Daniel  
Cutler Sarjeant, Sept. 23, 2006  
Emilie Hardman '01 and Josh Walczak  
'01, Oct. 21, 2006  
Andrea Goetschius '01 and Ben Moser,  
April 14, 2007  
Nicholas Burt '01 and Amanda Kreeger,  
April 20, 2007  
Danielle Massara '02 and Jose Mora, Aug.  
5, 2006  
Neal Santosuosso '03 and Kaitlin  
Camirand, Nov. 25, 2006  
John Chaney '04 and Natalie  
Schoonmaker, July 1, 2006  
Kelly Lawton '05 and Alan Lawton '05,  
June 30, 2006  
Holly DaPolito '05 and William Beyma,  
July 15, 2006  
Casey Lumbr '05 and Jennifer, July 2006  
Cassi Lynn Clarke '05, '06 and Shane  
Michael Sharrett, Oct. 21, 2006  
Devin R. Anderson '06 and Kyle J. Burns  
'06, July 8, 2006

## BIRTHS

Tom Ahart '88 and Susan Hetzel, a  
daughter, Cecelia Joy Ahart, May 8,  
2007  
Stephanie '89 and John Conroy '90, a  
son, Michael Patrick Conroy, May 5,  
2006  
Christine Scott-Miller '90 and Oliver  
Miller, a son, Justin Lee Miller, Oct. 17,  
2006  
Melinda "Mindy" (Legg) Ylagan '91 and  
Bob Ylagan, a son, Lance Theodore,  
May 28, 2007  
Chad Deroy '93 and Arlene (Veloce)  
Deroy '95, a daughter, Kyra Nicolle,  
Aug. 28, 2006  
Susan (Gross) Baron '97 and Ken, a  
daughter, Gabrielle Faith Baron, July 21,  
2007  
Christa (Latacz) Jones '98 and Adrian, a  
son, Adrian Wayne Jones Jr., June 2,  
2007  
Jessica (Dunbar) Creter '00 and Michael  
Creter '00, a son, Sebastian James  
Creter, July 18, 2007

## DEATHS

### ALUMNI

Clarissa 'Claire' A. Bassett '30, Aug. 3,  
2007  
Edward E. Bartlett '31, June 26, 2007  
Dr. Joseph M. Teta '34, May 20, 2007  
Abbe Rogow '36, March 10, 2007  
Vincent E. Wells '36, May 3, 2007  
Helen Henderson '37, Dec. 26, 2006  
Elizabeth A. Williams '37, Jan. 15, 2007  
Theodore J. Vickery '37, May 6, 2007  
Ralph E. Miner Sr. '38, Jan. 23, 2007  
Richard H. Hammell '38, April 2007  
Elizabeth S. 'Betty' Lynch '38, Aug. 5,  
2007  
Robert T. Henshaw '40, Dec. 27, 2006  
Adrienne O. Lynch '40, Jan. 12, 2007  
Jane W. Topalian '40, Feb. 19, 2007  
Leslie L. Doy '40, July 27, 2007  
Francis O'Neill '41, Dec. 10, 2007  
Huber S. Watson '41, Feb. 1, 2007  
Angelo J. Zannieri '41, June 18, 2007  
Dr. Malcolm D. Beals '42, Jan. 30, 2007  
Herman Eichorn '42, July 29, 2007  
Cleone Campbell Post Hageman '43, June  
17, 2007  
Frances Evelyn Bovee Bechtel '46, April 8,  
2007  
Clarence E. Burlingame '47, Feb. 21, 2007  
William W. Hoitink '47, March 26, 2007  
Gilbert H. Brinnier '47, July 11, 2007  
Robert C. Turnbull '47, July 29, 2007

Richard DenBraven '49, Jan. 19, 2007  
G. Read J. Woodworth '50, Feb. 20, 2007  
Wesley S. Cox Jr. '50, March 9, 2007  
Wesley E. Tennant Jr. '50, March 9, 2007  
Nelson M. Ripley '50, April 20, 2007  
Frank W. Trost '50, June 16, 2007  
Adrian B. Stanton '51, March 15, 2007  
Frank E. Chapman Jr. '53, Jan. 31, 2007  
Anne (Valentine) Lawlor '53, March 11,  
2007  
Edward M. Tompkins '53, April 7, 2007  
Mary Lisowski '53, June 18, 2007  
Harold F. Enos '54, Dec. 11, 2006  
John W. Temple Jr. '54, Jan. 17, 2007  
Richard M. Wilson '54, April 12, 2007  
Philip F. Grieser Jr. '54, April 23, 2007  
Priscilla Parsons Osswald '55, July 4,  
2007  
James Kenyon '57, Jan. 23, 2007  
Dr. Eugene C. Samter '57, June 16, 2007  
Catherine B. Daggett '58, May 16, 2007  
James Joseph Angelo Jr. '58, June 13,  
2007  
Dr. David O. Carpenter '59, June 22,  
2007  
Martha W. King '60, Jan. 24, 2007  
Robert Grant Ohstrom '62, December  
2006  
Albert Heinrich Bremser '62, June 21,  
2007  
LTC (Ret) Clair L. Goodridge '63, Feb.  
10, 2007  
Joseph M. Teta '63, May 20, 2007  
Lloyd H. Leach Jr. '63, May 23, 2007  
Joseph Rosenberg '63, June 4, 2007  
Martin Resnick, M.D. '64, June 24, 2007  
Glenora McBride Crowell '65, March 17,  
2007  
Dean Northrup Parent '65, April 9, 2007  
Eugene Edward Kowalczyk '68, April 10,  
2007  
Dr. Charles E. James '69, Feb. 21, 2007  
Stephen B. Johnson '71, June 5, 2007  
Kenneth G. Christie '74, March 4, 2007  
Susan G. Furini '78, Feb. 3, 2007  
Joan Marie Demonstoy Radcliff '80, Dec.  
18, 2006  
Anne Pawlaczyk '83, March 25, 2006

### FRIENDS

Dr. Richard M. Spriggs, professor emeritus  
of ceramic engineering, first executive  
director of the NYS Center for Advanced  
Ceramic Technology, and the first John F.  
McMahon Professor of Ceramic  
Engineering, July 21, 2007. To read a full  
obituary, go to:  
[www.alfred.edu/pressreleases/viewrelease.cfm?ID=4090](http://www.alfred.edu/pressreleases/viewrelease.cfm?ID=4090)



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